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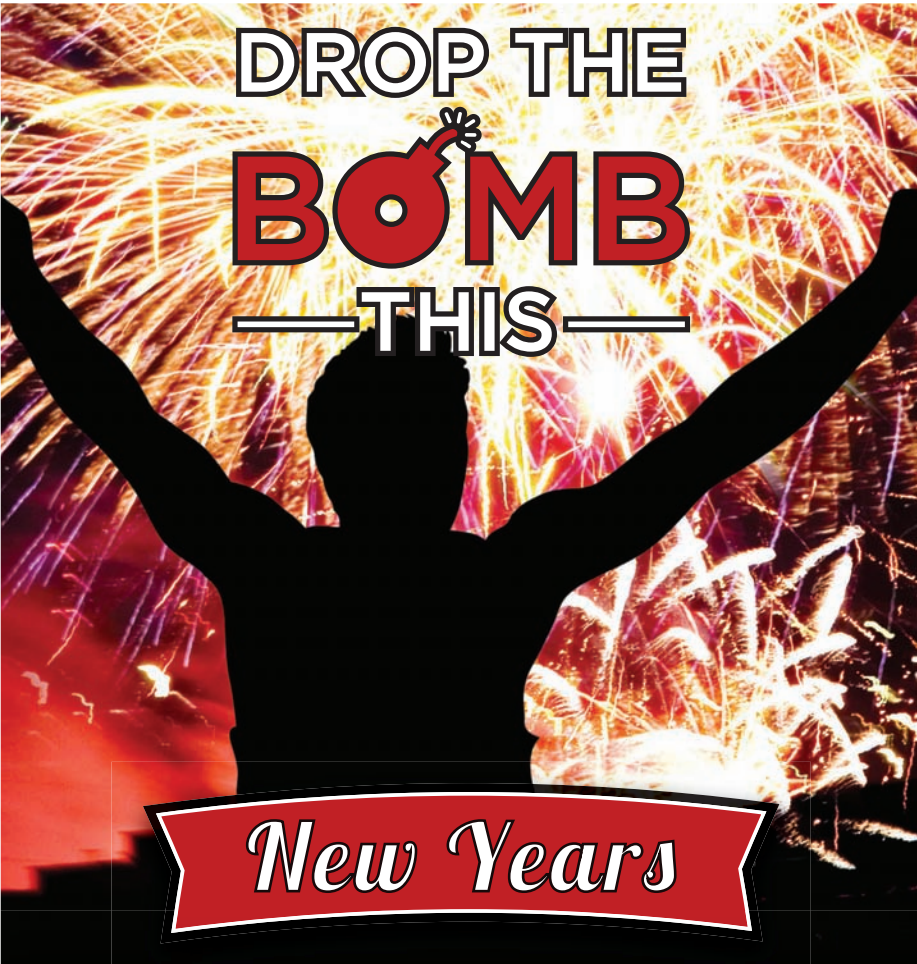
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Interest rates, Donald Trump, reconciliation, energy prices, world trade, inclusion... 2018 was a year filled with uncertainty, confusion, and conflict. With every passing week, our collective community seemed to bump our way through crisis after crisis.

Where did this leave you and your family? Were you able to accomplish all of your personal objectives over the past year? Did you manage to find that good 'ol fashioned "quality time" with friends and family that you remember from your past?

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So out with the old, and in with the new... 2019 will be what we make it, so let's bring it in with a BANG!

Happy Holidays, and all the best in 2019!

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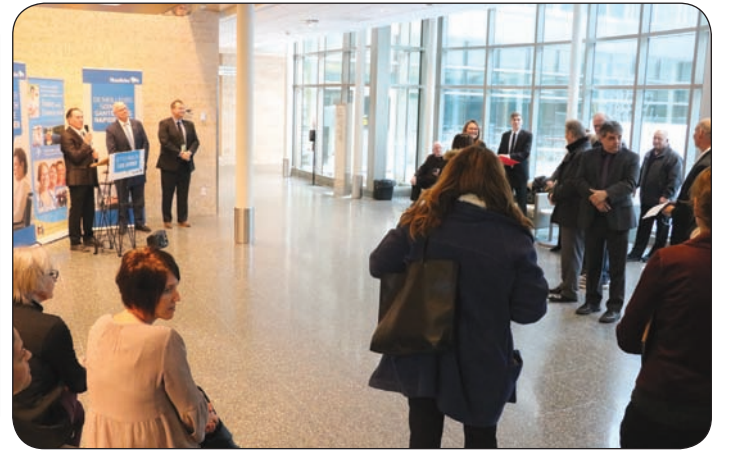
Rural family medicine residency program expands to IERHA

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk will serve as one of the sites of a new family medicine residency program coming to the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) next year.

The announcement was made at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre last Wednesday afternoon. The province says the new program aims to support physician training in rural Manitoba communities while encouraging doctor recruitment and retention efforts.

"Other regions hosting family medicine residency programs have been able to successfully recruit doctors from the trainee program to remain and practise in rural communities once their studies are complete," Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen stated in a release last week. "This formal residency program will allow medical residents to experience working in a rural community, helping them



Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ron Van Denakker, pictured left, helps announce Selkirk will serve as one of the sites of a new family medicine residency program coming to the Interlake region at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre last Wednesday afternoon.

better understand the needs of rural patients and the variety of services they will be able to offer if they choose to practise in a rural community following their training."

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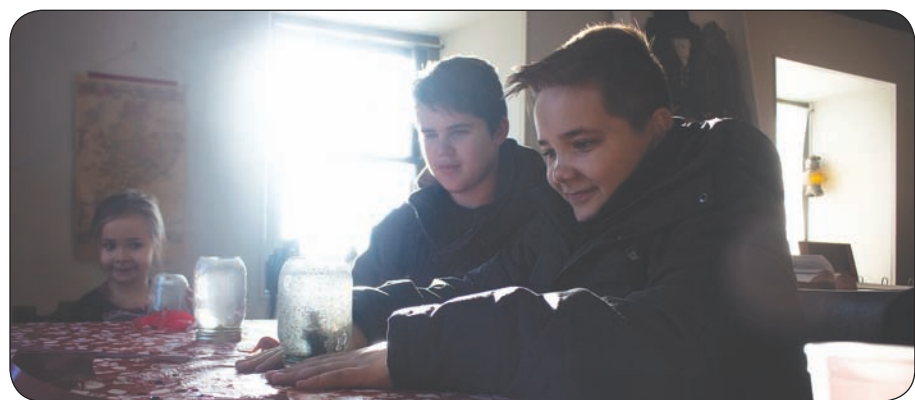
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Making a winter wonderland



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Ethan Gatchel, pictured left, and Joshua Hunnie-Miller, right, were busy creating their own snow globes during a snow globe making workshop at the St. Andrews Heritage Centre last Saturday. The globes were made by using glitter and soap, which is then placed in a mason jar.

Businesses raise over \$2K for Nova House



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Santa signs a cheque for \$2,442 which was presented to Nova House during a special fundraiser last Saturday. Mezzo Homes, The Jeremy Zdrill Team and Cobra Construction hosted the Gifts for Nova House last Saturday at 522 Robinson Ave. in Selkirk. All three businesses donated a portion of all the sold Mezzo Homes to Nova House. The event also included free photos with Santa.

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'Painkiller' doc sheds light on the dark horrors of Canada's opioid crisis

By Justin Luschinski

A Canadian documentary released earlier this month aims to shed some light on the country's opioid crisis.

Painkiller: Inside the Opioid Crisis, a TELUS Originals documentary directed by Matthew Embry, focuses on the heartbreaking, untold stories of those who have survived opioid addictions and the families of those who didn't. Frontline responders, border services and addictions specialists also share their perspective on the underlying problem of the ongoing opioid crisis, which is affecting communities across Canada.

Lainee Walker, a member of the Selkirk Bear Clan Patrol, has seen firsthand how opioids can destroy a community.

"Just last week, we drummed out-

side of (an apartment block in Selkirk), who were dealing with drug problems. People are scared, they don't feel safe, because there's so many drug problems in the area," Walker said. "Meth is pretty bad here in Selkirk, people take it to stay awake so they can find a warm place to sleep. But opioids are everywhere. It's kind of closeted, it's not as obvious."

The documentary dives into how the opioid crisis began. Around the 1980s, there was a big push for doctors to treat pain, and pharmaceutical companies pushed opioids as a miracle drug, while also down playing how addictive they could be. According to some studies, Canadians can become addicted to opioids in five to seven days, depending on what they're taking.

Embry says we need to rethink how we treat addiction.

"The data has shown us the war on drugs was an absolute failure. It's not treating the root causes of addiction. The bottom line is people are dying," Embry said. "These people are just like you and me, they have families. What we're trying to get across is that the average person can do something. They can start by being more compassionate towards people with addictions."

Several experts also say in the documentary that the current system of punishing addicts with jail time isn't working. Walker says addicts need help, not jail time.

"For some of them, it's a coping issue. They're using drugs to treat depression, anxiety, they're trying to

cope with a lot of stuff," Walker said. "We don't have a lot of resources here in (Selkirk), these people have nowhere to go for support. Someone needs to give them the tools to cope with mental illness, and to learn that using drugs to cope is not good."

Embry said Canada should decriminalize all drugs, so that the country can create safe-injection centres, where addicts can use drugs safely, and without fear of being arrested.

Painkiller: Inside The Opioid Crisis is available online and on TELUS Optik TV on Demand. For each view, TELUS will give \$5 (up to \$50,000) to organizations providing critical care through the Mobile Health Clinics, powered by TELUS Health. Further, a \$5,000 donation will be made to causes important to the three families (total \$15,000) featured in the documentary.

For more information, or to watch the documentary, visit telus.com/painkiller.

COPP co-ordinator earns outstanding service award

Staff

The co-ordinator behind the RM of West St. Paul's Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) has received high praise in the form of a prestigious award for his involvement with the program.

Detlef Hindemith has been presented with the COPP Member Outstanding Service Award for his commitment to community safety, and demonstrated outstanding leadership of the West St. Paul group.

Hindemith was awarded as the recipient for his dedication to the COPP, recognizing the enormous time and effort he has volunteered into making this local chapter an overwhelming success. It was noted, "he goes to great length to promote the program and regularly communicates worthwhile tips and information through community email, community mailbox bulletins, newspaper articles, West St. Paul Newsletter and the Neighbours Magazine."

Hindemith's contributions were acknowledged at the recent COPP Annual Conference.

Correction

In the Dec. 13 edition of *The Selkirk Record* in the "Metropolitan, archbishop make history at East Selkirk church service" story on Page 12, the story and outline should have read: Archbishop Stefan Soroka has served the church for more than 18 years and has decided to retire and now resides in East Selkirk. Incorrect information appeared in the previous story. The *Record* apologizes for the error.



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Selkirk Biz 117th elections, AGM



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Kit Muir gives a second annual Holiday Alley recap during Selkirk Biz's 117th Elections and Annual General Meeting held at the Mighty Kiwi last Wednesday evening. During the elections portion of the evening, Sylvia Magyar-Brambilla was re-elected as Selkirk Biz's incoming 2019 president. Joining Magyar-Brambilla is first vice-president Shawn Trudeau of Steeltown Ford, second vice-president Jim Pelletier of RBC Royal Bank, Wendy Lang of Home Hardware will serve as secretary along with around 16 other directors with ties to various local and area businesses and organizations. The swearing in of Selkirk Biz's 2019 officers and directors will take place at a later date.

Biz becomes first chamber in Canada to launch membership gift card program

Staff

Selkirk Biz will be kicking off 2019 with the launch of its new gift card program called "Biz Bucks."

Selkirk Biz says the program is "revolutionary" in that they are the first chamber of commerce in Canada to offer a gift card that can only be used at local participating biz member businesses.

"Biz Bucks will replace the past program, Chamber Dollars, which was a paper cheque," the biz stated in a release last week. "With the advent of technology, Biz Bucks is the way of the future."

The biz says this has been a three year project and they want to thank the team and partners involved.

"The program would not be possible without the support of Noventis

Credit Union (Premium Partner) and Selkirk Home Hardware (Program Partner)."

The biz held a contest to come up with the design and look of the card and sleeve holder. The contest was held almost one year ago and there were nine entries. The winning design was created by Laura Calisto from Red Bomb Fireworks. Laura will receive the very first Biz Bucks card to go into circulation.

Although Biz Bucks cards are available now, more information about the program will be announced during an official launch in January.

For a list of participating merchants visit itsallrighthere.com. Biz Bucks will be available for sale at the Selkirk Biz, Noventis Credit Union Selkirk and Selkirk Home Hardware.

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Girl donates hair to CancerCare



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Juliana Peterson of Clandeboye smiles after getting a special hair cut at Belleza Mente Salon and Spa in Selkirk last Saturday. Peterson will be donating her hair to CancerCare Manitoba. This is the final year that they will accept hair donations, and Peterson has until Dec. 31 to submit her hair, which will be used to make wigs for cancer survivors and those battling the disease.

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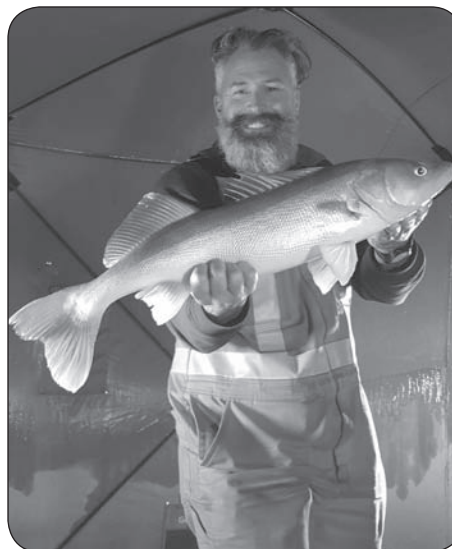
Holiday memories made around the ice hole

Season's greetings my friends.

To a young Steve Morovek the tall pines and spruce trees around the shore of Lake Eleanor were mountainous as were the huge round rock outcroppings. Now, thinking back, he remembered his father "Big Steve" standing beside him along with other boys and their fathers when they went up there to the Winnipeg Transit's lodge each year for ice fishing just before Christmas. They stood admiring the sun gleaming off the pure white snow field of the lake when they first arrived then piled into the lodge, the men making a fire in the wood stove and heaters and the boys fought over which bunk would be theirs for their stay.

The wood burning in the stove warmed the lodge as the men filled the air with the smells and cracklings of hamburgers, eggs and toast being cooked. Dishes rattled, and the tables that had stood silent for so long now held mounds of food. Laughter and loud joking mixed with the sounds of men young and old eating together seemingly brought the old lodge back to life. Afterward, at dusk, with the fire in the stove slowly going down and cloaked in the dim soft orange light of lanterns, the men sat talking in hushed tones as the boys lay half asleep on the floor. The men put the boys to bed then sat around the stove laughing as they recalled their Christmas experiences here when they were kids.

Young Steve awoke at dawn and padding across the main room to the windows facing the frozen lake saw his dad not far from shore making holes in the ice with a chisel. He watched his dad raise the dark rod high then plunge it into the ice time after time making ice hole after ice hole. The young Steve could hear others rising, making muffled sounds then hustling outdoors dressed only in underwear



RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Steve Morovek with one of his many fine catches.

and heavy boots to find the outhouse. Soon, the sun rose blazing through the large windows drawing the excited boys eagerly to the ice. They hastily made short work of toast, bacon and eggs, threw on their clothes and ran skipping and screaming carefree across the ice to the holes.

It was Steve's joy to show his boy and the others how to work the homemade pop-ups he had built. He could not contain his laughter as one of the pop-ups flag sprung up signifying a fish had been caught and the young lads dashing for it "pounding the heck out of each other" to claim the fish! This great Christmas fishing story we have just enjoyed was shared by Steve when I met him a few weeks ago. It's easy to see by his picture holding a fair sized fish that he is just as taken with fishing today as he was so many years ago at the lodge. Thank you Steve!

Last week on the Reds ice upstream of Selkirk I ran into a couple of guys

tailgate fishing. I pulled up to them and slipping out of "old red" asking them if they had caught anything. They both held up a pickerel with pleased looks on their faces. The younger chap had a short white beard, dark eyebrows and a ready smile under a bright yellow touque, while the elder had a magnificent mustache that flowed down to the sides of his chin. His eyes seemed serious which proved to be the opposite of his character. When I asked the elder Jules Du Puis of Winnipeg for a fishing story he thought for a minute then broke into a smile saying as he looked at Al Trudeau, his buddy, "yeah, remember when a boat took off by itself!"

