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Hampers get a little happier this holiday season

Local family gives big to Big Hearts Hamper Drive

By Katelyn Boulanger

Elissa Armitstead and her children seven-year-old Avery Urbanovitch and three-year-old Alix Christianson got to make a huge difference this holiday season when they donated two vehicles worth of toys to our local Big Hearts Hamper Drive.

"On Instagram, I'm an influencer, and the kids get sent, like, a lot of toys," said Armitstead.

She explained that she didn't start out on Instagram wanting to gain a

following but, when she was posting photos of her daughter in baby outfits that she purchased from small businesses, she started to attract some attention. Her growth has been slow but in the past year or so she's gotten interest from some brands that have sent a lot of toys her way.

"They started sending the kids boxes and boxes of toys. And I'm like, 'Okay, yeah, that's nice!' The kids

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Avery Urbanovitch(left) and Alix Christianson with the pile of presents that their family donated to the Big Heart Hamper Drive.

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Knowing CPR saved a life in Selkirk last month

Gracy Cars Plouffe used CPR to save her husband Walter Plouffe

By Katelyn Boulanger

Walter Plouffe has been dealing with heart disease for about five years. In mid-November he had a heart attack. Luckily, his wife Gracy Cars Plouffe used the CPR training that she learned many years ago and was able to save his life.

"I got off work. I worked the night

at Safeway. I went to the basement to unwind and then all of a sudden, I heard a bang," said Cars Plouffe.

That loud sound was her husband falling on the floor above her.

After checking to see if he was breathing, Cars Plouffe dragged him to a flat area on the floor and stretched him out.

"I started doing chest compressions," explained Cars Plouffe.

Luckily, Plouffe's daughter was also there and was able to help call 911 for assistance.

Cars Plouffe was able to continue to do chest compressions until the paramedics arrived and took over. Plouffe was taken to the hospital in Selkirk and is now doing well.

Cars Plouffe said that the paramedics and doctors told her that her quick thinking and application of CPR likely saved her husband's life.

"I took a course when they had Academy of Learning on the corner of Eveline and Manitoba," said Cars Plouffe.

She said that she took the course about ten years ago but that it came back to her when she needed the information and she just did the CPR.

Cars Plouffe remembers using a dummy to practise on in class.

She says that she decided to take the CPR course ten years ago because you never know when you'll need it.

"(That way) you're not standing there and you don't know what to do. You're saving someone's life. When someone needs it right away, you are able to help them," she explained.

Cars Plouffe said that her husband is doing better now.

"He's great. He's grateful. He's very grateful that I helped him right away, and he was just so happy that I saved his life," said Cars Plouffe.

The family is also very happy that they will be able to spend the holidays together again and, as a new family member is on its way, Plouffe is looking forward to a new grandchild.

Cars Plouffe encourages residents to



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Above: Gracy Cars Plouffe and Walter Plouffe. After a health scare, Cars Plouffe used CPR to save her husband's life.

find a course and learn CPR because you never know when you might need it.

"It's a great thing to save someone's life because you know you're going to miss them. You did something good. You saved someone's life, and now they can celebrate Christmas with you," she said.

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Paul Human recognized in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly

Local MLA Richard Perchotte acknowledges hard work of local RCMP officer.

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last month, Selkirk MLA Richard Perchotte acknowledged Selkirk's Paul Human on the floor of the Manitoba Legislature. Residents will likely know Human from his many efforts in our community which involve his work as a Constable and Community Policing Officer as well as an incredible amount of local volunteer work.

In his member's statement, Perchotte complimented Human on his 24 years as an RCMP officer serving in Lac Du Bonnet, Thompson, Stonewall and Selkirk.

"Every public event I attend I see

Paul there engaging, informing and protecting the public," he said.

Perchotte also mentioned that Human is a Naval Reservist with 12 years of service obtaining the rank of Lieutenant as well as his volunteer work as the Commanding Officer of #77 Daerwood, providing leadership, direction and guidance to 12 to 19-year-old youths in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps.

Perchotte then also mentioned his being in his third year of training to become a Deacon with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Selkirk Record caught up with

Human to chat with him about his experience being recognized and why he feels it's so important to serve his community.

"It's nice, especially when you're being recognized by someone from outside of the organization that you work for. Obviously, the experience of going to the legislature, I've been there a few times in my career, but when you're actually being recognized in their work area, it's really cool. I was very, very thankful," he said.

Perchotte let Human know that he wanted to recognize him in the legislative building mentioning in particular that Human is at many public events in our community and the importance of that.

"This is my job. This is what I do. I talk to people. I share my stories about the RCMP, or I make myself available so that people can ask me any question," said Human.

Some people may not know every-

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MLA Richard Perchotte and Cst. Paul Human at the Manitoba Legislature.

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> PAUL HUMAN, FROM PG. 5

thing that Human does for our community because he volunteers and is involved with so many groups.

In addition to his other work, Human volunteers at the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen as a board member and is their Chief Soup Maker taking on the responsibility of cook duties every Monday. He has been in-

involved with the START program. He also is a bass drum player for the RCMP Pipes and Drums.

"If the pipeband is needed within Manitoba, at the discretion of our commanding officer, then we're there. That means that I wear a different uniform and I play in the band that way, and that's another way for me to get around. I've been to lots of change of command ceremonies all over and I don't mind. Music's in my blood. I absolutely love it," he said.

He's, of course, very proud of his work with our local cadets saying that the kids are all incredible.

"It's an excellent program. It's led by (the cadets). We open the doors, we turn on the lights, they teach the classes. We love it," said Human.

In addition, he's a spiritual care volunteer with the hospital.

"I try to get over there once a week, and I do my little afternoon thing. Basically, what we do is we get a list of patients that would want to visit from a spiritual care volunteer, and we go hang out with them. I don't wear my uniform. Eventually, people will find out who I am, but I don't wear my uniform. I'm just, I'm Paul," he explained.

If you thought that was a busy enough schedule, you'd be right, but

Human also works as a crisis negotiator with the RCMP and, through his work, students and residents might have been to one of his presentations as he also provides community safety talks to a variety of groups in our area.

Human says that giving back to the community is something he enjoys doing.

"When you find out what you really like to do, then it's not going to be work, and it's fun," he said.

He also has some great advice for people who are inspired to help out in our community.

"If you're looking to give back to your own communities, we've al-

ways looking for volunteers at places like the Gordon Howard Centre, the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, we have our Selkirk Food Bank, and our schools too at the same time. If you complete, a volunteer application with our school division, they're always looking for people. It's a way to take your talents to another level and help other people out, because when we start helping other people out, we're doing the right thing," said Human.

He says that the more people that are involved with their communities the stronger that community becomes.

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Local musician recognized



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Local musician Morgan Grace was recognized at the Manitoba Legislature last week. She received a King Charles III Coronation Medal for her many contributions to our community which include advocating for and advancing Red River Métis culture. Pictured: Grace (right) with Premier Wab Kinew.

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St. Andrews Heritage Centre looking for artists for Community Art Show

Submit your artwork before January 4

By Katelyn Boulanger

The St. Andrews Heritage Centre is hosting its annual Community Art Show in February and is looking for local artists to submit their work to be hung among the historical displays at the museum.

"The Community Art Show is basically a place for any local artists to come in and submit their artwork and have it shown to a wider audience. And we accept any form of media, as long as it is able to be hung and presented. So, the only media that we aren't going to be accepting is anything digital unless it is printed," said Sarah LeBlanc, museum coordinator for the St. Andrews Heritage Centre.

This is the Heritage Centre's sixth time hosting this event.

"The idea was just to bring in a wider audience to the rectory and get more people in to check everything out. We do really love art here, and we see a lot of our artifacts as art in the museum. We just are really into appreciating art as well," said LeBlanc.

She says that the museum can even be viewed as art in its own right with the architect and stonemason and other people who were directly involved in its creation putting their own touches onto the historically significant space.

LeBlanc explained that the cross-section of local history and local art's culture just seems to meld together to create a great exhibit.

"A lot of the local people that come in and bring in their art, a lot of them are actually from the community. They bring their experiences into their art, and we bring that (as well with)

the museum. A lot of people submitting are from the Métis nation, and we do have a big part of that here in our museum that we like to talk about as well," she said.

If people are interested in submitting their artwork to be part of the show they should reach out to the Heritage Centre before Jan. 4, 2025.

To submit your artwork to the show, residents should go to the Heritage Centre's website at www.standrews-rectory.ca. From there, you can click the Programs/Events tab at the top of the screen, which will allow you to see a drop-down menu with an Art option. Hovering over it will lead you to the Community Art Show link. Once there, the page has information about submission guidelines, how to apply and the Google application form.

LeBlanc explained that the submission is not very complex but there are a few things people should know going in.

"There is a \$15 submission fee, and that includes all art pieces submitted (up to three per artist). Then when the art show is hosted at the Rectory, there will be also a community vote that allows three artists to take home a cash prize. The cash prizes include the first prize of overall excellence of \$100, the second prize which includes the best use of colour is \$75, and the third prize includes the best 3D representation. And then, following the cash prizes, there will be honourable mentions. We will also be advertising the artists and their artwork on our social media, so we'll be able to bring attention to the artists (online), as well as during the art show," said LeBlanc.

She also mentioned that the artists



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Local artists creations come alive at the Heritage Centre's annual community art show. Pictures from pervious years shows.



will be able to use this as an opportunity to personally sell their work but that artwork that is sold will stay at the museum until the end of the show so that everyone has a chance to enjoy it.

LeBlanc explained that the show prioritizes local artists though it is open to all. She also wants residents



to know that they are hoping to get as many submissions as possible.

"We encourage all artists of any experience level to hurry and submit their artwork, because, we are here to just help you guys out. Especially if they want to focus on an art career and get themselves out into the public. It is a great experience to put themselves into," she said.

> HAMPER DONATION, FROM PG. 3

are so excited (to get them). But then (I thought) 'Man, we don't need all these toys,'" she explained.

Because of the volume of toys that she was getting, she decided to let her children go through the toys to pick some that they wanted to enjoy and then leave the ones that they thought others might like more so that they could donate them.

Armitstead says that once her children understood what donating the toys meant, they were on board with the idea as they didn't want other children to not have a toy to open this holiday season.

"They say, 'We want to donate this and we want to donate this.' So, the whole year we've put stuff aside and they've gotten, like, boxes of stuff to-

gether. I'm so proud of them," she said.

In total the donation is over \$2,000 of products and Armitstead said it took two vehicles to get the toys to the drop-off.

Armitstead's most active on the social media platform Instagram at @elissa_a22. There, she produces family-oriented content. Lately, her family has been sharing some of their favourite locations and, of course, her children have also received some holiday toys this season.

Armitstead explained that this wasn't what she thought would come of posting on Instagram but she is glad to be able to help our community.

"This was never a job that I even

thought I was gonna get into. I didn't even know what it was," she said.

It's actually not the first time that she's been able to give back to the community as, when the Gaynor Family Regional Library brought back programming after the COVID-19 pandemic, they decided to expand their Stay and Play program and Armitstead's family was able to help with some toys.

She also explained that it's not just about giving back to the community but it also benefits her children to be involved as they are learning about the needs in their community as well as about kindness.

Armitstead is happy to be able to make this donation and very glad that her kids are also on board with helping.

"It makes me feel good that the

kids are completely on board with this. They're like 'We can give this to somebody that doesn't have it.' It makes me feel super proud of them," she said.

If you are able to, Armitstead suggests looking at ways that you can give back to our local hamper programs or community in general.

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Lighting up Gunton, local resident's outdoor display brings cheer

By E Antonio

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Larry Possberg's Gunton home.

For over five years, Possberg has been lifting Gunton's spirits with his impressive light display.

With what started as a light-up and animatronic ferris wheel, his display has expanded to include over 15 moving pieces to celebrate the holiday season.

"Gunton has always been a well decorated town and I wanted to join in on the fun. I started with the ferris wheel, and the display has only grown ever since."

This year, Possberg gave the community a sneak peek of what they can expect at his display. He and his son put together a float for the Teulon Christmas Lights Drive-thru Parade using a select number of pieces that you would find at his Gunton home.

"My son suggested putting a float in the parade, so we jumped on the idea."

He said that the float was more work than he was expecting, but the duo managed to set up the animatronics over the course of two days.

"At the house, we have quite a bit more and we add a little bit to it every year."

Possberg's 2024 display is now officially set up. He explained that it usually takes ten days to assemble, wire, and display his festive animatronics.

"I do about a week's prep work in the garage getting everything put together. Then I bring out the tractor to put it out. They are all made out of steel so they are very heavy. I normally spend three days placing everything."

He has always had a passion for handy work and likes playing around in the garage. "I like to be kept busy. I will weld and build everything, and my wife does a lot of the painting and artwork."



