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 Selkirk Dolphins Swim Team member, Lilly Douglas, pictured left, holds up Olympic swimmer Chantal Van Landeghem's bronze-medal from the 2016 Rio Olympic Games at the Selkirk Community Pool on Feb. 9. Van Landeghem, pictured right, of Winnipeg also won two golds and a silver at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto. For a story, see our Sports section.

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Residents rally around American fishermen after their truck is stolen



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Pictured from left to right: Tanner Ouellette, Louise Machinski, and Wyatt Wahl, enjoy some breakfast at Bridgeview Bed and Breakfast last Friday. Machinski offered to help out the fishermen after their truck, trailer, and most of their fishing gear, was stolen last Friday morning in Selkirk.

By Justin Luschinski

Tanner Ouellette and Wyatt Wahl, two young Americans from North Dakota, came to Selkirk last week to experience the world-class fishing experience the city is famous for.

But when they went stopped at the local McDonald's for coffee around 6 a.m. last Friday morning, their truck, trailer and most of their fishing gear was stolen.

"We just parked out front. I clicked my lock button, didn't even think twice about it ... we got our coffee, took us maybe five or 10 minutes, and

when we got outside, (our truck) was gone," Ouellette said.

The pair scrambled around, trying to find any evidence of who might have stolen their truck. They contacted the police, but there was little evidence to go on, and they almost gave up hope. Word around the city spread fast, and several Selkirk residents stepped up, offering them everything from free food to fishing gear.

Louise Machinski, owner of the Bridgeview Bed and Breakfast, took the boys in, and served them a country breakfast.

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Ice breakers to hit the Red River Feb. 25 in preparation for spring



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Crews hit break up ice along the Red River in Selkirk in this 2017 photo. The Amphibex ice breakers are scheduled to hit the Red River nearly Netley Creek on Monday, Feb. 25.

By Lindsey Enns

It's a sure sign spring is on the horizon as crews are gearing up to take the Amphibex ice breakers onto the Red River for the program's 14th season.

Darrell Kupchik, executive director of North Red Waterway Maintenance Inc., says the ice-breakers will hit the Red River at the end of Main near Netley Creek starting on Monday, Feb. 25. Anglers with ice fishing shacks in that area have been notified that their shacks need to be off the ice by Sunday, Feb. 24.

Kupchik said they will then make their way towards Selkirk. Ice shacks in the Selkirk area are to be off the ice by March 10. As they advance up the Red River, crews will be notifying those ice fishers.

Crews will be on the ice for about four weeks in total and the fleet — operated and maintained by North Red Waterway Maintenance Inc., a corpo-

ration formed by the rural municipalities of St. Andrews, St. Clements and the City of Selkirk — will crush more than 28 kilometres of ice during that time.

The annual program focuses on sections of the north Red River with a history of ice jam-related flooding and Kupchik says they are seeing above normal ice thickness and lots of snow this year.

"Every year this is important but this year there is some concern," he said. "It's an insurance program, that's what this is."

Crews are also getting a later start this year, he added.

North Red Waterway Maintenance Inc.'s contract with the province expired on Dec. 31, 2018 but it has been extended until March 31, 2019 so the ice breaking program can continue this winter.

"This contract extension will allow us to continue breaking ice," Kupchik said. "It will give us the added opportunity to continue our negotiations while we're breaking ice."

North Red Waterway Maintenance Inc. was formed in 2005 and started ice breaking in 2006.

"We've come along since then," he said. "It's such a unique operation that gets worldwide attention."

Ice breaking crews would also like to remind residents to steer clear of the unsafe hazardous ice conditions in their project areas.

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Indigo helps bring new books to Daerwood School's library

By Lindsey Enns

After a nearly one hour bus ride to Winnipeg, dozens of Selkirk students eagerly walked into the Indigo bookstore last Wednesday morning with smiles on their faces.

Daerwood School applied for the Indigo Adopt a School program last year and found out last fall they had been selected. The campaign began at the end of last September and ran for about four weeks, helping the school raise \$4,400 in new books for their library.

Terri Stewart, the school's library clerk and an education assistant, said the funds will be used over the course of two to three years.

"Each staff member was able to donate a book of their choice so right off the hop there's 30 extra books that weren't even part of that initial money that we raised," Stewart said, adding they were planning to spend between \$500 to \$1,000 on new books during their visit to the Indigo Kenaston location last week.

Stewart said the school's library budget

is usually around \$1,000 annually, which is about \$10 per student.