Apparently Jules and Al along with twenty other guys went up to Grand Rapids and Cedar Lake and a little too much eating and "coffee" drinking got in the way of fishing the first day out. The next overcast windy morning they were a little slow in getting moving. They were standing around on the shore talking, pan frying a breakfast of bacon, potatoes and coffee on their portable barbeque when Jules looking out to the water saw one of their boats happily gliding past them with the wind out to open water. Everybody stared at it in silence until an American in the party blurted out, "hey that's my boat!" He and a buddy ran down shore where the boats were tied up, jumped into one and took off after the escaping craft. The group watched as they sped away after the errant boat. It took a while before they got back with both boats. They tied them up and as they joined the gang they saw all the breakfast food was eaten. "Couldn't you have saved some for us?" they cried out. "Next time tie your boat up properly," Jules teased them, as he produced two full plates he had been hiding!

Happy holidays, bye for now.

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U of M students unveil plan to make Selkirk more age-friendly

By Justin Luschinski

A group of University of Manitoba students has developed a plan to make Selkirk a better place for seniors.

Students from the university's Planning Department held an open house, hosted by the Selkirk Age-friendly Committee, at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Wednesday. The students have compiled an assessment of the age-friendliness of Selkirk in several categories outlined by the World Health Organization's Global Age-Friendly Cities.

An age-friendly city is a city that is adapting to meet the needs of an aging population. Age-friendly cities provide better means for safety, accessibility, transport, and a variety of other functions that fulfill everyday life. They are also accessible by children, young adults, and older adults.

Simon Lacoste, a city planning student at the U of M, said Selkirk is very age-friendly, but there is still room for improvement.

"Selkirk, when compared to other (cities) of the same size, it's very good. You have a recreation centre for older adults, a transit system, you provide free passes for people who meet specific requirements, there's a lot of pos-



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Students from the University of Manitoba's Planning Department held an open house about the age-friendliness of Selkirk, hosted by the Selkirk Age-friendly Committee, at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Wednesday.

itives," Lacoste said. "It was sometimes hard to come up with suggestions. But we do have a few ideas on how we can make the city even better."

Lacoste said some of their suggestions include creating more affordable and accessible housing for seniors and adding more green space to help make walking around downtown Selkirk easier. Lacoste said seniors need affordable, single level hous-

ing, that they can live in for the rest of their lives.

This study comes on the heels of the "silver wave," a term for Selkirk's rapidly aging population.

According to the study, 23 per cent of Selkirk residents are aged 65 and up. This is part of a larger demographic change across Manitoba. The senior population is rapidly growing, and RMs across the Interlake are strugg-

ling to accommodate that.

Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere, says the study is a good start.

"The biggest concern is the safety of seniors. We're trying to look at all the angles, what can we do to make (seniors) safer? How can we make them feel more active?" Lagimodiere said. "There's a lot of areas we have to be looking at, and if we wait till the issue arises, we've missed the boat. This study gives us a great place to start."

The study was conducted by using an age-friendly document provided by the World Health Organization. The students visited Selkirk between five to 10 times, walking around the city, taking photos, and rating the city based on four criteria: Housing, transportation, open spacing, and social participation.

The housing category looked at all the different housing options, whether they were affordable and accessible. Transportation rated the public transit options. Open spaces reviewed how open and accessible it is to walk around and social participation looked at how much seniors are involved with the community, and whether or not seniors get out and attend events.

St. Andrews hosts Santa skate



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The St. Andrews Community Club hosted a Skate with Santa event last Sunday. The event included a free pancake breakfast, cookie decorating as well as pictures with Santa.

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Get home safe this holiday with Operation Red Nose

By Justin Luschinski

Operation Red Nose Selkirk volunteers are doing their part to keep those participating in a little extra cheer off the roads this holiday season.

The aim of the service, which has entered its 13th year, is to reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road, an initiative that seems to be catching on with younger drivers.

Leslie Hanson, one of the co-ordinators for Selkirk and area's Operation Red Nose chapter, says they are noticing more young adults calling for safe rides home.

"There's been a change in the age of people who use the service. (Thirteen years ago), it was mostly used by the moms, dads, uncles of the volunteers. Now, a lot of younger people use it," Hanson said, while manning the phone lines last Friday night. "I have four kids, in that 19 to 27 range. Their friends ask them 'has red nose started?' They'll even tweet it out, it's great."

According to Hanson, they are also

seeing an increase in calls this holiday season. On Saturday, Dec. 8, Operation Red Nose drove around 60 people home. Hansen said they couldn't even keep up with all the requests, as almost all of their teams were consistently busy that evening.

Courtney Kowalchuk of Selkirk decided to use the service to get home from the Selkirk Legion last Friday. She said it's important not to drink and drive.

"I had a friend who got pulled over for a DUI. They made a really bad choice, and I won't make that same mistake," Kowalchuk said. "It's a smart thing to do. You get to have a good time, but also get home safely."

The Manitoba government unveiled its plan to implement tougher penalties for impaired driving at the end of November. Under the proposed new law, drivers under the influence of alcohol who register a 'warn' on an approved screening device would face a new monetary penalty of at least \$200 for a first offence, escalating to at least

\$400 for a third or subsequent offence. They would also face a vehicle impoundment of between three days for a first offence and 30 days for a third or subsequent offence. Those drivers caught a third or subsequent time would also be required to drive with an ignition interlock for a year. These new sanctions



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ABOVE: Operation Red Nose Selkirk volunteers pose for a photo at their headquarters at Selkirk United Church last Friday evening. BELOW: Courtney Kowalchuk of Selkirk, pictured right, gives a donation to Operation Red Nose after getting a safe ride home last Friday evening.



would be on top of existing licence suspensions and other sanctions for 'warn' range drivers.

Adding up all the administrative sanctions and penalties, the minimum cost for a 'warn' range driver would be \$2,600 for a first offence to about \$3,200 for a third or subsequent offence. The minimum cost for a 'fail'

would be over \$3,300. All monetary penalties would be established by regulation.

Under the new approach, testing could take as little as six minutes, which is significantly less than the time required to administer a breathalyzer and process a drunk driver criminally, which is often up to four hours. As a

result, police officers would get back on the road sooner, allowing them to catch more drunk drivers.

Once proclaimed, the legislation would be accompanied by a province wide public education campaign by Manitoba Public Insurance, further emphasizing the new costs and consequences of driving drunk.

According to the province, in 2017, 73 people were killed and 442 were seriously injured in traffic collisions in Manitoba. Drunk driving accounted for 32 per cent of those killed and six per cent of those injured. Already this year, 28 people have lost their lives because of a drunk driver.

This year, Operation Red Nose will be running on Dec. 21, 22 and 31. For more information, visit the "Operation Red Nose - Selkirk" page on Facebook.

The service, which will run from 9 p.m. till 3 a.m. each night, will operate in Selkirk, St. Andrews, St. Clements, East St. Paul, West St. Paul, Garson and Tyndall. To call for a ride, dial 204-482-NOSE or 204-482-6673.

Notice of Holiday Closures

Please note that Interlake-Eastern RHA's business offices, community health offices and clinics will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1. Please call ahead if you are seeking service on Dec 24.

Labs in Whitemouth and Oakbank will be closed all day Dec. 24. Elsewhere in the Interlake-Eastern region, lab services will close at noon on Dec. 24 with the exception of the lab at Selkirk Regional Health Centre that will be open all day. All labs will be closed to the public on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

Doctor availability will determine emergency department status. Please visit www.ierha.ca and click on "Care in Your Hospital" and "Emergency department schedules" to see doctor availability in the region's emergency departments or call 1-866-267-5818 to listen to a recorded message.

Due to the holidays, hours will change at the following regional clinics:

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Closed	Alternative open days
Tuesday, December 25	Friday, December 28, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1	Friday, January 4, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Regular Tuesday RAAM clinic hours will resume January 8, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	

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	Wednesday, December 26, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Monday, December 31, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, January 1, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mobile Clinic

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Tuesday, December 25	No clinic in Seymourville
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> RESIDENCY PROGRAM, FROM PG. 3

Dr. Ian Alexander, who grew up in Clondeboy and now practices in Selkirk, says when he was going to medical school, a residency program like this one didn't exist in the Interlake so he had to train in Dauphin. He added family medicine is based on relationships and this program will allow medical students to be apart of the community they are training in.

"You have a built-in relationship with the community and it makes the hard work worthwhile to spend your efforts on people that you know," Alexander said following the announcement last Wednesday. "You don't get that if you go to a new town so it's a great opportunity."

Alexander, who has also lent a hand in bringing the program to the Interlake region, said lots of communities have shown interest in hosting the

program including Lac du Bonnet, Stonewall as well as Gimli.

"That has all been vital to making this happen is recognizing that it isn't just Selkirk, it's all of these communities," he said. "We know that this will help our recruitment and retention."

Residency is the last stage in training for doctors following graduation from medical school. Similar residency programs already exist in Prairie Mountain Health and Southern Health-Santé Sud. Approximately three-quarters of all graduates from those rural residency programs stay in Manitoba to practice. More than half of all graduates are still practicing in rural Manitoba 10 years later, said Dr. José François, head of the Department of Family Medicine at Max Rady College of Medicine and medical director of the Winnipeg Regional Health Au-

thority's family medicine program.

"Having a site for the family medicine residency program located in Selkirk provides an additional opportunity for learners to experience the unique needs of a rural setting while better serving the residents of the Interlake," François stated in a release last week.

The selection of medical residents for these training opportunities will be made through the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) for positions beginning in July 2019.

Residents selected for the IERHA program will work with community residents to address a wide range of health-care needs from prevention to chronic disease management, and across the full continuum of care from community health to hospital-based care to palliative care.

IERHA CEO Ron Van Denakker said they have been working on bringing this program to the Interlake for nearly

four years.

"Training physicians locally leads to better recruitment and retention of these positions within the region," said Van Denakker, adding 17 towns and rural municipalities have shown their support for the program so far. "I want to thank the broader physician community in our region that has taken a strong leadership role in making this program a reality."

The program will also emphasize understanding the health-care needs of Indigenous populations in the region and the social determinants that influence health. Other training will include work on pre- and post-natal care, nutrition and sports medicine.

For more information on the family medicine residency program at the University of Manitoba, visit umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/family_medicine/postgrad/index.html.

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Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) 2019/20 General Rate Application

Centra has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of new rates charged to natural gas customers effective August 1, 2019. Centra is seeking changes to the rates that cover Centra's cost of purchasing and transporting natural gas to Manitoba, effective August 1, 2019. Details are outlined in Centra's General Rate Application, available at: www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/gas/grs_2019_2020/

The impact of this Application is a decrease of approximately 6.2% or \$42 on the annual bill for a typical residential customer. Customer bill impacts are provided for Sales Service customer classes for a range of consumption levels in the table below.

2019/20 General Rate Application	Annual Bill Impact
Customer Class	% Change
Small General Service	(4.7%) – (7.7%)
Large General Service	0.5% – 0.8%
High Volume Firm (Sales Service)	0.5% – (13.8%)
Mainline (Sales Service)	(19.7%) – (13.2%)
Interruptible	(3.0%) – (14.3%)

It is Centra's intention to update the Application based on the natural gas market prices in effect just prior to the public hearing that the Public Utilities Board will schedule in 2019. The Board will publish a subsequent Notice indicating the approximate bill impacts for the August 1, 2019 rate change, by customer class, once this information is available.

Further details are available at: www.pubmanitoba.ca

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White Ribbon Day awareness



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Stephanie Klasson, program co-ordinator with Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre, stopped in at the *Record* office on Dec. 4 in honour of the White Ribbon Campaign. The campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. It was formed by a group of pro-feminist men in London, Ontario in November 1991 as a response to the École Polytechnique massacre of female students by Marc Lépine in 1989.



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Safeway Hamper Drive Fundraiser



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Selkirk Safeway staff donated a \$100 gift card to the Selkirk Food Bank earlier this month during the Safeway Hamper Drive Fundraiser.

Selkirk Coun. John Buffie named new RRPD board chairman

Submitted

Selkirk Coun. John Buffie has been elected chairman of the Red River Planning District (RRPD).

Selkirk is one of six member municipalities of the RRPD, which also includes St. Andrews, St. Clements, West St. Paul, East St. Paul, and the Village of Dunnottar.

Buffie has been a Selkirk representative on the board for 16 years. He said he's excited about the opportunity to make improvements in the district.

"I'm looking forward to it. I've been on the board for a number of years and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with the other board members and make some improvements in key areas," Buffie said.

In particular, he said he'd like to continue working to improve the RRPD's image and the way it deals with clients.

"It's no secret the planning district struggles with customer service and that's going to be a real priority. That's one area that I hope the board can continue to focus on and move that up the ladder," he said. "They've been working at it, they've done some things, it's not like they've ignored it, but the success up until now has been not as much as we would have hoped for. So we need to look at what was done and see where we can improve upon that."

Buffie, who will hold the chair position for one year, said he feels there's

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Walter Whyte hosts holiday feast 'steeped in tradition'

By Justin Luschinski

Walter Whyte School's gymnasium was filled with Christmas cheer, as the delectable aroma of meatballs, turkey, and gravy, wafted through the air last Wednesday afternoon.

Dozens of students lined up for the Grand Marais school's annual Christmas Lunch last week. The event brings staff and students together to create a series of Christmas dishes, which was then served buffet-style in the school's fully decorated gymnasium.

Gloria Juvonen, the school's principal, says the annual event is a chance for students to treat each other like family.

"As a small community school, we're steeped in tradition. It's important for kids to have those extra special things to look forward to. And it's a beautiful way to get everyone together as a community, and share a meal," Juvonen said. "We are a family school, we have siblings who have older brothers and sisters, everyone plays together."

"We treat each other like family."

The holiday feast included meatballs, mashed potatoes, turkey, bannock, with some cooked vegetables, and a table full of desserts.

The students who grew up with this



tradition say they love it, and hope it continues.

Grade 9 students Jaidyn Kelly and Dana-Lee Feakes say they look forward to the Christmas lunch every year.

"It's mostly just tradition, everyone loves the dinner, everyone contributes, it's so much fun," Kelly said. "It's just one of the perks of having a small school, you get to do so much more cool stuff with everyone."

"It's so exciting," Feakes added. "We were just sitting in class while they were cooking all this food, thinking 'why can't we just go in there now?'"

Around 105 students attended the

dinner, along with 22 faculty members and 21 guests, which included Lord Selkirk School Division Supt. Michele Polinuk and an RCMP community officer.

Following the luncheon, the younger students got to enjoy a short movie, before getting some



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"Since that incredible day ten years ago we have served 1,372,309 customers, sold 441,340 litres of soft serve and cooked 160,193 pounds of meat" said Holly, "oh and we have decorated and sold 56,000 cakes too!"

The number they are most proud of is that they have raised over \$120,000 for the Children's Hospital out of the Selkirk restaurant. Thanks to the generous support of the people of the greater Selkirk community the Selkirk Dairy Queen is the top fundraising store in Manitoba and the 39th in Canada!

Jim, Holly and their family would like to ask everyone to join them this Saturday December 22, 2018. Mention this article to receive a free cone with any donation to the Children's Hospital. Our local area is a real fan of DQ and DQ is a real fan of our community!

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New office in Selkirk 'a real victory' for Turning Leaf

By Lindsey Enns

Turning Leaf Services celebrated the opening of their new Selkirk office with an open house last Friday.

Turning Leaf, which is now located at 655-D Morris Ave., provides supports to those living in Selkirk and area who are experiencing mental illness and intellectual challenge. They also provide a person-centred, customized approach to care, and offer crisis stabilization, addiction supports as well as a residential program among other things.

Barkley Engel, Turning Leaf's founder and CEO, says the opening of their new office in Selkirk is welcome news to their staff and clients.

"This is a real victory for us," Engel said during last week's open house. "Selkirk was the first place that we stepped outside of Winnipeg to expand, it was our first residential experience as well ... so there's a lot of firsts here."

Their new space will serve as an office and meeting space for new and current clients, he said.

"Just opening up a place like this has a lot of potential," he said. "The people



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Pictured from left to right: Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, Linda Solypa, regional clinical case manager for Turning Leaf in Selkirk, and Barkley Engel, Turning Leaf's founder and CEO, celebrate the opening of Turning Leaf's new office in Selkirk during an open house last Friday.

that work in Selkirk are pretty special and they accept people no matter what and they will open this place up to

people that maybe don't fit in at other places."

Engel said what sets Turning Leaf apart from other organizations is that they don't turn anyone away and they

operate on unconditional acceptance. "If you need a safe place to go, talk and be and essentially just be cared for I feel like the team here is just brilliant at that."

