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Three-year-old Georgia Campbell thinks that St. Nicholas should whisper what he'll bring for her and her eight-month-old sister Scarlett at Grosse's Isle's annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 5.

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Voices of Christmas

Staff

The sanctuary was filled for three sold-out shows of the annual Christmas Cantata this past weekend at the United Church in Stonewall. A musical of Prophecy, Promise and Praise was directed by Bambi Rutherford. Hearing from contemporary and historic voices that expressed some frustration, fatigue and loneliness, the musical invited the audience to listen to the voices that surrounded the first Christmas. These were prophets who predicted the coming of the Messiah, parents of the child who would be the Messiah's forerunner, a shepherd who saw and heard a spectacular announcement of His arrival, and two who held Him in their arms at His official dedication.





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Baking for charities

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Last Friday and Saturday, Sterling North held its ninth annual bake sale at the Stonewall Legion. New to the sale this year was a bistro serving light lunch and gourmet cheeses for sale. A portion of proceeds will be made to the Children's Hospital Foundation, the Interlake Food Bank and Siloam Mission. From the left, Mary Mailey, Dr. Goodbear, Shannon MacKinnon and Rachel Deayton handed out warm chocolate chip cookies to their guests.







The Season's Best Gift Ideas

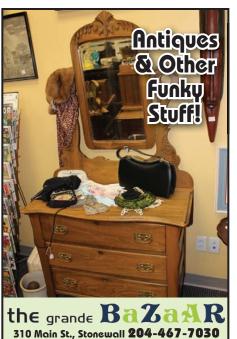














Parcels stolen from Balmoral post office

By jennifer McFee

A real-life Grinch stole Christmas by snatching parcels from the Balmoral post office last week.

Postmaster Sylvia Himmelstoss rushed to the Canada Post outlet after the alarm sounded around 3 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 11.

She discovered that thieves had broken into the building and stolen about 25 parcels waiting to be picked up.

"It's very, very sad, especially right before Christmas. I feel so sorry for the people and for the little kids —all these toys, everything is gone. I really feel sorry about it but what can I do?" she said.

"Some presents come from overseas, so it's really, really sad but I can do nothing about it. It never, ever happened here before that someone broke in and stole parcels."

The thieves seem to have come prepared for the task, she added.

"They had kind of an ice scraper with a long handle and metal piece in front of it. They broke the windows and then they had a brand new hammer and a chisel. The sticker from Home Hardware was still on it," Himmelstoss said.

"They chiselled my door open here. They had to have a little bit of knowledge how to do this. When they finally

got through the door with the chisel and hammer, then they took the parcels and the alarm went off."

Police were quick to arrive on scene, and they took the tools for fingerprints, she said.

"When I came here, the police were already in the building and we found one big parcel standing outside that I guess didn't fit in their car. It was nasty. There was glass everywhere. It's very, very strong three layers of glass," she said.

"The neighbours are not very far away but nobody heard this big, big bang in the morning."

Himmelstoss hopes that people will come forward with tips about suspicious activity that night.

"I hope that the police are going to get some hints. Maybe some people feel that they heard or saw something — even a little hint of a car or something like this could help a lot," she

"Maybe we can find out and we can get all the parcels back. That would be my Christmas wish."

Lynne Tetrault, Canada Post's area superintendent for Eastern Manitoba, said it's impossible to know locally about the value of the stolen parcels.

"Our security investigation team is aware of everything. They have everything that they need for their investigation," she said.

"There's not a rash of break-ins. It's the only one in all of my area. In the three years that I've been superintendent, it's the first time that this has happened."

Anyone with a missing parcel should contact the sender, she added.

"Most of the time, those parcels have been sent with a certain amount of insurance on them. If there is a parcel that they feel is missing, they should be contact the sender — whether it's Amazon or Chapters or whoever it may be,"Tetrault said.

"It's the sender that paid for the product and paid for the shipping. Therefore if there's a claim to be made with Canada Post, it's the sender that has to do it. The holder of the insurance may make a claim."

Anyone who would like to inquire about the situation can contact Canada Post customer service at 1-800-267-







Passing on cheer

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Stonewall Collegiate Institute leadership team loaded up two SUVs with items they were able to purchase for the Stonewall District Cheer Board after hosting their third annual Passing on the Cheer Volleyball tournament on Dec. 4. Thirty-eight teams collected non-perishable food items and raised \$2,800, allowing the leadership group to shop for gifts for teens around their same age. Jacquie Derewianchuk with the Cheer Board picked up the items with help from her sister Connie Holland and son Josh Careme on Dec. 11. Derewianchuk was amazed at the wonderful generosity of students and was very pleased that much of the shopping was done locally.



The Season's Best Gift Ideas

















Santa connects with R.W. Bobby Bend students

By Jennifer McFee

A group of Stonewall students enjoyed an unforgettable encounter with jolly old St. Nick, who took the time to call them from the North Pole on a super secret radio system.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, classes from Ecole Bobby Bend School bundled up and headed outdoors to participate in a special event called Op Santa.

The 38 Brigade of the Canadian Armed Forces set up military truck where the kids excitedly waited for their turn to speak to Santa on a two-

One by one, the students told Santa what they hoped to find under the Christmas tree — everything including Jurassic World dinosaur toys, Barbies, books, hockey nets and much

Sydney, a Grade 2 student, planned to ask for a Lego elves castle.

"It's easy to know what to ask for," she said. "Sometimes you just see the things you want on TV or in a catalogue."

Inside the truck, Cpl. Charlie Wong helped connect the kids with the San-

"It's always interesting to come out and set this up for the kids," Wong said. "They always have lots of ques-

And for Grade 2D teacher Sandra Millar, excitement was building all morning in her class as the students watched the truck set up and anxiously awaited their turn to visit.

"To see their faces light up when they were talking to Santa, it was just priceless," she said.

Students also had the chance to crawl inside a military tent set up on the school grounds and ask questions to Master Cpl. Alan Haley and Cpl. Alex Sawchyn.

Haley, originally from Stonewall, explained that he has spent two weeks in a tent in the winter.

"If it's very, very cold out and you have enough people working on it, you should be able to set it up in three minutes because if someone gets very cold or they get wet when you're up in the Arctic, you have to be able to warm them up very, very quickly or they can get a very bad cold," he explained to the eager onlookers.

"The quicker this tent goes up, the quicker you can get them into warm clothes and warm them up again."

Master Cpl. April Masson said Op Santa is an opportunity to get out in the community. In addition to the Stonewall elementary school, they also set up at two schools in the city this year.

"It's a unique, fun aspect of our job.



Nevan asked Santa for Indominus Rex from Jurassic World.



Master Cpl. Alan Haley enjoys the chance to return to his hometown of Stonewall for events like Op Santa.

Kids don't really get to play on a radio anymore. It's not a common thing that anybody sees. It's a different type of communication that we can give to them and they get to play on," she said.

"We love our job so this is awesome for us to be able to go out into the community and hang out with the kids and something fun. It's definitely one of the perks of our job to do something like this."



Kids anxiously awaited their turn to speak with St. Nick.



Peek-a-boo! Students sneak a peak outside while they wait for their turn on the secret Santa radio.



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Liberty Tax warns of phone scam targeting Interlake region

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Liberty Tax would like tax payers to know that a phone scam targeting them is still ongoing.

"We have had several calls from our clients who have been very upset about being told that they have filed fraudulent tax returns," Liberty Tax Selkirk branch manager Jane Wunnemann said.

This month alone, they have had about six calls about this scam, and she believes they are now targeting the Interlake region.

"They are being told that they owe \$3,000 to \$5,000 in penalties and interest,"Wunnemann said.

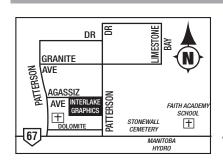
"The callers have very heavy accents and are claiming to have employee ID numbers. If you owe Revenue Canada, they would send you out a notice of reassessment explaining why you would have a bill."

Wunnemann added that the only people Revenue Canada calls are those who own their own businesses and owe large sum of money.

"Please let it be known that Revenue Canada only contacts you by mail," she said.

Wunnemann advises anyone who receives these types of calls to get their names and numbers if possible and report it to RCMP or Revenue Canada. She said callers are asking people to send money to Money Mart and are threatening to send police to their house if they

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Anyone can become disabled; hopefully we never have to prove our worthiness

As a parent of someone with disabilities, I was horrified to find out about the resistance of some home owners on Rossmere Crescent to allow people with disabilities to rent a home in that area. These people should be ashamed of themselves.

My husband and I moved our family to this community over 13 years ago, thinking that a small town would be a better place to raise our children than the city. For the most part, it was the best decision we could have made.

Our oldest daughter, Hannah, is 17 now and it occurred to me a few years ago that she would soon become an adult and eventually move out as part of a normal transition in her life. She will need support throughout her life and so she will become a part of Community Living

Like any parent, I have hopes and dreams for both my children. However, due to Hannah's disabilities, we've had to alter our idea of her future. While some parents dream that their children will be athletes, professionals, have wonderful spouses and families, we've had to change our hopes for her to just being safe, having friends and being accepted as part of this fine community.

While you may hope your children excel at everything they do, we can only hope that Hannah will not be abused because she is vulnerable. Eighty per cent of women with disabilities are sexually abused — try sleeping at night with that statistic.

I've also had to face the fact that I won't be here forever to protect her from people that would take advantage of her or even hurt her. I won't be able to be here to shelter her from those who do not accept or would even try to understand her struggles. I know Community Living will

do their best. However, it scares me that there are people in this community that would reject Hannah from being their neighbour simply because she has disabilities. Seriously? Has this become a crime? Not only will she have to live a life with few choices but she will be made to beg to live in your neighbourhood? I don't think that's how my community behaves. Over the last 13 years, I've seen people on the street go out of their way to say hello to Hannah and I have been brought to tears by their kindness numerous times.

Today, however, I have a different kind of tears. I try desperately to find excuses and think that maybe the more people understand, the more they'll accept people with disabilities. However, as a mother, I think "Who the hell do you think you are to treat vulnerable people like this?"

For 17 years, I've seen the good and bad in people regarding this situation. I've seen people keep their children away from mine, I guess for fear that they'd "catch it." However, I've seen those same children treat Hannah with compassion and caring in school years later.

The schools are doing their best to make sure students develop empathy, but acts like these (and bylaws for that matter) only serve to undo all the good that has been done.

The most ironic and saddest aspect of this situation is that the people supported by Community Living are the nicest, least judgmental people you'd ever meet. They don't care how big your house is or what kind of car you drive. They only judge people for how they treat them and others. It saddens me that there are people that don't want "them" in their neighbourhood.

Please keep in mind that anyone

at any time can become disabled. Unfortunately, accidents happen, illnesses happen and if we live long enough, all of us will have to be supported to live in our homes. I truly hope when and if that happens, there are people that are compassionate and accepting and you don't have to go through the humiliation of having to prove your worthiness to be treated as a person.

> Sincerely, Niki Steinke

ACL clients are valued members

We wish to speak out regarding the recent ACL public hearing about the potential residential care facility on Rossmere Crescent. We plead with the people in opposition to this to find it in their hearts to realize that the clients of ACL are important and valued members of our community. They belong here.

They, too, have the right to live anywhere within our community. We both have spent time with the clients of ACL and, personally, we would welcome them as our neighbours. They top the list as some of the friendliest most loving people we know.

Heather and Dan McDermid

Grinches present at council

It would seem that a few Grinches were present at the Stonewall council chambers last Wednesday.