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Larry Possberg's float at the Teulon Christmas Lights Drive-thru Parade gives a preview of what he has set up at his Gunton home on 78 Gunn St.

Possberg can't even estimate how many lights he uses on the display. "The two small light up trees have over 1000 LED. I guess if I ever get bored I could try to figure out how many lights are here!"

Even picking a favourite structure poses a challenge. He receives many comments on the ferris wheel, but when people visit the display they all have a different favourite.

You can visit Possberg's light display at 78 Gunn St., and while you are there, be sure to visit the other decorated homes in the community. "It's worth a drive to see all the decorations here," added Possberg.

His yard lights up nightly from 4 to 9:30 P.M. It will be decorated until Jan. 1, when he will disassemble everything and put it in the shed to store for next year.



The merry go round is one of fifteen moving pieces set up in a Gunton yard.

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2024 HOLIDAY FAVOURITE Recipes

Baking, Desserts, and others

Coconut Macaroons

4 egg whites
2/3 cup sugar
1 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut, chopped
1/2 tsp. almond extract

1) Heat oven to 350F
Line baking sheet with parchment paper
On medium high speed, beat egg whites until light and frothy
Gradually beat in sugar until stiff peaks form

2) Fold in coconut, flour and almond extract
Transfer to pastry bag fitted with large star tip (24 stars)
Pipe on baking sheets 2" apart
Bake until lightly browned, About 14 mins
Let cool

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk

Cornflake Butter Crisps

1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup corn syrup

Combine in sauce pan on stove.
Boil 2 minutes

4 cups cornflakes
1/2 cup coconut flakes

Place cornflakes and coconut in a greased, medium sized bowl, pour hot mixture over and stir all together.
Have a cookie sheet covered with parchment or wax paper ready. Drop by spoonfuls in clumps Ready to eat.

Beatrice Tymko, Belair, MB



Fruit Cake

2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cloves
2 cups chopped fruit & peel
1 cup walnuts
1 cup raisins
1 16 oz can peaches (drained & chopped)
1 cup mincemeat
1/2 cup apricot brandy
1 can condensed milk (14 oz)

In large bowl stir together flour, sugar, baking soda & spices.
Stir in fruit, nuts & raisins.
Add peaches, milk, mincemeat and 1/2 cup brandy. Mix well – spoon into pans (greased and floured).

Bake 2 hours or until centre test comes clean.
Bake 300°

Yield 2- 8x4 loaf pans

Elyn, St. Andrews



Sour cream Ukrainian Chocolate Cake

Cream well 2/3 cup butter
Measure and combine; then sift twice
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/4 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Combine: 3/4 cup sour cream and 1/4 cup milk

Add: Liquids and dry ingredients alternately to butter, beating thoroughly after each addition.

Add: 3 squares melted semi sweet chocolate
2 large unbeaten eggs
1/3 cup cream de cocoa
1 cup sour cream

Beat 1 minute: pour into 2 - 9 inch round cake pans

Bake 350°F for 30 minutes, cool

Filling for between layers and top:

Combine in heavy saucepan
1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1/4 cup cream
1/4 cup butter
Stir over medium low heat until thick

Add: 1/3 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
1 tbsp cream de cocoa

Cool and spread

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk



Cinnamon Applesauce Dough Ornaments

125 ml (1/2 cup) ground cinnamon
125 ml (1/2 cup) applesauce

Mix the two ingredients together to form a soft dough. Roll out to about 1/4 inch thick and cut with cookie cutters. Using a straw, cut holes in the ornaments so they can be hung with string later. Spread tin foil on a cookie sheet. Place ornaments on sheet. Let dry 12 hours or so. Turn them to dry other side. You need to know, don't try to roll them out too thinly or they will crack when they dry out. I used a toothpick to make hole for string as I found the straw to be too big. You can also use these for simmering pot-pourri. Place a cinnamon ornament in a pretty bag with a handful of snipped dried orange peel, some allspice berries, and cloves. Add the contents and some water to a pot to simmer. It smells wonderful.

Elyn, St. Andrews

Luscious Strawberry Dessert

Crust:
16 coconut macaroons, crushed
1/4 cup soft butter
3 tbsp. sugar
Mix and press into baking dish
Bake 350°F, 10 mins
Cool completely before adding filling

Filling:
1-8 oz cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1/8 tsp salt
1/4 cup milk
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp vanilla
1-8 oz Cool Whip
Whip until fluffy, spread onto cooled crust, Top with berries in glaze

Glaze:
1 cup sugar
3 tbsp strawberry gelatin
2 tbsp corn starch
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup boiling water
2 pts fresh strawberries
Mix: sugar, gelatin, corn starch, salt in saucepan
Add: boiling water
Bring to a boil, stir constantly
Boil: 3 minutes
Cool completely before pouring over berries

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk

Holiday Eggnog

6 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp salt
4 cups whole milk
2/3 cup whiskey
1 tsp vanilla extract
In pot, whisk eggs, sugar, salt until pale yellow.

Stir in 2 cups of the milk
Over low heat, cook, stirring constantly until mixture is thick enough to coat spoon and read thermometer
Register 160°F
Remove from heat
Stir in remaining milk, whiskey and vanilla
Cover, chill, divide into 6 mugs
If desired; top with whipped cream, cinnamon sticks or ground nutmeg

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk

Shortbread Cookies 3 ingredients

Bake - Temperature 350°
1 cup unsalted butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Directions
Soften butter, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, gradually beat in flour.
Roll out and cookie cutter the cookies.
Place on baking sheet, prick with a fork
Bake 5 - 7 minutes

Donna West

Cranberry Orange Shortbread Cookies

1/2 cup dried cranberries Craisins
3/4 cups sugar divided
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour - spooned and leveled not scooped
1 cup butter cubed (and cold)
1 tsp almond extract
zest of 1 orange
1 to 2 tbsp of fresh orange juice optional
additional sugar to coat cookies before baking if desired

Instructions

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
Combine cranberries and 1/4 cup of sugar in a food processor and process just until the cranberries are broken down into smaller pieces. Set aside.
Combine flour and remaining sugar in a large bowl.
Use a pastry cutter or two forks to cut in butter. You want very fine crumbs.
Stir in extract, cranberries and sugar mixture, orange zest and orange juice (optional).
Use your hands to knead the dough until it comes together and forms a ball. Work the dough until it comes together. If the dough is still crumbly, add orange juice, one tablespoon at a time until the dough comes together.
Shape dough into a log about two inches in diameter and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for two hours or up to 72 hours.
Preheat oven to 325°F.
Cut slices of cookie dough about 1/4 inch thick.
Place about a half a cup of sugar in a bowl and coat the cookie slices with sugar.
Place cookies on baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or just until cookies are set. Do not over bake. I remove my cookies at 12 minutes.
Let cookies cool for several minutes on baking sheet before removing to cooling rack. Let cool completely.
Store in airtight container for 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Fran Kowalski-Mickey, Beausejour



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Appetizers

Cranberry Brie Pull-Apart Bread

1 (1lb) loaf sour dough or artisan bread (round)
2 (8oz) wheels of brie cut into thin slices
3 tbsp butter, melted
½ tsp chopped fresh thyme
1/8 tsp salt
2 cups fresh cranberries
2/3 cup maple syrup

1) Heat oven to 400°F
Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
Cut 1" grid pattern in bread, do not cut all the way through.
Transfer to baking sheet.
Tuck brie into slits in bread
Mix butter, thyme and salt
Brush over bread and between slits
Bake until cheese is melted and bread is golden. 20-25 mins.

2) In pot, mix cranberries, syrup and 5 tbsp water
Over medium to high heat, bring to a boil.
Reduce heat to medium-low
Cook until thickened 12-15 mins.
Dollop bread with cranberry sauce.

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk



Cheese Ball

8 oz pkg cream cheese
¼ cup sour cream
¼ cup miracle whip
Dash tabasco sauce
Dash Worcestershire sauce
3 chopped green onions
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese or marble cheese

Use cream cheese at room temperature. Mix all ingredients with a beater and form into a ball on a plate. Goes well with any kind of crackers

Lauri Thomas, Lockport

Soups

Catfish Soup

2 to 3 fresh catfish, cleaned, skinned and cut in 2" chunks
1 stalk celery chopped
1 medium onion chopped
1 bay leaf
1 tsp parsley flakes
½ tsp thyme
2 quarts cold water
1 cup milk
2 tbsp butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in soup pot and simmer for about one hour, stirring occasionally until fish falls to pieces. Adjust seasoning and serve hot.

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk

Salads

Christmas Salad

1 bag white mini marshmallows
1-20 oz. can crushed pineapple
4 bananas
1 small bag chopped almonds
Cut bananas in quarters, then slice
Add mini marshmallows
Add crushed pineapple & almonds
Stir well to prevent bananas from turning black

Mix with HOME MADE salad dressing or Paul Newman's Coleslaw Dressing one hour before serving.
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Elyn, St. Andrews



Green Salad with Pear and Cranberry Dressing

½ cup balsamic vinegar
½ cup olive oil
¼ cup red onion, peeled
3 tbsp sugar
2 tsp Dijon mustard
½ cup frozen cranberries, thawed
½ cup dried cranberries
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
1 (8 oz bag) mixed greens
1 (9 oz bag) chopped romaine
1 (5 oz) bag baby arugula
1 cup walnuts, toasted, chopped
2 pears, cored, cut into thin strips
1 cup crumbled gorgonzola cheese
6 slices thick-cut bacon, cooked, cut into ½" pieces

In blender or food processor, combine vinegar, oil, onion, sugar, mustard, frozen cranberries, dried cranberries, salt & pepper, process until smooth.

In large bowl, combine mixed greens, romaine, arugula, walnuts, pears, cheese and bacon. Pour dressing over; toss until evenly coated and combined

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk



Vickie's Baked Rice

2 tsp chicken or beef bouillon
1/8 tsp garlic powder
2 tbsp butter

Soak rice in hot water for 1 hour. Combine bouillon, garlic and butter in 1 ½ cup boiling water. Strain rice and add to the above mixture. Put in casserole and bake 1 hour.

Bonnie, Petersfield

Main Courses

Bacon Potato Salad

6-8 large baking potatoes, boiled in jackets, peeled and broken up
6 strips of bacon fried, reserve grease
1 cup mayonnaise
1 small bunch green onions, chopped
1 tbsp mustard
1 cup chopped celery
1 small jar pimentos
2 hard boiled eggs, peeled and chopped

Mix: potatoes, mayonnaise, onions, mustard, celery, pimentos, eggs in large bowl
Crumble bacon on top and pour bacon grease
Stir up and serve.

Margaret Hryciw, Selkirk



Turkey Paddies

Mix 1 lb ground turkey with 1 egg,
1 small diced onion
salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp poultry seasoning
1/4 tsp sage
1/4 tsp savory
1 pkg Stove Top Stuffing

Mix and form into paddies,
Fry on low-medium heat in oiled frying pan till golden brown on both sides.
Add 1 cup chicken broth, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes.

Turn over and add more broth, just enough to prevent sticking.
Delicious with mashed potatoes and kernel corn.

* Watch when browning as these tend to brown quickly
Elyn, St. Andrews

Harvest Casserole

5 cups sliced or diced carrots
1/2 cup chopped onion
3 tbsp margarine
1 can cream of celery soup
1/3 cup milk
3/4 to 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/4 cup margarine - melted
1 pkg Stove Top Stuffing

Cook carrots to tender crisp, place in greased casserole.
Saute onions in 3 tbsp margarine.
Combine onions, soup, milk and cheese.
Pour over carrots.
Combine melted margarine with stuffing mix - including the seasonings in pkg.
Pour over casserole.

Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes, uncover and bake for another 10 minutes.
Options: Mixed vegetables may be substituted for carrots.

Elyn, St. Andrews



Lazy Cabbage Rolls

Green cabbage
1 cup rice (cooked)
1 lb. bacon
1 onion (chopped)
Whipping cream

Chop green cabbage and cover the bottom of the casserole dish. Spread cooked rice, bacon and onion on top. Cover with more chopped green cabbage. Cover with water on top of mixture.

Bake at 350°F for ¾ hour.
Spread whipping cream on the top and bake for another 20 min.

From family of the late Ruth Whall, Selkirk



Sweet n' Sour Meatballs

Meatballs:

5 lbs ground beef
2 ½ cups rolled oats or dry breadcrumbs
5 eggs, lightly beaten
1 ¼ cups milk
4 tsp salt and pepper (you gage how you like it)
1 large onion, chopped

Combine all ingredients and then make meatballs and put onto a cookie sheet. Bake in a 350F oven until gently browned and grease has come out.

Sauce:

2 ½ cups water
2 ½ cups brown sugar
1 cup ketchup
¼ cup Smoked Lime & Tequila BBQ sauce or Habanero BBQ sauce
2 ½ tsp cornstarch
5 tbsp soya sauce

Combine. Bring to boil in a saucepan. Put browned meatballs and sauce into slow cooker and cook on low for 6-8 hours or bake in oven at 350F for 1 ½ hours.