"You can tell just by those numbers that the budget doesn't go very far," she said. "Our library itself is aging in a sense that a lot of the books on our selves are over 10 years old so we're looking to inject some new life into our library and hoping it will generate some excitement for the kids to get engaged in reading."

Grade 6 student Madeline Beerling and Grade 4 student Amelia Lebedin were among the large group of students who got to visit Indigo last Wednesday. They both said they love to read for many reasons.

"There's a different story in every book and I think that's just really interesting," Beerling said.

"I love how if the main character is a girl, I like pretending the girl and the things happening to her are me," Lebedin said.

Along with shopping for books, students in grades 3 and 6 took part in story and craft time sessions during their visit.

> RESIDENTS RALLY AROUND AMERICAN FISHERMEN, FROM PG. 2

Machinski said she was surprised at how many residents offered to help them.

"I want the town to be a good experience, and I've always tried to help everyone out. That's just who I am," Machinski said. "Selkirk is a safe place to come for fishing and tourism, and there are good people here. People who will help you if you have a problem."

Machinski also co-ordinated a welcome package for the two fishermen. Ouellette and Wahl received numerous gifts, such as spare clothes, toques, fishing tackle, and several items from the City of Selkirk. Ouellette said they received more than 20 messages on Facebook, most from local anglers offering to take the pair out for some ice fishing.

Ouellette and Wahl said they're extremely thankful to everyone in Selkirk.

"It's awesome. We came up here, had an unfortunate event, we're not from here, and the lo-

cals bring us in. They offered to give us fishing gear, they offered to give us their cars, it's amazing," Ouellette said. "The ice fishing community in Selkirk is fantastic, within 20 minutes of our truck getting stolen, we had people contacting us. We can't thank them enough."

"It sucks that it happened. But there are good people out here. We're coming back next year for sure," Wahl added.

Ouellette and Wahl have travelled to Selkirk previously to fish, saying that the fishing is "world-class."

According to Ouellette, the police have found their truck, and they took two suspects into custody. The police got in touch with OnStar, who was able to remotely locate and disable the truck. RCMP quickly moved in and retrieved it.

Before the end of the day last Friday, the fishermen were on their way to the Selkirk RCMP detachment to identify some items and pick up their truck.



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Daerwood School students arrive at Indigo bookstore in Winnipeg last Wednesday morning.

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BIG DOLLAR

Chris Walby wows crowd at 22nd annual Steelers dinner

By Lindsey Enns

The legendary and larger-than-life Chris Walby had more than 200 Selkirk and surrounding area residents cracking up during the Selkirk Steelers 22nd annual Hockey Night in Selkirk Dinner.

The six-foot-seven retired Canadian Football League (CFL) player, who played the offensive tackle position with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 1981 to 1996 and won three Grey cups with the Bombers in 1984, 1988, and 1990, was this year's guest speaker at the fundraising dinner for the Steelers last Wednesday evening at the Selkirk Rec Complex.

During his career with the Bombers, Walby was a nine-time CFL All-Star and two-time league's Most Outstanding Lineman. In 2003, Walby was elected into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and in 2005, was chosen as one of the Blue Bombers All-Time 20 Greatest Players. In 2006, he was chosen 22nd amongst the CFL's 50 Greatest Players in a TSN poll and was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

During his speech, Walby talked about his career, cracked some jokes about his family and his coaches and even provided the Steelers players with some sound advice.

"Enjoy what you have, really love the players because it is a brotherhood," he said. "I've had the good fortune of having reunions with a lot of guys and the stories always get better. It's just a wonderful thing and you guys will experience this. You're still young."

Walby also spoke about all of the life lessons he learned from his top two influential coaches during his early years.

"They both taught me two things, be a man and be responsible, that every action has a reaction," he said. "These are things you learn over time."

"Appreciate what you are, appreciate



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Former Winnipeg Blue Bomber Chris Walby speaks during the Selkirk Steelers 22nd annual Hockey Night in Selkirk Dinner at the Selkirk Rec Complex last Wednesday evening.



ate what you're learning, appreciate where you're gonna be."

The Steelers executive, coaches and players said they would like to thank everyone in attendance during last Wednesday's event to show their support for the local hockey team, which they believe is a very important part of this community.

"The Selkirk Steelers are proud to provide the community with an affordable, exciting brand of Junior A hockey," last week's program read. "We believe that hockey is more than a sport. In our country and our province the game of hockey is a way of life for many, a way of life that unites people. We like to think that we bring a sense of pride to the City of Selkirk as well as the surrounding area. Without the support of our business community as well as our many volunteers none of this would be possible."