In reading about the opposition to three individuals with disabilities (who will be under 24-hour support) possibly moving into a rental home, it makes me even more grateful for the wonderful neighbours that I have and feeling blessed that none of you is a neighbour. It is my understanding that there haven't been any negative "incidents" in the past with the residents who currently occupy five homes in a community living setting, so now I really don't understand what can be causing such an uproar.

For the lady police officer, unless perhaps you are aware of past incidents or that drug abusers and sexual predators would be moving in, then I am so happy to know that police forces now include special education on how to deal with people who have mental health issues. A father expressed concern for the safety of his own children and that of the other children living on the block. A parent's concern is natural; however, I'm left wondering just what is the possible "incident" that you fear? Nobody can realistically guarantee with 100 per cent certainty that an unpleasant incident won't occur anywhere in town. What possible guarantee is there that one of your current neighbours won't over-indulge in alcohol or drugs and cause havoc?

Many people would fear an inebriated, aggressive individual, and that is a logical reaction. To fear an individual based solely upon their mental or physical disability is neither fair nor reasonable. There is very obviously a lot more work to be done to encourage acceptance, understanding and a desire for the "inclusion" of everyone. Many of these individuals with disabilities are working and contributing to the community. It is a fact that people with disabilities very often make excellent employees. They have already felt the painful sting of rejection and faced job discrimination. They are grateful for and appreciate their employment. A huge thanks to those Stonewall

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Help needed! The Stonewall and District Christmas Cheerboard is looking for donations to help those in need this Christmas. Donations of nonperishable food items, monetary donations and toys for children and teens would be appreciated. We are especially in need of socks for all ages and books and items for teens. Donation boxes are placed all over Stonewall and monetary donations can be made at Sunova Credit Union.





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individuals and businesses who are willing to give individuals with physical and mental disabilities a chance! The rest of you should likely find a big lump of coal in your stocking.

This is 2015; please bring your thinking out of the dark ages — it is causing you to fear what you don't understand. "Inclusion" is what people with disabilities are seeking. Their families have already suffered the humiliation of having to beg for their loved one's right to have what the rest of us take for granted. Stonewall council, I implore you — do the right thing and grant these individuals a home. It is just the right thing to do.

Jeannie Walsh, Stonewall

Single mother of disabled twins frustrated by attitudes in Stonewall

After reading your article in the Dec. 10 paper "Crowd gathers for ACL public hearing," I was compelled to write this letter.

As a single mother who raised twins with disabilities in this community 31 years ago, I was disheartened to read that over time, not much has changed in attitude for some in this community.

I am ashamed, frustrated and left speechless with the lack of empathy, understanding and knowledge shown at this meeting and that still exists in this day in our town.

Last I was aware, I have no say over who buys a home beside me or down the street. It could be anyone with a questionable past or less than honourable intentions. So how am I to make sure that I, my children/grand-children will be safe when the stranger moves into my neighborhood?

Believing that allowing a residential care facility, which is four individuals living like a family with support in a home, in your neighborhood is somehow a threat of any kind to your children is mind-blowing.

I believe that could be considered discrimination against someone who never asked to be left living with a disability. Just because you are born healthy and able-bodied does not mean you are entitled to remain as such. Heaven help those that are lacking compassion, empathy and common sense should you or one of your precious loved ones find themselves left with a disability and no longer welcome in your perfect neighbour-

hood.

As a final note, I live right down the street from one of our five residential care facilities, or what I like to think of as a family with support. I could not ask for better neighbours.

Sincerely, Yvonne Jansen Stonewall

Mentally challenged grandson is light of life

I cannot even come close to explaining the disgust I feel over the situation surrounding the proposed group home on Rossmere Crescent.

I have a mentally challenged grandson who is the light of our lives. He brings us so much joy. Is he a danger to us or our neighbours? No! Absolutely not!

Why is it we need the permission of the neighbours and the town for our mentally challenged family members and friends to move into a neighbourhood? If "Joe Normal" wants to move into the neighbourhood, who does he have to ask? How do we know that he/ she is not a violent person, an arsonist, a drug dealer, and on and on?

Those people who are so opposed to this group home should maybe take the time to visit some of the group homes around town, talk to the neighbours of those group homes, visit the Arris Centre and interact with the clients. Anyone connected to mentally challenged men and women will tell you what beautiful people they are. They bring joy to our lives in so many ways. Sure, they require some support, but so does your neighbour who just suffered a stroke and now required support two or three times a day.

To those people who are so opposed to this group home, I ask you this question: "When your children become adults and move out with some buddies to live in my neighbourhood—unsupervised—will I be safe?"

Bonnie Place Proud Grandma of Blain Good and friend to all who face challenges you are all welcome in my neighbourhood

Lack of compassion disappoints high school student

Dear Tribune:

I would like to share a story with your readers, specifically those who are against ACL renting the home at 9 Rossmere Cres. I am graduating from SCI this June having attended all my schooling in Stonewall. In each

of those years, some of my classmates have been mentally challenged students. I have never experienced an "incident" of a negative sort and was angry upon hearing some adults in this town do not want ACL to rent this home.

On Monday of the same week your story was printed, I had a typical experience with a mentally challenged peer. I was in the hall at lunch sitting by myself when a mentally challenged student I have known since kindergarten stopped in front of me. I was speaking to her and her aid when, out of the blue, she held out her arms to me for a hug. It was wonderful. I can say with all honesty that she showed me more caring and compassion than most of my other peers have throughout my school career. She lifted my spirits for the entire week.

I am extremely disappointed in the lack of compassion and kindness shown by the adults who protested ACL. We can all learn something from my experience, and I would hope that those who protested someone's basic human right to live in their community will take the time to reflect on my story and replace fear with kindness.

Rachel-Mary Dzendzeluk Stonewall resident

It takes a village to raise a child

Our son, Michael Maartense, was born 32 years ago with Down Syndrome. Little did we know he would change our lives and those around us in such an incredible way. At two weeks old, we were attending meetings advocating for integration into the school system. Stonewall wholeheartedly embraced the African proverb"It takes a village to raise a child" and we are very proud to call Stonewall our home. We truly felt a part of the team throughout his school years and hold those relationships in high esteem, as does Michael. One hundred and fifty people celebrated his 18th birthday with us. We were overwhelmed with emotion when his peers gave him a standing ovation as he walked across the stage at graduation. At the age of 21, he was adamant he wanted to move out on his own just like his brother and sister had. He takes great pride in his apartment at Crocus Manor and considers his neighbours his friends. On his 30th birthday, his wish for another community birthday and a ride in an RCMP cruiser became reality. He loves to pop by the station to say hi. You may have seen him riding his three-wheel bike or at one of his jobs stocking shelves at Family Foods, cleaning at Quarry Furnishings, setting up or cleaning after functions at the Oddfellows Hall, or working on projects at the Arris Centre. You may have seen him talking with the residents at Rosewood Lodge, where he volunteers, or in the past at Goodwin Lodge in Teulon. Maybe you have watched him perform his duties with care and compassion as an usher at New Life Church.

He is so excited when a note arrives in the mail from a six-year-old boy in Africa who he supports monthly. Michael's faith has carried him through the deaths of close family members and friends. Sports has always been his passion. You may have seen him bowling or playing floor hockey in the past. In high school, he was equipment manager for the Stonewall Rams hockey team and is passionate about travelling with the Stonewall Flyers now. What a thrill it was last year when he was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame with the team for his role as equipment manager with the Stonewall Blue Jays. I still can't believe he loves to watch wrestling. Many people from all walks of life in the Stonewall and Stony Mountain area have come to know and love our son over the years and your support is greatly appreciated.

For the past while, Michael has expressed a desire to move into a group home setting with his friends. Prayers were answered when an opportunity graciously presented itself with a home on Rossmere Crescent not far from where we live. It saddens us to hear there were concerns raised by some of the neighbours at a recent town council meeting. Actually, it took us, and many others, by surprise. What it really boils down to is that Stonewall is no longer a village. They do not know our son and his two friends, who are equally as independent, loving and wanting to be a part of society as he is. Michael is probably the most extreme opposite imaginable from a troubled youth, a pedophile or a violent offender. It is my sincere hope that the questions that were presented will be adequately addressed. Fear of the unknown is dispelled by knowledge, and my hope is that this letter can help bring awareness and acceptance. Michael has taught us a deeper sense of community — to look past the diagnosis and see the person. Stonewall may no longer be a village but it is still a great place to call home. We cherish our new neighbours, and there is no doubt in my mind that Michael will love his as well.

Town council has deferred the open forum to Jan. 6, 2016.

Please consider writing a note or coming out to the meeting to express your support.

Marilyn Maartense

Rosser council says 'no' to Lilyfield Quarry

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

It's no-go for Lilyfield Quarry after Rosser council voted against issuing a conditional use permit for the proposed limestone aggregate operation.

Council defeated the resolution unanimously, although Coun. Angela Emms was absent from the vote because she had left the council meet-

Reeve Frances Smee said that the application was comprehensive, but council felt there were still some issues that hadn't been adequately ad-

"Council spent quite a bit of time discussing it and looking at it very closely, but there are still some issues that are outstanding, one of which is traffic — and that's a very important one," Smee said.

"Something like a quarry has a huge impact on traffic, and we need to make sure that we're satisfied that that's been dealt with."

Colleen Munro, president and owner of Hugh Munro Construction and Lilyfield Quarry, expressed disappointment with the outcome.

"I was actually very disappointed and shocked at their decision because we knew that we did a good presentation," she said. "We met all their processes and we made sure that we ad-

dressed all their concerns that there would be no harm to any residents and that's the kind of comment that they come back with."

Munro also questioned whether council was making the best decision for the local community.

"As a landowner, I'd be pretty upset if my community's in a deficit and they're passing up a project that could put millions of dollars in the coffers," she said.

She plans to keep on trying to proceed with the project.

"We're not going to quit until we have it. I think what they have to be careful of is annexation from the city or the provincial government taking that out of their hands of being able to make decisions on the quarry," Munro

"In the big picture, with all the infrastructure that's coming out, this saves the taxpayers of Manitoba millions and millions of dollars. So do you really think that the government is just going to allow for Rosser councillors to make those decisions that impact everybody in Manitoba? I don't think

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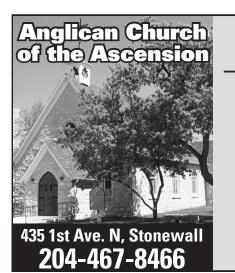
• Council considered several rezon-

ing applications in the CentrePort area. Since there were public objections to a rezoning application by Imperial Seed, another public hearing will be scheduled through the South Interlake Planning District. An application by Maple Leaf Construction was defeated.

- Discussions about Smee's leave of absence will be brought forward at a future meeting since Emms left the Dec. 10 meeting early.
- There were no verbal or written objections related to the heritage designation of St. Michael's Church. The

topic will be back before council at a future meeting.

- Rosser council will apply to the Highway Traffic Board to reduce the speed limit on Mayberry Avenue from King Edward Road for one mile to the Service Road east of Route 90 to 50 kilometres per hour from 90 km/h.
- Tim Tierney and Daniel Kives of K5 Stables appeared as a delegation to provide council with information about a proposed greenhouse production business for medicinal marijuana on their property.



Special Advent and Christmas Services

December 24th 6:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service 11:00 p.m. Christmas at midnight December 25th 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day

December 20th 5:00 p.m. All Saints Victoria Christmas Service



By Jennifer McFee

A 21-year-old American woman is facing charges after assaulting a senior in a Stonewall church.