Engel added they are currently working with around 15 to 20 clients in the Selkirk area.

"The people who are asking about the service are all indicating that they haven't found success in other places, or they've fallen through the gaps," he said.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson also wanted to congratulate the Turning Leaf team on the opening of their new location last week.

"Thank you for everything you do for our community," Johannson said. "It doesn't go unnoticed and it doesn't go unappreciated. We're all a team in this community."

Turning Leaf also has offices in Winnipeg, Winkler, Portage la Prairie, Regina and Moosejaw.

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New initiative aims to help farmers with their mental, physical health

Staff

The federal government has unveiled a new initiative aimed at supporting the mental and physical health of farmers in rural communities.

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is contributing \$50,000 toward the National 4-H Healthy Living Initiative, which will be available to more than 7,700 volunteer leaders and 25,000 4-H members across Canada.

FCC is also partnering with mental health experts to create a resource for managing stress and anxiety on the farm called Rooted in Strength, according to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

"We need to work together on this issue – for our families, our friends, and our communities," said Jean-Claude

"WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE – FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS, AND OUR COMMUNITIES."

Poissant, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "By increasing awareness, reducing risk factors, improving access to quality mental health services and eliminating the stigma often associated with mental illness, we can support mental well-being."

Canadian farmers and food processors across the country work hard every day to put safe, high-quality food on our tables, while driving our economy and creating good, middle-class jobs. Although farming can provide an amazing lifestyle with great rewards, it can also be hard on mental health. Farmers and their families often face high levels of stress because of forces that are beyond their control, such as weather, disease, commodity prices, and trade.

According to a 2016 study from the University of Guelph, 45 per cent of farmers reported high levels of stress while 40 per cent said they would feel uneasy asking for professional help.

"I am proud of the leadership demonstrated by Farm Credit Canada, 4-H

Canada, and Farm Management Canada to support Canadian agriculture's greatest asset – the hard-working people who help shape this growing and dynamic industry," said Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food.

The minister also noted that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is working with Farm Management Canada to support a project that will explore the link between mental health and the impact on farm business management decisions.

Through Budget 2017 the government of Canada confirmed \$5 billion over 10 years directly to provinces and territories to improve mental health and addiction services for all Canadians – including farmers.



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MOU brings municipalities one step closer to faster internet service

By Justin Luschinski

Mayors and reeves moved another step closer to bringing high-speed and fibre optic internet service to their communities last week.

A memorandum of understanding was signed last Wednesday at the Manitoba legislature by JohnQ Public Inc., the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region's (WMR) economic development corporation, and two local and national Internet service providers – WireIE and RFNOW Inc. JohnQ says the regional fibre optic project – Connecting to Opportunity – is a prime example of how JohnQ works and what the WMR can accomplish through a collaborative business model.

According to a JohnQ spokesperson, internet speeds in the region do not meet the minimum CRTC requirements, and as a result, businesses have fallen behind the curve.

Colleen Sklar, executive director of the WMR, an organization recently tasked by the province to deliver economic development funding and programming throughout the region, says businesses need fast and reliable internet to stay competitive.

"The service speeds are very slow. Sometimes you'd get faster (download) speeds, but most businesses work on cloud architecture. They need good (upload) speeds," Sklar said. "This isn't about Netflix, this is about businesses being competitive with other parts of the country. Let's give business all the tools that they would enjoy in any other metropolitan region."



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er metropolitan region."

"Cloud architecture" refers to programs such as Microsoft Whiteboard and Slack, digital workplaces that make it easy to share projects and ideas from almost anywhere in the world. Sklar said internet service in the Interlake does not meet the CRTC guidelines: Up until six months ago, 25 mbps (megabits per second) download and five mbps upload was considered "basic," but recently they've been changed to 50 down and 10 up, as society has increasingly relied on the

internet to function.

Sklar added that the service will not be "utility-funded," meaning residents won't be taxed for whatever construction will be required for the service. Since the project is still in its early stages, it's unclear what financial model they will use, but Sklar said they will make sure there is competition between the different ISPs, which will hopefully lead to fair prices for residents.

For some communities, this will completely revamp their internet services.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fieblekorn says this is a great win for the region.

"We have a lot of areas (in St. Clements) where we don't have any internet service, or it's very poor. In the areas we do have service, it's sometimes slow and intermittent," Fieblekorn said. "After the announcement was made, I did have a number of residents call and email me saying 'It's about time.' We really need it in our community."

Rob Barlow, CEO of WireIE, stated the two ISPs will use multiple technologies to bring high speed internet service to the region. The feasibility study originally mentioned "fiber-optic internet," which may be used in conjunction with other technologies, such as using microwave-based transmitters, or transmitters that output signals at a frequency that can pass through things like rivers and lakes.

Through JohnQ, the development of high-speed Internet infrastructure is being explored for 43 under-served communities in the 13 member municipalities in the METRO region surrounding Winnipeg. Many are shovel ready, which means construction could commence as early as mid-May 2019, according to JohnQ.

The next steps in the process including finalizing the business model, completing the design of the network, negotiating with other stakeholders, developing and recommending the final broadband service offerings for end user as well as developing and recommending an open access model for third party ISPs to promote competition.

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Circles for Reconciliation receives \$25K in funding from province

Staff

The Manitoba government is strengthening its support for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people by providing \$25,000 in funding for Circles for Reconciliation.

"Our government is pleased to provide \$25,000 to Circles for Reconciliation, furthering the opportunity to learn about the shared history of Canadian Indigenous nations and peoples," Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister Eileen Clarke stated in a release last week.

Established in 2016, Circles for Reconciliation aims to create trusting, meaningful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as part of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A small circle of 10 participants, five Indigenous and five non-Indigenous, is created and led by two trained facilitators, one of whom is Indigenous. Groups meet weekly or biweekly for 10 gatherings and volunteer facilitators lead participants through discussions on various themes such as the meaning of land for Indigenous people, residential schools, intergenerational trauma, the pass system and the '60s Scoop. There is no cost to participate, only a commitment to treat everyone with respect.

"The desire to foster respectful relationships is the heart and soul of what we set out to do in our project, Circles for Reconciliation," said Raymond Currie, project co-ordinator. "In the

circle, people hear stories about the history of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people over the last 150 years and everyone has a chance to listen, learn and share with one another."

To date, 430 circle meetings have been hosted involving 1,100 people and more than 4,800 hours of discussion on reconciliation. Circles have been completed with faith groups, corporations, educational institutions, social services agencies, service clubs and new Canadian agencies.

To learn more about Circles for Reconciliation, visit circlesforreconciliation.ca.

The Mysteries of Christmas



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Knox Presbyterian Church in Selkirk held a Community Christmas Service last Sunday night. The theme was "The Mysteries of Christmas" and the service led by Minister Anthon Bouw.

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New task force to combat illicit drug use, distribution

Submitted

Federal, provincial and municipal leaders have formed a task force to address and respond to the rapid increase in the distribution and use of methamphetamine and other substances.

The creation of the Illicit Drug Task Force was announced Tuesday by Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen, Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman and Robert-Falcon Ouellette, member of Parliament for Winnipeg Centre.

"The problems associated with il-

licit drug use destroy families, hurt communities, cross all jurisdictional boundaries, and require a collaborative and co-ordinated response from all levels of government," said Friesen. "We look forward to working together with our federal and municipal partners to find solutions and build on recent initiatives of the Manitoba government, such as Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinics."

"The federal government understands methamphetamine and other illicit drugs are destroying the lives of our youths, families and contin-

ues to have a negative impact on communities throughout Manitoba," said Ouellette. "We see the creation of a joint task force as an opportunity for all three levels of government to work collaboratively and put forth concrete solutions to combat opioids and other illicit drugs. We need to listen to the people doing the work on the ground."

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ABOVE: Local children visit with Santa during Ruth Hooker School's Breakfast with Santa event last Friday morning.
RIGHT: Students and staff enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Robert Smith School last Friday.



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<https://www.call2recycle.ca/manitoba/>



Hitting the ice

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JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

The Kin Centre Rink in Selkirk, beside the Selkirk Curling Club, is officially open for the season. Some local youth took to the ice last Saturday to play hockey and practice their skills. The Kin Centre rink is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. during the week and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

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By Brian Bowman

A hockey team is going to win a lot of games when they only give up 14 shots in 60 minutes.

And that was the case for the Selkirk Steelers as they shut out the Neepawa Natives 3-0 in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action at the Rec Complex Saturday evening.

"It was a good effort all around, the forwards, defence, goalie, special teams," said Nick Lubimiv, the Steelers' head coach and director of hockey operations.

"We're making progress in the right areas, so when you do that you're going to give yourself a chance to win most games."

After the first two periods were scoreless, Josiah Vanderhooft, Nate Halvorsen and Carter Barley scored in the third.

Halvorsen and Barley each finished the game with three points.

"The Barley brothers and (Halvorsen), they're one of the better lines in the league and they have been really good the last three or four games," Lubimiv said.

Zach Bennett posted the shutout in goal.

With the victory, the Steelers extended their winning streak to four games. Selkirk has won six of its past seven games.

"In our last 10 or 12 games, we've only had one that we were kind of disappointed with," Lubimiv said.

"We starting to put it together and the pieces are starting to fit. Guys are getting used to their roles."

On Dec. 12, the Steelers defeated the the Swan Valley Stampede 5-4 in overtime at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex as part of the MJHL's annual Showcase.

Connor Barley scored the game-winning goal in OT.

Brett Namaka and Halvorsen scored to give Selkirk a 2-0 lead but Swan Valley's Josh Tripp tallied at 19:22 of the opening period.

Selkirk's Ryan Sokoloski and Halvorsen scored in the second period to stake the Steelers to a 4-1 lead.

But Swan Valley forced the overtime with a pair of goals from Troy Quinn and another from Tripp in the third period.

Quinn's second goal came at 19:07 of the third.

The Steelers' Colby Jaquet, Nolan Ferguson, and Colby Dudek each had two assists in the game.

Bennett made 35 saves for the win.

Selkirk hosted Virden on Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Steelers, now 19-10-1-2, will host OCN on Thursday and then will visit Steinbach Saturday to wrap up play before the holiday season.

Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

Selkirk will resume play in the new year on Jan. 4 when they head north to battle the Blizzard.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Steelers' Zach Bennett posted the shutout in goal against the Neepawa Natives last Saturday evening.



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Timbits' hockey players put on quite a show during an intermission at the Selkirk Steelers' home game against the Neepawa Natives on Saturday.

Steelers' Bennett named Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week

Staff

Undefeated in three starts last week, Selkirk Steelers' goaltender Zach Bennett was recently named Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week.

Bennett, 18, was outstanding in the Steelers' net, posting a stingy 1.65 goals-against average and .943 save percentage.

One of his wins last week was a

3-0 shutout over Neepawa.

Bennett, who hails from Winnipeg, had a 10-5 record with a 3.13 GAA and .913 save percentage heading into Selkirk's home game this past Tuesday against Virden.

The runners-up for the award were Virden goaltender Dalton Dosch and OCN forward Tony Apetagon.

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U19 Magic golden at Mid-Canada ringette tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Magic U19 ringette team pulled off some wizardry at the 2018 Mid-Canada Ringette tournament earlier this month.

Interlake won the gold medal with an impressive 7-1 win over the Saskatoon Blazers in the final.

Three of the Magic's goals came from their defence.

"I would say that was our most consistent game that we played the whole tournament," said Magic head coach Meghan Lohmer. "We were really happy with the final score. Our transition game was really strong."

To reach the final, Interlake knocked off Nova Scotia 6-1.

The Magic's defensive play was very good in those two playoff games. They also benefited from exceptional goaltending by Stonewall's Shae Mulvihill.

"Our defence stepped up huge and our goalie was rock solid," Lohmer said.

The Magic started tournament play with a 13-7 win over Nova Scotia on Dec. 7. Later that evening, Interlake defeated Saskatoon 8-3.

Interlake closed out round-robin action the following day with a hard-fought 6-5 win over the Bonivital Angels.

The Magic was getting offensive production from a bevy of players.

Kennedy Howden, Rikki Frost-Hunt, and Brooke English each led the In-

terlake with seven goals apiece in the tournament.

The Magic's top points producers were Howden (13), Frost-Hunt (12), Carleigh Petersen (11) and Emily Warner (10).

"My favourite part as a coach is the game sheet and I always look to see how many different scorers there are in each game," Lohmer said. "Our defence can score, our offence can score, and everyone is just contributing and that (led) to our success that weekend."

The Angels won the bronze medal with a 3-2 win over Nova Scotia.

On the season, Interlake has posted a solid 14-3-2 record, which includes tournament play.

The Magic went 4-0 in the round robin at a Saskatoon tournament before losing in the semifinals to Regina by a goal.

Interlake finished third at the tournament.

The Magic will be headed to Gloucester, Ont. in late January for a tournament.

"We'll see a bunch of teams from the east, which will be nice, because we are going to nationals," Lohmer said.

The nationals will be hosted by Prince Edward Island this year.

The Magic players and coaches will have a great experience competing against teams from different areas of the country.

"It's awesome," Lohmer enthused.



RECORD PHOTO BY DEREK FROST-HUNT

From left to right, Shae Mulvihill (Stonewall), Emily Lazaruk (St Andrews), Charlotte Wilmott (Petersfield), and Rikki Frost-Hunt (Stonewall) led the Interlake Magic U19 ringette team to a gold medal at the Mid-Canada AA Tournament earlier this month.

"I've been to PEI, myself, but I don't think any of the girls have been out there so they are super excited. We're

going to fly into Moncton and we'll drive the two hours and do some sightseeing along the way."

Dolphins swimming very well this season

Submitted

The Selkirk Dolphins have participated in four swim meets this season.

Their first meet was in Brandon on Nov. 3-4 with nine swimmers making the trek. Results were amazing as our 10-year-old boys, Mason Liebrecht and Levy Andrusyshy, battled for wins in two races - touching each other out by one 100th of a second.

Braxton Case brought home High Point in the girls' 11 to 12-year-old events.

Selkirk's second meet was a short and sweet one as 25 Dolphins swam at the Pan Am Pool in Winnipeg on Nov 17.

This is where the older boys on the team battled for first place in the 50m free with Ian Gurney out touching Julian Murdock by .19 seconds.

This competition would lead into the next swim meet on Dec 1-2 at the Pan Am Pool where 21 Dolphins' attended the Last Chance for Man/Sask event.

Nick Duschinger nearly broke 29

seconds with a 29.22 finish in the 50m free. Close behind was Murdock as he improved his previous 50m free time to 29.25, three 100ths of a second behind Duschinger. Gurney again improved his time to 29.59. This being the last chance to qualify for Man/Sask in Saskatoon, three Dolphins' swimmers narrowly missed qualifying by less than four 100ths of a second.

Throughout the meets this season, the team has achieved 90 per cent improvement at each meet.

Lolita Duschinger was the Dolphins' lone qualifier who was one of 108 swimmers from Manitoba to make the trip to Saskatoon back on Dec 5-9.

Sunday was Lolita's best performing day, earning spots in finals in 50m butterfly and 100m breast.

The Dolphins will be practicing over the Christmas break in preparation for the Grand Prix event in Winnipeg on Jan 18-20. We have eight swimmers who have qualified and we look forward to more amazing racing.

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U16 Magic marvelous in tournament win

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Magic won the gold medal at the Mid-Canada U16 AA ringette tournament earlier this month.

Interlake stung the Regina Stingers 2-1 in overtime in the championship game.

"It was definitely a good game," said Magic head coach Sam Renooy. "I think that's how a gold-medal game should be played. Go into overtime, give the parents a couple of heart attacks, and it's fun for the girls."

Valorie Smuttell had a strong game, scoring both goals for the Magic in the final.

"I think that was her best game of the year," Renooy said. "She's been improving a lot and starting to get more goals and her passing is awesome."

Both of her goals were assisted by Shereise Fetterly. Dominique Lezzi also assisted on Smuttell's second tally.

Laura Treleme posted the win in goal. Interlake's defence was stellar in the gold-medal game.

"We have been working a lot on our defence...and they were keeping them out of the triangle," Renooy said. "I actually believe it was one of their best games of the year. Everybody was playing their role."

Before the playoffs, Interlake posted a 3-0-1 record. The Magic defeated the

Wild 4-1 on Dec. 6 and then doubled Regina 6-3 the following evening.

Interlake then doused the Flames 3-0 before playing to a 3-3 draw with the Saskatoon Selects.

Smuttell led the Magic in goals scored (seven) and points (10) at the tournament. Other top points producers were Fetterly (three goals, five assists) and Lezzie (four goals, three assists).

