



WRAC News

December 2018

Amero Little Christmas is a new take on a classic Christmas variety Show. It falls somewhere between a Michael Bublé Christmas Special and Tom Jackson’s Huron Carole, giving the audience a modern take on an annual Christmas show. Between the witty banter, lots of laughs, heartfelt music and inspiring stories, Amero Little Christmas is an experience for the whole family.

Don Amero is a three-time Juno nominee who is making his mark on the Canadian Country music scene and he’ll be touring this winter to bring his soulful country voice along with a few band mates to ring in the holiday season.

From humble beginnings in 2009, Don decided to plan a Christmas themed concert based purely on his love for holiday music and the community vibe that the season brings. *“We all know there’s something magical about Christmas and my hope is to capture some of that and put it into a show.”*

Don is known to throw in a few fun and festive videos that really put the icing on the cake and are always an audience favourite. The show sets a tone for people to refocus on what the season is really about, which to Amero means *“to relax, look at the blessings in your life and show love to others.”*

Eastern Manitoba Concert Association presents Amero Little Christmas, Friday December 14th 7:30 pm at Pinawa Community Centre.

Individual tickets: Adult \$25.00 Students \$10.00
 Individual tickets available at the door. Tickets also available at the following outlets: Ingham Pharmacy, Pinawa Solo Market and Beausejour Music. Subject to availability. Contact Mary-Anne at (204) 782-3958.



HAPPY RETIREMENT TO JAN HOFFMAN!

Jan is retiring from the Lac du Bonnet Library!

“SHE’S RETIRING!”



Come Join us
Friday, December 14th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 for refreshments and a visit!

Help us thank Jan for her many years of loyal service to the Library!



**HOLIDAY SPIRITS
FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**



\$5/ticket **Only 200 tickets.**
Draw Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018

- 1st Prize: \$100 gift card for Liquor Mart**
- 2nd Prize: \$50 gift card for Liquor Mart**
- 3rd Prize: \$25 gift card for Liquor Mart**

*Tickets available at Ingham Pharmacy,
 WRAC Office (Tuesday & Thursday mornings)
 and from WRAC Board members.*

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**WHITESHELL
WINTER ARTS
FESTIVAL** 
 February 9-10, 2019

We are looking for artists of ALL kinds to take part in our annual Whiteshell Winter Arts Festival. Family-fun activities will take place both inside and out throughout the weekend. Whether you're a painter, sculptor, dancer, teacher, musician, author, actor or performer of some kind, we want you!

Conference rooms available for workshops and displays.
 Accommodation Packages available for rooms and meals.



Entries accepted until December 31, 2018
 Please contact the Pinawa CDC at:
 edoadmin@pinawa.com
 204 753 5170

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ARTISTS



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Boreal Shores Art Tour
 August 17 and 18, 2019

Apply before January 31, 2019

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For this month, the Winnipeg River Arts Council features theatre, film, and broadcast technician, Ward Wotton. In October, he moved to the Leisure Falls area, in the RM of Alexander.

Wotton grew up in Deloraine, Manitoba. He attended Saskatchewan Technical College in Saskatoon and then worked as a recreation director in Creelman-Fillmore area in rural Saskatchewan, and as a tour guide and promotions specialist in British Columbia. After moving back to Manitoba, he worked for CKX television in Brandon, Valley Cable Vision in Morden, and CKY in Winnipeg.

WRAC Featured Artist of the Month Ward Wotton

In early 90's, he founded *Lucky Dog Network*, filming amateur football, soccer, dance, and figure skating events. He went on to create television commercials for Parker Jarvis ad agency in Winnipeg and Partners agency in Toronto, creating ads for clients such as MTS, Walmart, Manitoba Hydro, and tourism.

When asked, he says, "I like having different jobs and acquiring new skills. I've taken courses with Film Manitoba, from the industry and my union. I'm also self-taught, constantly learning on the job."

In 1997, he joined International Association of Theatre, Stage, and Film Employees - Local 63 Winnipeg, and worked in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Toronto on television series (*Tracker, Doc, Shirley Holmes*), movies (*Chicago, Shall We Dance, Harvest, Jesse James*), and the mini-series *Avro Arrow*. After that, he did technical stage work at various venues, including Rainbow Stage, Pantages, MTC Concert Hall, ballets, operas, and touring shows including *War Horse, Wicked, Wizard of Oz, West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, and Evita*.

Wotton says, "My proudest achievements: a video on the National Women's Hockey Championship, now displayed in the Hockey Hall of Fame, and a video on the Royal Winnipeg Ballet dance school's National Championships."

Wotton has coached various sports, including hockey and baseball. These days, he wants to share the technical skills he has acquired over the years. He hopes to mentor young people in the area, through Creative Manitoba's rural youth mentorship program, in partnership with Winnipeg River Arts Council.

Wotton's motto: "Try your best and enjoy life."





Festival des Crèches

We invite you to attend the 9th annual

Crèche Festival

November 27th, 2018 to January 5th, 2019
at Allard Library
in St-Georges, Manitoba

Les amis de la Crèche

**Vous invitent à leur 9^{ième} Festival des Crèches
Débutant le 27 novembre 2018
Terminant le 5 janvier 2019
à la Bibliothèque Allard
à St-Georges, Manitoba**

For more information, call 204-367-9970

Contact Library Allard at 204-367-8443 for
hours of operation and to arrange tours

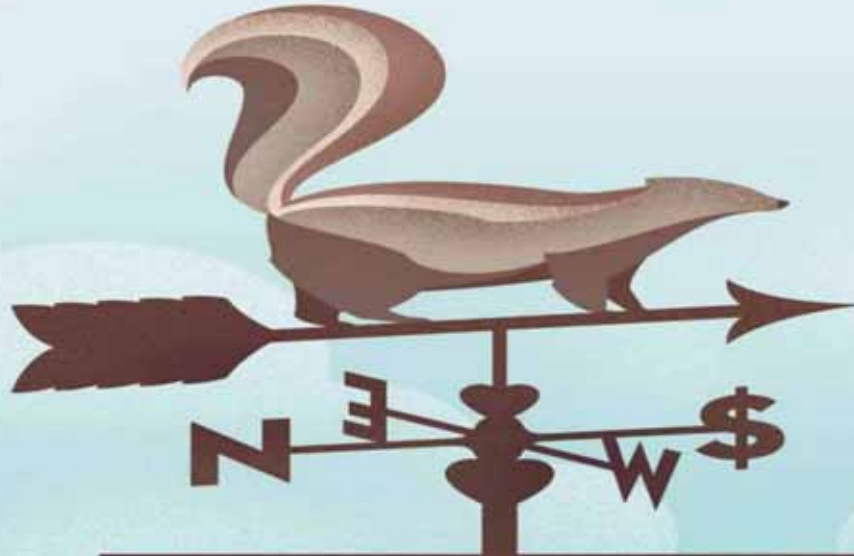


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Change is in the air! Magnus Bjornson has some issues. His finances are in tatters, his great niece is hiding out, his health is not what it once was and now he has a determined Real Estate developer banging on his *door*. *What's a bachelor farmer supposed to do?* A dance as old as time its self. A comedy about hope, last stands, skunks and love among the chickens.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Pinawa Community Centre
Tickets \$25

Available at Ingham Pharmacy,
WRAC Office – 4 Park Ave – Tuesday & Thursday mornings
or from WRAC Board Members

7:30 pm



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