Deb Wolfe, Winkler - Family favorite recipe



The Best Broccoli Casserole

¾ cup Cheez Whiz
1 can mushroom soup
2 cups broccoli tops
½ cup diced celery
½ cup diced onion
1 ½ - 2 cups cooked rice

Combine all ingredients and bake for 40 minutes at 350° uncovered.

Bonnie, Petersfield

Thank You for your incredible support of the Big Hearts Hamper Program



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Big Hearts Christmas Hamper Program filled up the Agricultural Building with hampers thanks to the generosity of our community and the hard work of the volunteers. Pictured: Wendy Meger with Kevin Christianson and Santa.

Submitted by Big Hearts Tri-S Community Foundation

On behalf of the Big Hearts Tri-S Community Foundation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the local businesses and community members who've supported us throughout this year. Your generosity and commitment make our work possible, and we truly could not do this without you.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we were able to distribute an incredible 578 hampers on Dec. 13 and 14, bringing joy and relief to many in our community.

We would also like to extend a special thank-you to the St. Andrew's-St. Clement's Agricultural Society for kindly providing the use of their building—it played an essential role in ensuring the success of this initiative.

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ingful program that now supports all the local care homes. This journey has been profoundly humbling, and I am deeply grateful to each and every one of you for helping this initiative flourish.

Your kindness and generosity have helped make a difference in the lives of 287 residents this year. Together, we are making a lasting impact and I look forward to continuing this work alongside such a compassionate and giving community for years to come.

This would not have been possible without the support of Rob and Scot Borthistle of Selkirk Home Hardware Building Centre. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to them for allowing me to start and continue this program in their store.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Submitted by
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Lt.-Gov. Anita R. Neville is encouraging the public to nominate worthy Manitobans who have provided prolonged and meritorious service in the preservation and promotion of Manitoba history for an award, presented in consultation with the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS).

"I am both pleased and proud to formally recognize Manitobans who take such pride in preserving and promoting the history of this great province for the benefit of us all," said Lt.-Gov. Neville. "We should all extend our sincere gratitude to these caretakers of our past, for the important role they play in ensuring the memory of the community remains intact for future generations. I encourage all Manitobans to recognize outstanding volunteers in your communities by nominating them for this award."

The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Historical Preservation and Promotion are presented to those with experience in such endeavours as:

- writing of historical publications and documents;
- stewardship of museums and archives;
- raising of public education, advocacy and awareness;
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As the oldest historical organization in Western Canada, founded in 1879, the MHS presents awards to businesses, and organizations that have operated for over 100 years, and recognizes important historical books with its annual Margaret McWilliams Awards. It publishes the journal Prairie History and operates a comprehensive website of historical information.

The MHS will receive nominations from the public and will recommend up to five individuals to receive awards this year. Two awards will be reserved for emerging historians (mid-30s and younger). Paid professionals in the field of history and heritage will not be considered. Nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. The awards will be presented at Government House later in the spring.

Nomination forms and further details of the award program are available on the websites of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba (www.manitobalg.ca) and the Manitoba Historical Society (www.mhs.ca).



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Lieutenant Governor named Honorary Patron of the Marine Museum of Manitoba

The Honourable Anita R. Neville shows support for local history

Submitted by the Marine Museum of Manitoba

The Marine Museum of Manitoba is thrilled to announce that The Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, has graciously accepted the Museum's invitation to serve as Honorary Patron. This prestigious honour marks a significant milestone in the Museum's history and reflects the value and importance of its mission to preserve and celebrate Manitoba's

rich marine heritage.

"Her Honour's patronage is an extraordinary endorsement of the work we do to preserve and share the stories of Manitoba's marine past," said Shaylene Nordal, Museum Manager. "Her continued support strengthens our role on Manitoba's cultural landscape and inspires us to reach new heights in our service to the community."

This is the second honour the Museum has received from Her Honour this year. On August 29, Lieutenant Governor Neville hosted a reception at Government House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Museum's opening and to recognize the volunteers and supporters who have been instrumental in its success. That event underscored the enduring impact of the Museum's work and the dedication of the community behind it.

"2024 has been a landmark year for the Marine Museum of Manitoba," said Duane Nicol, Board Chair. "We had a banner year, including setting a new single-day attendance record of 634 visitors, and expanded our offerings to engage new audiences. Receiving Her Honour's patronage is quite the capstone to a memorable year".

Patronage derives from the concept of the Crown as the source of the highest honours and awards granted in Canadian society. It is a demonstration of support and encouragement of worthy endeavours and is a function of the Office



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Museum Manager Shaylene Nordal with her honour at the announcement event.

of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba is a patron or honorary member of many non-profit and community organizations, lending them vital support and recognition for their outstanding ongoing contributions to society.

"Her Honour's patronage elevates our visibility, connecting us with more Manitobans. It will be a point of pride for our many volunteers, supporters, and community, knowing that our museum has the support of our Lieutenant Governor. It's an invaluable boost to our mission of promoting Manitoba's unique marine history," said Nicol

The Marine Museum of Manitoba, a volunteer-driven non-profit, has been a vital cultural and educational institution for five decades, drawing tens of thousands of visitors each year. It continues to grow as a premier heritage organization, showcasing arti-

facts and stories that connect generations to the province's maritime past.

Patronage by the Lieutenant Governor underscores the Museum's alignment with themes of community, history, and public service. It also highlights its role as a leading contributor to Manitoba's cultural and economic development. The Museum's leadership looks forward to working with Her Honour to further its mission and enhance its impact.



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The Honourable Anita R. Neville, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, was named Honorary Patron of the Marine Museum of Manitoba last week.

Clarification

Staff

In the article "Post and fill positions" and human resources plan for allied health needed; MAHCP" that was published in the *Selkirk Record* on Dec. 12, IERHA would like to clarify for the reader that in the Interlake-Eastern health region no employees are represented by MAHCP. Shared Health employs the diagnostics staff and paramedics that work in the Interlake-Eastern Health region and MAHCP represents these health care workers.

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Province to use conservation officers, pay RCMP overtime to patrol border

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba premier Wab Kinew announced he's going to deploy conservation officers (COs) to the Canada-U.S. border and pay RCMP officers overtime in order to bolster security.

The announcements came after U.S. president-elect Donald Trump threatened Canada and Mexico in late November via a social media post, saying he'll impose a 25 per cent tariff on all goods entering the U.S. on the day he takes office [Jan. 20, 2025]. Trump said the tariff is a response to what he claims is an "invasion" of drugs and illegal aliens entering America from the two countries.

Canada's federal government and provincial and territorial leaders met a few times over the past few weeks to come up with strategies to address Trump's threat, which included a show of muscle from Ontario premier Doug Ford, who doubled down on his threat to cut off energy flowing from Ontario to the U.S., and the premiers of Manitoba and Alberta announcing their plans to shore up their respective borders with additional policing resources to show the U.S. they're doing their part to strengthen security.

Kinew told media at a Christmas Cheer Board event on Dec. 6 that he'll be deploying conservation officers to the border, and last week said the government will pay overtime for federal police at the border.

Offering no further details on how many COs would work the border and what duties they'll be carrying out, Kinew said the transfer of COs would not affect other areas where

they normally serve.

Conservation officers are Manitoba's third largest law enforcement agency and fall under the provincial department of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures. COs conduct checks on anglers, commercial fishers, hunters, trappers and other resource users, police provincial parks, take part in wildfire suppression and investigate the causes of wildfires, provide enforcement to the fishing, mining and forestry sectors, deal with human-wildlife conflict, assist at watercraft inspection stations and help with search and rescue operations in back-country regions, among other duties.

Commercial fisher and analyst Bill Buckels said Manitoba COs are a finite resource and they could potentially be pulled from monitoring the commercial and recreational fisheries to serve along the border. But he's all for Kinew's plan to have them at the border as they're better equipped than Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) staff to work outdoors in all kinds of terrain.

"The COs will have to go where the greatest need is. We're going to need every available public service officer who is savvy with terrain out there along the border," said Buckels. "CBSA officers don't know the land as well as COs know it. The COs will likely be out in the bush or on snowmobiles or quads. We're going to need extra people searching every vehicle as though it's a police checkpoint program we see every Christmas."

Buckels said Manitoba is "sadly understaffed" when it comes to CBSA



RCMP FILE PHOTO

The RCMP in Portage la Prairie seized drugs, including about 15 grams of fentanyl, and cash in October 2024.

staff. Compiling and analysing data from Statistics Canada, CBSA, the Manitoba government, and the Manitoba Government and General Employees Union (MGEU), Buckels estimates that Manitoba is short 360 CBSA officers.

"The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has only 1,208 officers in the Prairie Region, which spans Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories and which in itself can

be interpreted as a 'cruel joke' when compared proportionally to the rest of Canada since, overall, CBSA has around 16,500 employees, including more than 8,500 frontline employees," said Buckels, who shared his concern with Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan. "When we look at how that breaks down by our population

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Frankie the Sheep, ready to run thanks to new limb

By E Antonio

Frankie the Sheep has been waiting for a prosthetic leg for over a year to help her get a step up in life. Now, that wait is finally over.

Frankie injured her leg in an unknown accident, and her injury left her needing an amputation.

Irene Wallace adopted the injured sheep in 2023, and she instantly knew that she needed to do something to help Frankie thrive.

"Frankie tired out very easily because she couldn't weight bear on her stump." In addition to the fatigue, there was also concern for stress fractures and sprains on her healthy legs, further impeding her health.

With the help of Frankie's vet at Beausejour Animal Hospital, Dr. Brittney Derksen, she and Wallace did some research about having a prosthetic leg made. They finally connected with Dr. Susan Calverley, an Animal Orthotics and Prosthetics specialist in B.C. to have a prosthetic made.

Dr. Calverley has created prosthetics for over 500 animals, including many different species such as llamas, but now she can add a sheep to her list.

Frankie initially had a mould made of her injured leg in July, and has since waited for the prosthetic to be manufactured in both Denver, Colorado and B.C.

After what seemed like an eternity, Frankie's prosthetic finally arrived.

Dr. Derksen met with Wallace and Frankie on Nov. 25 to fit the prosthetic, and the fitting was a huge success.

"The prosthetic fits well," said Wallace. "It was a bit challenging getting it in place but that will improve over time."

Once Frankie's new leg was on, she instantly began walking and catching the interest of the other sheep.

"It was so funny how her herd buddies were checking out the limb! They seemed concerned about her!"

Frankie will now wear her prosthetic for one hour a day, with hopes of increasing the usage to six hours daily once she gets more comfortable with it.

By summer, Frankie will be expected to use her prosthetic for up to eight hours each day, which will help her with grazing and keeping up with the other sheep.

Wallace extends her gratitude to everyone involved in

Frankie's prosthetic journey. This includes all her veterinary staff and individuals who donated to help pay for the leg.

That said, she is still looking for donors to help cover the remaining cost of Frankie's prosthetic. You can help fund Frankie's future by donating at [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and searching "Irene Wallace" to find Frankie the Sheep's GoFundMe page.



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Frankie the sheep had part of her leg amputated, and this left her needing a prosthetic to help her thrive in life. Frankie's new prosthetic leg finally arrived and she is able to keep up with her fellow sheep.

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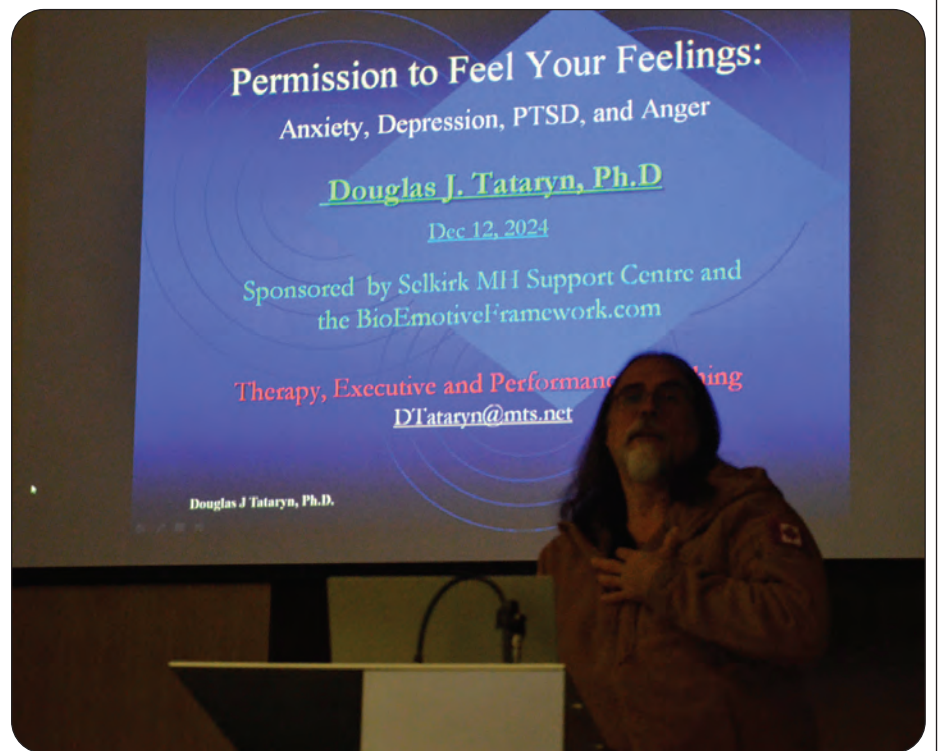
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Mental Health at library



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The Selkirk & Interlake Mental Health Support Centre Inc. presented Permission to Feel your Feelings a talk by Dr. Douglas J. Tataryn at the Gaynor Family Library last week. The talk focused on mental health and dealing with anxiety, depression, PTSD, and anger. They will be hosting an Emotional Processing Group which will run for eight weeks starting Jan. 7, 2025, in the evenings. You can check them out online at www.selkirksupportcentre.ca.