Other Interlake goal scorers at the tournament were Brooklyn Gregory (two), Taryn Baertsoen, and Teala Normand.

For the season, the Magic has been "pretty good," said Renooy. Interlake will be going to Ottawa at the end of January for another tournament.

"It should be good," Renooy predicted. "We'll be playing some east teams, Ontario teams, stuff like that, so it should be good. They always have high numbers so they always have good teams. I'm looking forward to seeing what (our girls) can do."

Interlake has a major goal of earning a spot at the nationals in Prince Edward Island. To do that, they must place in the top two at provincials.

"Their goal is to become Team Manitoba and I have no doubt that they can get there," Renooy said. "It's just about consistency and getting their game. We definitely have the skill and the talent."



RECORD PHOTO BY DEREK FROST-HUNT

Pictured, left to right, Jill Smuttell (East Selkirk), Shereise Fetterly (Selkirk), and Valorie Smuttell (East Selkirk) led the Interlake Magic to a gold medal at the Mid-Canada Ringette Tournament.

Varsity boys winning on the basketball court

By Brian Bowman

There are a lot of new faces on this year's Selkirk Royals' varsity boys' basketball team.

But they are playing like they been together for years and years.

Selkirk finished with a 3-2 record at a Brandon tournament last weekend. The Royals defeated the Crocus Plains Plainsmen 40-26 in the ninth-place game Saturday.

"We should have beaten them worse," said Royals' head coach Dean Goodbrandson. "But the guys were exhausted. They played five games in 48 hours. Games on Saturday afternoon are sometimes a little ugly."

Alex Hourie led Selkirk with 17

points.

The Royals started tournament play with a 85-59 loss to a team from Estevan, Sask.

Carson Grandmont paced Selkirk with 19 points.

The Royals lost 54-41 to the Sanford Sabres as Carlin Doak scored 17 and then Selkirk crushed St. John's Ravenscourt 61-39. Doak had a team-high 15 points.

Selkirk also beat MBCI 65-41 in a Tier 2 playoff game. Matthew Fey had a solid game, leading Selkirk with 22 points.

Goodbrandson is very pleased with how the Royals have begun play this season.

"We knew where we were at," he said. "We're not very deep. We have a few kids who have played some ball but we have a lot of new people, too. I'm pleasantly surprised with how well we've done."

A balanced scoring attack has been one big reason for Selkirk's success. The Royals have also played well defensively, creating turnovers that have resulted in points.

"We have a different leading scorer every day," Goodbrandson noted. "We have a bunch of guys contributing and we had a game in Beausejour where we had five guys in double digits. We're pretty balanced."

Overall this season, Selkirk was

6-3 heading into Monday evening's league game with Springfield.

The Royals defeated the MBCI Hawks 70-62 in their league opener back on Dec. 10.

Selkirk is looking to defend their KPAC Tier 2 title from a season ago.

At a Beausejour tournament earlier this month, Selkirk won the consolation side after beating the Beliveau Barracudas 61-60.

The Royals started tournament play with an 83-78 loss to the Morden Thunder before rebounding with a 69-59 victory over Edward Schreyer.

Olympiens down Royals in boys' hockey

By Brian Bowman

Selkirk lost 5-2 to the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action last Friday at Dakota Arena.

"They came out and surprised us a little bit," Royals' head coach Michael Buffie said. "They're a pretty quick team and we came out pretty flat and got behind early."

Nolan Milgaard and Jordan Simko scored for Selkirk in the losing cause.

On Dec. 12, the Royals doubled the Kelvin Clippers 4-2 at the River Heights Arena.

"It was a good game," Buffie said. "It was a tough battle for us. We were tied 2-2 after two (periods) and we talked all season long, especially come play-off time, that if we want to win hockey games then we have to win the third period."

Selkirk trailed 2-1 but scored three unanswered goals for the comeback win.

Simko scored in the second period and then netted the game winner midway in the third. Easton Donohoe added an insurance marker with 3:04 remaining.

Austin Wasnie scored Selkirk's other goal in the first period.

Brock Gates and Can Tramley tallied first-period goals for Kelvin.

James Kulyk earned the win in goal.

Back on Dec. 4, Selkirk was defeated 7-2 by the St. Paul's I Crusaders.

Milgaard and Cade Chisholm scored third-period goals for Selkirk.

The Royals' Zach Parkinson had two assists.

St. Paul's, which held period leads of 3-0 and 4-0, received goals from Neo Kiemeny (two), Owen Ostermann, Carter Haugen, Ethan Lewis, Josh Humphries and Jack Kaiser.

Selkirk hosted Westwood on Tuesday and then will visit Sanford on Wednesday. No scores from either game were available at press time.

The Royals will resume league action after the Christmas break on Jan. 7 when it hosts St. Paul's at the Rec Complex. Game time is 4 p.m.

Meanwhile, in Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League action, the Royals defeated the Dakota Lancers 9-5 last Thursday at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk led 5-0 after two periods but Dakota battled back to trail just 6-5 before the Royals scored the final three goals of the game.

Jana King had a hat trick for the Royals while Rayley Goetz scored twice and added three assists.

Cienna Palmer (two), Amy Carter and Kiera Dawson also scored for Selkirk.

Brooklyn Olfert (two), Morgan Sloan (two), and Risa Shatford scored Dakota's goals.

On Dec. 12, Selkirk beat the St. Mary's Academy Flames 5-3 in a battle between the division's top two teams in Winnipeg.

Tied at 3-3 in the third period, Palmer scored the eventual game winner and then Jazmyn-Rae Desjarlais added a shorthanded goal with 5:07 remaining.

Desjarlais opened the game's scor-



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Royals' Nolan Milgaard scored for Selkirk against the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens.

ing in the first period while Goetz netted a pair of goals in the second.

Nicole Howorth, Julia Bird, and Jenny Kim replied for the Flames.

Selkirk played the Oak Park Raiders this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Royals will then resume their

league schedule after the holiday break on Jan. 10 when they host the Kelvin Clippers in East Selkirk. Game time is 4 p.m.

Royals finish with 2-2 record at season-opening tournament

By Brian Bowman

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

Selkirk started its season with a 69-50 loss to the Fort Richmond Centurions.

"For the third year in a row, we had the feature game, meaning we played right in front of their whole school," said Royals' head coach Sue Gilmour. "We were playing our game in front of a good portion of their school, which was a little intimidating at the beginning."

Fort Richmond stormed out to a quick 16-2 lead in front of that home crowd.

"It was a little bit of nerves, a little bit of inexperience, well, a lot of inexperience," Gilmour said.

After that slow start, Selkirk played much better and, for the most part, traded points with Fort Richmond.

The Centurions put the game away, though, with a strong second half of the fourth quarter.

Selkirk, which only had 10 players on its roster last weekend, rebounded nicely from that loss to defeat Crocus Plains 58-42.

"We are very young," Gilmour stressed. "I have one returning player from last year. But I have a Grade 10 (player), Annika Goodbrandson, and she has really done well, and I have a core group of Garde 11s that are really good."

Selkirk lost 78-38 to the Sisler Spartans in their next game and then wrapped up play with a convincing 60-35 win over Shaftesbury in the 11th-place game.

Selkirk's players of the game at the tournament were Abby Benson, Goodbrandson, Jessie Fitkowski and Isabella Benson.

The Royals have plenty of things to work on in the near future. With the varsity girls' volleyball team's season stretching so long, it limited the basketball team's opportunity to practice before the beginning of the season.

"We only had two practices before the season and we're always at a disadvantage at this point of the season," Gilmour said. "I tell the girls that some of these teams have been practicing since early November because their volleyball programs end in the first week of September."

While the Royals may be inexperienced in basketball at the varsity level, they do have a couple of things going in their favour.

There are a bevy of talented athletes that excel in other sports and they also have a very big basketball IQ, said Gilmour.

"We have very good athletes...and a lot of multi-sport athletes," she agreed.

The Royals' first home game of the season is Wednesday at 6pm against Miles Macdonell.

Selkirk feels it can have a competitive season in league play.

"I really think KPAC this season is up for grabs," Gilmour predicted. "In year's past, one team has been a dominant force. I think all of the KPAC teams in Tier 1 this year are on the same level playing field."

"I think it's going to be a really interesting year in KPAC."

Morden, Winkler to host National Women's Under-18 Championship

Submitted

The very best young women's players from around the country will converge on Morden and Winkler, next November to compete for gold at the National Women's Under-18 Championship, marking the first time Manitoba will host the tournament.

"Hockey Canada is very excited to bring this event to Morden and Winkler next fall," said Scott Smith, president and COO of Hockey Canada. "Historically, fans have had the opportunity to watch as Canada's future superstars compete for their provinces before competing wearing the Maple Leaf at world championships and the Olympics."

Morden is no stranger to successfully hosting national hockey events, having hosted the 2017 Esso Cup, Canada's National Female Midget Championship, while Winkler will host a Hockey Canada tournament for the first time.

"We welcome the chance to work with Winkler on hosting the National Women's Under-18 Championship," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley. "Although both communities are capable of hosting large-scale events on their own, we are stronger together. We are excited to have the opportunity to build on the success of the Esso Cup."

"Winkler has a history of hosting very successful events including Hockey Day in Canada, the Manitoba Games, the Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the Viterra men's provincial curling championship," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. "Our community has always rallied around these events thanks to the strength of our volunteers. We look forward

to hosting this and future events with our neighbours to the west."

"It's exciting to welcome Hockey Canada back to the region," said Clare Agnew, co-chair of the host organizing committee. "There was such positive energy in the community during the Esso Cup, it makes planning this one even more exciting. The confidence of Hockey Canada and our understanding of its expectations makes for a great partnership."

Historically, the event has netted more than \$1.5 million in economic impact for the host region, and as with all Hockey Canada events, net proceeds will remain locally to support the growth of the game.

"Hockey Manitoba is extremely confident that Morden and Winkler will present an exceptional atmosphere in order to guarantee a positive, successful and memorable event," said Bill Whitehead, president of Hockey Manitoba. "Both communities have a deep history in the promotion and operation of events and are excited about the opportunity to stage the 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championship."

The National Women's Under-18 Championship is held every year (excluding years where the Canada Winter Games take place), and features teams representing provinces and regions across the country. Ontario teams have won each of the 12 gold medals, while the host Manitobans will be looking to add a first national title to their two silver and three bronze medals.

For more information on Hockey Canada and the National Women's Under-18 Championship, please visit HockeyCanada.ca, or follow through social media on Facebook and Twitter.

Fishermen flying in December

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen have been really good in December.

Selkirk won its fourth and fifth Capital Region Junior Hockey League games this month (without a loss) last weekend and extended its winning streak to six games.

Selkirk destroyed the Arborg Ice Dawgs 8-1 on Saturday and then clipped the Lundar Falcons 6-5 in overtime Sunday.

Both wins came on the road.

"Things are really coming together nicely," said Fishermen head coach Chris Poponick. "Our lines are starting to click and guys are understanding and buying into the system. Things are moving along quite nicely."

Chad King scored the game winner in OT as the Fishermen battled back from a 4-0 first-period deficit to score five goals in the third.

Selkirk also trailed 5-1 midway in the third before mounting the impressive comeback.

"If we do experience some success this season, that could be seen as one of the turning points," Poponick said. "Lundar came out flying on all cylinders and popped four on us quickly."

"Between the first and second periods, I didn't lay into them. I just said, 'Now's our opportunity to learn and to see what actually we are' and they responded well."

"It was a fantastic comeback and, as fact, there were a lot of guys that said that was the most fun hockey game

that I have ever been a part of."

Juliana Garcea and Dawson Courchene each scored once and added an assist for Selkirk.

Ben Kelly, Travis Spratt and Kyle Melo also scored for the Fishermen.

Eric Miller led Lundar with two goals and an assist while Jesse McDonald added a goal and an assist. Jayden Allary and Josh Wilkinson also scored for the Falcons.

Austin DeBoer made 29 saves for the victory.

On Saturday evening, Garcea had a strong game with two goals and two assists while Dane Derewianchuk added two goals and an assist.

Reece Tessier, Evan Bedard, Nico Morrow-Litke, and Spratt also scored for Selkirk.

Colton Davies replied for Arborg.

Riley Bannerman stopped 35 Ice Dawgs' shots for the victory.

Selkirk now has 35 points to lead the five-team CRJHL heading into this week's action. The Fishermen are seven points ahead of the second-place St. Malo Warriors.

Selkirk will wrap up league play for the holiday break this Friday when they make a return visit to Arborg. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

"We're in really good shape," Poponick said. "Our first goal is to be in first place at the Christmas break and we've accomplished that."

"Next goal is to finish the league in first place."

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Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 at 7pm

Must have valid 2018 membership to be eligible to vote.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) the Financial Controller (FC) will play a critical role in the development, planning and implementation of the financial strategy for the municipality. The Financial Controller will also be responsible for reporting for all financial matters as they relate to operations, capital and project areas.

The candidate will be responsible for all financial requirements including the development implementation and reporting for:

- Financial Plans
- Borrowing
- Loans
- Investments
- Financial Statement and Auditor's report
- As well as seek all available municipal grant funding within time deadlines.

The candidate must also possess:

- Experience and knowledge with accounting systems, internal controls, business planning and asset management gained through a combination of experience and education.
- Proficiency in accounting software and municipal accounting
- Supervision of accounting functions of the municipality (AR, AP, Payroll, TCA, PSAB)
- Ability to exercise independent judgement and sensitive deadlines.

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Please send your letter of application and resumé to the Municipality:

Attention: Andrew Weremy, CAO
R.M. of St. Andrews
Box 130, 500 Railway Avenue
Clandeboye, MB, R0C 0P0

Email: andrew@rmofstandrews.com

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS



PUBLIC NOTICE

HOLIDAY SEASON OPERATING HOURS

The R.M. of St. Andrews Municipal Office and Public Works Office will be closed on the following days over the holiday season:

December 24 - January 1 - CLOSED

Municipal services will continue through this period as required.

EARL GREY AND CLANDEBOYE WASTE DISPOSAL GROUNDS

Both the Earl Grey and Clandeboye Waste Disposal Grounds will be closed on the following days over the holidays:

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of GEERTRUIDA ANNA ALIDA MOORING, of the City of Selkirk, in Manitoba, Deceased. All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 244 Manitoba Avenue, P.O. Box 336, Selkirk, Manitoba, R1A 2B3, on or about the 6th day of February, 2019. DATED at the City of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, this 11th day of December, 2018. RICHARD M. ALCOCK LAW OFFICE, Solicitor for the Executor

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK ALBERT BOOTH, late of the City of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices at 407 Main St., Selkirk, MB, R1A 1T9, on or before the 25th day of January 2019. DATED at the City of Selkirk, in Manitoba, this 14th day of December 2018. PULLAN KAMMERLOCH FROHLINGER Selkirk Office-Adam Kelso Solicitor for the Executor

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2018 HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP

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

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- No recycling collection
Thursday, December 27, 2018
- Tuesday's and Thursday's recycling collection
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019
- No recycling collection
Thursday, January 3, 2019
- Tuesday's and Thursday's recycling collection
No changes to the garbage collection schedule

WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Closed
Boxing Day, Wednesday, December 26, 2018 - Closed
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - Closed

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The family of the late Lily Safiriuk would like to express their sincere gratitude to friends and family for their outpouring of support in commemorating the life of our dear Mother and Baba. We have been overwhelmed with your messages of condolences, cards, stories, flowers and monetary donations in Lily's memory to Diabetes Canada. Thank you as well to Gilbart Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements, Rosedale Hall for all their assistance and to the caterers. We are grateful for all of you in helping us navigate through this difficult time.

-Sincerely,

Shirley, Linda, Diane and families

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CARD OF THANKS

May I express my sincere appreciation and thanks once again to all those who attended my birthday celebration last June. Your presence and gifts will always be cherished and remembered. Although I apologize for not sending out thank you cards, I petitioned instead to the Lord God to grant on to you His Divine Blessings for good health and a long life of happiness. As we approach the Joyous Day of Christmas, the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, my prayer of wishes to all; May Christ Jesus born in the stable in the city of Bethlehem give you and your families now and always His Peace in your soul, His presence in your heart and His Holy power in your life. May the merciful God be with you this Christmas season and with His blessings for your good health and prosperity throughout the New Year. Christ is Born! Let us adore Him.

