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East St. Paul  
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The East St. Paul Centennial Plaza held a small holiday celebration last weekend with fun activities for families to enjoy in an outdoor environment. One of those events was watching fire dancers perform. More photos on page 10.

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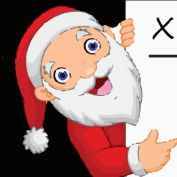
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# Harry's Fine Foods and Old Dutch donate \$5000 to community

## Five \$1000 donations go to local charities

By Sydney Lockhart

Harry's Fine Foods won \$2500 dollars to give back to their community, and they decided to match the donation amount made by Old Dutch to give back his winter season.

"This year what has happened was Harry's Fine Foods has decided to match that \$2,500 so that we can offer a few more people and a few more organizations, some of these donations," said Harry's Fine Foods store manager Shawn Vermette.

The \$5000 was split between 5 organizations: St. Andrews School, South St. Andrews 2021 Hamper Drive, Inclusion Selkirk, St. Andrews Child Care and St. Andrews Community Club.

"[We decided to give back to groups] like Inclusion Selkirk, who we donated \$1,000 to, who we work very closely with. Also, we have an employee here who comes from that program," said Vermette

Vermette said they decided to make donations to multiple places to try and stretch the donation as far as it



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL  
St. Andrews School's donation from Harry's Fine Foods.

could go to help the community.

"That's very important for us as a community-based store to give back to the community. They've made this store what it is, and we feel that they'll benefit from [it]. That money's given to them and that partnership that we have with them," he said.

Harry's Fine Foods was awarded

the donation and was not required to match the amount, but they did in order to be able to donate to more places.

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# Welcoming new Canadians to the community

## Red River Churches Refugee Team bring fourth family to Selkirk

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Red River Churches Refugee Team can celebrate another successful venture despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented as they've come together to bring the Nelson family to Canada.

Sania and Shonail Nelson and their two school-aged children have officially made their journey and isolated through the mandatory COVID-19

isolation period to enjoy everything that our community has to offer.

The RRCRT is a group of 26 churches that banded together in 2016 to support and bring refugee families to our communities. According to The UN Refugee Agency, with over 84 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, every family they bring helps.

"It all started back with the Syrian crisis when people were bringing Syr-



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER  
The Nelson family outside of Christ Church Anglican in Selkirk.



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1 tbsp (15 ml) white wine	Allow turkey rest for 15-20 minutes before carving.
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10-12lbs (4.5-5.5kgs)	3 1/2-3 3/4 hrs	3-3 1/4 hrs
12-16lbs (5.5-7kgs)	3 3/4-4 hrs	3 1/4-3 1/2 hrs
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ians into Canada," said Don Forfar, chair of the RRCRT and former St. Andrews mayor.

Back in 2016, the group was inspired by a similar group of churches from Dauphin that came together to help people. That year our local group was able to sponsor two families.

About a year or so later, they brought over their third family, but they've been dormant since then, primarily due to COVID-19 making the process more complicated.

"We got to get busy and raise money [now]. There have been 26 churches that have actively supported us all most of the time. We'll see how many are still active. The good thing about the organization is its people from all the denominations in this town and area," said Forfar.

Though the group has initially been helping refugees from Syria, they decided to now open their doors to refugees from other parts of the world that need help, such as the Nelson family who started their journey in Pakistan.

Sania and Shonail Nelson's story of getting to Canada started years ago when they met and fell in love. They decided to get married in secret, and she converted. But because he was Christian and she was Muslim when they met, their marriage was deemed illegal in Pakistan. It is, however, legal for a Muslim man to marry a Christian woman.

Unfortunately, though the punishment for an interfaith marriage like theirs is prison time, honour killings often occur in these circumstances. For their safety, the Nelsons traveled to Thailand where they hoped they could get refugee status. Unfortunately, this didn't work out for them because of the limited number of ref-

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# WSP gets new mural and hand carved bench



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The RM of West St. Paul had more community artwork to enjoy with the recent unveiling of the community mural on the bridge at the Perimeter off Main Street along the trail system. This mural was created by local artist Mike Valcourt. Robert Unik also created a new bench which was unveiled at the same time. The RM is considering adding similar benches throughout the community. Left: WSP council unveiling the mural. Right: WSP council with Robert Unik and his hand crafted bench.

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# Wall of warmth keeps community toasty

By Katelyn Boulanger

When the weather outside is frightful, Growing Years has you covered. The family resource centre that provides free programs and support for families with children up to six years of age decided to share with our community when they realized that they had more donations than they needed this year by creating their Share the Warmth — Free to everyone — Community Wall of Warmth on the fence outside of the back of their Selkirk building which houses the Aboriginal Headstart Program.

“[It was just] the staff sitting around looking at these kind donations that we received from the community and we’d offered them to the families that use our center, and we just really felt like we have enough that we wanted to share it with the broader community. So, the idea was born to display it outside and people could help themselves,” said Shawna Cromie executive director of Growing Years Family Resource Centre.

Most of the items that they have on the fence are for babies and small children up to about six years of age as families with small children are who their programs are for, however, they are also accepting donations of items for older aged kids and adults at this time to be able to put more items on the fence as they are grabbed by people who need some warmer winter

gear. Though they won’t be put on the fence as they can’t be fit in a plastic bag, Growing Years is also accepting donations of winter jackets and snow pants for the families that they help which can also be put in their bin.

“We have our signs out there, we have a little bit of Christmas garland and some Christmas balls on the fence. We tried to make it a little bit festive but ultimately there’s enough room up there for 50 items at once and then we have mittens and toques and there’s some blankets up there, too. They’re just clipped to the fence with a sign that says it’s ours, and to take what you need to stay warm,” said Cromie.

For people who have items they would like to give to be put on the fence, these donations should be left in their plastic donation bin by their back door. One thing in particular that the organization could use at this time are more warm waterproof mittens for children which are always helpful going into the colder months.

“We don’t have thousands of items to put out but we were hoping if it went well that it would get us to at least the third week of December. If we have items left over then we’re hoping to stock it up before Christmas. And then, if we come back, and we still have stuff to put out, we’re thinking we’ll keep doing it until we run out,” said Cromie.



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The Share the Warmth — Free to everyone — Community Wall of Warmth has been set up outside of Growing Years in Selkirk.

Donation items should be small enough to fit into a plastic bag, as that is how the items are being stored on the fence so that they are safe from the elements until they are picked up.

“There is so much need out there. There always is but over the last year and a half or so we find that the needs of the families that we support, are even greater. And, we know that the community in general is having a harder time than they might have in the past. So, the idea of offering these items to the community is the idea that every little bit helps and stay-

ing warm is really important and we can help with that.

“If there’s something there that you would like to take, please feel free to do that,” said Cromie.

Growing Years would like to thank the Project Linus Blanketeers, Susan Charles, Christy Hofer, Netley Colony, The Knit Wits, Ernest Okrainec and the Growing Years families and supporters who came together to donate items for the families they help and also contributed items to the Wall of Warmth.

“As a not for profit, we rely heavily on lots of different types of donations, monetary and otherwise, which is why we’re so grateful when we receive donations from our families that attend the center or greater community. We are gifted lots of handmade items, which we’re happy to share and the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Department of Families are so supportive all year round, and for years and years have funded us and when we have things that we know are helpful, we just want to help want to help by offering that to people that need it,” said Cromie.

So far they’ve been able to give away over 70 items this way and Cromie encourages people that need

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## > HARRY'S FINE FOODS, FROM PG. 3

"It definitely just shows their commitment to their community and we're very, very proud to see retailers step up and do more than what we were offering them," said Brad Lawrence, director of advertising and marketing for Fine Foods Advertising Limited.

He said the donation program is based on sales incentives, meaning stores that sell the most chips, or more than their previous year are entered in the draw for the community donation.

"We have a very strong partnership with Old Dutch and so what we've done since 2017, is work on a program that the end result is that it generates store winners who get to decide where they donate the money," Lawrence said.

He added that many of the Fine Foods stores are very intertwined in their community because they are all independently owned and run.

"There's never been a shortage of communities or organizations that need a hand financially to run pro-

grams to provide essential services to people. Certainly, the last couple of years that has been magnified by obviously the challenges of COVID," he said.

St. Andrews School is currently planning on putting the monetary donation toward technology like an iPad for students who need text to speech programs.

"Funding for everyone across the province is challenging and so op-

portunities for us to be able to receive funds like this is always welcome. It always enhances the student's learning experience. I mean for any school to be able to come across and have the support of the community to have received funds like this. When things are challenging, especially with regards to finances is so appreciated," said Paula Sowany, principal of St. Andrews School.



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St. Andrews Childcare's donation from Harry's Fine Foods.



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South St. Andrews 2021 Hamper Drive's donation from Harry's Fine Foods.



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## Unvaccinated account for 96 per cent of C-19 in ICU

**By Staff**

The unvaccinated continue to fill Manitoba's limited ICU beds.

On Monday, public health officials reported that a total of 142 Manitobans are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, including 90 with active (infectious) COVID-19 and 52 who are considered no longer infectious.

There were 34 people in intensive care at the start of the work week, including 26 with active infections. A total of 96 per cent of patients in ICU are either completely unvaccinated (92 per cent) or only partially vaccinated (four per cent).

Southern Health-Santé Sud is one of five regional health authorities in Manitoba but it currently accounts for nearly half the total ICU patients with 17. The region also has 50 total hospi-

talizations.

The district has the lowest vaccination rate in the province (62 per cent) and the highest test positivity rate by a wide margin (15 per cent at last report Dec. 1, compared to 5.7 per cent for the province as a whole on Monday.)

Monday's report added eight new deaths to Manitoba's tally since the pandemic began, bringing it to 1,353. To date, 66,926 people have recovered from COVID-19.

With 478 new cases coming in over the weekend, Manitoba's total COVID-19 caseload Monday was at 1,700. Five of those cases have been identified as being the new omicron variant of the virus.

In the Interlake Eastern region, the case breakdown includes Arborg/

Riverton 12 cases, Beausejour eight, Eriksdale/Ashern zero, Fisher/Peguis 8, Gimli one, Northern Remote one, Pinawa/LacduBonnet three, Powerview/Pine Falls five, Selkirk 19, Springfield 34, St. Clements eight, St. Laurent three, Stonewall/Teulon 15, Unknown 14, Whiteshell zero, Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 18.

As the fourth wave of the pandemic continues, public health officials are encouraging Manitobans to get their booster shots for COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible.

A six month timeframe between second and third doses continues to be recommended for all other Manitobans age 18+.

Visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html> for information on the vaccination sites nearest you.

## Selkirk Biz's AGM

**By Sydney Lockhart**

Last week the Selkirk Biz board and members joined online for their 2021 annual general meeting, touching on achievements, growth and future plans.

Selkirk Biz hosted the 2021 Biz Awards virtually this year.

"We felt as a committee how important it was to be able to highlight some of our business and the success that they had that people did notice. We approach our community partners and without hesitation, they noticed the importance of this event and sponsored an award," said the president of Selkirk Biz Jim Pelletier.

This past year the Selkirk Biz created the Eat Along the Red event which was a shop local initiative to try and help local eateries.

"Restaurants were one of the hardest impacted due to the pandemic and from the ever-changing restrictions. This project has helped to drive customers into our restaurants within the region and to help create aware-

ness for the diversified region and rich ethnic food that our region has," he said in his president's report.

He added that the Eat Along the Red program created an estimated \$32,000 in local economic value.

The Selkirk Biz has been added to the Chamber Channel which will be a local online shopping platform.

"We are one of the first four chambers in Manitoba to be enrolled and bring this online marketplace similar to Amazon to our communities. Like all branding tools, it will take some time for traction. But as long as we continue to promote it through media, social media, and citizens and business involvement, we feel confident that this program will be everyone's first choice," he said.

An update was also provided on the Biz Bucks program which was launched in 2018. This shop local gift card is the first of its kind in North America, with Selkirk Biz being the first to initiate a card that can be used at local merchants.

