

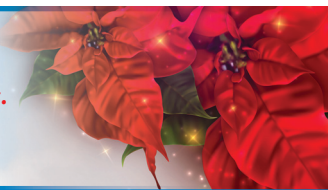


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## Holiday musical



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Grosse Isle students entertained guests this year with their holiday musical 'Santa goes Green' on Dec. 20. With melting ice caps, global warming and surfing reindeer - the North Pole is going green and everyone is excited, except Santa who likes things just the way they are. Solar panels, LED light bulbs and new power sources sounded a bit inconvenient to Santa and Mrs. Claus, the elves, toys and reindeer had their hands full.

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# Annual wreath competition winners



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The real winner at the 9th annual Festival of the Wreaths competition was the Stonewall and District Cheer Board, which received a cheque for \$365 and a bag of mittens, toques and scarves during the awards presentation at the South Interlake Regional Library, Stonewall Branch on Dec. 16. Nineteen wreaths were on display at the library for the month of December and visitors were able to place a vote for their favourite wreath for \$1. The Stonewall Lions collected 91 votes to earn first place; second was awarded to the Town of Stonewall, which earned 50 votes; and Colleen Robert and the Woodlands Heritage Museum tied for third, each earning 35 votes. The remainder of the funds were raised through a raffle. Photos left to right: head librarian Darlene Dallman presented Lion Brian Goodman, left, and Ralph Sinclair with their first-place certificate; Diane Allan accepted the Town of Stonewall award from Dallman; Goodman, Joan Fotty and Pam Moody from the Cheer Board accepted a cheque and a bag of mittens, scarves and toques from Dallman, Sinclair and Allan; wreath entries from the Woodlands Heritage Museum wreath and Colleen Robert, which tied for third.

## Jingles and jam session

The Stonewall and District Lions Club held their annual afternoon Christmas Jam at the Stonewall Manor on Dec. 14. Along with a variety of musical entertainers, Lion Club members drew the winner of their fall raffle. The raffle was held to raise funds for the club. Stonewall resident Annette Smith won the grand prize, a five-day trip to Las Vegas to watch the Continental Cup of Curling.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Left photo: Lynn Wenzoski and Kris Laxdal enjoy the music; middle photo: Keith Lindstrom on the violin was one of the many talented musicians who entertained during the Lions' Jingle Jam; right photo: Simba, Ralph Sinclair, Len Kolenich and Mary Boyd make the draw for the trip to Las Vegas.

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# Festival of Lights Santa Claus parade awards



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE DUNCAN

The Stonewall & District Chamber of Commerce presented the Festival of Lights Santa Claus Parade awards at their annual Christmas dinner held at Summit Cafe on Dec. 13. In total, 48 businesses took part in this year's parade to the delight of thousands of spectators who lined Main Street earlier this month. The final decision is always a difficult one, said parade Chamber vice-president Stephanie Duncan. "Every year the floats get more elaborate. The owners and their staff spend hours decorating them. It's hard to pick just one knowing the hours that are spent by business owners putting their floats together and stringing lights for everyone to enjoy." The winning businesses each received a trophy along with \$75. The Best Commercial Display was awarded to Badger Daylighting and the Best Non-Commercial Display was awarded to Stony Mountain Institution Honour Guard. Left photo: Badger Daylighting's Steve Bennett and Jacquie Derewianchuk; right photo: Brent Murray and Simon Thomas accept the trophy on behalf of the Stony Mountain Institution. Marie Tallon, Chamber executive member, presents both trophies.

# In the spirit of giving



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY HEATHER SANCHE

RW Bobby Bend students and staff continued to promote kindness and caring. In keeping with the spirit of giving at Christmas, they collected for the Stonewall & District Christmas Cheer Board during December. The students collected 20 boxes of non-perishable food, toys and hand-knitted scarves and mitts, which were delivered to the Odd Fellows Hall for sorting and distribution on Dec. 14. Pictured, left to right: Mr. Ross, Alex W., Anna H., Jocelyn M., Troy L. and Dawson F.

# Woodlands students in the holiday spirit of giving

**Staff**

Woodlands School hosted its first Holly Jolly Jog, a winter fun run to raise donations for the Christmas Cheer Board on Dec. 2.

Approximately 120 students, staff and community members braved the chilly temperatures and icy roads to complete the three-kilometre route. After Santa signalled the start of the race, participants spread holiday cheer through the streets of Woodlands as they ran dressed in Santa hats, elf and Christmas tree costumes and “ugly Christmas sweaters.”

Spontaneous dancing erupted at various locations along the route where Christmas music was piped out of support vehicles.

Along with getting the community outside and active on a chilly December day, the event also raised much-needed items for the Christmas Cheer Board, including non-perishable food items and toys. Each participant brought in an item to donate as his or her entry fee.

Following the run, participants were



Ms. Girard with the first female race finisher.

warmed up with hot chocolate served by Santa and snacks generously provided by Stonewall Family Foods.

Following the refreshments, top finishers from each age category and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA PAGE

Woodlands students, staff and community members taking off at the start line for the 3K Holly Jolly Jog on Dec. 2.

best costume winners were presented with holiday theme medals by Santa. Medals were presented to: Grade 1/2 - Annika R, Grade 2/3 - Tasoe B, Grade 4/5 - Lauren V, Grade 6/7 - Kaydyn M, and Grade 7/8 - Andrew H.

“The event was such a success that plans are already being made for next year. Next year, we hope to have some other schools join us, and increase our adult participation,” said run organizer Samantha Page.

## Bigger and better each year

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

South Interlake Regional librarian Joan Ransom spent three hours on a Sunday evening stacking 746 books to build her annual book tree for Christmas. As the years go on, Ransom said the tree has grown bigger and better. This year, the base of the tree is made of copies of the RM of Rockwood history books and needed extra lights, which were borrowed from the Bookmobile after the Parade of Lights.





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# Teulon artist displays paintings in first exhibit



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY STEPHANIE DUNCAN  
Marion McMahon will be the artist of the month at the Teulon Library during the month of January.

By Jennifer McFee

It's never too early or too late to make your mark in the realm of the arts.

After a lifetime of dabbling in fine arts, Marion McMahon will have her paintings on display for her first public show as Teulon library's artist of the month for January.

Starting from when she was a young girl, McMahon always exhibited exceptional skills in art.

"I had that natural gift and natural ability to draw, right from when I was a little kid," she said. "Over the years, it fell by the wayside. I got married and had a son and I never had time for that sort of thing. I did a little bit of watercolours at one time, but I'm

not even sure where they are now."

But about three years ago, McMahon rekindled her interest in the arts by taking a daytime painting class with Julie Lamoureux of Winnipeg.

"I started painting and I found that very interesting, so I got some small canvases. I started practising and I took more of her classes," McMahon said.

"Then Margaret Bezan used to teach here in Teulon on a Saturday, so I took some of her classes. I just practised and practised and practised. I got into Julie's techniques and then I learned Margaret's techniques."

Since then, McMahon has honed her skills and developed her own style for oil painting.

"I like realism. I do scenery, and I'm attempting to do some animals and some birds and flowers," said McMahon, who lives west of Teulon.

"It's sort of my escape from the world. When I'm doing it, two hours can pass and I don't even realize I've been sitting there for two hours. I just enjoy doing it and try to do it the best I can and try not to make any mistakes I can't correct."

Although she's a little nervous about having her first public show, she has already taken the plunge by sharing her paintings at a recent workshop. In October, best-selling author Daphne Shepherd hosted a two-day workshop based on inspiring insights from her book *Path to Abundance: It's Your Time*. At the event, held at the Heritage Arts Centre, another participant encouraged Baldwin to bring in a painting to show the group.

"I couldn't just pick one, so I picked six smaller 8-by-10s that aren't framed. I took them in for the group to see," she said. "They were the ones that really got excited about this and said that I should be starting to get introduced to the public with them."

Her daydreams of sharing her artwork quickly became a reality. Members of the public now have the chance to view McMahon's paintings at

the Teulon library, located at 19 Beach Rd., throughout the month of January.

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# Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department looking at new fire hall

By Jennifer McFee

Plans are heating up for a project to build a new fire hall.

At the Dec. 14 meeting, Rockwood council heard from Chris Dawson, fire chief of the Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department about the plans.

The initial architectural estimate rang in at about \$400,000 to \$500,000 for a renovation of the existing hall. However, later assessments jumped

to \$800,000 to \$1.2 million. For that cost, the fire department felt that they would be able to build a new building rather than renovate the older facility.

A property in Teulon became available on the existing rail property between Vidir Machine and Crescent Creek. The building is set back from Highway 415 by about 300 feet. It would require the closing of Main Street South from the Crescent Creek

access to Highway 415.

They began working on a site plan proposal, which they discussed with council. The goal timeline would be to be open by 2019.

At the same meeting, council also heard from father-son duo Jake and Joel Maendel, who were looking to take a mobile home off their property and put up a permanent ready-to-move home.

The current trailer doesn't meet conditions originally set out by the RM, but the family would like to keep it there while they build the new home. They need to correct the problems in order to proceed.

Council put in place a \$20,000 performance bond, which will be returned after the all the conditions are met.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Chris Dawson of the Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department discussed plans for a new fire hall.

## letter to the editor

### Rip up the ticket and say sorry

In the Dec. 15 edition of the *Tribune*, there is a picture/story with the caption Singing the blues with Cal Martin and his parking ticket.

In this day and age of technology, the logical place to check things out are websites. The Town of Stonewall website, as of the writing of this letter, states: under Resident Information follow the link to Local Notices

then follow to Winter Parking Restrictions & Snow Removal Policy where it clearly states in bold type "between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Nov. 15 to March 31."

The Town of Stonewall needs to rip up Mr. Martin's ticket as well as any others issued that evening, offer some sincere apologies and follow their own rules.

Regards,  
Lynne Sutton

## Spreading Christmas cheer



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To help spread the joys of Christmas, Miss Hunt's Grade 1 class and Miss Jack's Grade 2 class from Teulon Elementary School played Santa's elves on Dec. 13 and visited the patients of the Teulon Hunter Memorial Hospital and the residents of Goodwin Lodge. Students handed out handmade cards and ornaments along with presents that were donated by the Teulon and Area Lions through Teulon Seniors Resource Council. Before leaving for the morning, students sang Christmas carols for the Goodwin Lodge residents.



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## > ARNIE WEIDL **A Bombardier to the rescue**

Seasons greetings, everyone! This is our time of year when we share love in all its ways as well as helping others in need. It reveals the best in us. The stories that have been given to us this week are fine examples of that.

Jim Zagozewski told me of an experience he had about this time years ago when he and friends were ice fishing off Sandy Bar by Riverton. Five guys on three sleds came by their ice shack lost, asking for directions to make landfall because it was starting to blow.

Jim showed them what direction to go using his GPS. The group climbed back on their sleds and disappeared into the growing storm. Looking out the window once back in his shack, Jim soon realized they were in a white-out situation. He couldn't see 10 feet away. His gang loaded their gear into their bombardier and were about to head for shore and home when out of the vial of blinding snow, the men on the sleds reappeared.

They had become totally lost and had gone around in a gigantic circle. Worse, some of them were not dressed for a storm on the ice of Lake Winnipeg. One was wearing running shoes.

Jim's bombardier was packed to the roof, but they made room for the chap in running shoes whose feet were badly frozen. Then away they went in a convoy, Jim in his bombardier leading using his GPS with the sledgers following. The bombardier bounced viciously over ice crack pileups that couldn't be seen in the



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL

John Klassen, left, and son Kyle Klassen with some of their pickerel catch by Sugar Island on the Red.

storm.