Ludwick Catering Ltd., located in East St. Paul, also catered last Wednesday's dinner.

On Tuesday, the Steelers sat in fifth place in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

Their next home game at the Selkirk Rec Complex is on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. where they will face off against the Steinbach Pistons.

For more information about the Steelers and their full schedule, visit selkirksteelers.com.

Funding to help keep municipalities thriving: Bezan

Staff

More than \$100,000 in funding is flowing to the communities of Pinawa, Gimli and Alexander.

Pinawa and the RM of Gimli each received \$50,000 for the purchase of their asset management programs while the RM of Alexander received \$28,000 to enable improvements to their asset management system that is already in progress.

"I wish to congratulate the Pinawa,

Gimli and Alexander on securing funding from the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities," said James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman. "I am happy to see the ongoing support from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for our local communities. Their partnerships help keep rural Manitoba infrastructure maintained and our small towns and rural municipalities thriving."

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Three levels of government to fund Selkirk's new lift station

Staff

Work on a new forcemain and lift station for Selkirk residents is expected to begin this spring, thanks to funding from all three levels of government.

Representatives from both the federal and provincial governments were on hand last Wednesday afternoon to announce \$2.4 million in funding for a forcemain and lift station project through the Small Communities Fund. Canada, Manitoba and the City of Selkirk are each contributing \$800,000 to the Selkirk Forcemain and Lift Station project.

The funding will support the design and construction of a forcemain and lift station off Manitoba Avenue on city-owned land. Once complete, it will reduce storm water flooding, improve wastewater treatment, and expand the treatment and collection system. It will also make way for up to 1,800 new houses as well as commercial and industrial development.

Minister of Rural Economic Development Bernadette Jordan, Manitoba Minister of Municipal Relations Jeff Wharton, Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere and Selkirk-Interlake Eastman MP James Bezan were all on hand last Wednesday for the announcement at Selkirk City Hall.

"Modern efficient water and wastewater infrastructure is essential to safeguarding the well being of Canadian families and building the Canada we want for tomorrow," Jordan said. "This important project in Selkirk will not only improve services for residents, but protect the environment, keep communities healthy and live-



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Pictured from left to right: RM of Ritchot Mayor Chris Ewen, Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, Minister of Rural Economic Development Bernadette Jordan and Manitoba Minister of Municipal Relations enjoy a glass of water during a joint-wastewater infrastructure funding announcement for the RM of Ritchot and the City of Selkirk last Wednesday at Selkirk City Hall.

able, and pave the way for economic development and growth."

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said the project is critical to the city being able to handle more business in the industrial park, commercial development along Manitoba Avenue and residential growth on land west of Annie Street.

"Since 2011, the City of Selkirk, with the support of our funding partners, has made significant investments into our water and wastewater systems; improving our capacity to serve our growing community, our resiliency to climate change, and our environ-

mental performance," Johannson said. "This project will support the future development of almost 750 acres and will reduce the current demands on our existing system."

During her stop in Selkirk, Jordan also announced funding for upgrades to water and wastewater systems in the RM of Ritchot, which is located approximately 73 kilometres south of Selkirk.

In Ritchot, funding will support upgrades to the raw water supply system and increase the capacity of the reservoir to meet rising water use from rural residents in Ritchot, Riel Industrial

park, Ste. Agathe, St. Adolphe, Île des Chênes, as well as planned future expansion of the regional water system to the community of Grande Pointe and area.

Wharton said funding these infrastructure improvements benefits all residents of Selkirk.


"This project will ensure that wastewater in the City of Selkirk will be treated to a higher quality. Improvements to our municipal infrastructure are a priority in Manitoba, and these projects are an important step towards making our municipalities' infrastructure stronger and more efficient for all residents," Wharton said.

The city has been improving its water and wastewater systems in recent years, beginning with the expansion to its water plant in 2011. Two years ago it tapped into a new water source to supplement its current well and work is underway on a new \$39 million state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that will exceed provincial standards and be able to handle future growth.

Dan McDermid, the city's director of operations, said the new lift station plays a crucial role in the city's ability to handle future growth.

"This takes pressure off of the Dufferin station, everything flows through Dufferin," McDermid said. "The new station is going to take any future growth in that area west of Annie and south of Selkirk Crossing. It will also take everything on Manitoba, again, taking pressure off Dufferin."