"So here is some year-to-date information, we will have reached 1 million in sales. Program total to date from the first card that was loaded in December 2018, we had \$908,000 in sales, pretty close to 32,000 in cards activated. Redemption was \$797,000 in value and the [number] of cards that were redeemed was 17,600. We couldn't have done this without the help from our premier program partners," he said.

Pelletier said they have seen almost a million dollars in sales in the communities over the last three years.

"That's a really big deal. So you know, that's kept between two to three million in our local economy. Just imagine though, what kind of success will happen once we are able to accept the BizBucks card through the Chamber Channel," he said.

Selkirk Biz is also currently looking for a new president, vice president, and treasurer.

"There's 12,000 people living in Selkirk and there's probably another 50,000 living in the area that we serve. There's got to be two people that are perfect for this position," said Brett Mitchell former president of the Selkirk Biz.



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# Dancing in the Streets with Holiday Alley

## New music video shows off city

By Katelyn Boulanger

Holiday Alley this year was a great success maintaining many local traditions. A new tradition that they have brought back for its second year is their holiday video which highlighted everything that our community has to offer over a rocking Selkirk and area inspired beat.

"Last year was the first time that we did kind of an international music video. We were originally a two-day winter festival and during COVID, we had an opportunity to either completely cancel, maybe go back to one day, or do something totally different," said Shirley Muir Holiday Alley's Executive Director.

Holiday Alley last year, as you will remember, did the opposite of cancelling; they turned their two-day festival into the 12-ish Days of Holiday Alley and introduced many new activities. Some of them stuck around

this year, now that COVID restrictions are lighter, and some did not, but one that got even better was definitely the music video.

This year's video is a Selkirk spin on the classic 1965 Dancing in the Street by Martha and the Vandellas which features music by Brenton David Thorvaldson, choreography by Madison Bell, and video production by PJ Jordan.

"This year came around, I've long been a fan of the song Dancing in the Street, and I always felt it was a really good theme song for Holiday Alley because the history of Holiday Alley, is to really support downtown growth and downtown economic development," said Muir.

To support local businesses and highlight our community, the video features some well-known faces and businesses as well as stunning footage of the community.

"You don't have to look very far to find incredibly talented people who are excited about stuff," said Muir.

She reached out and Ecole Selkirk Junior High, Evolution Dance Company's Junior Competitive Team, Jan Keryluk, Paige Mooney, Red River North Tourism, Selkirk Scottish Country Dancers (Selkirk, Scotland), and Scotland Stepping Stones Youth Group (Selkirk, Scotland) provided video contributions. Hand Drummer Marlena Muir and fiddler Morgan Grace made appearances as well as the Selkirk Dance Association and Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble.

Many locals also participated in the dancing and it was all made possible by the team at Selkirk Crossing Dental Centre who sponsored the creation of the video.

Local mayor Larry Johannson said that when he saw the music video for the first time he was wowed.

"Well done, great entertainment, [and] great shots of Selkirk," said Johannson.

He encourages everyone who hasn't already to check out this video to go to Holiday Alley's Youtube channel and check it out.

"People [should] go to that website. Go to the link and take a look at it because it's really professionally done. I was so impressed with it when I watched it. Definitely, The Dancing in the Streets Holiday Alley theme is fantastic. You know the local entertainment doing it, all of the dancers, everything about it was just top-notch really professionally done," said Johannson.

The video as of press time already has thousands of views between Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube.

This year's Dancing in the Streets video can be found at Holiday Alley's Youtube channel or holidayalley.ca along with last year's 12ish Days of Holiday Alley | World-Wide Selkirk Sing-A-Long! and other great Holiday Alley content from 2020.

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ugees that Thailand accepts.

"It turns out [there were] different problems because when we tried to apply for a visa, there were many other conditions [and] we could not fulfill all the conditions. For example, they were told you have to go back to your country and come back again, then you might have some visa, but that wasn't a 100 per cent certainty that we'll get a visa," said Sania Nelson.

Because of this, the family was constantly threatened to be raided in Thailand. They had to leave their home regularly without grabbing any of their possessions.

"There were many times when we had no food at home because if you're running from one place to another, you have to start over again. And, [that happened many] times, and that's why I hated moving. I want to live a normal life where we won't have any fear of getting arrested," she said.

Despite their difficulties, the Nelsons made a life in Thailand, running a food service business. Previously, Shonail Nelson worked in marketing in Pakistan, and Sania Nelson worked as a teacher.

One of the significant changes that the family will be experiencing shortly is having their children take part in school for the first time, as in Thailand Nelson had to home school her children.

"They're very, very excited. My daughter was asking me when it was the second or third day. 'When am I

going to go to school?'" Sania said

She hopes that Canadians continue to sponsor refugees like them to come here to be safe.

"For now, we just [want to have] a peaceful life, and we really hope that people here in Canada will sponsor many, many other refugees and other people who are in trouble because they have sponsored us and saved our lives," she said.

She also is very thankful to the RRCRT.

"They really put the effort to save our family and they're successful in that. So we are very, very grateful for them," she said.

For Forfar and other members of this group, the benefits of helping people come to our community are great.

"I believe we're doing good work. The side benefit is the new relationships. I can think of two women in particular; one's a Catholic [and] one's a Lutheran who never knew each other, even though they lived in

our community forever. They're now best friends. So what [the Red River Churches Refugee Team's] done is it's put people of different denominations together working together, and to me, that's been just a wonderful side benefit," said Forfar.

Though they have made it to Canada, the family will still have some expenses related to their move that the churches wish to help them with, so they've created a fundraising campaign online [https://fundrazr.com/71v5F3?ref=ab\\_4Apzp2\\_ab\\_0nMiwKyfRtD0nMiwKyfRtD](https://fundrazr.com/71v5F3?ref=ab_4Apzp2_ab_0nMiwKyfRtD0nMiwKyfRtD). Donations can also be made to the RRCRT which

will support this and future families coming to the area. Churches accepting donations include St. Clements Anglican, Christ Church Anglican, Cloverdale United, St. George

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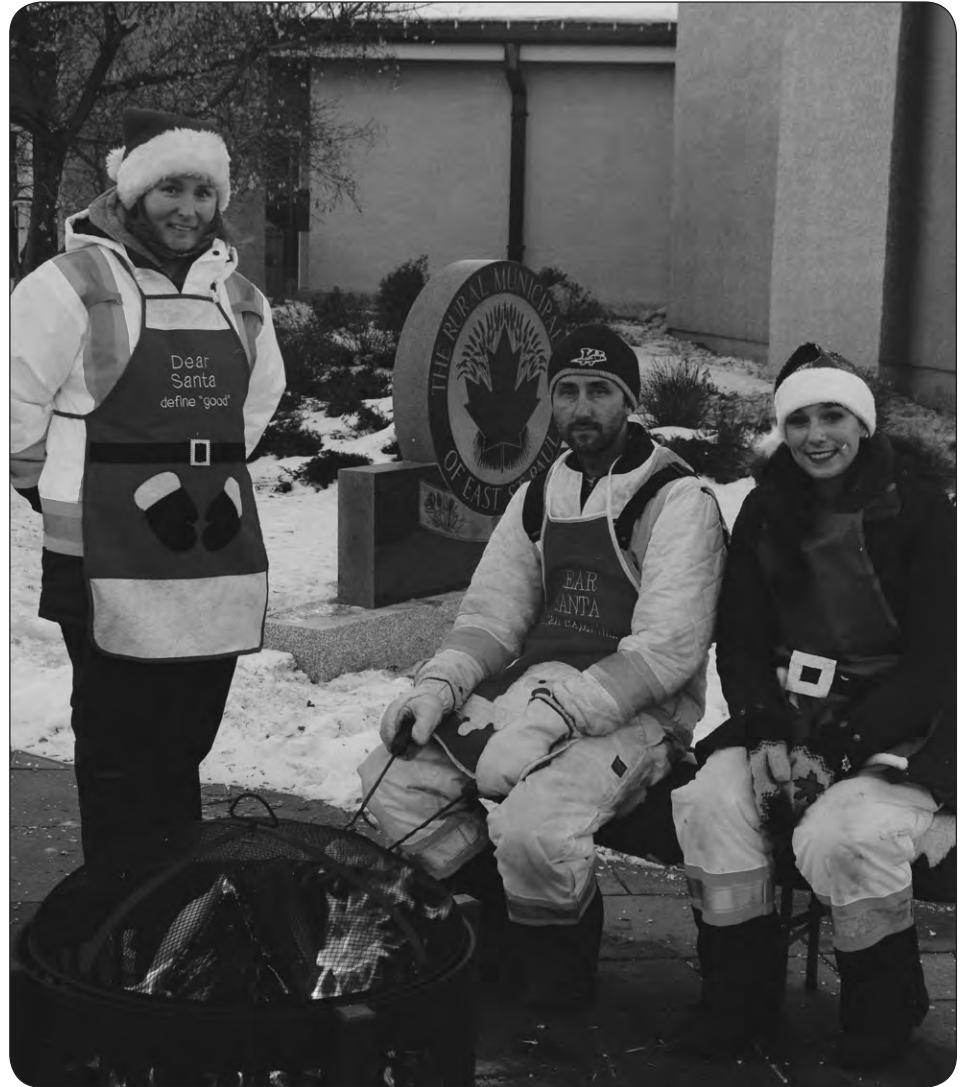
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Residents who went to East St. Paul's Centennial Plaza were not disappointed last weekend with activities, fire dancers and even an appearance by Mr. Santa Claus himself.



# Former Selkirk principal writes his first novel

His experiences teaching and learning come through in fictional story

By Katelyn Boulanger

Many Selkirk students will remember Wayne Davies as their former principal if they attended Robert Smith School and Ecole Selkirk Junior High School. In addition to having some influence on the young minds in our community, they had an influence on Davies's first novel *The Guitar Principal* which recently came out, and though set in the fictional town of Holfield, has some similarities to the community we know and love.

"The book's a story about a principal, trying to figure it out inspired by true events from Robert Smith, and Ecole Selkirk Junior High School, where I was principal for eight years. Despite the ups and downs, it's a story about student voice and it's about staff, building leadership capacity among staff and students. It's a book about relationships. It's a book about hope and it's a book about the great things people can do when they pull together especially in my hometown of Selkirk, Manitoba," said Davies.

Back in the early 2010s when Davies was beginning his tenure as principal at Ecole Selkirk Junior High School there were some traumatic incidents that affected the students that got their education there. After those stories came out in the media, the students approached Davies saying that that wasn't how they wanted their school to be perceived in our community. A combination of that and the efforts of a few teachers who decided to create a guitar program led to a guitar auction that raised thousands of dollars for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and other charities.

This story was transformed by Davies into *The Guitar Principal*, though names, places, and the timeline is changed from the original story.

"I took seven years of history, three at Robert Smith and my first four of the five at Ecole Selkirk Junior High, and pushed them all into one year. There were some really crazy things that happened at Robert Smith and there were some amazing things I learned there about being a principal, listening to my staff, and my staff had to kick my rear end a few times. They had to because I was in my first year [and] I should have listened more than I talked. Part of this book is me admitting that I didn't know everything," said Davies.

This story took him seven years to write with the pandemic helping him find the time he needed to get things completed.

Even though the events aren't exactly as they happened in real life, Davies's story is a fictional escape that also tackles subjects that teachers may think about.

"It's just a good chance for leaders to talk about [things like] what does it mean to lead a school, especially now, especially in these times [that we might be thinking] 'Where's our joy?' And to me, this is a lot about, we have to find our joy, we've got to find what keeps us rolling," he said.

At [www.guitarprincipal.com](http://www.guitarprincipal.com) teachers and administrators can even find a guidebook that goes along with the novel that digs deeper into what leader-



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Wayne Davies recently wrote his first novel, 'The Guitar Principal'.

ship means.