Soon the early darkness of the winter night covered them. The small lights of the bombardier seemed frail against the wind-driven blizzard, but Jim faithfully drove according to his GPS. Then abruptly through the swirling maze, the shore popped up right in front of them. Tensions eased as everyone busied themselves loading the sleds onto trailers.

Lastly the chap with the frozen feet had to be carried to his friend's truck for a trip to the hospital. Jim, you and your friends did just fine. We're proud of you!

A few days ago, I was on the ice of the Red River, which is about a foot thick now, by Sugar Island downstream of Selkirk. I walked from one portable ice shack to the next, passing the time with our fellow anglers.

It seemed everyone couldn't get over how many pickerel they were catching!

Later, out on the flat snow pack, I saw two men putting their gear into a toboggan, obviously quitting for the day, so I trudged over to them and asked how they had made out.

These very pleasant fellows, John Klassen and his son Kyle from Oak Bluff, quickly held up some of their catch, which I took a picture of. I then asked if they had a fishing story for us. After thinking for a moment, they remembered an unusual happening.

Last summer, they were boat fishing on the Winnipeg River. There was another boat maybe a half-dozen boat lengths away from them.

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# Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

The Municipal Board rejected the RM of Rosser's bylaw application to authorize borrowing and spending money to build wastewater collection and water distribution systems to service 520 acres of developed land.

The proposed project included feeder mains from the Cartier Regional Water Cooperative and a low-pressure sewer connection to the City of Winnipeg wastewater line.

The RM of Rosser wanted to borrow \$16,360,070 of the total estimated cost of \$22,560,070.

The Municipal Board received objections, and public hearings were held from Aug. 3 to Aug. 5 at the Grosse Isle Community Hall.

The proposed bylaw identified 117 properties in the local improvement area that would benefit from the proposed project because they would receive urban standard sewer and water service. It required the owners of those properties to pay for the proposed project as potential taxpayers.

However, the Municipal Board noted that it became clear as the hearing progressed that "Rosser's main impetus in proceeding with the proposed project was to fulfill its servicing responsibilities in the Rosser CentrePort area, in keeping with CentrePort's vision."

Rosser acknowledged that the benefiting properties don't need the proj-

ect, and if it weren't for CentrePort, no part of the municipality would be serviced. Engineers recommended that the urban standard sewer and water servicing for the Rosser CentrePort area start in the Local Improvement Area, and the RM heeded the advice.

"The Board understands that although this may be a logical starting point to service the Rosser CentrePort area, it questions how Rosser, CentrePort partners or the Board of Directors could conclude that the benefit of the Proposed Project was solely for 117 Benefitting Properties and should be paid by 85 potential taxpayers," the ruling reads.

The board provided its opinion that the proposed project is necessary and expedient to move forward with the development of the Rosser CentrePort area. From that perspective, the board supported the proposed bylaw.

However, the Municipal Board ended up rejecting the application due to other concerns.

"The Board does not support Rosser's decision to limit the benefit of the Proposed Project to the Local Improvement Area and the payment of the debenture to the Benefitting Properties," the ruling reads. "In the Board's opinion, the benefit of the Proposed Project, within Rosser, is much broader."

The board suggested a blended taxation approach that recognizes that the

project would benefit the entire municipality.

"The Board encourages CentrePort as well as the Province to take an active role in assisting Rosser to develop and analyse more equitable debt servicing options that better reflect the beneficiaries of the project, both direct and indirect," the ruling reads.

Before ordering any changes to the bylaw, the RM of Rosser needs to give notice to potential taxpayers who would be affected.

Then the Municipal Board will reconvene the hearing at a future date to give all parties a chance to speak.

A copy of the Municipal Board's decision regarding By-Law 3-16 is posted on the RM's website at [www.rmo-frosser.com](http://www.rmo-frosser.com).

In other Rosser news:

- Council heard from Brett Ransom of Stantec, Barry MacBride of BDM Projects and Rosser CentrePort project manager Bob Brown, who spoke about low-pressure sewer service.

- Council adopted the interim operating budget with general operating requirements of \$922,000 and utility operating requirements of \$45,000.

- Council resolved that Beverly Wells be reimbursed for \$4,801.31 in legal fees. Coun. Angela Emms opposed the resolution.

- Council authorized a \$693.45 reimbursement to Dusty Moore for the purchase of building materials for secan training container.

- Council authorized a payment of \$4,200 to Legacy Bowes Group. Coun. Emms was absent from the vote.

- Council approved an application for a culvert crossing onto Bryan Bay for 86 Wheatfield Rd.

- Council approved an Internet service upgrade for the Rosser Fire Department at a quoted cost of \$59.99 per month from Voyageur Internet.

- At the Board of Revision on Dec. 13, board members heard from 5754411 Manitoba Ltd. located at 99 Bergen Cutoff Rd. Council adopted a revised supplementary assessment roll.

## > GET FISHING, FROM PG. 8

Apparently those anglers had enough fishing and started pulling in their lines. The driver started the motor and gunned it. What he hadn't remembered was that the anchor was still out.

The boat shot forward but the anchor stayed right where it was! As the rope tightened like a thick rubber band, the anchor decided to come free — like a torpedo! It tore from the water with "whosh," slamming into the side of the boat at the water line, sounding like a thunder clap.

John and Kyle sat in their boat, eyes and mouths wide open in shock, staring at a situation that could have had a lot worse ending. They took a minute to regain their composure and then idled

over to see what they could do to help.

We continued talking, and John and Kyle mentioned that they belonged to an organization called the Manitoba Pioneer Camp at Shoal Lake where they take disadvantaged kids for some fishing every so often. Jim, John and Kyle, these are their stories and I think it shows they have the spirit of helping others all year round.

So, to all of you, my fine fishing friends, best wishes and bye for now.

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# Stonewall students' experiment set to soar

By Jennifer McFee

A group of Stonewall students is over the moon about being chosen to have their spaceflight experiment launched into space.

At an assembly at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School on Dec. 19, Grade 8 students Carter Ives, Graeme Perrie and Adam Stamler discovered that they are the winning team in the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program. All three students are in the extracurricular Space Club organized by science teacher Maria Nickel.

In total, Stonewall Centennial students submitted 57 experiment proposals, which were judged at a local level, then by a panel of judges in Winnipeg, followed by a panel at the Smithsonian Erin Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

The winning project is an extension of the classroom-based Tomatosphere program operated in Canada by Let's Talk Science for the past 15 years. Through this program, students investigate the effects of outer space on seed germination. Classrooms receive two sets of tomato seeds, with one set that has been exposed to space-like conditions and the other set that is an



Madame Johnson and science teacher Maria Nickel with Wallace Galaspie and his winning mission patch.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Nickel with Carter Ives, Graeme Perrie and Adam Samler, who won the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program.

untreated control set. Students plant the seeds and record germination information.

The winning team's project re-exposes these Tomatosphere seeds to space conditions. The seeds will be flying to the International Space Station on the upcoming Mission 11 that is tentatively set to launch on June 2, 2017, from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

This flight will mark the first time that the Tomatosphere seeds will receive a second exposure to a space environment.

"It's part of the Tomatosphere program that they had participated in last year in

Grade 7. They had grown seeds that were on the International Space Station and had the same type of exposure — cosmic radiation and the conditions of microgravity in space. Then those seeds were brought back down. The kids grew them, but we asked Tomatosphere if they had an extra package," Nickel said.

"They said yes and the kids came up with the idea of resending them and trying to grow them again, even though they will have been exposed for a second time. They want to know if the seeds are going to be damaged. If so, we need to find a way to protect them because of the re-exposure to the harsh conditions of space."

The partners who oversee the Tomatosphere project include the Canadian Space Agency, Heinz Seed, Let's Talk Science, Stokes Seeds and the University of Guelph.

Stonewall is one of two communities

in Canada to be involved in Mission 11 of the Student Spaceflights Experiments Program. The local project will be the first junior high experiment in the province to be part of the program and to be on board the International Space Station.

In addition, about 200 Grade 5 and 6 students from Stonewall Centennial participated in a competition to design and illustrate a mission patch to be sent to the International Space Station. French immersion Grade 6 student Wallace Galaspie submitted the winning design.

"I put a rocket to show that we can use science to learn more about our solar system, and I put the Earth to represent where we live and who we are. I put the Stonewall quarries to represent our awesome town," Wallace wrote in his submission.

"I put rings around the Earth to encompass the Earth with our school name to represent that we can do anything when we put our mind to it. I also put stars in the background to represent that we only understand approximately four per cent of the cosmos."

As part of the celebrations, students at the assembly enjoyed a Skype presentation by Mike Dixon, creator of Tomatosphere and professor at the University of Guelph. As well, they heard from Brian Ewenson, a top aerospace expert in Canada and with NASA's space programs.

The students were overflowing with excitement, as was Nickel herself.

"I'm pretty overwhelmed and really proud that it was a group of kids from my Space Club. A lot of hard work and a lot of hours were put into that, and some of that came to fruition," Nickel said. "My kids from the club put in extra time and they got rewarded for it, and that made me feel really, really proud as an educator."

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# A Christmas miracle for Syrian refugee family

## Business owners band together for ultimate family present

By Natasha Tersigni

Being forced from your home country and told your new home will be in a province where temperatures are well below freezing six months of the year is not an easy thing, but for many Syrian refugees who now call Manitoba home, that is reality.

When Stonewall resident Kurtis Bouskill heard of a way that one Winnipegger was trying to help a Syrian refugee family make their transition to life in Manitoba a bit easier, he jumped on board to lend his expertise and time.

Bouskill, the owner of two Miracle Dent Repair auto body shops in Winnipeg, heard that his neighbouring mechanic shop, Silver Auto on Portage Avenue, had been donated a 2007 Honda Civic. Although the car was in rough shape, the car's owner hoped that Dustin Jackson of Silver Auto would be able to donate his time for repairs and then donate it to a refugee family.

After Jackson and his staff conducted substantial mechanical repairs and were able to get the car up to Mani-

toba Public Insurance's safety standards, there was still many cosmetic repairs needed.

The entire passenger side of the car was dented and pushed in, along with minor dents and scratches along the rest of the body. Bouskill brought the car into his shop to fix the exterior.

"It was definitely a collaboration. We saw the car while Dustin was working on it and we offered our services knowing the back story and how one Dustin's friend donated it. There were some pretty significant dents down the passenger side. We did the work and afterwards it looked brand new," said Bouskill, who added it took him and his staff and afternoon to complete the job.

With the car repairs finished and looking new, Jackson and the car's initial owner are working with refugee organizations in the city to find a suitable family that the car can be donated to, hopefully just in time for Christmas.

"It is nice to be able to lend a hand this time of year for sure," added Bouskill.



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Stonewall resident and owner of Miracle Dent Repair Kurtis Bouskill donated his time and expertise to making a donated 2007 Honda Civic look new again that will now be given to Syrian family for Christmas. With the help of Bouskill, along with a mechanic repair shop, the vehicle is ready for a family just in time for the holiday season.

"The real person that should be thanked though is the owner of the car. He was buying a new car and could have easily traded in this Civic for around \$6,000, but he decided to

help a family in need."

## Province releases flood forecast outlook for 2017

By Jeff Ward

According to the province, a single major weather storm, similar to the one that occurred in the summer of 2014, could cause major flooding in Manitoba.

