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Sending hugs to seniors

Long Term & Continuing Care Association of MB wants virtual hugs

By Staff

The Long Term & Continuing Care Association of MB is giving residents a way to send virtual hugs to seniors in personal care homes this holiday season. Their Virtual Hugs for the Holidays campaign lets anyone record a message for personal care home residents and staff this holiday season.

This project aims to create a COVID-19 safe way of connecting this year and recordings of all kinds including audio, video, or written greetings can be submitted.

The LTCAM says on their website, "Don't be afraid to send your favourite Holiday song! Staff and residents will easily access the website and enjoy your messages of cheer this holiday season. For those care homes with limited access to the internet, we will send these warm and tender messages on a flash drive."

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RCMP search for missing 15-year-old boy

Ethan Chastelaine was last seen in October

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Oct. 3 Red River North RCMP received a report of a missing 15-year old male from the RM of West St. Paul.

Ethan Chastelaine has had intermittent contact via text and social media however he was last seen on Oct. 2, 2021, on Fernbank Avenue, in Winnipeg.

Ethan is approximately 5'7", 155 lbs with black hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information on his whereabouts please call Red River North RCMP at 204-668-8322, call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, or secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.



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Ethan Chastelaine has had intermittent contact but has not been seen since October.

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Survivor's Hope brings support group to Selkirk

Group will be confidential and future options in the works for online version

By Sydney Lockhart

The Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre is hosting a survivors of sexual violence winter program this year for all women and gender non-conforming folks looking for a support group.

"[It's for] folks over the age of 18, who identify as female, and it's an eight-week group just teaching the kind of skills for coping with the stress, information about the neurobiological response to trauma, which means how your brain and your body react to trauma, skills and methods of cop-

ing with those and just information and normalization around people's responses to trauma," said SARAH counselling and support coordinator Candice Perry.

The support group will use techniques such as breathing, mindfulness, art and other activities in the program. Perry said they are also offering snacks but because of public health restrictions, they can't eat together so members will get to take the snacks to go.

"We've had the crisis program for a

long time where volunteers come out to support survivors at emergency rooms or police stations. But we didn't really have a program for longer-term follow-up counselling so this grant

has given us the opportunity to provide both," said Perry.

The program takes place from Jan 12 to Mar 2 in 2022, every Wednesday

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it is to live in the various communities throughout the municipality.

Our volunteers all have big hearts to do what it is they do and we want each and every one of them to know how valued they are and how much we appreciate everything they do.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers...we see what you all do and see the impact that you make and want you to know that you are appreciated.

- Submitted by the Mayor and Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews

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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.

Stay Safe, we look forward to Seeing you in the new year.

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Investment for first phase in Kennedy House restoration

Captain Kennedy Heritage House will have structural concerns addressed

By Katelyn Boulanger

After many years of being closed to the public, Captain Kennedy Heritage House will soon get foundation and first-floor structural repairs with the announcement of a \$350,000 investment by the provincial government last Friday.

Captain Kennedy House is a provincial heritage site in St. Andrews constructed in 1866 by Captain William Kennedy and is one of seven remaining stone houses along the Red River. Kennedy was a Métis visionary who was an early proponent of Manitoba confederation, an advocate of fairness to Indigenous peoples. He led one of the Arctic searches for the last Franklin Expedition. He was also an author, explorer, Hudson's Bay Company employee, a local leader, and one of the founders of the Manitoba Scientific and Historical Society in 1879.

The house is made of rocks quarried from the banks of the Red River and the house features an uncommon gothic-revival style unlike many of the other homes of this era who were built in a primarily Georgian style.

Sarah Guillemard, Minister of Conservation made the announcement of the investment alongside Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage and local MLA and Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations Alan Lagimodiere.

"We're here to celebrate this wonderful place Captain Kennedy house and announce our plans to make sure we sustain this incredible house and property for generations to come on behalf of the citizens of Manitoba," said Guillemard.

This day represented years of hard work by area residents after museum and tea house that operated in Kennedy House were closed in 2015.

The Kennedy House Renewal Committee was then formed in 2018 to formally advocate for the restoration of the house.

Kennedy House Renewal Committee Co-Chair Lois Wales said, "They say it takes a whole community to raise a child. But it also takes a whole community to hold its history dear to their hearts."

In August of 2020, the committee shared a business plan that outlines a phased restoration plan and also recommends a partnership with the municipality of St. Andrews similar to the one struck by Parks Canada for the operation of The Rectory which

has been successfully engaging the public for the past decade.

"The committee looks forward to sharing the stories with all Manitobans above the contributions not only of Kennedy but the Red River Métis of Manitoba," said Wales.

Restoration work is set to begin in January and subsequent phases of the restoration project will be made available in 2022.

Wales made sure to thank the province and many groups that helped advocate for this project including Mayor Joy Sul of St. Andrews and council, Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director of Heritage Winnipeg, long-time local heritage activist Irene Foster, and organizations such as the Association



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Above: Lois Wales Kennedy House Renewal Committee Co-Chair speaking at the event. Below: Provincial Ministers, residents and Kennedy House Renewal Committee members celebrate the announcement.



of Manitoba Museums, the Manitoba Historical Society, Red River North Tourism, and Inclusion Selkirk, among others.

There was hope all around for the future of this historic building.

"We will see what happens over the

next few months when we can possibly open the building," said Wales.

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Stricter pandemic restrictions now in effect

By Ashleigh Viveiros

New public health orders went into effect Tuesday morning in an attempt to stem the expected tide of the more contagious omicron variant of COVID-19 in Manitoba.

“Rising COVID-19 transmission, case counts, and the introduction of the omicron into the province means we need to introduce new measures and introduce them now,” Health Minister Audrey Gordon said at a late afternoon press conference in Winnipeg on Friday. “We need to delay the emergence of omicron to give all Manitobans time to get their third dose and reduce the demands on our health care system as much as possible.

“Case counts and hospitalizations are rising and we must be proactive in protecting our health care system. We need to be sure that we have hospital beds available to provide care for patients in need.”

In Monday’s COVID-19 update, the number of Manitobans in hospital with the virus was at 137. Twenty-seven of those were in intensive care.

Health officials also announced that the number of omicron cases in the province had risen to 17—up 12 from a week earlier.

“We’ve continuously urged Manitobans to get vaccinated, whether that be their first, second, and now their third dose,” said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. “At this point, from what we see on the significant increase in transmission of the omicron variant, we need to go further.”

Roussin lamented the need for further restrictions, especially days before the holidays, but stressed the toll omicron is having on other jurisdictions makes it clear “decisive actions” must be taken before community transmission of this strain gains a footing in Manitoba.

“We know that no one wants to hear news of new public health orders, but as we enter this holiday season we must work together as Manitobans to

slow the spread of omicron,” he said. “This is to protect our health care system, to protect those Manitobans most at risk of severe outcomes.”

The new restrictions include:

- private indoor gatherings are limited to 10 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- private indoor gatherings are limited to five additional people plus the household if any of the individuals ages 12 year and older are unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- outdoor gatherings at a private residence are limited to 20 additional people plus the household if all are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- outdoor gatherings held on public property are limited to 50 per cent of the usual capacity if all in attendance are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12

and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated), and 50 persons total if anyone present is unvaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt from needing to be fully vaccinated);

- indoor and outdoor sporting and recreation capacity is reduced to 50 per cent for spectators, games and practices can continue but no tournaments will be permitted;

- outdoor ticketed performing arts events, indoor recreational businesses, seasonal facilities and events, group instructional classes and bingos, casinos and VLTs are limited to 50 per cent capacity and must continue to restrict admission to those who are fully vaccinated (youth ages 12 and under are exempt);

- day camps are limited to no more than 25 campers and camper groups must be cohorted, overnight camps are prohibited under these orders;

- gyms, movie theatres, museums and libraries are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of immunization required everywhere except libraries;

- restaurants and licensed premises are limited to 50 per cent capacity with a maximum of 10 people per table and proof of immunization required, and members of the public are required to be seated except when travelling to get food or beverages or engaging in sporting activities; and

- faith-based gatherings are limited to 50 per cent capacity with proof of vaccination or 25 per cent capacity or a total of 25 people, whichever is lower, when proof of vaccination is not required and cohorts may be implemented where groups can be physically divided up to a maximum of 10 cohorts or 250 people.

All other public health orders not listed above remain the same as before. The restrictions remain in effect until Jan. 11.

“It’s absolutely frustrating to be here again, for all Manitobans,” Roussin said

after announcing the changes. “But we’ve been here before, we’ve stepped up before ... we’ll get through this one, but we need to do so together.”

Asked whether Manitobans should still gather for the holidays, Roussin urged people to give the matter serious thought.

“My thoughts are that everyone, in addition to these restrictions, need to take into consideration their personal risk assessment,” he said. “If you or someone you love is at high risk of a severe outcome, then you need to reconsider just how many people need to be in your bubble.”

On Monday, Manitoba’s COVID-19 case count was at 2,183. The death toll has hit 1,366, with several new deaths reported over the weekend. The five-day test positivity rate provincially has jumped to eight per cent—up from 5.7 per cent the week before.

“CASE COUNTS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE RISING.”



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New jobs could be coming to our region

By Sydney Lockhart

Selkirk's sustainability goals pushed the city to the top choice for a proposed solar glass manufacturing facility owned by Canadian Premium Sand Inc., the first in North America.

While the deal is not fully complete, Selkirk is planned to be the host of this new facility that would create over 300 jobs in the community.

"To put this in perspective it would be the largest single industrial investment in Selkirk over 100 years," said CAO of the City of Selkirk Duane Nicol.

After being approached about a year ago by Canadian Premium Sand Inc. (CPS) the City of Selkirk has been in talks with them to bring this facility, that would use the resources close by like silica sand, to create solar glass which would help to try and increase the use of green energy in Canada.

"It has the potential to bring billions of dollars in economic activity to Manitoba as the world transitions away from the fossil fuel economy and into a decarbonized one. Solar power

is the foundation of the new economy, so we're really excited that we can be able to support this diversification in the energy economy," said Nicol.

Currently, solar glass is created by shipping silica sands out of the country and then buying back the solar glass created with it. CPS said their new manufacturing facility would keep more of the business in Canada.

"We've been really working hard building the capacity of our community to ensure that we're ready to support projects like this when the opportunity presents itself," said Nicol, "We've invested over the past number of years to make sure of that — securing a secondary water source, building a world-class wastewater treatment facility to ensure that we have the capacity to serve a growing community and to service businesses."

He added that the addition of jobs alone is a huge asset for the community and will keep more jobs and businesses in Selkirk.

"One of our core values is sustain-

ability. So, we've been working really hard to live up to that value in all the decisions that we've been making. From that perspective, the idea of manufacturing glass for solar panels it's just a good fit for us. It just fits naturally," he said.