On Saturday, Dec. 12 at about 3 p.m., Stonewall RCMP received a call about an incident that had happened a short time earlier at Stonewall United

Staff Sgt. Kelly Glaspey said the 21-year-old woman asked to be let inside the church to pray. A 78-year-old woman let her in to the building.

"A short time later, the woman who had been in the church told the younger girl that she had to leave and the 21-year-old proceeded to assault the 78-year-old unprovoked," Glaspey

"The victim suffered facial bruising

and abrasions — nothing major but certainly a traumatic experience for her. She is expected to make a full recoverv."

The 21-year-old woman was arrested and she will be facing charges of assault.







Rockwood news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

Mobile homes were a hot topic at the Dec. 9 Rockwood council meeting.

To start, no community members attended a public hearing related to a mobile home belonging to Cory Biloki

The mobile home had already been approved as a conditional use for a second dwelling on the property, but the owners were hoping to have it changed to a permanent use because the 160-acre property had been reconfigured into two 80-acre parcels.

Roberta Van Caeyzeele, acting manager of the South Interlake Planning District, told council that the building doesn't need to be inspected.

"The building actually complied. It was brand new when it was put there originally," she said.

"We're not requiring them to do a new lot grade because it's already there. The property is not changing just the roll number and the title number is. The placement is not changing." Council approved the request.

Next, Kevin Waldner appeared before council to discuss a mobile home on his property.

Waldner originally applied for conditional use for a mobile home in 2007 for his parents to live on his property.

After a year, they left the property and Waldner's brother moved in to the trailer. He received approval on compassionate grounds.

"I'm handicapped and it's been a real blessing to have my brother or whoever it may be living in the trailer there to help me out with snow removal and lawn work and all of those sorts of things," Waldner says.

Since then, Waldner's brother has

Since then, Waldner's brother has moved out of the trailer and a young couple has moved. They pay him rent each month and help him out with snow removal and yard work. In the future, he hopes that his inlaws will live in the mobile home.

Coun. Bill Matheson expressed concerns about the situation.

"You're putting us in a real tough spot here," he said. "I can hardly justify this."

Waldner spoke about the positive points of the arrangement, including the property tax it brings to the RM.

"The benefit that it has for me to have somebody there, the blessing it could be to the person living in the home, just all of that put together, it would be a real shame to pull the thing out," Waldner said.

Council will discuss the matter at the next committee of the whole meeting.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JENNIFER MCFEE

RM of Rockwood CAO Chris Luellman and Coun. Mark Hidlebaugh are in jolly holiday spirits.

In other council news, Coun. Mark Hidlebaugh expressed concern about water issues.

When Cartier Regional Water Co-op was expanding its water line to Stony Mountain penitentiary, the RM was given an option to get in on that line, he explained. The RM opted not to become part of that water line, which

would have brought significant costs.

Now Hidlebaugh is concerned that the RM might not get funding for new water meters because Rockwood opted out of the previous arrangement with Cartier.

Council is hoping to discuss the matter with a provincial representative.

Stonewall council decides to keep fleet truck

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall council has opted not to replace one of the trucks in its fleet, even though a bylaw indicates that it is due for replacement.

Mayor Lockie McLean said that at a

recent visioning meeting in Brandon, council decided that it would not replace vehicles unless the value equation made sense.

"We have a bylaw where every so many years, we swap out and buy a new loader or a new truck," he said.

"But just because a certain number of years has passed and you don't have very many miles on a truck, should you replace it? Council doesn't think so."

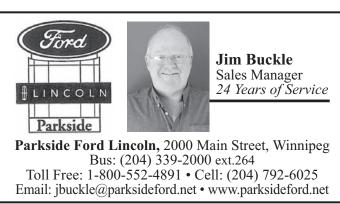
At the committee of the whole meet-

ing on Dec. 9, council reviewed the town's truck fleet and decided not to replace a vehicle with low kilometres.

"It might seem minor, but these type of decisions keep us out of the taxpayers' pocket and you treat the town how you'd run your own budget," McLean

"You try to be conscientious and make smart decisions, and this council is trying to do that."









Teen faces impaired charges after driving into business

Sole Purpose Reflexology and Hair Salon remains open for business in Teulon

By Jennifer McFee

An 18-year-old driver faces impaired driving charges after she drove a van into a Teulon business last week.

At about 12:35 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, a female driver drove through the front door of Sole Purpose Reflexology and Hair Salon on Main Street.

Owner Jan Lambourne said the driver went through the reception area and into the therapy room.

"She took out two rooms," she said. "All the debris was everywhere and the glass was everywhere, so it shut us down for a few days."

Since then, a restoration company has sealed off the damaged area so the business could continue to operate in the hair salon.

"They came in and got all the glass out and did a wonderful job cleaning up in here. It was amazing how fast they worked," she said.

"The hair salon is up and running, and we'll just have to wait for the other side to get some work done. In the meantime, I'm very impressed with how fast everything has gone so far."

She said that she hasn't slept for a week, but she's glad that nobody got hurt.

"It's been a shock, but at least every-



The hair salon is open while repair work continues at Sole Purpose Reflexology and Hair Salon on Main Street.

body is safe and we're handling ourselves one day at a time," she said.

"We're fine and we're happy to be back in the store."

Stonewall RCMP Staff Sgt. Kelly Glaspey confirmed that the driver is from the local area. She will be charged with impaired operation of a



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Teulon's Sole Purpose Reflexology had a surprise visitor last week when a van drove through the front door.

motor vehicle.

Glaspey also reminds drivers to make safety a priority during the holi-

"There will be extra enforcement out throughout the holiday season in our local area as well as throughout the

province," he said.

"Please be mindful of not just police but of other emergency services on the road and slow down and help keep them safe when they're out doing their jobs."

Search on for new CAO

By Jennifer McFee

Changes are in the works at the Town of Stonewall.

As of Monday, Dec. 7, Anne Burns is no longer the chief administrative officer of the town.

Council planned to appoint assistant CAO Doreen Steg as the acting CAO at their regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16, after Tribune deadline.

Mayor Lockie McLean said that the situation is an employee matter.

"We're going to respect the privacy of the employee," he said.

The town will advertise immediately for the vacant CAO position, he added.

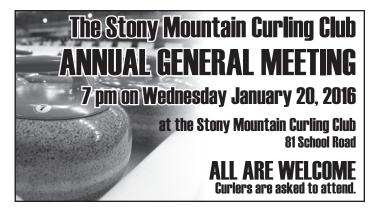
"Like all positions in the town, we have to advertise to make sure that we get the best possible person going forward," McLean said.

"We're going to take our time and we're going to make sure that we do a really, really good job with whoever

it is that becomes the permanent CAO moving forward and moving Stonewall forward in the years to come."



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Public warned to beware of open water at Norris Lake

By Jennifer McFee

Safety is key at Norris Lake, where the aeration system is now in full operation.

To maintain sufficient oxygen levels for fish, the aeration system started operating on Nov. 23 and will continue to run until mid-April.

The Teulon Game and Fish Association hosts several fundraisers each year to cover the expense to run the pumps, which cost about \$2,100 each winter.

Several years ago, they received a \$31,000 provincial grant to install the aeration system because fish were dying from a lack of oxygen caused by an abundance of snow.

Manitoba Fisheries also added 500 jackfish to the lake in 2013 to help rectify the situation.

Currently, the fish population is not a problem, said Terry Hartle, chair of the aeration committee.

"The population has come back on its own," he said. "We had a fish derby in June at Norris Lake with our members, and there were probably 100 fish caught. The biggest was 29-and-a-half inches, so it's coming back really well."

To maintain safety near the lake, the Teulon Game and Fish Association is warning people to careful in the area.

"The aeration system is in operation and there is open water," Hartle said, "so snowmobilers should beware."



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The aeration system is up and running at Norris Lake, so snowmobilers are warned to beware of open water.

Quarry operator re-applying for conditional use agreement

By Natasha Tersigni

After being denied a conditional use application by RM of Woodlands council, Rick Roy, owner and operator of Northern Stone Ltd has re-applied for a conditional use permit to continue operations at his quarry located near Road 86 and Hwy. 6 in the municipality. A public hearing for the new application has been set for Dec. 22 at 4:40 p.m. at the RM of Woodlands office.

On Dec. 1 council voted four to three against granting Roy a conditional use permit for operating a quarry in the RM with the councillors opposing

citing the need to protect the RM's gravel source.

Grain Elevator

It was reported by the LUD of Warren committee that in recent weeks a number of break-ins have occurred at the grain elevator in Warren which is owned by the RM and rented out to the West Interlake Trading Company.

"There are kids in and out of there all the time. There is a real security issue there and a real hazard because of the type of building it is," said councillor Orval Procter who added that youth are entering the building through gaps in boarded up windows.

"I think this is a case where council has the right to say to the trading company there is an issue here with kids going in and out, it is part of their responsibility to close it up."

Council agreed to write a letter to the West Interlake Trading Company requesting that they properly secure the building to prevent trespassers from entering.

Community Pasture

The RM is continuing negotiations with Association Manitoba Community Pasture (AMCP) over renting land inside the community pasture. The RM owns 80 per cent of the pastureland and AMCP has control over 20 percent.

"AMCP has control over the land that was previously owned by the federal and provincial government. To keep those lands as part of the pasture we have to pay lease to them and the big debate is how much to lease the land for, because they are asking way more for their lease from us than what they collected from the Portage pasture last year. Although the RM controls the major block of land the major control centres, house, barn site, carousels and distribution points are located on the AMCP land," said Procter.

The council has appointed two councillors to community pasture committee, Carl Fleury and Wayne Yule, who will report to council about the pasture issues. The RM has final say over pasture prices and other management activities.

Generous donation



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A huge thank you goes out to Teulon Shoppers Drug Mart, which was able to raise \$1,074 from generous customers who donated towards the Liliane Baron Breast Cancer Support Group. Mike Olynik, Roxanne Aeichele and Evelyn Penner presented the cheque to Claudette Griffin.

Indemnity clarification

In the Dec. 10, 2015 edition of the Stonewall Teulon Tribune as part of the Woodlands council news, it was noted that councillor Gavin Jones will be attending the RM of Woodlands council meetings via Skype from his winter home in Florida from December to March. The Tribune reported that council approved the leave of absence, as required by the Manitoba Municipal Act at the Nov. 10 council meeting. The article also stated that Jones will be receiving his \$713.20 monthly indemnity for attending the meetings via Skype.

However, in actual fact Jones

is entitled to collect indemnities while attending council meetings via Skype but Jones has decided he will not collect the monthly indemnity during the months he is living in Florida.

It was also noted at the Dec. 8 council meeting that Jones did not collect his indemnity for November, even though he attended the Nov. 10 council meeting in person.

While attending meetings through Skype, Jones is allowed to fully participate in all aspects of the council meeting including voting on resolutions.

Christmas Greet



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LORI MCMAHON

Several tots — (left to right) Ainsleigh Hutchinson, Nhien Hutchinson, Blakely Traub, Vander Lowe and Finley Halabicki — served up hot chocolate recently to raise money for the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board.

By Jennifer McFee

A group of tykes at a Teulon daycare might be young but they already understand the joy of giving.

For the second year, wee ones at Beth Hutchinson's home-based daycare have sold hot chocolate to raise money for the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board.

The kids, aged one to five, bundled up and sold steaming cups of hot cocoa on Dec. 2 in front of Sunova on Main Street. Not only did Sunova let the group use their electrical outlet, the credit union also donated cups and lids for the venture.

