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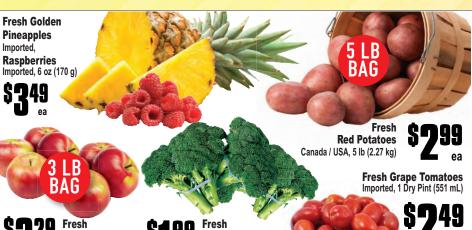
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2020: A year in review

By Nicole Buffie

2020 has been a trying year to say the least: between a global pandemic, political uproar, controversies and conspiracies, it seemed hard to catch a breath sometimes. However, a lot of good happened in the 366 days as

The Selkirk Record has compiled a list of stories to remember some of the moments in which communities worked together to make life a little

Anonymous donor saves 9-yearold's hockey season

A gracious donor who chose to remain nameless helped 9-year-old Lincoln Still back on the ice after his goalie equipment was stolen out of his family's van.

A Facebook post made by his mother Marni explaining the situation reached the far corners of the country and resulted in an individual paying for the replacement pads.

Brokenhead hosts mental wellness powwow

The Brokenhead Oiibway Nation celebrated their first-annual mental wellness powwow to highlight the importance of health within the community, hosted by the Brokenhead Wellness Team.

The team hopes to make the powwow an annual event to highlight the services they offer in assisting with mental, physical and spiritual health.

Strong pulse for heart health in Sel-

February 14 marked not just a day for love, but a day for hearts as the Selkirk Regional Health Centre received a brand-new echocardiogram machine.

Purchased using cash fundraised by various organizations and a large donation by the Selkirk Rotary Club, the machine will help thousands of residents in the area monitor their heart conditions without having to drive into Winnipeg for appointments.

John Duff returning to the RCMP

A former City of Selkirk employee took over operations as Inspector for the Selkirk detachment of the RCMP.

John Duff was celebrated in his new role in March as he took over the position overseeing the safety of the region and Selkirk welcomed him back with cheer in the new administrative

Hares, Friesen excited to lead Steel-

Al Hares made his return to the Steelers bench after first signing with the team 44 years ago. He will be a senior advisor and associate coach alongside the team's new head coach

Hudson Friesen.

Hares, 75, and Friesen, 26, although having quite the difference in age, hold the same aspirations of making the Steelers a championship team once again.

Saving Dreams

Two skate moms formed a forever bond through one's donation to the

Cathy Krawchuk donated one of her kidneys to Judy Scott, a fellow mother of a speed skater who was in kidney failure requiring dialysis. The donation will now allow Scott to live freely and follow her daughter's rising skating career.

Water Tower gets a new look

A Comp grad had her design chosen as the winning one for the Selkirk water tower's much-needed facelift.

Robyn Kacperski will have her concept come to life on the structure, filled with bright colours and modern shapes to complement the city's latest rebranding.

Friendship Centre mural finished

The first mural in the Legacy of Love project was completed at the Selkirk Friendship Centre on Manitoba Ave.

The project depicts missing and murdered Indigenous women and Elder Annie Bowkett to honour them and Indigenous teachings.

Graduation Innovation

Despite finishing classes from their bedrooms and couches, grads across the region still found ways to commemorate and send off their high school careers in a socially-distant fashion.

The celebrations included drive-by parades for LSSD students, featuring cars adorned with balloons and signs congratulating the grads on their achievements.

100 years young

Lockport resident Phyllis Loutit celebrated a century on earth as she saw a birthday not many do.

The life-long resident of the Interlake marked 100 years around the sun with a family party and special recognition from the RM of St. Andrews.

The Record turns 10

The Selkirk Record celebrated its 10th anniversary of telling the stories of our community on Aug. 10.

Over the last decade, the people and stories filling the pages and those who assist in stitching together each edition do not go unnoticed, and we hope to continue to do so for decades in the future.

Students, teachers adjusting to school in pandemic

Students returned to school for the first time since March when the novel coronavirus shuttered all classrooms.

Virtual learning, masks and social distancing proved to be an adjustment, but teachers across the LSSD persevered, committed to providing the same learning outcomes as if CO-VID-19 didn't exist.

Selkirk goes platinum

Selkirk joined a list of elite cities around the world as being recognized for its standardized data collection.

Joining international hubs such as Boston and London, the ISO standard achievement will help the city drive public and private investment for infrastructure, building a bigger and better community.

New home announced for Selkirk area paramedics

Construction began on a new EMS station beside the old Selkirk Hospital to act as a bigger and better space for paramedics and their vehicles.

The \$4.2 million facility that has been years in the planning process and will help reduce wait times for those needing medical attention across the

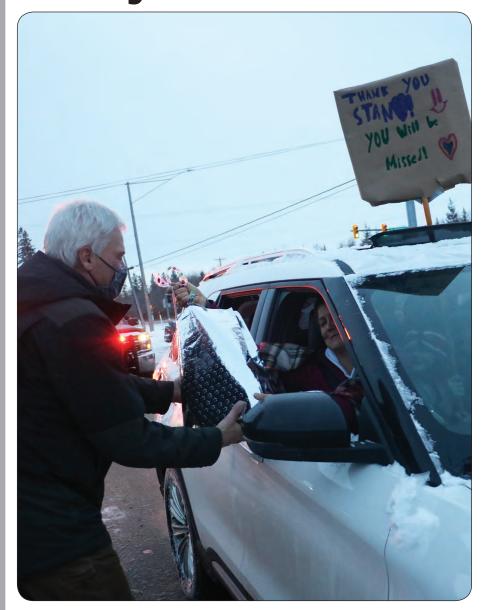
Indigenous healing garden unveiled in Selkirk

With the help of Mark Walterson's LSRCSS class and Jeannie Red Eagle, The People's Medicine Garden sprouted beside the Selkirk Friendship Centre.

The garden provides space for Indigenous ceremonies and teachings of sacred medicines and healing, the first of its kind in the community.

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See you later Stan!



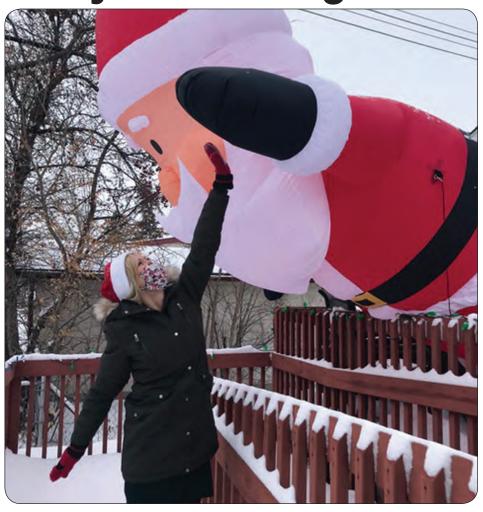
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Stan Halbesma received a warm farewell on his final day as owner of Harry's Foods in St. Andrews. Residents and the fire department lined up in their vehicles to drive through the store's parking lot in order to show their support for a business owner who has made it his mission to give back to the community.

Inclusion Selkirk's holiday decorating fun!



Thanks to a sponsorship from Edgar Head, owner of Canadian Tire Selkirk, the decorators at the Inclusion Selkirk residences were back at it making the season a little more magical by spreading holiday cheer for all to see. There were 3 categories for the judges to choose from to judge the twelve houses that participated in the decorating contest: best overall, most creative/crafty and most fun. Above: Residents and staff outside the house that won the most fun prize. Right: Inclusion Selkirk's judge Director of Community Development Cheryle Bacon giving Santa a high-five.



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St. Andrews Airport racetrack gets direction from RM

Residents create petitions and RM clarifies jurisdiction

By Katelyn Boulanger

After residents complained last year about the noise levels coming from a racetrack at the St. Andrews Airport, which prompted preliminary discussion at a St. Andrews council meeting, more progress has come about with council moving forward with its plans and residents further voicing their concerns.

In Sept. of last year, it was brought to council's attention that a decision was made by the St Andrews Airport Board to permit a racetrack on an abandoned runway. In addition to concerns about the increased noise and air pollution that this business brought to the area, there were concerns over how jurisdiction worked in this particular situation as well as how a project like this had moved forward without public consultation.

Residents have since come together, forming the St. Andrews Group Against the Racetrack which circulated a petition asking for the racetrack to cease operations. 239 people signed this petition and it was presented to council on Nov. 10, 2020.

"I live directly in the line of I think it's runway 31 and [the planes] come

over and for landing and they just buzz along and it's actually kind of pleasant. It's not noisy at all. There's no bursts," said John Rooney, the St. Andrews Group Against the Racetrack's media representative.

He says that this is in contrast to what he's experienced with the racetrack which he says for 6 to 8 hours at a time can have loud bursts of noise every 10 minutes or so when races are taking place.

DJ Sigmundson, CAO for St. Andrews, said that the RM was undergoing the process to clarify the situation before they received the petition from residents, however, the situation has changed from the first time that council discussed the racetrack in Septem-

In the first discussion, Sigmundson suggested that the municipality and the airport come together to create a letter of understanding which would outline what would happen in the future. Now, the RM has looked into the situation and has confirmed nonaviation activities are subject to the Municipal Zoning By-Law.

In the years since the municipality acquired the airport in 1999, the airport has managed planning matters through federal jurisdiction.

Due to this change in understanding council has unanimously agreed to instruct the Airport Board to stop the racing activity until this matter is fully resolved.

"So what will happen is come January, council will start a process. We'll probably look across Canada, and see best practices and see what other airports do as far as zoning goes and develop that type of table. Once that table is developed, and it has definitions and everything else, then we would end up having some type of other process, but for sure, we'd have a public hearing, that's part of the legal process of it all," said Sigmundson.

Though the matter of jurisdiction at this point seems to be ironed out on the municipal end, before this information being public the St. Andrews Group Against the Racetrack sought to clarify it on the federal end.