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> MEAL IDEAS



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Christmas Cranberry Punch

1 orange
The night before, place four cranberries, two pineapple chunks and a few rosemary sprigs in each hole of silicone muffin pan or ice tray. Cover with 1 can lemon-lime soda and freeze.

Chill remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice overnight.

In punch bowl, mix remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice. Slice orange into 5-6 slices. Add lemon-lime soda ice cubes, handful of cranberries and orange slices. Serve.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 package fresh cranberries
- 1 can pineapple chunks
- 3-4 rosemary twigs
- 6 cans lemon-lime soda, divided
- 64 ounces cranberry juice
- 20 ounces orange pineapple juice



Asparagus with Cranberry Sauce

pan.
In saucepan over medium heat, heat cranberry sauce, brown sugar and balsamic vinegar.

Place asparagus on platter and pour sauce on top.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- Servings: 6
- 1/2 pound bacon
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 - salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - 1 bunch fresh asparagus
 - 1 can (14 ounces) whole cranberry sauce
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Using kitchen shears, cut bacon into pieces then fry in skillet. Drain and set aside.

In same skillet, add butter and garlic powder. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Saute asparagus then add bacon back to

Savory Cheese Balls

- Servings: 6-12
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
 - 2 tablespoons caraway seeds
 - 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced, divided
 - 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons thyme leaves, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
 - 1/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons pecans, chopped
 - crackers (optional)
 - fruit (optional)
 - vegetables (optional)

Cut each cream cheese block into three squares. Roll each square into ball.

In small bowl, combine caraway seeds, poppy seeds and half the garlic.

In second small bowl, combine parsley, thyme, rosemary and remaining garlic.

In third small bowl, combine cranberries and pecans.

Roll two cheese balls in seed mixture, two in herb mixture and two in cranberry mixture.

Cut each ball in half and serve with crackers, fruit or vegetables, if desired.

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,
I have just started trading in the stock market on my own (I don't have that much saved yet) and I wondered if you could give me any information about investing as new trader. Do you think I can do this myself, or should I get a bank advisor?

Mike

Sure Mike, I can give you some pointers to get started. Remember, knowledge is power!

The more you know the better!

Even if you plan to get a banker to invest for you – it is a good idea to have some idea of what is happening in the stock market and how it could affect you in the future.

The first thing I would say to get started, would be to make sure you align your personality with your investment strategy. If you've got a short attention span – you might not be good at long-term swing trades. If you plan to be a long-haul investor then just follow your strategy with or without your banker, and don't bother watching the market every day. And if you want to be a day-trader, then remember, investing is not gambling. You can't hop in and out of the market like a profit chasing junkie. The market enjoys eating up inexperienced investors every single day. To do it yourself, there's plenty of software tools out there to allow you to practice first, Mike. Not until you start making money paper trading, preferably multiple times, should you ever consider moving into a live account. You want to make sure your strategies are viable so practice them first. Of course, it won't help you with the emotional aspects of trading, so always remember your capital is everything. This goes for your banker too. Make sure you understand their strategy, rationale, and investment goals with your money, before you hire them to work with you.

Here's some other things you should know about the stock market. The 3 most popular indices for an investor to follow are the S&P 500, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the Nasdaq Composite. The



Christine Ibbotson

S&P monitors the top 500 companies in the US, the Dow covers the top 30 largest and most influential blue-chip companies in the US and the Nasdaq covers all the stock traded on the Nasdaq stock exchange, (usually followed to see how technology stocks are doing). Another index to check out would be the Wilshire 5000. This is a total market index and includes all publicly traded companies in the US. Now if you're looking for Mid- or Small-Cap stock picks, you will want to check out the S&P Mid-Cap 400, the Russell Mid-cap or the Russell 2000. For bonds you want to check out the 10-year T-note Futures and also the 20-year Treasury bond futures.

You may be wondering why you should bother with these indices? Well, they provide an insight on the economy, give us indicators for new trends and most of all they show investor sentiment. They are also used as benchmark indices for some Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Mutual Funds (MFs) that you may want to invest in for the long term.

Take it slow. Get some books on investing and you'll get it.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and on CTV News across Canada & BNN Bloomberg in the USA & Canada. Send your questions through her website at www.askthemoneylady.ca

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of 41 million on a per province basis, we are likely not getting our money's worth here in Manitoba or, indeed, in the Prairie Region. The Prairies sadly have less than half of its fair entitlement of 3,069 employees, which means that Manitoba could be approximately 360 officers short."

Conservation officers are also in short supply, with COs moving to other provinces for higher pay and successive Manitoba governments having done little to plug the drain, he said.

"In December 2024, Progressive Conservative critic [Greg Nesbitt] said Manitoba Conservation was understaffed, with only around 90 field officers instead of the 130 it should have," said Buckels. "Yet for the many years when the PCs held power, including in 2021, only 76 COs were left in the field, with only 15 employees at headquarters, and Manitoba was losing experienced COs to Saskatchewan where they earned more in en-

try level positions than the PCs were willing to pay. It's obvious that the situation hasn't changed no matter who gets elected."

In March 2023, before the NDP formed government later that year, NDP leader Wab Kinew said in a news release that his party obtained government documents showing that the number of vacant CO positions "has increased to 21 out of 102 total positions" and that vacancies are "rising year over year."

A spokesperson for the provincial Department of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures was unable to share details on how many COs will be deployed to the border and what they'll be doing, but did confirm the number of Manitoba's "active" COs.

"Details on the assignments and/or deployment of conservation officers to assist in monitoring the border with the United States are still being worked out," said the spokesperson on Dec. 13. "There are currently 78 ac-

tive conservation officers working in the field"

The movement of fentanyl, in particular, from Canada to the U.S. is a mere fraction of what gets smuggled into the U.S. from Mexico, and Canadian politicians have offered this fact in response to Trump's assertion that there's an "invasion."

CBSA's vice president of intelligence and enforcement Aaron McCrorie told the CBC on Dec. 13 that fentanyl devastates communities, and that Canada and the U.S. have a "shared interest" and "shared responsibility" in stopping it. But Canada is not a key player in relation to its movement across the border.

Citing U.S. and Canadian agency data, McCrorie said "Canada is not a significant source of fentanyl for the United States" and that "98.8 per cent

is coming from Mexico."

Between January and October, CBSA seized 4.9 kilograms of fentanyl, which was included in a total illegal drug seizure of 25,600 kilograms, according to a Dec. 9 CBSA news release. CBSA also seized 7,770 weapons, including 1,274 prohibited weapons and 750 firearms that came from the U.S. during that 10-month period. Further, CBSA identified 34,000 foreign nationals trying to enter Canada from the U.S.

Federal minister of public safety Dominic LeBlanc repeated last week that border security is a "shared responsibility."

The federal government is expected to provide more information about border security and funding support in its fall economic statement, scheduled for release on Dec. 16.

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sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Gimli's Lott duo to compete at Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials

By Lana Meier

Sixteen Canadian mixed doubles curling teams are one step closer to realizing their Olympic dreams. The field for the highly anticipated 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials is complete, and the countdown is on to crown the team nominated to represent Canada at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Italy.

The action unfolds from Dec. 30, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025, at Queens Place Emera Centre in Liverpool, N.S.

Canada's spot in mixed doubles curling at the Olympics is not yet confirmed. The winning team will earn the right to represent Canada at the 2025 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Fredericton, N.B., from April 26 to May 3. Performance at this event and results from the 2024 World Mixed Doubles Championship will determine whether Canada secures one of the eight spots available for the mixed doubles competition at the Olympics.

The final eight teams were confirmed following the last trials direct-entry qualifying event in Banff and Canmore, Alta., over the weekend. The top eight teams on the Canadian Mixed Doubles Rankings (CMDR) as of Dec. 9 who had not yet qualified

earned their spots. They join eight teams who previously secured berths through the 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship, the 2023-24 CMDR standings, or at one of three direct-entry qualifying events held recently.

The 16 teams vying for a Trials victory including Kadriana Lott/Colton Lott of Gimli – 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship gold medallists; Laura Walker/Kirk Muyres (Edmonton/Humboldt, Sask.) – 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship silver medallists; Jocelyn Peterman/Brett Gallant (Chestermere, Alta.) – 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship bronze medallists

Nancy Martin/Steve Laycock (Wakaw, Sask./Saskatoon) – 2023-24 CMDR; Jennifer Jones/Brent Laing (Barrie, Ont.) – 2023-24 CMDR; Brittany Tran/Rylan Kleiter (Calgary/Saskatoon) – Canadian Mixed Doubles Qualifier (Maple Ridge); Rachel Homan/Brendan Bottcher (Beaumont, Alta./Spruce Grove, Alta.) – Canadian Mixed Doubles Qualifier (Guelph); Jennifer Armstrong/Tyrel Griffith (Rothesay, N.B./Kelowna, B.C.) – Canadian Mixed Doubles Qualifier (Banff); Riley Sandham/Brendan Craig (Guelph, Ont.) – 2025

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The 16 teams will be divided into two pools of eight for a round robin from Dec. 30 - Jan. 2. The top three teams from each pool advance to a six-team playoff, following a format similar to the Scotties Tournament of

Hearts and Montana's Brier.

Playoff action begins on Jan. 2, with the top two teams from each pool crossing over to compete for a direct spot in the Page 1v2 game. The losers drop down to play the third-placed teams in each pool for the spots in the Page 3v4 game. From there, the winner of the Page 1v2 advances to the final, while the loser will play the winner of the Page 3v4 game in the semifinal. The semifinal winner moves on to the gold-medal match on Jan. 4, where the Trials champion will be crowned.

Streaming for the Trials will be available on Curling Canada's YouTube channel.

For more details and updates, visit the Curling Canada event website.



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Kadriana Lott/Colton Lott of Gimli – 2024 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship gold medallists, are one of 16 Canadian curling teams competing in the 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Trials from Dec. 30 to Jan. 4.

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Steelers battle MJHL rivals ahead of Christmas break

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Steelers' mixed results this weekend in games against the Niverville Nighthawks and Virden Oil Capitals kept them in fifth place

in the MGEU East Division.

The Steelers beat the Capitals, but they likely would've preferred to win the game in Niverville on Friday.

Against Winkler, the Steelers found

trouble scoring as they were shut out 3-0 by the defending champion Flyers and were outshot 37-27 on Tuesday night at Winkler ICON Arena.

The Steelers went down early and remained down the entire game before making a comeback push late in the third period on goals from Remy Hlady and Wyatt Witham.

After the Steelers took a penalty late in the third their comeback push took a turn and the Nighthawks went on to add an empty netter to ice the game 4-2.

Saturday's win against the Capitals was a much different story as the Steelers got on the board in the first period and continued to torch the Capitals defence throughout the entirety of the game.

Griffin Krone and Dawson Dear were named stars of the game for Griffin's two goals and Dear's one goal and one assist efforts.

Landon Jamieson, Owen Warnick, and Luke McCarthy also scored for the Steelers, who skated away with a 6-2 win, their 18th of the season.

They now hold an 18-11-0-1 record heading into their final game of the calendar year on Tuesday against their East division rivals from Steinbach.

The Steelers will look for two crucial points in that game before having the next two weeks off of games.

Puck drop Tuesday from Selkirk Recreation Complex went at 7:30 p.m. The score was unavailable due to our press schedule.



RECORD PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Steelers Jacob Ziegler tries to stop Flyers Brody Beauchemin from getting his stick on the incoming point shot. Winkler beat Selkirk 3-0 on Dec. 10.



Steelers Rohan Guevarra controls the puck despite the efforts of Flyers Isaiah Peters.



The puck bounces wildly in front of Steelers net minder Noel Olsonawski.