Under the guidance of Hutchinson and Paula Halabicki, the kids sold approximately 100 cups of hot chocolate.

Mrs. Skinner, a local kindergarten teacher, brought her entire class of 19 students, who showed their support by sipping the sweet beverage.

"The kids were involved in pretty much the entire thing. They made the posters for the sale. They stood by the sign and waved people in. They poured all the hot chocolate and added candy cane sprinkles and marshmallows for anyone that wanted them," Hutchinson said.

"They thanked everybody too. After we came back, the older ones counted all the money. They definitely learn a lot from this."

Donations kept pouring in for days after the three-hour event for a grand total of \$603.80 — a significant increase over last year's total of \$497.65.

"I had people stopping me all over town to give money towards the cause, both before and after the sale. I also had some people messaging me, asking if they could e-transfer money. Last year and this year, I was blown away by the support that these kids receive from the community," Hutchinson said.

"Our customers would ask the kids why they were selling hot chocolate and I always loved listening to the answers. There were the rehearsed replies: 'We are raising money to buy toys for the Cheer Board.' And then there were the from-the-heart answers: "To make people happy" and "Because some kids don't get toys at

Christmas."

They wrapped up the donation collections on Dec. 8 and headed to The Bargain Store on Dec. 9 to shop for gifts to donate to the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board. They chose remotecontrolled helicopters and trucks, Barbies, Star Wars pencils and notebooks, pyjamas, books, clothes, diapers and formula.

"When we are shopping, I love watching how excited they get about buying things for other children that they don't even know. They put so much thought into the gifts, and each one chooses something to add to the cart," Hutchinson says.

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Teulon tykes raise money for cheer board

Youngsters learn the gift of giving

> HOT CHOCOLATE, FROM PG. 15

"They discuss with each other too. I wish everyone could witness them doing this. It truly warms my heart to see them thinking so intently about others."

Two days later, they dropped off all the gifts at the church, where Linda Chartrand from the Teulon Christmas Cheer Board explained how the organization works.

And Hutchinson continues to beams with pride about the children from her daycare who participated in the hot chocolate sale: Ainsleigh Hutchinson, Nhien Hutchinson, Jade Cook, Blakely Traub, Vander Lowe, Finley Halabicki, Zuri Cook, Calli Cook, Charlee Tronrud and Jaxson Tronrud.

"I am so proud of them for all they did," Hutchinson added. "Without the support of the daycare parents and the community, the sale would not be the success that it is."



Finley (left) and Blakely encouraged passersby to stop for some hot chocolate.

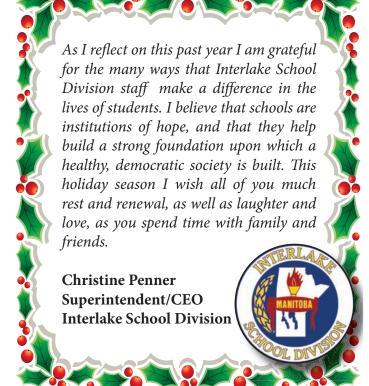




TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BETH HUTCHINSON

The tots had fun shopping at the Bargain Shop in Teulon with their donations from hot chocolate sales. Pictured from left to right: Nhien Hutchinson, Vander Lowe, Finley Halabicki, Ainsleigh Hutchinson, Jaxson Tronrud, Charlee Tronrud, Jade Cook and Blakely Traub.

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and Happy New Year!











Santa Claus has the holiday blues



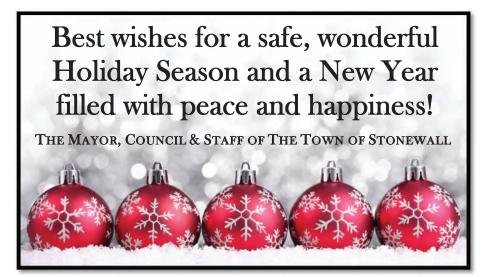






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French Immersion students in Grade 1 and 2 at École R. W. Bobby Bend School tried to cheer up Père Noël during their holiday concert dress rehearsal on Dec. 11. Santa Claus was feeling down because of all the presents children had been asking for. After a letter from a little girl who remembered the true spirit of Christmas, the jolly elf perked up and found some holiday cheer.





Santa Claus stops in at Lake Francis for lunch







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Santa Claus made a stop at the Lake Francis Community Centre for pizza lunch and spent an hour visiting with 31 children on Dec. 6. Pictured from the left, one-year-old Myers Hueging; five-month-old Liam Jackson Warthe; and (far right) three-year-old Bristol Fleury reassures her 15-month-old cousin, Declan MacDonald, that sitting with Santa will be a great idea.









Breakfast with Santa



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSICNI

Xavier Lamb enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus during the pancake breakfast hosted by the Stonewall Kinsmen Club on Dec. 5 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Stonewall.







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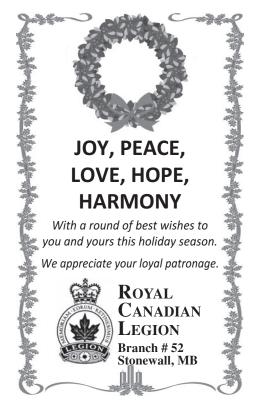
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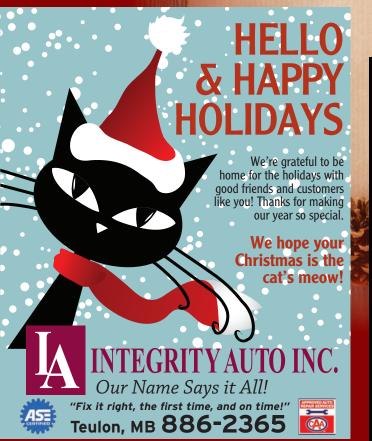
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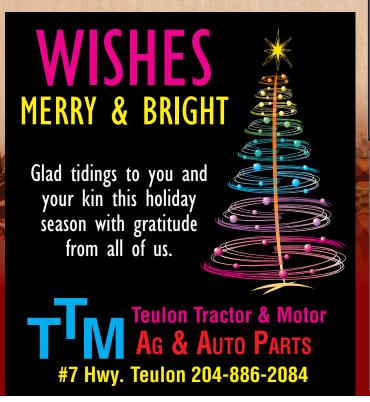
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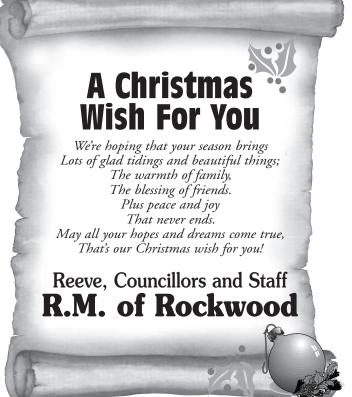
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Stony Mountain School students supported Santa Claus during the game show "Is Santa Smarter?" Santa was able to win \$1 million so he would have enough gas money to fly his sled around the world and deliver Christmas presents on Dec. 25.













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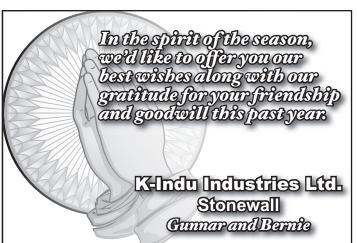
Christmas Greetings 2015 Teulon concert band gets festive

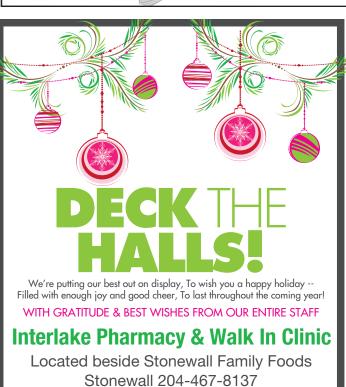


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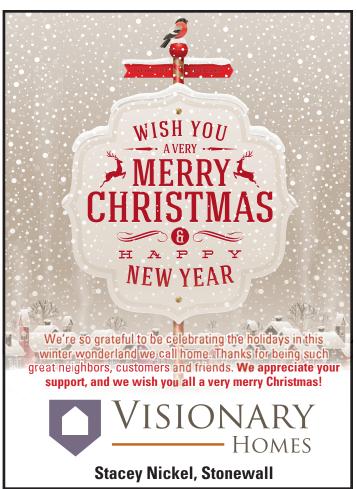
Teulon Collegiate's band performed along with the Quarry Choristers during their annual Christmas concert

hosted at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Dec. 8.













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Last week, staff and students at Teulon Elementary School reached their goal and filled a shopping cart with non-perishable items that will be donated to the Teulon & District Christmas Cheer Board.

BLASTINGS OF THE SEASON May peace, love, harmony and joy be your constant companions, and may faith be your guide wherever you go this holiday season. Chapels at Stonewall, Teulon, Arborg

Brownies lift patients' spirits



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TEENA BRUNEL

The Stonewall Brownies delivered handmade Christmas ornaments to patients at Stonewall Hospital on Monday, Dec. 7. The girls enjoyed giving them out and brought many smiles to the patients.

Merry Christmas





Christmas Stories 2015

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The Life of Ginger

By Avari Hidlebaugh, Age 8

All the elves were hard at work in Santa's workshop ... All but one. Her name was Ginger. Ginger was training to become a certified Santa Elf at the Elf School located in the South Pole. Some of Ginger's class time was spent learning about the four food groups: Egg Nog, Candy Canes, Maple Syrup and Shortbread cookies. As well, in gym class, she learned to increase her speed when building toys. Ginger graduated her Santa Elf school the top of her class in Toy

With her courses completed, it was time for her to begin her new Life at the North Pole with Santa Claus and the other Certified Elves. She set sail with her Mom and Dad aboard the Shortbread sailboat. Captain Columbus Candy Cane was to take them safely across the ocean to Santa's village. Everything was going smoothly until they had reached the middle of the Pacific Ocean. It was then they came across a fierce blizzard. Captain Columbus shouted, "The ship is SINKING!!" Ginger, her parents and Captain C put on their cushy gumdrop life jackets and jumped safely into their licorice life boat.

They floated north in search of food and water. After what seemed to be hopeless, Ginger's Father spotted a storage container floating in the water. Inside it, they found a handy device that turned salty ocean water into refreshing peppermint tea. With their thirst quenched, they continued on their journey. Weeks passed and they started to feel very, very hungry. Ginger's Mother suggested they start to eat the licorice life boat. Ginger spoke up and said, "We only eat for Breakfast and Supper, as sometimes you do not need Lunch."

Two years passed. No land had been seen since they all left the Elf School at the South Pole. The very long days and even longer nights were spent playing games such as, "Stella Ella Olla" and very easy, short games of "Eye Spy." On Christmas Eve, they decided to play one more game of "Eye Spy." It was

Ginger started the usual game with "I Spy with my Elf Eye, something that is ..." Ginger searched for something different, something unique. Not the same blue ocean or the same white clouds or even the same red licorice life boat, which was becoming smaller and smaller the hungrier they all got. Suddenly Gin-

ger's Elf Eye spotted

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a teensy tiny speck of GREEN!! It was then Ginger stood up and shouted, "LAND!! I SEE LAND!"The four shipmates and their weary boat made it to shore. As soon as they set foot on the magical Island,, Ginger, her Mother, Father and the Captain quickly found shelter and began to settle in for the night.

