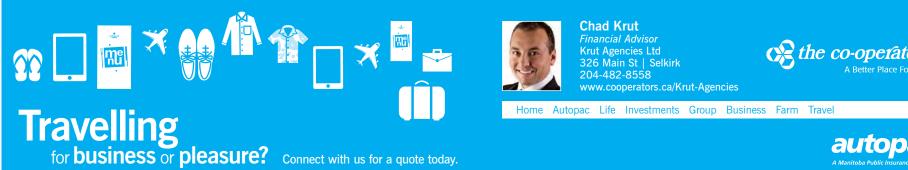


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Selkirk Mobility driver Bonnie Zahayko, pictured left, shares a laugh with Gail Morran, right, as she helps her off the bus and wheels her to her physio appointment recently. For a story, see Page 4.

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Brandi & Matt Bialek The Entire Red Bomb Fireworks Crew

Group hopes to make Selkirk a destination for trades training

By Lindsey Enns

A locally based tradesman is hoping with some help to put Selkirk on the map when it comes to skilled trades training.

Dennis Smith, who is a mechanical inspector for the City of Winnipeg and also works for his father's Selkirkbased business, George Smith Plumbing and Heating, says he believes there is a lack of training available to local high school students when it comes to various trades including plumbing, sheet metal, refrigeration and air-conditioning.

Smith says he would like to see the Comp offer a higher level of trades training to high school students so they can train and work locally.

"Commonly small businesses located

outside of the city of Winnipeg put a lot of money and time into trainapprentices ing only to lose them when they hit about third level and up in their apprenticeship programs to larger companies located in Winnipeg that could offer a lot more hours due to large construction jobs supported by jobs and the economy and at a much higher wage," Smith said. "This makes it very difficult for small businesses to obtain long-term employees. A lot of small companies like ours have ads out for quite some time ... but workers are very hard

to find."

Smith along with Comp principal Martin Ingenmey, representatives from Apprenticeship Manitoba and the Construction Association of Rural Manitoba, local business leaders, a City of Selkirk staff member and others met on Dec. 15 to discuss how Selkirk can become a hub for trades training.

"As a vocational high school we offer a number of different trades," Ingenmey said, adding the Comp offers electrical, auto body, automotive technology, drafting, culinary arts, hairstyling, print media as well as welding. "We have a school of about 1,100 kids and I'm really proud of and pleased with the level of programming we have to offer here."

Melissa Phaneuf-Ahi, a High School

Apprenticeship Training Co-ordinator with Apprenticeship Manitoba, said the majority of their high school apprentices who are working with employers are in rural communities.

"So there is definitely a lot of growth that can be done with getting the schools apprenticeship and employers engaged together more," she said.

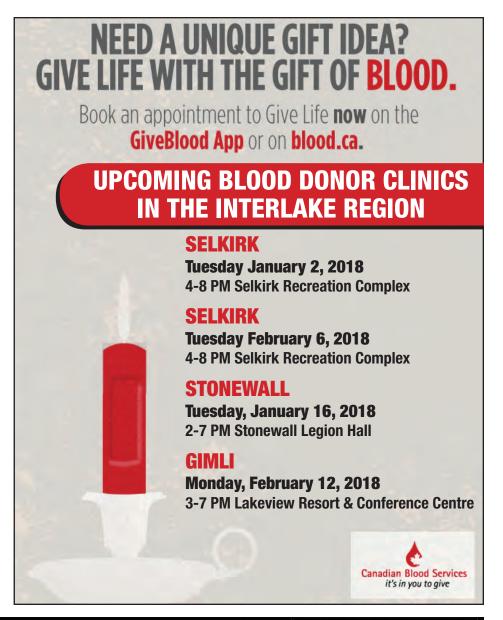
Smith said he would also like to start lobbying both the federal and provincial governments to designate small businesses as training facilities.

Following the meeting, Smith said he hopes this will lead to more dialogue between the Lord Selkirk School Division, local employers as well as the City of Selkirk.

"We touched base on many topics and now each party I believe is going to take time and reflect to see what each of us can do," Smith said.

Those seeking more information can contact Dennis Smith directly by calling 204-485-4188 or via email at dgs4@ hotmail.ca.







Friendly Selkirk Mobility drivers get community members moving

Bonnie Zahayko spends her days helping people as best she can.

She drives her bus around Selkirk and surrounding areas, making sure her passengers, who live with various disabilities, get to their doctor's appointments, funerals and even concerts.

But on this particular morning, Zahavko receives a text from the daughter of one of her clients. The daughter told her that her father had passed away, but she wanted to take the time to thank her for "being so kind and helpful" to her father.

"All the safe rides to and from the hospital are greatly appreciated," the daughter texted.

Zahayko thanked the daughter for the message, and then tears came to her eyes as she began describing the relationship she had with her client.

"He would sing songs while I drove him, stuff like 'my Bonnie lives over the ocean,' because my name is Bonnie. If something else came on, or a phrase came on, he'd just turn it around and make it into a song," she said. "When he was first started going to the hospital, he thought he was going there to die. So I made jokes to him, saying how they're just going to clean by his ears, stuff like that, to make him feel comfortable.

"I tried to turn something negative for him into a positive."

Zahayko is a driver for Selkirk Mobility, a transportation service run by Selkirk Transit. Selkirk Mobility provides transportation to people over the age of 65, and anyone with permanent or temporary disabilities. But if someone under the age of 65 were

to injure themselves, they'd qualify to use the service, even if the injury is temporary. Currently Selkirk Mobility has clients that range in age from 19 to 99 and their drivers have close relationships with all of them.

Selkirk Mobility also provides transportation services for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority programs, as well as Community Living Selkirk.

Recently, the organization was presented with a pair of awards from the Selkirk Biz: The 2017 New Business of the Year Award, and the 2017 Customer Service Award.

The Biz awards are the latest in a list of achievements for the Selkirk Transit Authority who captured similar honours in 2012 and 2013.