Third period outburst carries Fishermen to second straight victory

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Fishermen made it consecutive victories with a 5-2 triumph over the third-place Lundar Falcons on the road Saturday.

Ashton Schroeder scored the Fishermen's first goal in the opening period before a four-goal outburst in the third, which saw Dawson Bergagnini score twice and Aidan Avanthay and

Logan Saluk add the others.

In net, Marcus Sharpe was also instrumental in the victory, stopping 43 of the 45 shots he faced.

With the win, the Fishermen are now 8-8-0-1-2 on the season and continue to sit fourth in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League, nine points behind the third-place Falcons.

They get back at it again on the

weekend for their final two games before the Christmas break, which means the Fishermen will not play again until Jan. 10 in the New Year.

The first of two this weekend goes Saturday in La Broquerie against the Habs before hosting the league-leading Beausejour Comets the following night in Selkirk for the annual Andrushko Family Toy Drive game.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Saturday, Dec. 21 at La Broquerie Habs, 7:30 p.m. at Hylife Centre

Sunday, Dec. 22 vs Beausejour Comets, 3 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex

Raiders snap nine-game losing skid against Royal Knights

By Kieran Reimer

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club snapped a nine-game losing streak on Sunday night with a 3-2 win over the River East Royal Knights.

After a scoreless opening 20, Nathan Lenoski broke the ice with a power-play goal late in the second period.

In the third, Samuel Senchuk and Jackson Zuk both scored for the Raid-

ers, while Owen Savoie stopped 35 shots to eliminate the Royal Knights' chances of making a comeback.

Following the weekend, the Raiders still rank eighth in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League with an 8-14-3 record.

Earlier this week, the Raiders also played the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Friday at Century Arena and lost

6-1.

Riley Yourchenko scored the Raider's lone goal in the game, his first of the season.

The Raiders now prepare to head to Transcona on Friday and St. James on Sunday for their final two games before the Christmas break.

The Raiders will then play on Jan. 3 in the New Year.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Dec. 20 at Transcona Railer Express, 8 p.m. at East End Arena

Sunday, Dec. 22 at St. James Jr. Canucks, 2:45 p.m. at Ab McDonald Arena.

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Selkirk's boxing prodigy eyes national gold in June

By Kieran Reimer

Selkirk's latest boxing prodigy is showing he's ready for another shot at a national title in a few months.

Damir Kudusov, the 16-year-old Ukrainian phenom who boxes out of Maulers Boxing won yet another fight in Regina last month on his road to the 2025 Nationals which puts him up to 8-1 in his career.

Kudusov's dismantling of 16-year-old Kade Ruckaber of Jaguar Boxing Club came by a unanimous decision at the Rumble in Regina on Nov. 30 in a fight that his coach Devin Tomko said 'he was barely touched.'

"They had fought before so we had a game plan going in that we wanted to box this time and get away from going for it and trying to beat him up," said Tomko. "He's a hard fighter to box and Damir made the adjustments he needed to out box him and score the unanimous decision easily. I don't think Damir got punched in the face the whole fight."

The win continued a streak of wins that Kudusov has strung together this season and now he has just one more fight in January before he gets a shot at a national title in June.

For Kudusov, the nationals trip is one he will have waited an entire year for after finishing third previously in his nationals debut in 2024 when he picked up his only loss to the eventual champion Alexandr Babenko.

Since then, Kudusov's been perfect in all of his fights and in his second full year of boxing he is emerging as a favourite to win the tournament.

And with the potential of a rematch with Babenko also in play, Tomko and Kudusov believe revenge will be best served with a national gold medal on the line.

"He's going to win the gold medal because he's put the work in and it's going to mean a lot," said Tomko.



Sixteen-year-old Damir Kudusov of Maulers Boxing in Selkirk is now 8-1 in his career.

"He's dedicated his life to this sport and his only loss now is to the defending national champion. Damir's a completely different fighter from when they fought last time when it was only Damir's third boxing match. He puts the work in, I don't got to chase him around. It makes him easy to train and I actually have to keep him out of the gym sometimes because he wants to get in."

And with Kudusov's love for the sport only growing, Tomko said it's helped him become more invested as a coach.

This year Tomko started up Maulers Boxing Fight Night's in Selkirk where he's brought in other top fighters from Canada to take on Damir and the rest of his Maulers students.

He's also helped Kudusov with his



RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Selkirk's Damir Kudusov defeated Kade Ruckaber by unanimous decision at the Rumble in Regina on Nov. 30. Kudusov, 16, improved to 8-1 with the victory after boxing for less than two years at Maulers Boxing in Selkirk.

everyday training in Selkirk from strength and conditioning to even sparring with 30-year-old boxing professionals that he wouldn't even face at his age.

Tomko said that Kudusov also has gone from knowing almost no English to knowing the language better than himself in their two years together.

"We've grown with each other a lot and he's helped me grow as a coach myself," said Tomko. "Travelling with him and what not, we really see eye to eye and have a lot of the same goals in mind so it's really been easy to work with him. He's really a blessing and I'm

very fortunate to have him. I always say a coach is only as good as his fighter and he's a natural born fighter so he does a lot of my job for me."

Kudusov now has the next few weeks to focus solely on training before the Brampton Cup in late January.

He will then return to Selkirk for additional training before Nationals from May 28 to June 1 at the University of Laval.

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Tuesday
January 14th, 2025
5:30pm

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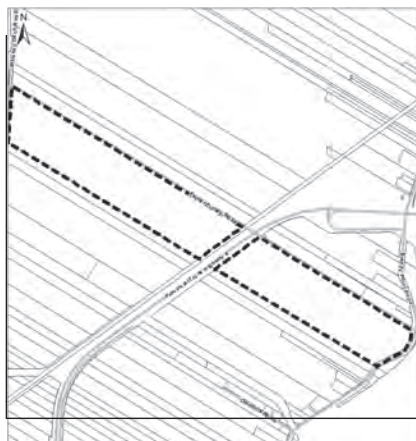
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Application File: ZBA 4404

Applicant: Landmark Planning & Design

Property Location: 1133-1147 Breezy Point Road
RM of St. Andrews
Roll # 400100
RL 41 Parish of St Peters

Application Purpose: The applicant proposes to rezone a portion of the property to establish a 10-unit residential building, and a childcare facility.



Current Zoning	Zoning Proposed by Applicant
"A40" Agricultural Limited	Re-Zoning to: "CG" General Commercial

A copy of the above-noted proposal and supporting material is available on the Red River Planning District website at <https://www.redriverplanning.com/hearings.php> or by contacting the Red River Planning District in person during normal business hours Monday to Friday at 2978 Birds Hill Road, East St. Paul, by phone at 204 669-8880, or by email at info@rrpd.ca



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Wednesday
January 22, 2025
5:30pm

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application File: DPA 289-24

Applicant: McGowan Russell Group

Property Location: Ashfield Road,
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Roll # 249875
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Application Purpose: The applicant proposes to re-designate the property to "Business Park", to facilitate future development of commercial lots.



Current Designation	Designation Proposed by Applicant
Agriculture Restricted	Re-Designating to: Business Park

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OBITUARY



Andrew John Poponick

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, Andrew John Poponick loving husband, father, papa and uncle, passed away suddenly but peacefully in his home at the age of 86.

John was born on December 8, 1938 in Selkirk, MB to Anne and John Poponick. On August 1, 1964 he married the love of his life, Sandra Bruzell, and a few years later built a house in Selkirk, across the street from his childhood home, where they raised their two sons and daughter. Throughout his life John had a diverse career which included being a nurse at the Selkirk Mental Hospital, (where he and Sandy met), and in the Aviation industry for over 30 years as a Bush Pilot and then retiring as an Air Canada Mechanic in 2003.

John loved the outdoors from an early age and was always ready to go fishing, hunting and camping where he and Sandy spent every summer camping everywhere they could with the Butter Brickle Gang.

John loved skiing and went on many trips on "Jake's Bus" all over Canada and the US. As he got older, he felt that skiing was too dangerous, so he took up snowboarding and taught himself on his own on the front yard snowbank and then later down at the Selkirk Golf Course. There, he would give advice to many kids trying to learn the art of snowboarding which he continued to do well into his 60s, when he and Sandy would winter in Osoyoos, BC.

Affectionately also known as Papa, Dad or Johnny Pops, by those close to him, he spent over 20 years in retirement where he loved to spend the winters watching the Winnipeg Jets and Selkirk Jr. B Fishermen from behind the bench, where his son and grandkids are the coaches and team trainer.

The summers were spent tending to his garden and protecting it from the "critters". He could be found soaking up the sun in his sunroom, taking an afternoon nap, or savouring a "sip" of his favourite Salted Caramel Whiskey.

If he wasn't at the house, he was at his seasonal lot at Cherry Hill Living, with his many friends watching the Bombers games outside or with his feet in the water and a cold drink in hand.

Known for his surprising quick wit and sense of humor, he loved sharing wild stories from his flying days, and many conversations led to him at some point saying, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. Back up the Turnip truck. You got me out in left field picking dandelions". Ever the helper, John was always eager to lend a hand, and a "Johnny fix" was something to be admired.

John was predeceased by his loving wife Sandy, his parents Anne and John, and his sisters Juelle and Jean.

He is survived by his children, Chris (Lisa), Michael (Adele and Tanner), and Kara (Chad) Lemay, as well as his four cherished grandchildren, McKyla and Josh Poponick and Adria and Kenzie Lemay. He will also be dearly missed by his sister Irene (George) Pike, brothers-in-law Barry Tweed and Chuck (Dale) Bruzell, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

At John's request, a private celebration of life will be held later in 2025.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, Fund life-saving research | Heart and Stroke Foundation
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OBITUARY



JAMES KIDD

Peacefully, on Monday, December 9, 2024, at Red River Place, James Kidd, aged 97 years of Selkirk, MB, passed away.

Left to lovingly remember him are his children Laraine (Ernie) Benjamin, Janet (Albert) Sheppard, James (Sharlene) Kidd, and John (Tonja) Kidd; grandchildren William (Dayna) Benjamin, Mary-Jane (Craig) Feeke, Allan Sheppard, John (Maryam) Sheppard, Emma, Alexandria, Ceilidh and Jeffery Kidd; and great-grandchildren Silas, Cooper, Emily, Preston, Yazdad and Ashkan.

James, also known as 'grandpa' and 'papa' was a remarkable man, exceptional father, husband and friend. He met and married the love of his life, Mary Ellen Giroux, on August 26, 1950, and they started their family soon after. He completed his GED and went on to work at Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk for many years. He worked at many jobs, including TV repair man to supplement the family income. He was an extremely talented individual building and wiring his own home on Sutherland Avenue. He was involved in many artistic endeavors, including wood carving.

He was a proud wood carver and produced many woodworks which he graciously gave to family and friends. One of his larger pieces is displayed at the Marine Museum in Selkirk, the other, a wooden cross made from wood from St. Peters Dynevor is on display in Scotland. He was the oldest standing member of Knox Presbyterian Church and served as a Church Elder for many years. James and Mary were able to travel to various places throughout their years together. When Mary was no longer able to travel, James took a trip to Scotland and through to Europe celebrating his 79th birthday in Paris. He celebrated his 90th birthday in Gibraltar. He enjoyed curling in the winter and lawn bowling in summer while he was able. He was technologically gifted and spent much time on his computer and iPad and enjoyed doing Sudoku and working on puzzles. His memory was razor sharp until the last few weeks of his life and he enjoyed nothing more than sharing stories of his life with people. When asked by a nurse what the secret to his longevity was, he simply said "family".

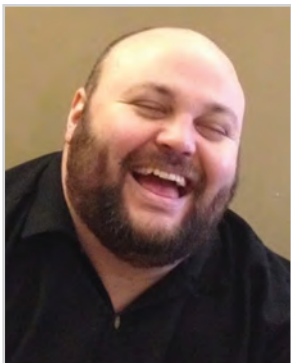
A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Selkirk, MB.

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OBITUARY



Kurtis Dwight Fey

September 18, 1980 - December 10, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely and sudden passing of Kurt Fey on December 10, 2024, at the age of 44.

Kurt leaves behind his wife Sarah (nee Quintero); his children, Elizabeth, Matthew (Claire), and Isabelle; parents Debbie and Darrell Fey; sister Sabrina Govier (Russell); in-laws Ernie and Janet Quintero; sisters-in-law Chrissy Carson (Grant), Chelsea Kolev; and nieces and nephews Kensi, Zoey, Carter, Ava, Reid and Erik.

Kurt was born and raised in Selkirk, Manitoba. Throughout high school, Kurt played volleyball and basketball, and years later, after graduating from "the Comp," he started his journey coaching the Selkirk Royals high school basketball team.