Ginger awoke with a chill and could feel that she was surrounded by something faintly familiar. It was SNOW!! Then she noted something shimmering in the bushes. She could not believe what she was seeing. It is a gleaming Christmas ordainment that has the face of a Santa Elf on. Suddenly Ginger did not feel safe anymore and real-

ized that this island could not be their home. They must make it back to the North Pole. With a brisk breeze Captain C, Father, Mother and Ginger each caught a large Magical Winter Snowflake and blew directly in the direction of Santa's Village.

Today, Ginger is the Head Elf in Santa's Workshop. With her top toy mathematics skills, she is able to ensure every child in the world receives the perfect Christmas Gift.



Tom the Elf

By Kaitlyn Hawryluk, Age 9, Gr. 3

All the elves were hard at work in

Santa's workshop ... all but one, that is. Tom the Elf al-

ways felt left out. He felt different than the other elves. The other elves made fun of him because he was a little taller than them, and his ears were round, not pointy like theirs were. One day Tom decided to research himself on elfoogle.com. Elfoogle is a system that has facts on every Elf in the North Pole. While Tom was reading, he learned that the reason he felt so different is he was not really an elf. He was actually a human little boy. This made Tom sad so he went to talk to Santa. Santa said to Tom ,"It does not matter what the other elves think. What matters is what you think."Tom thought about what Santa said and then replied, "You are right, Santa. I am a good elf."

"Yes, you are," said Santa. Tom moved on and went back to work.

The other elves continued to tease

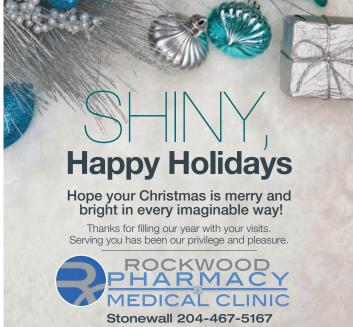
Tom. Tom tried to ignore it, but it was starting to get on his nerves. He just couldn't take it anymore. Tom decided to stand up to the other elves. He told them he did not like the way they were treating him and that he was tired of being left out. Some elves felt bad for Tom, but others still kept teasing him. Tom was still very sad and decided he needed to try and change himself to be more like the other elves. He needed to find a way to make himself smaller and his ears pointier, but he wasn't sure how he could make that happen, so he eventually gave up. He went to talk to Santa again. "Santa," he said, "all the other elves are leaving me out and teasing me because I do not look the same as them."

"That is not nice. I will talk to them","said Santa.

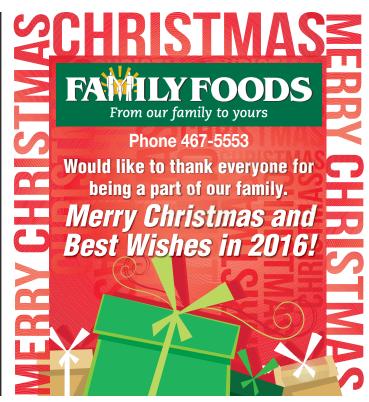
Right away, Santa called an emergency meeting with all the elves. "What is this I am hearing that Tom the Elf

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is being left out and teased around here? That is not how we treat people in the North Pole," said Santa. The elves went quiet and put their heads down. "It doesn't matter if he looks different. He is still a part of our family, and I will not have him being disrespected." The other elves all looked around sadly and decided it was time to apologize to Tom. They all lined up in front of Tom and apologized one by one. This made Tom happy again, and Santa was so glad to see everyone getting along. "Now let's get back to the workshop. We have one more week till Christmas Eve," said Santa.

The elves all went back to work, and they were able to get all the toys made and the gifts wrapped in time for Christmas Eve. Once Santa returned from his big trip, they all got together and had a party to celebrate. At the party, Tom made lots of new friends. He felt awesome, and it no longer bothered him that he looked different.

Dudolph, Rudolph's Cousin By Taegen Lippoway, Age 8

One cold and frosty morning, all the young reindeer were playing before their lesson to learn how to fly. All the young reindeer are very, very, very excited to learn how to fly when all of a sudden, a dark cold wind came in and scared all the young reindeer. It was Pitch, the Nightmare King. The young reindeer ran and hid as Pitch yelled "You will never fly." So almost all the young reindeer lost hope and Christmas spirit. All but four, Rudolph's kids, who said, "You will not take our Christmas spirit. You will not win."

"I will, young ones, I will," said Pitch, and without another word, he disappeared into thin air.

"Do not let Pitch scare you," said Candy Cane. Candy Cane is Rudolph's oldest kid. Peanut, Rudolph's wife, said "It is OK to come out for now.""Where is Dad?" asked Christmas Tree. "Your Dad is with Santa," said Peanut. "Can we go to Dudolph and Tink's house?" asked Candy Cane. "Yes, but not until your Dad is done, OK?" said Peanut. "OK," said Candy Cane.

So all four of Rudolph's kids started to pack, and when Rudolph was done with Santa, it was time to head out to cousin Dudolph's place. Just as they were about to fly to Dudolph and Tink's house, Pitch appeared out of nowhere. "Back off, Pitch," said Rudolph.

"OK, I will go," said Pitch. Pitch disappeared into thin air again.

When they got to Dudolph and Tink's house, Pitch reappeared, so Dudolph said,"Get out of my house, Pitch!"Pitch yelled "NO." Then Dudolph saw that Pitch was not alone. In fact, the Grinch was with him. So Dudolph said to huddle together and sing Deck the Halls. So they all started like this: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fa la la la

"STOP," yelled the Grinch. Then he jumped off the mountain. So now all the reindeer had only Pitch left. All of a sudden, Nightmare horses came. All the reindeer yelled, "We do not have any fears."

Pitch said, "They must be my fears." So Pitch ran away, but the fears got

him. The next day, all the reindeer, even Dudolph and Tink, flew back to Santa. When they got back, all the reindeer had the Christmas spirit back. The

young reindeer were flying around happily singing Christmas carols. So Dudolph, Rudolph's singing cousin, saved Christmas.

The Cranky Elf

By Jerzee Thorvardson, Age 11, Grade 6, **Inwood School**

All the elves were hard at work in Santa Claus's workshop, all but one ... That was Johnny. He would never work and he was always mad and cranky. He would always say "Nope, I'm not working at all." But Santa said to Johnny,"Look all around you. There is three days left till Christmas and all the machines are running on full speed."

Johnny said crankily, "I don't care, Santa. Get off my toes already!"

"You know what, Johnny, stop being so bad!"Santa yelled out loud. But Johnny just ignored him and walked away. Three days later on Christmas Eve, Santa was going around putting the presents underneath the Christmas trees. Santa landed quietly on the roof of one Lilly Martin. He went down the chimney, and he ate the peanut butter cookies and drank the milk. He checked his list and Lilly wanted an American Girl Doll and Lilly had been extra good this year. Santa took out the box for Lilly but it had felt rather light. Santa opened the box and it was empty! Then he thought Johnny didn't make the doll.

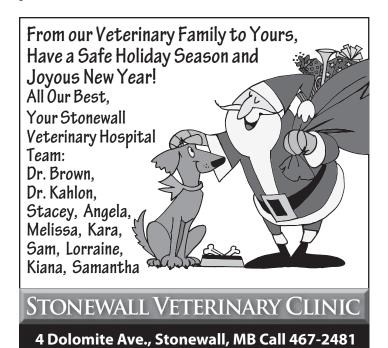
So Santa was pretty upset. He rushed back to the North Pole and he velled at Johnny. Santa said, "Why wouldn't you make the doll? Gee, Johnny do you have no Christmas spirit?"

Then Santa said, "Johnny, you're on the naughty list. Johnny, come with me on the sleigh." So then Johnny said "OK" reluctantly and off they went. Johnny hopped on the sleigh and Santa grabbed a doll for Lilly. They made their way back to Lilly's house and quietly watched outside her window. They saw as Lilly walked down the stairs to the Christmas tree. They watched Lilly smile as she saw a gift especially for her. Johnny realized how happy Lilly was at that moment little and how happy toys and presents can make the children who were nice all year long. Then Santa told Johnny "See, this is how Christmas goes every year." Then Johnny said, "Santa, I am so sorry for not making that doll. I should have made it in the first place like you told me." Then Santa said "Johnny, you are off the naughty list, OK. I just really wanted you to realize the actual meaning of Christmas, that we do nice things for each other and share kindness."

"Thanks, Santa Claus," said Johnny. And everybody lived happily ever











Letters to Santa 2015

Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas! How is Rudolph? The night before Christmas, Molly, Blake and me will leave some grain from Grandpa Beachell's cows, some pumpkins from Halloween and some cookies on the front step for your reindeer to eat. We will leave some soup, a hot dog, a burger, milk, beer, wine and a teddy bear for you. I will draw a Christmas train for you. I'm going to be a good listener for Fergus, our elf, by making my bed and helping Mommy with the dishes ... and no touching him! Could you please bring some coffee for Mom, a maple leaf flag for Daddy, a princess for Molly, a baby truck for Blake and some Lego for me. And remember Santa, Grandma and Grandpa White are home in Melita for Christmas, not in Arizona!

Love Charlie Beachell, age 4. (Molly, age 2; Blake, age 9 months)

How do your reindeer fly? I saw you at the parade! For Christmas I would like babies and dolly's and kittens and puppies and cats please. Thank you for Christmas!

Love Emerson K. age 2.5

Hi Santa! How do you make presents? How does my elf Leon move? For Christmas I want lego, an avengers game, and a dinosaur please. Merry Christmas!!

Love Cohen K. age 5.

Dear Santa,

We don't have a chimney. How will you get into our house? I am trying to be a good boy and am being nicer to my little sister Ruby. I would love a YoYo for Christmas.

Love Robin, age 3

Dear Santa

I would like a Rocking Horse. After all the beatings I get from my brother Robin, rodeo should be a walk in the

Love Ruby, age 2

Dear Santa

I am only two months old so I don't really need anything. But Robin wants a YoYo, and Ruby wants a rocking horse. Mommy wants boots and I heard daddy saying he wanted "the

Love Richard, 8 weeks

Dear Santa,

My name is Fiona. I'm in Stonewall. I am 3 years old. How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Clause doing making all the toys? How are you? How are the reindeer doing with their flying? I would like a blue dress with a white cape for Christmas please. Thank you Santa. From Fiona

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. How are you? For Christmas I would like Zoomer Kitty, Puppy Surprise, Kitty Surprise, Pony Surprise, or the Celestia Castle for My Little Pony. I hope you don't have a blistery storm on Christmas eve. Have a very, very, very wonderful Christmas!

PS: I am going to sing a song for you, please listen! My favourite is "I'm the Happiest Christmas Tree"!

Love Adelynn Meier, Age 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Arla Anne Williams and I am 3 months old. I have an amazing family who surround me with love, a guardian angel who watches over me, and a roof over my head. I have been blessed with so many gifts over the last three months that I have everything I could possibly wish for this year. Please take care of those in need!

Merry Christmas Santa!!

Love: Arla

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want toys, a racecar and a flying plane that goes way up high. That's good. Ho Ho Ho! I was a

Love Kiefer age 4

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please can I see one of your reindeer? I want a makeup set please, please, please. I love you Santa. Thank you for the present of my heart.

Brooklyn Voth

Dear Santa,

Please can I have a dump truck? And a reindeer? I was being a good boy this year.

Ethan Voth

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a game any kind of game. Bead's couse I do a lot of beading. A cute Doll couse I always play with them. Big Box of Skittles and life savers and I mean the candy kind. and nice shose and yummy smarties. Bath and Body sets gift wrap and clear tape and a nice set of new beding. Hello ther my new freind thank you very much.