-Fr. Peter W. Chorney
(Selkirk-Gonor area)

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-God bless,
Kurt Petersen

Executive Director, Change 2 Change

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	5					1	3	
		7	9					
				3	2	4		
1			5		7	2		
						7		
8			1		9		4	
6					8			
		2	6					
				4		3	1	

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	1	3	5	2	4	6	8	7
4	1	2	6	9	6	9	2	5
8	7	7	4	2	4	5	9	8
4	5	9	6	1	2	3	7	8
5	2	6	8	4	7	9	1	3
1	9	1	4	7	8	3	9	5
3	8	8	2	7	9	5	4	6
7	5	7	2	3	8	1	9	6
2	2	9	8	1	5	6	7	3
6	3	6	1	9	7	4	8	2

Sudoku Answer

P	O	S	E	A	R	D	E	R
H	T	I	C	Q	U	D	E	B
R	A	B	A	N	I	D	A	V
N	O	R	A	V	D	A	E	A
S	U	T	E	A	M	A	V	A
Z	E	A	V	S	O	T	R	I
D	E	T	S	V	O	T	M	P
A	V	L	A	V	T	V	N	O
V	M	S	V	N	I	R	A	V
R	E	N	O	I	H	S	I	R
S	A	C	I	E	M	A	V	A
A	D	E	L	A	E	R	H	T
C	O	M	B	E	A	E	V	C
L	R	L	E	R	T	V	E	I
V	T	E	P	T	S	B	V	L

Crossword Answer

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BIRTHDAY



**Happy 80th Birthday
Steve
December 30, 2018
Congratulations!**

-Love Cec,
children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

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IN MEMORIAM



**Kirkness
Margaret Ann
(Peggy)**

December 12, 2016

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

-Author unknown

-Missed by: Jim, Chris, Elaine,
Kyle, Kelly, Angela and Christian

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IN MEMORIAM



Sayler Isabel Funk

September 10, 2000 - December 19, 2006
Merry Christmas Sayler - My Star in Heaven
I am sending a dove to heaven,
With a parcel on its wings;
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
Wrapped up in a million hugs;
To say how much I miss you,
And to send you all my love.
Love you forever little girl.

-Dad, Gram, Pa,
Praznik family

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IN MEMORIAM



**Scott Wazney
September 16, 2016**

Two years ago
I think about you always,
And talk about you too;
I have such beautiful memories,
But wish we still had you.
Merry Christmas Darryl and Scott.
Forever in our hearts, missed always.

-Love Mom and Dad,
Carla, Darin and family

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IN MEMORIAM



**Roy Taylor
December 26, 2017**

Dad, Grandpa and GG, are such special words.
Words that brings to mind:
Devotion to the family, a big warm smile,
A word of patience, a helping hand,
And a way of being kind.
It doesn't need a special day,
To bring you to our mind;
For days without a thought of you,
Are very hard to find.
Every time we think of you,
Our hearts fill with pride;
And though we'll always miss you,
We know you're by our side.
Dad, Grandpa and GG are such special
words...
Because they stand for you.

-Love you always,
Larry, Sharon, Kristin, Russell, Kevin

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IN MEMORIAM



Marilyn Gwendolyn Bedard

April 12, 1954 - December 20, 2015

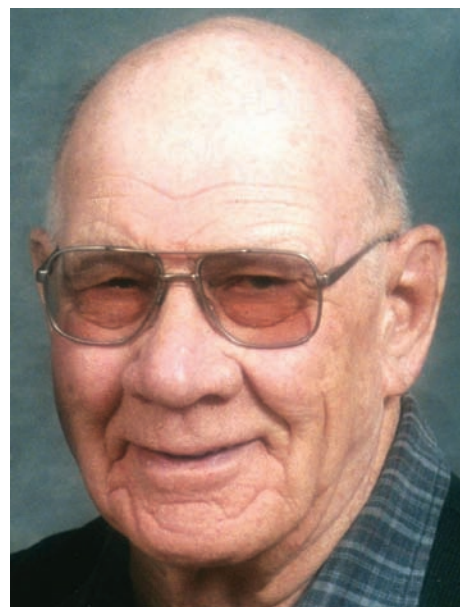
In loving memory of our daughter,
mother, grandmother, great-grandmother,
sister and aunt

It broke our hearts to see you go,
You fought so hard to stay.
We could not wish you back
To suffer all that pain again.
Lord keep her safe always.
We'll always miss and love you,

-Mother Beatrice,
daughters Cherlynn (Kevin),
Lesley, son Danny,
all your grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
sisters Marie (Bootem), Linda (Robert),
June (John), and brother Paul,
and all your nieces, nephews and cousins

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IN MEMORIAM



**Roy Taylor
December 26, 2017**

You were a loving husband,
A friend, so good and true;
A better husband never lived,
Your equals are but few.
God knows you had to leave,
But you did not go alone;
For part of me went with you,
The day He took you home.
You were everything in life to me,
My husband and my friend;
Although you had to leave,
Our love will never end.

-Always yours,
love Frances

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> MEAL IDEAS



RED RIVER CO-OP FOOD STORE

Potato, Turkey and Veggie Casserole

mixed vegetables, drained
nonstick cooking spray
1/2 cup bread crumbs
Heat oven to 350 F. In large, nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat 1 table-spoon oil. Add turkey, thyme, garlic powder, pepper and salt, if desired. Cook 5-7 minutes, until cooked through, stirring occasionally and breaking tur-key into large crumbs.

Stir in potato salad and sour cream. Add vegetables; stir to combine. Spray 2-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Spoon in casserole mix-ture.

Toss together bread crumbs and remaining oil. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake 30 minutes, or until bubbly and heated through.

Substitution: Leftover chopped turkey (about 1 1/2 cups) can be cooked 2-3 minutes in skillet in place of ground turkey.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6
1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, olive oil
3/4 pound extra-lean ground turkey breast
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 can (15 ounces) READ German Potato Salad
1/2 cup light sour cream
2 cups frozen, thawed or canned

Beet Carpaccio Salad with Toasted Hazelnuts

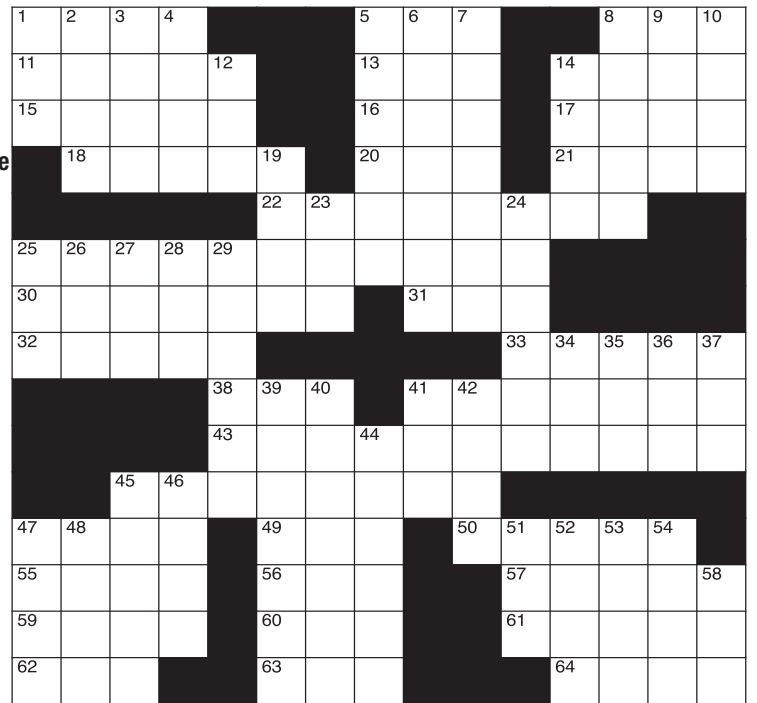
Prep time: 10 min
Servings: 4
1 1/2 pounds roasted beets
2 cups microgreens
4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup chopped toasted hazel-nuts
2 tablespoons Filippo Berio Classic Balsamic Glaze

1/4 teaspoon flaked sea salt
1/4 teaspoon cracked pepper
Heat oven to 400 F.
Using chef's knife or mandoline, thinly slice beets; arrange on platter.
Arrange microgreens over beets; scatter with goat cheese. Sprinkle hazelnuts over top and drizzle with balsamic glaze. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

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1. Thick piece of something
 5. Engine additive
 8. Anticipated arrival time
 11. French commune
 13. Cigarette (slang)
 14. Nobleman
 15. Ghana capital
 16. Adam's wife
 17. Most popular student
 18. Where you currently are
 20. Increase motor speed
 21. Queen of Sparta
 22. North, South and Central
 25. Churchgoer
 30. Russian empress
 31. Female daredevils organization
 32. Relating to music
 33. Female body part
 38. Tyrion Lannister
 41. Honored
 43. Argentine footballer
 45. Novices
 47. Wings
 49. Doctors' group
 50. Packers' QB
 55. Qatar capital
 56. Unpleasant noise
 57. Lovable elephant
 59. Sleeping
 60. Lute
 61. Weight of a liter of hydrogen
 62. Crimson
 63. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 64. Employee plan
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. Helps little firms
 2. Type of curtain
 3. Online stock exchange
 4. Irish castle
 5. Audio-system
 6. Places to grab a drink
 7. What's coming
 8. Designed chairs
 9. Stepped on
 10. Genus of birds
 12. Consume
 14. Ancient Syrian city
 19. Australian brewery
 23. Not present
 24. Necktie
 25. What part of (abbr.)
 26. Type of compound
 27. Jogged quickly
 28. Roth is one type
 29. Mineral
 34. Purpose
 35. Financial term (abbr.)
 36. Orange is the New Black character
 37. Used to cut and shape wood
 39. Bullfighter
 40. Top of the line
 41. Hill
 42. Greek mountain
 44. Angola's capital
 45. Expressed pleasure
 46. Fermented honey beverage
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Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students at St. Andrews School students perform during their annual Christmas Concert last Tuesday afternoon. For another photo from the event, see Page 14.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!



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The Best Christmas I Ever Had Story Contest

1st Place

My best Christmas ever is when we always celebrate Christmas and New Year's together every year because that's now become our tradition since mommy and daddy always work during Christmas day and then have no work on New Year's Day. The best memories that I have would be playing in the snow and making snow

angels because it's like my name. We sometimes travel to Winnipeg to buy some food and ingredients and my big brother would always cook lots of food for us and my family would eat all of it on New Year's Day. I love the decorations of our Christmas tree and all the presents under it that my family put. We have a fun Filipino tradition of collecting round fruits and putting it all in one basket for good luck for the next year so we would have oranges,

apples, melon and more. Opening our presents on New Year's Day and looking inside my Christmas stockings are also really fun because it would have lots of silly things inside that would make me laugh like a whoope cushion one time and an air horn. I really love my family and I love the memories that we make and all of the traditions that we have together.

*Submitted by: Angelica
7 years old*

down. We named her Lira. After we had dinner, my dad said, "There's one more present left." It said, "To Lira" on it so I unwrapped it and gave it to her. She was so happy because it was a bone. And that's my best Christmas that I ever had.

*Submitted by: Aila
Grade: 4/5 Daerwood School*

3rd Place

Two Christmas's ago I woke up. Me and my brother Boston were at home sleeping in my bed in Churchill. We both got up at the same time and went into the living room and Santa had eaten our cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Then my dad made pancakes and bacon and then we opened our gifts and I got a new pair of skates because I love hockey and needed a new pair anyways. I got a pair of beats and then went to see my grandpa. I gave him a hug and gave him a gift and then went to my grandmas and ate. We went home and played video games and then my dad showed my brother and two pieces of paper and I looked and it was tickets for the Caps game and I was so happy because I love the Caps so much. Then he gave me a jersey too and I cried because I was so happy. Then I made a big bowl of rice and I love rice, and then we played video games for a bit and went to bed.

*Submitted by: Jackson
From: Churchill, Manitoba*

2nd Place

Last Christmas was the best Christmas ever because my favorite auntie came over and I didn't know she was going to visit. When she walked into the house, I went to see who was there. I saw it was my Auntie Jane. She said, "Would you like to come with me to my farm in Saskatchewan?" I was so excited, I couldn't believe I could go!

When I was packing, I packed a lot of stuff like clothes and stuffies. I couldn't wait to hit the road. When we were driving, we stopped at a gas station. While we were waiting, I saw a girl with a dog and I said, "I wish I had dog," but no one said a thing. When we finally got to Saskatchewan, we opened our presents. There was one that looked interesting. When I opened it up, I realized that there was a dog inside. I was so excited! I asked my dad what breed she was. My dad said that she was a Huskie, mixed with German Shepherd. I was so excited that I couldn't stop jumping up and



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Daerwood School, Ms. Smederovac's Class

Dear Santa, I hope you come to my house to deliver presents. I'm going to leave some cookies. I've been good this year? Amon the list? I wanted a PS4 with Call of Dobte and xbox 1. Please I could you bring blankets for homeless. I hope you have a marry Christmas. I love your reindeer. From Traycen

Dear Santa, Hello Santa! How are your reindeer, they are adorable. The one single thing I want is Playstation 4. They are awesome. I wish for all the homeless people to have a home and for nature to be anywhere without dieing. Santa you are awesome. I know you don't say ho-ho-ho that is a myth. I know you're not as fat as they show you on cans. How is Ms Claus doing? Make sure she does not get mad. Your friend, Liam

Dear Santa, how much do you like to sleep? I promise to leave you cookies and milk. How much do you eat? I hope you will bring me some nerf

guns and bullets I would also like some gummy worms. Could you also bring me an xbox, four controllers and Minecraft. Could you bring my Mom her residency for Canada please? Could you also help my sister's phone fixed. And one more thing, could I get a tablet? Have a safe trip! Damien

Dear Santa, my name is Rayne-Lee. I wanted to say hi and merry Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus and all the reindeer? I am leaving sugar cookies and milk. Am I on the naughty or nice list. I think I was ok. I made a few mistakes but I made it right. One thing I want is a new phone. One thing I need is clothes. Can you give the everyone clothes that does not have any. I hope you have a great Christmas and a safe Christmas. Love, Rayne-Lee

Dear Santa, are you and Ms. Clause fine? How are the reindeer? How do the reindeer fly? I've been good this year. Santa I know what I got for Christmas last year it was a Republic tank, it had two battle droids and one Jedi and one clone trooper. Please bring me a lego first order star destroyer.

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RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Daerwood School students perform some bucket drumming during their Karaoke Christmas concert inside the school's gymnasium last Wednesday afternoon. For another photo, see Page 15.

Have a VERY COOL Christmas

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I think I deserve it. I want clothes for me and my family. I want to give food to people who don't have enough. Yours truly, Coen

Dear Santa, how are you? how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How do they fly? Do you love Christmas? I love Christmas because it's exciting. Usually other months I would not be happy at all only sometimes. I would be but in December almost every day. I would have a smile on in December. So far for Christmas I want an MP3 player and headphones or earphones. Now for Christmas I need a dog collar and some more Lucky brand boxers. Sincerely, Murray

Dear Santa, I would like to know how Mrs. Claus and Ruldolph are doing? I am excited for Christmas are you? Thank you for the Star Wars lego set and the nerf guns from last year. I still play with them. I think I am on the nice list this year because I have been listening and doing nice things. For Christmas this year can I please have a Nerf Gun Sniper? They are so cool. I need new warm for me and my Daddy. Santa can you please give clothes and food to all the kids who don't have them. Thank you! This year on Christmas Eve I will be at my Daddy's. We are going to leave you cookies, milk and hot chocolate! Have a very good Christmas I love you Santa. Your friend, Mason

Dear Santa, I just wanna say hi and that! What is your favorite kind of cookie? If you don't know my name, it is Shayden. What do you feed your reindeer? Could I please have a blue bmx bike? I need more clothes please and for everyone in the world to have a very good Christmas. Have a

safe trip and Merry Christmas! Shayden

Dear Santa, I know that people need clothes but before I talk about that hows the reindeer doing? So what kind of cookie is your favorite? Mine is chocolate. So, I would like a Five Nights at Freddy's T-Shirt. My cat Ellie doesn't really have anything to play with, so maybe you can get her a cat toy. I would like a toy Godzilla and I need a new green lunch kit because every time I smell it, it smells really bad and when I touch the bottom I have to wash my hands and that's what I want for Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Love, Griffin

Dear Santa, hi how are you? Does Rudolph's nose glow just because? How does your sleigh fly? What I thought was your sleigh flew with a magical star. What I want for Christmas is a LOL surprise bath bomb. What I need for other people in my family is chocolates for my dad, for my mother some bath bombs. My Mother would love them. Am I on the nice list? I hope you could visit me on Christmas day. Are the elves busy? Are they good? I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa. Sincerely, Grace

Dear St. Nick, how are you? is it nice weather this year? Did you know that lots of people know Ms. Claus name? I'm pretty sure it's Jillian, but don't worry I won't tell anybody! My last question is what is your favorite cookie? Oh wait, nevermind, its chocolate chip! I think I was very good this year so I would like a hoverboard so I could roam around the house like a little snake.