"[The St. Andrews Group Against the Racetrack] wanted to get the federal government involved for them to make a decision about who's actually in charge of the airport or who gets to make the decisions," said Rooney.

To that end, there is also an online

petition sponsored by James Bezan at the parliament of Canada website which requests that "the Minister of Transport provide clarification to the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews and St. Andrews Airport Inc. on what activities are allowable inside the airport's property, as it applies to operations of an aerodrome according to federal law, and whether activities falling outside federal jurisdiction are required to meet provincial regulations and municipal by-laws."

This petition now has 510 signatures as of January 4 and will continue to accept signatures until January 25.

Once the signing period is over, because it has reached over 500 signatures, Bezan can table it in the House of Commons with a short synopsis and then the federal government would be required to respond.

To sign the petition at the parliament of Canada website visit https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/ Details?Petition=e-3003.

To view, the statement put out by the RM of St. Andrews on this matter visit their website at rmofstandrews.com and view it under the municipal news

> A LOOK BACK AT 2020, FROM PG. 3

Lack of consultation over Lock and Dam repairs

Businesses surrounding the St. Andrews Bridge formed a committee to have their voices heard over proposed repairs of the Lock and Dam.

Citing no consultation over the repairs that will shutter the bridge for two years, the Lockport Community Development Group worries shops and restaurants in the area won't survive the closure in addition to lost revenues due to COVID-19.

A new way to remember

Remembrance Day ceremonies across the region were no exception to public health orders, forcing them to alter the way residents paid their

Despite some cancellations, many ceremonies opted for virtual services live-streamed from cenotaphs, and some held acts of remembrance with only a few people in attendance standing six feet apart.

Holiday Alley goes virtual

The usual in-person festival filled with lights and holiday cheer pivoted to that of a virtual nature, instead filling screens with joy and activities

for residents to enjoy together, while

The ingenuity of the coordinators shone through with virtual events such as an online poetry slam and a community sing-a-long of a tweaked version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas", all broadcast through the event's online platform, Holiday Alley

Taking a negative and turning it into a positive

As frontline workers continued into the ninth month of battling COV-ID-19 in hospitals and long-term care facilities, grade 3 students at Happy Thought School offered words of encouragement and gratitude in the form of letters.

The thank-you cards even earned a shout out from the province's top nurse, Lanette Siragusa, during a daily COVID-19 press conference.

While 2021 holds no guarantees, what can be said for certain is the power of community will continue to hold strong, creating more stories worth celebrating. Happy New Year to



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MB government announces tax changes for 2021

Submitted by Manitoba Government

A number of tax savings that will benefit Manitobans and help to protect their hard-earned income will come into effect Jan. 1 or early in the new year, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced on Dec. 31.

"Our government is committed to reducing the tax burden on Manitobans while strengthening the services we all depend on," said Fielding. "We are also making changes that will benefit Manitoba businesses and put them on a stronger footing as we work to overcome the financial challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Manitoba personal income tax brackets and the Basic Personal Amount will increase by 2.2 per cent for the 2021 taxation year as they are indexed to the Manitoba Consumer Price Index. As a result, an estimated 3,300 taxpayers are expected to be removed from the 2021 tax rolls, the minister noted.

Manitoba will also begin phasing out the Education Property Tax in 2021, as committed to in the most recent speech from the throne.

Other changes include:

• increasing the Health and Post-Secondary Education Tax Levy exemption threshold to \$1.5 million from \$1.25 million of annual remuneration. In addition, the threshold below which employers pay a reduced rate increases to \$3 million from \$2.5 million. The new thresholds will benefit approximately 1,000 Manitoba employers including exempting about 220 employers.

- making permanent the Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit that was to expire at the end of this year. It supports businesses that acquire qualified manufacturing and processing plant, machinery and equipment for use in Manitoba.
- extending the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit for three years to Dec. 31, 2023, supporting Manitobans who invest in flow-through shares in qualifying mineral exploration companies engaged in Manitoba with a 30 per cent income tax credit.
- extending the Cultural Industries Printing Tax Credit one year, promoting the growth of Manitoba's print industry with a 35 per cent credit based on salaries and wages paid to Manitoba employees.
- extending the Community Enterprise Development Tax Credit one year, supporting investments in communities and community-based enterprises. Manitoba-resident in-

vestors are eligible for a 45 per cent refundable income tax credit on investments in eligible shares.

• reducing the interest rate on provincially administered tax debts, such as sales tax, health and post secondary education tax levy, fuel tax and tobacco tax, to prime plus four per cent from the current prime plus five per

Eligible seniors who have not received their \$200 Seniors Economic Recovery Credit in 2020 are reminded that they are able to claim it when filing their 2020 personal income tax return in 2021.

"Our government values Manitoba seniors and know that they have made extraordinary sacrifices to build our province," said Fielding. "The Seniors Economic Recovery Credit is an important measure to protect our seniors and we encourage all those who are eligible to take advantage of this credit."

The minister also noted that as of Nov. 6, 2020, Manitoba became the first province in Western Canada to eliminate probate fees. Applications made to the Court of Queen's Bench for the probate of an estate of a deceased person no longer require the payment of probate fees.

RCMP Traffic Services arrest male after traffic stop

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On December 25, 2020, at approximately 1:30 am, an RCMP officer came upon two vehicles on Highway 9, in the RM of West St. Paul; one was speeding in the 70 km/h zone, the other in the curb lane, was not.

The officer quickly turned around and began to close the distance on the speeding vehicle. As he was about the pass the slower vehicle in the curb lane, the vehicle suddenly swerved into his lane, almost causing a colli-

The officer, now concerned about the dangerous driving, initiated a traffic

stop with the vehicle. During the stop, the male driver could not produce his driver's licence but did provide a name, however, was unable to spell it for the officer. The driver then admitted he was lying and provided his real name to the officer.

Further investigation determined the vehicle he was driving was stolen and he had an outstanding warrant out of Winnipeg for Failing to Comply. The driver was also found to be responsible for a break-in to a parking garage in the RM of St. Andrews, that had occurred a couple of hours earlier.

Carlos Young, 22 of Winnipeg was arrested and charged with;

- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime x2
- Fail to Comply x3
- Drive without a licence (Highway Traffic Act)
 - Break and Enter
 - Possession of Break-in Instruments He was remanded into custody.

RCMP continue to investigate.



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Interlake-Eastern RHA death count at 34 after outbreak at Kin-Place

Outbreak declared at Selkirk's Tudor House with visitation being suspended at this time

By Staff

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.7 per cent provincially and 11.8 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. Monday, 118 new cases of the virus had been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 25,244.

Monday's COVID-19 data shows:

- seven cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- five cases in the Northern health region;
- seven cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 19 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 80 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,423 active cases and 20,133 individuals who have recovered from CO-VID-19;
- there are 245 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 95 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 340 hospitalizations;
- there are 35 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as six people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care for a total of 41 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 688.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,275 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 427,476. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

On Dec. 30, the regional medical officer of health for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Tudor House Personal Care Home in Selkirk.

For COVID-19, a single case in a resident or staff member is considered an outbreak.

Residents, family members and staff who work at the facility have all been advised and representatives of public health will be contacting any individuals who have been impacted through contact with a known positive case. Provincial infection prevention and control protocols for outbreak management are in place in the facility. Visitation is suspended at this time.

The Interlake-Eastern total case

breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 1,874 cases, up by 376 from Dec. 14: 412 active cases, 1,428 recovered, 19 currently in the hospital with four of those in ICU and

Arborg/Riverton 3 active cases, 51 recovered; Beausejour 17 active cases, 105 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 42 active cases, 76 recovered and 8 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 39 active cases and 261 recovered, 3 deaths; Gimli 27 recovered; Northern Remote 90 active cases, 157 recovered and 2 deaths; Pinawa/LacduBonnet 4 active cases, 49 recovered; Powerview/PineFalls 88 active case and 37 recovered and 1 death; Selkirk 10 active cases and 84 recovered and 2 deaths; Springfield 5 active cases and 149 recovered and 11 deaths; St. Clements 15 active cases and 68 recovered and 1 death; St. Laurent 14 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 128 recovered and 4 deaths; Unknown District 78 active cases and 94 recovered and 1 death; Whiteshell 5 active cases, 17 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 13 active cases and 111 recovered and 1 death.

The chief provincial public health officer reminds Manitobans to selfisolate immediately at the onset of possible COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild. This means staying home from work, school or other daily activities. Testing should be done as soon as possible once symptoms appear. For information on COVID-19 symptoms and guidance on when you should get tested, visit https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html.

Manitobans should only leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials, be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Public health officials are also advising that if anyone is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending CO-VID-19 test results. For health-care workers, exceptions may apply and staff may be able/required to report to work after contacting their workplace occupational health services or designate. For information on selfisolation, including exceptions, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html.

The online COVID-19 self-assessment tool can be found at https:// sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/ and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at https://manitoba.ca/ covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.

For up-to-date information on CO-VID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response Sys-

https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html.

Manitoba government extends state of emergency

The Manitoba government is extending the provincewide state of emergency under the Emergency Measures Act to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect Manitobans, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler, minister responsible for the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization

The extension goes into effect on Jan. 6 at 4 p.m. for a period of 30 days.

The Manitoba Emergency Co-ordination Centre was activated on day 1 of the pandemic, and has been operating ever since, the minister said, adding it has been a critical player in facilitating the province's overall response to personal protective equipment procurement and provision. It also developed the Pandemic Response System, ensuring alternative isolation accommodations were available, and advising on and enforcing co-ordination of public health orders under the state of emergency. It also facilitates the federal/provincial engagement to military support in First Nations communities.

The state of emergency was first declared on March 20, 2020, by the powers set out in section 10(1) and 10(2) of the Emergency Measures Act.