Carla, Age 8

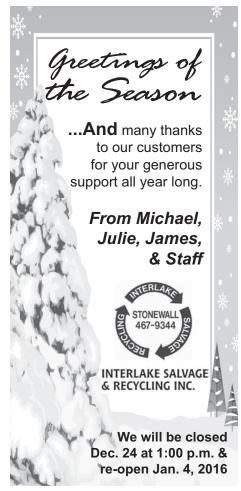
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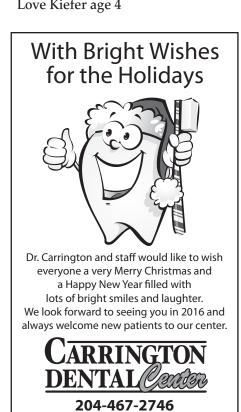
How are you? Can I please have Zoomer Kitty pretty please. What is your favorite colour? Can I please have Abigail please and a furreal friend baby duck. What is your favourite elf? Can I have a bed for Abigail please. You are the Best. What is your favourite kind of cookies.

From Emma

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Dear Santa,

My name is Hannah. I am 9 years old. How old are you? Which elf do you like best? Was I nice this year? I would like an Alien Monster High doll, a Monster High house and Brooklyn with a bed with a horse. Thank you for listening, marry christmas santa. Talk to you next year.

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia. I am 5 years old. I would like a alien Doll and Noel with a bed. What is your favorite thing to do? I can read very well Santa. I like Kittens that have gray.

From Sophia

Dear Santa and Reindeer,

I am going to give you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Mrs. Claus gets some cookies too. I want lots of Bayblades for Christmas and

Lego Sets for Christmas. From Aries

Dear Santa,

One Christmas Eve I saw the glow of Rudolph's nose. I'll leave cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer for Christmas. I want a hat for my bird Peachy and a fliker scooter.

From Lilly

Dear Santa,

I hope I've been good this year and I hope it is okay if I tell you about myself. I like figure skating. I want to let you know my name is Emily. On Christmas Eve I am going to leave you some cookies and milk and some carrots for the reindeer. I'm in Grade 2 this year. For Christmas I want a movie gift card and pajamas and a Leap Pad and I really want another puppy and I want a new radio for Christmas.

From Emily

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I will leave you for Christmas my sister wants some necklaces and I do too. I would also like some new clothes and shoes. My teacher's name is Miss Jack. I am 7 years old and I rode my horse in the

parade. From Brooke

Dear Santa,

On Christmas I am wearing a dress. How are your reindeer and Rudolph? I will give your reindeer carrots. My name is Gabby. I want a Doll cat. I want a Doll chick. I want 3 Doll eggs. I want a Doll fish.

From Gabby

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Did you have fun on the float? I did. The thing that I want for Christmas is a new horse to ride. Please can it be a Pinto? I will leave cookies and milk for you I am going on a vacation after Christmas. Are the elves making lots of presents? Is it hard? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? Another thing I want is a charm bracelet.

Love Vayha

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

I hope the reindeer and Rudolph bring the sleigh full of presents. I really love Rudolph. What I love to do is hockey. Do your elves love playing

I know that I've been a little bad. But please come to my house. I am only 6 years old. Now the things I want, because you know my wish list I gave you, some things are missing. So those two things I want are stuffie growdon and a PS4. Oh and last question, how

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm good. How are the elves? How are the reindeer? On Christmas Eve I'm leaving carrots for the reindeer and for you I'm leaving cookies and milk. How Mrs. Claus? Christmas For my brother wants Call of Duty 3. I wish for a Colouring Math Fun book. I wish for a big salon chair

and the salon supplies. I think I have been a good girl.

From Annah

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I will leave carrots and cookies and milk out. The toys that I would like for Christmas are a makeup Brat and a deck of cards. I would like a game of Scattergories. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are your reindeer doing? Thanks.

From, Violet

Dear Santa,

I hope I have been good this year. I like riding bikes. I will leave you cookies and milk and I will leave carrots for your reindeer. My name is Jude and I am in Grade two. I am 7 years old. I like playing hockey.

From, Jude

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Rudolph can come. I like snowboards. My name is Landyn. Merry Christmas!

From, Landyn

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? What about the reindeer? My name is Fia. What is your favourite kind of cookies? I will make sure that my Aunty will make you your favourite cookies and milk. I want a robot kitty or a dog and I want an Elf on the Shelf. I hope I am on the good list I have been a bit naughty this year. Oh and before I forget, I want a tummy stuffer.

From, Fia

Dear Santa,

My name is Zach. How is Mrs. Claus? I have enough toys so I do not want anymore.

From, Zach

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a new Xbox. I hope I have been a good boy and me and my family are going to a hotel. I went to the parade and saw you and Mrs. Claus. That was cool. I am in Grade 2.

From, Ryan

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want the ugglies pet shop and a cat purse and wallet. I am 7 years old and I hope Elfy has said good things.

From, Shayla

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hockey?

Love Reid

Dear Santa.

is Mrs. Claus doing?

From David

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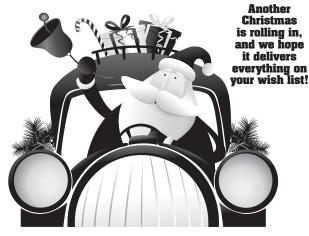
Thank you for your patronage during 2015.

We wish all the best to you and your families



Letters to Santa 2015 Santa Claus The North Pole T

Here Comes Santa Claus!



Thanks for being an important part of our year. Your friendship and support have made 2015 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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Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I help my mom and dad. I have been good. I will leave you milk and cookies for you. Give the dog some toys. For Christmas can I have NHL 16?

From, Rylan

Dear Santa,

My name is Eryian. I am in grade 2. I do writing. How are your reindeer? I would like a new Mario game and a lego spider-man kit. I would like a new dinosaur that opens his tail.

From Eryian

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan. My favourite thing to do is hockey. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will leave the reindeer carrots.

From Ethan

Dear Santa,

I hope I have been good and I want to leave cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. What I want for Christmas is Shopkins and a small chalkboard and a little teddy. I would also like a small agenda.

From Danielle

Grade 2A class from E.R.W.B.B.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ella. I just moved to Stonewall from Winnipeg. Thank you for the letter and the letter and the letter and the elf in our classroom. I have the best teacher ever! Her name is Ms. Palmer. I am 7. I have a sister. She is 5 years old. I want a real purse. I want a purse because I have no purses. With the purse can I have stuff to put in it, please?

Merry Christmas! Ella

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew and I'm 7 years old. For Chirstmas I would like Skylander Superchargers. My teacher is the best, no one can replace her! Santa, how old are you? How do you make your reindeer fly? My teacher's name is Ms. Palmer. I like playing hockey. I am in Novice.

Your friend, Matthew

Dear Santa,

My name is Aiden. I am a great hockey player. What is your favorite color? (red, green, white, or gold). What I would like for Chirstmas is Super Mario Maker. What would you like? I am in Grade 2. I am 7. What toys are you making?

Happy Holidays, Love Aiden

Dear Santa,

Love Addison

My name is Addison and I am seven years old. What is your favourite colour? Does Rudolph actually have a red nose? One think I want is shopkins. Thank-you for my elf Stella. How many elves do you have? Merry Christmas,

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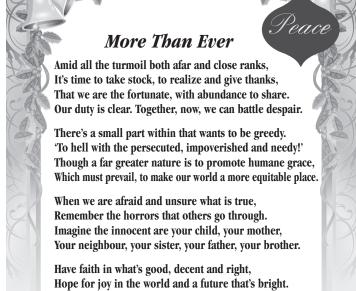
May this season of miracles bring you and yours much happiness and many wonderful memories. Thanks for stopping by the shop in 2015. We appreciate it, and have enjoyed our many chats with friends - old and new!

Merry Christmas!

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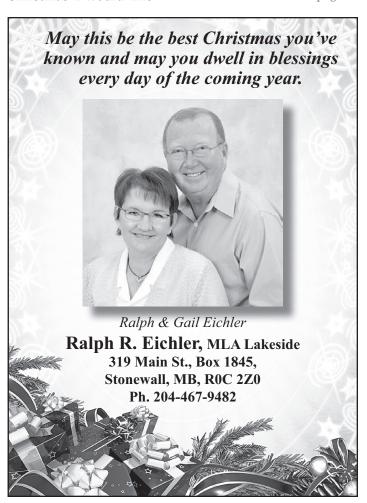
Search your heart, look inside and no doubt you will find,

A desperate wish of peace and goodwill toward all humankind.

Kelly, Kalyn, Robin, Paul, Dan, Carla, Terry, Steve, Kevin, Sandy, Mike & Jeff

We will be closed December 24th to January 3rd.







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Dear Santa,

My name is Mikayla and I like Shopkins. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like some Littlest Pet Shop Pets with accessories. Do you actually have magical corn for your reindeer to fly? Your friend, Mikayla

Dear Santa,

My name is Sean and I'm 7 years old and I'm in Grade 2! Thanks for the elf and the letter! My teacher is the best teacher in the world! Do you sleep all year long? I wish every body has a good life. For Christmas I would like a remote control helicopter?

Your friend, Sean

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan. My favorite food is hot dogs. I have been good!!! What I would like is an Xbox. Do you grow plants? Three more things I want is a Zoomer kitty, and a Zoomer Chomplingz and a helicopter with a camera. I am 7 years old. I am in Grade two. How old are you?

Your friend, Ethan

Dear Santa,

I am in Grade two. My teacher is Ms. Palmer. My name is Taylor. What I really want for christmas is a Zoomer Kitty. I have a twin sister. Her name is Alexa and she is seven too. I hope I get a lot of presents. My sister wants a rainbow sparkle bunny.

Happy Holidays, Taylor

Dear Santa,

My name is Levi. For Chirstmas I want a real hockey net for a puck. I am in Grade 2! Our teacher is awesome! She is the best ever in Grade 2! I have been good this year. I am seven years old. My birthday is March 20th. How many houses do you deliver to? Thank you for the elf, Snow Flake. Did you know we named him Snowflake?

Love your friend, Levi

Dear Santa,

My name is Derrick and I am 7. What I want the most is a Zoomer Chomplingz. How do you make magic so the reindeer can fly? My sister wants a Frozen doll.

Love, Derrick

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryan. For Christmas

I want a new bed. My sister wants a cupcake maker. Santa, how do you know when it is Christmas time? I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,

My name is Pheonix. How do you make the magic corn? Santa, how many elves do you have? Santa, what I want for Christmas is a Zoomer Kitty. My sister wants an Olaf that can sing. Love,

Pheonix

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia. I have not been good, I have been bad. Do the elves get to go to have a vacation? I want an Elf on the Shelf name Snowflake. Can it be a girl? Is it cold in the North Pole? My sister wants an Elsa and Anna doll that can sing and talk.

Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,

My name is Landon and I take care of sick family members in my family a lot. This year I have been very helpful. What I want the most is a Librarian Villager plush toy. My cat is tearing my monkey you got me for my first Christmas. Do you get a vacation?

Happy holidays, Landon

Dear Santa,

My name is Alexa. I have a twin, her name is Taylor. Do you have a twin? Our elf is not out. When will he be here? The only think I want for christmas is Shopkins. I am seven years old. I have a very, very, very nice teacher. I wish that people would stop littering.

Love, Alexa

Dear Santa,

My name is Essence. I am in Grade 2. For Christmas I want an American Girl doll. My teacher is the best teacher in the world! She is Ms. Palmer. How do you get down chimneys? My brother wants a little train from Red Apple.