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Dear Santa, how are you? I am great. What's your favorite cookies? Mine are oreos and chocolate chip. Christmas is about giving then receiving. So I don't really need anything but I really want an elf on the shelf boy. I really need some pants and socks. Can you please get my mom some candles? Thank you and merry Christmas. Your friend, Karissa

Dear Santa, how are you, Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer? You must be very, very, busy! I don't know if Cindy (my elf) told you but on December 3, I left Rockets (sugar candy) for her and sugar water. I made a miniature plate and glass out of tin foil. I don't know if you know, but I screamed when I saw the karaoke machine from you last year! This year I need a new sled for sledding. My dad doesn't know what happened to my other green sled. This year I'd appreciate anything but I really want a Project Mc2 Ultimate Makeover Bag. This year I've been thinking about people who are not as fortunate as I am, so this year I wish to give blankets to people who are cold and homeless. My brother and me are going to leave you gingerbread cookies like always and white milk.

Dear Santa, how are the reindeer? Are you really fat? How are you still alive? Do you eat pizza for a living? I have been an ok kid this year. I want my uncle Ramin to get a new bike because he is always going around Selkirk. For Christmas I want a PS4, vbucks, a phone, my own room, a house for my family, a hover board, and I need shoes. I want my own room, but I'm not sharing with my brother or sisters, and I also want money, candy. I hope you travel safe. Merry Christmas! Kaden

Gillis School Grade 1

Dear Santa, When are you coming Santa? Do you love your elves on the shelf? Love Ethan

Dear Santa, Do you lik milk and cookies. Could I plesse have a toy dog little Molly. Love Brooklyn



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Robert Smith School students enjoy a breakfast with Santa at their school earlier this month.

Dear Santa, I love Santa. Do you like milk? Love Brayson

Dear Santa, Do you like cookies? Please can I have Fingerlings? Can I please have 4 Poly pockets? Love Whitney

Dear Santa, Can I see elves? Can I please have a toy bunny? Could I have new crayons? Love Maddy

Dear Santa, Can I have Jurassic World T-Rex? Santa, can I have a pet frog? Love Jaxzon

Dear Santa, Santa I love you. Can you get me a real pet T-rex. Love Parker

Dear Santa, Do you like your elves on the shelves? Are you going to get me presents or not? Love Wyatt

Dear Santa, Do you like cookies? When are you going to give Elf on the shelf? Merry Christmas. Love Lily

Dear Santa, Are you real Santa? Do you like your elves on the shelf? Could I please have a Fingerling and a Hatchimal? Love Brileigh

Dear Santa, You are the best person. I would lik for me Nintendo. I love you. Do you like me? Love Daelen

Dear Santa, Do

you ride in a sleigh with reindeer. Who is your favourite reindeer. Please could I have Lego elves and Hatchimals. Love Neeve

Dear Santa, Can I see your reindeer? Santa are you going to give me presents or not? Do you like milk? Love Klara

Dear Santa, Are you coming to my house? And giving me and my family presents? Can you give us something we like? Love Jocelyn

Dear Santa, when are you coming Santa? Coudd I please have a GT Snow-racer? Love Evan

Dear Santa, can I please have a Ninja turtle builder figure. May I please have

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a Lego Set? Love William

Dear Santa, do you like your elves on the shelf. Are you going to give me presents. Could I please have Lego? Love Maddox

Dear Santa, what do your elves look like? Could I have a Hot wheels track and a marble truck? Love Carter

Dear Santa, when are you going to give Elf on the Shelf to the kids? Do you like milk and cookies? Could I please have a toy kitchen lab. Do you like mild and cookies? Love Karly

Hand In Hand Daycare

Santa, I would like a monster truck this is remote controlled. I would also like a Paw Patrol Rescue Fire truck playset. Hi Santa :) Love Henry Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie with tractor, some cabbage patch zoo friends, cuties and a tea cart. Please say hi to the Reindeers for me. P.S Santa could you please bring a Christmas tree for Edgar (our daycare guinea pig) P.S I will leave out carrots for the Reindeer. Love Kylie Age 3

Dear Santa, I would love a R.C Truck, a dinosaur fingerling and a treasure x single. If you have any left over Nerf guns I will take one. Hi to Santa and the Elves. Love Gavin Age 5

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Dear Santa, I would like an adventure playset, Nerf gun and a Jurassic World playset. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Love Mason Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a Henry train, a really really angry Gordon train, and a James train that is really happy! I will leave out cookies for you. Love Jackson Age 5

Dear Santa, I would like some muddy puddle boots and some dolls. I am waiting for you. Say hi to the Reindeers from me! Love Gracelynn Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like Christmas decorations and a gift for my dad. Love Emma Age 3

Dear Santa, My brother says I would like a super fast light up car. I will be happy with anything! Love Dakota Age 1

Dear Santa, I would love a speeding train. I would like a tiger monster truck and a flying airplane that I will name Sammy. I will leave you pie and milk for you and carrots for your Reindeer. Love Kayleb Age 5

Dear Santa, I would like Deers for Christmas, I would like to pet them. Thank you Love Grace Age 2

Dear Santa, I would like some dolls, clothes and a stroller for Christmas. My brother said I can ask for 10 dolls. Charlotte Age 1

Dear Santa, I would like a big plane for Christmas as well as some trucks. I will leave carrots out. Love Jesse Age 2

Dear Santa, I would like some cars, blocks, and some Paw Patrols for Christmas. Love Troy Age 2



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured from left to right: Cash, Cammy and Charlee Clay take a snack break during the Lions Club Santa Fun Day at the Sunova Centre in West St. Paul on Dec. 1.

Dear Santa, I don't want anything for Christmas. I did not want to write a letter this year. Love Reid Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a police car, cars/trucks and a train set. I have been a good boy. Love Jack Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like an Elsa Barbie, a Barbie house and a Barbie car. Thank you. Love Katelynn

Dear Santa, I would like some cars, and a car garage for Christmas. Thank you Love Niklas Age 2

Dear Santa, I would like different cars, and a volcano with dinosaurs. Thank you Love Erik Age 2

Dear Santa, I know it costs lots and lots of money, but I would really love a LOL Big Ball. I will leave out carrots for your Reindeer. Thank you Santa. Love Kali

Dear Santa, I would like a purple sandbox, and an Elsa and Anna doll. Thank you, Love Bianka Age 5

Happy Thought School, Mrs. Tymchuk's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Brooklyn. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten class at Happy thought School. I was a good girl all year. I helped clean the dishes at my mom's house. Santa, I would like you to bring me a Barbie doll. I will be a good girl next year. I will leave milk and cookies for you when you drop off my presents. Love Brooklyn

Dear Santa, my name is Alveena and I am in Kindergarten class at Happy Thought School. I was a good girl, I helped mom and dad at home. I would like you to bring me for Christmas presents. I am going to be a good girl for next year. I will leave cookies for you to eat when you drop off my dolls. Love Alveena

Dear Santa, My name is Sophia, I'm in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I was really good this year because Christmas is coming up. This year I was really

good. I help my mom, I helped her make food for Christmas. I helped my dad too! This Christmas I would like to receive a dog and Shopkins! I would also like Hatchimals and a Lol surprise toys. Love Sophia

Dear Santa, My name is Odin. I go to kindergarden at Happy Thought School. I've been listening to my mom. I'd like you to bring me Battel bots. I'd like you to bring me lego and Vegas jersey. I promise I will listen to my mom. I will leave you milk and cookies for you to eat. I will leave carrots for the reindeer to eat. Say hello to Mrs. Claus and the elves for me. Love Odin

My name is Owen and I am 5. I am very excited for Christmas. I helped by cleaning my room. I would like if you could bring a dump truck. Love Owen

Dear Santa, My name is Bailee. I have been a good girl this year. I made something really pretty for my parents. I helped my Mom get her purse. I helped my daycare teacher take something to a different teacher. For Christmas I would like two LOL dolls and a fashion doll. Thank you, Santa. Love Bailee

Dear Santa, My name is Zoey. I am 5 years old. I am in Happy thought School. I am really excited for Crishmis. I am a really good girl this year. I try hard to listen to my Mom and Dad. What I want for Crishmis, I would like an LOL Doll for Crishmis.

Dear Santa, My name is Hunter. I was a good boy this year. I helped my friends Brayeden and Brooklyn. I helped my Mommy on the computer. I said thank you to my Pani Tymchuk. For Christmas I want another Captain America, because I lost mine. Thank you, Santa! Love Hunter

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Dear Santa, from Colton, age 5. Dear Santa, I have ben really really good this year. I helped Mom. I did the landry and made my lunch for school . So for X-mas I want an fluffy blue blanket, a new ipad case that is light blue and a dark blue neck warmer and a craycreture and pokemon card. Love lots Leila. Thank you to Santa and elvs and raindear.

Dear Santa my nam is Axel and I am 5 years old. I am very exited for Chritmas. This year I helped my Mom cook supper. I want a remote control monster truck and a toy hunting set. Please and thank you. Love Axel.

Deer Santa my name is Keira and Ive been good this year because I clend my room and helped make banana bread muffins and for Christmas I want 3 LOL dolls and a Hachamal. Thank you Love Keira

Dear Santa, My name is Aspen. This year I was a good girl. I shared my green phone with my baby brother. I helped my Mom with cleaning up. I to helped my Daddy take out clothes from the dryer. For Christmas, I would like two LOL dolls and a fashion Bar-by. Thank you Santa! Love Aspen

Dear Santa, My name is Alex. I am in Kindergarten class at Happy Thought School. I was a good boy. I helped my Mom and Dad at home. Santa, can you please give me balloons. I will be a good boy next year. I will leave cake for you to eat when you drop off my balloons! Love Alex

Dear Santa, I bin good. My name is Connor. I am 5 years old. I was a very very good boy. I want a moster truck and big chocolate coin. I pormast to be nice to my borther and always play with him. I am waiting for Santa. Love Connor

Dear Santa from Aayden. Dear Santa this X-mas I have ben really really good. I help all my friends out and I want Batman robot extrem and iron-man play set. If you can get me that would be great. Thank you Santa and elvs! Love Aayden

Deer Santa my name is Carter and I am five and Ive been good this year becaas I helped Momy and Dady by carrying grosheris into the house and Im exited that Santa is comeing to my haus. I want a giant teddy and Lego and cardboard bus. Love Carter

Dear Santa, my name is Joia and I go to HTS. I am 5 years old. I was



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS
Grade 1 and 2 Happy Thought School students rehearse for their upcoming Ukrainian Christmas Concert last Wednesday. Their concert takes place at Happy Thought School on Wednesday, Dec. 19 starting at 6 p.m.

very good these year. I lessen to the teacher. I also clean my room. I clean the backpack. I am exsided for Chritsmas. I want a lol doll, unicorn feger-leg, pink slime, purple stuffed bunny, dollhouse, toy cash regester, unicorn colering book, craons, unicorn dress, scushey unicorn and a prencess book. Love Joia

clean the house. I help my sister put her boots on and pajamas. I want a bunch of LOL dolls and a dragon finger ling and a Unicorn one too and the little monkey one aswell. I want a flippy seaquin shirt and maching pants. PS please say IIPNBIT (hello) to Mrs. Claus and Rudolf! Thank you Love Ryan

Dear Santa, my name is Ryan. I am 5 years old and I have been very good this year because I help Mom change my sister. And I help Mom and dad

Dear Santa, my name is Alena. I am 4 years old. I go to Happy

thought School. I am really excited for Christmas. I was a good girl this year. I helped my Mom cook. I want Cattle critters for Christmas. I also want little hachtimals for Christmas. I also want a bennie boo key chaing. I promise to stay good. And I'll leave milk and cookes and maybe carots for the reindeer. Please say Hi to the elves and Mrs. Claus. Love Alena

Dear Santa my name is Kaitlyn and I am 5 years old. I go to Happy thout School. This year I want a toy horse for Christmas and a horse stuffy and I want it to be pink please. I will give you cookies and milk! Say Hi to Rudolf. By Kaitlyn

Dear Santa, My name is Dante. I am 4 years old and I go to Happy though School. I am excited because Christmas is soon. I help my mom clean my room, I help my mom make a rug and I help mom shop and I am a good boy. For Christmas I want the Gorrila hot whells truck, dump truck, fire man, puzzle, new I pad I tunes card, bubbles, flashlight and a book also pokemon cards.

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Dear Santa, I'm 5 years old. My name is Ruby. I'm in kindergarten at happy Thought School. I clean up my room and wanted a hachemole. I wanted a unicorn fingerling and will leave Santa cookies and milk and I am very good and wanted a Barby make-up style head.

Dear Santa, my name is Aubrey and I am 5 years old and I'm in kindergarten and I go to Happy thought School. I was really good this year because Christmas is coming up soon. How are you Santa? I was good, I played nice with my brother and I cleaned up my room. This year I would want a arial head that I can style and put makeup on. I also want a little Christmas tree that I can decerata. I also want some craft stuff. And I promise to stay very good all year long, and I'll leave out milk and cookies. And say hello to the elves and Mrs. Claus for me. Please visit me next Christmas. Love Aubrey!



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Grade 1 and 2 Happy Thought School students rehearse for their upcoming Ukrainian Christmas Concert last Wednesday. Their concert takes place at Happy Thought School on Wednesday, Dec. 19 starting at 6 p.m.

Happy Thought School, Ms. Penner Loeppky's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Marcela, I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. All I want for Christmas is a horse, car and a house. I wonder how you can fly with raindeers in the sky. Have a great

trip santa! From Marcela

Dear Santa, My name is Levi. I am 5 years old. I go to happy Thought School. For Christmas I would really like a tiger stuffy, a deer light and two walkie talkies. I was wondering if you are real? Have a fun trip! From Levi

Dear Santa, My name is Hunter. I'm 5 years old. I'm in kindergarten. May I

please have a pet bunny? Can I have 2 walkie talkies and Lego please? How are the reindeer doing? Have a nice trip! From Hunter

Dear Santa, My name is Gus and I am 5 years old. I want a Toy train for Christmas. I also want some Hotwheels cars and a Hotwheels race track. How is Mrs. Claus? Have a safe Journey! From Gus

Dear Santa, My name is Brielle. I am 5 years old. I go to kindergarten at Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would really like a Hatchimal, Panda Bear Stuffedies, and Girl Lego. Do your reindeer like carrots? Does Rudolf like to fly? Have a fun trip! From Brielle

Dear Santa, My name is Jaylen. I am 5 years old. I already have everything I need. But I would like some lego. Do you like toys? From Jaylen

Dear Santa, My name is Nick. I am 4 years old. I really want a transformer car, bumble bee transformer and dinosaur transformer. How do you make so many toys? Have a safe trip! From Nick

Dear Santa and Mrs Claus, My name is Rilynn. I go to Happy Thought School. I am 5 years old. Santa I would really love some mackeup, hachamal, gummy bear earrings. How many reindeer do you have? I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus. Love Rilynn

Dear Santa, My name is Cheyanne. I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would like a fingerling, lipstick and some make up.