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Reminder of dangers of impaired driving

RCMP and family of Ben Harris reflect on high number of road fatalities in 2020

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

It was around 11:30 at night on Aug. 10, 2018, when Cst. Manuel Borges of the Selkirk RCMP heard the crackle of his radio come alive while he was out on patrol. There was a report of an erratic driver near Lockport. Cst. Borges was close by, so he picked up his pace and headed toward the location. As he drove down Highway 9, he saw a pickup had left the road, went over a ditch and into a yard. The rear window was blown out. The vehicle had also taken out the stop sign. He figured this must be the erratic driver, but either way, he knew he had to help. Cst. Borges activated his lights, pulled over, and got out to see what was going on. He would be forever changed by what happened next.

Ben Harris and his good friend were standing with their bikes on the grass beside the road and under the streetlight at Donald Road and Highway. They were waiting to cross the road to go home to Ben's house. It was a warm summer night, and they were on summer holidays, hanging out and having fun. Ben loved playing electric guitar and considered being an engineering technician or a police officer when he graduated, but above all was his passion for music. He wanted to be a musician. He was always laughing and teasing his sisters, Stephanie and Hannah. What happened in only a split second that night took all that away and destroyed the Harris family.

In the darkness, Cst. Borges heard a faint voice coming from the south. He followed the noise and found a teenage boy laying in the east ditch talking on his cell phone with 911. The boy said he had a friend with him. Cst.

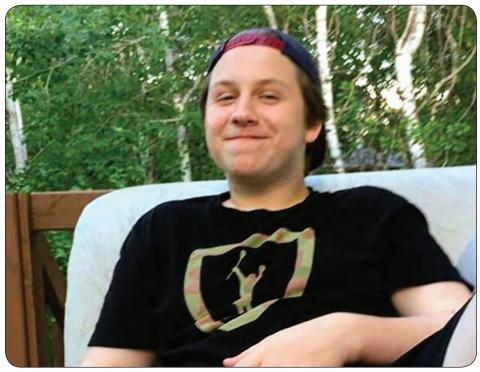
Borges ran along the ditch looking for the other boy. At the corner, he saw a severely damaged white mountain bike. He then saw Ben, who was lying in the ditch near his bike. Unresponsive. Ben did not survive being hit by the pickup. Fifteen-year-old Ben Harris died in that ditch on Highway 9.

"I saw him. I processed that. It knocked the wind right out of me," said Cst. Borges. "There were no signs of life. There was nothing I could do for him. As a police officer, I know there are now steps I need to take to find out what happened and apprehend the person responsible. In that moment, though, for a split second, I was overwhelmed. I couldn't stop to grieve what happened to this boy. I had to move. I had to do my job."

Immediately, Cst. Borges jumped into action. Based on initial scene observations and witnesses, he was confident the driver of the pickup that had struck Benjamin and his friend was still in the immediate area. Police training kicked in, and Cst. Borges called for more resources to the area to set up containment, making sure the suspect couldn't leave the area. RCMP Police Dog Services was called in, and Eddie the police dog, along with his handler, Sgt. Kent MacInnis, arrived. Cst. Borges joined them in tracking the suspect. Eddie tracked the suspect and found him hiding in a van, approximately half a kilometre away from the scene. When he was arrested, the suspect had drug paraphernalia on him and his behaviour strongly indicated he was impaired by drugs.

"After the suspect was in custody and I was back in my vehicle writing

my notes, I looked around and I cried. I thought about the devastation the family would be feeling and how Ben



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Ben Harris's family is asking residents to not drink and drive.

had so so much more ahead of him. I thought to myself, 'Why? Why?' Why?' None of it made any sense. Ben didn't have to die. The only thing that helped me in that moment was knowing I wasn't alone. Other police officers, fire, EMS, and citizens in the area all came together that night."

Justin Little, who was 29 at the time, and in town from Calgary, was charged with Ben's death. It had been determined Little was impaired by methamphetamine and driving a stolen vehicle when he struck the boys, killing Ben and then fleeing. Little pleaded guilty to several charges, including Impaired Driving Causing Death and Impaired Driving Causing Bodily Harm. He was handed a sentence of six years in custody.

"This wasn't an accident," said Ben's Dad John Harris. "Stealing a car, driving impaired, fleeing the scene, and killing Ben were choices. Our family was destroyed that day."

"That horrible day has not ended for us," added Ben's Mom Brenda. "We re-live that day every day. Every day is another day without Ben coming home. We are still waiting." Ben's sister Hannah echoed those feelings. "We are all very close as siblings; Ben was my go-to person. You don't expect your little brother to be gone. I can't describe how this has changed everything for me. Even good things feel bad."

"When we found out that 2020 has seen such a high number of fatalities on the road, we were shocked," said John. "I understand that people drink and get high, but don't drive at the same time. Can you do that to save a life? The life of an innocent person? Would you do it if you knew the person? It's hard for us to speak about what happened, but we hope that people will read about Ben and will take this to heart, and make a commitment to not drive impaired."

In 2020 on Manitoba roadways, 94 people have died. One of the leading causes of death on our roadways is impaired driving. Think of Ben Harris. Think of his Mom and his Dad. Think of his sisters, his family, and his friends. Maybe putting a face to the person you could hurt will stop you from making the decision to drive impaired or to engage in risky driving

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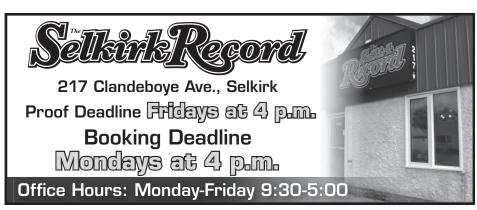
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Federal government launches vaccine injury support program

By Patricia Barrett

The federal Liberal government is introducing a no-fault vaccine injury support program for all vaccines approved by Health Canada and will be working in collaboration with the provinces and territories to implement the program.

The launch of the national program comes as COVID-19 continues to decimate populations and shatter economies across the globe, and as vaccines to fight the deadly virus are just being distributed.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) made the announcement Dec. 10.

"This will be the first pan-Canadian vaccine injury support program (VISP) in Canada," said Health Canada senior media relations advisor Tammy Jarbeau by email after Christmas. "The intent of the program is to provide financial support to people in the rare event that they experience a serious permanent injury after receiving any vaccine authorized by Health Canada, including COVID-19 vaccines."

COVID has infected over 84.4 million people worldwide and killed more than 1.8 million. Almost 600,000 Canadian have been infected and over 15,000 have died (Data: Johns Hopkins University,

Although Manitoba escaped the brunt of the virus over the summer, infections sprinted from the starting gate like a thoroughbred in the fall, prompting the Manitoba government to lockdown the entire province in early November. COVID has killed 678 Manitobans (Data: Manitoba government, Jan.2).

Quebec created its own vaccine injury support program in 1988 and is the only jurisdiction in Canada that has such a program. The new federal program will be modelled, where possible, on the Quebec government's program, said Jarbeau. The national program will be an ongoing program that will form part of Canada's broader vaccination strategy. It will also put the country on par with nations that already have support programs.

"With a major rollout of vaccine in the works, it is important that Canadians have the same support as citizens of G7 and other nations," said Jarbeau.

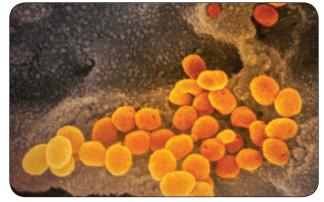
There have been growing calls over the years for Canada to create a support program, she added. In January 2020 a petition was initiated by Bob Martin of Victoria, B.C., gathering 792 signatures. British Columbia had the highest number of signatures at 277, followed by Ontario at 218. Manitoba had 19

Whether the new federal program will lead to a greater willingness among Canadians to get a CO-VID-19 vaccine is unclear. Fewer than half of all adult Canadians get vaccinated for influenza each year, although the trend over the past five years shows those numbers increasing.

Statistics Canada's Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Coverage Survey for the 2019-2020 influenza season found 42 per cent of adults (aged 18 and older) were inoculated, the same percentage as the 2018-2019 season. In the 2017-2018 season, 38 per cent of adults were inoculated, and in 2016-2017, 36 per cent got the flu jab.

But COVID may tell a different story. The Canadian Community Health Survey, released by Statistics Canada last September, found three out of four Canadians (aged 12 and older) saying they'd get the COVID vaccine when it became available.

Jarbeau said there's not enough evidence to definitively link vaccine injury support programs to



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an increased willingness to get inoculated.

"There is limited data on the impact of providing no-fault vaccine injury support on vaccine uptake. That said, all immunization programs are based on the principle of reciprocity: Canadians are encouraged to get vaccinated for their own benefit and for the protection of others," she said. "In return, there is a duty to ensure that Canadians who are immunized are financially supported should they experience serious permanent injury as a result."

The worldwide COVID vaccine development and approval process had been fast-tracked with the first trials starting last March. Health Canada has already approved two COVID vaccines, one from Pfizer-BioNTech on Dec. 9 and another from Moderna on Dec. 23

Pfizer's clinical trials showed its vaccine to have 95 per cent efficacy. Two doses are required for maximum efficacy. Moderna's clinical trials showed its vaccine to be 94 per cent effective in subjects with no prior COVID infection, and 87 per cent effective in people over 65 years of age. Two doses are required.

Each province/territory has set – or will set – out its own inoculation schedules based on priority populations. Those schedules follow overall recommendations from the federal National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

Health-care workers in Manitoba are first in line to receive the vaccine. But exactly when the general public can get inoculated is unknown. The province's rollout plan entails making "adjustments" to provide COVID vaccines to a "broader range of health-care workers, residents of personal care homes and elderly Manitobans," according to its COVID-19 website.

Ontario may begin inoculating the general public sometime in July while Alberta may start in the fall. PHAC said last month the country's vaccination campaign is expected to wrap up in December 2021.

Health Canada is warning people who are allergic to the ingredients in the COVID vaccines not to take them (ingredient lists are available on the agency's COVID-19 health product industry webpage).