Your friend, Essence

Dear Santa,

Do you like chicken? I do. Do the Miser Brothers exist? I want super mario for the nintendo entertaiment system. I like to draw mario. You should take a diet. I always leave carrots for Rudolph and the deer.

Your friend, Logan

Dear Santa,

My name is Owen. I have been very good. I am in Grade 2. For Christmas I want a Spider man and Yenom Lego books. I like Lego a lot. My teacher is the best teacher in the World! I love Christmas!

Merry Christmas, Owen

Dear Santa,

My name is Hunter. I am taught by Ms. Palmer in Grade 2. There is some thing I want to tell you. The present I want the most is a Zombie Robber Set. How can you make toys with your elves. PS How do you survive in the North Pole?

Your friend, Hunter

Generous donations at Korner Kutz



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The gals at Korner Kutz have collected generous donations from the community for Osborne House. Back row, left to right: Nicole Gorman. Randi Thomson, Brooke Beckett, Brenna Davis with Tannis Thomson in front.

By Jennifer McFee

The community showed its generosity once again through a fundraiser hosted by Korner Kutz.

The Stonewall-based spa and salon collected donations of women's products for Osborne House, which provides services for women and children who are experiencing domestic abuse.

They also collected hats, mitts and

toiletries, and customers received a \$5 discount if they brought in five non-perishable food items.

Best of all, Korner Kutz collected more than \$880 in cash donations — far exceeding last year's fundraising total of \$500. The Red Hatters helped to achieve them to surpass their goal by donating \$10 each for a total contribution of \$300.

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Midget Lightning lose pair last weekend

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning will be looking to play the role of Grinch this weekend.

Interlake will wrap up its schedule for December with a road game against the Central Plains Capitals this Friday (8 p.m.) in Portage la Prairie and then the Lightning will host the Winnipeg Thrashers on Saturday (1 p.m.).

The Lightning has struggled recently with just one win in its last 11 games. Last weekend, Interlake lost games to two very good teams in Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action.

The Lightning started the weekend with a real solid effort in a 5-3 loss to the first-place Eastman Selects.

Tied at 3-3 in the third period, Eastman snapped the tie with a pair of goals 5:07 apart late in the game.

Jackson Kicenko and Sean Loutit

scored first-period goals for the Lightning while Jordan Woytowich tallied late in the second. Two of those goals came with the man advantage.

Garrett Armistead, Matt Osadick, Vaughn Dupre, Kolten Kanaski and Brad Goethals scored for Eastman. Goethals leads the league in scoring with 27 goals and 43 points through 26 games.

On Sunday, the Interlake was toppled 9-1 by the Winnipeg Thrashers.

Kicenko scored the Lightning's lone goal unassisted just 4:35 into the con-

Dylan Burton had a hat trick for the winners while St. Andrews' Carter Barley scored twice and had two assists. Dawson McKenzie, who also had four assists, Kyle Wiltshire, Eric Lavoie and Nate Hooper added sin-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lightning's Jackson Kicenko scored his team's lone goal against the Winnipeg Thrashers Sunday afternoon.

Stonewall's Bantam teams medal at home tourney



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Blues Bantam A team captured the gold medal after defeating Carman 9-5 in the championship game. Stonewall was undefeated during the tournament. Pictured left to right, back row: Curtis McClintock, Kent Klimpke (coaches), Hunter Olson, Cody McMillan, Joshua Bracken, Ryland Gard, Lucas Singh, Dylan Stocki, Kyle Melo, Noah Bracken, Blake McClintock, Cory Woods (coach); middle row Adrian Klimpke, Matthieu Meier, Rhett Woods, Brendon Poirier; goalies Gavin Love and Chris Fines.



The Stonewall Blues Bantam B team captured the bronze medal after defeating the Springfield Ice Hawks 8-1 at the Stonewall Bantam tournament last weekend. Pictured back row, left to right: Darren Thiessen (assistant coach), Mike Sagriff (head coach), Dasek Sobkow, Chase Littlepage, Colby Thiessen, Gio Cuilla, Tyson Oughton, Jack McAuley, Josh Smith, Liam Proven, Kyle LaFleche, Reis Wasmuth, Eric Erickson (assistant coach); front row Aiden Erickson, Dylan Labossiere, Graeme Bytheway. Missing from the photo are Torin Hoffman and Max Roche.

Saints, Wildcats play well at Steinbach tourney

By Brian Bowman

The Teulon Saints varsity girls' basketball team won the consolation side of the Steinbach Christian Invitational last weekend.

In the B-side final, Teulon defeated Rosenort 45-35. The Saints were paced by Kyra Wiebe and Kailen Ledochowski with 15 points apiece.

Ledochowski was selected a tournament all star.

The Saints lost their opening game 74-21to Neepawa but bounced back nicely to defeat the Mennonite Collegiate Blues from Gretna 35-32. Christine Kilpatrick had a team-high 17 points for Teulon.

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats also had a great performance at the tournament, finishing in third place after a 41-29 victory over the Morris Maver-

Warren started tournament play with a dominating 43-22 win over Mennonite Collegiate and then the Wildcats lost 43-29 to the Neepawa Tigers.

Warren's Kristen Olsen was selected to the all-star

The Souris Sabres won the tournament title after defeating Neepawa 57-40.



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Pictured, left to right, are Kaila Ledochowski, Ale Mejicanos, Kailen Ledochowski, Christine Kilpatrick, Katrina Carter, Aubrie Park, Samantha Morin, Tiegan Smith, Julee Yankech, Jolene Hancox, Ross Ledochowski, and Kyra Wiebe.

Jets earn weekend split

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets had an opportunity to see both best and worst that the Manitoba Junior Hockey League has to offer last weekend.

Stonewall started the weekend with a 7-1 home loss to the first-place Pembina Valley Twisters on Friday and then rebounded to defeat the last-place Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins 7-2 on Sunday.

On Sunday, the Jets led 3-2 early in the third period before they took the game over with four straight goals, the last two coming from Bryce Stovin.

Adam Blight and Robert Smith gave Stonewall a 2-0 first-period lead and then Sam Mandryk tallied in the second.

Ryan Miskiewicz and Eric Swanson also scored for the Jets in the third.

Ian Gawletz and Harley Hussey replied for the Twins.

Hunter Ploszay made 44 saves for the win. He now has a 6-4 record with a 3.55 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage.

In Friday's loss, Pembina Valley grabbed a 3-0 lead just 7:31 into the game. The Twisters added a goal in the second period and then three more in the third.

Fraser Mirrlees had three of those goals to go along with an assist while Mark Klassen (two), Eric Lebrun, and Troy Lehman also scored for the Twisters.

Miskiewicz scored for the Jets midway in the second period, assisted by Swanson and Branden Meier.

Pembina Valley outshot Stonewall 46-31. With the split last weekend, Stonewall now has a 13-10-1 record and 27 points to sit in a tie for fifth place with the St. James Canucks in the 10-team league. The Jets do have a game in hand on the Canucks, however.

The Jets will host the St. Vital Victorias on Friday and then will visit St. James Sunday to close out their schedule before the holidays.

Both games have 7:30 start times.

Wildcats playing tight games in December

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats have been playing a lot of close games lately.

The problem, however, is that they are not winning those games.

Warren lost yet another close game on Dec. 8, finishing on the losing end of a 3-2 decision to the Linden Christian Wings.

Ethan Fairlie scored late in the first period for Warren while Bryce Allary tallied in the third. Joseph Mali and Ben Kirton scored first-period goals for Linden Christian. Kirton later scored in the second period.

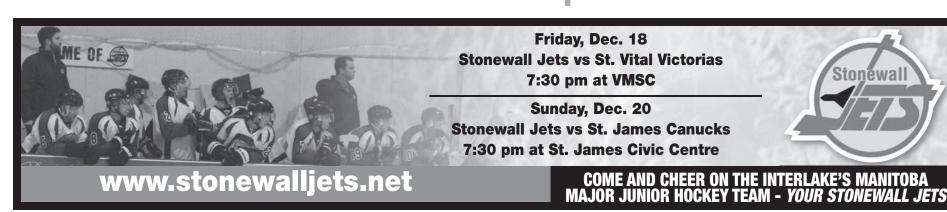
Warren hosted Fort Richmond this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Stonewall Collegiate Rams were also in action last week, losing 7-0 to the Oak Park Raiders on Dec. 9.

Oak Park scored twice in the second period and then broke the game wide open with five goals in the third.

Cameron Petras, Tyler Dansereau and Marcus Sekundiak each scored twice for Oak Park. Charlie Ringland potted the Raiders' other goal.

Stonewall hosted Vincent Massey yesterday (no score was available) and then the Rams will battle first-place St. Paul's today at Keith Bodley Arena in Winnipeg. Game time is 3:30



Stonewall flies atop MSHL standings

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Flyers won a pair of road games last weekend and were rewarded with sole possession of first place in the Manitoba Senior Hockey League standings.

Stonewall defeated the Wolves 6-5 in Gimli on Friday and then outscored the Lac du Bonnet Blues 7-4 Saturday evening.

Stonewall scored all seven of its goals against Lac du Bonnet in the second period. Matt Varnes scored three of those goals while Brett Harvie had a pair. Cale McBride and Brock Couch each had a goal and two assists in the period.

Brad Bruchanski scored in the first period for the Blues while Tim Rollins tallied in the second. Brent Wold and Steve Later scored goals just 43 seconds apart midway in the third.

Bretton Fewchuk earned the win in goal.

In the victory over Gimli, the Flyers had a strong third period, scoring four goals in a 10:09 span.

Ryan Elliot scored three of those goals, including the game winner at 12:04 of the third.

But it was Gimli that looked good early, however, as the Wolves took a 4-1 lead by the 15:27 mark of the opening period.

Former Selkirk Steeler Chris de la Lande scored twice for the Wolves while Ryan Seekings and Jared Morris also tallied.

Matt Varnes scored a power-play goal for the Flyers in the first period and then Dale McClintock tallied with the man advantage in the middle frame

Varnes is currently second in the MSHL in scoring with 11 goals and 19 points in just six games. He trails only Beausejour's Chris Stelmack (13-12-25), who is fresh off scoring a leaguerecord 10 goals and two assists in a 13-1 win over the Lakeside Phantoms last Saturday.

Connor Appleyard and Elliot, with two goals in just 16 seconds, gave Stonewall a 5-4 lead early in the third period. Gimli's Trent Genyk then tied the score at 7:59 of the period.

Justin Harris was the winning goalie. Stonewall (5-1) will host the last-place Phantoms (0-5) this Saturday at 8 p.m.

In South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League play, the Warren Mercs lost a pair of games last weekend.

On Saturday, the Mercs were edged 5-4 in overtime in Warren.

Justin Dalebozik scored the game winner at 3:06 of OT. Warren's Bryn Lindsay had tied the score at 4-4 with



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The Flyers' Ryan Elliot scored on the penalty shot during Stonewall's 6-5 victory over the Gimli Wolves last Friday.

a shorthanded goal at 4:19 of the third period.

Clifford Ketchen and Lindsay scored for the Mercs in the first period and then Brenden Luschinski tallied early in the middle frame.

Steve Clark (two), Brian Michiels, and Mitch Chanel scored the Hawks' other goals.

On Sunday, the Mercs were defeated 8-3 by an improving Portage Islanders' team.

Jared Walker had two goals for War-

ren and Wade Duncan added a marker late in the third.

Anders Strome (three), Eric Delong (two), Doug Lawrence (two) and Jeremy Brooks scored for Portage.

