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TransCanada Pipeline students Savannah and Keith assist with the release of a rehabilitated snowy owl at Oak Hammock Marsh on Dec. 12.

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Snowy owl takes flight

By Jo-Anne Procter

It was another successful release into the wild for the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre.

On Dec. 12, a rehabilitated female snowy owl took flight at Oak Hammock Marsh with onlookers cheering.

The snowy owl had been found in Gillam, starving and dehydrated, and was flown to the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre in October.

Judy Robertson, volunteer president of the rehabilitation centre, told the *Tribune* that the snowy was nursed back to health and put in a fly-away pen to build up her muscles to prepare for her release.

"We like to get them out where they should be and this (Oak Hammock Marsh) is a perfect habitat. There's lots of mice at the marsh and she won't have to look too hard for food."

Robertson explained that the marsh is ideal, as snowy owls don't need trees. The tundra doesn't have a lot of trees and they will stay on the ground quite happily.

for several reasons, such as lack of food or lack of territory. Most owls that are taken to the centre have been in some sort of vehicle collision.

"Unfortunately they often die within 24 to 48 hours," she said.

This year, the rehabilitation centre received 15 owls, most succumbing to their injuries. Currently there is one in care, preparing for release.

The Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre has been rehabilitating injured, sick and orphaned wildlife for their return to the wild since 1984. They are a volunteer-driven, registered charity that has cared for over 35,000 wildlife that plays a vital role in the ecological and biological processes that are essential to life itself. They rehabilitate wildlife and educate the public about the awareness, appreciation and peaceful coexistence with wildlife.

For more information on the rehabilitation centre, visit to www.wild-lifehaven.ca.



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Oak Hammock Marsh was an ideal location to release a rehabilitated snowy owl on Dec. 12. During winter in Southern Canada, Snowy Owls inhabit prairies, marshes and open fields.











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Another three-digit birthday for Inwood's centenarian

By Natasha Tersigni

Her recipe of hard work and perseverance has certainly paid off for Inwood resident Stella Monaster. Surrounded by many family and friends, Stella rang in her 104th birthday on

Joyce Olsen, who employed Stella for 20 years at her Inwood General Store, made the trip from Winnipeg to Teulon to be at the birthday party.

"Stella is just a wonderful person and I couldn't ask for someone better. We were such good friends as well. She could do everything and she did it so well. From baking, to gardening, everything she touched was just amazing," said Joyce.

"I can't praise Stella enough. She was a hard worker and gave so much back to her community."

Stella grew up on a farm in Fisher Branch with her parents and two brothers John and Donald. When she was 15, she was eager to find a paying job so she took a train to Inwood to work at the Hillside Hotel where she served, cleaned and worked in the kitchen for four and half years.

She met her husband Harry, and the pair moved to a farm near Inwood where they raised chickens and cows and boarded local school teachers. Just three years into the marriage, Harry died due to injuries he sustained in a farm accident.

Stella remained on the farm, and through a friend she was introduced to Steve Monaster. It took some courting, which included Steve having to walk 15 miles to Stella's farm just to see her, but the pair was married in 1940. Together, they farmed, boarded school teachers — an estimated 19

teachers staved at the farm over the years — and raised two children, Randy and Kathy.

After her children were grown and teachers were no longer boarded in the community, Stella took a job in Inwood at Olsen's grocery store. After working there for 19 years, Stella retired at the age of 71. She and Steve sold the farm and moved into town.

In 1980, Stella and Steve celebrated their 40th anniversary. In 1987, Steve passed away, leaving Stella a widow once again.

In her later years, Stella never let her age stop her from doing what she loved. She curled until she was 84 vears old. She remained at her home in Inwood until she was 101 and then moved to Teulon's Goodwin Personal Care Home where she lives today.

Her secret to making it through it all these years is simple: "Work as hard as a horse."



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Inwood resident Stella Monaster, who now lives in Teulon's Goodwin Lodge Personal Care Home, celebrated her 104th birthday on Dec. 18.



Family and friends came out to Teulon to celebrate Stella Monaster's 104th birthday.

Plenty of ways to ring in 2018

By Natasha Tersigni

If 2017 wasn't really your cup of tea, don't worry — 2018 is just days away. To start the new year off right, there are plenty of local activities and events to take part in throughout the community.