Last month the Associated Press reported that two health-care workers in Alaska suffered allergic reactions after receiving Pfizer's vaccine, with one person experiencing anaphylaxis (difficulty breathing) and having to be hospitalized. The United Kingdom had also reported two similar cases in early December. The Manitoba government reported on Dec. 24 that one person – presumably a health-care worker - had an "adverse reaction" to the vaccine.

In a summary of the Pfizer COVID vaccine, published Dec. 10 in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers noted reactions such as pain, swelling, fever, headache and myalgia, but most were "mild to moderate and resolved rapidly."

Jarbeau said serious and permanent adverse reactions are extremely rare, at fewer than one in a

"The Government of Canada is committed to protecting the health and safety of Canadians," she said. "Health Canada has a rigorous scientific review system in place to assess vaccines for safety and effectiveness in preventing the diseases they target. Health Canada will not authorize a vaccine unless evidence demonstrates that its benefits outweigh the risks."

Health Canada has placed orders to reserve millions of doses of different COVID-19 vaccines, including those from Janssen Pharmaceutical, Novavax and Oxford-AstraZeneca, and all will be subject to the agency's approval process. If vaccines are found problematic while on the market, Health Canada can pull them.

PHAC is currently in discussions with provinces and territories to implement the vaccine injury support program, but details on eligibility criteria, compensation and whether the program can be applied retroactively to COVID vaccines are yet to be determined.

"As discussions with provinces and territories are ongoing, no further details can be disclosed at this time," said Jarbeau. "Further information on program funding, operations and how the program can be accessed by applicants will be available when the program is launched in 2021."

Medical researchers currently don't know how long COVID vaccines will provide a measure of immunity to the virus. Like influenza, COVID inoculations may be required each year.



Calendar flipping to 2021 especially exciting for Stony Mountain family

First baby of the year is born in the IERHA

Submitted by IERHA

On New Year's Day, many were happy to close the door on 2020 and celebrate the start of a new year filled with hope, as vaccines for the coronavirus pandemic have started to roll out. Jonie and Kelvin Kleinsasser from Stony Mountain had an extra reason to celebrate, because their son Hudson arrived into the world on Jan. 1, 2021 at 7:22 p.m. Hudson is the first baby born in the Interlake-Eastern health region.

Hudson was born eight pounds, nine ounces and 20.5 inches long in Selkirk Regional Health Centre's family birthing unit, the region's only birth centre. Attending the birth was Dr. Andrea Fulmore and nurses from

"We are thankful we got to give birth in a smaller hospital during the coronavirus pandemic," said Jonie Kleinsasser."The staff were welcoming and did an amazing job taking care of us. Thank you!"

Prior to the family's departure from hospital, they were gifted a playpen, sleepers and diapers from the Selkirk & District General Hospital Ladies

Auxiliary. Every year, the auxiliary celebrates the hospital's first baby of the year with gifts that provide comfort and help extend the care received at the hospital into the baby's home. The auxiliary, who operate the gift shop at Selkirk Regional Health Centre, has also provided several significant donations to the hospital over the years, to help improve the comfort, care and wellbeing of patients.

"We've been celebrating New Year's babies since the hospital was located on Eveline Street," said Betty Milkowski, president of the auxiliary. "We're honoured to help parents with their new additions in this way. Congratulations to the Kleinsasser family!"

According to Victoria Wilgosh, Clinical Team Manager for the birthing unit, 330 babies were delivered at the birthing centre in 2020.

"Our family birthing unit opened in the summer of 2017, and we are happy to have a great facility with amazing staff serving moms across the Interlake-Eastern region," said Wilgosh. "One thing we would like people to know is that we do offer epidurals at is expecting and has any questions to contact the hospital and ask for the family birthing unit. We're always

the centre. We encourage anyone who happy to help and feel privileged to play a role in this special time for families."



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Kelvin and Jonie Kleinsasser welcomed baby Hudson into the world at 7:22 p.m. on Jan. 1 making their son the first baby of 2021 born in the Interlake-Eastern Health region.





Manitoba Public Insurance reveals Top 5 frauds in 2020

Submitted by MPI

While the COVID pandemic disrupted much of normal goings-on in our province, fraudsters didn't miss a beat in their efforts to defraud Manitoba Public Insurance and its customers. This year's Top 5 Fraud list highlights bogus claims, the effective use of forensic tools and astute MPI staff.

"MPI releases its annual top five fraud list to raise awareness about the costs related to auto insurance fraud about \$50 per customer yearly," said MPI's Chief Operating Officer, Curtis Wennberg."The list is compiled based on the unique circumstances of each fraud, financial savings to MPI ratepayer, and investigative excellence in unearthing the fraudsters."

Anyone with information about auto insurance fraud is encouraged to call the Manitoba Public Insurance TIPS Line: 204-985-8477 or toll-free 1-877-985-8477. All calls are anonymous.

Suspicious claims are handled by MPI's Special Investigation Unit (SIU). As of the end of this November, claims savings are more than \$13 million with the SIU closing nearly 1,000 suspicious investigations.

No. 1 "Burning Up Debt"

The insured made a claim with MPI, reporting that his new travel trailer had been stolen out of a storage yard located within a community in rural Manitoba. That same morning, the travel trailer was found 10-kilometres outside of town burned to the ground and still smoldering on a gravel road.

MPI's SIU investigator immediately went to the burn site where he took photos and began determining the likely route taken by the thief. While travelling back to his office, the investigator noticed a building which had a surveillance camera pointing towards the highway. The surveillance footage showed the trailer being towed around midnight by a pickup truck, which closely resembled the same year and model of the trailer's owner.

The investigation also revealed the trailer's owner was experiencing financial issues.

During the interview with the SIU investigator, the insured denied hav-

ing any involvement with the theft. However, he was not willing to allow MPI access to his truck so the investigator could download data from it which would help to determine where the vehicle was on the night of the

A few days after that interview the insured contacted MPI and withdrew his claim, signing a waiver of release. Estimated claims savings to MPI was \$37,000.

No. 2 "Creative Accounting"

After being injured in a crash, the woman eventually returned to her job on a part-time basis unable to work full-time due to lifting and other physical demands. However, she was entitled to receive MPI's Income Replacement Indemnity (IRI) entitlement which was calculated specifically from submitted income tax documentation.

As time passed, an MPI IRI calculator noticed an irregularity in a letter and email allegedly coming from an accounting firm, which the woman had submitted. After a conversation with the accounting firm it was confirmed both the email and letter were fabricated and false. Investigators then did an extensive review and discovered numerous anomalies relating to the woman's income tax information. It was noted that many of the documents appeared to have been deliberately edited and included entries that were misaligned, entries in varying sized fonts, incomplete and incorrect field entries, wrong totals, and in two different years she reported the exact same income to the cent.

With all this information, the woman's benefits were terminated resulting in an estimated savings to MPI and its customers of nearly \$800,000: a figure based on future payouts. MPI is also seeking to recover \$100,000.

No. 3 "Wascally Wabbit!"

The driver claimed a rabbit suddenly popped out of the bushes and ran in front of his vehicle. Startled, the driver said he applied the brakes and while attempting to avoid the little animal crashed head-on into a light standard. The vehicle sustained extensive front-end damage.

However, the driver's story had a number of irregularities which caught the attention of a seasoned SIU investigator. The investigation revealed the man, 20, was experiencing significant financial issues, exasperated by a large vehicle payment.

A download from the vehicle's Crash Data Recorder showed the vehicle was accelerating at the time of the crash, contradicting the man's story that he was braking before he hit the pole. With all the evidence in hand, the claim was denied. Claims savings to MPI and its customers was \$31,000.

No. 4 "Mr. Volunteer"

The man claimed he was physically unable to do his demanding, physical labour job after getting into a collision. He soon began receiving Income Replacement payments from MPI. However, as the months moved on, an MPI case manager began to have suspicions about their claimant. The file was then forwarded to MPI's SIU.

The investigation revealed Mr. Volunteer, 33, regularly worked at a Winnipeg retail outlet including assisting customers. Unbeknownst to Mr. Volunteer, he actually served an MPI

investigator and several others who were doing surveillance.

When confronted with all this information, Mr. Volunteer denied he was working, but explained he was "volunteering" his services. The man's benefits were terminated resulting in an estimated savings to MPI and its customers of nearly \$300,000.

No. 5 "Never Know Who's Watching"

After being involved in a crash, Winnipeg the

man claimed he was too traumatized to drive and even had trouble being a passenger. Combined with a number of physical injuries, the man could not resume his job as a real estate agent and began receiving Income Replacement benefits.

As time moved on, several irregularities began to surface for the MPI case manager, who then moved the file to MPI's SIU. The subsequent investigation, which involved surveillance, revealed that the man had returned to his job as a real estate agent regularly showing houses to clients, dealing with contractors on various renovation sites and driving to all parts of the city; showing no signs of distress.

On one occasion, the case manager called the man, who whispered over the phone he couldn't speak because he was at the doctor's office. During this conversation, the man was in fact showing a house with clients, while also being observed by investigators.

With all this evidence in hand, the claim was denied. Total claims savings to MPI was nearly \$110,000.







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Dear builds an impressive outdoor rink in St. Andrews

By Brian Bowman

Gary Dear calls it the COVID rink.

And it's a beauty.

Like many people across Manitoba, including the Tri-S area, Dear decided to build a hockey rink on his St. Andrews property with code red restrictions in place due to COVID-19.

"That's what happens when you get weekends off and you're bored," Dear joked.

When his kids were younger, Dear built a rink every year until they stopped getting much use out of it.

But with all the hockey rinks shut down, this was the year to get the rink up and running again. It brings back a lot of memories of growing up and playing hockey outside, said Dear.

Dear's rink has boards with writing on it and has lights and netting behind the ends. It also has benches where people can warmup on the colder

"The first thing I do is stoke up the fire before you by the fire," Dear explained.