The 2016 Fall Conditions Report released last week didn't bring the good news that many Interlake residents were hoping. Instead, talk of major flooding and watersheds being closely monitored were big talking points in the 34-page report. Manitoba Infrastructure

Minister Blaine Pedersen said that it is still very early in the timeline of flood forecasting and that a number of factors are at play when looking ahead. The report notes that higher than average precipitation through the summer and into the fall caused lake levels to rise. The report states that Lake Manitoba is expected to remain near 812.4 to 812.5 feet throughout the winter and that Lake St. Mar-

tin is expected to reach near 803 feet before the spring runoff.

The conditions outlined in this report indicate there is a chance of moderate to major flooding in some locations in Manitoba. "As spring approaches, the province will further assess the flood potential and work with our municipalities to prepare as required," said Pedersen.

Lake Manitoba is still below the flood stage level of 814 feet, but the report said that a quick spring melt or one major winter storm could mean major flooding. The report also mentions that the accuracy of this information at this stage is ambiguous.

"It is not very practical or feasible to provide a long-term flood forecast for spring 2017 as conditions could change significantly during the coming months," said the report.

The unfortunate part for Manitobans is that Saskatchewan saw "above normal to well above normal" soil

moisture conditions and high base flow conditions. Much of that water makes its way down the Assiniboine River and is diverted through the Portage Diversion into Lake Manitoba.

Curiously, there was not a single mention of the Portage Diversion in the entire report.

"Overestimating or underestimating the flood potential four months in advance of the spring runoff is very risky. The hydrologic forecast centre will continue to monitor the basin conditions closely and will release spring flood outlooks through the winter as required," said the report.

The first flood outlook is expected to be available in February with the final flood outlook released in March. Anyone interested reading the 2016 Fall Conditions Report can do so by visiting [www.gov.mb.ca/flooding](http://www.gov.mb.ca/flooding).



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# RCMP remind anglers to stay safe out on the ice

By Dave Baxter

Ice fishing and snowmobiling season has officially arrived across the Tri-S area, but local RCMP officers want to remind residents how they can stay safe when they venture out onto the ice.

"There is no fish in the world that is worth risking your life for," Selkirk RCMP Const. Jim Dao said.

Dao knows that rows of ice fishing shacks will soon begin popping up on the Red River near Selkirk and on other Manitoba waterways.

He said anyone that goes out on the ice should first know what the ice conditions are and never head out on the ice blindly.

"Check with a local tackle shop for ice thickness suitability and find out if it is safe for human traffic or for vehicles to drive on," he said. "Keep in mind that fast-moving water underneath may change ice conditions without notice."

Dao added there are ways that those who go out on the ice can distribute their weight.

"Use a sled to carry your gear instead of backpacks so that the weight is spread across the ice and does not weigh you down if you happen to go through the ice," he said. "Stay away from open water and areas of ice jams as this would mean that the integrity of the ice may have been compromised."

Dao also cautioned that residents should never head out on the ice alone.

"Try not to go fishing alone," he said. "There's a greater chance of being able to summon for help in an emergency if there is more than one of you."

Dao knows that colder temperatures also means vehicles, including trucks



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RCMP would like to remind ice fishers and snowmobilers to be safe while venturing out onto the ice this season.

and snowmobiles, will start heading out onto the ice.

Dao said those in vehicles or on snowmobiles should always know what kind of ice they are about to head out on and should first consider walking to their destination beforehand if possible.

"Driving vehicles onto the ice greatly increases the risk factor due to its weight. Try walking across instead to your ice fishing spot," he said.

The [snoman.mb.ca](http://snoman.mb.ca) website states that ice should be a minimum of six inches thick for it to be safe for snowmobiles to head out.

RCMP officers in Manitoba have been forced to deal with a number of incidents involving snowmobiles this month, including one that ended in tragedy.

On Dec. 1, a 51-year-old teacher from Nelson House went missing and was later found dead when his snowmobile went through ice near Nelson House.

On Dec. 10, Treherne RCMP rescued two men that had got lost snowmobiling on trails in Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

RCMP said the men were located after being lost for more than six hours in -35C temperatures, but they survived "because they were prepared."

Both men were dressed for the weather and were able to start a fire, RCMP said.

Last week, RCMP released tips on what snowmobilers who ride on waterways and on trails in Manitoba can do to stay safe.

RCMP tips for Manitoba snowmobilers:

- Don't ride alone.
- Be prepared: carry spare fuel, survival gear and ensure you are dressed for the weather conditions.
- When travelling in areas you are unfamiliar with, always make sure to carry a charged cell phone and GPS when you can.

- Travel on marked trails when in areas you have never travelled before.
- Always advise someone of what route you plan to take and when you plan to return.
- The law requires that you always wear an approved helmet.
- Snowmobiles are not to be operated on roadways, shoulders or sidewalks unless circumstances fall under other provisions laid out in the Off Road Vehicles Act.
- To cross a roadway on a snowmobile, a driver must have a valid driver's licence.
- Like any other mode of transportation, only operate a snowmobile when sober and alert.
- Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is a minimum of 18 years old.
- Young persons over the age of 14 can ride without parent accompaniment, but cannot cross a roadway until they obtain a valid driver's licence.

## Semi truck



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Emergency crews and tow trucks were busy early Saturday morning following another Highway 6 accident on the Warren curves.

# Refugee family ready for first Christmas in Canada

By Lindsey Enns

Colourful lights have been hung, the tree has been decorated and plans have been set for the Ramadan family to celebrate their first Christmas in Canada.

Dozens of volunteers from multiple churches make up the Red River Churches Refugee Team (RRCRT), which helped bring the refugee family to Selkirk in late July.

The family includes mother Ache and her three sons Yaya, Habib, Awad and daughter Saida. Yaya is also joined by his wife Zara and their baby girl Maisoune.

Before coming to Canada, the family spent 11 years living in a refugee camp in Sudan.

The family now lives in a house in Selkirk which has been filled with donations from community members who have warmly welcomed them to the city.

Last Friday evening the family was busy decorating a small Christmas tree with donated lights and ornaments from Selkirk Walmart.

"We're excited," Yaya Ramadan said with a smile about celebrating Christmas.

The family also experienced their first major snowfall earlier this month.

Yaya said they're finding the weather to be "very cold."

"I don't really like the snow but this is the first time," he said.

Some of the family members have also taken up a part-time job this winter shovelling snow.

"I like it. It's good. It's fun," Yaya said. "We want to work more."

The family is still working on their English and have been taking lessons in Winnipeg since September.

Wilma Nicol, a volunteer with the RRCRT, said the family will be heading to her house for Christmas celebrations on Christmas Day.

Another volunteer will host the fam-



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The Ramadan family was busy decorating their tree and home for Christmas last Friday evening. The refugee family from Sudan who came to Selkirk in late July will celebrate their first Christmas in Canada later this month.



ily on Boxing Day and then the Selkirk United Church is hosting a special celebration for them on Jan. 1.

Since all of the family members don't officially have birth dates, they will celebrate their first birthdays in Canada on the same day.

Nicol said they are making sure they will have birthday presents to open.

She added the amount of donations the family has received from the com-

munity has been overwhelming.

"If we didn't have things donated, we'd have to buy them," she said. "Everything that's given is something we don't have to buy."

As for things they are currently in need of, Nicol said they are looking to gather some pairs of skates, some sleds and hockey sticks. They are also looking for more volunteers to drive the family around. For more informa-

tion, visit [rrcrtteam.com](http://rrcrtteam.com).

She added although warm winter clothing has been donated to the family, they don't always wear it because they aren't used to the cold.

"So they have to learn about that a little bit still," Nicol said with a smile.

Nicol said the team also plans to bring another refugee family to Selkirk sometime next year.

## Change to foreign worker program excellent news: KAP

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The federal government yesterday rescinded the "four-in, four-out" rule of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program that was put into effect in 2011.

Under the rule, foreign workers, who are a vital part of the workforce in the agriculture industry, could only work four years in Canada before having to leave the country for four years. Farmers invested heavily in the training of these workers, only to lose them.

"This has created not only a major labour shortage in the agriculture industry, but it has also resulted in a huge skills gap," said Dan Mazier, president of Keystone Agricultural Producers.

Mazier pointed out that foreign workers take the jobs Canadians aren't able to fill; not many people are located in the rural areas where these jobs are.

"There is a limited to non-existent

labour pool in rural areas," he said.

KAP raised this issue with Employment Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk, as did other farm organizations and the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council.

"We are pleased that she listened and acted," said Mazier. "This will help many farm operations in Manitoba, but especially the beekeepers who were hit hardest by this rule."

Mazier also noted that a request

was made to help eligible temporary workers to become Canadian citizens. This would allow them to contribute to rural society and help stabilize shrinking rural communities.

"I thank Immigration Minister John McCallum and Minister Mihychuk for listening to us on this one, too," Mazier said. "They have indicated they will be exploring ways to do this."


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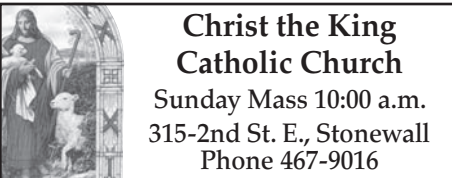
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The ancient traditions of the Middle East are very telling hints and context for the words that God chose to include in scripture. The story of Jesus' birth is given to the readers of scripture from three obvious sources. John declares the bigger picture, stating Jesus was: the true Light, the world was made through Him, His own did not receive Him and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Luke the physician gives a description of related facts that allow us to piece together the bulk of the story and identify the main characters. Matthew provides a distinctly Jewish flavor with all the trimmings that detail why Jesus was indeed the "Immanuel".

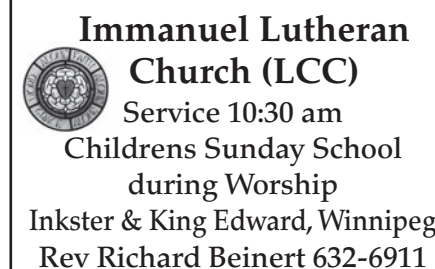
Matthew begins by taking great pains to research Joseph's genealogy that clearly connect his adopted son to the line of the great king David. Matthew indicates that Joseph was not the physical father of the Christ child; but, this genealogy immediately fulfills dozens of Hebrew prophecies about the Messiah. Joseph is again the focal character in Matthew 1:20-23. In a dream an angel tells Joseph of the overshadowing of Mary, by the Holy Spirit, and Joseph is commanded to name the Child "Jesus". Paternal naming of a son is again in complete compliance with Jewish traditions; but, what a name! Jesus is a direct connection to the Jehovah of the Old Testament. "Jehovah saves" and "Jehovah has become my salvation" are just two of the transliterations of this powerful name.

Beautiful connections to the prophecies of Isaiah are made in Matthew 1:22-23. The virgin birth is the only necessary proof that this was indeed the Messiah; but, there is more, so much more. The angel in Joseph's dream proceeds to tell him that people would use another name to describe God's eternal purpose revealed in this Child. "Immanuel" is the name Isaiah had written hundreds of years previous. Now in Joseph's dream the angel translates that name to mean, "God with us". Jesus is the name that we use to connect with God our Saviour; but, Immanuel is the name that Almighty God used to connect with us. It's not just about our need of a Saviour; it's also about His desire to be with us.

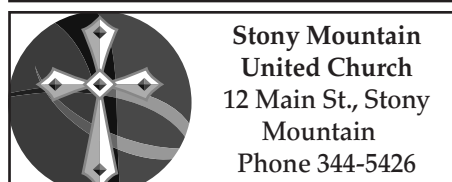
The Bible uses hundred's of names and descriptions to show us the wonders of God's heart. Together these two names reveal His eternal plan for relationship with you and I. Oh what a Saviour.