Whether he was head or assistant coach, he went into each game with a quiet optimism and always found time to work with the players to improve upon their strengths to help better the team. His son Matthew was lucky enough to be one of these players throughout his high school years. Although he never coached Isy, he was her biggest supporter, always in the stands cheering her and the team on and being Coach Dad. In addition to his family, Kurt leaves behind many close lifelong friends. His family and friends will remember his great sense of humor and laugh. Kurt had such an easygoing, gentle personality and took the time to truly listen. He always managed to find the positive in many situations.

He started his career with the Manitoba Government (highways department - MIT). After graduating from Red River College he went on to work closely with the winter roads projects before moving into a successful career with Manitoba Hydro. His highlights included working on the Keeyask project and most recently as the Forestry Section Head. He was proud of the work friendships he made in his career, many spanning years.

Kurt enjoyed spending time with his family; this included the annual Folk Festival weekend and many camping trips. He counted down the days to the annual weekly cabin rental in St. Laurent, Manitoba. This was his happy place, sitting on the deck in the morning with a cup of coffee, listening for birds, or watching the gorgeous sunsets at the end of the day.

His hobbies were vast—from golfing, fishing, swimming in the backyard, perfecting his brisket on the smoker, trying new recipes, or cheering on the Green Bay Packers; he found joy in so much. Our annual Boxing Day crib tournament won't be the same.

The families of Kurt are so grateful for the outpouring of support and shared memories. His absence has created a void that cannot be filled; his unwavering love and support to us all is something that will be missed beyond measure.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Kurt's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk, on Saturday, December 21, 2024. Interment to follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Kurt's memory to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation (to support the Royals Basketball Program). Donations can be dropped off at 200 Eaton Ave, Selkirk MB or made online at www.sdcf.ca in memory of Kurt Fey.

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OBITUARY

Shirley Jean Wonnacott

Peacefully, on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Shirley Wonnacott, aged 88 years of Grand Marais, Manitoba, beloved wife of the late George passed away.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Wayside Gospel Chapel, Grand Marais, Manitoba.

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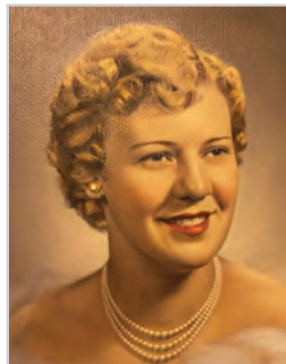


OBITUARY

Margaret Kathleen Cameron (Kuxhouse)

January 1, 1939 - October 27, 2024

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Margaret was born in the comfort of her family home in Morden, Manitoba and left this world in the comfort of her long-time home in Port Alberni, B.C. Margaret's last days were filled with love, gently cared for by her daughter Starr and granddaughter Nicole.

Margaret was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Elsie Kuxhouse, brother Fred Kuxhouse and sister Mabel Mageean.

Survived by her sisters Betty Bochen and Barbara Kizuik; long-time friend and companion Bob Thomas; daughter Starr Cameron and son Kelly Cameron; grandchildren Corey (Raven), Nicole (James), Tyson, Danny (Clayton) and Abigail; great-grandchildren Patrick and Elizabeth; as well as many nieces,

nephews and extended family.

Margaret will be missed by all who knew her, she was a beautiful soul and the hardest working lady right up to the age of 85.

OBITUARY

William Karatchuk



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, William (Bill) Karatchuk, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre at the age of 94 years.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Barbara (Barb) of 72 years, December 12, 1951 (nee Kirkness); sons Larry (Sharon), Brian and Dennis; grandchildren Keenon, Taryn, Patrick (Tessa), Kelly (Jess), Glenn (Amy), and Amanda (Justin); nine great-grandchildren, Axel, Tyson, Lawson, Hailey, Jadyn, Owen, Navee, Braeden and Madison; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Dad was predeceased by his parents, William and Anna Karatchuk; sisters, Mary (John) Obirek and Nettie (Steve) Zabogruski; brothers John (Mary) and Mike (Julie); father-in-law

Myles Kirkness; mother-in-law Sarah Kirkness; in-laws Verna (Lawson) Spence and Lorna (Jack) Zacharias.

Dad was born March 20, 1930 to William and Anna Karatchuk in Riverton, MB, the youngest of five children.

Dad spent many years as a young man commercial fishing, logging, cooking and barbering in the Interlake area where he met his wife to be, Barbara Kirkness. Dad and Mom were married on December 12, 1951 at the Christ Church in Selkirk, MB.

Dad (also known as Uncle Billy to family) and Mom, spent many days with their family and friends at Beaver Creek, MB where they acquired a cottage in 1989, where Dad enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends.

After retiring and due to age, Dad and Mom moved to Riverton Icelandic Lodge, then to Arborg, finally residing in Selkirk. Dad moved to Woodland Courts Assisted Living where he could be near Mom at Tudor House. There he could visit Mom when able as it was just down the hall.

After becoming ill, Dad was moved to the Selkirk Regional Health Centre where he stayed until his passing which was two days before their 73rd anniversary.

A thank you from family and friends to the staff at Tudor House who provided assistance to Mom to visit Dad prior to his passing. Also thank you to staff at Woodland Courts and Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their care and support.

A celebration of Dad's life was held on December 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk.

Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Glenn, Keenon, Patrick, Kelly and great-grandsons Braeden and Jadyn.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of MB, 120 Donald Street Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G2

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OBITUARY



Irene Kubay
March 2, 1943 - December 4, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Irene Kubay. Peacefully with family by her side, Irene passed away on December 4th, 2024 at River View Health Center, at the age of 81 years.

She was predeceased by her parents, Dmytro and Mary Chablo; husband Eugene Kubay and sister Adeline Gauthier.

Left to cherish her memory is her sister Elizabeth Kelly (Robert); Irene's sons Grant (Wendy), Curtis (Patti) and Mark (Julie); grandchildren Cole, Haley, Kennedy, (mother Kathy), Brandon (mother Charlene), Danica and Kalan.

Irene will be forever remembered for her kindness, sense of humor, cooking and baking skills such as making her many and wonderful Vinarterta cakes. She loved hosting family dinners

and taking care of her grandchildren. She was always up for a trip to Costco, and enjoyed watching Winnipeg Jets and Blue Bombers games.

She made many friends at River Ridge Retirement Residence and special thanks goes out to the staff for their great care. Sincere thanks go out to Father Bohdan Lukie, Father John and all our friends and family for their prayers, love and support throughout Irene's illness. Thanks to the staff at River View Health Center for their compassionate care in her final days.

A Memorial to celebrate Irene's life will be held at Glen Eden Funeral Home, 4477 Main Street on Monday, December 23rd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's memory may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

OBITUARY



Barbara Panting
1969 - 2024

It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of Barb on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at home.

She was predeceased by her father Grant and is survived by her mother Helen; brother Brent; nephews Camden and Diaz; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who she always stayed in touch with and navigated the family tree with such expertise.

Barb had a deep love for her family and was a constant caregiver to Helen. She was a faithful attendee at Sunday Night Bingo and was always excited when she came home a winner.

She will be deeply missed by us all.

A service to honour her will be held on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk.

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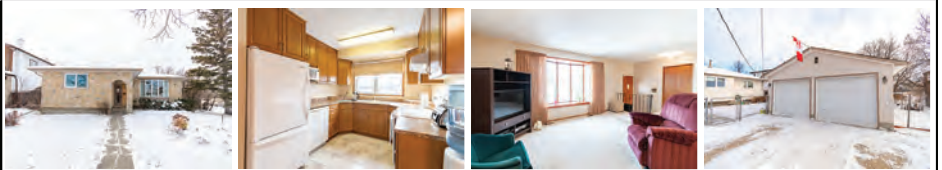


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MERRY Christmas



The Mitten keeps audience warm at Daerwood School



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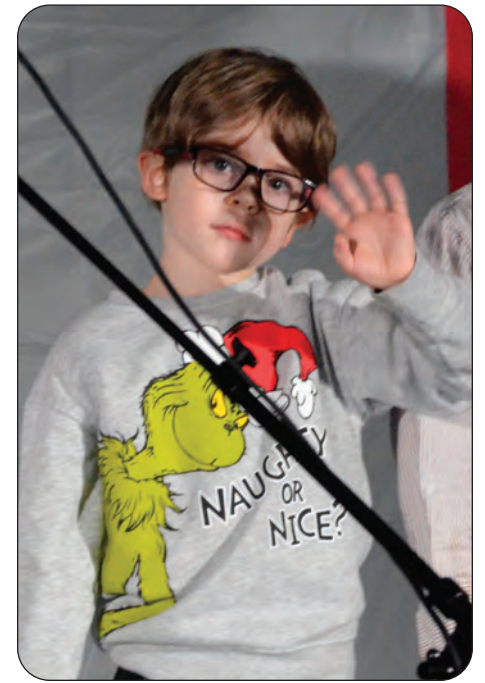
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Letters to Santa



Written by Ms. Brooks Grade 3 class at William S. Patterson School

Dear Santa,
My name is Kasen, and I am 8 years old. How is my elf Ryder doing in the North Pole? I would like a PlaSmart PlasmaCar for Christmas please. Can you get my dad a new work vest? Can you give my mom a craft?
Merry Christmas!
From,
Kasen

I go to Wm. S. Patterson school. I am in grade 3. How are the reindeer and elves? Is it cold in the North Pole? This Christmas I would like a Squishmellow bear. Can you please bring my friend a diary? Have a wonderful Christmas!
Love,
Drew

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew. I am 8 years old.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How are the elves and reindeer? My name is Harrison and I am eight years old. I go to William S. Patterson School. This Christmas I would like some hockey tiles so I can shoot pucks in my garage. Please can you get my grandpa a new toolbox?
Merry Christmas!
From,
Harrison

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. My name is Allie and I am in Grade 3 at William S, Patterson School. Are any of the elves being cheeky? How much snow do you have in the North Pole? Can you put my presents under my little tree in my room please? I would like Magic Mixy toys. Can my mom and dad have free time so we can have more family time? Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Allie

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? Is it cold in the North Pole? My name is Avery, and I am 8 years old. I go to Wm. S. Patterson school. My mom would like some new green earrings. My dad would like a new sweater. I would like the Yummy Land set please. I hope you have a safe trip. Merry Christmas!
From
Avery

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Ruby, and I am 8 years old. I go to William S. Patterson School. How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold in the North Pole? Can I please have a new

pair of slippers? Please can you bring a comfy sweater for my mom and a new pair of work jeans for my dad?
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Ruby

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Hudson and I am eight years old. I go to William S. Patterson School, and I am in grade 3. Is it cold in the North Pole? What is your favourite cookie? I would like a guitar for Christmas. Can you please bring my kitty some new cat toys and please bring my friend a Squishmellow?
Have a safe trip!
Love,
Hudson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you excited for Christmas? My name is MJ and I go to William S. Patterson. This Christmas I would like an iPad, so I don't have to draw on paper. I would like you to give my brother a Lego garbage truck because he's been wanting one. Lastly, can you please give my mom some cozy slippers for her feet?
Thank You,
MJ

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. My name is Colton. I am 8 years old. How are the reindeer? Could you please bring me a hoverboard that is red? For my brother, could you also bring him one that is blue? My sister would like some more makeup please. My mom would like

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> LETTERS TO SANTA, FROM PG. 4

a night out with my dad and my dad would like some tools for his workshop. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

From,
Colton

Dear Santa,
My name is Grace. I am 8 years old and in Grade 3. How is Mrs. Clause? How are you doing? How is Buddy? Is he good? For Christmas can you get my mom and sister a heated blanket? Can I please get an iPad, a watch and two more elves to keep my Elf Buddy company. He will love that. Thank You.

Love,
Grace

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer and the elves doing? Do you think I am being good? My name is Bryce and I'm 8 years old. I would like a purple Bauer mini stick. I would like you to help my grandma with her cancer. Have a safe flight. Can you give some money to the homeless please?

Love,
Bryce

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. My name is Sage and I am in Grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. How are the elves and reindeer? Are you well? Can you bring my friend Colton a new hockey stick and my friend Bryce an Xbox? Can you also bring my other friend Kasen a PS5. I would really like a skateboard. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Sage

Dear Santa,
My name is PJ. I am 8 years old and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. I am in grade 3. How are the elves? Is it cold in the North Pole? Can you please give a toy car to my friend Kasen. For Christmas I would like a PS5. Thank you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love from your friend,
PJ

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucas and I am in grade 3. How are the elves? Is it cold in the North Pole? Could you please bring my mom new shoes and my dad a new Jets jersey? Could you also please send food to those who don't have any to eat. Merry Christmas!

Thanks,
Lucas

Dear Mr. Clause,
What was the gift I seen you drop for me in the field? Was it an RC Car? A laser gun? A Lamborghini? This year I want my dad to get a Lamborghini so I can go for a ride. I'd also like a new PC. Can your elves put a 1918 GPU in it?