Due to COVID restricting the amount of people that can be together, they have not had a chance to play any shinny games. But the rink has given Dear, who still plays oldtimers hockey, and his nephew



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go out there in case you get a little chilly, you just go Gary Dear built an impressive outdoor rink at his St. Andrews' home.

Dawson Zeller, a WHL draft pick of the Edmonton any time he likes. He's an anxious kid and he re-Oil Kings, a chance to get some skating in.

"He's been dying to use the ice more than anybody," Dear said. "I keep telling him to come over ally wants to be out there playing. He's been here, at least, every second day since we've had it up and running."



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See past the distractions and dream big

By Shawna Howard

Has the COVID-19 pandemic left you less than enthusiastic about your future? Are you feeling so uncertain that you don't know what to do next? Keep in mind this is merely a season and if you will see past the outward circumstances you can use this time to grow, build character, strength, endurance, to take steps towards Gods will for your life. You have an amazing destiny to fulfil, one with a purpose uniquely tailored to you. You have gifts and talents placed inside of you that will work together beautifully with your life experiences. Once you under-stand that those specific talents, gifts, strengths and passions are inside of you for a reason; you won't be satisfied with an idle life. You will yearn to fulfil your dreams and calling; seeking out what's been placed on your heart.

If we truly knew the awesome way in which we were created to fulfil a one of a kind purpose; we would run our race focused, driven and determined to block out the ever present distractions that get us side tracked and off course.

Distractions are hard to avoid, especial-

ly in today's world. We've all got things to do and obligations to fulfil, but I'm talking about the "unnecessary distractions". They give us a reason to idle, to procrastinate, to merely exist as we waste precious time. It's easy to just coast. The thing is; easy doesn't fulfil, ignite passion or have lasting rewards. Easy leaves us with regrets.

It's time to step out and take a chance on that dream that's been bubbling inside of you! You can try to push it down and ignore it, but it's like a beach ball under the water; you can sit on it, hold it down, pretend it's not under the surface but sooner or later it pops right back up! It will keep surfacing, just waiting for you to take that step of faith!

Your dream may feel out of reach or seem to be taking longer than you'd like, but if you recognize and reduce the distractions, stay faithful and do your part it will happen exactly when it is supposed to happen.

Sometimes we procrastinate. We put off making a move by finding excuses why it will never work out or look for other "distractions" to avoid taking that

first step. This is most always because of doubt and fear. Fear of the unknown, fear it won't work out, fear of judgement, fear we haven't heard God right, fear we will lose our friends, fear of failure or rejection and possibly even a fear of success. Can I tell you; fear is merely a feeling. It only has the power you choose to give it. If we make decisions based on our feelings, they will run our life.

Other times we rush ahead trying to force our dream to happen. When we get ahead of ourselves; it rarely works out and we lose our joy along the way. Everything is beautiful in its right timing.

To avoid heartache we must take one guided step at a time; growing in knowledge, truth and wisdom, building character through life experiences. Every single struggle, heartache, disappointment is stretching you, growing you, build-ing your character if you'll let it. You are being moulded for something amazing!

Sometimes we make excuses. Can I encourage you; you are not too old, or too young, you haven't made too many mistakes and that person that said you can't is not the decider. You already have exactly what you need to take the first step. You are smart enough, brave enough and you aren't dreaming too big. Stop doubting!

There may be times when we don't know exactly what to do next, that's where faith fills the gaps. I love this: "Do your part, let God do the rest."

Don't get discouraged when a family member or close friend doesn't support you. You know what God has placed on your heart. Surround yourself with positive people who inspire and encourage you. Ignore the naysayers, they are simply a distraction. It takes no courage at al to be a cynic.

You are desperately needed in ways you cannot even fathom. So you see, if you don't pursue your dream we all miss out

I hope this message has inspired you to dig deep and step out in faith. Only you can start the process of making you dreams a reality. Don't wait until the enc of your life and ask yourself why you never tried.

Some Coaching Questions for You:

- 1. Do you know what your dream is? Start by writing down your core values your strengths, life experiences that have built character and what you see for your fu-ture.
- 2. What is it that keeps you up at night and wakes you up early in the morning?
- 3. Is there something holding you back? Identification is the first step to overcoming.
- 4. Still unclear? Message me for a coaching tool to help clear the cobwebs Re-member it's a process, not to be rushed. It's like brushing long hair after swim-ming in a chlorinated pool; a slow and careful process that detangles one knot at a time. The result? Clearly defined, beauty.

If you want help and support in the discovery process, or just don't know where to start, please reach out to me. Together we can uncover your deepest desires and what's holding you back from stepping out into your purpose.

Be bold and courageous,

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Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce



Prep time: 30 minutes Servings: 2

- 4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons water
- 4 teaspoons hoisin sauce
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce 2 teaspoons sriracha
- 2 French baguette rolls (6 inches each)
- 1/2 cup cucumber, sliced
- 1/2 cup white onion, sliced into thin strips

1/2 cup red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips

1/2 cup purple cabbage

1/2 cup fresh cilantro

In small bowl, combine peanut butter, lime juice, water, hoisin sauce, soy sauce and sriracha; mix well.

Spread sauce on both sides of each roll then layer with cucumber, onion and bell pepper. Top with cabbage and cilantro

Peanut Granola Bars



Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 6 minutes, plus 30-45 minutes cooling time

Servings: 12-14

1/2 cup honey

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups rolled oats (quick or regular)

1 cup bran flakes

1 cup sweetened coconut flakes

1 cup dried fruit (raisins, blueberries or cranberries)

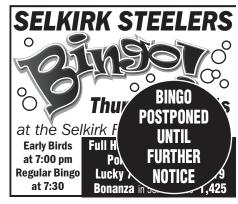
1 cup roasted peanuts, chopped

In large, shallow, microwavable dish, combine honey, butter, peanut butter, brown sugar, vanilla and salt. Microwave at 50% power 2 minutes then whisk to combine and microwave at 50% power 2 minutes.

Add oats, bran flakes, coconut flakes, dried fruit and peanuts; stir to combine. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir and

microwave 30 seconds.

Press mixture into 13-by-9-inch baking dish lined with parchment or wax paper with some extra hanging over edges to easily lift bars out. Use bottom of glass wrapped with plastic wrap to press granola mixture firmly into pan. Allow to cool completely 30-45 minutes. Cut into 12-14 bars.



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Leskiw siblings giving a lot to the game of hockey

By Brian Bowman

When hockey resumes, players, parents, and fans will be flocking to local arenas.

And when they get there, there's a good chance that they run into a Leskiw or two.

Chelsea has a busy schedule as a timekeeper in multiple leagues while her younger brother Chad is an official.

Both grew up in Selkirk and played hockey there but now live in different parts of Winnipeg.

Chelsea, 32, started working Selkirk Fishermen Junior "B" games in 2010 and then added the Selkirk

After her move to Winnipeg, she replaced the Steelers with the Winnipeg Blues, who were replaced by the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's St. Vital Victorias and St. Boniface Riels. She also subs in for the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club.

"(Chad and I) work a lot of Selkirk Fishermen games together and we work a lot of the (MMJHL) with either St. Boniface or St. Vital," Chelsea explained. "We travel and rotate around the city leagues."

She really enjoys her time at the rink.

"I love it. It's an administrative part of hockey and I get to watch the game and be involved in it. Chad is on the ice and he gets yelled at but nobody ever yells at me," she laughed.

She also worked for the now-defunct Selkirk Rivermen is also a rink coordinator, working with the North American Hockey Classic.

Chelsea also runs and organizes all of the Hockey Winnipeg timekeeping clinics.

She has a very impressive resume. But there's still more.

Chelsea also works for the American Hockey League's Manitoba Moose. She joined the club when they returned five years ago.

"It's surreal and crazy," she said, noting she also works for the Province of Manitoba with infrastructure."It's a totally different world when you're at ice level. I work ice level for the Moose and I do the game clock, the gamesheets, the penalty doors. It's a crazy different experience, you're more technical when you're on that side. You're watching but



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Chad Leskiw, left, and his older sister Chelsea play big roles in the sport of amateur hockey in Manitoba. Chad is an official while Chelsea is a timekeeper.

you're only watching the flow. You're watching your job only - it's pretty cool. I love it."

Chad, meanwhile, started as a hockey official when he was 13 and took a five-year break while he was at university.

The 28 year old currently works games in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League, the Capital Region Junior Hockey League, and the Manitoba AAA Hockey League.

"I like getting out and still being involved with hockey," Chad said. "The biggest part is travelling around and going to different small communities and seeing the atmosphere. Small towns are bringing out 50 people which is a lot for Capital Region

games in Lundar and Arborg. They have a good following there and they get pretty vocal."

Most people don't realize all of the travel that the officials do to get to various locales across the province. There are many times where that travel is done in poor weather.

"Sometimes you're back (home) at 2 (a.m.) and you're at work for 6 (a.m.)," Chad noted. "It's a grind but the furthest I go is Lundar and that's two hours one way. (I do it) more for the love of the game. When you look at the hours that you put into it, it could be a full day for not a lot of money and getting yelled at."



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Steelers' rookie Ingram looking like a seasoned veteran

By Brian Bowman

Adam Ingram has played just eight games in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with the Selkirk Steelers.

But he was playing with the poise of a seasoned veteran before COVID-19 shut down all sports.

Ingram got off to a great start in his Junior "A" career, scoring twice and leading the Steelers with seven points.

He looked real good, playing on a line with Ryan Ostermann and Jordan Hughesman. Ingram was quick to give his linemates the credit for his great start.

"The guys beside me have been helping me out quite a bit," he said last month. "They really helped me get those points and we just clicked right from the start. It was a good start to the year and I'm glad we were able to start. We have a great group of guys and a great coach so it's been good."