Festivities in Stonewall begin early in the day on Dec. 31 at Stonewall's Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre where staff are hosting the centre's annual Family New Year's. Running from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., activities include children's crafts and games, face painting, a photo booth and hayrides from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5

per person and there will be refreshments sold at the canteen.

If evening parties are more up your alley, there are a few options for you. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 is hosting their annual New Year's Eve bash on Dec. 31 in their clubroom. Doors open at 6 p.m., the band Halo Jump will be taking the stage at 8 p.m., the cover is only \$5 and a late lunch will be served.

To end off 2017, there are two events being hosted at the Meadows Community Hall.

The Rosser Central Community Club is hosting a dinner and dance at the hall on Saturday, Dec. 30. The event is a fundraiser for the community club, which is undergoing renovations to turn the facility from a curling rink into a multi-use centre complete with a new gym floor. The Italian-themed dinner is being catered by a local chef and the band Broke n' Busted will be performing for the dance portion of the evening. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased by phoning Jessica Beachell at 204-996-6663.

The following evening, Dec. 31, the Meadows Community Hall board is hosting a New Year's Eve Social.

A goal the hall board has for 2018 it is to re-establish the hall as a community meeting place and they are planning to host a variety of activities and events. To kick off the hall's new vision, organizers are hosting the social. Complete with a DJ and cash bar, the social will be held 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. with all money raised going back into the hall.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased ahead of time. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Stephanie Martens at 204-461-4602, Jodie Beauchamp 204-461-4601 or Chelsea Boonstra at 204-461-3455.

Innovative dining experience planned in Gimli

RAW:Gimli features local architecture and cuisine

Bv Ligia Braidotti

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

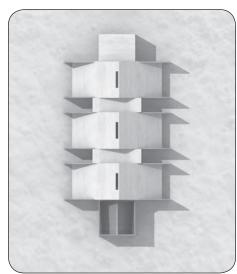
Now you can have that one-of-a-kind experience. The duo behind the Manitoba annual outdoor eating event RAW:almond is taking up the exciting challenge to host RAW:Gimli for the first time on Dec. 29 to Jan. 7. The event will open the season for Winnipeg Chef Mandel Hitzer of deer + almond and architect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

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

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

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

"I never really built on the lake. Hopefully, it's more stable than the river here in Winnipeg (the event



A sky view of the infrastructure which will be built on the frozen Lake Winnipeg.

happens on the Red River by The Forks). It's also a completely new way of building for us. We've never built a place like this one we're going to build," Kalturnyk said. "All of the material goes back into the system, so we're not wasting anything."

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

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



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CHAD CONNERY

Joe Kalturnyk and Chad Connery were inspired by the local marina architecture when creating the infrastructure that will host people in the event.

experience.

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

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

"Winnipeg has over 30 guest chefs that come to Winnipeg, including

some locals, but I don't think we're prepared for that this year in Gimli," Kalturnyk said.

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

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Fitness enthusiasts working out for a good cause

Fitness enthusiasts combined a fun workout with an important fundraiser at an event last month.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, a total of 47 participants took part in a circuit-based event held at Morfit Training Centre, raising \$1,880.75 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The completed a combined 307 round of a workout circuit made up of 10 split squat jumps on the left side and on the right side, 10 pushups, 10 mountain climbers and 10 jumping jacks.

The event marked the second AMRAP (As Many Rounds As Possible) for Life fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Former Stonewall resident Brent Lohmer owns and operates Fitness Revolution St. Boniface, which organized the event.

"The participants completed as many rounds as possible of a five-exercise sequence in five minutes. They then rested for about five minutes as their partner went, and then they went again," he explained.

"So everyone did two rounds of five minutes. For every round that the participants completed, we (Fitness Revolution St. Boniface) donated an extra \$0.25 to the cause."

This year, the funds raised will go towards the Canadian Cancer Society's Glioblastoma divi-

"We decided to support Canadian Cancer Society because of our friend Troy Woods and his involvement with the organization and even his own battle with leukemia. In addition, we lost our Uncle Charlie Cooke to his battle against cancer in 2015. We also lost our cousin Jenny Pusiewich to the disease that same year," he said.

"We also have some close family and friends battling with the disease today. We have all been affected in some way by cancer and we wanted to do something about it."

Since they had such a positive experience with the Canadian Cancer Society in the past, they

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Society.

wanted to work with the organization again this

"Just like last year, we wanted to support an organization that we believed in and that our friends and family had been involved in," Lohm-

"Also, we wanted to support an organization where we knew the money was being used directly for supporting the fight against the dis-

Lohmer extends gratitude to everyone who made the event possible.