Nicol added that the city believes this is a large opportunity for them that will end up not only benefiting their sustainability goals, but also their local economy and community.

"We're certainly aware of the concerns raised about the previous project, and we are aware that some of those concerns are going to linger. You have to keep in mind what this sand was going to be used for in the past, fracking, and there's lots of concerns with that industry in that process. This is very different, what was brought to us is very, very different," he said.

Vice president of business development for CPS Anshul Vishal said they have been welcomed by the city and working with them on this project has so far been a good experience.

"The biggest reason [for choosing

Selkirk] was access to utilities, especially the renewable electricity on the grid to Manitoba Hydro, access to transportation, supply of natural gas and proximity to our resource," said Vishal.

While the deal is close to being completed, it has not been officially agreed upon as some details are still being worked out.

"Silica sand is a big ingredient for glassmaking and we've taken a few steps to really make sure that it's a sustainable operation at the quarry site," he said.

There is no current start date for the project, but if it were to be approved Nicol said the ideal start date would be late 2022.

"Local to Manitoba and producing a product that's going to be used in the renewable energy supply chain. It's a carbon-negative product so it aligns very well with the types of development we want to see in communities that are focused on sustainable development," said Vishal.

> HUGS FOR SENIORS, FROM PG. 3

past two years of COVID-19 restrictions has affected them more than others.

This combats the loneliness and social isolation that these seniors may feel. It also will be a welcome message of hope and cheer to staff, who have as front line workers been essential during this pandemic.

The LTCAM website says that this isn't just an opportunity for people who know seniors in care.

"You may not know anyone in care or who works in care, but you don't need to be a stranger! You can still make a connection!"

There is no easy solution when it comes to the challenge of social

isolation among seniors, but raising awareness is a vital first step," said LTCAM Executive Director, Jan Legeros. "This is an important conversation. When people are not at liberty to celebrate the festive season with loved ones, this is the best time to let them know we are thinking of them. And the greatest part of this is everyone can participate whether you have a loved one in care or not, whether you know a staff member or not."

Throughout this pandemic, many of us have come to understand the stress to mental health that having to be without some of our close personal connections creates.

"There is indeed a growing aware-

ness among our political leaders of the cost of social isolation in seniors and the heavy burden staff have been carrying throughout the pandemic," said Legeros. "However, we know there are benefits in investing in initiatives such as this, that enhance the quality of life among seniors and

staff."

There are two ways to send your Virtual Hug — go to the LTCAM website and submit it at <https://www.ltcam.mb.ca/virtualhugsfortheholidays> and complete the form to send your greeting or send your virtual hugs to virtualhugsfortheholidays@lcam.mb.ca.

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Holiday Alley came together despite difficulties

Organizers pushed through to make incredible festival

By Katelyn Boulanger

Holiday Alley's fifth year in our community is a story of perseverance. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions they found a way to host a safe winter celebration and despite last-minute difficulties that could have cancelled the event, they reached out for help and our community came together to make this year the best yet.

The idea for Holiday Alley came from a natural need that our community had to get people engaged in November and December. The season is too early for ice fishing, but too late for summer fishing, it is considered the slow tourism season in our area. Red River North Tourism many years ago brought some residents from different industries together and they thought up the idea for the Homes for the Holidays event that has run in the area in years past. From this idea, people said that the tours were wonderful but they wanted more music, a place for people to sell locally made products and some extra cheer. Since that would have been difficult to include in the tour, Holiday Alley was born as a two-day event five years ago.

"The first year was the year where we first lit the downtown, and we only did Manitoba Avenue and that was 25 buildings but the buzz was all around town," said Shirley Muir Festival Director and Co-Founder.

It took many months to coordinate with those businesses but it was worth it when thousands of people packed into the streets to see the lights turn on.

"That's when we realized, 'oh, people get it, they appreciate it. They want to be part of it,'" she said

The event grew each year with

more attractions and the light show expanded, however last year, due to COVID-19 restrictions Muir and her team had to make a tough decision about how to host the event safely.

"We'd had to kind of rethink a little bit because I think if you're not always doing something fresh and something different, something new, people get a little bit bored," said Muir.

That rethinking meant that the two-day celebration turned into a 12-day celebration and last year was mostly online.

This year they combined the best of both worlds with some online components, keeping the 12-day festival idea, but bringing back some in-person components that residents were missing.

This however wasn't smooth sailing for the group when the tent that they intended to have by the waterfront and booked using the same company that has previously supplied the tent for the Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg was cancelled last minute. The company cited the recent weather as their reason for cancelling.

"We had a near crisis when the tent got cancelled on us, and we had booked it months in advance and for us to lose it the week before [was difficult]. We had our material, at the printing press. We had to call the printer and say 'Stop the presses,' because we just lost our tent. I think it took just a few hours in that afternoon, and calling a bunch of people telling everybody the crisis we had and before the afternoon was over the presses were running again because we had solved

the problem," said Muir.

The crisis was ultimately solved when the City of Selkirk stepped up and offered the Ag. Building in Selkirk Park as an alternative location. A group of volunteers got together and decorated the building for the event and most residents were none the wiser that this last-minute change had taken place.

"That's the magic, this community. If people know you're working hard on something, they will absolutely step up and [help when you need them]. We actually saw a real increase this year in volunteers for Holiday Alley," said Muir.

When Mayor Larry Johannson saw the Ag. Building transformed for the first time he was blown away by what was accomplished.

"The first night I went in there, the decorations that they had up, the stage, it was just transformed. I think I called it the Holiday Alley Entertainment Center because it wasn't the Ag. building anymore. This was something that was completely revamped and it really got me thinking that this is a building that could be used for other events," said Johannson.

Another way that Holiday Alley perseveres every year is the sponsorship that goes into putting together this festival. This year they had 40 activities and most of them, other than those involving food and drinks, were absolutely free.

"Corporate donors like Investors Group stood by us all through Homes for the Holidays and all through Holiday Alley. Their core funding really makes it possible for us to do these things. The Manitoba Métis Federation and Stanley Electric, they stood



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Holiday Alley Chuck hanging out around the Ag. Building during Holiday Alley.

up this year, even though we had to move from the tent to the Ag. Building. They kept the faith and they stood up and sponsored," said Muir.

Johannson said that he thinks the future of this festival looks bright.

"This was, this was another successful year, well attended, and well run. My hat goes off again to all the people involved in running Holiday Alley and as always a big thank you," he said.

Now come January they will do it all again applying for grants and preparing for whatever the sixth year of Holiday Alley brings.

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from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m at the Selkirk Support Centre located at 242 Manitoba Ave.

Perry said she expects the group size to remain small at a group of five to eight participants.

"I believe that survivors deserve long-term support beyond the initial crisis phase. Sometimes it can be a journey to walk, like a road to walk down," she said.

The program was created after the Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre received a grant from the Canadian Women's Foundation in summer of 2020 and have been working to develop the program since they had the opportunity to make this possible.

"Sometimes if survivors are navigating the legal system, if that's an option that they choose to report, that can be complex and they may need emotional support as they're walking through that, through that system as well. I just think sur-

vivors deserve support beyond the initial crisis, and also just to learn how to cope with distressing symptoms of trauma as well and giving them skills to empower themselves," said Perry.

Anyone looking to participate can register or ask questions by calling 204-753-5353 or email candice@survivors-hope.ca or lp@survivors-hope.ca.

"We try our hardest to create a safe space among the members. So, one of the ways we do that is by ensuring confidentiality that the group members are responsible to each other for keeping each other's information confidential," she said.

The centre is also currently working on creating an online group for those that do not feel comfortable joining an in-person group due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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They'll quilt circles around the competition

Project Linus group celebrates tenth anniversary

By Katelyn Boulanger

The local Project Linus group hit a major milestone recently. They've been knitting, crocheting, and quilting blankets for children in need in our community for over ten years.

The idea for the local group started when founding member Sharon Sutton, who is a retired nurse, noticed one of her patients knitting what she describes as an 'awful coloured' blanket when she was in the hospital. Sutton asked her who the blanket was for and the patient said, Project Linus.

By the end of the week, Sutton had a Project Linus pamphlet in her mailbox and many local nurses became the founding members of the group.

Project Linus's mission is to bring a sense of security warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of a hug through the gift of a handmade blanket.

Since its start in 2011, the group has given out thousands of blankets to children who need them.

"I think in total we probably did about 400 to 500 again this year. The community has been very supportive. I can't say enough about them," said Sutton.

Many of the blankets are given to the children in the burn unit of the Children's Hospital at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg but many stay more local with donations to places like Nova House and Growing Years. They give where the blankets are needed sometimes having people reach out to them and sometimes finding new avenues to get blankets to children such as the ones that will be going up north with people who work there to help children in care.

"This year again, our biggest supporter is the Selkirk Community Foundation. They really supported us [throughout the years]," said Sutton.

She also mentioned the generous support that the House of Economy Community Group has given them.

She says that one of the best things that has come out of the group for her is the friends that she's met over the past ten years.

The group before the pandemic used to meet up monthly but hasn't been able to do so regularly the past year and a bit as changing regulations have limited their gathering, which attracts a fair number of members. However, they are always open welcoming new members and you don't have to come to the monthly meetings to make blankets for the group.

"If you know any friends who are interested in quilting and crochet, or maybe knitting, or many that we have our grandmas who have crocheted everybody a couple of afghans and their families finally say 'no more'. We will certainly take them, and our target is zero to eighteen years old," said Sutton.

One of Sutton's favourite stories about giving away a blanket was from before the pandemic when Growing Years had a holiday party and the children there received quilts. A mother asked her little one, who was maybe three or four and was wearing a red snowsuit, to put their quilt in a bag to bring home, but that kid didn't want to put away the blanket, so down the street they went with the blanket drag-



Project Linus members at their tenth anniversary lunch.

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ging in the snow because they loved it so much.

COVID-19 has made collecting fabric and yarn for blankets and quilts more difficult, however, support earlier this year at local events such as the Art Crawl has helped to build up their fabric stash so that they will be able to keep up their pace come the new year.

If you would like to make a donation they prefer 100% cotton fabric and acrylic yarn, as it's easily washable for blanket recipients and unlikely to cause allergies in the children who receive them. They can also accept monetary donations and will issue receipts for donations over \$25.

They also encourage quilters, knitters and crocheters to contact them if they want to become involved by email at sesutton@shaw.ca or phone at 204-482-4348.

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Letters to Santa



Daerwood School, Ms. Smederovac Grade 3 Class

Dear Santa,

My name is Kienan. I'm in grade three at Daerwood School. I have been good this year. I don't want much this year. Can you get our dog Boba some dog treats and a new bone. Can you get some cardboard for my brother's crafts. Can I have some Scooby Doo stuff. Last year, Blake (Elf on the Shelf) took my dad's painter's tape and taped himself to the wall and my brother's army guys facing him. That was funny! I hope Blake comes back this year.