Just because he's provided resources for teachers doesn't mean that the book will only be enjoyable for teachers with him hoping that everyone can get something out of reading his story.

"I really hope they see the power of student voice. I really see I hope they see the power of having a positive mindset and that anything is possible," said Davies.

He encourages residents to pick up a copy and enjoy.

"It's not about me, it's not about Selkirk but it's certainly inspired by some amazingly great people and a great story that happened in Selkirk and I hope [readers] can read the book and be proud of the community in my hometown," said Davies.

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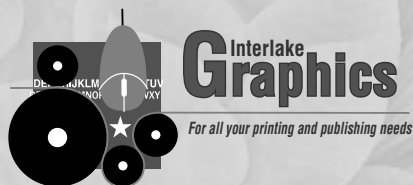
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# Removal by bylaw: mayors, reeves' duties remain unprotected after AMM defeat

By Patricia Barrett

Some municipalities that were hoping to see voters' rights and the duties of mayors and reeves protected were disappointed after the defeat of a resolution to have the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the provincial government for changes to the Municipal Act.

The resolution (No. 03-2021 Duties of the Head of Council) was rejected by a majority vote at the AMM's annual convention, which was held Nov. 22-23 in Winnipeg. The convention brings together councils and staff from Manitoba's 137 municipalities.

The resolution said that conflicting wording in the provincial Municipal Act contravenes the "democratic rights of ratepayers" by allowing a majority of municipal councillors to direct the duties and assignments of a head of council (usually a mayor or a reeve). Councils can do this by creating and adopting procedures and organizational bylaws.

Some sections of the Act, for example, state that council heads are to preside over meetings unless a council says otherwise using a procedures bylaw, and that council heads are members of all council committees unless a council says otherwise using an organizational bylaw.

With exceptions (i.e., the use of bylaws) written into the Municipal Act, the democratic rights of ratepayers – who vote in a mayor or reeve – can be overturned. The bylaws allow a majority of councillors to strip a mayor or reeve of their powers, including speaking publicly for the municipality, should they personally dislike their council head or disagree with their views on moving a municipality forward. The use of such bylaws also has the potential to open up opportunities for king- or queen-making and the advancement of agendas that may not be in keeping with the best interests of ratepayers.

The Town of Lac du Bonnet, a municipality about 72 kilometres north-east of Selkirk, sponsored the Duties of the Head of Council resolution. Mayor Gordon Peters said it essentially asked the province to review the Municipal Act and make necessary changes to respect the electorates' choice of head of council.

Peters said he and his councillors felt it was important to defend the fundamentals of democracy.

"The Municipal Act describes what those [head of council] roles are and we believe it defies the electorate when those changes [procedures and organizational bylaws] are made by councils outside the legitimate will of the people," said Peters last week.

WHEREAS due to different interpretations of the above sections relating to Duties of Head of Council has led to the passing of Organizational and Procedures By-Laws where the Head of Council can only act under the direction of majority of Council members thereby affecting the democratic rights of ratepayers; and

WHEREAS these by-laws have eliminated the need for a Head of Council ballot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to immediately amend *The Municipal Act* under the above sections to provide clear definition as to duties of Heads of Council and remove the words "except where the procedures or organizational by-law provides otherwise" in order to restore democracy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province review all standardized procedures and organizational by-laws.

## AMM ACTIONABLE LEADERSHIP CONVENTION HANDBOOK

Part of the Duties of the Head of Council resolution asked the province to protect the electorates' choice of council head. The resolution was defeated at the AMM convention last month.

Elected councils work for their ratepayers and have no right to stop council members from performing the duties they were elected to do, he added. He was disappointed the resolution was defeated.

"What it says to me is the majority of folks that were there [at the convention] don't really care what the Municipal Act says and what the electorate intend. I was disappointed in that," he said. "I'm very strong on respecting the wishes of the electorate. They're our community boss, so to speak, and we as councillors are working for them. Just because we get into office doesn't give us the right to make changes that don't fall in line with the wish of the people."

He said he was also sad to see that some RMs have already adopted the bylaws and used them in regard to female heads of council.

"We were patting ourselves on the back three years ago when we had more women elected to the head of councils and we felt like we had made progress in the area of equal opportunity," said Peters. "A majority of people at the convention voting down the resolution was disappointing from that perspective."

It's well known through media reports that some municipalities in the Interlake – the Town of Teulon, the RM St. Andrews and the RM of Armstrong – have adopted (by majority vote) procedures and organizational bylaws and put them into action, revoking or diminishing the duties of their elected heads, all of whom were

at the time or currently are women.

Peters said the bylaws can not only affect female heads of council, but can also be used to diminish male heads' duties.

RM of Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg spoke in favour of the resolution during the convention. He said last week that if a contentious situation arises between councillors, council should be able to discuss it as a group rather than resort to removal by organizational or procedure bylaws.

"Elected officials shouldn't be barring their counterparts. We should be able to tell a councillor what they're doing wrong. And, at the end of the day, the public will make a choice during an election whether that person should be in office or not," said Greenberg. "The [defeat of the resolution] is in a sense a blow to the democratic process because it's the voters electing a mayor or a reeve and they're expecting them to serve in that capacity."

In small communities, Greenberg said residents know what's going on with their councillors and will if necessary "take them out" when the next election rolls around. "That's how the democratic process works."

RM of Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski said she also spoke in favour of the resolution at the AMM convention. As well, she thanked her fellow municipalities for implementing a Code of Conduct bylaw, which under the Municipal Act is the proper procedure by which to resolve disputes among council members.

She offered her personal opinions – which do not reflect the opinions of the RM of Armstrong or its council – on the issues addressed by the resolution, which was defeated at AMM by a majority of 64 per cent.

"The Municipal Act is the procedural foundation to which elected officials are duly bound. Municipal bylaws and policy do not supersede this legislation. Members of council are public servants. They're elected. They take an "Oath of Office" to know the Act, make informed decisions, act in the best interest of their municipality and serve and represent everyone fairly and equally," said Smerchanski last week.

"Municipalities have been developing and adopting organizational and procedural bylaws that potentially could remove any member of a council and is contrary to the democratic process. Specifically, the duties/roles of the heads of council are defined under the Municipal Act and they are elected as such to the specific position on a ballot."

AMM members voted on 22 resolutions during the convention, according to an AMM tweet. All resolutions passed except No. 03-2021 (Duties of the Head of Council), No. 04-2021 (Assessment and Taxation Tools), No. 06-2021 (Per Capita Funding) and No. 07-2021 (Differential Mill Rates).

The *Record* asked the AMM for a recording of the debates/presentations for the first set of resolutions. A spokesperson said "there is no recording."



# St. Clements new park makes progress

## Submitted by the RM of St. Clements

It was a busy fall at the St. Clements Activity Centre and Park site as we move toward completing a park that will benefit our community for years to come. Each step of progress made brings us excitement in hopes to be able to welcome you to the park in the Spring/Summer of 2022. The RM of St. Clements do want to remind the public going into the winter that we do still have components to finish next spring therefore the park is not ready or safe for use and we kindly ask the public refrain from using the site and snowmobiling on the site.

Some items that were completed this fall include:

- Complete installation of play structure, swings and surrounding landscaping
- Park benches
- Heritage signs have been installed
- Fitness circuit signs have been in-

stalled

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided some challenges and delays for St. Clements during these last years of development and but they've managed to keep the steam in our sails as they work towards completion. The RM's are hoping that next year they will be able to hold a ceremony for the official opening of the park, which they will be providing more details on.

If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas, the RM does still have a few benches left for purchase. The monetary donation for a piece of furniture is \$2,000 and donors will receive a tax receipt for this donation. In turn, a name plaque with your details would be placed on the furniture item. If this sounds like something you are interested in, cheques can be made payable to 'RM of St. Clements' and mailed to Box 2 Grp 35 RR 1, East Sel-

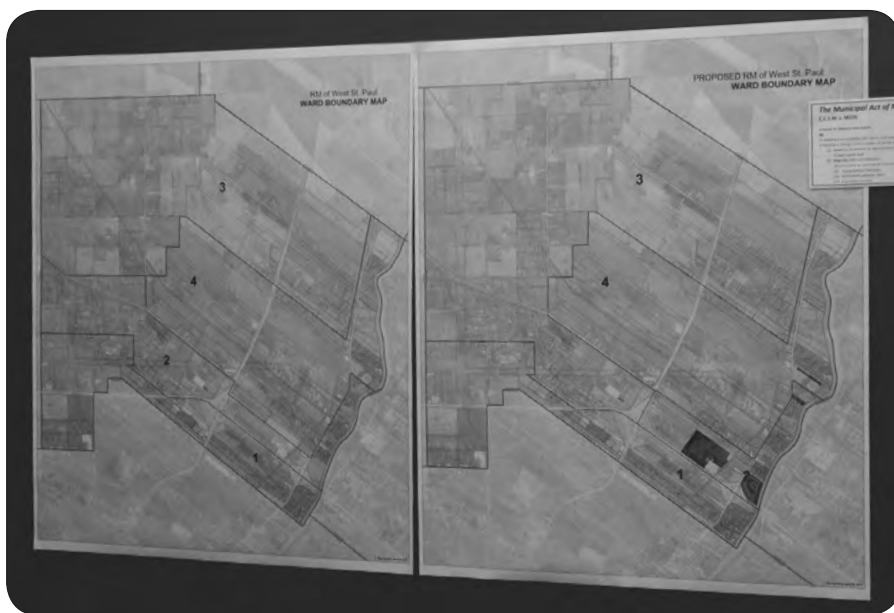
kirk R0E 0M0 and the RM's excited to share more fundraising opportunities as they come.

St. Clements wants to thank their Fundraising Committee which consists of Irene de Graaf, Megan Verleih and Debbie Cunningham. They are members of the community that have taken a passion to this project in hopes that it can become a focal point in the community. This project hits home for them as they have families and grandkids of their own. The committee understands the importance of creating an environment that fosters the growth and wellbeing of not only children but all ages, families and organizations and that builds community spirit and growth as well as promotes the protection of the environment.



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Kids test out the play structure.

## West St. Paul hosts consultation on ward boundaries



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As per the Municipal Act the RM of West St. Paul hosted an open house for residents over changes to ward boundaries. RM's are expected to review ward boundaries periodically to ensure that an approximately even population of residents are in each ward. This was an in-person event though the information is also available at the RM's website and council invites residents to contact the consultant on the project Threshold Planning Studio with comments at [studio@thresholdplanning.ca](mailto:studio@thresholdplanning.ca) if they would like to give their input virtually.



# Brain injury support groups meet monthly at Gordon Howard

By Jennifer McFee

Life can sometimes feel like a lonely road for those who live with a brain injury.

But it's important that they know they are not alone. The Manitoba Brain Injury Association offers a variety of survivor support groups across the province.

The Selkirk and area support group meets every first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at Gordon Howard Centre (384 Eveline St.).

Brain injury survivor Dennis Guile extends a standing offer to arrange carpooling to this group if anyone from Stonewall and surrounding ar-

eas would like to attend.

And if there's enough interest in the south Interlake area, they would consider starting a new group closer to home.

"We've been trying for a few years to get into that area because I know there are people with brain injuries who live there," he said.

"We're trying to get the message out that we would really like to get some other groups going out there. I'm in my 70s and this it takes a lot out of me, but I will do the best I can."

Guile sustained a brain injury due to a highway accident in B.C. when he worked as a long-haul truck driver. For

him, the brain injury support group provides a safe space surrounded by others who understand his situation.

"It's really, really hard to describe how lonely you get with a brain injury. We tend to pull away from things. A lot of it is because of embarrassment," said Guile, who lives in Winnipeg.

"Sometimes when you're speaking, what you're going to say is forming in your mind — but when it comes out, there's no sense. The people look at you kind of strange, and you don't even know that this is happening. Memory is a huge problem for us too."