In an effort to become a more inclusive, regional service, Selkirk Mobility is now available for residents in St. Andrews and St. Clements. It offers transportation locally and chartered trips to Winnipeg and other destinations. Service is available seven days a week, including Christmas Day.

Charlene Dunning, the manager of transportation services for Selkirk Transit, said that their staff work hard to serve the community.

"That goes to show you, that it's not just driving for our staff, it's building relationships," Dunning said. "It's incredible, I've never worked in an environment like this. Our staff always tries to go the extra mile.

"The drivers are the face of the service, it shows what a little empathy and compassion can do to affect peo-

Dunning said that this service is a reflection of the commitment of the City





RECORD PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI ABOVE: Selkirk Mobility driver Bonnie Zahayko, pictured right, helps secure a passenger before leaving for the Selkirk Regional Health Centre recently. LEFT: Pictured from left to right: Bonnie Panas-Charlene Turenne, Dunning, and Bonnie Zahayko Of Selkirk Mobility hold the Selkirk Biz awards the organization won 2017.

of Selkirk and Selkirk Transit for helping create accessible transportation. Selkirk Mobility began their service in January of 2015, and they've provided more than 15,000 trips to date.

Bonnie Panas-Turenne, Selkirk Mobility administrator, said that she hopes the stigma around using their service goes away.

"There still is that stigma with people using our service, because they see that wheelchair sign and a lot of old school seniors say 'I don't need that, I can't take that bus," she said. "They don't realize that if you just have difficulty walking, or if you can't breathe well, we can still help you go shopping, or go to get your hair done."

For more information about Selkirk Mobility, call 204-482-4636, or visit mysta.ca/mobility/.



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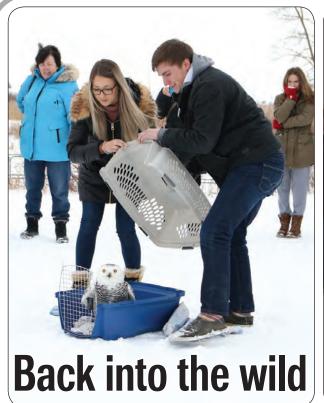




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Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre volunteers helped release this snowy owl back into the wild at Oak Hammock Marsh on Dec. 12. The owl was dehydrated and starving when it was flown to the centre from Gillam in October but after several weeks of care she was successfully rehabilitated and ready to go back into the wild.



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Ice anglers 'always willing to help'

Hello my friends, thanks for stopping by.

Maybe the holiday activities have been a bit overwhelming for you, if that's the case sit back for a short time and let me pass on a few fishing stories for your enjoyment.

First off, there was Stephen Petrosky who I met some time ago on the Red River. He was a young, slow talking, caring kind of guy totally involved in fishing. As I had approached him on the ice he seemed to have been trying to drill a hole with a hand drill which was lying on the ice. I cast a glance around to neighbouring anglers who might have a power drill as Stephen continued telling me how much he had liked going up to Twin Lakes in the Duck Mountains to fish for tiger trout. Just then a heavily clothed chap slowly strode to us lugging his auger and without a word began drilling a hole for Stephen. Soon the auger punched through to water and the neighbour pulled it up resting the bit on the ice. He shouted to our friend, "Where do you want the other one?" Stephen pointed to a spot 10 feet from the hole and without another word our"friend of few words" moved over to the spot indicated, revved the augers' motor and made another hole. When the bit came out of the hole, still not talking, but with a self-satisfied smile on his face our neighbour turned and dragged his auger three or four car lengths away to his setup. "See," Stephen remarked, "that's how nice ice anglers are out here, they're always willing to help!"

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting Jeff Mell and his daughter Hallie of Petersfield who had been a mile off shore on the south west side of Lake Winnipeg. Although they didn't have a fishing experience, Hallie was nice enough to hold up one of their catch for us to admire. Jeff said the afternoon had gone really well in



RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Hallie Mell of Petersfield with one of her catch from the west side of Lake Winnipeg.

that they fished on two feet of ice and caught enough for supper.

A little further north of Jeff and Hallie I came across a young tall guy, Tanner Bilcowski who was setting up a portable ice shack with his friends from Sandy Hook. When I asked if he had a fishing story for us he said a while back he was fishing with friends in a hard wall shack on a small lake by Minnedosa. They had made a couple of holes outside and set the tip-ups but got into some good food and playing cards. It was a warm sunny afternoon and Tanner sitting by a window noticed one of the tip-ups taking a nose dive into the ice holes' water. He jumped up blasting through the door and slid to the hole just as it plopped into the water. Well, they still had one rod at play so they went back to their cards. Again, soon, Tanner saw the last rod shuttering. This time he was faster. Like lightening he tore out there and grabbed the rod. On his knees he reeled up triumphantly as a nice pickerel burst from the water - with the line of the first rod in the side of its' mouth! In no time they were back fishing with two rods!

Lastly, for this week I met this boisterous fun-loving gal, Jaime Podolsky and her hubby, Micheal, on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. She loved to talk saying that they always start their winter fishing here because the ice always gets thicker faster. Although she didn't have a winter story she remembered not long ago when she was fishing on the Red she caught a catfish. After reeling it in and landing the fish the baited hook literally fell out of the cats' mouth. Jaime put her gear aside so she could release the fish but soon heard a squawking behind her. She turned to see a pelican clumsily trying to get the minnow on the hook into its beck. Jaime jumped up flailing her arms trying to scare the bird off but somehow it managed to snap up the minnow along with the hook, line and rod! Jaime was furious and as the bird flew over the water but along the shore, 'Little Miss Energetic' went tearing after it on the muddy bank yelling at the top of her lungs, "You let my rod go," but as the bird flew farther away she saw her fishing gear fall from the bird to the river. "That was over a hundred dollars worth of gear Old Red, she muttered to herself, "I hope you enjoy it!"

See you all in the New Year, bye for

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West St. Paul Fire Department to receive custom rescue truck in 2018

The West St. Paul Fire Department is getting a new custom rescue vehicle that will improve what they can do today and in the future.