From, Kienan

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santa. How are you doing? How many presents are you delivering this year? Santa, how tall are you and how many elves do you have? What are the elves names? I'm not asking much for Christmas. I want a Jumbo pop it. I don't think my mom will buy it because it is expensive. Maybe she will? Will you bring a gift for my friend Lana? I would like Lana to get a OMG doll and maybe a slime surprise.

From, Danielle

Hi Santa. My name is Chayce. I'm in grade three. Are your elves busy in the workshop? I hope you enjoy your cookies. I want a big car. I would like a new iphone. I can't wait for you to visit me and my family.

Love, Chayce

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. How old is Comet? I really like the Lego robot you gave me last year. Oh! I forgot to say my name is Merick. I'm in grade three at Daerwood School. Could I get a pet snake? Could I also get the new Lego Techno set with the controller? Could you please bring my friend Nolan a huge snake stuffy? He loves snakes too. Have a safe trip.

From, Merick

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Lana and I am in grade three. Can you tell me what your reindeer eat? Is it carrots? Can you please bring me a pet unicorn? I would like a big yellow teddy bear, yellow is my favorite color. Could you bring my friend Alainley a unicorn sleeping bag? Could you bring my friend Bailee a Bailee-sized teddy bear. Merry Christmas and have a safe trip.

From, Lana

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. How are you doing? I'm at Daerwood School and I'm in grade

three. I have been good this year. My name is Alainley. I wish I can go to the North Pole. Can Mrs. Claus give me a cookie? I made a note for you, I'm going to put it beside the fireplace. Is Rudolph going to come with you on your trip? I want everyone to have presents, not coal. Could you please give me a game called Operation? Can I have a Nintendo Switch? I wish you can bring Rowena a toy. Could you bring my friend Lana a unicorn stuffie? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Alainley

Dear Mr. Claus,

Hi Santa and Mrs. Claus. I am in grade 3. I am Alexander James. I will never be naughty on Christmas. Can I please have Dancer, Prancer and Donner? We promise to take care of them. If I will be nice, I will get a gift. Can you please bring a cool toy for my brother. Have a safe trip.

Love, Alex

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you ask Ms. Claus her cookie recipe please? Tell Ms. Claus and her elves and the reindeer hello. If I did not tell you, my name is King. I wish I was at the north pole with you so I could help with making toys. I also want to ride on a reindeer. How many elves are there? I think there might be 40,000 elves. Now I am going to ask what I want for Christmas. When you go to my house you will see my Christmas wish list. Here are some. Squishmallos, fidgets, care bear plushies, Mandalorian bed set. Can you please bring me an elf again this year? Last time my elf was crazy. I named my elf Sweetie. I am so excited for Christmas. Oh and can you please send me a voice mail on my mom's phone. I will send you one back.

Good day Santa, King

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! I am Adrianna. Thank you for sending my elf on the shelf. I made him a girlfriend. Hehe. How is Mrs. Claus and you? What about Rudolph? Oh! Can I take Blitzen for a while please? I will fly him back to the North Pole. Pretty, pretty, please? So I promise I will return him in wrapping paper. Santa, I don't really know what I want this year but I don't want toys anymore. Soooo... please surprise me! Do you think you could help my daddy to fix his car? Could you make his car fly with the elves? Good day Santa!

Bye bye, Adrianna

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. My name is Stevo and I am eight years old. How old are the elves? How do the reindeer fly? Could you bring me any type of Lego? Can I get some long sleeve shirts? Could you also bring me an Among Us pop it? Could you bring my friend Danielle a pop it too?

I hope you have a safe trip.

From, Stevo

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Treyden and I am in grade 3. How old are you Santa? Can you please bring me a toy shotgun, a kitten and a RC car? Can you please bring my mom a new iphone 13? Stay safe and have a good trip.

From, Treyden

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa. My name is Aiden and I am in grade 3. How are you? When is your birthday? How many people do you go to on Christmas? I want Roblox toys and a Roblox gift card. I want a phone. I also want a car and a computer and a mansion. I wish for my mom a maid. Have a safe trip.

From, Aiden

Dear Santa Claus,

Hey Santa and Mrs. Claus! This is Jett here. My sister really wants Mrs. Claus's cookie recipe. This year can I please have a nerf gun, lego Titanic, a big lego set and please surprise me. And don't get it all, it doesn't matter. Can I please get you on camera? It would mean a lot to me. I would like everyone to get a gift and get what they want.

From, Jette Boy

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa. I am Nolan and I am in

grade three. How old are you, Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? How many elves do you have, and which one is your favorite? For Christmas could I get an Emerald tree boa and a tank for it? Or an elf please? I hope all the kids in the world get one present.

Love, Nolan

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa Claus! I'm Bailee Rose and my little brother is nice this year. I have a question. Are the elves your kids? Can you tell Mrs. Claus I say hi! Oh, can I have a kid couch for Christmas? Ok, bye Santa Claus.

Love, Bailee

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Kara and I am 8. Do you really have magic? What do you do during the summer? All I want for Christmas is to be with family and friends. Can you bring my sister, Kailey a giant LOL dollhouse series and big hatchimals. I would also like a big hatchimal. Also an advent calendar and Happy Happers Unicorn Ponies Little Dash. I will see you next year.

Love, Kara

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. My name is Dallas. I loved what I got last year. Do you really have Rudolph for a reindeer this year? Can I please have two new video games. I would also like a cat because my first one went to a new home and it's not in Selkirk. I would like if you could deliver a gift to everyone in the world so they have something to open Christmas morning. I hope you have a safe trip and enjoy all your cookies and milk. I'm excited to see you.

From, Dallas

Floating on by



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Matthew Prychun and his family decided to surprise his daughter and the rest of her fellow Happy Thought School students with their holiday float when they stopped by the school with it last week.

Letters to Santa



Ruth Hooker School, Ms. Dejonckheere
Grade 3/4 Class

Dear Santa,
What's up! How is the weather up there? I have a couple of questions for you. How many elves do you have? I have 5 sisters and 1 brother. They are LOUD. Also, I have 4 cats, 3 kittens and a lot of fish. Do you have any pets? What is your zodiac sign? Mine is cancer. This Christmas I am hoping to get 2 things this Christmas. 1. A humungous teddy bear. 2. Big stickers like the one my teacher has. 3. Coloring stuff like books and markers. Ps hope you like my drawing.

From Mirra, Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I will be on my mom's side. My name is Luxx. Can you please think about getting me a the OMG movie magic set and some very fluffy butter slime? What is your favorite food? On my dad's side. Can I get some milk slime on my dad side? In the morning I will be on my mom's side so we will make you cookies and we will give your reindeer carrots. What do you want for Christmas? Please please please can you get me Lego, fidgets and squishies too? Please write back.

Luxx, Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! My name is Bryceon, I am 8 years old. You are the best! How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves today? Do you like gingerbread cookies? For

Christmas I would like to have two nerf guns, one for me and one for my brother Ashton. I would also like a squid game plushy, a toy power ranger robot, a book for Mrs. Drummond and PS5 card for my tall brother boy. Have a good day!

Love Bryceon, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you doing today? Are your reindeer ready for the long flight? My name is Naksh, and I really like Christmas. How are your elves and Mrs. Claus doing? Could you please get me a giant rocket that could go to Mars? What is your favorite type of cookies? Mine is chocolate chip cookies. How are your reindeer doing? What is your favorite color? Mine is all colors except brown and pink. I also like galaxy purple with a bit of blue. What do you want for Christmas? You're the best! Please write back.

Naksh, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you doing today? My name is Kate. Can you please get me some crystals? I've always wanted some. I don't care about the colors, any colors are good. Also, some slime too, maybe I love slime so much it's the best if you get me those, you're the best. And I want a poopsie, I've wanted that for so long - for 2 years - I'm gonna tell you what a poopsie is:

a poopsie is a unicorn and you have to feed it and it poops out slime. And that's all I want. Thank you, hope you have a great ride to my house. Thank you.

Kate, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Hello, are you having a good year? Can I please have a lol glamper and a few other things? Can you tell me if I am on the naughty or nice list? I was thinking you can do something to cheer up the poor. Can you ask Mrs. Claus how she is doing? I am 8 years old. What is your favorite sweet? For Christmas I am wishing for some bubble wrap. How are the reindeer? What do you want for Christmas this year?

Love Ella, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Santa my name is Cordillia, hello are you going to have a busy day? Hey Santa, I think you are the best for everyone! Hey Santa are you having a great day? Santa I'm wondering how are your reindeer doing? I wish I could see you in real life. You are the greatest Santa in the world. Can you please get me a computer and a colouring book also you can get me whatever you want. What is your favourite cookies? Hey Santa what do you want for Christmas? And Santa what are your elves doing? Please write bake.

Cordillia, Grade 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Harmonee, I like drawing. But how are the reindeer? And

what's the reindeer's favorite snack? How's Mrs. Claus doing? What's your favorite type of cookie Santa? Also, I want a squish mallow and a new drawing book <3.

Love Harmonee <3, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you doing today at the North Pole? Are you ready for your big journey? Are your reindeer ready? Which reindeer leads? I want a bb gun please.

From Braydon, Grade 3

Dear Mrs. Clause,
Hi, how are you this Christmas season? Can you ask Santa if there is really a book about every kid in the world? What is your favorite food? What are the names of all of your elves? What do you and Santa do when it is not Christmas? Please write back.

Love Ella, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Shaina. How are the reindeer doing? How is Rudolf doing, does he guide the sleigh? I like making cookies, brownies and cake. For Christmas I want a windows ten laptop please. I do not want anything else. How do you go all around the world? Please write back!

Love Shaina, Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas season? How are your reindeer? Can I get a lot of presents this year? Can I get ear pods, a laptop, and more presents? Thank you for the presents last year.

Love Mya, Grade 3

Happy Thought recreates nativity



Students from Happy Thought School dressed up and recreated the nativity story this year.

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Letters to Santa



William S. Patterson School, Ms. Brooks Grade 3 Class

Dear Santa,
I am Aubree and I am 8 years old. I have been wondering, is Sam the snow man real? For Christmas, I would like to give my Nana a dog. Can you give my friend Braya a lot of O.M.G and L.O.L dolls and can you give my friend Kaylyssa a T.V. for her room with YouTube? Merry Christmas!

Love, Aubree

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Tyler. I am eight years old, and I go to WSP School. For Christmas can I get headphones? How many reindeer do you have? Are your elves working hard? Can you please give my cousin a computer for Christmas?

Your friend, Tyler

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves doing? My name is Ethan and I am in Grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. All I want for Christmas is a Mario Kart race-track please? Can you give my friend Aiden the book Dog Man Mothering Heights please? Merry Christmas Santa!