In addition to the Selkirk meeting, other support groups meet monthly

in Brandon, Steinbach, Dauphin and Winnipeg.

"There are so many things that affect you because of a brain injury," Guile said.

"Our main objective is to get the message out there to people that you are not alone."

Dennis Guile encourages anyone to phone him with questions or to arrange a ride to the brain injury support group in Selkirk. He can be reached at 204-806-3405.

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# Selkirk car salesman receives top sales award

Josh Isfjord comes out on top winning provincial award

By Sydney Lockhart

"I was the top Chevrolet salesman, so out of all dealerships in Manitoba,

little Josh from Selkirk was able to come out on top," said Josh Isfjord, recipient of the Top Salesperson Award

of 2021.

Isfjord started out washing cars for Selkirk GM in high school which was when he knew he wanted to try getting into sales.



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Matt Walters, president of the Manitoba Motor Dealers Association presenting Josh Isfjord with his award.

"The guy who owns the place actually said no because I had no experience. So, I went and sold cable," he said.

Isfjord said after a couple of years at that job he sold the owner of the dealership a cable package, who then told him he should come and sell cars.

"I said, 'Are you going to let me do it this time?' and now I've been here for six years and have been their top guy here for five of them," he said.

This year he sold around 210 units, about 100 more than the next highest seller at their dealership.

"I get to meet new people every day from all walks of life and all parts of Manitoba, even Ontario," he said, "I love being a people person and getting to know everyone's story and then getting to meet their friends and family when they start sending referrals it's just amazing."

Isfjord grew up in Petersfield and graduated high school from Lord Selkirk Reginal Comprehensive Secondary School.

He says that his job "was a good fit to serve my community."

The award was presented by the Manitoba Motor Dealers Association (MMDA) at their recent annual awards night.

"I've gone and witnessed it all, but I've never actually gotten called up on stage and then given the plaque so it was pretty surreal," he said.

The MMDA is a provincial association that supports new car dealers. Matt Walters, owner of Selkirk GM is also the president of the MMDA but does not play a part in selecting award winners.


"It's an incredible achievement, there are hundreds of hundreds of salespeople that they would have to choose from. So, there's no question it's an unbelievable achievement," said Walters.

He added that customer service ratings are also just as important to this award and that Isfjord has been one of their top employees.

"I think the biggest thing is just why [Isfjord] has been so successful. You know, I think customer service is of utmost importance to [him]. He's always looking after his customers and that's really why he's been so successful in business and I mean, the other reason is, I would say he's the hardest working person in the dealership," said Walters.

He said that everyone at Selkirk GM is really proud of him for receiving recognition on a provincial level for his hard work over the years.

Isfjord can be contacted at Selkirk GM at 204-482-1010.



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# CHRISTMAS CAROLERS SONGBOOK

## Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring  
 Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun  
 Now the jingle hop has begun  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
 Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square  
 In the frosty air  
 What a bright time, it's the right time  
 To rock the night away  
 Jingle bell time is a swell time  
 To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh  
 Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
 Jingle around the clock  
 Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet  
 That's the jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
 Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square  
 In the frosty air  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
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 Now the jingle hop has begun  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
 Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square  
 In the frosty air  
 What a bright time, it's the right time  
 To rock the night away (rock the night away)  
 Jingle bell time is a swell time  
 To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh  
 Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
 Jingle around the clock  
 Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet  
 That's the jingle bell  
 That's the jingle bell  
 That's the jingle bell (rock)  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
 Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Good tidings we bring  
 To you and your kin;  
 Good tidings for Christmas  
 And a happy New Year!  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year.

Bring us pudding  
 Bring us pudding  
 Bring us pudding  
 And a cup of good cheer  
 We won't go 'til we get some  
 We won't go 'til we get some  
 We won't go until we get some  
 So bring it out here!  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year  
 And a happy New Year  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 And a happy New Year

## Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new-born King!  
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled."  
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
 Join the triumph of the skies;

With th'angelic host proclaim,  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new-born King!  
 Christ, by highest heaven adored:  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
 Late in time behold him come,  
 Offspring of the favoured one.  
 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;  
 Hail, th'incarnate Deity:  
 Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new-born King!  
 Hail! the heaven-born  
 Prince of peace!  
 Hail! the Son of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 Risen with healing in his wings  
 Mild he lays his glory by,  
 Born that man no more may die:  
 Born to raise the son of earth,  
 Born to give them second birth.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the new-born King!"



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# CHRISTMAS CAROLERS SONGBOOK

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
He got into a drifted bank

And then we got upset  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
A day or two ago  
The story I must tell  
I went out on the snow  
And on my back I fell  
A gent was riding by  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
He laughed as there I sprawling lie  
But quickly drove away  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh

## O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angels' voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine o night  
O night divine  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angels' voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine o night  
O night divine  
Ooh yes it was  
Ooh it is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah, yeah  
It was a holy holy holy, oh oh oh

## It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
With the kids jingle belling  
And everyone telling you be of good cheer  
It's the most wonderful time of the year  
It's the hap-happiest season of all  
With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings  
When friends come to call  
It's the hap-happiest season of all  
There'll be parties for hosting  
Marshmallows for toasting  
And caroling out in the snow  
There'll be scary ghost stories  
And tales of the glories of  
Christmases long, long ago  
It's the most wonderful time of the year  
There'll be much mistletoeing  
And hearts will be glowing  
When loved ones are near  
It's the most wonderful time of the year  
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When loved ones are near  
It's the most wonderful time  
Yes the most wonderful time  
Oh the most wonderful time  
Of the year



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# CHRISTMAS CAROLER'S SONGBOOK

## Feliz Navidad (I Wanna Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
From the bottom of my heart  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our heart  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas

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Feliz Navidad  
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Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
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Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our heart  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our heart  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad

## This Christmas

Hang all the mistletoe  
I'm gonna get to know you better this Christmas  
And as we trim the tree  
How much fun it's gonna be together this Christmas  
The fireside is blazing bright, wow  
We're caroling through the night, wow  
This Christmas will be a very special Christmas for me, wow  
Let's go  
Presents and cards are here  
My world is filled with cheer and you this Christmas  
And as I look around  
Your eyes outshine the town, they do this Christmas  
The fireside is blazing bright  
And we're caroling through the night  
And this Christmas will be a very special Christmas for me  
Oh, shake a hand, shake a hand now  
Ooh, the fireside is blazing bright  
We're caroling through the night  
And this Christmas will be so special for you and me, yes, it will be  
Shake a hand now  
Come on, everybody shake a hand now  
Family and we'll be together to make this Christmas bright  
Yes, we will

## Sleigh Ride

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring tingle tingling too  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you

Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "yoo hoo!"  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you  
Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy and cozy are we  
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be  
Let's take the road before us and sing a chorus or two  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you  
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## Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Mr. Grinch

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch  
You really are a heel,  
You're as cuddly as a cactus,  
you're as charming as an eel, Mr. Grinch,  
You're a bad banana with a greasy  
black peel!  
You're a monster, Mr. Grinch,

Your heart's an empty hole,  
Your brain is full of spiders, you  
have garlic in your soul, Mr. Grinch,  
I wouldn't touch you with a thirty-  
nine-and-a-half foot pole!  
You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,  
You have termites in your smile,  
You have all the tender sweetness  
of a seasick crocodile, Mr. Grinch,  
Given a choice between the two of  
you I'd take the seasick crocodile!  
You're a rotter, Mr. Grinch,  
You're the king of sinful sots,  
Your heart's a dead tomato  
spotted with moldy purple spots,  
Mr. Grinch,  
You're a three decker sauerkraut  
and toadstool sandwich with  
arsenic sauce!  
You nauseate me, Mr. Grinch,  
With a nauseous super "naus"l,  
You're a crooked dirty jockey and  
you drive a crooked hoss, Mr. Grinch,  
Your soul is an appalling dump  
heap overflowing with the most  
disgraceful  
assortment of rubbish imaginable  
mangled up in tangled up knots!  
You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,  
You're a nasty wasty skunk,  
Your heart is full of unwashed  
socks, your soul is full of gunk, Mr. Grinch,  
The three words that best describe  
you are as follows, and I quote,  
"Stink, stank, stunk!"

# CHRISTMAS CAROLER'S SONGBOOK

## Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Let your heart be light  
From now on your troubles will be out  
of sight  
Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Make the Yuletide gay  
From now on your troubles will be  
miles away  
Here we are as in olden days  
Happy golden days of yore  
Faithful friends who are dear to us  
Gather near to us once more  
Through the years we all will be  
together  
If the fates allow  
Hang a shining star upon the highest  
place  
So have yourself a merry little  
Christmas  
Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
So have yourself a merry little  
Christmas

## Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

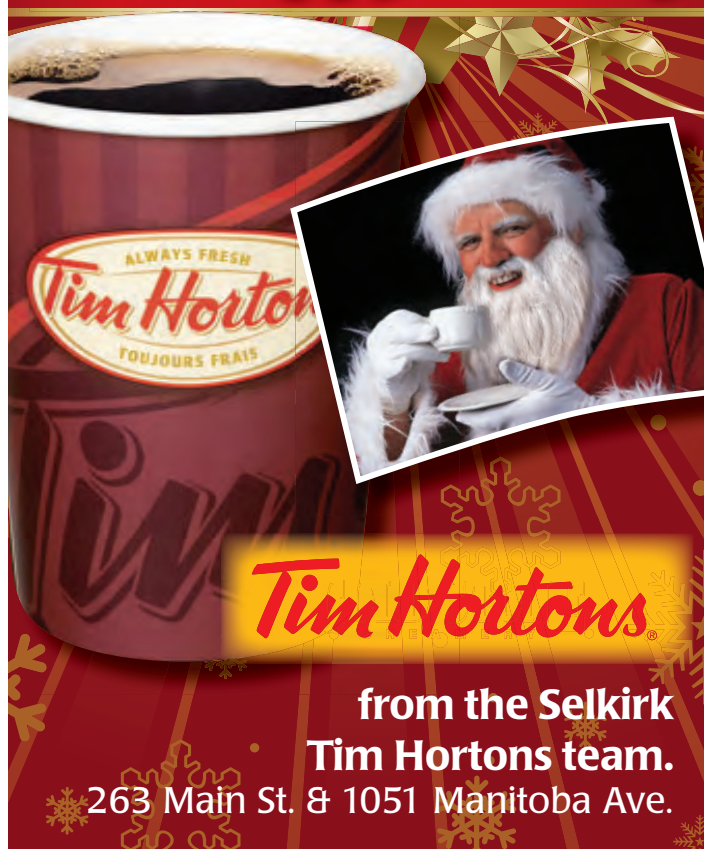
Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
At the Christmas party hop  
Mistletoe hung where you can see  
Every couple tries to stop  
Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Let the Christmas spirit ring  
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie  
And we'll do some caroling  
You will get a sentimental feeling when  
you hear  
Voices singing, let's be jolly  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Have a happy holiday  
Everyone dancin' merrily  
In the new old-fashioned way  
You will get a sentimental feeling when  
you hear  
Voices singing, let's be jolly  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Have a happy holiday  
Everyone dancin' merrily  
In the new old-fashioned way

## We Three Kings

We three kings of orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain, moor and  
mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide with thy perfect light.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King for ever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.  
Frankincense to offer have I.  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.  
Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breaths a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

## Have a Warm & Happy Holiday



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# Walking and raising funds for surviving family members

By Nicole Brownlee

After a tragedy shook his community, one man from Berens River First Nation decided to take action.

On Oct. 21, around 4 p.m., a minivan with three adults and two children collided with an SUV with three adults and two children south of Berens River on Rice River Road.

Three adults were killed in the collision, and the surviving six occupants, including a three-month-old baby, sustained serious injuries.

"When it happened, spiritually, something came to me," said Manny Green, 23.

"It told me just to do something."

Green decided to run and walk from his home community of Berens River to Winnipeg to raise money for the families impacted by the deadly collision and for another Berens River family who lost their mother the day before the crash.