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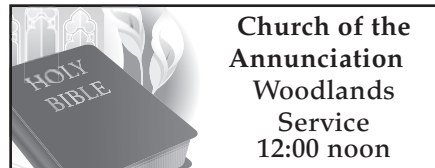


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# Christmas Greetings 2016



## Christmas Story 1st Place

### The Best Christmas Ever

By Lauren Voth

This is the story of the best Christmas ever! It all started when Jack ran downstairs and found an empty space under the tree where he expected his presents to be. He was astonished by the horrible sight. Jack ran upstairs to his parent's room and called, "Mama, Papa come downstairs quickly!" They ran so fast down the stairs that they tumbled over each other. Following them was Boyd and Lilly all excited about what was going on. When they all made it downstairs (safely) everyone gasped in astonishment. Young Boyd cried out. "Where is the cowboy hat that I wanted for Christmas?" Followed by Lilly crying out, "I want my new dress and my new dolly named Jenny." I said, "Well I don't think we will get those things." Why?" Asked Boyd, "why?" Jack took a deep breath and slowly said. We might have been too greedy this year with all the toys and gadgets we got so we might just be on the naughty list, "NO " cried all of them together! "We can't be on the naughty list, that's That is impossible! Preposterous! Unbelievable!" "Wait" Mom yelled, out loudly! "I have a solution! We could go around the town asking people what they think Christmas is really about, other than toys, candy and gifts." So they got their winter jackets on and set off in search of Christmas! The first house they

went to was the Brooks. They said it was about love and spending time together. Then they left that house and went to the Loffords house and they said it was about family and friends. After that they went to so many more houses and they all said different things. It was finally time to go back home and they got in the house all surprised in astonishment! The presents were back under the tree. Everyone was overjoyed. As the young children drifted off to sleep they could still hear the sound of Santa Claus Ho Ho Hoing

## 2nd Place

### The Secret Life of Snowmen

By Dexter Sigurdson, age 11

It was the night before the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature of stirring not even Olivia's pet mouse.

Olivia was 8 years old, and lived in the country with her mom and dad. But her favorite thing to do was play outside in the snow. They lived far up in Churchill, Manitoba so it was always cold. Today was Saturday, so Olivia had the day off. "I'm going to go outside." She said to her mom as she walked out the door. Then it was time to have some fun. She had grabbed some carrots, raisins, marbles and a top hat before she had left the house.

About an hour

later, she had finished her snowman. It had blue marbles for eyes, a carrot nose, a mouth made of raisins, and a top hat on its head. Olivia also found some dead branches on the ground for the arms. Just as she finished her snowman mom called "Olivia! Its time for dinner!"

Olivia finished her supper (Yum, Ribs!) and was getting ready for bed. As Olivia closed her bedroom curtains she looked out at the snowman she had built. It looked like it was smiling. Then, she closed her eyes and fell asleep.

Olivia's snowman woke up. He had been waiting for this for 365 days now. Every year, snowman across the world woke up for one night and have the biggest party on the planet Earth. Then he saw the party.

It was the most awesome thing he

had ever seen. There was music and dancing and lots of snowmen and lots of food, SO MUCH FOOD. But he mostly enjoyed the snow cones, and the ice cream. Then it was time

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season's greetings

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# Christmas Greetings 2016

## Santa survives Survival

**Staff**

Students at Balmoral School brought their Christmas musical "Survival Santa" to the stage on Dec. 21.

Santa has a problem, he's a million dollars over budget and the students decide that the only way to solve Santa's problem was to have him be a

contestant on Survival III at the North Pole. Santa and his team, the Hollyberrie, compete against Rudolph (Rudy) and his team, the Mistletoze, in a series of challenges: snowball throwing, stocking filling, candy cane

hanging and sleigh pulling.

In the end, the final contestants decide that it's better to work together than to compete, and Santa gets the money to finish the toys in time for Christmas.

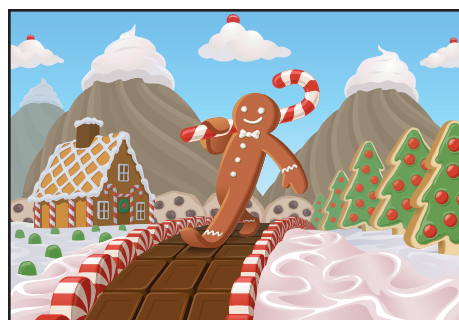
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Rudy the reindeer pushes a contestant in the snowboard challenge.

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Management & Staff at **Stonewall**



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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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*From all of us at Stonewall Chiropractic, we wish you the best this holiday and beyond!*

Dr. Colina Wong, Denise McGregor, Leigh Nesbitt, Julia Somerville, RMT, Josh Schellenberg, RMT, Dr Ryan Dumont



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to get his dance on! He enjoyed himself so much, he wished he could have danced for another year! Then when the party was almost over, he met a snowwoman named Ruby, and even got her phone number!

So always make sure to keep a good eye on your snowman, or else you might miss a ICE party!

Merry Christmas!

## 3rd Place

### Christmas wonderland

Megan Loudon, age 12

When Olivia was about to close her bedroom curtains she looked out at the snowman she had built. It looked like he was smiling. Then he moved a little but that could not be true she thought. She was just tired and needed to go to bed.

At the toll of midnight Olivia heard something hitting her window "It was just the wind moving a branch" she thought. She heard it again, she got out of bed and looked out her window. It was the snowman throwing snowballs at her window.

She grabbed her coat and snuck out the house. The snowman could speak he told Olivia his name was Arctic but she could call him rick.

"Come with me to Christmas wonderland and we can have lots of fun" he said.

Olivia and Arctic headed down the path when hidden behind a bush they found an opening to a tunnel. Inside they saw a big sign that said welcome to Christmas wonderland!

Joyful music was playing all around. Giggles and laughter were in the air.

At the skating rink there were many elves gliding across the ice rink which was surrounded by multi coloured lights.

In the center of the rink stood the most beautiful Christmas tree Olivia had ever seen. It was covered in silver tinsel, bright red bows and twinkling lights.

Olivia was staring in awe when she heard a bell in the distance. As the noise grew louder Olivia awoke in her bed.

She jumped out and ran to her window. There in her front yard stood her snowman and around his neck was a sparkling string of tinsel which had not been there before.

### Rudolph Gets Left Behind

By Kiera S., age 8

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was tucked into bed. The clock ticked toward midnight but I couldn't sleep. I could see a red light from my window.

The wind blew it open and in flew Rudolph. "Rudolph" gasped Amber. She rubbed her eyes once again. Rudolph told Amber about how he got let behind from Santa and the reindeer. He also told her that he had to get home to the North Pole before morning. It was already midnight. My mom always says to follow the signs. "OK" said Rudolph. We can fly. Amber showed

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**Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends, and the best of everything in 2017!**

Derek Johnson  
MLA for Interlake  
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### Heartfelt Wishes for a Merry Christmas

We've loved every minute of serving you this year. Thanks for your kind support!

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## Season's Greetings!

Deck the halls...  
Trim it with cheer...  
We're celebrating another year...  
Another season, a new chance to say,  
"Have a happy holiday!"

**Council & Staff**  
RM of Rosser

**ring in THE JOY!**

It's been a joy for us to serve people like you. Happy Holidays!

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## Here Comes Santa Claus!

Another Christmas is rolling in, and we hope it delivers everything on your wish list!

Thanks for being an important part of our year. Your friendship and support have made 2016 a great ride for us, and we wish you all the best this holiday season and in the coming year.

Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

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## Snow and lights are in the air, joy and laughter everywhere!

As we celebrate this blessed season, we count you among the many reasons that gratitude fills our hearts and minds all year long and especially at Christmas time.

I hope your holiday is filled with lots of happiness, friendship, peace, gratitude and goodwill.

It's been a pleasure serving you and I am grateful for your business.

Sincerely,  
Don Baryliuk

# Merry Christmas

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*Christmas Greetings 2016*

# Grosse Isle holiday musical

Grosse Isle students entertained guests this year with their production of "Santa goes Green," complete with melting ice caps, global warming and surfing reindeer! The North Pole is going green this year and everyone is excited, except Santa who likes things just the way they are. Solar panels, LED light bulbs and new power sources sound a bit inconvenient to him. Mrs. Claus, the elves, toys and reindeer had their hands full!



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# Christmas Is Coming!

Twinkling lights, brightly wrapped packages, freshly baked cookies and the giddy feeling that accompanies the arrival of Christmas... As we soak up this festive spirit of the holiday season, we're reminded of how lucky we are to share it with good friends and neighbors like all of you. Your kindness, loyalty and trust fill us with gratitude, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for making our holiday and our year very special with your visits. Serving you has truly been our pleasure, and we look forward to seeing you again soon in 2017.

**We wish you and yours a blessed and happy Christmas. May it be filled with good times and good people, and may the year ahead deliver an abundance of good fortune to you and your loved ones. Happy Holidays! From your Teulon & Area Merchants**

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 At this season of festivity, we'd like to chime in with our best wishes and gratitude to all of those who have made this past year a merry one for us! Have a happy holiday!  
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# Christmas Greetings 2016

## Sounds of the season

École Stonewall Centennial School held their annual holiday concert, "Christmas Gift of Music" on Dec. 14. The show featured the school's Grade 7 and 8 bands under the direction of band director Don Horbas and the

Girls' Choir and the Grade 7 and 8 Concert Choir under the direction of Bambi Rutherford. Both the bands and choirs played traditional and modern Christmas music for the audience.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

**Let It Snow  
Let It Snow  
Let It Snow**

From the twinkling lights and drifts of snow to the warmth and goodwill that surround us, there's so much we love about Christmastime and customers like you. Thank you for making our season and our year so enjoyable with your visits. We can't think of a more wonderful place to call home, and we look forward to serving you again soon.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to you and yours!

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*As we approach this holiday season I am reminded of the many privileges and opportunities we enjoy as Canadians. Within this context of privilege may you find love and peace, rest and renewal, and many soul-satisfying moments as you spend time with family and friends. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and much hope and promise for 2017.*

**Christine Penner**  
Superintendent/CEO  
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Rudolph the way to go. When they got to the North Pole Amber said, "bye" and left. Amber was exhausted from her trip. Her mom called her down for breakfast. "AMBER GET DOWN HERE RIGHT NOW", called her mom. Amber slowly came down. "Mom, guess what? I saw Rudolph and I-I-I got to fly him to the North Pole!!!" "Oh Amber, the stories you make up." "But mom," "No buts, go open your present." When Amber saw her present she saw a note. The note said, "Dear Amber. Thank you for helping Rudolph back! From Santa." Amber knew she had helped.