From, Ethan

Dear Santa,

Hello! Do the reindeer actually need the magical dust, or do they fly naturally? I hope you're not eating much before your humungous cookie marathon. My name is Laughlin. I

am 8 years old. I would like an Ake-do. I want my mom to have a day off on Christmas Eve. Have a holly jolly Christmas!

Love, Laughlin

Dear Santa,

My name is Braya and I am 8. How are the Elves doing? I go to W.S.P. School. I want two Elves, a boy and a girl. Can you please give my mom and dad a break from us?

From, Braya

Dear Santa,

Hi I am Finleigh. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like you to bring my friend Eden a Magical Mixies Cauldron? Please could you bring me one too? Can you please get Drake a new train set? Have a very Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Love from, Finleigh

Dear Santa,

I am Zoey. How are you? Can I please have another dog, and can you bring my friend Aubree a toy? Please can you give my mom and dad a watch each? Merry Christmas!

Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,

Hi! I'm Kenzie. How are you? If you're asking, I'm great. It's getting close to Christmas I'm very excited to be with my family. How are the reindeer? I'm excited to make you cookies and put carrots for the reindeer.

I hope you have an awesome Christmas!

Your friend, Kenzie

Dear Santa,

I'm Aiden from WSP school in Clandeboye. Why do you give presents? Can you get my friend Ethan a Hot Wheels set please? Please can you get me a tv and a couch?

From, Aiden

Dear Santa,

Hi how are you doing? I am Atticus I go to WSP school. Can I please have a Lego motorcycle and a new hamster for my sister? Have a good day. Merry Christmas!

Love, Atticus

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! My name is Owen I am 8 years old. I have a brother and a sister. Can you give Evan a Great Dane? How many candy canes do you have? Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!

Love, Owen

Dear Santa,

My name is Drake. I am 9 and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. How are you, Santa? Please bring me a new train set. I love trains! Thank you very much. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Drake

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Gavin. How are the reindeer doing? I hope that you guys are not working too hard. Can I have a new hockey stick, and can you give my cousin Olivia a colorful blanket please?

Love, Gavin

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are the elves? My name is Eden, and I am 8 years old. I only want a Magic Mixies Cauldron please. Could you please bring my friend Finleigh a Magic Mixies Cauldron too. Merry Christmas!

Love, Eden

Dear Santa,

I have some questions for you. How old are you and what is your favourite type of cookie? I am eight years old, and my name is Kalyssa. I would like a Pop-It please. Can you give my friend Kenzie a Diary of a Wimpy Kid book? Thank you.

Love, Kalyssa

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, my name is Darwin. I have a baby sister named Riel. I would like a couple of presents but I do want Riel to have more presents than me. Can you bring Riel some soft blankets? She likes soft blankets. Can you bring me a Voldemort wand and a nerf gun?

Love, Darwin

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves doing? Do you have a lot of reindeer? I am Kody I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. Can I have a push tow snowmobile? Can you please bring a hockey stick for Laughlin? Merry Christmas!

Love, Kody

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxin and I am 8 years old. I go to WSP School. I would please like a box of candy and can you please give money for the homeless people.

Love, Jaxin

Learning and growing at Walter Whyte



Walter Whyte School students participated in many holiday activities in school this year.

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Lions team up with Vinnies to give meals

By Katelyn Boulanger

When the local Selkirk Lion's Club was looking for ways to help out our community this holiday season instead of putting together a few smaller holiday hampers they decided to go big making hot meals for residents in need last weekend.

They called it the Lion's Spread the Joy event and it was a natural fit as Vinnies Hot Foods owners Veena and Nandan Vijayan are Lions members with Nandan serving as the group's vice-president.

"Pretty much everybody pitched in

on the idea and thought that is a bigger way of helping more people in the community and more families could benefit from it," said Veena.

The Lions also normally auction off a cake from a local bakery to raise funds in the holiday season, however, it wasn't possible with COVID-19 last year and this year they decided to pivot again making 100 cakes that were sold out within a week to help raise funds to support their Spread the Joy event.

The owners of Vinnies for their part volunteered their restaurant so that

the meals could be made there.

"Sunday and Monday we are closed as a restaurant. So we've opened up the kitchen so that we all could come

in together and work in a commercial kitchen and prepare these meals," said Veena.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From the Executive, Staff and Citizens of the Interlake Metis Association

Alfred Anderson, Vice-President
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This is not Vinnies first time stepping up when people need a hot meal in

our community as they started giving away meals at the beginning of the pandemic when restrictions were very high and have continued to offer meals to those in need.

"It will be part of Vinnies forever going forward. If anybody is hungry, they're always welcome to come and have a free meal to be picked up from the restaurant, because we feel that we should fight hunger," said Veena.

For the Spread the Joy event they are serving up about 210 meals for people in our community. Some meals were



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Volunteers and Lion members making meals for residents who need them at Vinnies with owners Veena and Nandan Vijayan.

picked up by residents at the restaurant but Lion volunteers also helped people that needed their food delivered as well.

If residents would like to donate to the Lion's Club they are hoping to do another round of free meals come the new year. Checks can be mailed to the

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Talking about colon health is about to blow up

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last week a giant inflatable colon made its debut in Selkirk. Residents could see the latest initiative to increase colorectal cancer screening awareness in our local communities. The inflatable colon is 20 feet long, 10 feet high, and 13-feet wide.

Tracy Abraham and Laryssa Sawchuk, project co-leads, kicked off the event by explaining the project.

"In 2014, the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority actually put out a community health assessment and one of the things that was identified by a number of the key stakeholders within the First Nations communities was actually lower than expected or lower than wanted colorectal cancer screening rates. And so, they identified this at their three collaboration tables as a priority for something to move forward with improving," said Sawchuk.

In 2016, a cancer screening working group started visiting our local First Nations communities to discuss how to get information to people and make improvements.

"In late 2019, there was an opportunity for the group to put forward an expression of interest to work on a project. The project was around developing strategies to increase colorectal screening, awareness, and underserved populations through community engagement," said Sawchuk.

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> GIANT COLON FROM, PG. 18

The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 made a public engagement for the project more difficult. Still, the determination of the group and the hard work of Donna Anderson, the community engagement liaison in Interlake-Eastern RHA meant that she had about 80 phone conversations with community members.

"Some of the things that we found when we had these discussions and, what led us to this event here today and our future events, is we heard from

community members that, when talking about colon cancer, talking about poop in their colon, they wanted it to be light-hearted. It's a really funny topic," said Sawchuk.

The information they will be giving out when they bring the program to communities will be inter-generational with colouring books and simple language. This will hopefully help kids, parents, and grandparents get over any awkwardness and discuss.

Of course, the main event will be the setting up of the giant inflatable colon in indoor spaces in residents' communities bringing health

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education closer to home. The colon is enormous, easily accommodating a few adults at a time in its arch with plenty of space for social distancing. On the inside, where you would walk through, there's information and depictions of things you may need to know about colon health.

Between 2005 and 2015, colon cancer was the highest diagnosed cancer among First Nations people in Manitoba. As of 2015, First Nations people in the Interlake Region had lower screening rates than all other Manitobans in the region.

The plan is for the giant colon to make its way to 17 communities in 2022. The current colon cancer screening recommendation is that Manitobans aged 50 to 74 complete a home screening test every two years.

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Over 200 turkeys donated to local food banks

By Nicole Brownlee

Interlake food banks are getting an extra serving before the holidays with the help of Manitoba Turkey Producers and Exceldor Cooperative.

The two organizations donated 275 turkeys, valued approximately at \$8,000, to five food banks and Christmas Cheer Boards across the region on Dec. 8 and 9th to give back to the communities where many of their partners live.

"The Interlake region has a fairly large amount of turkey producers," said Rachelle Brown, chair of Manitoba Turkey Producers.

"Food banks have definitely been feeling the weight of this pandemic, so we hope that these donations to different areas is going to help those who are in need."

Stonewall's Interlake Food Bank and Gimli's Evergreen Basic Needs both received 40 turkeys, while Teulon & District Food Bank and Christmas Cheer Board received 36. The Riverton & District Friendship Centre received 60 turkeys and the Selkirk Food Bank received 100 turkeys.

"We've been doing donations yearly, but not always to this extent," said Brown.

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> TURKEY DONATIONS, FROM PG. 21

"We try to get the rural food banks or Cheer Boards at Christmas time."

Manitoba Turkey Producers annually donate turkeys around Thanksgiving and Christmas and have made several monetary or frozen

turkey donations to food banks across the province.

In early December, Manitoba Turkey Producers also donated 20 Butterball Turkey Roasts to the Salvation Army food bank in Portage la Prairie and 20

whole birds to the West Central Women's Resource Centre in Winnipeg.

"This year we've managed to be able to donate to a variety of different groups," said Brown.

The turkey producer donated more turkeys than usual in the past two years because of their giving partnership with Exceldor Cooperative.

"(Our processor) matched our donations, so between the two of us, we've been able to give more," said Brown.

"We're all in the same industry and our goals are the same... We're definitely happy to partner up and give."

The turkey donations came as a welcome surprise, said Karen Chaboyer, chair of the Interlake Food Bank.

"It's really good because we don't often get meat donations," said Chaboyer.

The Interlake Food Bank serves 40

families. The turkey producer's donations help the food bank distribute food to all families who use their service.

"If people don't donate, then I have to just give to people with big families because I don't have enough, so this is awesome. Everybody will get one," said Chaboyer.

The donation of 40 turkeys to the Gimli food bank made a huge impact on their Christmas hamper program, said Karen Bowman, co-executive director of Evergreen Basic Needs.

"(This donation) will allow our families to have what everyone else usually has at Christmas," said Bowman.

"It will allow some normalcy at this time of year when it's difficult for many people to get through the season."

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MB hoping for cold winter

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's too early to say what the winter and spring will bring in terms of precipitation or flooding, but it's clear Manitoba headed into the winter in a pretty dry state in many areas.

Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler unveiled the findings of Manitoba Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre's 2021 Fall Conditions Report at a press conference in Winnipeg last Thursday.

"Soil moisture in most Manitoba basins is near normal to below normal, with the exception of some portions of the Red River Basin in the United States. That has a normal to slightly above normal soil moisture," Schuler said.

"Base flows on most Manitoba rivers are normal to below normal for this time of year, with the exception of Northern Manitoba, which has normal to above normal base flows," he continued.

"As of Dec. 10, 2021, the Red River at Emerson, Manitoba is at 1,800 CFS, or cubic feet per second. Normal for this time of year would be 1,522 CFS, which means the Red River is currently flowing slightly above normal," Schuler said, attributing the increase to weather events south of the border. "Conversely, the Assiniboine River at Headingley is at 400 CFS, which normally runs at 679 CFS."

Meanwhile, most major lakes in the province are at below normal to well below normal levels for this time of the year.