Warren (1-5-1) is back in action this Friday when it hosts the first-place Carman Beavers (7-1). On Saturday, the Mercs will travel to Morden to play the Redskins (6-3).

Warren will then play at Carman on Dec. 29. All three games will have 8 p.m. start times.

Atom tourney finalists



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Stonewall's Atom team were the A-side finalists at the Ile des Chenes tournament on Dec. 5 and 6. Stonewall defeating Ile des Chenes 5-0 and Brandon 6-1 and lost to Carman 5-3 in the round robin. Pictured left to right, back row: Todd Faragher, Damon Willey, Liam Wheddon (coaches); middle row Matthew Meyers, Bryce Meyers, Nathan Willey, Landon Godin, Hayden Faragher, Alex Evans, Hayden Wheddon, Ryder Bassett; front row Nic Leclair, Evan Grandmont, Brody Kopys, Dylan Leclair, Russell Watts, Dylan Holod and Dexter Sigurdsson.

Midgets bring home gold



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The Teulon/Arborg team went home with gold medals after defeating Mitchell 4-2 in the final game at the Morris Midget hockey tournament earlier this month. The boys fell to Steinbach 6-3 in the first game of the tournament but went on to defeat St. Boniface 6-2, Ste. Rose 8-1 and Gimli 3-1 before winning the championship game.

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- Conduct sectorial analysis to determine economic opportunities for the R. M. of Woodlands

3. Liaison

- Maintain active contacts with the relevant agencies at all levels of governments
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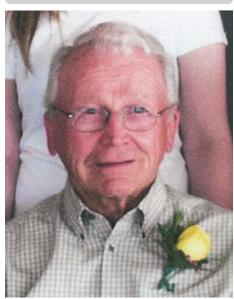
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And how things just aren't the same.
There's this dull and nagging heartache,
When someone speaks your name.
Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you,
Just silent tears that fall.
For this time of year without you,
Is the hardest time of all.
-Lovingly remembered,
Bruce, Rachelle, Brad, Blair and Cara

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IN MEMORIAM



Gord Harris
September 10, 1957 - December 19, 2011
Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the voice we loved to hear.
As it dawns another year,
Thoughts of you are always near.
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In Loving Memory Matthew MacIntyre

December 18, 1984 – September 6, 2012 Memories are timeless treasures of the heart. Matthew gave us all the gift of loving memories. We hold you forever close in our hearts Matthew,

Loved dearly and so sadly missed.

December 18, 2015 Matthew would be 31 years old.

-Loved forever and always Mom, Dad, Tracey, family and friends

OBITUAR

William Phillip Peltz (Bill)

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of William Phillip Peltz (Bill).

Bill was born in Winnipeg, MB on February 20, 1963; the second son of Ed and Mina Peltz. Bill was raised in Warren, MB along with his brothers Mark and Robert and sister Nicole. Bill lost his brother and dear friend Robert in 1983. Bill attended Warren Collegiate and graduated in 1981 and began working for MB Hydro shortly after graduation. Bill continued with Hydro for 13 years and then ventured out on his own to start up a top soil and landscaping business. Bill married the love of his life Tracey Watson in 1986 and had two beautiful children, Ashley and Keegan who were the love of his life. In 2006 Bill and family moved to Crooked Creek, AB where they resided for eight years. In 2013 Bill and Tracey packed up their belongings and with the children out on their own they

headed west, to warmer weather. Bill loved White Rock and its mild temperatures and found solitude in being by the ocean. Bill became a very proud grandpa of Lachlan Kace Anderson (son of Ashley and Derek) on February 16, 2014. Bill was someone who loved life and brought joy to those around him. He had the gift of the gab and was always there to put a smile on the faces of people he knew. Bill will be dearly missed but the memories will never fade.

Bill leaves behind his wife Tracey; daughter Ashley (Derek), son Keegan (Ashley), grandson Lachlan Kace, beloved son of Ed and Mina, brother Mark (Lisa), nephews Jason and Ryan, sister Nicole (Ben), niece Robyn and nephews Ray, Wayne and Rylan. Bill's in-laws, George and Pat Watson, brothers-in-law Rob (Laura), niece Chloe and nephew Calum, Geordie (Fil), nephew Jordan and brother-in-law Jason, aunts, uncles and cousins. Last not but least Bill's loyal companions Sadie, Copper, Diesel, and Hughie.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Warren Memorial Hall in Warren, MB on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority/Crisis Stabilization Unit, 233A Main St, Selkirk, MB, R1A 1S1.

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Margaret Ellen Parkinson

Peacefully, on the evening of December 8, 2015, Margaret Parkinson passed away at Seven Oaks Hospital, in Winnipeg at the age of 87.

Born in Regina on November 3, 1928 to Arthur and Mabel Jordan, she grew up in a loving and happy home with her brother Stuart whom she absolutely adored. In her youth she had a passion for all kinds of dance and took lessons for many years. She had many fond memories of summer outings at Regina Beach with family and friends.

After completing high school she was employed with Sears, and it was at a dance in Regina that she met the love of her life, Alfred (Alf) Parkinson. They were married on June 4, 1955, and as a result of Alf being a bank manager for CIBC, they were transferred to different branches before finally settling in

Winnipeg for the last thirty-eight years. Along the way she created lifelong friendships with people from the Fisher Branch, Winkler, and Stonewall communities. Theirs was an active social life!

Marg was content and fulfilled in her role as family homemaker and unconditionally loved her three children. She had a very close relationship with them and no topic was off limits. As a family they took many camping trips throughout Canada and the U.S. and have wonderful memories of them. She adored and loved her 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter and took great interest in their lives. She was a devoted daughter to her mother, and cared for her in her home for the last 10 years of her mother's life. Marg enjoyed gardening, sewing, and knitting sweaters for her grandchildren. She loved nature and the outdoors and with Alf she enjoyed many boating and fishing excursions. Oak Hammock Marsh was a special place for her.

It was only recently, on October 1, that they sold their house in Winnipeg and moved into Lions Manor in Stonewall.

Leaving to mourn her passing is her beloved husband of 60 years, Alfred; her son Brian Parkinson (Barb) and grandchildren Kayla and Micah; her daughter Sandra Nitzsche (Bill) and grandchildren Spencer, Mallory, Erin (Brandon and great-granddaughter Heidi), and Kirsten; her daughter Shelley Matheson (George) and grandchildren Graeme (Kylie), Madeline, Austin, and Hannah; as well as many nieces, nephews, and in laws. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother.

A memorial service for family members is planned for late December.

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OBITUARY

Margaret Rose Hubbard 1941 - 2015

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Margaret on December 10, at the age of 74 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Shirley Dyck (Norman) of St. Albert; nephew, Peter Dyck of St. Albert; niece, Karen Stephenson (Alan) and great-nephews: Owen and Luke of Sherwood Park; sister-in-law, Hazel Hubbard of Winnipeg, Manitoba; nephew, Sean Hubbard (Karen) and great-nephews: Thomas and Adam; and great-niece, Sarah of Trenton, Ontario; niece, Kristine Thorlakson (lan); and great-nephew, Bennett; and great-nieces: Elsbeth and Signey of Winnipeg, Manitoba; cousins: Robert and Sharon. Margaret will be missed by her friends at the Mission Hill Village Condominium in St. Albert. Her nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces will miss their

Auntie Margaret.

Margaret was born in Stonewall, Manitoba and at the age of 11 years moved to Winnipeg with her parents, brother and sister. She loved school and joined in many activities, including the Technical-Vocational High School band, playing the piccolo. Upon leaving school, Margaret enjoyed employment at Guaranty Trust Company and Grace Construction, retiring to caregive in 2001 for her mother.

Margaret was predeceased by her mother, Rose (July 2008); father, Thomas (1982); and brother, Jack (June 2008).

Cremation took place and at Margaret's request, her final resting place will be Stonewall, Manitoba, where a grave-side celebration of her life will be held July 2016. Notification will be published therewith.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Heart & Stroke Foundation in the area of your residence.

The family wishes to send a special thank-you to the staff of Sturgeon Hospital, the St. Albert paramedics and the Tudor Glen Medicentre. Your efforts were truly appreciated and will be remembered.

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2 tsp (10 mL) fresh rosemary, finely

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3(1.4 oz / 40 g) paper thin slices of prosciutto (Italian ham)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C).

Cut each date in half, length-wise, for a total of 20 halves. Remove the

In a small bowl mix the goat cheese with the rosemary. Fill each date half with ¼ tsp (1 mL) of the goat cheese mixture.

Cut prosciutto in long thin ribbons, about 1/3 of an inch (1 cm) wide. Wrap 1 ribbon around each date and place in an oven proof dish. Makeahead: prepared dates can be made 1 day in advance and stored in the fridge. Heat just before serving.

Bake for 20 minutes just to warm. Serve. Use extra fresh rosemary to garnish the plate.

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tually be good for you - if it's done right. Not only can it give you an opportunity to sneak extra nutrients into your daily dietary regimen, but it can also serve as a bridge from one meal to the next, which can help you avoid overeating. The key is to plan out your snacks ahead of time, rather than grabbing something spontaneously. The best snacks contain plenty of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and/or phytochemicals, and they consist of a reasonable portion. In other words, they should be measured out and eaten from a bowl or a dish, not from a box or bag. The following snacks can be consumed alone or in combination. Bon appetit!

• Fresh fruit, alone or dipped in nonfat yogurt or with unsalted peanut butter or low-fat string cheese

- Brown rice cakes spread with nut butter
- Cut fresh vegetables (baby carrots, celery, snap peas, bell peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini) with salsa, hummus, or a nonfat bean dip
- Whole-grain pretzels or low-salt crackers
- Cry whole-grain cereal
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- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 cup canned Dole Pineapple Juice 1/4 cup water
- 1 package (5.6 ounces) toasted pine nut couscous mix
- 11/2 cups Dole Frozen Mango Chunks, thawed
- 1/3 cup green onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons black sesame seeds

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Preparation

Combine Jamaican seasoning and curry powder in small bowl.

Place each chicken breast between 2 sheets of plastic wrap and pound (with meat mallet) to 1/4-inch thickness. Remove wrap. Brush both sides of chicken pieces with 1 tablespoon oil and sprinkle both sides with curry mixture.

Cook chicken in oil over mediumhigh heat, 3 to 4 minutes per side or until brown and no longer pink in

Meanwhile, stir together juice, water and pine nut seasoning mixture from package in medium saucepan; bring to boil. Stir in couscous; remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork. Stir in mango chunks, green onions and lime juice.

Cut chicken in 1/2-inch slices and serve over couscous mixture. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Serves 4

Ingredients 6 cups Honey Nut Cheerios cereal 6 tablespoons butter or margarine 4 1/2 cups

miniature marshmallows

Betty Crocker green gel food color Betty Crocker red cinnamon decors or sliced gumdrops

Preparation

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. Pour cereal into 4-quart bowl. Set bowl aside.

Place butter and marshmallows in 3-quart saucepan. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth. Remove saucepan from heat.

Cheerios Christmas Trees

Stir in food color until mixture is evenly colored. Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal and stir until cereal is evenly coated.

Lightly spray hands with cooking spray. For each tree, shape about 1/4 cup of cereal mixture into tree shape on cookie sheet.

Press candies into trees to decorate. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store trees in loosely covered container.

Note: Personalize trees using decorator icing (from 4.25-ounce tube) and use as place cards. Use icing to add garland.

Preparation Time 45 minutes Total Time 1 hour, 45 minutes Serves 18





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