## I Saw Santa

By Sage Cameron, Grade 4

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was tucked in to bed, the clock ticked towards midnight but I couldn't sleep, so I got out of bed to get a drink of water, when I saw...SANTA! He was humming to himself, he didn't even notice me standing there. However, when I had the chance to, I went to his big bag full of toys and took a look. Then he took the big bag, with me inside. I was so scared. He still had a few more stops before he stopped at the North Pole. However, on the way I thought to myself "how did I, why did I get in this mess" right then the sleigh stopped, the bag felt like it was moving. Then he opened the bag and saw me, right then he started to scream! After that was done he asked how I got in the bag and how he didn't even notice me? I just raised my shoulders up and down. Then Mrs. Claus offered me some of her freshly baked chocolate cookies, I said yes please, and got out of the sack and followed Mrs. and Mr. Claus into the kitchen. Mrs. Claus has the best cookies in the world! After that Santa showed me around, he even showed me were the elves worked day and night, tonight they got the night off because they had worked all year. Then I asked Santa "when can I go home, because I don't want my mom and dad to be worried about me." Santa said, "Oh I understand I can bring you home in a few minutes I have something or I mean someone to show you." "OK" I said excitedly. We went to the stable only to find Dasher Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and at the way back was Rudolph looking happy, I said to Santa that I had always wanted to meet you and your reindeer and Mrs. Claus. After that we went

back to his house and said goodbye to Mrs. Claus, she even gave me some of her delicious chocolate chip cookies! Then Santa loaded the sleigh and off we went. One hour later we were at my house, I gave Santa a big hug goodbye and I ran in my house, then in to the living room to look at my gifts.

## The best story ever

Ethan Pankratz, age 12

This is the story of the best story ever. It all started when Jack ran downstairs and found the empty space under the table. To his disappointment, there was nothing there. He looked around frantically. When he looked outside, he saw a really big present! Even his parents were surprised! When they all opened it up, they all got three gifts they wanted.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

Our warmest thoughts, thanks, and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.

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Michelle Myers, RMT  
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Cheers to you, our friends and neighbors, and best wishes for a season that's as wonderful as you are!

**Council & Staff**  
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**Merry Christmas and Best Wishes in 2017!**

**Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!**

From all of us at the Stonewall Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Brown, Dr. Kahlou, Dr. Wiebe, Angela, Melissa, Kara, Samantha, Lorraine, Kiana, Sam, Stacey, Amy, and Sydney

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# Christmas Greetings 2016

## You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch

Adapting Dr. Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, Woodlands School turned their stage into Whoville for their annual holiday concert on Dec. 15. Throughout the show, classes sang a variety of traditional and modern

day carols to help the Grinch get into the Christmas spirit.

By the end of the concert, the Grinch had found the true meaning of Christmas and that his heart really wasn't two sizes too small.



*Happy Holidays to You!*

Please accept our sincere best wishes and heartfelt thanks during this festive time of year. Your friendship makes every day a good one for us!

Ryan Ritchie & Trevor Perron

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**Blessings OF THE SEASON**

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# Christmas Greetings 2016



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**Wishing you all the best in 2017!**



# It's beginning to look a lot like our favorite time of year,

and we'd like to share well wishes with the friends we hold so dear:  
May your Christmas be merry, happy, healthy and bright,  
and may your New Year deliver continued delight!

We appreciate your loyal support and we look forward to serving you again soon.  
From your Warren, Woodlands, Grosse Isle & Marquette Merchants

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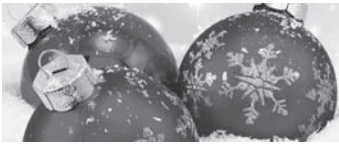


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# Christmas Greetings 2016



## Letters to Santa



Molly, Blake and Charlie Beachell

Dear Santa  
I love you! How are you? Is it cold in the North Pole Santa? Ho ho ho! I want to have 100 babies, a toy high chair and a stroller for my babies, ok? For my baby brother Blake, can you please bring a baby dragon? Santa, on Christmas, I will give you one of my special toys for a present, but it's a secret!  
Love Molly Beachell age 3

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Are the elves busy making so much toys? Can you please bring me a big Lego Titanic for Christmas? I will leave cookies for the reindeer on the step in a shiny pail so they can see it and some strawberries for you, Santa.  
Love Charlie Beachell, age 5

PS Can you please bring my brother Blake some play-doh? Thanks Santa.

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I'm not scared of you because I'm brave. Sometimes I'm not brave and I cry. For Christmas I would like gummies, candies, and pockets. I want pockets on my boots, my shirts, my touque, everywhere. I like pockets because they keep my hands warm. See you soon,  
Adriana Lothian age 3

Santa, how can you fly everywhere in one night? When we flew to Mexico it took a long time. For Christmas I would like a mermaid fairy princess barbie. I don't like sharing with Adi, so can I please have my own? Thank you Santa! You're the best. You can give my Christmas orange to Adi because I don't like oranges.  
Love Katherine Lothian age 5

### Balmoral School

Dear Santa,  
I wonder if you are fine to give presents for kids. Do you make a lot of presents? I want a nerf gun with glow in the dark darts. Please tell Rudolph to run very fast so that you can get to kids' houses very quickly! Merry Christmas!  
Jackson, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
How much snow did you get this year? What did you use to pull your sleigh in the olden days? How are your reindeer doing? This year can you get me an oyo game time hockey rink with Nashville Predators? Merry Christmas, Santa! Have a good year!  
Tyler, Grade 2

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have in your workshop, Santa? Are they very busy right now? Do you remember that I asked you for a Barbie Passport bike or Lego this year for Christmas? I hope your elves don't freeze this year! Merry Christmas Santa!  
Hadley, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for giving me my presents last year. Do you eat cookies all year or just at Christmas? I want Raphael on a skateboard because it is my favorite toy. I saw it on TV and I think it's really cool. I wish Christmas was already here. Merry Christmas to all the girls and boys!  
Bronsen, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
Did you get a new reindeer this year? Did the reindeer build a snowman with you? Do you like playing with your reindeer? I want some more bead-o's for Christmas so that I can make little things to sell at my Moms craft sale. I like making mermaids and fairies most of all. I promise I'll be sleeping when you come, but you might hear noises because I talk in my sleep sometimes, ad my cat, Lucky, climbs the Christ-

mas tree! I hope you have a great Christmas!

Ella, Grade 2

Dear Santa,  
I wonder how you are doing. How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves making lots of toys? Do the reindeer have large antlers? Does Rudolph really have a red nose? This year I would like a new train set and a fur from a beaver. I hope you have all the things I wished for up in the North Pole. I hope you have a fun time delivering the presents!  
Carson, Grade 2

Dear Santa,  
Do you still have eight reindeer to pull your sleigh? Do you have lots of snow up at the North Pole this year? I would like Lego for Christmas this year. Do you have any farm Lego in your workshop? I would like some farm Lego please. Happy Christmas!  
Wyatt, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
How many houses do you go to every year? Are there penguins in the North Pole? Have you ever been sick on Christmas Eve? I want a Barbie Dream House for Christmas this year. I hope you can fit down the chimney! Have a Merry Christmas!  
Alexa, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
I wonder if you fly in a spaceship to all the places really fast. Maybe the old Santa used

reindeer, and you are a new Santa and use a spaceship to travel. Is this true? I saw in a book in the library that polar bears are endangered. Is this true? Do you use polar bears to haul presents? Remember what I asked you for last year? I would like a robot dinosaur for Christmas this year. It is so big that it won't fit in my stocking, but you could put it under the tree. Have a Merry Christmas, Santa!

Erik, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
Did Dasher have a good birthday this year? What did he get for his birthday present? Do the elves ask you questions about how to make toys? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I get Squish'ems for Christmas? I would also like goalie pads for hockey this year. I have a long wish list but those are my most important ones. Enjoy your milk and cookies!

McKenna, Grade 2

Dear Santa,  
What do you feed the reindeer? I wrote my wish list already. I would like toys please. Any toy will do. I like Christmas Eve because I get candy and I get to stay up late. Merry Christmas!

Duncan, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
When are you coming to Balmoral this year? Watch out because I have a fake tree and you might knock it over if you're not careful. I want candies, and an x-box with games, and a DS with games too. I would also like a calendar that has pockets with toys in them to help me count to Christmas. Please stay at my house until I come downstairs and see you! Have a Happy Christmas!

Solomon, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry

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## Sing Out in Rejoicing

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Christmas! How do your reindeer fly? How do you keep warm and keep your reindeer warm at the North Pole? I want Lego for Christmas. I have a lot of sets, but I always need more Lego because I build a lot. I hope you come to my house this year! Happy Holidays!

James, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas night? How thick is your jacket? Does it keep the cold out? I hope you didn't forget to give me presents this year! Could I have a skateboard for Christmas, please? I would like to learn how to ride one. Have a Happy Christmas!

David, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
Does it take a long time to deliver all the presents in the world? I don't really know what I want for Christmas yet, but I really like toys. Could you surprise me with a special gift? Merry Christmas, Santa!

Matteo, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
I would like to see the inside of your workshop. How many elves are working at the North Pole? I really want a T-Rex dinosaur for Christmas. That's it. Merry Christmas!

Connor, Grade 1

Dear Santa,  
I am glad you are not sick for Christmas! Are the reindeer okay? Are the elves doing their jobs? Is your sleigh ready and can it hold all the presents for everyone this year? This year for Christmas, I would like a Ghost Busters 2 Lego set. And also a new train set please. I hope you get what I want for Christmas please. We are going to leave out milk and cookies for you this year. What type of cookie would you like? And what type of milk would you like - chocolate milk or white milk? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jake, Grade 2

Dear Santa,  
I am Hilton. I am 8. Almost 9. How are the Rain Dere? All I want is walky talky, air rogo, dino, play model NH1 dino ligo and more. Say hi to Rodulf for me. Writ

back.  
Sincerely, Hilton, Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Sage. I would like some Books (titanic, Origami, Rachel Renee Russell Dork Diary seires) a puppet from Kite and Kabodals, and a Harmonaca. Hope you write back soon. Merry christmas and a Happy new year!

Sincerely, Sage, Grade 4

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Reese and I would like lots of puppys, kittens, houses and owl stuff! I would also like something like a dog rapex cud! I would like the book called Fall of the Beasts spirit animal and some chocolate money! Hope you write back soon!

Your friend, Reese, Grade 4

To Santa,  
Hi Santa my name is Gavin. I am 9 years old. This is my number 1 thing I would like it is a razor elecrick scooter. They are fun to ride they can go up to 20 mph or I would like a drown. Thanks Santa I will rember to leave you milk and cookies lots of cookies.

From Gavin, Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
hello Santa this is Colton. I' am 9 years old I am very good this year.

Santa I have a few questions: 1) how many elves do you have 2) how many houses do you visit on Christmas and that's all the questions I have. Santa can I have some Lego sets like all the construction sets.

Sincerley, Cole, Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
I will be giving you my Christmas list to look at I can't wite to meet you in person the toys are going to be from jurassic Park Jurassic world and animal planit and you don't have to bring the all you can bring some at a time but bring some ok buy the last day of December. See you Saturday.

From John, Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
Is Rougough and the other rander having a good time playing whith the alf. Santa I whoud like a qwad copter, alectric scoter, chane saw, Lego, snow shows, snow bord for Christmas.

Truly, Leiland, Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Kaitlyn I want for Christmas is Nom Noms, Shopkins, lego friends, unicorns, blue Berry doll which I want is Eamma and some cloths for her. Nom Noms food truck, a puppy calendar, chocolate, big eye stuffes. Santa you no my birthday is coming soon so you can give me a couple of

toys because you don't have to give me all of them. I also whant puppy christmas books. Please writte back santa.

Your friend, Kaitlynm Grade 4

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Sunny. What I want for Christmas is a puppy, a chocolate pen, Christmas (Santa and Rudolph) blankets, a Christmas Ipod case, a snow-globe (Christmas), a big big stuffy, a Christmas pillow a 5 ft. pink body pillow and more candy canes. Also don't tell Buddy or Amber my elf on the shelves, I want a bed for the ad a snow suit. PS you don't have to get me everything, I will put a star beside everything I really want. PSS Merry Christmas. PSSS tell my elf on the shelves I say I miss them when their not with me. PSSSS please draw a picture for me. Bye Bye. PSSSSS and some more chocolate please. Please write back bye.