"Lake Manitoba continues to be at 810.2 feet—near an historic low for this time of the year," Schuler said. "Normal would be 811.9 feet. Not since 1942 has Lake Manitoba been this low."

Lake Winnipeg is also seeing incredible lows—it's currently at 711.9 feet. Normal for this time of year is 713.2 feet.

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> HOPING FOR SNOW AND COLD, FROM PG. 23

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Still, Lake Winnipeg has nothing on Morden's Lake Minnewasta, which is a full nine feet below its normal level of 1,079 feet.

Meanwhile, Lake St. Martin and Lake Winnipegosis are both below normal while Dauphin Lake and Lake Wahtopanah are just at or slight above normal levels.

The Whiteshell lakes are faring better thanks to dam regulation and fall precipitation, putting them at "optimal levels for this time of year," Schuler said.

Projections for the winter favour normal to below-normal precipitation for most of Manitoba. In a normal winter, Manitoba sees an average of about 100 centimeters (40 inches) of snow.

"Good for this year would be 100 cm of snow to a high of 130 cm of snow," Schuler said.

"If we get low snowfall, lots of above average, warmer temperatures, and lots of sunshine, which could cause snow sublimation, Manitoba could see a very difficult growing season for 2022," the minister said. He noted the provincial government is already working with producers to see how they might provide assistance, should it be necessary.

Asked whether other parts of Manitoba might find themselves under water use restrictions next summer, as Morden was this year, Schuler said it is a distinct possibility.

"If we end up with warm temperatures ... if we get a lot of sunshine ... if we don't get a lot of moisture, we could be coming back with some pretty dire reporting. And then there's going to have to be some pretty serious conversations insofar as water conservation is concerned.

"Let's hope that we get a very normal prairie winter and then we don't have to have these discussions with Manitobans," Schuler said, adding that the ideal for the months ahead would be "very cold—normal for Manitoba—lots of snow, minimal sunshine, and a normal melt ... that would be best for

what we might be facing in spring."

The province will start releasing flood outlooks in February.

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To make filling: In pan over medium heat, add olive oil; add spinach, salt and pepper then saute until spinach is wilted. Let cool then mix in ricotta cheese; set aside.

Cut dough in half. Sprinkle remaining flour on large cutting board and roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into rectangle then cut into 2-3-inch squares. Set scraps aside. Brush water on squares then spoon 1 teaspoon spinach-ricotta filling in center of every other square. Top with remaining squares. Use fork to crimp edges. Repeat with remaining dough. Form scraps into ball and repeat.

Put ravioli in boiling water, 8-10 minutes; they will rise to top when done.

In saucepan over medium heat, heat sauce until simmering.

Place ravioli on plate and top with warm sauce, mozzarella cheese, basil and rosemary. Grate Parmesan cheese on top, if desired.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: about 1 hour
Yield: 17-20 ravioli

- Dough:**
3 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1 pinch salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
4 whole eggs
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- Filling:**
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
2 cups chopped spinach, fresh or frozen
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1 pinch pepper
1 container (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
- Toppings:**
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sprigs thyme, for garnish
In bowl, add zest and juice from orange. Add jellied cranberry sauce and red pepper flakes; mix. Store in airtight container in refrigerator until ready to use.

Cover baking sheet or round pizza stone with parchment paper.

Using cheese wheel as guide in center, arrange rolls around cheese leaving about 1/4-inch space between rolls.

Create two concentric circles of rolls around cheese then place cheese back in refrigerator and let dough rise 2 hours.

Heat oven to 325 F.
Remove top of rind from cheese wheel and place in center of dough. Bake 7-8 minutes.

Remove from oven and add orange cranberry sauce. Bake 7-8 minutes until bread is golden and cheese is melted and bubbly.

Garnish with sprigs of rosemary and thyme.



Recipe courtesy of Brandi Milloy on behalf of Sunkist

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Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, could you tell me how I could leave a legacy for my grandchildren when I die. Peter

Dear Peter,

There really are so many ways to leave a legacy. A legacy is something that is either monetary or meaningful and represents a single person. It speaks to what that person believes in and should reflect all their values over a lifetime, ensuring that their memory has a positive and lasting impression long after they have passed away.

I have written in the past about creating a legacy for grandchildren through the purchase of whole life participating insurance, but today, since you've asked, let's look at all the other ways Canadians can create a legacy, whether it be monetary or meaningful. So here we go.

1. Leadership Legacies: This is a named legacy that supports a public cause. This may be something that you setup in your community to motivate others to evoke change and create goodwill. You most likely would have invested great time, effort, and monetary gifts toward this endeavor before you passed away.

2. Charitable Gifts: There are so many organizations that rely solely on the generosity of people leaving a portion or all their estate to a charity when they die. In Canada, there are just over 85,000 registered charities.

3. Physical Legacies: This type of legacy involves an actual physical location. For example, a farm home or property that has passed on through each generation, never being sold and always staying within the family.

4. Business Legacies: Rather than selling a business at retirement, business owners will change the structure to either have their children carry on the company or even have their employees take over the business.

5. Reflective Legacies: This is your opportunity to tell your story – literally. Reflective legacies are usually done by video, voice recording, or as a written journal to capture the history and life story of the person(s) to be remembered. This can be done by adult children, capturing their parents in conversations that describe their parent's lives as children, how



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they met, and all the experiences they had during their lifetime.

6. Community Legacies: This legacy is built around a cause you believe in or a community goal you support. For example, you may decide to leave a portion of your estate to a worthy cause. This could be based on a family member that has suffered, a special need child or even to support a beloved pet.

7. Gift of Life Legacies: This legacy is done by donating your organs or your body to either another person or to Canadian science.

8. Memory Legacies: This type of legacy is to be done while you are living and should be a shared memory with those you love. For example, you may want to take all your family, on a European cruise. This could really be anything that you as the legacy giver want to share with your family such as: a trip to your birth place/country, a picnic that you have catered for all your family (with it being mandatory for all to attend), a weekend get away at a small country inn, a wine tour, a horse ride, etc. Pick something that you would like to do; an event that represent you, and of course something that gives your family a lasting memory.

9. Monetary Legacies: There are many different types of legacy building products that you can setup for your family or grandchildren. These would include RESPs, Non-Registered Investment Accounts, Trusts, or life insurance.

*Whole-Life Participating Life Insurance can be purchased for a grandchild. It comes with a guaranteed level premium paid up usually within 5-10 years, and has a guaranteed compounded growth through dividends. A grandchild can also usually have access to the CSV within the policy to access money if needed throughout their lifetime.

Everyone should live their life in a way that creates lasting memories to become a meaningful legacy to their family. Planning for your death is a necessity. Please remember that you must have a Will and two Powers of Attorney because you should want to ensure you have your say over your life and your assets. If you die without an estate plan, the Canadian government will make one for you – guaranteed to not be the way you would have wanted.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of 3 finance books and the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

Oak Hammock scavenger hunt organized for Boxing Day

By Nicole Brownlee

Winter events continue at Oak Hammock Marsh, encouraging families to explore the marsh through scavenger hunts and guided trail walks with Santa Clause.

Marshland Wonderland returns on Dec. 26 as a Boxing Day treat for families to skate on the cattail pond, snowshoe through the marsh and participate in the Holiday GPS Hunt.

Small snowy owls with letters are hidden around the marsh trail for families to find and unscramble the puzzle spelled with the owls' letters.

"If you can crack the word, you'll get some candy canes and treats," said Jacques Bourgeois, marketing and communications coordinator for Oak Hammock Marsh.

The marsh hosted similar scavenger hunts in the spring with an Easter egg hunt and the fall looking for goslings around the time of migration.

"They're super popular. People love doing them," said Bourgeois.

Visitors can also complete a craft while warming up at the centre.

"We'll be making a little Santa out of pinecones," said Bourgeois.

Families can reserve a time to visit the marsh on Boxing Day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through the Oak Hammock Marsh website.

"It's nice to have a feeling of normal-

cy again and have people enjoy the nature at the marsh," said Bourgeois.

Santa Clause returned to Oak Hammock Marsh on Dec. 11, guiding visitors around the marsh and teaching them about the marsh critters thriving in the winter.

The marsh used to host wagon rides with Santa during the holiday season but decided to try something new to follow public health restrictions.

"It's a fun way to spend some time outdoors with the kids and the family."

Jolly St. Nick first visited the marsh on Nov. 25 to take socially distanced photos with families.

"We were kind of limited to the number of families that could come and have pictures taken with him and share their wish list, so we decided to invite Santa again," said Bourgeois.

With snowshoes strapped on, Santa and 20 people learned more about the wetlands and took some festive photos.

"Santa loves to snowshoe. He lives in the North Pole after all," said Bourgeois.



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Santa returned to Oak Hammock Marsh on Dec. 11 to guide visitors through the marsh.

EIWD saw increase in landowner conservation projects in 2021

By Patricia Barrett

The East Interlake Watershed District saw a lot of interest this year from landowners wanting to undertake conservation projects.

The EIWD's board approved 33 projects out of a pool of 113 submissions and worked with provincial and federal funding partners GROW, Ag Action and Environment and Climate Change Canada, which support landowners taking actions that benefit their local watersheds.

EIWD manager Armand Belanger said the district partnered with landowners to improve/maintain 12 wetland projects totaling 245 acres, three tall grass restoration projects totaling 65 acres and three tree-planting projects on 13 acres. The district has also been working with 16 farmers to protect over 100 acres of riparian areas (banks of a river, stream) and to help rebuild soil on over 1,000 acres of land.

"All the projects are exciting and diverse, with the goal of each one to either improve or enhance soils, wetlands, grasslands, forests and the ecological goods and services (EG&S) that they provide," said Belanger. "EG&S are things that benefit the watershed and the people who live there. They include creating wildlife habitat for us to enjoy, slowing down water to prevent flooding, holding water for times of drought, sucking up nutrients and contaminants before they head into lakes and streams, which allow us to enjoy clean water to drink and play in, absorbing carbon from the air and putting

it into the ground to make the soil rich and healthy and to mitigate the effects of climate change."

The projects were carried out near communities such as Selkirk, Stonewall, Arborg, Fisher Branch, Gimli and West St. Paul.

New to the EIWD in 2021 were regenerative agriculture (RA) projects, which focus on improving soil health, regenerating topsoil and building resilience to climate change, among other farm rehabilitation initiatives. Belanger said the EIWD hopes to see more engagement on RA projects next year.

"There are many benefits to farmers that practise regenerative agriculture, including healthier soils that help grow healthier crops and livestock, improved biodiversity above and below the soil, habitat for pollinators and songbird populations and reduced farm vulnerability to droughts and floods, to name a few," said Belanger.

The EIWD is particularly interested in improving water infiltration of fields, he said. Some research has shown that a conventionally farmed field that gets an inch of rain will take about an hour to absorb it whereas a field farmed under RA principles can absorb an inch of rain in 10-30 seconds.