Thanks,
Jetter

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How are you doing? I am doing fine. How are the reindeer and the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold in the North Pole? My name is Mya and I am 7 years old. I am turning 8 years old on December 20th. I

go to Wm. S. Patterson School. I am in Grade 3. For Christmas, I would like a new scarf. For my mom and dad, I would like you to bring them each a new sweater. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Mya

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Are you busy? Was I good this year? My name is Danica, I am in grade 3 at William S. Patterson school. I would like a Stitch Disney doll and for my brother, can you give him a new fishing rod? For my cousin Ethan can you give him a new Lego set. For my cousin Tula can you give her a Bluey plane.

Love,
Danica

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Are having a good time? Please can you bring my mom a reindeer sweater and my dad a new iPhone? Can you bring my brother a Dominus Rex toy and I would like a Dominus Rex Lego set. Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

From,
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St. Andrews School's K-2 students turned out to be stars this holiday season. They entertained with songs like the Reindeer Hocky Pocky, Gotta Get a Tree and, of course, Twinkle and Shine at their Twinkle and Shine holiday concert this year.

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Letters to Santa



Written by Kristy Dejonckheere's Grade 3 class at Ruth Hooker School

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas. What is your favorite cookie? I have been good this year. Can I have a VR, a laptop and an electric boke? I am thankful for Christmas. Love,
Sterling W. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am getting very excited for Christmas. How are your reindeer doing? I

was a good boy. Can I get one werewolf squishmallow, electric scooter, and a PS5? Thank you Santa.
Love, Lou H. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am happy for Christmas this year. How's Comet the reindeer? I was a good girl. I want a laptop. I want a dog that barks. Thank you very much.

Love, Jasmine G. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am super excited for Christmas. What cookies do you like? How is Dasher doing? I was trying to be good. Can you bring me a VR, hoverboard, laptop, leneige lip balm, slime and a Stanley. Thank you.

From Ryleigh K. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am feeling very good this Christmas. How are you and your reindeer doing?

How is Mrs. Claus doing, good or bad? What kind of cookie do you like? I have been a good girl. Can I please have a skin care pack, airpods, make up pack, and a pink Stanley. Thank you so much.

Love, Brielle E. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am happy that it is almost Christmas. I hope your reindeer are okay and I hope you are happy about Christmas too. I have been good and bad this year. For Christmas I want a hoverboard, a phone, a PS5, an IPAD, and a couple nerf guns.

Love, Kayson S. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas. Is Rudolph your favourite? I think I was good. Please can I have a lot of dinosaurs and science kits? Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

From, Fynn D. Age 8

Dear Santa,
how are your reindeer doing? How are you, Mrs. Claus, and how is the North Pole? I feel like I have been good. Can I please get a hoverboard, a shovel, a squishmallow, a Minecraft lego, art stuff, and a graphic novel book. I know this is a lot to ask for but pretty please.

Love, Kyra S. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas! I've been good this year. What is your favourite cookie? I want a VR headset, deddy bears, a Mr. Beast lab, and

toys!!!
From, Devon G. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I feel good for Christmas. How are you and your reindeer doing? I was very good this year. Can I please have a PS5 and Astro bot to play on it!!!! Thank you Santa.

From, Marc M. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am super excited for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? I was trying to be good this year. Can you bring me a Summer Fridays sweet mint lip gloss, an IPAD, an apple pen, a light link Stanley, a pair of shoes and a laptop. Thank you Santa!

Love, Emery B. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am getting very excited for Christmas. What are your favourite sports? I have been good this year. Can I please have a hamster, and two more hamsters, and eight more hamsters?

Love, Zander H-L. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I feel good for Christmas. How is Rudolph? I have been good! I want an electric scooter, and a white Iphone 16, an apple watch and an apple pen. Thank you for everything,
from Breezie C. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas. How are the reindeer? What kind of cook-

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Written by Mrs. Kumar's Grade 5 class at East Selkirk Middle School

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a dirt bike. I would like new Nike shoes size six. I would like NHL 25.
By Cooper Montgomery 10 years old.

Dear Santa,
I have been hunting a good amount so I would like a good bow for Christmas. I would like shoes for basketball. And money please.
Dean age 10

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a Stanley, new clothes, 3D printing pen, zip up blanket, and a pair of Nikes, too, please.

Thank you,
Harley Herron, age 10.

Dear Santa,
I would like a good toy, I want to be spoiled, I have been a good child but everyone keeps calling me bad.
From Justlee Age 10

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like new markers because my other ones are dry. If you can I would also like some Pokémon cards.
From Lucas Age 10.

Dear Santa,
I would like some v-bucks and a

snow board, I would also like a drone please. I am Makai Erbus age 10.

Dear Santa,
Can I have V bucks and Pokémon and hockey cards and the part I need for my computer and transformers.
From Mason 9 years old.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a puppy dog, some stuffies, a big fluffy sweater, more led lights, and 6 tickets to Hawaii.

Thank You.
Name: Sophie
Age: 10

Dear Santa,
all I want for Christmas is a sled and me and my family drinking hot chocolate and playing Christmas games all together.
Thanks, from Xavier age 10.

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Letter from the community

Dear Santa,
my name is Oliver and I am 4 years old. Santa, what will my toys look like? How do reindeer fly? My favourite is Rudolph. Can I please have a Hot Wheels Rhino Rig. Thank you Santa.
Oliver D., 4 years old

> LETTER TO SANTA, FROM PG. 8

ies do you like? How is Mrs. Claus, is she good? I have been a good girl. Can I please have squishmallows, and lady bug toys.
Thank you, Ciara S. Age 8

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a PS5 and a laptop? Thank you.
Kane B. Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am so happy for you Santa. Can you tell me about the chefs? Are the chefs still attacking you? I was good Santa. Can you give me a VR headset?
From, Keandre C. Age 8

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Happy Thought School's Kindergarten-2 teamed up with its Grade 3 and 4 classes to bring a rendition of *The Mitten* by Jan Brett to the stage this season. The story kept everyone warm with songs about all of the animals that tried to make the mitten home.

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Have a holly, jolly, and safe holiday season this year

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind

By Staff

The holiday season is a time for new traditions and old, giving and joy, and possibly eating a little too much turkey and chocolate. To make sure that your festivities are everything you planned for take a few precautions this season.

Home Safety

- We plug a lot more items into our outlets this time of year. Make sure not to overload your outlets to avoid a fire hazard.
- Similarly, electrical cords should be used as temporary measures and the cords need to match the item you are plugging into them to avoid overloading them. Also, don't hide cords under carpets as heat could collect and start a fire.
- Consider using battery-operated candles or if you're going to use the real things, make sure they are on a level heat-resistant surface and are never left unattended.
- Keep decorations and trees

away from heat sources like fireplaces and electric heaters and make sure to turn off lights and other electric decorations at the end of the night.

- Don't leave electric heaters unattended and make sure they have adequate airflow and are on a level surface.
- With your furnace probably running more often make sure that your carbon monoxide detectors are positioned well and working and while you're at it you can check your smoke detectors are in tip-top shape too.
- If the worst should happen and emergency services do have to make a stop at your home, make sure your address is visible from the street.

Pet Safety

- Keep decorations and other small fun shiny items away from your furry friends
- Pay special attention to food this holiday as some holiday favou-

rites aren't safe for pets and our four-legged friends can be very quick to grab food that might make them sick.

Travel Safety

- With winter storms possible make sure to leave yourself plenty of extra time to drive slowly to events or consider staying home if conditions become unsafe.
- Check weather conditions for both where you are and your destination before hitting the road.
- Make sure that your vehicle is ready for travel with winter tires, a packed emergency kit, top-up fluids, good tire pressure and a good battery.
- Don't plug your vehicle in if it's in a garage as faulty block heaters and extension cords could be a fire hazard and garages tend to stay warm enough to not need to plug your vehicle in.

Protect yourself from Criminals

- Remember not to leave your car running with keys inside.
- Take all gifts out of the car or store them in your trunk where no one can see them.
- Keep your car doors, any out-buildings and house doors locked.

- Keep your yard and house well-lit so that you and your neighbours can look out for each other.
- Consider drawing your blinds when you turn your tree lights or any other inside lights on so that people can't see into your home.
- Though there haven't been as many parcels delivered this season so far. If you do happen to have something shipped in make sure it's delivered when you are home or maybe ask a neighbour who is at home during the day if you can have items delivered to their home to pick up when you get back.
- If you happen to be going away this holiday season let your neighbours know so that they can keep on the lookout for unusual activity while you're gone.
- Fraudsters unfortunately take the holiday hustle to heart. Make sure to be extra aware that you aren't giving out any personal information over the phone even if it's to a trusted family member without verifying the source of the call is authentic.
- Stay alert and if you feel uncomfortable it's ok to get in your car and leave.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Season's Greetings

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

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The spirit of Christmas which is peace,
The heart of Christmas which is love.*

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Don't let scammers spoil your festive fun

Festive season fraud prevention tips from the Selkirk RCMP

By Selkirk RCMP

The Holiday Season is upon us. With all the merry times ahead, don't let a holiday fraud spoil your festive fun. There are those on the 'Naughty' list preying on us just doing our best to stay on the 'Nice' list.

Online Shopping and Counterfeit goods

Oooh! It's bright and shiny and such a low, low price. Does it look too good to be true? That's because it is. Save your money and your pride and shop with retailers that are genuine. Research before you buy and deal with these frauds when you see them by not paying any attention to them. Delete and move on.

Shipping Frauds

Hey! You have a package waiting for delivery. We just need your address and credit card number to verify who you are. Don't fall for these unsolicited emails or texts. They want your Christmas money for nothing at all. Don't pay any attention to these. Delete and move on.

Investments

Have you tried investing in fraudulent crypto investments? It's so easy! These fraudsters want you to believe that you will make so much money that Christmas will be paid for in no time. Don't pay any attention to these. Delete and move on.

Romance Frauds

This time of year romance can bloom anywhere with people full of Christmas spirit. But, it should not cost you anything to meet someone under the mistletoe. Be very careful with those that you share intimacy with online. If those sweet times suddenly turn to countless requests for money. This is fraud. Don't pay any attention to these. Delete and move on.

Emergency

OH NO! A frantic loved one is in the hospital or jail and needs money NOW or they won't be home for Christmas! Resist this impulse to help. Ask questions to verify their identity or reach out to your loved one to confirm whatever sugar plum story they are telling you. Don't pay any attention to these. De-

lete, hang up and move on.

Do you see a trend in these tips? Over the Christmas season, people will be taken advantage of but by recognizing frauds when you see them deleting them, hanging up and moving on you can avoid being one of them.

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This year's play from Centennial School had everyone learning what Christmas is all about - friends and family. The school's Grade 5/6 class wrote the play which saw the Tooth Fairy and Grinch teaming up to try to fill Santa's shoes when he loses his holiday spirit. When the elves of Christmas past, future, and present visit Santa, he remembers what the holidays are all about and comes back to save the day. This play saw all the students from K-6 team up to bring this play to life.

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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
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 (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

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Good tidings for Christmas
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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

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MERRY Christmas



> HOLIDAY CAROLS, FROM PG. 16

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

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

It's the most wonderful time of the year

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
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
Yes the most wonderful time
Oh the most wonderful time
Of the year

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



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

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MERRY *Christmas*



'Twas the Night Before Christmas at École Bonaventure



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It was a bilingual blast of holiday cheer at École Bonaventure's C'était La Veille de Noël/'Twas the Night Before Christmas. The students treated the audience to holiday classics in both languages like Vive le Vent, Jolly Old St. Nicholas and Carol of the Bells. It was a wonderful display of the school's talented students and staff.



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Students at Sergeant Tommy Prince School sing and shout



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Students at Sergeant Tommy Prince School combined learning with holiday cheer this year at their Winter Celebration Concert. Performances of Seven Teachings for Santa, and Santa's Indigenous Sleigh, came together with classics like Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer for a fun and festive show.