"It's built and designed not only with what the West St. Paul Fire Department is doing today in mind, but it's going to give us the capability to expand services and carry additional equipment that we weren't able to in the past," said WSP Fire Chief Ryan Yackel. "Our previous apparatus was built in 1994 so it had run its time. With it, we were limited in the services we could provide based on the fact we couldn't carry any more equipment on it, we were just maxed out for space."

The new one will carry the depart-

ment's vehicle extrication, water rescue and firefighting equipment and can transport two members in the cab and six others in the passenger com-

Yackel said with the new vehicle they will be able to carry more specialized equipment, such as vehicle extrication, low angle or confined space rescue. All require specialized equipment and in the past the department couldn't purchase it because there simply wasn't room on the truck.

Mayor Bruce Henley said West St. Paul has a very well trained professional Fire Department and, as a former member of the Fire Department, Henley knows how important it is to have the proper equipment.

"Our Firefighters do a great job and

mayor and council have worked hard to ensure our community has modern firefighting capabilities. The Fire Department built a strong case for council to consider and as such we approved the new apparatus. It was a good business decision," Henley said. "Fire fighting is so much more than fire fighting these days and by having a truck that can carry specialized equipment and assist the department in the varied things they do in their job is very important."

The truck is being built to meet the specific needs of West St. Paul.

"It's a custom apparatus and it was designed by Acres Emergency Vehicles and a committee of West St. Paul firefighters to meet our demands," Yackel said.

The vehicle is expected to be ready in spring 2018.

The purchase was approved in the 2016 budget and was tendered and awarded to Acres last spring.

Carollers help spread holiday cheer



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

A group of children from the Onashiwin Aboriginal Headstart Program in Selkirk stopped by the Selkirk Record office to sing Christmas carols on Dec. 19.

Selkirk library selling community raffle tickets for dream vacation

What is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand but so large that it has the potential to fulfill a dream, teach a young person to read, or support an outing for a senior?

Gaynor Family Regional Library's solution to this riddle is a ticket for its Community Raffle. The prize is a seven day dream vacation to either Paris, France; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; or Orlando, Florida.

The proceeds from the raffle will support the library's programs, which include Babytime, Storytime, Lego League and Circle of Friends a program for seniors.

Last year the library sold 416 tickets with net proceeds of \$4,300. The winner went to Mexico and had a wonderful time. This year the library hopes to sell all 500 tickets by holding the draw after Christmas.

You can purchase a ticket for \$20 at the library or from Library Board Members.

The draw will be held at Gaynor Family Regional Library on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018.

If you're not feeling lucky, you could also support the Library by making a \$20 donation to the Library's Adopt a Book Program.

In addition to dedicating a new book in the Library to a friend or loved one, you will receive a charitable donation receipt for your gift to the Library. You can't request that the Library purchase a specific book, but you can choose the type of book that you would like the dedication to be placed



Gala benefits Look Good Feel Better





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Holiday Gala event at Shoppers Drug Mart in Selkirk on Nov. 4 helped raise \$2,100 for the Look Good Feel Better program. Pictured above is cosmetic manager, Lisa Setter-Johnstone, Sara Mckenzie and Elaine Geard. Shoppers has supported the Look Good Feel Better program over the past 10 years. Look Good Feel Better offers a beauty workshop that gives Canadian women going through cancer treatment the tools and techniques to feel beautiful.

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RAW:Gimli to combine architecture, cuisine

By Ligia Braidotti

You probably have walked and skated on the frozen water of Lake Winnipeg countless times, but how many times did you go there to share a meal with your friends?

Now you can have that one-of-akind experience. The duo behind the Manitoba annual outdoor eating event RAW:almond is taking up the exciting challenge to host RAW:Gimli for the first time on Dec. 29 to Jan. 7. The event will open the season for Winnipeg Chef Mandel Hitzer of deer + almond and architect and founding director of RAW:Gallery Joe Kalturnvk.

Kalturnyk and his colleague Chad Connery were inspired by the local history and marina architecture, the fishing shacks and the houses.

"It's really about creating a warm, inviting atmosphere and we always have one big table that everybody sits together at. At the very end of the table will be the kitchen and we always invite people to poke their head in and take a peek, or ask the chefs questions."

The exact location is yet to be confirmed, but co-founder Kalturnyk said the infrastructure would most likely be built close to the pier, as close as possible to their partners Lakeview Resort and Conference Centre.

"I never really built on the lake. Hopefully, it's more stable than the river here in Winnipeg (the event happens on the Red River by The Forks). It's also a completely new way of building for us, we've never built a place like this one we're going to build," Kalturnyk said. "All of the material goes back into the system, so we're not wasting anything."

Kalturnyk and Hitzer hosted the first

pop-up restaurant in 2013 on the frozen river during the coldest months of the year. Since then, the event has grown to other locations such as Churchill and Tokyo, held at a mystery location. Now it's time for Gimli residents to enjoy this experience.

However exciting the event may be, Kalturny said they often suggest people keep an open mind toward the experience.

"We tell people to keep their expectations at home and come with open minds and open hearts. It's an opportunity to meet new people and share a table and food with potentially your newest best friend," he added.

While Kalturnyk takes care of the design concept, Hitzer works on the secret menu that certainly has fish involved in its theme with other items reflecting the region. He is the featured chef and might bring some celebrity chefs to work with him as well, but it won't be as outreaching as Winnipeg's event.

"Winnipeg has over 30 guest chefs that come to Winnipeg, including some locals, but I don't think we're prepared for that this year in Gimli," Kalturnyk said.

Tickets have been on sale since Nov. 23, but there are a few seats still available. Tickets cost \$140 plus tax (13 per cent) and tips (17 per cent). The first seating takes place at 6:30 p.m. and the second seating at 9 p.m. Those coming from and returning to Winnipeg can enjoy a ride on Exclusive Bus Lines' luxury bus for an additional \$30. Lakeview is also offering an overnight stay.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit raw-almond.com/ rawgimli/



Comfort care bags aim to offer solace during difficult times

As families attend to their loved ones during the last moments of life, they can seek a little solace through a new initiative rooted in comfort and care.