Sincerely, Sunnym I am turning 10 in June

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grace, I live in Balmoral. I have no brothers or sisters and I have 2 moms and 1 dad. This year I would like Alexa, stuffies, a fish, a Hamster, and Hatchimals. Please do not get me much.

Love Grace, Grade 4

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My name is Tasha. I live in Balmoral. I have 1 sister and a mom and dad. This year I would like make up/make up brushes here are some brands Sephora, Nyx, mac, elf, urbanderay, Nars fitbit, a make up case full with make up, money, a pet hamster, a pet fish stocking stuffers. Ipad a mack book air with a cd player. is roudough true and if he is then ask him to give me a present and an amirecah doll Alaina.

Sincerely, Tasha

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Brendan. I want a game called titan fall 2 it is a first person shooter game that is awesome and you can select the gun or titan you want to use it is a fairly complicated game. But I know it is fun because I watch a few videos about it and I know it is fun. I would also like some sour candy like warheads and sour candy canes because I had some sour candy and it was good! Toblerone is really good too because it is chocolaty goodness!

From, Brendan, Grade 5

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing. I hope the elves are okay. Hope everything is okay up at the North pole. I would like this year a calvin and Hobbes book. I would also like some bubblegum in my treat bag. I also want a happy home this christmas. Hope you write back soon.

Your friend, Jordan, Grade 5

Dear Santa,  
I wonder what its like to be working in a workshop. I've always thought about how hard it would be to climb into a chimney. Have you ever been caught by a curious child because I'd imagine how hard it will be with teleportation powers. I have a list of things I would like. I would like something to do with tecnology because I love computers. I feel like up-grades. All I really want is to turn my core i6 to a core i7. May be 4 ghz. I don't want much really. I've been having trouble

with ram so I would like a couple of ram sticks please make sure they are boxed in a box to make me think its something else. Thanks!

From Michael, Grade 5

Grade 2/3 Rosser Elementary School

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? Do you want coke or milk? What I would like is an American girl doll please and thank you. You are the best ever.

Love, Payton, age 8

Dear Santa,  
Where do you get all those presents? How is it living in the North Pole? How are your reindeer? I am 7 years old. How old are you? Do you have a son? How do your reindeer fly? Does Rudolph's nose still shine? Do you know Holly the elf? Can I please get more fake ice pllllease!

Love, Ashton, age 7

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas a BEANIE BOO and a Journey Girl clothes and a candy. I'm leaving cookies for you. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Keira, age 7

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sarah Louise Goodwill. For Christmas I would like a Journey girl clothes and shoes please and thank you. Is it cold at the North Pole? Is it hard to make all of the toys?

Love, Sarah G, age 7

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa I have an elf named Hermy. I would love a guinea pig please and thank you. Christmas is my favourite time of year. My favourite part of Christmas is decorating the tree and getting presents under it from you. I would like from you is snowy owl mukluks and high uggs. That is what I would like please and thank you.

Love, Blake, age 7

Dear Santa,  
I live in Rosser. I go to Rosser School. My mom is 39 years old and my dad is 37. I love

books, mostly chapters and I love music. I am 7 years old. I love Beany Boos and I would like a fluffy please and thank you! How are the elves doing? How do you get all the kids presents in the nighttime and how is Mrs. Clause doing? Do the reindeer actually fly? My name is Paige. I am so excited for Christmas! I can't wait and can I have a camera and an elf on the shelf.

Love, Paige, age 7

Dear Santa,  
Did you know that you hit our clothes line? Are you real by the way? I want a BB gun. Can I have an elf on the shelf too? I read a book that you cleaned chimneys and you liked tight spaces. How old are you Santa? Oh our fireplace maybe on, so be careful.

Love, Liam, age 8

Dear Santa,  
Are you ever too tired for Christmas? How old are you? Am I on the naughty list or the nice list? I think I'm on the nice list. I would like a video game. It is called NHL 17.

Love, Colton, age 7

Dear Santa,  
My name is Torie and my sisters name is Alycia. I want to know how you fly and what your reindeers and elves names are. I want a baby cat. I am going to name it Mittens. I want it to be a black one for me and Alycia.

Love, Torie, age 7

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer and elves and Mrs. Clause. Last year I liked that you made a scavenger hunt for me! At first I thought you did not come but then I got and read the note and loved it. We will have hay for the reindeer and cookies for you! What do you travel in? Is there more than one Santa? For Christmas I would love the Lego Death Star and the nerf elite Rhino fire.

Love, Connor, age 8

Dear Mason,  
I like the movie Elf and Home Alone Two Lost in New York City. How many carrots does Rudolph eat a day? I want a tin

soldier and a Lego Jeep please and thank you.

Love, Mason, age 7

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Sara Grace Marleen Knutson. For Christmas can you please give me an American Girl craft set? I have been wishing for it. It has two white shirts, two white backpacks, and two bracelets that you can make. This year I will have a note on the table where you will get your milk and cookies. Do you remember that table? I hope you do! I can't wait! P.S Can I have a ride on your sled?

Love, Sara K, age 8

Dear Santa,  
I really enjoy Christmas. One of my favourite things is decorating the tree. Last year I got to put on the star. Santa, I was thinking how do reindeer fly? How old are you? Do you have any brothers or sisters? For Christmas this year I would like Journey girl clothes. I would also like a new Lego set. Please and thank you. I hope you have an AWESOME Christmas!

Love, Kiera, age 8

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Tanzi. I am 8 years old. How many reindeer do you have? How big are baby reindeer? I have two brothers Preston and Xander. Can I please have some more Beanie Boos?

Love, Tanzi, age 8

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause doing? What kind of cookie do you like? What I would like to have is a royal blue camera and I would like to tell you one more thing I would like to have a surprise because I could not

decide what I could have so I was aching for a surprise. How old are you? How much snow do you have in the North Pole? Do you go everywhere in the world?

Love, Camryn, age 8

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Dear Santa,  
I like to play outside and go on the swing and it is fun. This is what I want for Christmas. I want some clothes for my Journey Girl and two big Beanie Boos and a Holiday Barbie Please. What do you do at the North Pole? Do you like working there?  
Love, Brooklyn, age 7

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some American girl doll clothes and Beanie Boos. How is Mrs. Clause and the elves? I hope they are well. Oh! I totally forgot about Rudolph. Is he still being laughed at because of his red nose? I hope not!  
Love, Zelia, age 8

Dear Santa,  
I like you because you give out presents. I really want a zip

line and a baby puppy and one of your Elves for Christmas please.  
Love, Cadence, age 6

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! What I really want for Christmas is another puppy, kitten and a cat please and thank you! What are you doing at the North Pole Santa? What is Mrs. Clause doing too?  
Love, Julia, age 7

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan Hudon. How do you go hand out so many presents? Santa, can I have a Journey Girl for Christmas please and thank you. Do you have reindeer and a sleigh? Does it take you a long time to go all around the world? I have 5 horses and 2 cats and 2 sisters. How many elves do you have? Don't you get tired of going house to house all night? Do you like in the North

Pole? Do you have magic or not?  
Love, Jordan, age 8

Dear Santa,  
It warms my heart every single Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Lego City bus and a drone, please and thank you. Have a happy Christmas.  
Love, Madden, age 7

Dear Santa,  
How many years old are you? Does Rudolph really lead your sleigh? I believe that this is a time of year for miracles. This year I would like a microscope and a telescope because I am a scientist.  
Love, Cayden, age 8

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would really like a bunch of nerf please! How is it living in the North Pole and how do you get all the toys? I am seven and love nerf and lego and am glad you provide them! Which type of toy have you had to give out the most?  
Love, Sebastian, age 8

Dear Santa,

I really want a Shopkin make-up kit and a pack of Thea Stilton books and a sparkle necklace kit. How do you get around the world in one night? What kind of presents do you ask for? I love Christmas don't you? I think Christmas is the best.  
Love, Chyler, age 7

Dear Santa,  
My name is Arla Anne Williams and I am 15 months old. Mommy and daddy said I have been a great joy for them over the last year. This year for Christmas I would like to ask for something extra special. I would like a baby brother or sister in June 2017.  
Merry Christmas Santa!!

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,  
I really like everything about Christmas, my favourite thing about Christmas is when I get to open presents on Christmas morning with my family. For Christmas I would like three new barbie's. My favourite reindeer is Rudolph because of his red nose. That's all for now Santa, Bye Bye!!  
Audrey, Age 4

Grade 2 RW Bobby Bend School Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas and I like the snow. I play in it a lot. I have a Christmas hat too. How old are you? How do you go up and down the chimney? For Christmas I would like a bike please. I would also like a sled please. I like the Elf on the shelf at my house. He is nice.  
Happy Holidays  
Owen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kylie. I'm so excited for Christmas! Under the Christmas tree I put a present for my Mom. What kind of milk would you like? Can you please ask one of your elves to make me Hatchimal for Christmas? I would also like a toy Barbie house. When I woke up I saw my Elf on y tiny Christmas tree. It was on the star.  
Love, Kylie

Dear Santa,  
I go to school at Bobby Bend. We decorated a Christmas tree in our classroom. Am I on the nice list or am I on the naughty list? May I please have a snowboard and a remote control snowmobile.  
Merry Christmas!  
Dorian

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I am very excited for christmas. My name is Kaden. How do you get in a chimney? Who is your favorite reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like an

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*From the short Story*  
*"A Christmas Dream and How it Came True"*

*Peace*

**From our happy home  
Through the world we roam  
One week in all the year,  
Making winter spring  
With the joy we bring  
For Christmas-tide is here.**

**Now the eastern star  
Shines from afar  
To light the poorest home;  
Hearts warmer grow,  
Gifts freely flow,  
For Christmas-tide has come.**

**Now gay trees rise  
Before young eyes,  
Abloom with tempting cheer;  
Blithe voices sing,  
For Christmas-tide is here.**

**Oh, happy chime,  
Oh, blessed time,  
That draws us all so near!  
"Welcome, dear day,"  
All creatures say,  
For Christmas-tide is here.**

*by Louisa May Alcott*

## Merry Christmas

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xbox 360. Please can I also have Lego?

From, Kaden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Abigail. My favourite holiday is Christmas! I love the snow! At my home there is a snowman. It has a hat and a present. How old are you? How does Rudolph the reindeer's nose glow? Can I please have playmobile and a new stuffy? I like the Elf you brought us. It is cute and his name of Elfabet.

From Abigail

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I've been very bad. My name is Jayden. I can't wait until Christmas. I like snow. Snow is so soft. I always fall in the snow. What is your favourite milk? What is your favourite cookie? School is so cool! School is awesome! For Christmas I would like a D.S. please and an xbox one.

Sincerely, Jayden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Austin. I lived close to you before in Gillam. Winter is my favourite season. I am Rudolph I the Christmas concert at school. How much candy do you eat? How does Rudolph light up his nose? Can I please have Minecraft and Skylanders?

Your friend, Austin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Katie and I am a student in Grade 2. I can't wait for Christmas Eve! I want to put out cookies and milk for you. Do you like your job? What I want for Christmas is a talking Care Bear and a won-

der woman action figure.

From, Katie

Dear Santa,  
I love the snow, Santa! My name is Gracie. I live in Canada in Stonewall. I am 7 years old. How do you deliver all the presents in one night? Who is your favourite reindeer? I would like a Monster High Girl and Furreal Friends.