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Do you give some carrots to the reindeer?
From Cheyanne

Dear Santa, My name is Jaya. I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas, I would love an big unicorn stuffy, sparkely pink paint, and unicorn pjs. How are your reindeer? I hope you have a good trip! Santa, do you like carrots? Merry Christmas! From Jaya

Dear Santa, My name is Blake. I am 5 years. I go to Happy Thought School. I pile pillows in a fort. I want 2 real Walkie talkies and guinea pig and treasure X. How is rudolph doing? Have a nice trip! From Blake

Dear Santa, My name is Wyatt. I'm 4 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. I really want 2 nerf guns, 2 real Waketocks (walkie talkies) and 1 binoculars. Is santa real? I love you Santa! By Wyatt

Dear Santa, My name is Nicholas. I am 6 years old and I go to Happy Thought School. Can I please have a Thomas The Train Toy, Thomas The Train movie and book? Do you like trains like me? Santa I hope you have a safe trip in your sleigh. From Nicholas

Dear Santa, My name is Ella, I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. I would really love to have some real dimonds please and some Hatchimals and a Baby live doll with a doctors kit. Do you like carrots? Have a safe trip!!! From Ella

Dear Santa, My name is Kolton. I go on bus sixteen. I am 5 years old and I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas I want walkie talkies, a T-rex, two airplanes, a big tree, a real butterfly, dumptruck, a lego school bus. How are the reindeer doing? I love you Santa. From Kolton

Dear Santa, My name is Luka and I am five years old. I would really like a NHL game day hockey Set abd I would also like Zoom Tubes an a cost gard (coast guard) Lego Set. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Have a safe trip. From Luka

Dear Santa, My name is Carter. I am 5 years old. I really want 2 nurf guns and 2 real walkie talkies and binoculars. I also want a shark tooth necklace. How do your raindeer fly? Have a safe trip! From Carter

Dear Santa, My name is Raine. I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would like Make Up, Hair Style, and Barbie Toys. I Wonder how you make toys. I like how your raindeers fly at night, and how you get down the chimney. I'm wishing you joy and a safe trip to our house! From Raine

Dear Santa, My name is Kinley. I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas I really want My loving unicorn. I also would like a Barbie Doctor set and very much also Earrings. Do you like carrots? and do your raindeer like carrots? I love you! From Kinley

Dear Santa, My name is Easton. Christmas is my favourite holiday. For my present I would like a army vest, a real walkie talkie. I want know if your reindeer like carrots. From Easton

Dear Santa, My name is Dylan and I'm in kindergarden. May I please have 2 presents. I would like 1 Fingerling, and 1 remote control alligator. Do you like cookies? Because I like cookies. Have a fun trip! From Dylan

Dear Santa, My name is Kallie. I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School. Could you please bring me a Fancy Nancy Doll for Christmas. And a Fancy Nancy Book. What is your favourite cookie? Merry Christmas Santa! From your friend Kallie

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Happy Thought School, Ms. Pott's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Nathaniel. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like an iPad and an Xbox. I have been good this year. From: Nathaniel

Dear Santa, My name is Kacey. I am 7 years old. I want a Rudolph doll and an Angel doll. I Love you Santa. I have been good. From: Kacey

Dear Santa, My name is Lyla. I am 6 years old. I would love a chapter book, Rudolph stuffy, an angel toy, squishes and a Harry Potter book. From: Lyla

Dear Santa, My name is Keystin. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a Bendy figure, a Science toy set and a blue elf toy. I have been very good this year! From: Keystin

Dear Santa, My name is Destiny. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I want LOL dolls. I have been good this year. From: Destiny

Dear Santa, My name is Kaiden. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like Batman toys and an Xbox. I have been good this year. From: Kaiden



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East Selkirk Middle School students perform during their Band Concert last Tuesday evening.

Dear Santa, My name is Ryan. I am 7 years old. I would like video games. I would also like video game accessories for my Nintendo Switch. I have been good this year. From: Ryan

Dear Santa, My name is Annika. I am 7 years old. I would like a gecko alive and a poopsie. For the gecko I would like a cage. From: Annika

Dear Santa, My name is Brooklyn. I am 7 years old. I would like two LOL dolls for Christmas. I have been good this year. From: Brooklyn

Dear Santa, My name is Jayson. I am 7 years old. I would like a boxer bot, a white kitten and a PS5. I have been good this year. From: Jayson

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

For Christmas I would like a turtle and hoverboard and an RC car. From: Devin

Dear Santa, My name is Asher. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a PS4. I have been good this year. From: Asher

Dear Santa, My name is Rhianne. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like squishies and slime. I was good! Love: Rhianne

Dear Santa, My name is Sophie. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like Barbie clothes, chapter books, squishies and slime. From: Sophie

Dear Santa, My name is Taylor. I am 7 years old. I would like some Dr. Kitty Cat chapter books. Love: Taylor

Dear Santa, My name is Megan. I

am seven years old. For Christmas I would like at least one or two remote control cars and an LOL surprise. That would be cool! From: Megan

Dear Santa, My name is Adyn. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I want a PS4, an RC Car and an iPad. From: Adyn

Dear Santa, My name is Brady. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a small notebook and markers. From: Brady

Dear Santa, My name is Layla. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like a Gecko please and a poopsie. Love: Layla

Dear Santa, My name is Logan. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like goalie gear and hockey gloves. I have been extra good this year! From: Logan

Dear Santa, My name is Urijah. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like a PS4, Laptop, a new controller, a hoverboard, goalie equipment, squishies and a drone. From Urijah

Dear Santa, My name is Emery. I am 7 years old. This Christmas I would like Harry Potter books and Lego. I have been very polite. Merry Christmas! From Emery

Dear Santa, My name is Natalie. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like lots of LOLs, unicorn fingerlings that come with twin babies and sparkle. Love: Natalie

Dear Santa, I am 8 years old. My name is Brayden. I would like a Nintendo Switch for Christmas please. From: Brayden

Dear Santa, My name is Ellasyn. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like Lol dolls, unicorns, a poopsie slime surprise and slime that makes noise. From: Ellasyn



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William S. Patterson School, Ms. Brooks Class

Dear Santa, Hello! I have been a fantastic girl, because I helped my parents clean the house. For Christmas, I wish my cat Huch is in a warm place for Christmas, and all to have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Cassidy Laing

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Eric and I was a good boy this year. I helped my dad fix his van, and what I want for Christmas is a gecko or salamander. Love, Eric

Dear Santa, Bonjour Santa. Hi, I was good this year. Can you give me and my friends wooden planks? Please? OH I helped Noah do the dishes for a week. Love, Kash

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Julia. I was a good girl this year. I shoveled my grandma's driveway. I wish for my family to have a good Christmas. Love, Julia

Dear Santa, Hi I'm Ethan. I'm 9 years old. I've been a great boy. I have been doing chores for a while. I wish for you to give my family a nice Christmas dinner. I also wish for a full hockey card deck. Love, Ethan

Dear Santa, Hi! I was a good girl this year. I gave cookies to my teach-

ers. For Christmas, I wish for a new Christmas ornament so someone in my family can put it on the Christmas tree. Love, Autumn

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Zach. I'm in grade 3/4. I wish I had a hover board for my family. I wish for a PS4 for myself too. From, Zach

Dear Santa, I try to be good with my brother but he just doesn't get it. I have been a fantastic girl this year. Can you bring me dog toys for my German Shephard? From, Lila

Dear Santa, Hello, I am Liam. I am in grade 4 at WSP this year. I wish that my family has an amazing Christmas, and my mom's hip gets better. Merry Christmas Santa. Love, Liam

Dear Santa, For Christmas I will like hockey cards and a hockey binder and an elf on the shelf. I would like a board game. From, Jaxten

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Evan. I am 8 years old. One thing I did this year, I fed my gecko 3 times a day, and helped around the house. One thing I want for my family is to get together. I also want to have a good Christmas. Also, I want an American Ninja course. From, Evan

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Finley. I was a good girl this year. I've been

helping my brothers. I wish you can help my parents be more happy. Love, Finley

Dear Santa, Hi, my name is Madison. I have been a good girl. I made my sister happy when I painted her a picture. For Christmas my sister would like lots of squishies. Love, Madison

Dear Santa, I have been a stupendous girl this year! This year I helped my friend when she was hurt! I really really wish my brother to have a PS4, because he's a hero and my mom to have a new book that she will love! From, Parvati

Dear Santa, It's Jessie! I am so excited for you to come, but also sad because Mikkel has to leave. But I am going to tell you how I have been helpful this year. I have been

helpful by doing all my chores! I wish for all my family to have a wonderful Christmas! Love, Jessie

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Eva! I am 8 years old.

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Members of the East St. Paul Community Band perform during their Winter Concert at the Albright Community Church in East St. Paul on Dec. 4.

I was very good and the good thing I did this year was listening. Can I have an amazing present for my special mom named Nickie? She wants a really beautiful necklace. My dad named Ryan wants a hover board. Thank you! Oh I am in William S. Patterson School.
From Eva-Marie Pammer

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Nate and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. I was a good boy this year. One of my wishes for someone else is for people to get food if they need. From, Nate

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Aurora and I'm 8 years old. For Christmas I would like to get a box of candy, so I could share with the whole class. I did a good thing this year, I helped my mom with chores. Love, Aurora

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Abby. I was a very good girl this year. I wish my dog's tooth was better. He keeps on grinding his teeth. We think he has a rotten tooth. He wakes me up at night. I hope I get a hoverboard and an art kit and art book. If I get it thank you Santa. Merry Christmas From Abby

Dear Santa, Hi! It's me Rielle. I absolutely love Christmas. I don't love it because you get presents, I love it because you get to spend time with your family and friends. Just as a heads up I've been working on a drawing for you and Rudolf. I think you are going to love it. My wish is that you and Mrs. Clause have an amazing Christmas! Love Rielle

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Ruth Hooker School, Ms. Marsh's Class

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How cold is it in the North Pole? What do the reindeer eat? What kind of cookies do you like? Are you allergic to anything? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How does your sleigh fly? For Christmas, I would like a Poopsie Surprise Unicorn. From, Natalia Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing today? What do you feed your reindeer? I want makeup for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas. How are the reindeer doing? I am doing good today. Merry Christmas for the year! Love, Savannah Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? What about Mrs. Claus and the elves and the reindeer? I hope you write back. I hope you have a good day. Can I have a Poopsie Surprise Unicorn? From, Manveer Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I am Individual Letters

Dear Santa, My name is Nevaeh Fidler am 10 years old am i on the nice list? what i want for christmas is 2 lols ,and a phone, and a doll house, and slime, i know i have been a good girl all year.

Dear Santa, My name is Carson Fidler i am 6 years old .i have been a good boy this year. for christmas this year i would like a nerf gun, slime, and a car toy.

Dear Santa, My name is Drayke, I am 7 years old, and attend Ecole Bonaventure. I have tried to be a really good girl this year, and listen to my mom and dad. For Christmas I would like either a Poopsie Slime Surprise or a Pik Me Pop. Maybe you can bring something nice for my sissy Kyra. Love Drayke

Dear Santa, Come play and do crafts with me. Bring peaches so we can have a snack together. If you're too busy, me like a star for Christmas. Love Ella, 3 years old

Dear Santa, I'm nice to my little sister Ella. But I'm still not going to let her play with my Lego. She breaks it. Can I have a Playmobil NHL set please!! Love Aiden, 5 years old

Dear Santa, We have been busy preparing for Christmas including a Hamper at daycare. Could you please bring me pyjamas and Barbie furniture for Christmas? Thanks and Merry Christmas Anastasia, Age 4

doing good. I hope you have a great day today. What do you feed the reindeer? I want a play structure for Christmas. Hi!! From, Levi Age 7

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you and Mrs. Claus had a good day together. My name is Erin and I have been a good girl for this month. How old are your elves? For Christmas I want a Poopsie Surprise Unicorn and books! And presents! And can you ask Mrs. Claus to make me a cookie please and thank you! Your Friend, Erin Age 7

Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing? I'm doing good. I hope you have a great day today. What do you feed the reindeer? What kind of cookie do you like?

Don't forget the milk! For Christmas I would like a camera drone. I would also like three Bey Blades. From, Wyatt Age 6

Dear Santa, Santa I would want a PS4 for Christmas. How are the elves doing? Santa I hope you are loving the North Pole!!! I love you Santa! From, Mason Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the elves doing? I love elves. Do you like rainbows? Oh there is no rainbows in the North Pole. I love you. Thank you for bringing presents to the world. I don't know what I want for Christmas. From, Aubrey Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I am doing good. My birthday is December

4th. I love toys so much. My baby sister likes toys too. I was a good kids at school and home. I want a big can of makeup with Shopkins for Christmas. I love Shopkins. Do you like them too? Your Friend, Saraphina Age 7

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How do you fly across the world in one night? What are you doing on Christmas Eve? I love you Santa and your elves. I love you Santa with all my heart. From, Lachlan Age 7

Dear Santa, How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? How have you been? I've been good today. I want a drone for Christmas please. I also want a car for Christmas. Your Friend, Junior Age 7

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Black ice, blizzards and high snowbanks among list of winter driving concerns: CAA

Submitted

In anticipation of snowy weather, CAA Manitoba surveyed its members about their winter driving worries. The results indicate that while hardy Manitobans don't let winter reduce the frequency of their travel, they do worry about hazardous driving conditions courtesy of Mother Nature and public works. In fact, black ice, blizzards, high snowbanks left by snowplows, ruts on the streets, blowing snow and snow on the road that's more than a few centimeters deep were identified as the top concerns by the vast majority of respondents.

"No matter where our members live in Manitoba, they all agree – winter driving can be challenging when the elements and street conditions combine. Specifically, our Winnipeg members noted snow routes and residential parking bans are additional considerations, while our Brandon and rural members cited slush and highway road closures as other concerns," says Erika Miller, communications consultant for CAA Manitoba. "Beyond the elements and maintenance, our members across Manitoba said distracted drivers, tailgaters, and people who drive too fast for conditions, whether they have winter tires or not, are the three most annoying winter driving behaviours – which, frankly, are also unsafe."

Easy driving technique tips suitable for all winter conditions:

1. Increase your following distance to avoid collisions: With or without winter tires, slippery streets demand an increased following distance for safe stopping. Remember that the speed limit is designed for ideal conditions – driving to current conditions may mean reducing your speed.

2. Prevent skidding by practicing good driving habits: Avoid applying the brakes so hard your wheel(s) lock (if your car is not equipped with anti-lock brakes), don't accelerate so fast that your wheels spin, and don't accelerate or brake while turning or taking a curve in the road.

3. See and be seen for safety: Remove ice and snow from the entire vehicle – windows, lights, roof, hood and trunk to ensure proper visibility. Ice or dirt on headlights reduces their effectiveness by as much as 90 per cent. Left-over snow can harden and slide off the car as a sheet when moving, causing a dangerous situation for you and other drivers.

When weather changes, driving conditions can change quickly, too. Black ice can develop on bridges and overpasses when winds pick up. Motorists should never use cruise control when driving on a wet, icy or sandy surface.

CAA Manitoba surveyed a random, representative sample of 2,066 CAA Manitoba members residing in Manitoba between September 18 and October 2, 2018 in a quantitative online survey.

Merry Christmas

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Ruth Hooker School, Ms. Dejonckheere's Class

Dear Santa Claus, Today I am feeling good. I don't know what you look like, can you send me a picture? My name is Sariah and I go to Ruth Hooker School. I live in Selkirk. I have a journal! It's called 'Wreck this Journal'! You are soo cool. Can I PLEASE have a puppy? That's it! Good-bye. Love, Sariah.

Dear Santa, My name is Gage and I go to Ruth Hooker School. What are your reindeer's names? I like Rudolph the most. This year can I please get Fin Fun and a pool? Can I also get a puppet and a remote-control tarantula? I was very good this year, my sister was too! I made a 35cm tall structure by myself, it was made of marshmallows and toothpicks. From, Gage

Dear Santa, My name is Daisy and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How old are you? How is your wife? Sorry I can't spell her name. You are soo cool. How's the elves? They are probably busy. How are the reindeer? My Mom is having a baby, I'm so happy for her. I'm a good kid. Can I please get a puppy? Can I get some slime, its called poopsy slime. Can I get makeup, and a PS4 please? A gift card and a lava lamp? And a trip to Hollywood? From, Daisy

Dear Santa, My name is Sophia and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How is Mrs. Claus? How old are you? How are you doing? Santa, am I on the naughty or nice list? Santa you are the best. I wish I had a sleigh like you. Santa, can I please have a Bad Kitty chapter book, a sleigh, a scarf, and a TV for my school please? Santa can I please have a journal that locks and a computer? I love you. From, Sophia

Dear Santa, My name is Harlan and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How is the reindeer doing? Thanks for the presents last year. Can I have a BMX please? I can't wait to see you. From, Harlan

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Aurora and I go to Ruth Hooker School. What does your reindeer like to eat? How many houses do you go to? I love you because on Christmas Eve you are very quiet. Can I please have Dork Diaries, Owl Diaries, an art set, makeup sets, blankets, books, clothes, \$199 gift card for Ardene's, for my family's wishes to come true and Double Bubble gum? Sincerely, Aurora

Dear Santa, Are you actually real? Do you walk through doors if houses don't have chimneys? I like how nice you are giving us presents. I would like a huge toy Godzilla and a toy Lego helicopter and a Sabretooth tiger. From, Malachi

Dear Santa, My name is Gabby and I go to Ruth Hooker School. Does the reindeer eat carrots? How old are you? What's your favourite elf? I like your red suit. I wish I had a magical sleigh like you! I like your red hat. Can I please have a power cord for my sister? Can I have a flight to God's Lake please? Thanks for reading my letter. From, Gabby



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Daerwood School students perform during their Karaoke Christmas concert inside the school's gymnasium last Wednesday afternoon.