The South West District Palliative Care board has provided full funding for comfort care bags filled with items to help families and caregivers during difficult times.

Originating from Quality Palliative Care in Long Term Care, the local project is an adaptation of a similar initiative launched by staff and management at Ontario-based Bethammi Nursing Home and Hogarth Riverview Manor.

Sandra Milotte, palliative care volunteer co-ordinator and community liaison for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, said the comfort care bags are only available to people in an acute-care setting.

Thanks to the regional funding provided by the South West District Palliative Care board, the comfort care bags are now available in 10 different acute-care hospitals: Stonewall, Teulon, Eriksdale, Ashern, Gimli, Pine Falls, Beausejour, Arborg, Pinawa and Selkirk.

"They're a supportive resource that could be offered to family members and caregivers who are attending the bedside of their loved ones who may lack their own support system during that time. Their loved one is at the end of their life and the family is holding vigils, so they don't want to leave," Milotte said.

"The palliative care program identified a gap in support measures for those families and caregivers in the acute-care setting during those last hours of their loved one's life. It's one way that the staff members or volunteers can offer support and let the families or caregivers know that they're in their thoughts."

Each comfort care bag contains a journal, peanut-free snacks, instant coffee, tea, toothettes, mouthwash, hand lotion, a deck of cards and reading resources from the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association.

"The bags are put together with care by local palliative care companion



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The South West District Palliative Care board has provided full funding for comfort care bags to help families and caregivers during difficult

volunteers. They, along with myself, will monitor those bags to remind the staff that they are there," Milotte said.

"They're also recording any feedback. We'd really like to provide South West District Palliative Care with positive feedback from the staff or families. It's amazing and moving that they have funded this on a regional level."

Milotte extends her gratitude to all

the volunteers for their contributions, noting that more volunteers are always needed.

"We really, really value our volunteers," she said. "They've been pivotal in making sure to get the message out there that these kits are an available resource."

palliative The program is provincially funded through Manitoba Health, and people can access it through the regional health authority.

"Traditionally, there was a lot of fundraising to ensure services were in place," Milotte said. "Although we really welcome and are happy to receive donations, we don't use the donations to fund positions. They go to purchase extras like this and to support the vol-

"THEY'RE A SUPPORTIVE RESOURCE THAT COULD BE OFFERED TO **FAMILY MEMBERS** AND CAREGIVERS ... "

unteer network."

The comfort care bags aren't just for families and caregivers whose loved ones are in palliative care; instead, they're available for any end-of-life situation.

"There are lots of people who aren't receiving palliative care services who are at the end of life," Milotte said. "It's for any family who has a dying loved one in the hospital."

For more information about the palliative care program, contact Tammie-Lee Rogowski at 204-785-7756 or trogowski@ierha.ca.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Milotte at 204-785-7542 or smilotte@ierha.ca.

Additional information is also available on the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority website. Visit ierha.ca and click on the "Care in your community tab" followed by "Additional services in communities." Under this heading, information is available on palliative care as well as volunteer opportunities.





'Consistency is key'

Local fitness experts share tips for staying on track over the holidays

By Justin Luschinski

Local fitness experts say there's nothing wrong with overindulging over the holidays, as long as you don't forget to find joy in your favourite exercise regime.

"Around the holidays, there's a lot of food. You shouldn't feel guilty because you eat a few treats," said Katie Hartle, owner of Glow Fitness For Women. "That guilt, we all know, it's just a form of self punishment, it leads to a lot of negative feelings. That self punishment only leads to self sabotage, it doesn't work."

Hartle wants people to take a more holistic approach to working out. She said that it's important to love working out, and to love your body, no matter where you may be with their fitness.

"Work out because you enjoy it, and because it lets you take a break from the stress that comes with the holidays," she said.

Hartle said that someone doesn't have to reach their goal to be proud of themselves; it's important to love yourself and be proud of the progress you have made. She brings that holistic approach to her gym, as she uses natural products for cleaning as well as some other aromatherapy methods and lighting to help invigorate people to work out.

Matt Evans and Tom Pachal, co-owners of Iron Image, said that even if you are on a diet, don't give up if you fall off the wagon over the holidays.

"Don't overindulge, and drink lots of water while you're eating," Evans said. "Eat in moderation, but don't beat yourself up if you eat a lot of food.

"The gym will still be here tomor-



row, or in January."

Pachal says "consistency is key."

"If someone's on a diet, and they slip off it, you just get back on it the next day, you don't just give up."

Evans and Pachal want to bring an old school feeling to the community. They want their gym to be a community hub, where you can work out and find like-minded people who will help you with your fitness goals.

"It's not about having six pack abs, it's about feeling healthier and enjoying your time at the gym," Evans said.

Kerry Holmes, a Selkirk-based yoga instructor, said that finding something to do with your friends and family will help you stay healthy.

"It's important to remember the connection between your mental health and your physical health," Holmes said. "When you're with your friends and family, you should mentally be focusing on them. Find something that you're passionate about, something you enjoy doing, and do that through the holidays.

"Maybe bring grandma, or someone you know, to just make it that much better."

Holmes said that yoga is portable,



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ABOVE: Tom Pachal of Iron Image practices some boxing on a heavy bag recently. LEFT: Matt Evans of Iron Image does a bent over row with a barbell. BELOW: Kerry Holmes practices yoga inside The Mighty Kiwi in Selkirk recently.



and that at any point during the day, you can do some stretches to help improve your health.

She said that it's important to let go of judgment or competition, and just allow yourself to learn something new, and to understand that every body is different. She said that every body can do yoga.

"Here's my best tip: Just do it,"

Kerry Holmes posts her yoga classes on Instagram. Follow her "@stopdropdoyoga."

Matt Evans and Tom Pachal's gym, Iron Image, is open now and is located at 511 Robinson Ave.