"We just wanted to send out a huge thanks to everyone that came out and participated and to everyone that donated. The support has been outstanding. It blows my mind how generous people are. Also, we wanted to thank White Lion Athletics, Freshii Downtown and Rob Reimer of Piston Ring Auto Service for donating such awesome prizes," he said.

"We would be remiss if we did not thank Stu and Tom and the crew at Morfit Training Centre for putting up with all the noise, hooping and hollering in the studio. Thanks to DJ Tony Letkeman for laying down some fat beats for the event. I've always wanted to have a workout with a live DJ, so this event was kind of a dream come true. Thank you to James Perrini for coaching and setting up for the event."

Lohmer also added one more important person that he's grateful for.

"And, of course, thank you to my beautiful wife, Meaghan, for counting rounds, taking pics, taking registrations and managing my sanity during the event," he said.

"You guys would not want to come to an event if it was just me running it ... yikes."

Lohmer said they are already looking forward to next year's event, slated for September 2018. He noted that the location and staff were phe-

nomenal at Morfit Training Centre, but they might need a little more space next year.

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The tale of the one that got away

Hello my friends. Thanks for stopping by.

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

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Jeff Mell and his daughter Hallie of Petersfield who had been a mile off shore on the south west side of Lake Winnipeg. Although they



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Hallie Mell with one of her catch from the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

didn't have a fishing experience to share, Hallie was nice enough to hold up one of their catch for us to admire. Jeff said the afternoon had gone really well in that they fished on two feet of ice and caught enough for supper. A little further north of Jeff and Hallie, I came across a young tall guy, Tanner Bilcowski, who was setting up a portable ice shack with his friends from Sandy Hook. When I asked if he had a fishing story for us, he said a while back he was fishing with friends in a hard wall shack on a small lake by Minnedosa. They had made a couple of holes outside and set the tip-ups but got into some good food and playing cards. It was a warm sunny afternoon and Tanner sitting by a window noticed one of the tip-ups taking a nosedive into the ice hole's water. He jumped up, blasting through the door

into the water. Well, they still had one rod at play, so they went back to their cards. Again, soon, Tanner saw the last rod shuddering. This time he was faster. Like lightening, he tore out there and grabbed the rod. On his knees, he reeled up triumphantly as a nice pickerel burst from the water — with the line of the first rod in the side of its mouth! In no time, they were back fishing with two rods!

Lastly, this week I met this boisterous, fun-loving gal, Jaime Podolsky, and her hubby, Micheal, on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. She loved to talk, saying that they always start their winter fishing here because the ice always gets thicker faster. Although she didn't have a winter story, she remembered not long ago when she was fishing on the Red she caught a catfish. After reeling it in and landing the fish, the baited hook literally fell out of the cat's mouth. Jaime put her gear aside so she could release the fish but soon heard a squawking behind her. She turned to see a pelican clumsily trying to get the minnow on the hook into its beak. Jaime jumped up, flailing her arms trying to scare the bird off, but somehow it managed to snap up the minnow along with the hook, line and rod! Jaime was furious and as the bird flew over the water but along the shore. Little Miss Energetic went tearing after it on the muddy bank, yelling at the top of her lungs, "You let my rod go!" But as the bird flew farther away, she saw her fishing gear fall from the bird to the river. "That was over \$100 worth of gear, Old Red," she muttered to herself."I hope you enjoy it!"

See you all in the New Year,. Bye for







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Balmoral residents are swept by snow angels

By Natasha Tersigni

To learn the value of community service, My Voice students at Balmoral School are dedicating are spending a few mornings a week before school helping to make the lives of local seniors a little bit easier.

Dubbed the Snow Angels, Grade 5-8 students in the school's My Voice group have been eagerly sweeping and shoveling snow off of residents' vehicles at Spruce Wood Place each morning following a fresh snowfall.

The initiative was started by Balmoral School teacher Kim Deline.

who wanted to find a way for the students to become more connected to their community. Deline meets the school bus with hands full of shovels and car brushes, and she walks with eager volunteers to clean the snow at the residence across the street from the school.

"I was looking for a way to get the students more involved in the community. I met a tenant from Spruce Wood Place who told me about how in the winter many residents have a tough time sweeping off their cars and scraping their windshields. She



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY CORRIE SARGENT

Balmoral School My Voice group students (back row) Abby, Ms. Deline, Natalie and (front row) Tasha, Hilton, Christopher, Evalyna and Nathan are involved in the new initiative, Snow Angels.