Dear Santa, My name is Liam and I go to Ruth Hooker School. Can I please have a go kart and a Nintendo Switch? Also an X-Box and a green screen and speakers and headset and a FNAF plushy? I got a question, how tall are you? Love, Liam

Dear Santa, My name is Rowan and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How are you doing? For Christmas Can I please get a drone? From, Rowan

Dear Santa, My name is Adam and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How old are you? How are your reindeer? You are fast! Can I have a drone please? Can I have an X poster please? Can I have a jacket please? Can I have an Iphone please? From, Adam

Dear Santa, My name is Sky and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How old are you? Can I come home with you? I want Mo Williems's books, the newest X-Box and GTA, a warm blanket, and a Nintendo Switch. Also skittles, paint, and new decorations, a PS4, baby and doll stuff, a car, and a BMX bike? From, Sky

Dear Santa, My name is Easton and I got to Ruth Hooker School. How are your reindeer doing? I want for Christmas an Iphone, Nintendo Switch, TV, computer, jacket and candy and a board game. Love, Easton

Dear Santa, My name is Breid and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How are you today? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have a Nintendo please? And an Ipad? I will leave cookies for you on Christmas. From, Breid

Dear Santa, My name is Nevaeh and I go to Ruth Hooker School. From Christmas I want a PS4, something to play with, makeup and a

blow dryer. New clothes, dolls and pajamas. Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa, My name is River and I go to Ruth Hooker School. How long does it take your elves to make the toys? Can I have coal to make diamonds please? Can I have a digital watch to tell the time? And a bike please? Can I also have Speak Out and a remote control car? Thank you Santa. From, River

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Honourable mention Christmas stories

On Christmas my family comes home to open all the presents and stockings. We don't really have a tradition, but for Christmas we travel to my Nannie's, too. My family tells jokes and there's lots of laughter. We have lots of decorations on the Christmas tree. Every Christmas we make lots of memories. After we open our presents we play in the snow. We eat lots of food and lots of oranges. There is so much love on Christmas. When we open the presents my sister tries to wrap herself in wrapping paper. I really like Christmas. On December 24th we gather up and play Christmas games. On Christmas Eve we make cookies for Santa. We make sugar cookies and we leave milk. On the 25th we get out of bed and run to the living room and we play with the presents. I love Christmas. It's the best time of the year. It's my favourite holiday of the year.

Submitted by: Aaliyah, Grade 4, Happy Thought School

Once upon a time it was two days before Christmas Eve. My family and I were on a plane traveling to California. We were spending Christmas in our cabin there. We had all of our Christmas decorations there. We arrived at the cabin on Christmas Eve. My three little sisters and I opened the presents from our parents. I fell asleep at half past nine. I woke up to the sound of bells and footsteps on the floor and the clock going tick-tock. I climbed out of my bed, went down the ladder and hid behind a sofa. I popped my head over it and there was SANTA! He was filling the stockings with oranges and admiring the decorations. I almost gasped out loud at the sight of seeing SANTA. I also saw him sip the milk and crunch on the cookies. When he left the cabin, I went back up the ladder with my mouth wide open. When I got in my room I lay down in my bed. Before I could think any more about it, I fell fast asleep. When I woke the next morning, I climbed down the ladder and ran into the living room. There sat the Christmas tree, tall and wide. The star glowed on the top and the presents seemed to stack as high as mountains. My sisters soon came down and we started fighting over the presents. My mom and dad woke to the screaming and marched down the ladder. We all started opening the presents. After we opened them all, we sang Christmas carols, ate cookies and drank milk. The week passed so fast and soon we were on the plane travelling back to East Selkirk to Grandma and Grandpa's house to get their presents.

Submitted by: Brynlee, Grade 4, Happy Thought School

When I was laying in bed one Christmas Eve my mom was getting the food ready for the dinner tomorrow. After my whole family decorated the tree, I went to bed because I was really tired.

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Manitobans reminded to have a fire safe holiday season

Submitted

The focus of this year's winter holiday fire safety campaign is to ensure everyone takes the time to address the hazards that cause fires during the holidays.

"Festive celebrations, flickering lights and winter greens are hallmarks of the holiday season, but they also present fire risks that can quickly turn this joyful time of year into a devastating one," said Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Blaine Pedersen, minister responsible for the Office of the Fire Commissioner. "The Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Fire Service work to educate the public about potential fire risks during the holidays - let's 'Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires' to help everyone safely enjoy the season."

This year's theme, Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires, encourages people to reduce the risk from heating, holiday decorations, and candles, which all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. The Office of the Fire Commissioner is also reminding families and individuals to help reduce risk from cooking and other hazards, including carbon monoxide and electrical fires.

"It only takes a few minutes to be fire safe," said Brad Yochim, president, Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs. "For example, when you walk through your home, make sure the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms work, keep lit candles away from decorations and make sure they are blown out before going to bed."

This season, pay attention to these safety tips that will help keep everyone safe during the holidays:

"... LET'S 'PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES' TO HELP EVERYONE SAFELY ENJOY THE SEASON."

- be careful with holiday decorations and choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant;
 - keep children and pets away from lit candles;
 - keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn;
 - blow out candles before going to bed;
 - be aware that some electrical lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both;
 - replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections;
 - read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect;
 - test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
 - stay in the kitchen when cooking on a stovetop;
 - ask smokers to smoke outside and remind them to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them;
 - provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers and wet cigarette butts with water before discarding; and
 - tell guests about the home fire escape plan.
- For more tips, videos and other important safety messages, visit:
- Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner at firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_holiday.html; or
 - Manitoba Hydro at hydro.mb.ca/safety/carbon_monoxide/.

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When I woke up, I snuck out of my bedroom and I saw lots and lots of presents. My mom never woke up till 11:00 am. When she woke up, we opened our stockings. I got candy and lights. My little sister got the same, but my mom did not get the same. Mom opened her presents first, then I did, then my little sister did. We played in the snow, there was lots of snow. My little sister broke my mom's favorite decoration. My cousins traveled to my house. At the dinner there was lots of laughter and love and that's my tradition to share with you.

Submitted by: William, Grade 4/5, Daerwood School

One Christmas morning, me and my brothers Andrew and Nicholas got up at three o'clock in the morning. We asked our parents if we could open presents and they said, when they got up. We were so annoyed. When our parents went back to bed, we tiptoed through the hallway and into the living room. On my mom's beige chair, there was a skinny box with red wrapping paper. I could not figure out what it was. Then I saw the cookie plate for Santa was empty and the glass of milk was empty too. I realized Santa must have stopped at my house. While my brothers and I waited for our parents to wake up, we played on our iPods. 13 minutes later, my parents finally woke up and I could open the box on the chair. But my brothers had already told our parents what they wanted to open first so I had to wait about 10 minutes to open my present. Finally, I ran to the box and ripped off all the wrapping paper off it. It was a Descen-

dents doll that I had asked for! This was the best Christmas ever.

Submitted by: Amelia, Grade 4/5, Daerwood School

"Hooray! It's Christmas Eve!" said Emily Dureski-Shaw. They had just finished their Christmas Concert a few weeks ago and had also finished making presents for each other. Harry, her two-minute-older brother, was decorating the tree. "Yeah," he said. "And the birdhouse star is really brightening up the mood." He put a red birdhouse on the tree's most bottom branch. "Wanta help while Dad hangs up the stockings?" he asked. "Of course," said Emily. She reached for a tree ornament. Constance Dureski looked at the cabinets and said, "Get up, Shayne!" "Ok, Ok!" he said. Shayne Shaw got up and hung up the stockings. "Oh, come on!" said Constance. Everyone started to decorate the tree - except for Harry and Emily. They headed for their bedroom and were almost run over by a white furball! Walter White, the family dog, had just sped into their room and fell down asleep! "Aww," said Harry. Emily went to the bare tree that stood on the mini café. She heard the dinner bell and rushed to the table. After they had finished, they fell asleep on the family room floor. When they woke up, a jolly old fellow was there. "Santa!" they said. He picked them up, put them in his sleigh, and said, "We are going to the North Pole!" The end.

Submitted by: Harry, Grade 3, Gillis School

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RCMP charge 28 with impaired driving during first week of Holiday Checkstop

Staff

The Manitoba RCMP officially launched its 2018 Holiday Checkstop program on Dec. 1 and it will run until Jan. 1, 2019.

The focus of checkstops is the detection of high-risk drivers, including those who are impaired, not wearing a seatbelt, speeding, or driving while distracted.

Week one of the RCMP Holiday Checkstop Program, from Dec. 1-9, has resulted in approximately 2,500 vehicles checked across Manitoba during 59 checkstops.

Results from both checkstops and regular patrol during the week include:

- 28 people charged with a Criminal Code Impaired Driving offence (23 alcohol, 2 drug, 3 refusals)

The highest blood/alcohol reading reported was .27 (3.5 times more than the legal limit)

- Eight alcohol or drug-related tiered administrative roadside suspensions

- Nine people were charged with improper storage of alcohol or cannabis in a vehicle

- Ten people were ticketed for using a hand-held electronic device while driving

- Four people were ticketed for not wearing a seat-

belt

"Safe and responsible driving is a choice every Manitoban needs to make this holiday season. Be assured that our officers will be out in full force over the holidays to get impaired drivers off the road," said Insp. Chris Moore, Officer in Charge of Traffic Services. "Consider your safety and the safety of everyone else on the road before you get behind the wheel, and make the smart choice. Plan ahead for a safe ride home to avoid serious, and possibly fatal, consequences."

There was a traffic-related fatality in Fisher Branch and another in Swan River during the past week. The causes in both collisions are still under investigation.

To date this year, 80 people have died, and 189 people have been seriously injured in motor vehicle collisions in Manitoba RCMP jurisdiction. Impaired driving is a factor in approximately 30 per cent of these collisions.

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On Christmas Eve, my whole family and I went to another family's house. We ate food together. At the end of the day, we gave presents to our family. Then we prayed and went home.

Submitted by: Jacob, Grade 3, Gillis School

On the day before Christmas, me and my family woke up and got ready to get a Christmas tree! My friends came over and we drove to a patch of trees. Finally we bought the tree, but... we couldn't get it inside! I went inside to pull the tree in and my friend's went outside to push it in to help! We finally got the tree in! Rylee, Kenzie, Hannah, and me started putting decorations on the tree! It looked so pretty! The colour of the decorations were white, red and gold! We had stockings on our doorknob. There was a lot of CANDY in the stockings! After I ate the candy I opened 29 presents! I got a Zoom-

er Kitty, money, and an elf toy. My presents were AWESOME! Hannah said, "are we going to eat Christmas dinner?" My mom said, "the food is almost done!" "Ok," I said. "Do you like snow?" said Rylee. "I do!" said me and my friends. "Raise your hand if you like oranges," said Rylee. "I do!" said all of my friends with laughter. They thought it was funny! Hannah said, "Who travels?" "Not me, but I do travel sometimes." "Rylee," said Shyler. "What?" "How old are you?" "I'm 23." But suddenly we heard a knock on the door. "Who is it?" "It's Lana!" said me and all of my friends. Lana said, "I was late, sorry." "That's ok!" said Kenzie. Lana said, "Even though I just got here, can we go to sleep because I'm really tired?" "Ok," said Shyler's mom. "Good night," said me and my friends. It was super awesome because I got lots of presents and I spent lots of time with my friends and family! *Submitted by: Shyler, Grade 3, Gillis School*

Province reminds Manitobans of their rights when buying or using gift cards

Submitted

Many shoppers will find gift cards a convenient shopping choice this holiday season. Whether giving or receiving a gift card, the Manitoba Consumer Protection Office is reminding everyone that The Consumer Protection Act ensures they get the most out of these products.

In Manitoba, purchasers cannot be charged a fee when buying a gift card unless it is to personalize or replace a lost card. This means that an activation fee cannot be charged to use the card or an inactivity fee for choosing not to use the card for some time.

Most gift cards issued in Manitoba can never expire, but there are a few exceptions. Gift cards may have an expiry date if they are issued for a specific good or service, like a manicure or a massage. They may also expire if they are given out for free, such as for a promotion or in a raffle prize.

Businesses that issue gift cards must, by law, disclose all conditions, limitations and restrictions related to the card, as well as how to check the card balance.

Keeping a copy of the receipt in case there are any problems with the card, such as failure to activate, is a good practice.

When a gift card is received, treat it like cash. Keep it in a safe place, but somewhere it won't be forgotten about because it can be difficult to replace a lost or stolen card. Consider registering the card on the merchant's website or loading it onto their app, if the option is available.

Different rules may apply to prepaid cards from banks and credit card networks, such as Visa and MasterCard, as they are regulated by the federal government. Consumers should read all terms and conditions, and take note of what fees they may be charged before choosing to purchase those types of prepaid cards.

The Consumer Protection Office investigates complaints about gift cards. Businesses that fail to comply with the rules related to gift cards may be subject to administrative penalties that range for \$1,000 to \$20,000. For more information about gift cards, prepaid cards and other payment options, visit gov.mb.ca/cc/cpo/cards.html.

Manitobans are encouraged to learn more about consumer protection issues and their rights under the law. Download the free Consumer Protection mobile app. Manitobans can also contact the Consumer Protection Office at 204-945-3800, (toll-free) 1-800-782-0067, or by email at consumers@gov.mb.ca. More information is also available at www.gov.mb.ca/justice/cp/cpo.

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

Left to Right: Darryl Kruk, Jordan Kowerko, Julie Graham, Tom Walker, Crystal Sawatzky, Keith Anderson, Amber Truthwaite, Jayden Funk, Pam Wall

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One chilly day a girl named Rebecca went out to buy a present for her mom. She was so excited. She didn't know what to buy! She went to Claires to see what her mom might like. She bought her one thing. It was a phone case but Rebecca thought that her mom deserved more. So Rebecca went to dollarama, she found some candy. But Rebecca thought that her mom deserved more! So Rebecca went to bath and body works. She bought some lotion. Rebecca had to go to bed. So she could wake up for Christmas. She wrapped her present and when he mom opened she said that it was best present ever was her family, food, memories, love and laughter.

Submitted by: Kaia-Ivana, 8 years old

It was the night before Christmas and Tim was screaming because he really wanted Christmas to happen. So he went to bed early. When he woke up it was snow, it was snowing. The tree had so many decorations. But when Tim looked in his stocking there was only oranges, no toys. He asked his family why Santa brought him oranges. His family said because he screamed so loud Santa could here it. Tim had a pretty boring time eating oranges for all Christmas. Now that one of his memories. Next Christmas his family is going to travel. He did not love to eat oranges.

Submitted by: Anton, 11 years old

On Christmas I spent the day at my grandma's. First I must introduce my family. My mom's name is Kayla, my dad is Jordan, my cousin is Dante, my auntie is Ainsley, my uncle is Cody, my grandma is Denise, my grandpa is Greg, and I am Christian. My family is awesome and are the best family in the world. For supper we had sweet & sour meatballs, roast, ham, mashed potatoes, and brown sugar carrots. For a snack we had oranges, apples, and pears. The oranges were my favor-

ite! They were the juiciest oranges I ever had. For another snack we had bananas, strawberries, blueberries, and grapes. I ate strawberries and sugar mostly. Christmas is my favorite holiday because there are so many decorations and it's fun to set them all up. That Christmas was awesome so far, and the best thing that happened, or the funniest thing that happened, was my mom had to go outside to get her present. She fell in the snow but that's ok. We all came back in, but luckily I stayed inside, so I didn't get cold. We finished opening presents, I got a lot of toys and stuff just like my cousin Dante. After we were done, we went outside to play and I fell, but I had all my stuff on, so luckily I didn't get snow in my face. I miss that Christmas day.

Submitted by: Christian, Grade 4, Happy Thought School

My Christmas happened last year. I woke up and I went to wake up my mom and papa. My grandma woke up by herself. I woke everyone else up too. Papa made a big breakfast. After we ate everyone sat on the floor. We all grabbed one present each. We started with the littlest person first and the last one goes last and then we grabbed a present again. My family opened their presents which is a tradition for my family. My family loved their presents. We also opened the stockings. I love my Christmas memories with my family. Christmas is the best.

Submitted by: Jorja, Grade 4/5, Daerwood School



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Community members check out a Victorian Holiday Christmas at the St. Andrews Rectory on Dec. 4.

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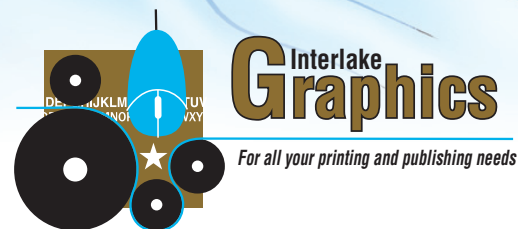
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The spirit of Christmas which is peace,
The heart of Christmas which is love.*

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Season's Readings!

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



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