Ingram is a playmaker who is not afraid to shoot the puck. He is one of 12 rookies on the Steelers' roster this season.

Selkirk is obviously young but they have a lot of potential.

"As the season keeps going, we're going to get a lot better," Ingram predicted. "I like our chances. We're young but everyone is coming to work every day and that's all that we can ask for."

Ingram, a West St. Paul product and former Jr. Steeler, has definitely noticed the difference between playing in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League and the MJHL.

"The compete level is quite a bit different," he noted. "You have to get in the corners more...it's obviously a pretty big change but I'm getting used to it."

Ingram, 17, comes from a great sports family. His brother Brent, 19, plays for the Manitoba Major Junior



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Adam Ingram leads the Steelers in points with seven in eight games this season.

Hockey's League's Raiders Jr. Hockey Club while his father Derek is a Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame member.

"We're all big golfers," Ingram said. "(Brent and I) play in quite a few tournaments in the summer. It's really fun, especially this year when it was one of the few things that you could do. I've been hitting golf balls since I was really young and it's always something that I have loved. (My dad) has really had an impact on my game. When I'm struggling, he's always there to help

The Steelers acquired Ingram from

the Portage Terriers along with Sheldin Howard in exchange for Brett Namaka.

It was a really good trade for Selkirk. "Not only is Adam a great player, he's a good person and a good kid," said Steelers' head coach Hudson Friesen. "For a rookie to come in and do what he's done already is very impressive. He's a very good skater and very explosive. He has a really good shot and sees the ice very well. I think what separates him is his hockey IQ, he's a very smart player.

"We're really lucky to have him."



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Ingram played in the Junior Steelers program several years

Three Royals named to Winnipeg Sun top 10 volleyball list

By Brian Bowman

Three Selkirk Royals were recently recognized by the Winnipeg Sun as the daily paper released its top 10 boys' volleyball list.

Royals' outside hitter Spencer Grahame, outside hitter/libero Josh Jehle, and outside hitter Rylan Van Kooten

were recognized by the Sun and put ince is pretty amazing. on that elite list.

Normally, the players are ranked one through 10 but with no competition this year due to COVID-19, it was simply a top 10 list.

Having three players from one school picked from the entire prov-

"That's quite an honour for those guys to be there," said Royals' head coach Jeff Scarcello on Monday afternoon. "Just having a chance to work with those guys, it's not very surprising. That's a talented group of kids that we had on the court practicing

this year. There, honestly, could have been more. We didn't get a chance to see the competition but we had some really great players on our team this year and it's unfortunate that we couldn't see them on the court against competition."

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Outlaw Sports Repair a great fix in Selkirk

By Brian Bowman

Woody Eddie describes himself as a dinosaur in the sports repair busi-

Eddie has been in the sports repair business for the past 32 years. And he's still going strong.

"A lot of those kids that I started sharpening their skates and fixing stuff for now are graduated or playing junior hockey," he said last month.

Eddie currently runs his part-time business Outlaw Sports Repair out of his home in Selkirk.

"I do sewing repairs, glove repalming, alterations and I manufacture custom hockey bags," Eddie explained. "I also do restringing of baseball gloves."

He started in the industry for Phoenix Sports in Winnipeg and, after a few different ventures in the sports repair business, eventually moved to Selkirk in 2000.

He then set up his business in the pro shop at the Selkirk Recreation Complex for 10 years.

"What I found with owning retail space, you can't be open enough hours for everybody," he said. "You

could put in a 10-hour day and you're ready to leave and somebody is still knocking on your door for something. I was probably working a 55-hour week on top of a 40-hour real job, which was just too much."

Eddie took a couple of years sabbatical from the sports repair business before starting up again about five years ago.

"I do it as a hobby now and we're just trying to get it up and running again," Eddie said. "We've been steady but not as crazy as it was. Selkirk has been very good to us and I just want to let people know that we're still out here."

There are not too many people that are qualified to do hockey glove repair. Eddie is one of them and he gets great satisfaction when helping a customer.

"We've been doing this for a long time and I enjoy it," he said. "There's nothing better than watching a guy put on his old, favourite gloves and he goes, 'Oh, those feel so good.' It's a creative satisfaction when you restore something for somebody and they go 'That's why I did that.'"

Eddie has advertised his business



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Woody Eddie operates Outlaw Sports Repair out of his home in Selkirk.

on Kijiji in the past and he can be is by appointment only. reached at 204-981-1530. His business

COVID-19 cancels Manitoba curling championships

Staff

Selkirk won't be the host of the Manitoba women's and men's curling provincials next month after all.

Curl Manitoba announced on Dec. 21 that those two events, scheduled to take place from Feb. 2-7 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex, along with the mixed doubles curling provincial championship, have been cancelled.

The mixed doubles provincials were slated to be held at the St. Vital Curling Club in mid-February.

Last season's winners will represent the province at the 2021 nationals which are set to take place in a bubble in Calgary in February and March.

Manitoba's mixed-doubles champions - Krysten Karwacki and Derek Samagalski - have accepted an invitation to participate in Calgary.

Jason Gunnlaugson, the 2020 Viterra champion, and his team from Morris will compete at the Brier for the second consecutive year.

St. Vital's Jennifer Jones will make

her 16th appearance at the nationals as she was the runner-up to Camp Morton's Kerri Einarson in last year's provincial final.

Einarson won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in February and will be Team Canada at this year's event.

But she has not played much since that huge victory in February.

Back in March, Team Einarson had just arrived in Prince George, B.C. for the World Championships when the decision was made to cancel the

event because of COVID-19 the day before the competition was scheduled to start.

More recently in mid-November, Team Einarson defeated Kelsey Rocque in the opening draw of the Okotoks Ladies Classic but that bonspiel was soon cancelled when the Province of Alberta announced tighter restrictions for battling the corona-

Western Hockey League announces draft date change

The Western Hockey League announced on Dec. 22 that the 2021 WHL Draft, previously referred to as the WHL Bantam Draft, has been rescheduled and will be conducted in December 2021.

The WHL Draft was originally scheduled to take place in May 2021.

"Moving the 2021 WHL Draft from

May to December allows additional time for players in the 2006 age group to be evaluated following a challenging season due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison in a statement. "We anticipate minor hockey leagues and tournaments will be fully operational in the fall, which will allow players to compete at a high level once again."

The WHL also announced that the 2021 WHL Cup is tentatively scheduled to be held in October 2021, featuring WHL Draft-eligible players. The event provides another opportunity for eligible players to showcase their talents to WHL scouts in advance of the 2021 WHL Draft.

The 2021 WHL Cup will feature Under-16 teams from each of Canada's four Western branches - BC Hockey, Hockey Alberta, the Saskatchewan Hockey Association, and Hockey Manitoba - competing for U-16 supremacy in Western Canada.

The 2020 WHL Cup, which was scheduled to be held in October, was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.



Purvis selected to the CAC Mentorship program

Staff

Former Selkirk Royals' volleyball standout Sydney Purvis is one of eight female coaches selected to the 2020-21 University Female Coach Mentorship Program (UFCMP).

Purvis is currently an assistant coach with the University of Manitoba Bisons women's volleyball team. Bisons' head coach Ken Bentley will be Purvis' mentor.

"I am thrilled for Sydney to have been selected as part of the CAC Female Coach Mentorship Program," Bentley said on the Bisons' website. "She is incredibly dedicated with the goal of being a U Sports head coach. Sydney has been an integral part of both our high performance and developmental programs, leading in both coaching and program planning.

"She will make an outstanding U Sports coach and, in fact, could assume that role right now."

In 2015, the Coaching Association of Canada' UFCMP was piloted with three universities in Canada aimed at improving the pool of female coaches

in the university system in Canada, as a response to the University of Toronto's 2013 Gender Equity Report.

Since the pilot, the program has expanded to partner with additional universities across Canada. This most recent group of coaches represents the sixth cohort since the program's inception in 2015.

"We are thrilled to welcome the newest mentor and mentee coaches to the program," said Isabelle Cayer, Director, Sport Safety of the CAC. "We take pride in collaborating with universities across Canada to provide female coaches with the practical experiences and the qualifications for lead coaching roles, in a supportive environment."

The UFCMP allows the CAC to support the increased recruitment and retention of female coaches through financial and human resource support, mentorship, and practical experiences.

Winnipeg High School Hockey League cancels season

Staff

It's official.

As many people expected, the Winnipeg High School Hockey League has cancelled its 2020-21 season due to code red COVID-19 restrictions.

The announcement was officially

made on Monday.

"We do acknowledge how hard we tried to get a season off the ground, however, time is not on our side and we believe that this is the most responsible decision and the one that makes the most sense given the current and projected situations surrounding the pandemic," the league said in a statement.

Many city school divisions had already cancelled their high school hockey seasons due to the pandemic, including the Winnipeg School Division, River East Transcona and Louis Riel.

The Selkirk Royals were one of 12 teams that had committed to play this season.

MJHL planning update for a 2021 restart

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League continues to prepare for a restart and has developed a Restart Action Plan that will be initiated once it is deemed safe to do so and provincial restrictions allow for it.

In addition to the established and extensive MJHL Return to Play Guidelines already in place, a number of key elements have been identified in the MJHL Restart Action Plan to allow for a safe and responsible return to hockey.

"Our goal remains the same as in September, to provide a meaningful development season for the players through knowingly very challenging circumstances while continuing to exhaust all options in order to do so in a safe, structured and sensible manner," said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette.

"The MJHL and all member teams will continue to meet each challenge head on in what has already been a monumental effort by all involved. The health and safety of our players, staff, stakeholders and communities remains our No. 1 priority as we carefully navigate a responsible and beneficial pathway to restart training and

on-ice competition."

The MJHL remains optimistic that teams will have the opportunity to provide on-ice training activity for their players during the latter half of January with return to game play targeted for early-to-mid February.