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Thanks to the creativity of Bruce Jasperson of Jasperson's Greenhouse & Landscapes and to Equinox Self-Watering Desert Planters, the Town of Stonewall will be receiving \$1,000 worth of new desert planters.

The large stunning planters placed throughout Stonewall this past summer earned first place in the national Equinox Pick a Planter Contest.

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Tasha T. and Natalie T. dust off the snow of a car parked at Spruce Wood Place.

explained that even though the parking lot is plowed, in between the cars it is actually very dangerous for them. I thought this would be an opportunity for our students to lend a hand in the community," explained Deline.

"I presented the idea to the MyVoice group and all of them were ready and willing to participate. With the number of shovels and brushes I have, I usually take over eight students after a snowfall and it takes us about 10 to 15 minutes to clean everything up and make the vehicles more accessible for the residents. When the students come back to school they are welcomed with hot chocolate."

For Grade 5 student Sage Cameron, the shovelling is a few minutes out of her day, but she understands the impact it can have on the residents.

"We shovel in between the rows of cars to the residents can easily get into their cars and they won't slip. As it can be hard for them to clean their cars, we do that as well," said Cameron.

"It is nice being able to help."

Province announces Heritage Preservation Partnership

Initiative supports heritage organizations

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COUNTED UPON

By Jeff Ward

The Manitoba government is strengthening its support for heritage organizations across the province with funding for two major capital projects and the creation of a new endowment fund for smaller organizations, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy

Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced on Dec. 19.

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

dowment pool worth up to \$15 million to support heritage projects across Manitoba.

"We are working with our heritage organizations and community foundations across the province to create stable, long-term funding to maintain these important community infrastructure assets," said Wharton.

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

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

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tage projects.

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

Endowments funds work by having a pool of money that earns interest.

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

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

Frost, CEO of The Winnipeg Foundation, which will administer the program.

Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, Cathy Cox said that her government has "heard a strong call for greater investment from our heritage organizations across Manitoba," and that these new investments are their response.

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

The province also announced up to \$20 million for two projects in Win-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Minister of Municipal Relations Jeff Wharton announced a new provincial initiative that will commit \$5 million over the next three years to help sustain and grow Manitoba museums and archives.

nipeg, which have undergone assessments to ensure they meet criteria for return on investment and value for money.

The province will contribute \$8.75 million this year to the Royal Aviation Museum as part of its \$45-million

project on Winnipeg Airport Authority property, with another \$1.25 million available next year if private donation targets are met.

province The will also contribute \$10 million over five years to the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Inuit

Art Centre, a proposed \$65-million programming hub to celebrate Inuit art and Indigenous cultures through exhibitions, research and education, and studio art and learning programs for students, including marginalized youth.







Kids learn about coding at Warren Elementary

By Jennifer McFee

Warren Elementary School hosted one of the 153,940 international events for the Hour of Code movement.

From Dec. 4 to 8, the school's coding club learned how to code using the progressive coding games provided by the Hour of Code initiative, which aims to introduce students around the world to coding.

Geared for ages four to 104, the global initiative has reached tens of millions of students in more than 180 countries with hour-long tutorials offered in more than 45 languages.

This year, 5,039 Canadian events were registered to participate in the Hour of Code, including the one at Warren Elementary School.

"We were among the over 15,000,000 students who participated this year. The week was so much fun that we are going to extend the club's original timeframe for an additional week for those who want to continue learning code," said school principal Chris Gamble.

"Our plan is to use our new coding skills in the new year to code some Lego Mindstorms Robots when we get them on loan from the school division." Then on Dec. 11, the coding club had the chance to conduct a virtual interview with coder Robin Dubreuil, who works at the Google headquarters in Capernico, Calif. Dubreuil, a former Manitoban, began coding at age 15 and has programmed more than 500 games throughout his career. Currently, he is working on machine learning as well as several apps.

The Grade 3 students in the coding club asked Dubreuil several questions. Based on his answers, they discovered that Dubreuil has been coding for about 35 years and he codes every day — five days a week at work and then two days at home.

He said that Grade 3 is the perfect time to start coding and it only takes about a year to become proficient at the skill.

"I am so pleased to see young people like you learning to code and participating in the Hour of Code," he told the Warren Elementary students.