"If a second inch fell it could take a conventional field all day to absorb it (over 24 hours). In comparison, a regenerative ag field would only take 30 seconds to a minute to absorb that second inch," said Belanger. "Some estimations are showing that farmers could store an additional 25,000 gallons of

water on one acre of land if they follow regenerative agriculture principles."

The EIWD didn't see a great number of temporary wetland protection projects this year and Belanger said he hopes to see that increase in future. The EIWD can help protect class 1 (ephemeral) and class 2 (temporary) wetlands from being drained by giving landowners yearly incentive payments for leaving the wetlands as they are.

The EIWD is currently working on updating the Netley-Grassmere and Willow Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for long-term sustainability. LiDAR data, which shows land elevation, can identify strategic locations within the watershed where water can be stored and upland areas that can be improved to reduce the impacts of flooding and drought.

"The LiDAR analysis and the IWMP update will be done hand-in-hand to help one another," said Belanger. "We are working with Hank Venema of Strategic Systems Engineering. The LiDAR data that they're analyzing has over eight billion elevation points plus culvert data the EIWD has been collecting over the years."

For more information about conservation projects and funding, as well as regenerative agriculture projects, call the East Interlake Watershed District at (204) 642-7578 or visit www.eastinterlake.ca

How to reduce harm this holiday season

Keeping everyone safe when spending more time at home

Submitted by the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network

Everyone wants to have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. The Manitoba Harm Reduction Network and their local harm reductionists are contributing to that effort this year by spreading their best tips for keeping up best practices to mitigate the spread of sexually transmissible blood born illnesses this year.

If you are going to engage in activities that could put you at risk they suggest that residents plan ahead. This means that you should have:

- Foods (with some nutritional value) for before, during, and after drug use and sex.
- Naloxone kits should be available and either injectable or nasal will work.
- New/unused/sterile supplies for safer sex should be available before they are needed.
- New/unused/sterile supplies for substance use should also be available such as bubbles, pipes, cookers, needles, sterile water, alcohol swabs, tourniquets, sharps disposal containers, etc.
- Over the counter medications to help with withdrawal or coming down should be available.
- A phone and charger and storing phone numbers and apps you may need in your phone like cab companies, emergency contacts, www.thebraveapp.com, nors.ca, and klinik.mb.ca/crisis-support beforehand is ideal.
- Prescription medications should be gotten ahead of time as holidays mean that pharmacies may not always be open when your prescription runs out.
- A small first aid kit is always good to have.
- Sugar-free gum is ideal to have as it helps prevent dry mouth.
- And, drinking water is always best to have on hand ahead of time.

Residents should know that they can get their free safer substance use supplies, safer sex supplies and naloxone kits at local the MHRN and community health offices or locations posted via streetconnections.ca. You may also purchase supplies at your local pharmacy though costs and availability vary. Individuals who receive health coverage through First Nations and Inuit

Health under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program may

receive naloxone for free through pharmacies or other providers across Canada and must show MB Health card and Treaty card

Some other things that you can do in advance to keep safe are:

- Buy your substances in advance. Buying during the holidays, when demand is high, means cuts could be worse, prices may be higher and you're less likely to get exactly what you're wanting
- Keep in mind that having a larger supply of drugs can increase risk of criminalization and theft and take precautions.
- If you can, from a trusted source; buying from a stranger is always riskier.
- Research any new substances you are thinking of trying.
- For polysubstance use, know how substances may interact with each other and your food, vitamins, supplements, medications, and/or medical conditions
- Think about what your substance use expectations, intentions, limits, and boundaries are and also what are you using, what might you use, who are you using with, where are you using, when are you using, when you might stop, why you are using, how much you are using, and how you are you using.
- Plan and prepare for opioid and stimulant overuse and overdose by knowing the signs and how to respond via orders.catie.ca and naloxonetraining.com.
- Come up with a strategy to reduce stressful situations or people
- Have a check in buddy; check-in with your friends and relatives; learn how to spot someone so they never use alone. Check out capud.ca for more info.
- Have a safe ride and/or have a place to spend the night
- Know your rights if you are stopped or detained by the police

Did you know users can get their substances checked for potency, unexpected, and/or dangerous contents using an FTIR spectrometer, immunoassay test strips (eg. fentanyl), and reagents before use which is recommended. If your substances are not what you expect them to be this way you have the opportunity to make an informed choice about if and/or how to use them. The MHRN provides free fentanyl test strips and you can check out getyourdrugtested.com for more

information.

Before sex open communication is very important and people should:

- Consider preventative STBBI and birth control methods they intend to use.
- Discuss their STBBI and viral load status with sex partners as well as sexual likes, dislikes, boundaries, and safer sex practices.
- Know that "For any sexual activity to happen, everyone needs to consent to it, which means saying yes willingly and freely. Sex shouldn't happen if people are coaxed into saying yes, are drunk, are ignored when they try to stop (because we are allowed to change our minds at ANY TIME), are scared, tricked, or do it because that's what they think they need to do to keep the peace." - actioncanadashr.org
- Get regularly checked for sexually transmitted blood borne infection (STBBI) via a healthcare provider. actioncanadashr.org can answer your testing FAQs.
- Think about what your sex expectations, intentions, limits, and boundaries are.

If residents choose to use substances they should always practice safer substance use meaning:

- Wash and/or disinfect your hands before and after use.
 - Prepare your own substances.
 - Use new/unused/sterile supplies every time and don't share supplies.
 - Go low and slow if you are using new substances and/or have a new source.
 - Use with someone else in-person and tell each other what you are using and how much; note any changes; take turns; stagger use; take care of each other; get help if someone becomes unwell.
 - If you are using alone, connect with an overdose prevention app or hotline like thebraveapp.com and 1-888-688-6677.
 - If needed, call on people to check in on and/or support you.
 - Drink water, eat something, and take a break.
 - If possible, access a supervised consumption site.
 - If possible, use in a space that feels good for you.
- In order to practice safer sex residents can:

• Wash and/or disinfect your hands before and after.

- Check the expiration date of your safer sex supplies.
- Not double up on condoms, which causes too much friction leading to breakage.
- If you are HIV-positive, stick to your medication to have an undetectable viral load (undetectable means being unable to transmit the virus sexually).
- Keep safer sex supplies in a room-temperature location (not hot or cold) and not in a high-friction location like a wallet.
- Use condoms as intended and change them out every time.
- Do not reuse condoms, dams, and/or gloves.
- Use new/unused/sterile supplies for safer sex and sanitize.
- Use water-based lubrication as oil-based ones break down latex.



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A naloxone kit used to save people from drug overdoses.

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Royals dominate Kodiaks in shutout win

Staff

The Selkirk Royals KO'd the River East Kodiaks on the ice last Thursday.

Selkirk skated to a dominating 6-0 shutout victory over River East in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action at the Recreation Complex.

Andrew Denoon and Devon Whiteside scored power-play goals in the first period and then Clint Thomas tallied at even strength in the second.

Thomas, Ashton Henry, and Whiteside closed out the scoring in the third.

Thomas led Selkirk with three

points while Henry, Brennan Feschuk, Gaven Berry, and Andrew Carter each had two points.

Thomas and Henry are tied for second on the team in points (14) in 16 games.

Owen Savoie recorded the shutout. He now has a 4-5 record with a 3.31 goals-against average this season.

The Royals, currently in seventh place in the 10-team Platinum Promotions Division with 22 points, will play Vincent Massey on Wednesday at Silverstone Arena. Game time is 4 p.m.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Royals' Parker Carels is stopped on this scoring opportunity against the River East Kodiaks last Friday. Selkirk won the game 6-0.

U18 Thrashers drop pair of games

Staff

The Winnipeg Thrashers ended 2021 with a 4-0 road loss to the Winnipeg Wild on Saturday.

Cole Younger scored a first-period goal and then Logan Belton, Blake

Jones and Toottoo Fotheringham tallied in the third.

Last Wednesday, the Thrashers were outscored 8-6 by the Pembina Valley Hawks at Gateway.

Hayden Chaloner led Winnipeg

with two goals and two assists while Daniel Tokariwski had a goal and three assists.

Brycen Gair, Dawson Zeller, and Cole Bilous also scored for the Thrashers.

Griffin Ayote (two), Carter Campbell (two), Carter Sotheran, Kam Thomas, Sebastien Hicks, and Keston Worley replied for Pembina Valley.

Winnipeg will play Pembina Valley in Morden on Jan. 5.

Fishermen skate to pair of lopsided wins

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen are fully deserving of the holiday break.

Selkirk skated to a pair of lopsided victories last weekend after drubbing the St. Malo

Warriors 7-3 in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action on Sunday.

Travis Spratt led Selkirk with three goals and two assists while Reece Tessier had two goals and three assists.

Austin Zirk also had a very good game with a goal and two assists. The Fishermen's other goal was scored by Jordan Donald.

Raymond Hefferman had three assists in the game. St. Malo goals came from Teagan Fillion, Ashton Dubois, and Jaden Gosselin.

Brendon Hocaluk made 17 saves for the win as Selkirk outshot St. Malo 48-20.

The Fishermen were 2-for-3 on the power play while the Warriors finished 1-for-5.

On Saturday, the Fishermen crushed the North Winnipeg Satelites 6-1 in Selkirk.

The Satelites took a 1-0 first-period lead on a goal by Kolden Schwenzer but Selkirk replied with goals from Matt Wagner and Tessier.

Tessier added two more goals in the third while Wagner and Spratt also tallied.

Tessier finished the game with four points while Wagner and Spratt each had three points.

The Fishermen, currently in first place with 45 points, will host the Satelites on Jan. 2. Game time is 3 p.m.

Next Home Games

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd
vs North Wpg
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U18 Rebels defeat Rangers Red

By Brian Bowman

The Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels U18 "AA" hockey team is continuing to improve on the ice.

And they are getting rewarded with victories.

The Rebels defeated the Rangers Red 5-2 last Saturday at the Selkirk Recreation Complex. It was Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks' second win in its past three games.

"They played a complete game, it was one of our better ones, for sure," said Rebels' head coach Tim Larter. "We were moving our feet, putting pucks to the net, and capitalizing on our opportunities and that's something that we haven't been doing too much of this year.

"We're definitely getting better since the start of the year."

Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks led 2-0 after the first period and 3-0 heading into the third. The Rebels did a good job protecting the lead in the final frame.

Ryan Cromie led the Rebels with two goals while Nicholas Lepki, Tanner Friesen, and Tony Pynner also tallied.

Liam Morin earned the win in goal.

With the win, the Rebels, who have a lot of first-year players at the U18 level, are now 6-8 on the season.

Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks hosted the Marauders on Tuesday but no score was available.

The Rebels' next action is Jan. 7 when they play the Canadians at Keith Bodley Arena.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels' Ty Melnyk is stopped by the Rangers Red goaltender during U18 'AA' action last Saturday at the Recreation Complex. The Rebels won the game 5-2.