Key Elements of a Restart Action Plan:

Players/staff to complete a 14-day self-isolation period before participating in team activities.

Players/staff to follow detailed travel procedures before reporting to the community/organization.

Teams to provide a 10 to 14-day modified training period for players/ staff once the 14-day self-isolation phase has been completed in advance of resuming games.

All new players added to the roster would be required to complete a 14-day self-isolation period before participating in any team activities.

Each team will play a minimum of two games a week against the same team and will play the same team a minimum four times in a row over consecutive weekends.

Each team will only play teams from the same public health region, same division and/or of closest proximity based on regional restrictions at that time

Each team will schedule games to be played during the weekend (Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday).

Regular season will be extended until the end of April to allow for further schedule and game play flexibility.

Playoff format will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

The MJHL successfully returned to conducting on-ice activity in July and has completed over 60 games since game play began in late September.

The MJHL will continue to consult with Public Health and Hockey Manitoba over the coming weeks to determine when it is appropriate to initiate the MJHL Restart Action Plan for a return to hockey.

The MJHL Board of Governors will meet this month to consider potential start dates and further restart activation planning.



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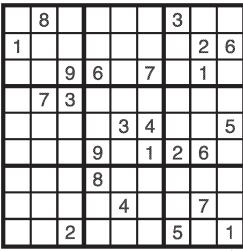
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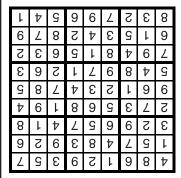


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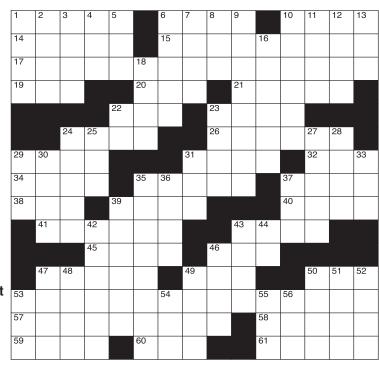
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Partner to "oohed"
- 6. Relaxing places
- 10. Humorous monologue
- 14. Simple elegance
- 15. Bearable
- 17. Disobedience
- 19. Express delight
- 20. Gov't attorneys
- 21. Wake up
- 22. A type of band
- 23. Remain as is
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Battle-ax
- 29. Volcanic crater
- 31. The mother of Jesus 32. One's life history
- 34. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 35. Doubles
- 37. Jacob ___, American journalist
- 38. House pet
- 39. S. African river
- 40. Broad sashes
- 41. Establish as a foundation
- 43. KGB double agent Aldrich
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Train group (abbr.)
- 50. Frames per second
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal from a federation
- 58. Guitarist sounds
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Helps escape

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Currency exchange charge
- 2. River in Tuscany
- 3. Breakfast dish
- 4. Defunct European currency 5. Upper class young woman
- 6. Part of a purse



- 7. Self-contained units
- 8. Boxing's GOAT
- 9. Legislators
- 10. Flightless birds
- 11. U. of Miami's mascot is one
- 12. Floating ice
- 13. Low, marshy land
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Lyric poems
- 22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
- 23. Full extent of something
- 24. Claus
- 25. Naturally occurring solid material
- 27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- 28. Thirteen
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 30. Member of a Semitic people
- 31. One thousandth of an inch

- 33. Former CIA
- 35. Most lemony
- 36. Engage in 37. Small Eurasian deer
- 39. Provisions
- 42. All humans have them 43. Swiss river
- 44. Storage term (abbr.) 46. Famed Broadway lyricist
- Sammy 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Egyptian sun god
- 50. Flute
- 51. Flew off!
- 52. Scottish tax
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-In appreciation, Steve and Muriel Pow. Petersfield, MB

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IN MEMORIAM

Paul Kalyniuk January 7, 2018 I have lost my soul's companion, A life linked with my own; And day by day I miss him more, As I walk through life alone.

-Love Linn

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IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of **Olafur Bell** who passed away 40 years ago December 30, 1980 - December 30, 2020 Our dear husband, dad, Afi and Great Afi We will always remember the way you looked, The way you walked and smiled; All the things you did for us, Will be with us all the while. You always did your best, Your heart was true and tender; You lived your life for those you loved, And those you loved will remember! -Lovingly remembered by wife Thelma, son Myron and daughters Kim, Barb, Marilyn and Maureen, and your grandchildren and great-grandchildren



ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Jason Woychyshyn October 26, 1970 - January 1, 2018 Those we love stay with us, For love itself lives on: And cherished memories never fade. Because a loved one is gone

-Missed every day. Forever in our hearts. Mom and Brenda

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IN MEMORIAM



Joe King In loving memory for Husband Joe, Father and Grampa who passed away January 4th, 2009

Twelve years ago, you were taken away, This day is remembered and quietly kept; No words are needed, We shall never forget. For those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day; Unseen and unheard, but always near, So loved, so missed, and so very dear. But the hearts of the ones that loved you dearly Are the ones that won't forget.

> -Loved and always missed by wife Elsie. son Richard and granddaughter Holly

There is a link death cannot sever, Love and remembrance last forever.

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IN MEMORIAM



Sophie Grochowich September 19, 1920 - January 1, 2020 It's been a lonely year since you've been gone. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you're always there.

-Forever loved, Frances, Peter, Pat, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and brother Frank

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Walter Henkewich March 22, 1938 - December 29, 2019

I came across a picture Of you and I today; The tears just started falling But I couldn't turn away. I closed my eyes and I was there, That day not so long ago... I saw your eyes still shining bright Alive and so aglow. I swear I heard your laughter As I gazed upon your face; That golden and contagious sound That nothing can replace. It brought back such sweet memories Of how life used to be: Each picture's now a time machine That brings you back to me.

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OBITUARY

Stefanie Jamie McKay February 18, 1990 – December 24, 2020

Daughter of Lenny and Helen McKay and foster daughter of Stanton and Nadine Richards.

Family and friends are invited to view the online obituary and because of COVID please join us in a live stream of the service at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

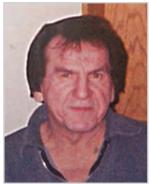
Interment will take place at a late date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Society.



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OBITUARY



Gary Swain

On Thursday, December 24, 2020 with his friend Buck Anderson by his side, at the St. Boniface Hospital, Gary Swain, aged 70 years of Winnipeg, MB passed away.

He was predeceased by his parents Russell and Martha and brother Dennis. $\,$

Gary is survived by his brothers Richard and Lyle; nieces, nephews, cousins, friend Blaine Harris and many other friends.

Gary was born and raised in East Lockport. He retired from the Flyer Industries.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Interment will take place at a later date in the St. Clements Cemetery with his parents.

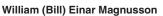
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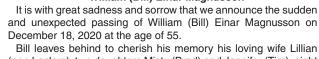
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Bill leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife Lillian (nee Leclerc); two daughters Misty (Brad) and Jennifer (Tim); eight grandchildren Brook (Derrick), Madison, Bailey, Randy, Allie, Jade, Mason, and Kolten; along with two great-granddaughters Pipper and Quinn; also left to mourn him is his big brother David (Doris); his sisters Kristine, Susan (Jim), Lillian (Chris) and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Bill was predeceased by his loving parents Julia and Magnus Magnusson; his son David; his brother-in-law Keith and nephew Brian; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Albert and Adiline Leclerc.

Bill was born in Selkirk, MB on February 3, 1965 where he grew up and attended school. Growing up Dad made lots of friends who he remained in contact with until his passing. At a young age Dad always had jobs. He delivered papers in the Selkirk area. In his teen years his parents moved to Spruce Grove, AB where he also went to school and had a job at a gas station pumping gas and changing tires until they moved back to their home town Selkirk where he started driving taxi for the family business Will's Taxi. Bill then decided to get his Class 1A and got a job driving trucks for Dave Horbas out of Libau doing gravel and winter roads in Northern Manitoba and Northern Ontario, that's when his girlfriend Lillian at the time started to travel with him and he taught her how to drive the big trucks. They then went on to Lillian getting her Class 1A and on the highway they went, driving team at various companies.

Dad and Mom drove the last 11 years for Penner International out of Steinbach, MB for the remainder of his life.

As the years went on Dad turned into Grandpa. When his first granddaughter Brook was born he was in such awe over his (little Brookster) he couldn't get enough of her. Eventually more precious grandchildren were born and Dad loved every one of them. Family was very important to him. Dad cherished every moment he got to spend with family whether it was visiting at the family home or on vacations, camping, fishing, birthdays or holidays. He loved spending time and phone calls with us all. If Dad was looking to add something new to the family home he always made sure that the whole family would be able to enjoy it. In the last years Dad looked forward to our annual pig roasts with all friends and family and our fishing trips to the lake. And to take his family in his classic convertible for a ride or go to the beach for a picnic.

Dad was a huge classic car enthusiast and loved going to car shows, showing his cars and meeting new and old friends year after year.

Dad (Bill) was a very selfless, loving, caring and giving man. He didn't like seeing anyone go without and would do what he could to help.

Due to the restrictions a service and celebration of life will be held at a later date when we all can be together.

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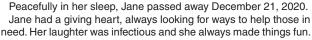
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OBITUARY

Jane Marie Wunnemann April 14, 1966 - December 21, 2020



For eight years Jane managed the Liberty Tax office in Selkirk, Manitoba and for the past two years, the Liberty Tax office in Sandy Hook, Manitoba.

Jane is survived by her husband Lorry; stepson Matthew; sister Lisa Maycock (Jerry); brothers Warner and Ernie; niece Brittany Maycock (Sydrick); her best friend since childhood Lynn Kolodiejchuk and her beloved dog Minnie.

We will miss you Jane. Keep smiling my girl.

Cremation has taken place.

If desired, donations may be made in Jane's memory to CancerCare Manitoba.