Katie Hartle's gym, Glow Fitness For Women, will be opening in January, 2018. For more information, visit glowfitnessforwomen.ca.

Province encourages Manitobans to head to the park this holiday season

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With the holiday season being the perfect time to enjoy some winter fun, Manitobans are being reminded to enjoy the great outdoors at provincial parks.

"Spending quality time with family can be as easy as planning a trip to one of the many trails in our provincial parks," Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires stated in a release last week. "Manitobans don't have to go far to participate in fun and active winter activities. And if the weather gets too cold, you can always

enjoy one of the many available warmup shelters."

Provincial parks offer trails for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing, fat biking and snowmobiling, along with outdoor skating ponds, hockey rinks and toboggan hills.

Park interpreters have planned several family fun experiences over the holiday break including one on Thursday, Jan. 4 at Birds Hill Provincial Park where you can snowshoe around the Nimowin Trail, followed by an outdoor fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Events are also taking place at Spruce Woods Provincial Park and in the Whiteshell.

Free interpretive programs are planned throughout the winter and are open to everyone. Teachers can also book free guided winter experiences for their students with park interpreters. For more information, visit manitobaparks.com or email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca.

Park staff are busy preparing trails for winter use but more snow may be required in some areas before trail grooming can begin. Trail grooming reports are updated online every Thursday, so visitors are encouraged to check trail conditions and weather forecasts before visiting parks to properly plan their outdoor adventure. Maps of winter trails and updated reports can be found at manitobaparks.com.

While events may be free, park vehicle permits are required year round in provincial parks. The 2017 provincial park vehicle permit remains valid until Apr. 30, 2018. Next year's pass is available for purchase in Manitoba Sustainable Development offices and will arrive in retail outlets early in 2018.

Local writer moves to Ukraine to study dance, culture

Kaitlin Vitt is a writer from St. Andrews who has been a Ukrainian dancer for 19 years and an instructor for five years. In 2010, she joined Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble based in Selkirk. Since then her group has travelled and performed in Canada, Croatia, Hungary, Austria and this year she has spent months studying dance and culture in Ukraine. Below is Kaitlin's first person account of her journey through Ukraine so far.

By Kaitlin Vitt

Thousands of people packed up their lives to immigrate to Canada for a new start during the first wave of Ukrainian immigration 126 years ago. Today people still make the journey to begin their new lives.

I did the opposite. In August, I moved to the home of my ancestors for 11 months to study Ukrainian dance, language, and culture.

I'm here with six other Canadians as part of Cobblestone Freeway Tours and Ukrainian Dance World's inaugural dance immersion program. I started the journey with my dance group, Selkirk's Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, touring around Ukraine for two weeks. Now, as part of the immersion program, I'm living in a new city every two months training with dance groups in each city.

Ukraine isn't at the top of everyone's travel list, some perhaps thinking not much has changed since Soviet times or that the fighting in the east is countrv wide.

I first visited Ukraine in 2014. In 2013 former president Viktor Yanukovych backed out of a Ukraine-European Union agreement and people protested in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, leading to the Euromaidan Revolution. After calls for his resignation, Yanukovych eventually fled to Russia, but protests against the government continued.

Even though it was a short time after the protests started, I felt safe when I visited in 2014, and the same goes for

But sometimes it is still evident that I'm in a country with political unrest. A week into my time in Kyiv, a carbomb exploded killing one person. It was a targeted attack, but it happened during rush hour on a popular route so anyone could have been affected.

Then in mid-October, protestors camped outside the parliament building in Kyiv in what the Kyiv Post called the biggest demonstration since Euromaidan. Two days earlier, I went for a walk in the same area, but instead of Ukrainian national guards and hundreds of protestors, I saw families and musicians spending time in the warm fall weather.

The fighting in the east is ongoing.



PHOTO COURTESY OF EVGANY KRAWS AND RECORD PHOTOS BY KAITLIN VITT LEFT: Kaitlin Vitt of St. Andrews, pictured centre, performs at the Lviv opera house with Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble in August 2017 as part of the International Ukrainian Dance and Culture Festival. BELOW LEFT: The Trade Unions Building in Kyiv, now covered with the Freedom is Our Religion banner, was fire damaged during the Euromaidan Revolution. BELOW: Hundreds of people demanding political reform protest outside the parliament building in Kyiv on Oct. 19. BOTTOM: Visitors can climb 400 stairs up to the top of Lviv's city hall for a birds-eye view.







Though it's concentrated in certain areas of the country, like Donbas and Crimea, every day I read about the latest happenings and can't help but feel connected since it's happening on the same soil I live on today.

During the immersion program so far, I've lived in Kyiv and Lviv. I will also live in Chernivtsi and Lutsk.

Living in Ukraine is a dream for me, but I understand locals don't always feel the same way about their country

— though I'm looking for any reason to stay, they may be looking for opportunities to leave.

The minimum wage is \$150 Canadian per month, and though some goods such as groceries are considerably cheaper than in North America, talking with a few locals, \$150 can be barely enough to get by.

So why would I ever want to stay? Perhaps it's part of the "you want what you don't have" mentality.

"LIVING IN UKRAINE IS A DREAM FOR ME, BUT I UNDERSTAND LOCALS DON'T ALWAYS FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY ... "

I see the problems with Ukraine, but living here also makes me aware of problems within my own country the desire to own the biggest home, the need for the most expensive cell phone, and the lack of quality food (which I didn't realize was a problem until I tasted Ukraine-made food).

I still have lots to experience and learn here — including the language, which is very slowly happening.

For more information about my travels, visit the Facebook page "Our Year in Ukraine" or check out my personal blog, kaitlinvitt.com/ukraine.



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Ugandan missionaries help spread holiday cheer



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Ugandan missionaries Kurt Peterson, pictured right, and Robert Twinomujuni, left, host a Christmas Light of Love event at the Gaynor Family Regional Library in Selkirk on Dec. 17.

By Justin Luschinski

Two missionaries, one from Uganda and one born in Manitoba, wanted to remind everyone how lucky we are to live in Canada.