Your friend,  
Gracie

Dear Santa,  
I like to play with my semi trucks. My name is Noah. I live in Stonewall. Santa, what is your favourite kind of food? Santa, how do you fly in a sleigh? For Christmas I would like semi trucks and a toy dirt bike, please. Santa, can you drive the sleigh in a snow storm?

Thank you, Noah

Dear Santa,  
I am excited for you to come to our house! My name is Nate. You are cool and I am 7. I am really excited for the holidays. Thanks for sending my elf on the shelf! He is really funny and nice. What is the North Pole like? For Christmas I would like a Lego set, please. Also, I would like a Xbox 1. Am I being good or bad? And I like the snow and I built a big snow fort. But, I am not done. Please do not land your sleigh on it! The elf on the shelf that you sent to Ms. Palmer's class name is Elfabet. Merry Christmas.

Nate

Dear Santa,  
My name is Andrew. I've been very nice! I live in Stonewall, Manitoba, Canada. I have a brother. How's life in the North Pole? How's Rudolph? May, I please have a wide flicker scooter. The best kind, I've never had one before. May I please have an action cam to record my tricks? Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Andrew

Dear Santa,  
My name is Katelyn. I am very very excited! I am 7 years old. I am very excited for you to come to my house. What is your favourite season? What is your favourite song? How do you get in the houses if peoples' houses don't have chimneys? I would like a Hatchimal and a robot dinosaur. Thank you for the Elf that came to my class. My class named the Elf, Elfabet. Merry Christmas!

Love, Katelyn

Dear Santa,  
I am very excited that you are coming to my house! You are my favourite Santa. What is your favourite milk? How do you eat all the cookies and milk? For Christmas I would like a Hatchimal. I was I the Santa parade with you in Stonewall. Did you see me in the truck?

Love, Emelia

Dear Santa,  
I love snowmobiling! I have a snowmobile and it's fast! My name is Bryden. I love playing in the snow! I like the taste of

snow. I love World of Tanks because they give us a free tank. How is Rudolph feeling? What is your favourite kind of cookie? For Christmas I would like a model 737-800 MAX West Jet plane, please. May I also have an iPad 6th G? Our elf's name at school is Elfabet. I go to R.W. Bobby Bend School. I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Bryden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryan and I like doing jobs. And every year I build Christmas Lego sets for Christmas. Am I on the naughty or the nice list? May I have a convertible tablet laptop and the ultra stealth Raider Lego set, please?

P.S. We named the Elf you sent us at school Elfabet.

Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I can not wait to decorate our tree. I love playing in the snow. My name is Kara. Do you know when my elf on the Shelf is coming back? Is it true that Rudolph has a red nose? I would like an ipod for Christmas, please. We named our elf Elfabet. We read the book you gave us this morning.

Love, Kara

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mariah and I am excited today! I have been

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*In the spirit of the season, we'd like to offer you our best wishes along with our gratitude for your friendship and goodwill this past year.*


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The blessing of friends.  
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May all your hopes and dreams come true,  
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kind of nice. I Love Grade 2! What is your favourite kind of treat to eat? Santa, how do you know if the kids are naughty or nice? For Christmas can I please have a new pillow? For Christmas can I please have a new keychain.

Love, Mariah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenna and I am excited for Christmas! Every year I bake cookies for you. I can't wait until you come to my house. I go to R.W. Bobby Bend School. What kind of cookie do you like? How do you get inside houses if they don't have a chimney? For Christmas can I please have a Lego set? I would also like a big, big Beanie Boo. We named our elf, Elfabet and I really really like our elf at school. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your friend, Kenna

Teulon Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Rayner and I am 4 years old. My favourite game is Star Wars. My favourite cookie is chocolate. My best friend's name is Chase. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Rayner

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Caleb and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is soccer. My favourite cookie is Christmas cookies. My best friend's name is Paolo. I love winter because it is fun. See you soon Santa!

-Caleb

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Ethan and I am 6 years old.

My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is Oreos. My best friend's name is Abby. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Ethan

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Charlee and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is telephone. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Ainsleigh. I love winter because of snowmen. See you soon Santa!

-Charlee

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Avery and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is Christmas cookies. My best friend's name is Emilee. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Avery

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Sophia and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is house. My favourite cookie is vanilla. My best friend's name is Charlee. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Sophia

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Araya and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is Lego. My favourite cookie is gingerbread. My best friend's name is Kate. I love winter because of my birthday. See you soon Santa!

-Araya

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Ryland and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is Oreos. My best friend's name is Blake. I love winter because I can build a snowman. See you soon Santa!

-Ryland

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Taylor and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is dodgeball. My favourite cookie is gingerbread. My best friend's name is Anna. I love winter because it is cold. See you soon Santa!

-Taylor

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Zander and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is Bombs Away. My favourite cookie is Bear Paws. My best friend's name is Deegan. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Zander

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Jade and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is hide and seek in the dark. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Scarlett. I love winter because it is Christmas. See you soon Santa!

-Jade

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Bella and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is hide and seek. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Kylie. I love winter because of Christmas. See you soon Santa!

-Bella

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Lilly and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Scarlett. I love winter because of snowmen. See you soon Santa!

-Lilly

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Mya and I am 4 years old. My favourite game is What Time is it Mr. Wolf? My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Anna. I love winter because of snowmen. See you soon Santa!

-Mya

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Landyn and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Deegan. I love winter because of the snow. See you soon Santa!

-Landyn

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Deegan and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is Battleship. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Blake. I love winter because of snowballs. See you soon Santa!

-Deegan

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Emilee and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is soccer. My favourite cookie is Smarties. My best friend's name is Paige. I love winter because of snowmen. See you soon Santa!

-Emilee

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Liam and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is Bombs Away. My favourite cookie is gingerbread. My best friend's name is Max. I love winter because of Christmas. See you soon Santa!

-Liam

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Anna and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is babies. My favourite cookie is gingerbread. My best friend's name is Brooklyn. I love winter because of snowmen. See you soon Santa!

-Anna

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Brae and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Gemma. I love winter because of Christmas. See you soon Santa!

-Brae

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Blake and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is checkers. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Deegan. I love winter because of snow forts. See you soon Santa!

-Blake

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Scarlett and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is tag. My favourite cookie is chocolate chip. My best friend's name is Araya. I love winter because it's Christmas. See you soon Santa!

-Scarlett

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My name is Paolo and I am 5 years old. My favourite game is Xbox. My favourite cookie is chocolate. My best friend's name is Caleb. I love winter because it snows. See you soon Santa!

-Paolo

## Naughty or Nice?

By Brooke Pankratz, Grade 5

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was tucked into bed. The clock ticked towards midnight but I couldn't sleep. I felt hungry. So I went to go look around the kitchen. I could smell the fresh baked cookies I had made just before I went to bed the previous night. I don't think Santa would mind

if I just had one. As I sneaked over to get one of the goodies, I had one half way in my mouth. But then I felt a cold hand on my shoulder. I slowly turned around thinking it was my parents, but surprisingly it was St. Nick! "What are you doing up so late?" asked Santa clause.

"I'm sorry!" I said starting to cry. "Please don't put me on the naughty list!" I begged.

"I wont...as long as you make me

another batch next year and leave me three cookies instead of two."

"It's a promise!" I told him not crying anymore.

"Now that that's over, how about we get you down to bed". Santa suggested.

"Good idea". I said back to him. "but right after you try my cookies." So Santa headed toward the little coffee table where the cookies sat. So I handed Santa a cookie that hasn't been half way in my mouth.

"Ho Ho Ho!" Santa said trying not to wake everyone up. "These cookies are divine. Now let's get you in bed, its almost 1:00 and I have to go visit more houses". He said whisper shouting. Then he tucked me in. "Merry Christmas!" St. Nick whispered gently.

"...and a happy new year!" I whispered back. I quickly fell back to sleep with a full stomach and dreams of the gifts I get since I made it back on the "NICE" list.

# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Jets double Riels, lose to Twisters

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets won a hockey game on Sunday but still did not make up any ground in the MMJHL standings.

Despite doubling St. Boniface 4-2 in Stonewall on Sunday, the Jets still found themselves in sole possession of fifth place because both Charleswood and the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club also were victorious.

Charleswood toppled Transcona 3-1 while the Raiders edged St. Vital 3-2. That left both of those clubs tied for third with 32 points, one back of co-leaders Pembina Valley and St. James.

Stonewall, meanwhile, boasts a solid 15-7 record and 30 points.

Meanwhile, in Sunday's Jets' win, Chase Faulkner scored twice and added an assist while Josh Hofer, with his first of the season, and Stephen MacKenzie tallied.

Jens Giesbrecht and Justin Durupt were the only two Riels' players to beat Jets' goalie Hunter Ploszay. Ploszay made 29 saves for the win.

Last Friday, the Jets lost 5-3 at home to the Twisters. After Robert Smith scored on a penalty shot just 5:07 into the game, Pembina Valley scored the next four goals. Wyatt Sabourin, Michael Wirth and Bryce Dusik scored



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Pictured right, the Jets newest addition to the team, Aiken Chop (4), assists Stephen MacKenzie's goal, pictured left, in Stonewall's 4-2 win over St. Boniface Sunday night.

for the Twisters in the first period and then Matthew Hadley tallied 42 seconds into the middle frame.

Kyle Doak and Andrew Bayduza scored for the Jets late in the second period to pull the home side to within a goal. But Hadley then netted his sec-

ond goal of the game — into an empty net — with just a second left on the clock.

Stonewall outshot Pembina Valley 44-34. The Twisters were 1-for-3 with the man advantage while the Jets were 0-for-2. The Jets played the

last-place River East Royal Knights this past Tuesday in Winnipeg but no score was available. Stonewall will host Transcona on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and then will be off for the holidays until Jan. 6 when it hosts Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge.

## Rams lose pair in WHSHL play last week

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams will head into the holidays in a grouchy mood this season.

Stonewall lost both of its games last week — dropping a 7-3 decision to Fort Richmond in Winnipeg on Dec. 12 and then losing 3-2 to CJS just two

days later — in WHSHL action.

Fort Richmond, which held period leads of 2-0 and 4-2, received a goal and three-assist effort from Joseph Courier.

Seth Nicholls had two goals and an assist for the winners while Jeremy Kaminsky, Halim Mustapha, Gra-

ham Petrie and Brayden Neufeld also scored for the Centurions.

Austen Ewanek, Joshua Eardley, and Dawson Greenwood replied for the Rams. Brett Munroe had two assists.

There was no scoring summary available from the CJS game at press time.

Stonewall wrapped up play in 2016 yesterday with a home game against Transcona (no score was available).

The Rams will then resume league play Jan. 11 when it plays Garden City at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

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# sports & recreation

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## Cvar brilliant for Balmoral Hall at recent tournament

By Brian Bowman

Olivia Cvar has several lofty goals in the sport of women's hockey.

So, it was only fitting that she scored several big goals for her Balmoral Hall Prep team at the Mandi Schwartz Memorial Tournament in Wilcox, Sask., on Dec. 8-11.

The tournament boasted the top Midget "AAA" and Canadian Prep hockey teams in western Canada.

"We made it to the finals, losing in the final 4-2," explained Cvar in an email last week. "Our team had four wins and one loss. It was a good experience and I was fortunate to get three game-winning goals over the weekend. There were scouts from college and Team Canada at the tournament."

Cvar, whose dream is to play either NCAA Division 1 women's hockey in the United States or CIS college hockey in Canada, would also love to be part of Team Canada one day.

The Balmoral Hall Blazers Prep

team competes in the Junior Women's Hockey League. The league's goal, said Cvar, is to help promote in the development and growth of women's hockey. The JWHL prepares players for NCAA and CIS programs across North America.