As school principal, Gamble feels that it's important to expose students to jobs that they might not hear about very often.

"You're not likely to meet a coder unless you start really looking. You'll meet a fireman, a nurse, a teacher.



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Warren Elementary's coding club had a chance to interview a coder who works for Google.

Kids get exposed to those jobs all the time, but to get exposed to someone who actually does coding would be pretty rare. But if we have a couple of kids who are super keen about coding, it makes a difference for them," said Gamble, who met Dubreuil through a previous job in Miami, Man.

"You get kids in high school who don't know what all the jobs are and if their interest actually has some marketability. The reality is that every interest has marketability somewhere. I'm a big believer in following your passion and making a career out of it because that will make you happy."

Local organizations get a boost from Odd Fellows







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Three Stonewall community organizations received a boost in their funding last week thanks to the Stonewall Odd Fellows Lodge 49. With profits from their 4th annual charity golf tournament held in September, the Odd Fellows were able to donate \$600 each to the Interlake Food Bank, Stonewall Youth for Christ Drop-in Centre and the Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board. The Stonewall Odd Fellows Vice Grand Del Phillips presented the cheques to the organization officials on Dec. 18.

Left photo: Stonewall Odd Fellows Lodge 49 Vice Grand Del Phillips, left, presents a cheque to Karen Chaboyer of the Interlake Food Bank. Middle photo: Pam Moody, left, and Joan Fotty, right, with the Stonewall and District Cheer Board receive a cheque from Phillips. Right photo: Stonewall Youth for Christ Drop-in Centre co-ordinator Paul Emmer, right, received a cheque from Phillips.

DRINKING AND DRIVING

Think twice about getting behind the wheel after drinking You'll be glad you did

Make sure your holiday memories are happy ones.

Driving under the influence puts lives at risk

The dangers associated with impaired driving are well known. Nevertheless, every holiday season, countless drivers get behind the wheel either exhausted or under the influence of alcohol, medication or illicit drugs, putting the lives of others at risk as well as

Are you planning on hitting the bar at your holiday shindig? There's nothing wrong with having fun, as long as you don't get behind the wheel afterward! Public transportation, taxis, designated drivers — there are many ways to get home safe and sound without driving your personal vehicle. Other sensible solutions include staying the night or renting a room at a nearby hotel.



BEWARE!

Like extreme fatigue, alcohol, illegal drugs, and medication affect a person's cognitive functions and compromise their ability to drive. In addition to clouding one's judgment, these substances impair a person's concentration, coordination and reaction time.

Dispensing with myths

Even today, many false beliefs about impaired driving continue to circulate. It's about time we unveil the truth behind these misconceptions!

- I ate after I drank; therefore, it's safe to get behind the wheel. Actually, eating after a night of drinking changes absolutely nothing, as the alcohol has already entered your bloodstream. And since the effects of alcohol won't disappear with a little food in your tummy, it's definitely not safe to drive!
- Prescription drugs are a lot less dangerous than illicit drugs. Many types of prescription and over-the-counter medication can significantly compromise a person's ability to drive. Their various side effects (drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, reduced concentration, etc.) can be just as dangerous behind the wheel as those of certain illegal substances.



- Men have a higher alcohol tolerance than women. A person's sex doesn't necessarily influence their tolerance level. However, things like body weight, fatigue, medication and metabolism do.
- Police officers can't tell when someone is under the influence of drugs. False! Police officers are specially trained to evaluate someone's ability to drive in different ways — by administering a physical coordination test, for example. Furthermore, a driver can be brought in for further evaluation by a drug recognition expert at the lo-

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Curling Centre of Excellence to be developed by government

Manitoba is sliding closer to establishing an International Curling Centre of Excellence (ICCE) by selecting the committee that will help guide its development, Premier Brian Pallister and Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox announced last

"Manitoba has a reputation as a world leader in curling, and we will build on that excellence with a centre to develop and support the sport at all levels," said Pallister. "We are bringing together some of curling's best and brightest to help us develop a training ground that will nurture great talent

from at home and abroad, and inspire the next generations of curlers."

The committee will make recommendations to government on how best to establish a centre in Winnipeg. ICCE will be designed to promote curling at all levels, train and develop curlers and coaches to achieve topclass international performance, engage students from across Canada, and seek out and host international competitions. ICCE will strive to be recognized by every level of curling, the premier noted.