Kurt Peterson and Robert Twinomujuni held a Christmas Light of Love event at the Gaynor Family Regional Library in Selkirk on Dec. 17.

The pair shared some heartwarming stories about their time in Uganda, while selling Manitoban and Ugandan goods to raise money for their charity organizations.

Peterson, who grew up in Clandeboye, said that he wanted everyone to enjoy what they have here in Canada.

"Basically, we wanted to utilize the time (Robert) has here to inspire the people of Selkirk," he said. "Even in his short time here, Robert said that people are so kind and generous, but they seem lost. I want to bring everyone together, and enjoy all that they have here in Canada."

Peterson shared a story about a young boy he met in Uganda, who

had a very rough life. He had nothing, and he didn't know how to react to Peterson's attempts at helping him. But over the course of a few months, this boy transformed, and now he's going to school and building a life for himself.

Ross and Darlene Williamson, two residents of Petersfield who attended the presentation, say they felt moved by Peterson's message of hope.

"Kurt's really dedicated his life to this, it's nice to support him," Ross said."He brought to life a lot of things we take for granted. These guys from Uganda have to walk 50 miles to get food, I can barely walk five."

Attendees could purchase crafts and food from Uganda, and all the proceeds went towards helping children in the country. Things like Ugandan coffee and sweets as well as Manitoban made hats and bags, were just some of the items available.

For more information, visit sowetoyouthfellowship.org or change2change.



Province unveils Heritage Trust program for Manitoba museums

By Jeff Ward

The Manitoba government is strengthening its support for heritage organizations across the province with funding for two major capital projects and the creation of a new endowment fund for smaller organizations, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced on Dec. 19.

The province announced a new program to support small and medium-sized museums and archives throughout Manitoba. The new Heritage Trust program provides \$5 million over three years to create endowment funds within local community foundations for Manitoba museums and archives. The Heritage Trust program will provide a maximum of one provincial dollar for every two private dollars raised by qualifying heritage organizations. The program will create an incentive for communities to develop an endowment pool worth up to \$15 million to support heritage projects across Manitoba.

"We are working with our heritage organizations and community foundations across the province to create



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stable, long term funding to maintain these important community infrastructure assets," said Wharton.

"Partnering with community foundations to help support our urban rural museums, archives and heritage centres is critical for the sustainability of community infrastructure across Manitoba."

The minister explained that the program is designed to create an incentive for communities to develop an endowment pool worth up to \$15 million that can be used to support heri-

The province will enter into a threeyear agreement with The Winnipeg Foundation to work with Manitoba's other 54 community foundations to administer the program.

Endowments funds work by having a pool of money that earns interest. Donations made to the fund are never spent, only the interest that money earns is granted out. In this instance that money could be used for repairs to museums, to create new installations or for any project that supports the longevity of the museum.

"This new initiative is an exciting breakthrough because endowments provide sustainable funding that can be counted upon year after year. The Heritage Trust program provides a unique opportunity for those wishing to support the preservation of Manitoba's rich history," said Rick Frost, CEO of The Winnipeg Foundation, which will administer the program.

Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, Cathy Cox said that her government has "heard a strong call for greater investment from our heritage

organizations across Manitoba," and that these new investments are their

Manitoba has nearly 200 museums and 36 archives, with about 75 per cent of those located within rural ar-

The province also announced up to \$20 million for two projects in Winnipeg, which have undergone assessments to ensure they meet criteria for return on investment and value for money.

The province will contribute \$8.75 million this year to the Royal Aviation Museum as part of its \$45-million project on Winnipeg Airport Authority property, with another \$1.25 million available next year if private donation targets are met.

The province will also contribute \$10 million over five years to the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Inuit Art Centre, a proposed \$65-million programming hub to celebrate Inuit art and Indigenous cultures through exhibitions, research and education, and house studio art and learning programs for students including marginalized

Winnipeg Ringette League to help raise funds for Keira's Krusade

Submitted by the Winnipeg Ringette League

The Winnipeg Ringette League, along with corporate sponsors Boston Pizza and the Vickar Automotive Group, will be hosting its ninth-annual U19 all-star games and U14 skills competition this Saturday at Seven Oaks Arena (745 Kingsbury Ave).

Players from across Manitoba will participate in this event. The U14 skills competition will run from noon to 1:45 p.m., followed by the U19A1 all-star game (2-3:15 p.m.) and the 19A2 allstar game (3:30-5 p.m.).

This year's event will have a very,

very special cause.

On June 14, 2017, the ringette world lost a player, Keira Bond, but not before the 11 year old started a fund to help others with the disease.

After diagnosis, Keira began Keira's Krusade to help other children with cancer and all funds collected will be donated to combat Pediatric Brain Cancer.

As such, the Winnipeg Ringette League will donate its half of the allstar 50/50 lottery to Keira's Krusade and Prema Man. East will donate pink valve stem caps for a donation to Keira's Krusade.

Boston Pizza will acknowledge Keira by having the Keira's Krusade logo on each all-star jersey and by NOT having a No. 12 in the all-star game.

All-star game jerseys will be supplied by Boston Pizza and each player will keep their jersey as a memento of the game.

Keira attended St. Charles Catholic School where she excelled and was a talented piano player, violinist, and vocalist. She loved baseball and ringette and No. 12 was well-known for her spirit, tenacity, and drive on the

Keira had such a fun-loving spirit

and people were naturally drawn to her. She was compassionate beyond measure. Her love for people is what inspired her, and us, daily.

Keira's former ringette teammates will escort the all-star players to centre ice for their introductions.

For more information on Keira's Krusade, please go to: www.keiraskrusade.com. Keira's Krusade video is available at www.dropbox.com.

Less than two weeks after her passing, Keira's Krusade surpassed \$10,000 in donations. A great start in the fight against Pediatric Brain Cancer but there is so much more to be done.

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1 pie dough (9 inches)
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and cooled

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1 cup light brown sugar
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 cups raw pecan halves
Place baking sheet in oven. Heat

oven to 350 F.
Line pie pan with rolled out pie dough. Press into edges and up sides. Use fingers or fork to create

decorative edge. Set aside.