"The kids that lost their parents inspired me. I wanted to give them something," said Green.

"You can't replace losing a loved one, but I just wanted to be there for them."

Green started the 330 km journey on Nov. 2 but tore two muscles in his

foot within 43 km. Doctors told Green to rest for a month to let his foot heal, but 10 days later, he stepped out into the harsh winter winds to start his trek to raise \$20,000.

"I needed to get it done because I was thinking of Christmas," said Green.

Growing up, Green participated in track and field, cross country and hockey, which he said prepared him for the 11-day journey. Lorne McKay, Green's driver, encouraged him to

continue the journey through long days of biting wind, chilling snow and aching feet.

"He motivated me to get this thing done," said Green.

McKay, an elder from Berens River, used to walk over 80 km from Berens River to Bloodvein and offered to walk with Green.

"He said, even though I get blisters, even though I have a sore leg, I'm going to walk with you because he felt my pain from Berens to Hollow Water. He pushed me."

Trailing behind Green was a banner attached to the truck guiding Green. The faces of the lost community members printed on the banner urged him to keep travelling.

"A lot of people helped me. It felt like my community was relying on me and pushing me to finish."

Along the road in Hollow Water First Nation, Black River First Nation and Sagkeeng First Nation Green received donations, prayers, and support from community members.

"It warmed my heart and pushed me further," said Green.

"I was really grateful for someone to be there and actually acknowledge me."

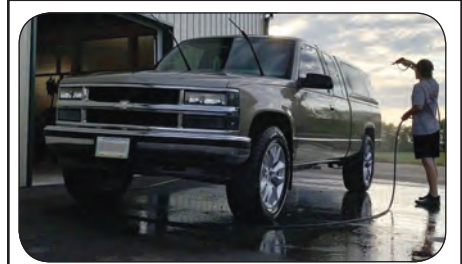
When Green made it to the Manitoba Legislative Building in Winnipeg on Dec. 4 around 3 p.m., he was speechless.

"I felt joy. I felt like I was sad too because it was the last day of my journey," said Green.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime feeling I can't really explain."

Green reached his goal of raising

\$20,000 and is continuing to accept donations through his email, manny-green98@gmail.com.



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Brock Vantor  
Denturist

It was 2010, I was a fresh denture school graduate and had suddenly taken over my dad's denture clinic due to health reasons. My only employee was my mom, who I convinced to come out of retirement (but, of course, if you ask her, it was her idea to come and be with her son).

Christmas was coming and Dennis, the local newspaper salesman came into the office and said, "Brock, your dad always liked to put some sort of Merry Christmas wish in the paper. Would you like to do that too?" "Of course, I would love to put something in the newspaper, but let me think about what", I replied, wanting my very first newspaper Christmas wish to be great.

Dennis, my mom, and I thought about it for a few minutes; and I couldn't help but think, 'I am a Denturist, I now own a denture clinic, wouldn't the best Christmas gift we could give be a denture?' "I want to make someone smile for Christmas," I said. "We could do a Merry Christmas denture



giveaway!"

"I love it, it's like the song 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth', Dennis laughed. So my mom and I posed for a picture, and Dennis' team edited some garland and bows around us, and the annual denture contest was born!

We used a Christmas story trivia question as the ballot, put all the entries into a box and when we picked the winner, it was a lady named Jean. When we called her to say she had won, she was in tears. She not only wanted (and needed) teeth for Christmas, but for many years. I still remember when she came in. She had a brilliant white coat that I had no idea how she kept it so white! We made her a beautiful

white smile to match.

For going on 10 years now, even though the days of just my mom and I as the only employees are long gone, we continue the Christmas contest. What is amazing is that every year we have such an amazing winner. Spending time with them, sharing stories, giving gifts - it's what Christmas is all about! It's like we expand our families just a little bit more. We could never pick a winner, so we do a draw to make it fair. There are no strings attached, just a gift in honour of the greatest gift of all, Jesus. Which brings us to this year's trivia question: see ballot.

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## Drinking responsibly over the holidays: what you should know

Car crashes are more common on Christmas and New Year's Eve than at any other time during the winter. Here are a few reminders that'll help you celebrate the holidays safely.

### Driving under the influence is risky

The dangers of driving while impaired are well known. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), over half of the fatal crashes that occur every year involve drivers who test positive for drugs or alcohol. Cannabis is detected roughly half the time that drugs are involved.

Whenever you get behind the wheel, you're responsible for the safety of the passengers in your vehicle. You're also obligated to those you share the road with. Though driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol may seem like a small matter, by doing so you're in fact risking many lives. Waiting for a cab or spending

the night on a friend's couch may seem inconvenient, but it's a small price to pay to ensure everyone's safety, your own included.

### How to get sober if you're impaired

Once you've consumed alcohol, it will remain in your bloodstream and affect your cognitive and motor functions for several hours, no matter how many cups of coffee you drink or how much food you eat. Indeed, there's no quick way to get sober. Therefore, the best strategy is to simply sleep it off or call a cab, a designated driver service, or a friend or family member to take you home.

### Ensure your friends get home safely

If you notice that a friend, colleague or family member is planning to drive even though they've had a few drinks, try to talk them (possibly away from other guests so they don't



feel attacked). Offer to call them a cab and, if they become confrontational, get someone to help you. If all else fails, you may need to call the police.

Driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol is risky but getting behind the wheel while tired or distracted can also cause road accidents. The Canadian Automobile Association reports that driver inattention is responsible for nearly 4 million crashes in North America every year.

## How to prevent impaired driving over the holidays

The number of impaired driving collisions dramatically increases over the holiday season. Here are a few tips to make sure neither you nor the people you care about get behind the wheel while under the influence.

### Attending a party

If you're attending a holiday shindig, make sure to choose someone to be a designated driver. If this person ends up consuming drugs or alcohol, play it safe by calling a cab or using a ride-sharing service. You could also plan to rent a room at a nearby hotel or sleep over at a friend's house to avoid getting behind the wheel.

### Hosting a party

If you're hosting a holiday party, there are a few precautions you can take to make sure your guests don't drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. For example, serve

plenty of food and provide alcohol-free beverages throughout the night. In addition, offer your spare bedroom or couch to anyone who wants to stay the night, or pre-arrange cab rides for those who need a lift.

### Tips for the road

When driving home from a holiday shindig, keep an eye out for the following warning signs that another driver might be under the influence of drugs or alcohol:

- They're making wide, abrupt or illegal turns
- They have a slow or delayed reac-

tion time to traffic lights and signs

- They're driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- They're continuously weaving, swerving or drifting out of their lane

If you suspect you're driving behind an impaired driver, slow down, stay behind them and, when it's safe to do so, pull over and call 911.

Additionally, impaired driving accidents that result in fatalities are more likely to happen very late at night or early in the morning. Therefore, try to avoid being on the road between midnight and 3 a.m.



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## Pfizer's COVID vaccine shows significant decline in protection against omicron with 2 doses

### Canadians advised to keep gatherings under ten people

By Patricia Barrett

The ability of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine to protect people from the omicron variant has been shown to be significantly reduced with only two doses of the vaccine, and that a third dose is needed to strengthen immune responses.

A preliminary study carried out by researchers from South Africa, Australia and other countries suggests antibody neutralization drops about 41-fold against omicron compared to the original strain of the virus in subjects that had received only two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

The study titled "SARS-CoV-2 Omicron has

extensive but incomplete escape of Pfizer BNT162b2 elicited neutralization and require ACE2 for infection" was published online and has yet to be peer-reviewed.

Fourteen blood samples were taken from 12 participants, six of whom had no record of previous COVID infection nor antibodies to suggest prior infection. The other six participants had a record of previous COVID infection with the ancestral strain, which was first detected in Wuhan, China.

The samples were tested for their ability to neutralise omicron and the ancestral strain (D614G) of COVID. The researchers used live vi-

rus and a human lung cell clone that was engineered with an ACE2 receptor to test the neutralization.

ACE2 is a protein that's found on the surface of many cells including the lungs, heart, liver and gastrointestinal tract. The COVID virus binds to ACE2 to gain entry to a cell.

Researchers found a 41-fold decline in the neutralization of omicron compared to the ancestral strain, suggesting omicron can escape antibody defences.

"The results we present here with Omicron show much more extensive escape. However, escape was incomplete in participants with higher FRNT50 [Focus Reduction Neutralization Test for measuring neutralizing antibodies or immune response] due to previous infection," the researchers wrote. "Previous infection, followed by vaccination or booster is likely to increase the neutralization level and likely confer protection from severe disease in Omicron infection."

The reliability of the findings is diminished because of the study's small sample size and the experiment having been carried out in test tubes.

But Pfizer-BioNTech agrees that two doses of its vaccine are not strong enough to neutralize omicron.

In a Dec. 8 news release the two companies said more robust protection against omicron is achieved with a third dose after results from a preliminary study showed a 25-fold-plus reduction.

"Sera from individuals who received two doses of the current COVID-19 vaccine did exhibit, on average, more than a 25-fold reduction in neutralization titers against the Omicron variant compared to wild-type [the ancestral strain of the COVID virus], indicating that two doses of BNT162b2 [the vaccine] may not be sufficient to protect against infection with the Omicron variant," says the release.

However, people who have received only two doses of vaccine may still be protected against developing severe illness after being infected with omicron.

"Although two doses of the vaccine may still offer protection against severe disease caused by the Omicron strain, it's clear from these preliminary data that protection is improved with a third dose of our vaccine," said Pfizer chair and CEO Albert Bourla in the news release. "Ensuring as many people as possible are fully vaccinated with the first two-dose series and a booster remains the best course of action to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Scientists are trying to determine whether the omicron variant is more transmissible than other variants such as delta and whether it is more deadly. The variant has a large number of mutations on its spike protein and elsewhere on the virus that increase the probability of it being able to dodge immune defences.

Real-world studies are underway to determine how three doses of the Pfizer vaccine hold up against omicron.

Canada's chief public health officer Theresa Tam and deputy chief public health officer Howard Njoo advised Canadians last Friday to refrain from travelling and to keep gatherings to 10 people or fewer over the Christmas holiday given alarming increases in COVID infections. New federal government modelling estimates 12,000 cases of omicron a day by January should the variant overtake delta as the dominant strain.

"Regarding European countries, it's possible the omicron variant will be the predominant variant in the space of the next few weeks," said Njoo in French during a news conference Dec. 10. "We're also observing what's happening in the U.K. and Germany and the same thing could be possible in Canada."



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Recipe courtesy of Marzia Aziz of "Little Spice Jar"

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4-6

Nonstick cooking spray

2 cups Spaghetti Sauce

3 cloves garlic, divided

1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped, divided

1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 log (10-10 1/2 ounces) goat cheese, softened at room temperature

2 teaspoons olive oil, plus additional for brushing, divided

1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme

kosher salt, divided

pepper

1 large baguette, sliced on bias

blistered tomatoes, for serving (optional)

Position one rack in upper third of oven and one in lower third. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray small, round baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Add sauce to small bowl. Grate in two garlic cloves then add 1/8 cup basil and red pepper flakes. Stir to combine then

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pour sauce into baking dish.

Smash goat cheese log into ball. Place ball between two sheets plastic wrap. Using hands, flatten cheese into thick, round disc about 1 inch smaller in diameter than baking dish. Remove goat cheese from plastic wrap and place in center of sauce. Drizzle cheese with 2 teaspoons olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh thyme, kosher salt and pepper. Bake on lower rack, uncovered, 20-25 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly and cheese is warmed through.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet. Drizzle or brush with olive oil and sprinkle with kosher salt. Bake crostini on upper rack 10-12 minutes, flipping halfway through. When bread is done, remove from oven, cut last garlic clove in half and rub cut side on bread.

Top dip with remaining basil and blistered tomatoes, if desired, and serve with crostini.