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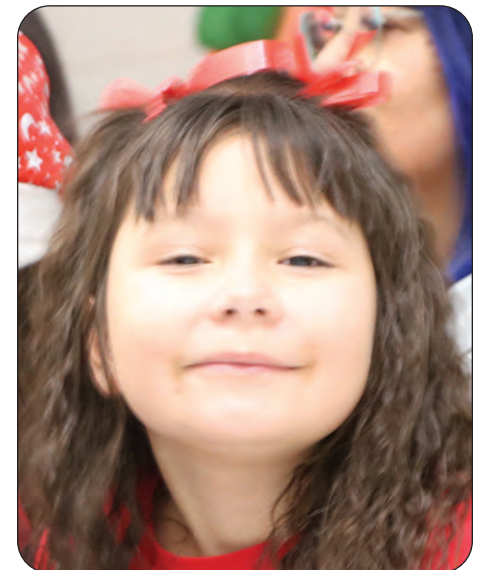
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Santa and the Magic Sprinkles

On a cold, windy Christmas eve at the north pole, Santa was checking the naughty list in his workshop. Mrs. Claus ran in shivering from the cold. "Come here my dear" said Santa putting down the naughty list. "I brought milk and cookies for you! It is your favourite, sugar cookies and egg nogg" "Mrs. Claus the Grinch is on the good list this year" Santa said pointing at his list. "That means that he wouldn't get coal in his stocking" Santa sat up. He is going to be late if he doesn't go and prepare the sleigh. "Ho ho ho I need to go" Santa got up and grabbed his toy sack. He walked out into the blizzard outside and heard the elves running around getting the reindeer ready for lift off. Santa hopped into the sleigh. He really needed to stop eating so many cookies. Buddy the elf

came to see him. "Got all the presents jolly old sir" "Yes Buddy. Are the reindeer hooked up?" Santa asked, "No sir, what order do you want them in?" "Tell the stocking stuffers to put them in this order, Dasher, Vixen, Prancer, Dancer, Donner, Comet and then Blitzen and Rudolph." "Ok sir. Are you going to fit down the chimney this year sir?" "Maybe next year I'll go on a diet." And they were off into the night. When Santa got to the Grinch's lair, Santa smiled. He hadn't been there since the 1677s. Santa knocked on the Grinch's door. "Hello" The grinch called from deep inside. "Its Santa" Santa said. "Come in" Santa opened the door only to fall in a very deep hole. "I'll never be good again" said the grinch hopping in the sleigh. "What did you bring me" he asked digging through the toy sack. "I brought you coal" Santa yelled jumping out of the hole. Santa jumped on the grinch. "I guess all those cookies make it easier to trick you" Then right at that moment Max jumped onto Santa and Started dragging him towards the hole. Santa grabbed an icicle and screamed "I shout you shout we all shout for sour crout" Max let got of Santa confused. "CUT! Santa use the lines

we give you" said the director. Santa grumbled, slowly standing up. "That is what I would say though." "This is a movie, not real life. Now get to your places and lights, camera, ACTION!" And then Santa grabbed an icicle and screamed "I scream you scream we all scream for ice cream!" And with that all of Santa's reindeer came flying in. Max let go of Santa scared and ran into the side of the mountain. Santa hopped onto Rudolph's back, shouted "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night" and flew away into the night once again. While Santa was doing this Ms. Claus was at home baking cookies. "Santa is always too busy to bake cookies with me" she grumbled. Ms. Claus opened a cupboard. She looked around for a sprinkle container. There it was. The poisoned sprinkles. Or so she thought. "I wish that next Christmas Santa would bake cookies with me" she said dumping the sprinkles on the cookies. A burst of glitter came from the sprinkles. Ms. Claus looked at the label on the bottle. "Wish Sprinkles: Make your wishes come true." Ms. Claus read out loud. "WHAT!" Ms. Claus yelled. "Now next Santa's going to bake cookies with me instead of dropping presents off at houses. Why didn't I look at the label before I put it on the cookies. It's all my fault" "Ms. Claus, are you okay?" asked Icicle running into the kitchen. "I made a mistake Icicle. I put wish sprinkles on the cupcakes" "Good. Every year I've been putting them at the front of the cupboard so that you would put them on but finally you did" "Why?" Ms. Claus asked. "So that you and Santa could spend at least one Christmas together." "But are you sure that it will work?" "We will see"

Next Christmas:

"Santa" Ms. Claus called out. "Coming" my

dear!" Santa yelled running over to her. "Honey this year the elves will deliver the toys so that I can spend more time with you" "Oh Santa thank you so much" And off they went to bake cookies. Then they lived happily ever after.

The End!

Sophia Budge

The Horrors of Luke Warm Hot Chocolate

In the North Pole, Santa Claus' Workshop was in an uproar. If you guess the reason being the elves were going on strike because they weren't paid enough, you would be incorrect. The reason being the elves were going on strike because their hot chocolate was lukewarm. How do you possibly manage to mess up hot chocolate? Seriously, it's beyond me.

Anyways, back to the workshop... The workshop was a mess. Stocking stuffers, unwrapped presents with spilled milk and cookies littered the floor. The elves were looking for some fun so they decided to repurpose the toy sack as a swing. Buddy the elf led the band of disgruntled elves and together they recruited none other than the Grinch. They added Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to the dreaded naughty list.

The plan was that on Christmas Eve night they would steal the sleigh and the reindeer, then they would sneakily sneak down the chimney and fill their stockings with coal. Blitzen, Prancer, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donner, Vixen, and Rudolph were all jolly because they believed the elves were correct to go on strike.

However, the elves and reindeer decided to make sure everyone got presents for Christmas because the lukewarm hot chocolate was not their fault. Christmas morning everyone had presents except Santa and Mrs. Claus, who received coal in their

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MERRY Christmas



> CHRISTMAS STORIES, FROM PG. 22

stockings that morning. Santa said he was sorry and promised that the elves would never again be subject to luke-warm hot chocolate.

The End

Amelia Enns

The night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas. Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus and the elves and buddy the elf were getting the Presents ready for Christmas. Prancer, comet, cupid, donner, dasher, Rudolph, and the other reindeer were ready for the big day. And the people in every town had the milk and cookies on the table and the tree was up for Santa Claus. Santa Claus thought it was going to be a good Christmas but in the Grinch's layer he had other plans. His plans was after Santa Claus left, he would stuff every thing with coal with his stocking stuffer. He planned it the day the time everything. But some people wanted to catch Santa Claus so all the people gathered up and made a machine so when Santa Claus Grabbed the cookies he would get trapped in there machine so they could be the first people to see Santa Claus. They thought they would see jolly Santa Claus but it would be different for the grinch. It was the big day for Santa Claus he had the toy sack ready the naughty list and the nice list was ready. After maybe like 5-6 hours later he finished when got back to the north pole. then the grinch was ready to stuff and stuff all the Christmas presents and the stockings and all the gifts I DID IT! On the last house he went through the chimney and stuffed everything like he did with all houses but when he grabbed the cookie he got trapped in the machine they all

came to the house to see "Santa Claus" but they saw the grinch, there jaws dropped. They were so mad that Santa Claus was not there they were like whaaaaaat why is Santa Claus not here I swear I got him? Well we well have to wait another year. They sobbed and felt defeated they went back to there homes and they saw presents under the tree they went back to "Santa Claus" and he was gone they were so confused. But that day for every one was one of there best days in there life the town said. Lets go back abet to when the town was confused Santa Claus on tided the grinch and put all the presents under the tree Santa Claus that day was a hero and they cheered as loud as they could. Yippee they yelled ya go Santa Claus and they cheered for Santa Claus all day Santa Claus felt like a hero that day. Still the grinch got away from Santa Claus this time the grinch was invited to a party at the sentinel school all night it was party time NO phones NO games the grinch got annoyed because all they said was NO, NO,NO he left and he ruined the party they call the grinch ither the grinch or party pooper. After a wail he got a dog named max he was 7 months old. I bet the grinch was more happy he had a companion with him. The grinch trained him to be bad but he normally does not listen to the commands that he is told. Max is nice but also a bit naughty time to time max gets a bit crazy. The Grin-

ch's heart grown a lot he feels happy all the time now.

Grinch: What do you want to do max for today?

At the north pole Santa Claus was in his workshop thinking if he could give the grinch a chance for Christmas he thought that the grinch could help Santa Claus put the presents were there suppose to be under the tree stuff the stockings with his stocking stuffer or eat the milk and cookies for Santa Claus he thought the best thing he could do is make presents for Christmas. Santa Claus thought it out and did it the grinch wanted to help out for the next Christmas Santa Claus was happy. If you thought this story was done no, no, no your wrong if you thought it was done. The Grinch and Max went to the North pole to help Santa Claus with presents the Grinch was happy on his first day at work.

Santa Claus: welcome to the north pole Grinchy boy.

Grinch: hey that's not my name

Max: ya

Grinch: lets get to work Max

Max: ok

As they started to make presents just to say the grinch is still evil he did not want to wait till the next year so that's way he did the job for making presents he did not want to make presents

he wanted to sabotage all the presents in the north pole

Grinch: Santa Claus achily thought I would make presents ha

As the grinch got to work to sabotage all the presents all the elves thought the grinch was doing it but Santa Claus did not he thought it was one of the elves 2 of the elves went to get proof that the grinch is doing this they got a camera a flash light they went out to find the grinch they found him the sabotaging all the presents they got the grinch on camera they brought the footage back to Santa Claus. Santa Claus fired the grinch or party pooper. The elves were happy

Elves: yay

Back in the grinches layer he was devastated smoke was coming out of his ears

Grinch: MAX WE DID NOT DO IT.

the song was real I wouldn't touch him with a thirty nine and a half foot pole. He is rotten he's crazy he hates Christmas in all way's. Santa Claus was thought he was a good boy but no ,no ,no back at the north pole the elf's and Santa Claus and MS Claus was dancing to the song its starting to look a lot like Christmas they were dancing so much they danced all night they forgot they had to go to bed and that is it everyone that's the

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Merry Christmas

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> CHRISTMAS STORIES, FROM PG. 23

story just kidding guys this story has a lot to it there is still magical stuff that awaits lets get back to the story.

In the grinch's layer he cooled down he made another plan to destroy the world so if he will not have Christmas no one will it was the perfect plan (evil laugh)

Max: it's the perfect plan good job grinch

Grinch: thank you Max.

Most people end here for reading there's a lot of words but let's get in to it 1 month ago the grinch got a dog but I did not say he got a bone but he did sorry for not saying that but lets go! Santa Claus was reading the good list there a lot less then last year all the people turned into teens Santa was disappointed to all the people that turned into teens Santa Claus and the reindeers and the elves and Ms. Claus did all they can to help make the presents better so there not bad anymore they did it!

Surprise ,Surprise

The End

By Blake Honke

Getting Ready for Christmas

It was Christmas Eve everybody

was running around like crazy trying to get the toy sack in the sleigh for Santa Claus. When all of the sudden Mrs. Claus walks into the workshop. Mrs. Claud said "would you check to see if the reindeer are ready for the trip around the world'. So Santa went to check on Blitzen, he ready, Pancer, ready, Comet, ready, he gave two stomps to the hay on the floor then ate it, " oh Comet really you stomped on it then ate it" said Santa Claus.

Dancer was ready as well, he did the same thing Comet.

Dasher was hurt over a week ago so Santa wasn't sure if he was okay to go so he sad exactly that. Dasher proved Santa wrong by biting Santas pants, luckily Santa wears a belt so they didn't fall off right away. Dasher chucks Santa to the other side of the room and Santa landed on his lower back he was okay though.

Doner, ready as all could be, same with Vixen, Cupid and last but not at all least Rudolph was ready as a bullet with his red glowing nose to take the lead.

No one really like Rudolph so he had a ruff time until that one day were it was foggy that Christmas Eve when

Santa came to say " Rudolph with your nose so bright won't you guide the sleigh tonight". But it wasn't foggy this Christmas Eve, lucky for Rudolph they respect him after that foggy night. Instead of fog it was a nightmare of the Grinch who stole all things Christmas. And it was almost time to leave.

There were way more kids than 8000 and there are 7000 boys & girls on the naughty list. So when Santa goes down the chimney those 7000 boys & girls get coal instead for presents.

Buddy the Elf can track anything o at any time, also he was a good buddy to his fellow Elves. Back to the Grinch was plotting something, high of Mont Who Ville. And the Grinch's heart was to sizes too small. Buddy the Elf was trying to find the Grinch when Santa Claud came and said " Buddy have you found the Grinch yet". "No sir I have all the best troups on the look out for the Grinch, mean while I'm doing the same." "Said Buddy the Elf". "How much longer until you find the Grinch" said Santa. "About an hour maybe and hour and a half" said Buddy the Elf.

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By Rylee Darvill, Age 10

Christmas Trouble

It was two days till Christas and Santa was sick and he said Christmas will have to be cancelled. One of the elves had an idea, we will pick 10 kids to deliver the presents! Later that night I woke up to a loud sound I rushed outside and I saw a train. " All abroad!" I hear in the distance and I see a man. I walk to the man, "you coming?" he says, "Where?" I ask "why to the north pole of course! This is the polar express." As I get on the train, I see 6 boys and 4 girls, I take a seat, and the train starts to move. I look out the window, the man comes out and he says, "refreshments anyone?" "Me me me me me" says the children, then some men came and gave us some hot chocolate. As we arrive at the North Pole, I got off the train and one of the elves said, "you kids have been picked to deliver the presents!" "Why us?" I asked "because Santa is sick and can't, so you kids have to do it to save Christmas!" "Ok" I said. I sit in the sleigh and then...WE'RE OFF! "Yah!" Then, out of nowhere a blizzard rushes through us, but thankfully we made it through the blizzard and delivered the presents.

By James from Centennial School

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