In large bowl, whisk together butter, corn syrup, brown sugar and vanilla extract. Add eggs and salt, and whisk until mixture is even. Fold in pecan halves.

Pour mixture into pie crust and spread evenly with spatula. Use pieces of aluminum foil to cover edges of pie crust. Place pie on prepared baking sheet and bake 60-70 minutes, or until pie is set in center.

Remove pie from oven and allow to cool completely before serving or chilling.

Note: Pie can be made 1 day ahead and refrigerated overnight. Allow pie to come to room temperature before serving.



Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 35 minutes Servings: 4 Squash: 1 small acorn squash 1 tablespoon olive oil 1/4 teaspoon sea salt Dressing: 1/2 cup raw pecan pieces 1/4 cup olive or pecan oil

Roasted Acorn Squash Salad with Pecan Vinaigrette

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar 1 tablespoon maple syrup 1/4 teaspoon sea salt Salad:

3-4 handfuls baby spinach 1 1/2 cups cooked farro 1 medium shallot, thinly sliced 1 ounce crumbled goat cheese Heat oven to 425 F.

To create base, slice small part of one side of squash. Trim ends from

squash, cut in half lengthwise and scoop out sides. Place cut-side down and cut squash into 1/4-inch thick slices. Place on sheet tray and toss with olive or pecan oil and salt. Roast until squash and peels are tender, 30-40 minutes.

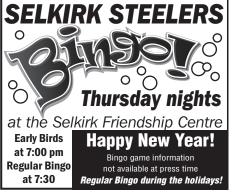
While squash is roasting, heat small skillet over medium heat. Add pecans and toast, shaking pan, until nuts are fragrant. Transfer 1/3 cup of pecans to bowl and reserve remaining pecans for topping. Add oil, vinegar, maple syrup and salt while nuts are still warm. Stir vigorously and set aside.

In large bowl, combine spinach, farro, shallot, half the squash and half the dressing. Toss to combine then lay remaining squash on top of salad. Drizzle with remaining dressing and sprinkle with goat cheese and remaining toasted pecans before serving.

Note: Acorn squash skin is edible but needs roasting long enough to make it tender. If unsure, use delicata squash or skinless butternut squash.









Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Servings: 12
2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
2 cups water
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus
additional, to taste
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 cinnamon stick
3/4 cup wild rice, rinsed
1 cup black rice, rinsed

Pecan Wild Rice Pilaf

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil or pecan oil

1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/2 large sweet onion, diced
2 cups butternut squash, diced
1 medium tart apple, peeled and diced

black pepper, to taste

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

3/4 cup chopped pecans or pecan pieces

1/3 cup dried currants

In medium saucepan, bring stock, water, nutmeg, ginger, 1 teaspoon kosher salt, cloves and cinnamon stick to boil. Add rice and bring back to simmer. Reduce heat to low and half cover with lid. Allow rice to simmer about 45 minutes, or until tender and liquid is absorbed.

Remove and discard cinnamon stick. While rice is cooking, in large skillet, heat olive or pecan oil and butter. Add

onion and cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 4 minutes. Add in butternut squash and cook, stirring often, until squash is tender and beginning to caramelize at edges, about 8-10 minutes. Add in apples and cook additional 3-4 minutes, or until apples soften. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, along with thyme and ground cinnamon. Stir in chopped pecans and currants, and cook until

pecans are slightly golden and fragrant. Remove mixture from heat.

Stir butternut squash mixture with cooked rice and season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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Steelers' seven-game win streak snapped by OCN

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers were riding an impressive seven-game winning streak heading into their Dec. 17 game with the OCN Blizzard.

But that streak was snapped with a huge thud.

The Blizzard blasted the Steelers 6-0 scoring three goals early in the third - in Manitoba Junior Hockey League

"Sunday's game, in particular, was not our best effort by any means," said Steelers' head coach Dustin Hughes. "Whether it was three in three or guys were looking forward to the break a little earlier than they needed to but it's a little unfortunate how we ended the road trip.

"But, overall, I think we'll take two out of three (on the road) every time."

The seven-game win streak was a great run by Selkirk, which also had an impressive nine-game win streak earlier this season.

"I think the challenge now for our group is when we lose a game or two, get back on the horse right away and get back to the way that we've been playing at certain times of the year because we certainly have a group that can play with anyone in the league and we have proven that," Hughes said.

Byron Fobair and Lantz Hiebert scored for OCN in the first period and then Trygve Many Guns tallied in the

Mark Liwiski, Brayden Dale and George King added third-period goals.

Halvorsen the hero

On Saturday, Selkirk slipped past OCN 4-3 as Nate Halvorsen scored the game winner - his 18th of the season - just 18 seconds into OT.

"I felt we controlled the majority of the game," Hughes said. "We kind of let them back into it around the fouror five-minute mark where they got goals back to back."

Selkirk took a 2-0 lead just 6:49 into the game as Ryan Piwniuk and Brendan Hill scored. Many Guns cut that lead in half late in the opening period but Connor Barley regained the Steelers' two-goal lead at 19:18 of the middle frame.

The Blizzard tied the score at 3-3, though, with goals from Dustin Mozdzen and Daylon Campbell.

Zachary Bennett made 17 saves for the win.

Stamping out Swan Valley

The Steelers started their threegame weekend road trip with a solid 4-2 win over the Swan Valley Stam-

"Minus the last game on Sunday, we've been keeping teams to two (goals) or less," Hughes noted. "And that's been our recipe for success. Our PK has been much better as of late, so if you can keep the teams off the scoreboard with their power plays, that's usually a one- or two-goal difference and we seem to be winning the 5-on-5 battle more often than not.

After a scoreless first period, Selkirk went up 2-0 on goals by Halvorsen and Nolan Ferguson. Swan Valley's Matthew Osadick replied just 27 seconds after Ferguson's marker as the Steelers led 2-1 after 40 minutes.