OBITUARY

Lawrence (Larry) Arthur Pinder



It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Larry on December 21st, 2020 in Selkirk. Larry was born in Winnipeg November 9th, 1957.

Larry has always had a very kind heart and was always there for anyone or animal that needed help. He had a passion for helping everyone! He loved fishing and old cars, but not as much as he loved his wife Dorothy.

Larry will be lovingly remembered by his wife Dorothy, his mom Shirley and his family both near and far.

In keeping with his wishes a private memorial will be held at a later date.

"Larry I love you, thank you for a real good life. We have created so many memories together I will cherish them and you forever". In Larry's memory donations can be made to an animal rescue

of your choice.

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OBITUARY

Dorothy Ellen Swanson February 22, 1947 – December 26, 2020

Dorothy died Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Palliative Care. Her lung, heart valve and kidney failure finally overcame her will to live.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband Brian, they celebrated 52 years together; daughters, Sherry (son-in-law Mike MacVicar) and Tammy; grandchildren, Josh, Katelyn, Brandon and Alysha; great-grandchildren, Agust, Marlowe and Mason. Mom was thankful to connect with her long lost son Jerry Paul, his partner Lori Lumax and his daughter Jasmine. Also survived by in-laws Bob and Stacey Swanson, Maureen and Lyle Olson; three sisters Millie Henshaw, Faye Gullickson, and Joyce Firestone; along with many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Dorothy was predeceased by son-in-law Jamie Kotowich; mother Gladys Kelly; in-laws John and Violet Swanson; as well as her brothers Marvin and Lorne; sisters Viril, Ethel and Phyllis.

Dorothy was born in Saskatchewan and as a young child moved to Selkirk with her mother. By the time she was 17 she had moved to Winnipeg and was working at Old Dutch. In 1968 Dorothy married Brian Swanson, she became a stay at home mom until both girls started school then worked at various restaurants, Chicken Delight, Pizza Place and the MoonLighter. Dorothy's Cafe was purchased and operated from 1984 to 1994. Many great experiences, memories, staff and friendships were formed over these 10 years as part of the Winnipeg Beach business community. Dorothy returned to restaurant work at Gimli Chicken Chef, Niakwa in the Beach and the Charrier RoadHouse Restaurant. Due to increasing health concerns she finally retired from outside work but continued working at home.

Dorothy enjoyed the occasional road trip and playing VLTs. All that knew and loved her will cherish her memory forever.

We thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Gimli, HSC, and Selkirk Hospitals. We thank Dr. S.V. Patel who has been our family doctor for many, many years.

Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Mom was a bright light to so many over her years... a wonderful daughter, thoughtful and strong sister, an excellent employee - even better employer, sharing of knowledge and time. A fun aunt, patient mom and gramma who taught so many teenagers to drive, shared so many laughs and jokes and taught those around her to be strong, resilient and kind. A funny, sarcastic, witty woman who was the brains behind so many of Brian's creations - the love of his life and sparkle to his shine.

We love you!

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Eleanor Elaine Davidson August 4, 1942 - December 26, 2020

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Eleanor Davidson. With family at her side, mom passed away on December 26, 2020.

Eleanor will be mourned by her children, son Darwin; daughters Debbie (Mike) Williamson and Drinda (Russell) Wasnie; grandchildren Cyla, Devon, Lindzi, Cody, Blair and Cole; greatgrandchildren Luka, Dominik and Paizli.

Mom was always a very positive person and loved spending time with family and friends. Mom loved her time spent camping, joining in on the many Thanksgiving dinners in Birds Hill Park, Mom and Dad would always bring the wine.

She loved their sunroom where they enjoyed many hours visiting with family and friends. Mom also loved the many winters spent in

Yuma

Mom was able to spent her last Christmas with family and she enjoyed every minute of it. A piece of mom was gone when Dad passed away in the spring, and we take comfort knowing they are having a glass of wine together, dancing above.

"Mom we love you so much and will miss you." Rest in peace

The family would like to thank all the staff at Woodland Courts for all the care they showed to mom during her time there.

Due to current restrictions, a private graveside service was held.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Kristy Lou Kinrade

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts her family announces the sudden passing of Kristy Lou Kinrade on December 18, 2020.

Kristy is survived by her partner of 21 years, Scott Baxter and her beloved cat Emma Lou; her mom Mary-Lou (Dennis Bobbie); dad Malcolm Kinrade; father Gerry Sonier and grandma Sonier. Kristy also leaves behind many aunties, uncles and cousins whom she loved dearly. She will be missed by all of us including her many friends and close friends Mike, Bonnie and Patti. Kristy is predeceased by her brother Doug, grandparents Douglas and Irene McCombs, Dorothy Kinrade, and Robert Sonier, her Auntie Shelley and Auntie Patricia.

I look at the stars, they make me wonder where you are but in my heart I know that you will always be with me.

Kristy, we will forever "Love You To The Moon and Back". In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Turning Leaf Community Support Services Manitoba.

Friends and family can leave a condolence on her tribute wall and can watch the ceremony via the link on her obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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J. Raymond Knott January 6, 1940 - December 29, 2020

Peacefully on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Dad passed at the East Gate Lodge.

He is survived by daughter Sandra; son Dwayne (Leona); grandson Olin: son-in-law Orest: sisters Pat (Orval) Folster. Dorothy (Denis) Blake-Knox, and Alberta Thomas; brother Kevin Knott; sisters-in-law Blanch Louis, Valerie Linklater and Shirley Louis; brother-in-law Roger Lusty; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife Velma (1978); his parents Annie and Albert; brothers Floyd and Morgan; nephew Glenn Knott; in-laws Ellen Lusty and Percy Louis. Dad's greatest joy was his only grandchild Olin, teaching him how

to be strong, how to do the very best he could do in life. Together

they fished, quadded, hunted and trapped, or just cruised the trails. Dad also loved watching his beloved Blue Jays and listening to music by the only singer in the world, Georgie Jones of course.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba or to East Gate Lodge

We would like to give special thanks to Uncle Larry Hourie for the many visits to Dad and to his dear friend Ross Orvis who made many trips to play crib. Both were truly a blessing. The family would like to thanks the many angels at East Gate Lodge for going above and beyond to have given our father the absolute best care. Thank you Dr. VanRansberg. Also, thanks to Gilbart Funeral Home.

To leave condolences or view Ray's video tribute go to www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

"We remember the love when they can no longer remember

"RIP dear Dad and Grampa"

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OBITUARY

Rosie Preachuk March 25, 1929 - December 24, 2020

Rosie passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Betel Home in Selkirk on December 24, 2020 at the age of 91 years.

Rosie was born in Alberta and it was there she met her husband Alex. They later moved to Winnipeg to be closer to family. They purchased their home in St. Andrew's and welcomed everyone into their home. Rosie went to work in a sewing factory where she made many lifelong friends. In the summer she took great pride in her flowers and her huge garden. Rosie crocheted the most beautiful table cloths and dollies which she gifted to family. Rosie and Alex loved all their nieces and nephews and spoiled them as if they were their own. Sadly in 1988 Alex passed away and Rosie made the decision to move into the Knights Centre in Selkirk. When her health began to fail she went into the Betel Home. She

enjoyed teasing all the staff and having a good laugh. They were so kind to her. We are extremely grateful to all of them for the care and compassion they showed to her.

There will be a family service at a later date where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved Alex. We take comfort in knowing they are once again reunited.

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OBITUARY

Ursula Gnitzinger

On Monday, December 28, 2020, Ursula Gnitzinger passed away in Hospital.

Ursula was predeceased by her husband Willi of 53 years (2005): son Heinz: brother-in-law Gerd Hoins and sister Brigitte Strassenburg in Germany.

Left to cherish her memories are her family, sons Dieter (Noreen) and Frank (Susan); grandchildren McGill, Lonny, Jared (Hilda), Kassi (Dave) and Kylee (Brett); great-grandchildren Grace, Aedan, Cade, Maliyah, Emery and Hannah; family in Germany, brother Egon Pavlicek (Annemarie); sister Jutta Hoins-Lohse (Gunnar) and brother-in-law Gunnar Strassenburg; nieces and nephews.

Ursula was born on March 24, 1928 in Bremen, Germany and married Willi in 1951. Ursula emigrated to Canada in 1955 and settled in Old England (St. Andrews) to raise her family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Selkirk, Arborg and Teulon hospitals for their dedication and excellent care of Ursula during the past few months.

Due to current restrictions, a family interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ursula's memory to a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY

Robert Ryan Scott Petaski February 7, 1974 - December 21, 2020

On December 21, 2020 at Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Ryan passed away after a long fought battle with cancer.

Ryan leaves behind his dad and mom, Ronald and Barbara Petaski; sister Rhonda Sears; nephews Jack and Michael and special friend and love of his life, Connie Martin.

Ryan was born in Selkirk, attended the University of Manitoba and farmed with his dad and family in the R.M. of St. Clements. He had an excellent understanding for high tech equipment.

He was always positive and enjoyed joking around with Rhonda, Connie and "the boys." He was an excellent role model for his nephews and loved them deeply. He got much enjoyment from working with is friend Bill. He enjoyed carpentry work and the friendship they formed.

Ryan always put his loved ones before his own needs. He was an excellent son, brother, uncle and special friend. He will be truly missed.

A sincere thank you to the staff at CancerCare, Respiratory Centre HSC and Selkirk Regional Health Centre for all their expertise and kindness. Special thanks to Dr. Dawe, Dr. Bashir Bashir and Dr. Zoppa for all your care. We truly appreciate you and your teams.

A special thank you to Connie for her dedication to Ryan when he truly needed it, especially through

Cremation has taken place and due to COVID there will be no service at this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ryan's memory to CancerCare Manitoba or to the Manitoba Lung Association.

Until we meet again. Rest in Peace. We will always love you.

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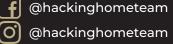
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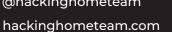
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