Note: To make blistered tomatoes: Heat skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Add 1 pint cherry tomatoes to dry skillet and let sit 1 minute. Lower heat to low, toss tomatoes with 2 teaspoons olive oil and cook 2-3 minutes, or until tomatoes are about to burst. Remove from heat; sprinkle with pinch of salt and pepper.



1 tube (11.8 ounces) pizza dough  
1 jar (24 ounces) Spaghetti Sauce  
1 package (6 ounces) pepperoni slices  
1 package (6 ounces) Canadian bacon slices

1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

4 tablespoons melted butter

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

1 package (8 ounces) mozzarella cheese slices

Decorative vegetables (optional):

multicolored sweet peppers

olives

spinach

mushrooms

cherry tomatoes

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Cut pizza dough into 12 squares. On each square, place 1/2 teaspoon sauce

## Snowman Pizza Bombs

and evenly top with pepperoni, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese.

Pinch corners of dough together to round into balls then place in muffin tins.

In small bowl, mix melted butter, garlic powder and Italian seasoning; brush generously over dough balls.

Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

Remove from muffin tin and carefully shape dough balls into circles; place on baking sheet. Cover with mozzarella slices and bake until melted.

Create snowman faces by decorating each with peppers, olives, spinach, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes, if desired. Use remaining sauce for dipping.

## Polenta Bites

1 tube (18 ounces) polenta

1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil

1 jar (24 ounces) Chunky Tomato, Garlic and Onion Spaghetti Sauce

1 package (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella

2 sprigs, rosemary, destemmed and chopped

3 basil leaves, chopped

# It's the most wonderful time of the year! or it?

By Susie Schwartz

Christmas can be magical, wondrous and full of cheer. Lights sparkle on lush branches, snow glistens under the moonlight and children squeal with delight filled with anticipation of a bearded fat man with a sack full of toys. Our holiday music playlists are reserved for this special season, not to be touched for the remaining 10 months of the year. But also, stress can pile up as fast as the season's bills hidden in drawers, depression lives in the extended darkness of the night, diabetes still demands 24/7 care wreaking havoc in eyes and kidneys and hearts, and yes, people still die. Christmas is no cure for hardship. My expert (patient) advice? I don't have any this week.

I will however, tell you something that 46 Christmases has taught me:

Christmas (like life) is neither all bad, nor all good, and it's okay to feel it all. Maybe this year you have zero desire to put up a tree and 'pretend.' Maybe you decided to demolish the supposed timeline of, 'no lights or tree or décor until after December 1st' and go all 'Lampoon' on us on November 1st. Or maybe, you put up a tree and on the same day took a Christmas wreath to your husband's grave and let out a loud cry.

It's all okay. It's okay to celebrate AND grieve. It's okay to feel sad if your child has cancer and the only gift you want to give or receive is to switch places. It's okay to beam with excitement as you wrap the motorized bike your wife has been asking for. It's okay to gather friends, make a car train and drive through the wonderland of lights in city...even if your insulin pump or eye disease has to tag along.

1 block (8 ounces) hard Parmesan cheese

Cut polenta into slices. In skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; fry polenta slices 10-12 minutes on each side until crispy and golden brown.

In saucepan over medium heat, warm sauce.

Place polenta slices on tray and sprinkle with mozzarella. Place 1/2 teaspoon warm sauce on each slice then sprinkle with chopped rosemary and basil. Grate hard Parmesan onto each slice for topping.



Susie Schwartz

Can't we recognize that Christmas can be magical or hard? Can't we see that Christmas can be magical AND hard?

I think the true magic of Christmas lives in community; encouragement; generosity; love. And what better gifts to give?

So...if you are sick, sad, scared or hurting, know that you might feel lost drowning behind all the glitter and baubles and gifts but I know you are out there, and you don't have to pretend.

If you wear a different Ugly-Christmas sweater to work every day for a month just because you can, and dance through the mall wearing jingle bells around your ankles, revel in it. That's awesome.

If you've just lost a parent to Alzheimer's but still want to change your last name to Lampoon, do it all: Laugh, cry, jingle all the way.

And if you can, share the magic of Christmas.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suschwa, and lesshealthstress.com

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# Local snowmobile club receives \$62,500 grant

By Jennifer McFee

It's gearing up to be a wonderful winter for a local snowmobile club that recently received a sizeable grant.

The South Interlake SnoRiders received a \$62,500 matching grant through the provincial government's Building Sustainable Communities Program. This grant aims to build thriving communities to provide a high quality of life for Manitobans.

The club used the funds to replace its groomer for the trails. Until now, the club had been using two older groomers that had been used for thousands of hours over the past 20-plus years. Machine breakdowns sometimes made it difficult to maintain the trail, which impacted riders. Due to the age of the groomer, club members needed to source used parts to keep it operating.

The older machine had a value of about \$25,000 to \$35,000, while a newer groomer costs between \$125,000 and \$175,000.

Thanks to the grant, the non-profit club was able to match the funds and buy a 2009 groomer. In addition to being more reliable, the new machine is more fuel efficient and better for the environment.

Operations manager Joe Thievin outlined the impacts for both the club and the community.

"Our snowmobile club grooms all of the trails in the south Interlake area, including Teulon, Erinview, Stonewall, Warren and over to Petersfield. We have a network of trails that link other trail systems within the region," he said.

"Our club trail system is about 280 kilometres long, and we groom that on a weekly basis. Since we were successful in getting the grant, it enables us to reduce some costs and reduce the burden on the volunteers that run our organization."

This popular trail system draws tourists to the area from near and far for snowmobiling and much more.

"Our trail system enables us to support our local communities that rely on snowmobile tourism, like the gas stations in Stonewall, Inwood, Teulon and all the areas. They get a lot of traffic with the snowmobiles, so it's a big help for the local economy," Thievin said.

"We're the only trail system fully open in the province and we have been for three weeks. I live right on the trail and I look after all of the grooming, so I see all the sleds that go by here on a daily basis. People drive their vehicles out and park either at Stony Mountain, Stonewall or Warren. Then they jump on our trail sys-

tem and ride for the day. So it's a huge boost for the local economy — and it's good for us because we love sleds."

In addition to snowmobilers, the multi-use trail attracts other outdoor enthusiasts for winter adventures.

"There are dog sleds that use the trail because it's a really hard-packed snow surface that's more like a snow highway. We've got horses with their sleighs on behind. The Argyle and Balmoral schools use the trail for their cross-country skiing and snowshoeing programs, so it's a benefit to all of our communities," Thievin said.

"We started back in 2000, and the snowmobilers realize that there are a variety of folks that use the trail, so they yield to the horses and dog sleds and cross-country skiers. Having a nice groomed trail and a machine that enables us to groom it on a weekly basis is significant."

Through the grant, the government's support bolsters areas in rural Manitoba that need it, he added. The project will benefit the RMs of Rockwood, Woodlands, Armstrong and St. Andrews, along with the towns of Stonewall and Teulon.

"It's a little non-traditional since grants typically go to a community hall or a skating rink, so to see it come to a snowmobile club that is purely volunteer-run is a huge boost to our area," he said.

"It's a significant boost to little restaurants, like Rosie's Café in Inwood, which sees a bunch of sledders every day."

Thievin expressed gratitude to Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler, minister of agriculture and resource development, for supporting the grant application. They also received support from surrounding municipalities, as well as local businesses.

"It was a real community effort, a municipal effort that enabled us to get the grant,"

Thievin said.

"I think it's a good news story for everybody."

With similar sentiments, Eichler expressed his support for the project.

"It's something that I believe in immensely. It's a huge economic driver for our community. We've got people coming from the United States and other provinces to enjoy our trails. We got snow early this year, which is a real blessing, so the timing couldn't be better," Eichler said.

"With COVID, it's something you do alone or as a couple. Most people who ride together are in the same household, so it gives them a chance to get out and enjoy Mother Nature."



RECORD PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The South Interlake Snoriders received \$62,500 in provincial funding through a Building Sustainable Communities grant to help pay for a new groomer for their snowmobile trails. Pictured left to right; Nadine Thieven (treasurer/membership), Joe Thieven (grooming co-ordinator), Ralph Eichler (MLA for Lakeside), Greg Bruce (sign co-ordinator) and Duane Hudd (club president).

## Supporting community art



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Interlake Art Board received a helping hand with their future mural projects from Sunova who donated \$200 to their Selkirk Mural and Public Art Project.



# Little oasis on the Prairie: St. Andrews farmer tackles climate crisis by building a forest

By Patricia Barrett

A St. Andrews farmer is in the process of building a little oasis on the Prairie after planting thousands of trees with grant funding through the East Interlake Watershed District.

Carl Durand of Futura Farms planted over 4,000 trees within the past two years. His goal is to create a “forever” forest on six acres of farmland.

“I grew up on a tree farm and I’ve always been around trees” said Durand, whose farm is close to Selkirk and the Red River. “The trees I’m planting on six acres are to become part of an existing forest. There are 47 acres of forest behind my place and my forest will become part of that.”

Durand founded Futura Farms in 2019. He has 37 acres on which he grows spray-free fruit crops for market, grows trees and shrubs (maple, paper birch, ash, plum, bur oak and other species) to supply seeds to tree nurseries and conducts research on new species of prairie-hardy trees and shrubs for future markets.

The six acres of forest he’s growing won’t form part of any commercial operation, he said. The land he took out of production was “fairly marginal” and was being used for grain rotation. It was the wettest part of his holdings and wouldn’t have been suitable for fruit trees. It was ideal to convert into forest.

In 2020 Durand planted 824 American elms on 1.6 acres. And with a grant this year from the EIWD, he planted 3,250 poplars in the spring, he said. So far, he has covered about five acres with 4,070 trees. He plans to plant willows on the remaining acre next year.

Poplar cuttings grow very quickly and can shade out competing weeds, he said. Some of the cuttings he planted this spring have already grown to eight feet. Seeds from other tree species blowing in on the wind will also have a better chance to take root without fighting weeds. He also rototilling the remainder of the land (called summer fallowing) to keep the weeds down and prepare the ground for the coming willows.

He cited a number of benefits to growing trees. They create habitat for at-risk species, replenish the aquifer and local wells by trapping water and snowmelt, protect the nearby Red River and Lake Winnipeg from agricultural runoff, which causes algal blooms, and trap carbon, which helps heat the planet. That in turn creates severe weather events.

“For me personally, this was about creating habitat, especially for native and migrating birds. I noticed in one of the elms I planted in 2020 that

there’s a warbler nest. There are huge [existential] pressures on a lot of migrating songbirds due to habitat loss. In this forest there also are red foxes, white-tailed deer, great grey owls, woodpeckers and other species,” said Durand. “But another huge benefit of these trees will be in their ability to capture carbon – and undisturbed soil will do that as well – which is vital when we look at the larger issue of global climate change.”

Durand did all the work himself. In early spring he took six-inch cuttings from his existing trees and planted them in the ground. He also transplanted some trees. Then he battled the severe drought.

“It was a tough year and I have yet to do inventory. The goal was to have the trees grow six feet apart, but I actually planted the hardwood cuttings at three feet apart so that I’d have wiggle room if some died or didn’t root,” he said. “Maybe 15-20 per cent died, which is to be expected, especially since it was such a crazy drought year.”

But an even bigger challenge in getting his forest to take root were the weeds. Even though it didn’t rain a lot this year, the weeds sprung up. They’ll compete for resources with the cuttings.

“Weed control is really important when you’re trying to establish trees, especially when they’re little trees. We always think we don’t have enough water, but here in Manitoba with our heavy clay soil, even in a drought year, you’ll have moisture farther down than a tree can tap into,” said Durand. “But if the tree is being out-competed by weeds for sunlight and moisture, it doesn’t stand a chance.”

There’s no proven formula to growing trees, but they’re generally tailored to land conditions. Willow trees, for instance, like moisture and will be well suited for the wetter area of his six acres whereas poplars wouldn’t do as well, he said. He gets a lot of advice from his dad, Rick Durand, who is a veritable tree expert.