Duguay headed south



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The Elmwood Giants' Dylan Duguay, who lives in Lockport, has committed to attend school and play baseball for South Suburban College in Illinois.

River East rolls over the Raiders

Staff

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club's last game of this year wasn't a very good one.

River East scored four first-period goals in a 7-2 road victory in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action Sunday afternoon.

Riley Barroso and Juliano Garcea scored for the Raiders.

River East goals came from Charlie Kosman (two), Austin Thorarinson (two), Ryan Zalatach, Landon Norman, and Aaron Nielson.

On Friday, the Raiders edged the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins 2-1.

Jayce Kennedy scored both Raiders' goals, including the eventual game winner on the power play at 10:10 of the third period.

The Twins' Nick Gilberto scored with the man advantage in the first period.

The Raiders outshot the Twins 40-14 as goaltender Jeremy Pickel earned the victory.

The Raiders, now 11-13-1, resume action Jan. 6 when they visit the St. Vital Jr. Victorias.

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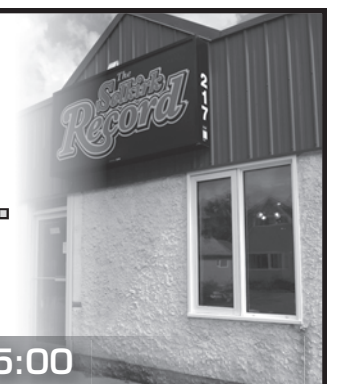
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Steelers split weekend games with Dauphin

By Brian Bowman

Giving up five goals in the first period to one of the MJHL's top teams in their own barn is never a good thing.

But that's what the Selkirk Steelers did in a disappointing 7-3 loss to the Dauphin Kings on Saturday.

Nate Hinds led Selkirk with a goal and an assist while Tristan Thompson and Ryan Ostermann also scored.

Dauphin goals were tallied by Nick Braun (two), Luke Morris (two), Jayden Jubenvill, Kaden Bryant, and Brayden Dube.

On Friday, the Steelers took down the Kings 5-2 in Selkirk.

Selkirk's Mathieu Catellier scored just 30 seconds into the game but Jubenvill tallied on the power play at 2:13 of the opening period.

The Steelers scored a pair of pow-

er-play goals of their own - one by Thompson and the other by Catellier - to take a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes.

After a scoreless second period, Selkirk's Quinton Hill and Morris traded power-play goals.

Hill then added an empty-net goal with four seconds remaining in the game.

Catellier and Jordan Hughesman each finished the game with three points.

Hunter Tarves made 18 saves for the victory.

The Steelers, now 12-14-2-2 and in fifth place in the East Division with 28 points, will resume play on Jan. 4 with a road game against the Neepawa Titans. Selkirk will then host Neepawa on Jan. 8. Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.



RECORD PHOTO BY JOHN PODWORNIAK

Steelers' forward Mathieu Catellier scored twice and added an assist in Selkirk's 5-2 home victory over the Dauphin Kings last Friday.

Royals have 'great' weekend in Brandon

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals varsity boys' basketball team had a great weekend, finishing with a 3-1 record at a Brandon tournament.

The usual 32-team tournament was paired down to just 10 teams (competing in a jamboree of exhibition games) due to COVID concerns and travel.

Selkirk's lone loss was a 99-66 decision to the Neelin Spartans.

"Neelin is a very tough team," said Royals' head coach Dean Goodbrandson in an email. "(They are) Grade 12 heavy (and their) coach said they

practiced over 200 times since missing their junior varsity provincial in 2020. They were the favourite to win that year (and are) obviously driven for their Grade 12 year. We need to tidy up on our defensive end. We are several months behind that team. That team is where we would like to be by February."

Taven Schroeder led the Royals with 19 points while Andrew Wiebe had 11 points.

In a dominating 94-40 win over Crocus Plains, the Royals were paced by Milan Tomberli's 17 points and

eight rebounds and Ashton Henry's 16 points and seven rebounds. Liam Shedden chipped in with 16 points while Wiebe added 13 points. Riley Olafson had a strong game on the boards with 11 rebounds.

Tomberli also led Selkirk in scoring in the Royals' 77-60 win over Dauphin.

Other top Royals' players included Schroeder (10 points), Tegan Stoesz (10 points), Wiebe (10 points), Olafson (11 rebounds), and Jackson Doak (four assists).

Tomberli had a game-high 21 points in Selkirk's 64-51 triumph over Bran-

don's Vincent Massey Vikings. Stoesz added 12 points.

Selkirk's first league action isn't until Jan. 12 when it visits Calvin Christian.

The Royals' varsity girls' basketball team, meanwhile, played at the Garden City Fighting Gophers this past Monday but no score was available at press time. Selkirk will then travel to Winnipeg to battle the River East Kodiaks on Jan. 12.



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December 24 and 27 - 31, 2021 - CLOSED
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Applications will be received for the above position until **4:00 PM on Friday, January 28, 2022.**

Interested persons are asked to submit a resume clearly marked "Narol Fire Department" by mail, fax or email to the address listed below.

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- Must be medically and physically fit for Fire Fighting duties (Doctor's Certificate must be provided)
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- If selected for an interview must provide a Criminal Records check including Vulnerable Sector Clearance.
- Must have Level 1 Accredited Firefighting Certificate or must be able to obtain.

Applications will be received for the above position until **4:00 PM Friday, January 21, 2022**

Interested persons are asked to submit a resume clearly marked "East Selkirk Fire Department" by mail, fax or email to the address listed below

The East Selkirk Fire Department would like to thank all who have applied and advise that only those selected for an interview will be further notified.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Joe King
For my Husband Joe,
our Father and Grampa
who passed away January 4th, 2009
Time slips by, our lives go on,
But from our hearts you're never gone.
We think about you often,
And we talk about you too;
We have so many memories,
But we would love to still have you.
-Loved and always missed by wife Elsie,
son Richard and granddaughter Holly

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory
David M. Galka
September 1, 1939 – December 30, 2014
Our hearts are full of memories
Of which we would not trade;
Memories that fill our thoughts
Each and every day.
We loved you then, we love you still,
Love never goes away;
But what we wouldn't give,
If we could just have one more day.
Forever Loved, Never Forgotten
-Love Joan, Tacy (Cal),
Deneene (Robert), Darren, and
grandchildren Cassandra (Andrew),
Adrianna and Dominic

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Angela Dawn Cromarty
This Christmas will be the tenth holiday
without her.
Not a day goes by Angela that I don't miss
your love, your beautiful smile, your laughter.
Merry Christmas 2021.
-So sadly missed and forever remembered
by your father Andy Cromarty

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Jason Woychyshyn
October 26, 1970 - January 1, 2018
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, to never forget;
Today, tomorrow, our whole life through,
We will always love and remember you.
-Missed every day,
Forever in our hearts
Mom and Brenda

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F Carnevale and B Kolmatiski.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CARD OF THANKS

A very special thanks to everyone who participated in our recent 2021 Change 2 Change Holiday Draw - those who organized, volunteered, and donated to the fundraiser! We are so very grateful for the many people and local businesses who bought, sold, and gave - too many to mention! We send our loving congratulations to our 2021 prize winners: (1st) Hope S., (2nd) Jamie B., (3rd) Jay H., (4th) Don F., (5th) Jonathon C., (6th) Agnes M. C2C will continue impacting the lives of youth and children in the new year because of your support. For year-end tax-deductible donations, please send to St. George Wakefield Anglican Church, PO Box 219, Clandeboye, MB, R0C 0P0 *Write "C2C" on the memo line. Thanks for your support throughout 2021. Merry Christmas and have a Blessed new year!

-With loving thanks,
Kurt Petersen and TEAM, Change 2 Change

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Christmas Memories for
Tim Loane
Our second Christmas without you.
Christmas has lost its sparkle for us.
Each night, there in the distance,
Shines a brilliant Christmas Star;
Which is heaven's way of showing us where you are.
Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are missed beyond words,
And loved beyond measure.
On angel wings you were taken,
But in our heart's you'll stay forever.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
-Love forever, Mom and Dad

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Randy Helgason
July 5, 1957 - December 25, 2011
Ten years have passed but the grief remains
as if you left only yesterday.
-Forever in our hearts,
Sasha, Blair, Alma and Chris

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of
Ryan Petaski
February 7, 1974 - December 21, 2020
A year has passed since you left us.
You were the heart of the family and your love
and concern for each of us made us all feel so
special, because you were special.
You are missed so much, some days feel unbearable,
but, we remember that you always wanted the best
for us as we did for you.
So we go on, never forgetting your humble disposition
of character, generosity of love and caring, and good
natured teasing.
Nothing will fill this void in our hearts, only beautiful
memories of our special gift from God given to us for
46 years.
-We love you and miss you every day,
Mom, Dad and family

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM

Ron Skaritko
February 7, 1936 - January 4, 2021
It's been one long lonely year
since you have been gone.
It broke our hearts to watch you slowly slip away,
But know you are in a better place.
We think of you every day and will love you forever.
You are with Hunter and know you are watching over us.
-Love always, Betty Ann, Sheryl and Bill,
Shaylie and Cheyenne, Wayne and Judy,
Dana and Chad

The Selkirk Record apologizes for an error in last week's paper where we mistakenly put the word "best" instead of the word "heart".

Your memory will live forever
Engraved within our hearts



Announcements

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OBITUARY



Steve Moldwon
December 30, 1938 - December 2, 2021

Steve, beloved husband of Cecilia, passed away peacefully at the Selkirk Betel Home.
A celebration of life will take place at a future date.

*There is a link death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance last forever.*

OBITUARY



Erna Jung (Tiefenbach)
March 17, 1929 – December 12, 2021

It is with profound sadness that Erna's family announces that she passed peacefully, in the arms of Jesus, with her daughters at her side.

She was predeceased by her husband, Reinhold, and son-in-law, Alfred Dancho.

Erna will be greatly missed by her children, Edeltraut "Trudi" Dancho, Margarete (Ed) Lewis, Rudi (Crystal). Erna will also be remembered forever by her grandchildren, Jeffrey (Katherine), Heidi (David), Tiffany (Jeff), Ashleigh, Melissa (James), Amber (Alex), Colby (Melanie) and Emma (Dan) and great-grandchildren, Eva, Levi, Jase, Emmie, Christopher, Hunter, Liam and Ivy, Owen and Harlan. Erna is survived by her brother Otto (Elaine) in Edmonton, a sister, Ilse in Germany along with a large family in

Germany.

Erna was born in Bludow, Poland, and then moved to Germany with her parents. She met Reinhold and they married in 1950. In 1953 they moved to Canada with their two daughters and settled in Winnipeg. In 1960 they welcomed the birth of their son. They retired in Selkirk, after many moves around Winnipeg and Honor. A few years after Dad's passing, Mom moved into Concordia Village, where she made very strong friendships. We moved Mom into Margarete and Ed's home in August, where her family was able to visit her freely and surround her with love until her passing.