"We have assembled a winning team with Manitoba's top curlers, coaches and technical experts," added Cox. "We're bringing together people who are passionate about this project and truly love the sport to help us find ways to fulfil our vision of a centre that will attract curlers to Manitoba and help grow the game."

Committee membership represents 13 players, coaches and icemakers with experience ranging from grassroots to top-level international competitions. The committee will be chaired by Mark Olson, a Brier champion, international level coach and past-president of the Manitoba Curling Tour, and includes some of Manitoba and Canada's biggest names in curling including Jennifer Jones and

Connie Laliberte.

"We're excited to get started," said Olson. "Having Winnipeg and Manitoba as the home to where the international curling community can come and raise their game to the level they desire makes perfect sense to me. We're going to do our best to see that it comes to fruition, right here in the modern-day home to curling."

Among its first tasks, the committee will review similar centres in other jurisdictions and look for ways to partner with the private sector. The committee is expected to provide recommendations to government by summer 2018.

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

League

The Winnipeg Ringette League, along with corporate sponsors Boston Pizza and the Vickar Automotive Group, will be hosting its ninth-annu-

Submitted by the Winnipeg Ringette al U19 all-star games and U14 skills competition this Saturday at Seven Oaks Arena (745 Kingsbury Ave).

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

This year's event will have a very, very special cause.

On June 14, 2017, the ringette world

lost a player, Keira Bond, but not before the 11-year-old started a fund to help others with the disease.

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

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

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

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

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

Keira had such a fun-loving spirit and people were naturally drawn to her. She was compassionate beyond measure. Her love for people is what inspired her, and us, daily.

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

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

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

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Janice Rutherford 467-5612 Hwy #236 and Rockwood Road \$10/member/vear

It encompasses the needs of the three municipalities that it serves - Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Ag grounds.

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www.interlakefoundation.ca

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Teulon Women's Institute Phone 886-2216

Fee: Nominal membership may apply Motto: "Home and Country"

The TWI has approximately 14 members that work hard to raise money throughout the year to donate to local and regional charities and community projects. Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm Farview Place Teulon. New members always welcome

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Masonic Lodge #12

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Lana Knor, President 467-0740

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Ralph Sinclair 622 Centre Avenue Motto: "We Serve"

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Stonewall & District **Health Centre Ladies Auxiliary**

Marg Bond 467-8732

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Warren & District Lions

President Stu Bangle 204-322-5381 "We Serve"

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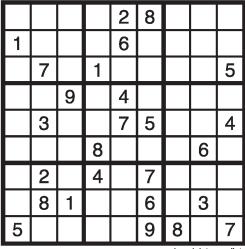
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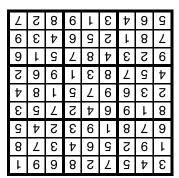


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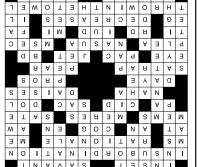
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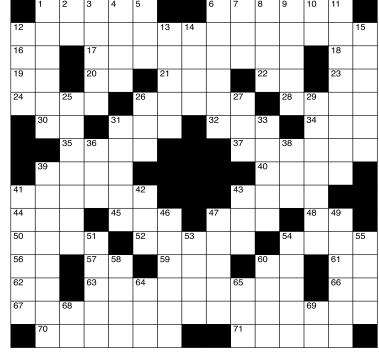


Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

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



CLUES DOWN

- 1. The arch of the foot
- 2. Canadian peninsula
- 3. Koran chapters
- _, Israeli politician 4. Abba
- 5. Youngster
- 6. Burns
- 7. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 8. Valley
- 9. Belongs to sun god
- 10. Nickel
- 11. Great in salads
- 12. Leader
- 13. Forced through a sieve
- 14. Entryway
- 15. Support pillars
- 25. Aquatic mammal
- Farrow, actress
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Holds molecules
- 31. Thrifty

- 33. French dynasty
- 36. Scottish port 38. Irish militant organization
- 39. Dawn
- 41. Musical group of seven
- 42. Used to fry things
- 43. Carrot's companion
- 46. Rough stone landmarks
- 47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah 49. Goes against
- 51. Passion
- 53. Hard white animal fat
- 54. Soybean pastes
- 55. Beckon
- 58. Mountain and morning are two
- 60. Self-referential
- 64. Data executive
- 65. Retirement plan
- 68. Star Trek character Laren 69. You and I

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