“He’s my in-house consultant. I have an advantage here. He has been farming trees for more than 40 years. I get some of that knowledge from him and from other people who’ve been doing this for a long time,” he said. “It makes a big difference because there were some mistakes I would have made if I hadn’t had that knowledge going in.”

Had he needed it, he could have got expert advice from the East Interlake Watershed District. The EIWD works with federal and provincial governments to deliver grant programs to landowners who want to embark on land or water conservation projects. Eligible projects include planting



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Carl Durand of Futura Farms planted over 4,000 trees to create habitat and fight global warming.

trees, building wetlands, establishing shelterbelts, protecting streams and rivers from runoff and sealing wells to prevent contamination. EIWD staff will work with landowners through every stage of a project, including the application for grant funding, project design and implementation of a project.

Durand’s forest was one of 33 projects the EIWD approved this year.

Part of the 47-acre forest adjacent to Durand’s farm is owned by other people, he said, and he doesn’t have control over what they do with their trees. But he’s hoping the forest will stay as it is.

“There are such heavy development pressures,” said Durand. “But I’m adding trees to my side. My six acres will

stay there forever. You get a lot of benefits from trees. In this day and age, I think that’s being overlooked. There should be a lot more trees everywhere.”

For more information about grant funding and eligible conservation projects, call the East Interlake Watershed District at (204) 642-7578 or visit [eastinterlake.ca](http://eastinterlake.ca)

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## Gunnlaugson victorious at DEKALB Superspiel

By Ty DiLello

After a two-year break due to COVID-19, the DEKALB Superspiel at the Morris Curling Club took place this past weekend. The DEKALB Superspiel is the top Manitoba event on the World Curling Tour calendar this year, with 24 men's and 16 women's teams (40 total) from all over Canada, the United States and Switzerland competing for the big cash prizes.

On Monday night, a local rink skipped by Jason Gunnlaugson of the Morris Curling Club and his team of Matt Wozniak and Connor Njegovan (third Adam Casey was absent all weekend) won the men's final by defeating Alberta's Karsten Sturmay 5-3.

Sturmay opened the game with a score of one in the first end, while Gunnlaugson would answer back with a single in the second end to tie the game. Sturmay took another single in the third end before Gunnlaugson broke through for the first deuce

of the game in the fourth end to take a 3-2 lead at the halfway point.

Sturmay blanked the fifth end and narrowly missed a board weight hit for a five-spot in the sixth end to give Gunnlaugson a vital steal to lead 4-2.

In the seventh end, Sturmay battled hard for some points but was only able to muster a single. Gunnlaugson had an open hit with his final rock in the eighth end to win the game 5-3 and take home \$11,000 for winning the event. Sturmay picked up \$6,000 for losing the final.

"Thank you to my teammates. We played most of this event with three players. It's unbelievable how much work it is; they just made it easy for me," said Jason Gunnlaugson. "This is always one of our favourite events of the year to play in with all of the hard work that the organizers and volunteers do to put it on. So we're happy to add our name to the trophy!"

Colton Lott and his Winnipeg Beach rink of Tanner Lott, Kyle Doer-



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Jason Gunnlaugson of the Morris Curling Club was victorious at the 2021 DEKALB Superspiel. Gunnlaugson picked up \$11,000 for winning the championship. (left-to-right: Connor Njegovan, Matt Wozniak, Jason Gunnlaugson).

## Tournament champions



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The Ecole Selkirk Junior High Suns played some outstanding volleyball on their way to win the MBCI girls' tournament on Nov. 13. ESJH defeated Dakota 2-0 by scores of 25-12 and 25-7 in the final. Pictured back row Danika Jakabek, Brooklyn Grobb-Prins, Madeline Beerling, and Alyssa Cador.

Front row Paige Whiteside, Aila Stefanko, Raylee Hermanson, and Emily Scott. The Suns' coach is Keith Landry.

ing and Emerson Klimpke were the other Manitoba men's rink that had a strong showing on the weekend. Team Lott reached the quarterfinals after qualifying through the A-Side. However, they ultimately fell to the Tanner Horgan squad from Ontario in the quarterfinals.

"It was a great weekend for us with a new lineup," said Team Lott's second Kyle Doering. "Obviously, losing where we did in the quarterfinals was tough, but we gave ourselves lots to build on as we head to the men's provincials at the end of January."

Former Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion Amber Holland from Saskatchewan took home the women's event by defeating Kayla MacMillan from British Columbia 6-4 in the championship final.

A back-and-forth affair to start, the game was tied at three heading into the sixth end. In that end, Holland took two points with the hammer to

open up a 5-3 lead. She would extend that lead in the seventh end by stealing a point.

Coming home, MacMillan needed a score of three to tie the game and force an extra end. However, they had a shot for three, albeit a difficult one on MacMillan's last rock. The thin double-takeout failed to curl up enough, and they only mustered to score a single point to hand Holland the 6-4 win.

Holland took home the first-place cheque for \$7,800, while MacMillan earned \$4,300 for coming in second place.

Notable Manitoba rinks that competed were Beth Peterson and Darcy Robertson from Winnipeg's Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club. They both earned \$1,800 for reaching the quarterfinals. Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias also competed but had a disappointing event missing out on the playoffs with a 2-3 record.



# Royals win Barons Earlybird tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals' varsity boys' basketball team's season got off to a great start last weekend.

Selkirk soundly defeated the Teulon Collegiate Saints 83-27 in the championship game of the 37th-annual Barons Earlybird tournament.

"(It was a) good weekend," said Royals' head coach Garth Goodbrandson in an email. "We were more ready than the other two teams. (We had) excellent depth, lots of speed, (but) we will need to toughen up and establish our inside game as we progress."

Taven Schroeder led Selkirk in scoring with 16 points while Milan Tomberli had 14 and Michael Winkler added 12.

Zeelan Kehler chipped in with 11 points and was seven-for-seven from the free-throw line. Liam Shedden had eight points on four-for-five shooting.

The Royals cruised to lopsided wins over the Edward Schreyer Barons (106-58) and Teulon (73-37) in pool-play action of the three-team tournament on Friday.

Against Edward Schreyer, Tegan Stoesz had a great game with 28 points. He was six-for-eight on three pointers. Other Royals' players with strong games included Tomberli (19 points, eight rebounds), Schroeder (18 points, four assists), Winkler 10 (points), Jackson Doak (nine assists), Andrew Wiebe (10 rebounds) and Reilly Olafson (eight rebounds).

In Selkirk's pool-play win over Teulon, the Royals had three players - Schroeder (14), Winkler (11) and Stoesz (11) - in double-digit scoring. On the boards, Wiebe had eight rebounds while Colby Klippenstein hauled in seven rebounds.

Ashton Henry was strong defensively with four blocks.



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The Doak brothers, from left to right, Jackson, Carlin and Rory, participated in the Selkirk Royals' alumni basketball game last Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Royals held an exhibition game between current team members and alumni last Thursday. Selkirk's varsity team defeated the alumni squad of 20-plus players 71-48.

Selkirk had as many as 40 players come out for its junior varsity and varsity teams this season. The varsity boys are hoping to have a strong season.

"I'm excited," Goodbrandson said, noting the younger players on the team this season have played a lot of club basketball. "We have a little blend. I have three players that would have played varsity two years ago as Grade 10s and they missed their whole Grade 11 year."

The Royals don't have a ton of height but they do have good depth and speed, said Goodbrandson.



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The Royals' Michael Winkler, right, accepts the trophy after Selkirk won the Barons Earlybird varsity boys' basketball tournament on Saturday.

He expects his club to be very competitive KPAC.

Selkirk is off to Brandon this Friday and Saturday for a tournament.

The Royals don't begin their KPAC Tier 2 season until Jan. 12 when they play at the River East Kodiaks.

## Varsity girls go 3-1 at Pembina Trails Bisons Classic

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals' varsity girls' basketball team finished with a 3-1 record at the Pembina Trails Bisons Classic.

Selkirk defeated the River East Kodiaks 56-52 in the ninth-place game of the 16-team tournament on Saturday afternoon.

The Royals started their season last Thursday with a 65-29 loss to the Westwood Warriors. Selkirk rebounded

from that loss to defeat the Teulon Collegiate Saints 72-31 on the consolation side of the tournament on Friday morning.

The Royals then beat the Glenlawn Lions 60-57 on Friday evening.

Selkirk head coach Amanda Hallson said the Royals have a strong core of Grade 12 players and a good supporting cast of Grade 11s.

"I think we'll hold our own out there,"

Hallson predicted. "We've got some height, we have a six-foot one-and-a-half centre and that's Sarah Boitson and we also have a strong Grade 12 guard at 5-11 and that's Katelynn Visser. We have some experience at the varsity level which is helpful."

The Royals also have a lot of youth so Hallson is hoping those players will feed off the play and leadership of their seniors.

"Overall, I think they're a fairly athletic group and there's some decent basketball IQ out there so hopefully that helps us out," she said. "The girls are excited to get out there and they're excited to be able to play again."

The Royals will begin their KPAC Tier 1 season on Monday at the Garden City Fighting Gophers. Tip-off is 6 p.m.

## Spencer, Bartlett named Boston Pizza Athletes of the Week

Staff

Former Selkirk Royal Spencer Grahame (men's volleyball) and Lauren Bartlett (women's basketball) were named the Boston Pizza Bisons Athletes of the Week for the week ending Dec. 5.

Manitoba had a breakout performance from Grahame, first-year hitter, in a two-game series with the University of Winnipeg Wesmen earlier this month.

Grahame entered the weekend with

15 kills on the conference season and he matched that total on Dec. 3 alone, leading Manitoba to a 3-0 victory over their rival.

Grahame added seven more kills the next day to give him 22 for the weekend and 37 on the season. On the defensive side of the ball, he added seven digs and two blocks over the two games.

The Bisons men's volleyball team will host Alberta on Jan. 14.

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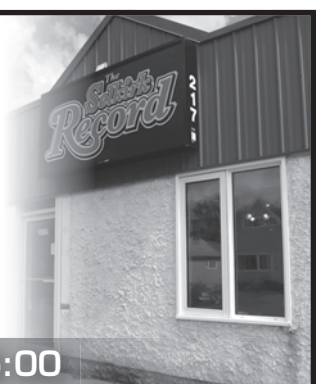
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Matt Brooks scored a third-period goal in the Selkirk Fishermen's 2-1 home loss to the St. Malo Warriors last Friday.

## Locals selected in WHL Prospects Draft

Staff

Twenty-six Manitoba players were selected in last Thursday's 2021 Western Hockey League Prospects Draft.

Local players included East St. Paul defenceman Merrek Arpin (third round, 49th overall by the Tri-City Americans), West St. Paul forward Carter Bear (sixth round, 132nd overall, Everett Silvertips), Lockport defenceman Cole Bilous (seventh round, 137th overall, Tri-City), and East St. Paul forward Jackson Kostiuik (10th round, 216th overall, Saskatoon Blades).

In total, 214 players were selected by WHL member clubs, including 119 forwards, 71 defencemen, and 24 goaltenders.

Players eligible for the 2021 WHL Prospects Draft were 2006-born players residing in Alberta, B.C., Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

## Railer Express derail Raiders

Staff

The Transcona Railer Express scored three third-period goals in a 3-1 comeback win over the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action on Sunday afternoon.

Riley Barroso gave the Raiders a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at 1:47 of the third period.

But Transcona's Kyle Lamont answered with

a goal just 2:17 later and then Nolan Van Den Bussche netted the game winner at 13:29.

Jason Kotchon added an empty-net goal in the game's final minute.

Jeremy Pikel made 22 saves in the losing cause. The Raiders, now 10-12-1 and in sixth place with 21 points, will host the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and then the River East Royal Knights Sunday (2 p.m.).

## Fishermen stopped by St. Malo

Staff

Anyone can beat anyone in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League this season.

The St. Malo Warriors proved that on Friday.