Mom started working in Canada at different sewing factories. Her hands created numerous outfits for her daughters and then for her granddaughters as well. Her hobbies were gardening, crocheting, knitting, sausage making and we can't forget her cooking and baking. She and Dad had many parties, after which no one left hungry. Everyone was always looking forward to visiting our home. Mom's table was the "best". Her life revolved around family.

We would like to thank the Palliative Care, Seven Oaks, for their guidance, so that we could care for our Mom until she was called Home. A special thanks to Chaplain Hermann Dueck, Concordia Village for his visits. Mom really appreciated them.

Friends and family are invited to visit Erna's memorial page at Glen Eden Memorial. You can share memories and condolences.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation in her memory to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, 675 McDermot, Room 1160, Winnipeg, R3E 0V9.



Arrangements in care of
Glen Eden Funeral & Cemetery

OBITUARY



Wilma Maureen Smith
(nee Hnatiuk)

Loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, and friend, Wilma Maureen Smith passed away on December 13, 2021.

Wilma was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 21, 1943. She was the eldest of 10 children and was raised in Lockport, Manitoba. She is survived by her daughter Robin (Barry); son Wally; siblings Hazel, Dawn (Doug), Heather; sister-in-law Georgilee; grandchildren Melanie, Brandi, Brenton (Brenna), Alexis, Kara, Katie, Kaley, and Dale Jr.; great-grandchild Sadie, and many more nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents Nicholas and Myrtle, loving husband James, son Dale, brothers Darwin and Nicky, and sisters Marilynne, Yvonne, Valerie, Brenda, and Rhonda.

Wilma had several passions and hobbies, one of which was decorating. She loved to watch many hours of the home decorating channel, which would in turn lead to her shopping for new home furnishings so that her house could also look like a show home. She and her daughter Robin bonded over discussing the latest house trends over coffee.

Anyone who knew Wilma also knew that she loved to drive her and her friends around town in her immaculately clean, bright red Chevy Cruz. These rides with friends would oftentimes lead to trips to the slot machines, another avid hobby of Wilma's. She also loved listening to music, and was especially fond of Tim and the Glory Boys, as her grandson Brenton plays in this band and it gave her special bragging rights.

Wilma was a strong, independent woman who overcame much adversity in her lifetime. She channeled this strength into sponsoring many people who she helped through difficult times. She was always ready to lend a listening ear, and held a special bond with this group of friends.

Perhaps most of all, Wilma loved her grandchildren. Spending time with her "dollies" (grandchildren) was her favourite pastime, and she consistently showered them with her love and affection.

We will always carry Wilma's memory in our hearts.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in Wilma's memory to the charity of your choice.

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



George Douglas Stephenson
October 19, 1952 –
December 5, 2021

George Douglas Stephenson, 69, died from natural causes in his Winnipeg home, leaving behind a whole ton of people who loved and respected him, chiefly his daughter Kit.

George grew up in Edmonton, Alberta and made Lethbridge, Winnipeg and Selkirk his home.

Graduating from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in the 1970s he started a career in

journalism at weekly Alberta newspapers, then moved to the Lethbridge Herald before coming to Winnipeg with his first wife and reporter Wendy where they both joined the fledgling Winnipeg Sun in the 1980s. George was the Sun's legislative reporter for years but quickly rose to become city editor and managing editor. Later he joined CBC Radio Winnipeg in the 1990s where he was news director. In all those newsroom roles he mentored, guided, challenged and pushed young reporters to think hard, dig deep, and challenge authority. Today there are journalists from New York to Ottawa; from Winnipeg to Vancouver who would tell you they owe their career to George Stephenson. His final career stop was at The Manitoba Teachers' Society, where he parlayed a career in journalism into union communications, creating everything from magazines to websites to compelling ad campaigns to advance teachers in Manitoba. He retired from MTS in April 2021.

Amid it all, he and Shirley Muir spent 30 years together supporting and encouraging each other's dreams and shoring each other up in good times and bad. They adopted a heritage home in Selkirk where Kit was born and where they lived for 25 years until their recent divorce. George deeply loved his daughter and was over the moon proud of her.

George is joining his parents Eleanor Ray and Jack; siblings Marilyn, Joan and Ken; nephews Donny and Kelly; and pets Soo and Cyn.

George had many hidden talents. He was a fine artist, singer, photographer and tap dancer.

He was a good father, uncle and brother.

With a childhood that saw his family move often and having to start a new school almost every year, George became a fierce advocate for the "little guy". May we all use the gifts he shared with us, for good.

Donations can be made in George's name at Selkirk & District Community Foundation (sdcf.ca). Proceeds will support the Travel Kit Fund to help youth expand their understanding of the world through travel.

The Stephenson Muir family would like to thank Kit's partner Connor and friends Diana, Paul, Kym and Wendy for their swift and solid support.

A Gathering in George's memory will be hosted in the future.

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OBITUARY



John Kereluk

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of John Kereluk at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre on December 15, 2021, two days shy of his 81st birthday.

Left to cherish his memory are Betty Kereluk; daughters, Sharon Kormilo (Les), Wendy Janssen, and Lisa Kereluk; brothers, Bill Kerelluke, Ray Kereluk (Muyrna) and Terry Panisiak; sister Donna; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces

and nephews.

John was a lifelong truck driver, you knew Dad was home when you could smell diesel fuel. His daughter Sharon recalls the many trips she went on with him on the ice roads and hauling dynamite to the mines in northern Manitoba. Dad loved his coffee and drinking a two day old cold pot was not unusual for him. He also enjoyed the time spent with family and the unforgettable memories made at the farm in Tolstoi, Mb.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Sharon Chanas

April 17, 1943 – December 15, 2021

Suddenly on the afternoon of December 15, 2021 Sharon passed away surrounded by her family.

Predeceased by her parents Sam and Irene, and her dear husband Mike of 57 years.

Those who remain to cherish her memory and live life by her example are her children Van (Shannon), Tanya (Ken), grandson Bryce, nephew Paul Mundt (Laurie), nieces Carolyn Cox, Shauna Chanas, Donna Chanas and Karen Walker. She will also be missed by her furry grandchildren, Agrippa, Minky, Suki, Loki and Kipper.

Mom instilled in us a love of family and always looked forward to family gatherings. She and Dad were always their happiest when they were surrounded by family and friends.

One of Mom's greatest joys was her grandson Bryce. She and Dad looked forward to offering him every experience they could, from Kindermusik, MYTP, plays and symphonies to a trip to Europe. Mom loved seeing Bryce learn and grow in all that he did and celebrated his accomplishments.

Mom had a lengthy and successful career as an educator with Lord Selkirk School Division. Teaching grade 1, junior high and then moving into administration. She was devoted to her staff and students, always giving 100%.

The family is incredibly grateful to the firefighters, paramedics and staff at St. Boniface Hospital who did everything they could to help our Mom.

Please join us in a Celebration of Life Service to be held at 1:00 p.m. on December 22, 2021 at Gilbart Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB.

COVID Protocols: All in attendance are required to be fully vaccinated. Only those who can show proof of vaccination along with government issued ID will be permitted to attend. Face masks are mandatory. With the ever-changing COVID situation the family understands not everyone will feel comfortable attending the Celebration of Life in person. Please take a moment to remember how Mom touched your life. A link to view the service will be available via her obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations, if you so wish, can be made to your favourite charity.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Mary Myall

Peacefully, on Saturday, December 4, 2021, Mary Myall passed away at the age of 91 years.

Thanks to the staff at the Betel Home in Selkirk for the care provided over many years.

A memorial service and interment will take place in the spring.

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

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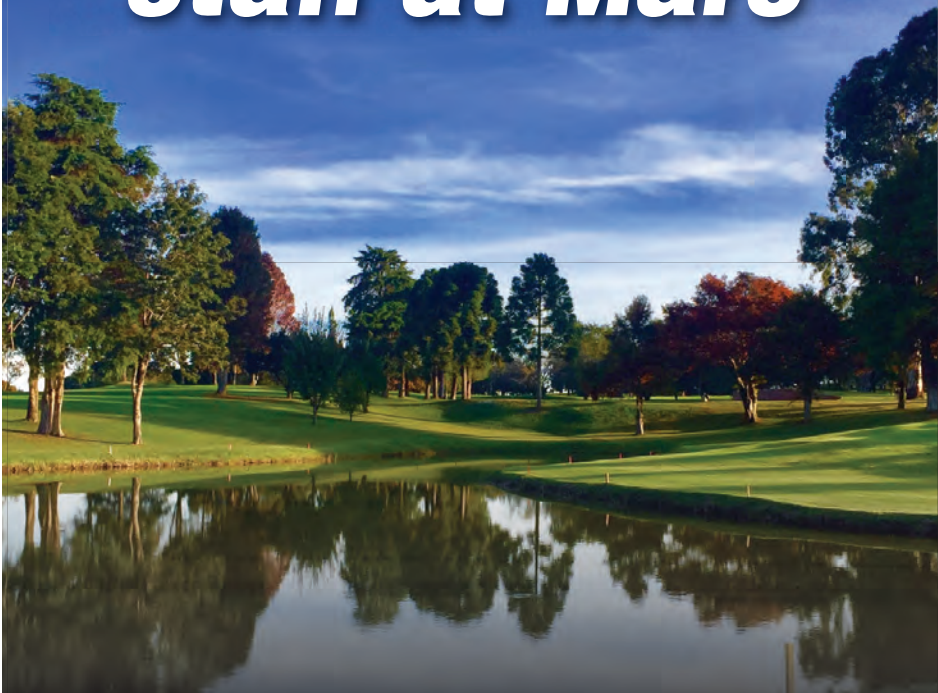
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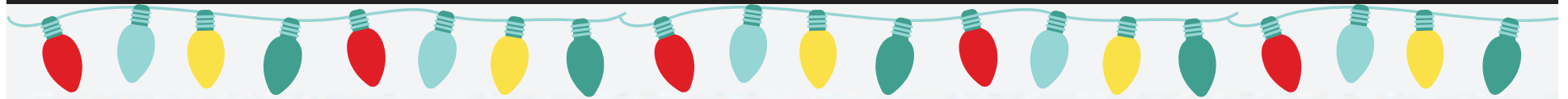
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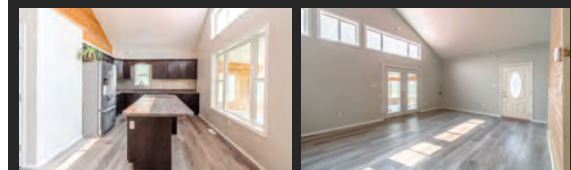
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