Meanwhile, back on Nov. 17-20, Cvar and the Blazers played league games at a JWHL showcase in St. Catharines, Ont.

"Our team did well, finishing the weekend with four wins and a tie and were successful against the stronger teams in the league," she recalled.

Cvar, a Grade 10 student, has no problem playing against older players.

"Although I am in Grade 10, I feel really good competing against the senior players who lead the other teams," she said. "(Midway) through the season, I am currently third in league scoring. I have six goals and 21 assists through 14 games."

Last month was a busy one for Cvar on the ice. She was in Regina with Team Manitoba at the U18 nationals on Nov. 9-13.

"I thought our team was well prepared and should have won our early games, but the puck did not go our way," she said. "We outshot B.C. and Alberta, but lost 3-2 and 2-1, respectively."

Despite her young age, Cvar played some important minutes for Manitoba.

"Early in the tournament, the Team Manitoba coaches trusted me with power-play time and a regular shift," she said. "And, as a 2001-born player, I was very excited and proud to be there."

"That gave me a lot of confidence as it was a long, but exciting, week of hockey. It was a great experience to play in front of so many people and Team Canada's scouting staff."



Olivia Cvar

## Lightning snap five-game losing streak

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning probably asked Santa for a couple of things this Christmas.

And, at the top of that list, was definitely some much-needed victories.

Interlake received an early Christmas gift after a very deserving 4-3 road win over the Eastman Selects last Saturday evening in Beausejour.

That win snapped Interlake's five-game losing streak to begin this month.

Trailing 3-0 just 14:58 into the game, Interlake responded extremely well to pull out the comeback win.

Jack Einarson scored his second goal of the game to tie the score at 3-3 just 41 seconds into the third period and then Emmitt Farebrother netted the eventual game winner at 4:27 of the final frame.

Dallon Wilton, Braydon Brown and Matthew Osadick had scored first-period goals for Eastman and then Einarson, on the power play, and Corbin Mariash answered midway in the second.

Riley Buhay made 39 saves for the

win.

On Sunday, the Lightning dropped a 4-3 home decision to the Central Plains Capitals.

Central Plains' Jason Blight tied the score at 3-3 at 14:30 of the third period and then Logan Calder scored the game winner just over two minutes later.

The Capitals took a 2-0 lead on goals by Tyler Van Deynze and Reilly Funk but the Lightning responded with three straight goals.

Mariash, on the power play, and Evan Klyne-Geisler scored for the Interlake in the second period and then Einarson tallied in the third.

Einarson finished the game with three points.

The Lightning started the week with another good effort in a 3-1 road loss to Central Plains in Portage la Prairie.

Tyler Broda scored a first-period power-play goal for the Lightning while Funk replied later in the period. Joey Moffatt then scored goals in the second and third periods.

The Lightning (7-16-0-0-2) will now be off from league play for the holi-



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The Lightning's Tyler Broda scored a first-period power-play goal for Interlake in their 3-1 road loss to Central Plains.

days until Jan. 7-8 when they host the Kenora Thistles in Teulon. Saturday evening's game will start at 7:30 p.m.

while Sunday's game will begin at 2 p.m.



# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

## Cabbage Roll Casserole



- 2 tbsp (25 mL) canola oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb (500 g) extra lean ground sirloin
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground black pepper

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- 2 cups (500 mL) chopped cabbage
- 1 can (796 mL/28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) long grain brown rice
- 1 cup (250 mL) sodium-reduced vegetable or beef broth

In large skillet with lid, heat canola oil over medium. Sauté onions and garlic about 5 minutes.

Add ground beef. Brown about 5 minutes over medium-high heat. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Add cabbage, tomatoes, rice and broth and stir well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low simmer, cover and cook for 30 minutes or until rice is tender. If preferred instead, after bringing mixture to a boil, bake in oven-proof skillet with lid in 180 °C (350 °F) oven for about 40 minutes.

## Herb-Roasted Garnet Sweet Potatoes



- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh sage
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano
- 3 medium garnet sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1¼-inch dice

Kosher salt

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a large roasting pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, thoroughly combine the olive oil and herbs. Add the sweet potato dice to the mixture, and use your fingers to coat them well. Season with salt to taste.

2. Transfer the mixture to the prepared roasting pan. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, until your desired consistency is reached, whether you want them a bit firm or fork-tender.

Edible Tip: A good alternate variety to Garnets are Red Jewels, which are easy to come by at both farmers' markets and local grocers. Look for a deep, bright color, and be sure to cook them fairly quickly after purchase. Unlike potatoes, sweet potatoes do not store very well.

## Meatball and Vegetable Stew

- 8 oz (227 g) ground extra lean veal
- 8 oz (227 g) ground extra lean beef or pork
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) dry bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) salsa
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) sodium reduced beef broth
- 1 pkg (227 g) mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup (250 mL) baby carrots
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped celery
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) cornstarch
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) water

Hot pepper sauce (optional)  
Directions

In a large bowl, combine veal, beef, breadcrumbs, salsa, parsley and Worcestershire. Roll mixture into 1 inch (2.5 cm) meatballs and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 180° C (350° F) oven for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

Meanwhile, in soup pot, combine broth, mushrooms, onion, carrots, celery and garlic; cover and bring to a boil over medium heat. Uncover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add meatballs and stir to combine. Whisk together cornstarch and water; stirring into broth. Cook for about 2 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Tip: Make the meatballs ahead and freeze for up to 2 weeks for a quick addition for your weekly meal routine.

# Stop Worrying!



**"WORRY NEVER ROBS TOMORROW OF IT'S SORROW, IT ONLY SAPS TODAY OF IT'S JOY."**

~LEO F. BUSCAGLIA

Stress seems to be a fact of modern life. If we analyze stress, a large proportion of it is created by worry. Worry that we will be late, will not get finished on time, will not do well. Add to this the worry we have about others: will they be safe, happy, make good choices. Then there is the worry about the world: the wars, the economy, global warming, and pandemics.

It is no wonder we are stressed! The reality is, however, that most of the things we worry about will not come to pass. Most of our worries are based on "what if?" thinking. We imagine negative outcomes, and then fret about how we will survive them.

Generally all is okay in the present moment, but we do not notice that because we are too busy thinking about the future. How many present moments, days even, slip out of our grasp because of our negative

imaginings?

A real worrier can even steal peaceful moments from right under the nose of another by obsessing about possibilities, and somehow expecting the other to make it all better. No matter what reassurances are offered, the worrier is unlikely to be satisfied. Further, a parent who is a worrier can create the worry habit in his or her children.

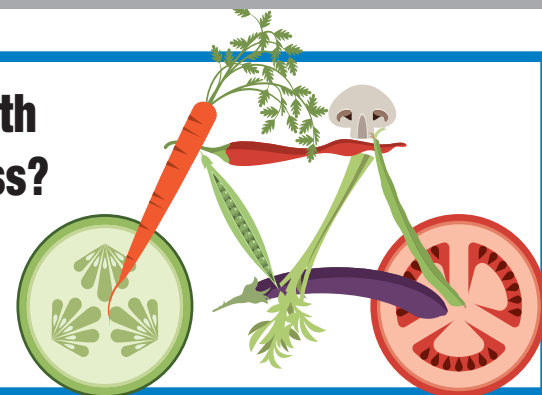
I could get worried about all these worriers. There is a better plan. Worrying is only useful if we see a potential problem and take action to avoid it. If we worry about a small child getting into things, we put safety latches on doors and cupboards. If we worry about someone stealing our car, then we lock it. If we worry that finances are running low, we cut back on spending. We deal with it, and stop worrying.

The insidious kind of worrying has no useful purpose and accomplishes nothing, other than making us upset and robbing us of the joy of the present moment. We need to train ourselves to STOP! when we find ourselves worrying about things over which we have no control. It is hard to break the worry habit, but the freedom and peace that are gained make it well worth the effort.

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

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Crossword Answer

#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Way to fish
- 4. Not us
- 8. "M\*A\*S\*H" actor Alda
- 10. A store of valuable things
- 11. Bring on
- 12. Gave birth to horse
- 13. British poet Hunt
- 15. Swine-like
- 16. Asteroid 1532
- 17. Devout
- 18. A boost
- 21. Licensed for Wall Street
- 22. Tooth caregiver
- 23. Political action committee
- 24. Make a soft murmuring sound
- 25. Porky is one
- 26. Taoism
- 27. 1950s sex symbol
- 34. Imprisonment
- 35. Small freshwater ducks
- 36. Happening later than it should have
- 37. Unit of measurement
- 38. Coen Bros' "The Dude" does this
- 39. The destroyer (Hindu)
- 40. Kids take these to school
- 41. Flow or leak through
- 42. East Greenwich High School
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Many-colored flower
- 2. Strangers
- 3. One who is outcast
- 4. Transmitters
- 5. Theory of interconnection
- 6. Happening
- 7. Native of ancient Asian kingdom
- 9. Black (Span.)
- 10. Destructive storm
- 12. Condemn beforehand
- 14. Baseball players do this
- 15. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 17. When you expect to get there
- 19. Dreams up
- 20. Peacock network
- 23. Robbers
- 24. Beverage container
- 25. Celebrations
- 26. A way to change color
- 27. Bullheaded
- 28. Type of visual display
- 29. Easily purchased type of medication
- 30. City along the western Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martinis have these
- 33. Run away
- 34. Remove errors from
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#### IN MEMORIAM



**Anne Balian**  
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A voice we shall always recall;  
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Of one so dear to us all.

-Love, son Tony,  
grandchildren, great-grandchildren  
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### OBITUARY

#### Bertha Senick

Bertha Senick left to her Father's house while napping Sunday afternoon following a belated birthday lunch with daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Born to Alex and Mary Strileski of Winnipeg Beach in 1929. Survived whooping cough at age two to go on to see her 87th Birthday on December 7th. Mom moved from the Beach to the family farm at age five where she grew up with seven brothers and sisters. She loved her childhood and readily related the antics which formed her strong character. "My mother and my sisters taught me everything I know." She was educated to 10th grade, worked in a Winnipeg Beach diner, then moved to Winnipeg to work at Christie Biscuits. At age 22 mom met the love of her life and married in 1956 after a five year courtship minus one year hiatus "to make sure he was the one!" Children came four years later at ages 30, 31, and 33. As a farmer's wife, she wore love in everything she did from praying for her family to cleaning the pig pens. You visited, you got the full course meal, hungry or not! The flower beds were pristine, the garden plentiful. Children left, the farm was sold, mom began to pray for a growing family and she studied the Bible with absolute resolve, sharing what she learned, her prize student being her husband. Devotedly she was at his side daily during his last three years in personal care. Widowed 15 years she spread her love over family in Texas, at home, at church and at Gateway Manor. Some people only had to talk to Bertha once to know they are loved by God and they are special.



Predeceased by her husband Mervyn; loving son Blaine; sister Francis; brothers Mike, John and Peter. Left to celebrate her memories are daughters Janice (Ashraf) and Darlene; daughter-in-law Susan; grandchildren Nathan (Nicole), Denise (Dusty), Leyla, Rhea (Riley), Jamal and Danica; and four great-grandchildren Logan, Kingston, Lauren, Vander. Surviving sisters are Nellie Peyko (Syl), Ann Trach, Rose Desautels (Fern) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel, Teulon. Interment followed at Windsor Cemetery, Teulon.

If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to New Life Church P.O. Box 893 Teulon, MB R0C 3B0.

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