St. Malo upset the first-place Selkirk Fishermen 2-1 despite getting badly outshot at the Recreation Complex.

Teagan Fillion scored a first-period goal for St. Malo and then Evan Wuerch made it 2-0 with a second-period marker.

The Fishermen's Matt Brooks tallied in the third.

Selkirk outshot St. Malo 43-23 as Fishermen goalie Brendon Hocaluk took the loss.

On Dec. 7, Selkirk blasted the North Winnipeg Satellites 8-1 at the Billy Mosienko Arena.

Ben Kelly led Selkirk with two goals while Kasen Andrushko, Marcus King, Jordan Donald and Braeden Hummel each had a goal and an assist.

The other Fishermen goals were scored by Josh Poponick and Brooks. Reece Tessier had three assists while Braeden Wryha added two helpers.

Aden Asham scored a second-period goal for North Winnipeg.

Selkirk outshot North Winnipeg by a whopping 74-32 margin as Owen Derewianchuk earned the win in goal.

Selkirk will host North Winnipeg on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and then travel to St. Malo to play the Warriors on Sunday (2 p.m.).

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## Burzynski nets hat trick in Royals' win

### Staff

Nathan Burzynski continued his stellar play this season last Wednesday.

Burzynski scored three goals to lead the Selkirk Royals to a 5-4 road victory over Steinbach during Winnipeg High School Hockey League action.

He leads the Royals in goals (12) and points (26) in 15 games this season.

Selkirk, which led 3-0 after the first period, also received a power-play goal from Ashton Henry and an even-strength marker from Devon Whiteside.

Whiteside, Andrew Denoon, and

Ben Desjarlais each had two assists in the game.

Lucas Jolicoeur, Marcus Adrian, Seth Bergman, and Jude Plett scored for Steinbach.

Brendan Berrington earned the win in goal.

The Royals, now with 19 points, will

host the River East Kodiaks on Thursday at 4 p.m. Selkirk will then play the Vincent Massey Trojans next Wednesday at Silverstone Arena. Game time is 4 p.m.

## Steelers split weekend games with Swan Valley

### Staff

The Selkirk Steelers coughed up a 2-0 third-period lead in a 3-2 overtime loss to the Swan Valley Stampeders on Saturday.

Adam Rajsigi scored the game winner in OT.

Cody Barnes put the Stampeders on the board at 2:53 of the third period and then Quinn Mulder tied the score

at 2-2 about four minutes later.

Quinton Hill and Matthew Gerke scored first-period goals for Selkirk.

Cole Plowman stopped 30 Stampeders' shots.

On Friday, Selkirk skated to a 3-2 victory over Swan Valley.

The Steelers' Mathieu Catellier and Swan Valley's Callum Fortin traded first-period goals and then Brad For-

tin gave the Stampeders 2-1 second-period lead.

But Selkirk's Jordan Hughesman and Gerke tallied just 50 seconds apart later in the middle frame to close out the scoring.

Plowman made 37 saves for the victory.

The Steelers, who are in fourth place in the East Division standings with 26

points, will host the Dauphin Kings on Friday and then two teams will battle Saturday in Dauphin.

The Kings have a league-best 22-6 record.

It will be the final game for both teams in 2021. Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.

## U18 Thrashers sweep Northstars, hammer Thistles

### Staff

The U18 Winnipeg Thrashers looked to have a comfortable 5-1 third-period lead with nine minutes to play against the Norman Northstars on Sunday.

Trailing by four goals, Norman made a blowout game interesting with three goals in a 7:45 span.

The Thrashers, however, hung on for a 5-4 road victory.

Carter Bear (two), Shane Fetterly, Dawson Zeller, and Peyton Hinkel-Lysak scored for Winnipeg.

Carter Bassett, Clark Scaddan, Ian Snooks and Prime Paniyuk tallied for Norman.

Evan Banera made 34 saves for the win.

On Saturday, Winnipeg hammered Norman 13-3 as the Thrashers scored seven second-period goals.

Hayden Chaloner (four), Hinkel-Lysak (two), Andrew Hladun, Dayton Desjarlais, Bear, Nathan Lenoski, Dobie Unrau, Xyon Kiemeney, and Daniel Tokariwski tallied for Winnipeg.

Snooks, with a pair, and Magnus Pearson replied for Norman.

Connor Stewart made 23 saves for the win.

Last Wednesday, the Thrashers hammered the Kenora Thistles 11-0 in Winnipeg.

The Thrashers, which held period leads of 4-0 and 10-0, were led by Chaloner's three goal and four-assist effort.

Tokariwski also had a great game with a goal and five assists while Zel-

lar contributed a goal and two assists.

Other Thrashers' goals were scored by Bear (two), Hladun, Lenoski, Cole Bilous, and Hinkel-Lysak.

The Thrashers outshot the Thistles 53-29 as Banera posted the shutout.

Winnipeg, now 16-8-1 and in fourth place with 33 points, will host the Pembina Valley Hawks on Wednesday (8 p.m.) and then take on the Winnipeg Wild Saturday (7 p.m.) at the Bell MTS Iceplex.



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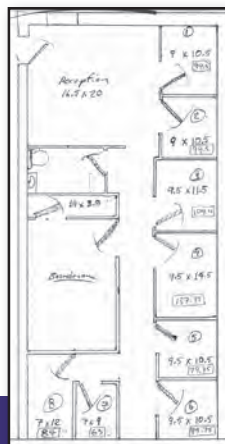
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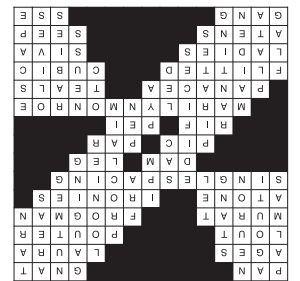
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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RM/PW Office	Both RM & PW Offices will be closed from Fri, Dec 24 – Fri, Dec 31, 2021 and reopen Mon, Jan 3, 2022									
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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Victor McDonald**

You may be gone from our sight,  
But you are never gone from our hearts.  
You would be proud of your family and  
loved by us all.

-Kimball, Brenda, Tyler and Kyla

## 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 best 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

**Hunter Skaritko**

**September 20, 2000 - December 20, 2019**

In loving memory of my grandson Hunter  
who left us two years ago  
I will love you forever and miss you everyday.  
Now you have Gigi to watch over you and  
keep you safe.  
Rest in the arms of Jesus.

-Love Baba

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Kyle Flett**

**June 25, 1986 - December 17, 2006**

Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.  
Merry Christmas in Heaven Kyle!

-Love Mom and Dad,  
Kerri, Kyle, Khloe and Kamryn  
XOXO

Your memory will live forever  
Engraved within our hearts

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**William Salter**

**July 31, 1931 - December 21, 2018**

Thinking of you today and every day,  
Wishing you were here today with me.  
You were always there when I needed you.  
Thank you for the years you gave me,  
I only pray that when you left me, you knew  
how much I cared.  
I'll hold you close to my heart forever.

-Love you, your wife Millie  
XOXOXO

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM

**Clifford "Adam" Fontaine**  
**December 14, 2002**

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

-Nan Audrey

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Sayler Isabel Funk**

**September 10, 2000 - December 19, 2006**

Merry Christmas Sayler - My Star in Heaven  
Love you Always

-Dad, Gram and Pa

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Harry Harbour**

**December 24, 1936 - December 19, 2017**

In Loving Memory

In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new;  
We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name;  
Now all we have is memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we'll never part;  
God has you in His keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.

-Love your family and friends

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Juliette Hope Wilkinson**

**September 3, 2012- December 16, 2013**

We remember you  
In a thousand different ways.

In the morning,  
At night when we look at the stars,  
A special day,  
A song, A place, A smell.

We remember you!

Merry Christmas in heaven sweet baby girl!

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



**Lisa (Marie) Zaretski (nee Beck)**  
**December 14, 2020**

It's been a year now since I have seen your  
smiling face and miss your stories,  
but I know that you are walking beside God  
until we can be together again.

Lisa, you may be gone, but never forgotten.

-Love James

## OBITUARY

**Tannis Lynn Hughes**

**November 20, 1952 - December 3, 2021**

We lost an amazing wife, mother, sister and friend today. On  
December 3rd Tannis passed away surrounded by her loving  
family.

She is survived by her husband Dave Scrivens, their three sons  
Kellen (Jennifer), Nolan (Joann) and Brett. Her three special  
grandchildren Xazsha, Kaia and Xavier as well as her two sisters  
Lorri (Harald) and Tracy (Terry) and six nephews.

Tannis worked at Service Canada for 37 years in Program  
Delivery with 32 years out of the Selkirk office.

Tannis spent a lifetime of enjoyment at her favourite place and  
residence in Lester Beach. She was a very social person and  
was committed to her neighbourhood and to volunteering in the  
community.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the East Beaches Animal Services Box 51, Victoria  
Beach, MB R0E2C0.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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## OBITUARY



**Joe Bosak**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joe Bosak at the age of 101 years on December 7, 2021 at the Red River Personal Care Home.

He will be greatly missed by his niece Barbara and her family, niece Lucy and her family, and nephew Kaz (Helen). Joe was predeceased by his wife Sophie in 2009.

Joe was born in Poland on November 4, 1920 where he spent his young years. When the war broke out, he was taken to a Labor Camp in Germany. There he met and married Sophie and after the war was over, they immigrated to Canada.

In 1949, Joe started to work for Balcaen & Sons in Selkirk. He loved being busy, there was no job that was too big or too small for Joe. He later worked for TNT Plumbing and Heating and really enjoyed working there and spoke highly of the company. Joe

always took great pride in his work, and was respected by many.

Joe was a very strong Catholic, his strong love for God was unwavering. He was a member of Notre Dame Parish where he was on the Parish Council. He was an active member with the Knights of Columbus, and earned the Fourth Degree honorary life membership, which he was very proud of.

When his friend's daughter joined the convent, Joe was introduced to St. Benedict Sisters and became their friend. He enjoyed their company and often visited them. The Sisters also made numerous visits to his home, and later continued to visit him at the Red River Place. When any obstacle got in his way, he amazed us all with his perseverance and sheer determination to overcome it. Joe would never give up until he accomplished what he set out to do.

He was one amazing man, his intelligence and genuine caring always showed in his eyes. Joe was loved and respected by his family. He will be greatly missed.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the nurses and staff at the Red River Place for their kind care during his stay there.

Due to restrictions a private Mass was celebrated on December 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Notre Dame Church. It will be livestreamed and a link will be provided in his obituary at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Notre Dame Church, 269 Jemima St., Selkirk, MB R1A 1W9.

We will miss and always remember you Wujciu....

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com).

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## OBITUARY



**Phillip George Cook**  
February 24, 1948 – December 9, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Phillip Cook, at the age of 73 years on December 9, 2021 at the Selkirk Regional Health Center.

He was predeceased by his parents John and Nellie Cook; brothers Freddie, Kenny, David, Donovan and Henry-Allen.

He is survived by two brothers Andy (Roxie) and Bobby; sister Barbara; sister-in-law Caroline Crate; special niece and nephew Priscilla and Ernie (Louise); his baby (cat), numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends.

His time spent with family and friends was time he cherished. He loved all his nieces and nephews very much. He was a quiet man with very few words, but if you got to know him and he was very comfortable with you, he would tease you, as he loved to tease.

Phillip was born and raised in Selkirk, had many jobs throughout his life, but the job that he loved was working at the Friendship Center until his retirement where he got to love all the staff past and present like a second family.

He had many interests that included fishing, making dream catchers, key chains and doing his find-a-word puzzles. He loved animals as all his pets were his "babies". He also enjoyed going on long rides to look at the scenery and to see if he could spot any wildlife.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for taking good care of him and making him comfortable.

Following his wishes, cremation has taken place and he will be laid to rest at a later date. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel in Selkirk. There will be a luncheon to follow in the hall there as well. Proof of vaccination will be required to attend.

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