Selkirk's Ryan Gardiner and Swan Valley's Keaton Jameson, on the power play, traded goals midway in the third before Carter Barley closed out the game's scoring with a shorthanded goal at 15:43.

Halvorsen, who was named the game's first star, and William Middleton each finished the game with two

Hayden Dola made 34 saves for the victory.

On Dec. 13, the Steelers doubled Swan Valley 4-2 during the MJHL Showcase at the Bell MTS Centre.

Selkirk's Nico Labossiere scored the eventual game winner at 3:26 of the third period. The Steelers' Carter Barley then added an empty-net goal at 19:32 of the final frame.

Swan Valley's Keaton James and Selkirk's Cole Thompson traded goals by the 3:59 mark of the opening period and then Ferguson made it 2-1 with a second left in the first.

The Stampeders' Quintin Sudom scored the only goal of the second period, beating Bennett, who made 32 saves for the win.

Selkirk (20-12-2-1) had some significant time off for the holiday break before Saturday's 7:30 p.m. game against the Pistons in Steinbach.

The Steelers will then host the Pistons on Sunday with a special 4:30 p.m. start on New Year's Eve.

Raiders slap around St. Vital Victorias

Staff

The first-place Raiders Jr. Hockey Club appears to be getting better and better each week.

And that's a very scary thought for their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League opponents.

The Raiders improved their record to a league-best 21-2-3 after throttling the St. Vital Victorias 12-4 last Thursday in Winnipeg.

The Raiders, which led just 3-2 after 20 minutes, broke the game wide open with six second-period goals.

Carson Rybuck led the winners with four goals while Lars Anderson, Devin Manness, Carter Ives, Nicholas Mathews, Eli Batt, Kale Ilchena, Nolan Wisniewski and James Barclay added singles.

Troy Brown (two), Liam Grossman and Kevin Lamb replied for St. Vital.

The Raiders are back in action this Friday with a home game against Transcona. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

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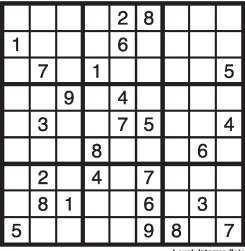
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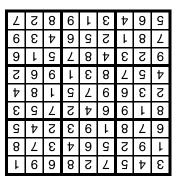
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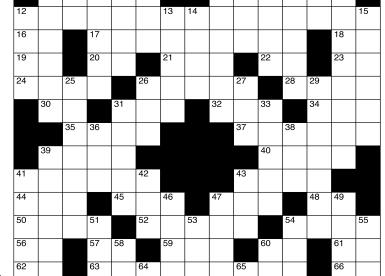


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Put within
- 6. Learned person
- 12. Resistance
- 16. Female title
- 17. Logical basis for a belief
- 18. Of Ĭ
- 19. Indicates position
- 20. Article
- 21. Insignificant organizational member
- 22. __ route
- 23. Expression of disapproval
- 24. Microelectromechanical systems
- 26. Ponds
- 28. Satisfy
- 30. Dad
- 31. Spanish soldier "El ___"
- 32. Pouch-like structure
- 34. Obscure unit of measurement
- 35. Okinawa prefecture capital
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Jazz singer Irene
- 40. Benefits
- 41. Hellenistic governors
- 43. Brownish-green fruit
- 44. Needed to see
- 45. Political action committee
- 47. Fast plane
- 48. Bahrain dinar
- 50. Urgent request
- 52. Raccoon genus
- 54. Millisecond
- 56. Atlanta rapper
- 57. Rural delivery
- 59. Intrauterine device
- **60. The Wolverine State**
- 61. Free agent
- 62. For instance
- 63. Reduces
- 66. Lincoln's state
- 67. Quit
- 70. Midsections
- 71. Bullfighting maneuvers



CLUES DOWN

- 1. The arch of the foot
- 2. Canadian peninsula
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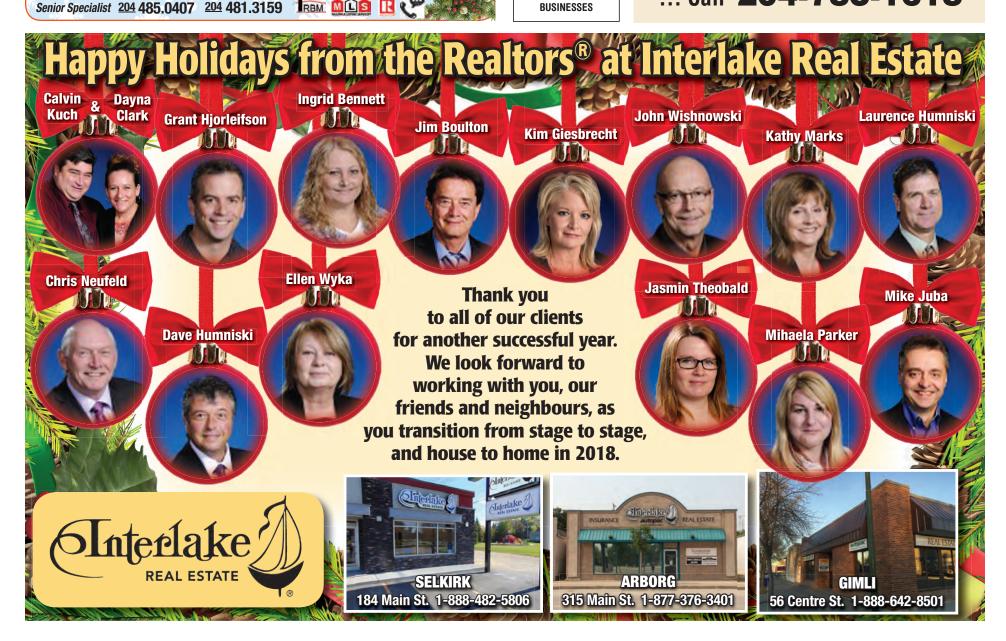
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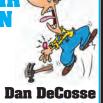
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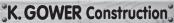
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