Work on the forcemain and lift station is expected to begin in spring 2019 and conclude in 2020.

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> ARNIE WEIDL

Fishing trips lead to all kinds of mishaps

Good day my friends, I hope all your fishing exploits lately have been enjoyable.

For some of our angling brothers who are about to share their fishing stories with us, perhaps “ouch,” “water logged” and “what else can go wrong” begins to describe their experiences.

It was a cold overcast day early last week when I visited Jason Werechuk and his dad Paul from Winnipeg in their portable ice shack on the Red River ice at Breezy Point. Jason, who was of average build with bushy grey hair and a constant well meaning half smile, was the more talkative and soon after introductions imparted a shocking incident when they were setting up to fish not long ago. Jason was anxious to get on with it and had one short rod wedged between his hip and the arm of his chair with its end high by his face. Turning to get bait for his second rod, his first rod was disturbed and its hook flew up through his nostril piercing down to the inside of his lip! Purely by instinct Jason grabbed and twisted the barb less hook from his face! Stalwart fisher that he was, he wiped the blood away, got his baited hooks in the water and proceeded to fish!

A few days later off Warner Road by Chalet Beach I met Greg Agnew of Oak Bank, a stocky guy with a white goatee who punctuated every story he told with raucous laughter. While his partner Stefan Hammerback, a tall athletic guy with chiseled facial features checked their sleds, Greg told of a time some summers ago he and a friend went fishing just east of the Manitoba border in Deception Lake. His buddy had a tiny boat spotted at the lake. To get there however they had to walk in a couple of kilometers from the road carrying an old small two horse motor and all their gear. When they got to the beached boat



RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Warner Dueck with one of his catches off Balsam Bay.

they had to whittle a water plug for the boat from a soft green willow branch. With the bright sun high in the sky on a wonderful afternoon Greg and his friend loaded the little boat and shoved off for some fishing. Almost instantly Greg felt a hard pull on his line. He tightened his reel to no drag as the fish began to slowly tow the boat from shore. The guys kind of lost it and put the tiny motor in reverse to beach the dingy. It worked long enough for them to make shallow water. They jumped overboard just as the underside of the boat hit a huge rock tipping it and popping their makeshift boat water plug out. The fish tore Greg’s rod from his hands! Water bubbled up into the little craft from the boat drain and cascaded over one side into the boat hung up and listing sideways on the rock. Meanwhile the little motor kept on idling in reverse kicking up a lovely spray causing the boat to side off the rock as their fishing gear floated out of the half sub-

merged dingy. It took the rest of the day to beach and drain the boat, wade about collecting their gear, drying themselves and make camp for the night. Almost at sunset they climbed back in the dingy and went searching for Greg’s rod. They found it lodged in a fallen tree in the water with a giant jackfish still hooked on. The guys slipped into the water getting wet yet again to release it whereupon the fish gave them a good farewell splashing before it slowly swam away.

Last weekend I ran into a chap by the name of Warner Dueck from Kleefeld on the ice off Balsam Bay who had an even more trying fishing experience. A few weeks ago Warner and a friend headed out from Balsam Bay to his ice shack a mile or so out. It didn’t take long for the guys to realize the snow was too deep and they were going to get stuck. They turned around and went home for their sleds. With the sleds loaded, they were about to pull out of Warner’s yard and were upset to see the trailer lights weren’t working. It was mid-morning so off they went back to Balsam. In Balsam Bays’ ice parking lot they climbed onto their sleds to unload them only to discover the starter pull rope on his friends sled was broken. What to do! They “Googled” it! Fueled with new knowledge given, they wrapped a rope around the sleds clutch and started the machine. They made for Warner’s shack and were dismayed to see three foot snowdrifts around it when they got there. They pounded for an hour with crowbars to free the shack skids from the ice and another hour to tow it from the snowdrifts. Triumphant, they opened the shack door only to discover that the towing had dislodged the roof from the walls! They spent the rest of the day fixing the shack, never mind getting in any fishing! Oh, the joys of angling!

Till next week, bye for now.

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Growing Years hopes to hold on to federal funding

By Justin Luschinski

Growing Years Family Resource Centre is a valuable resource for Selkirk and area families, but there is no guarantee their federal funding will be renewed when they reapply next year.

The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) celebrated its 25th anniversary last week. The federal grant funds a majority of the centre's activities. According to the Government of Canada website, the program funds car seat safety, child development delays, child safety, family support, knowledge of child development and basic child care, positive parenting as well as toy and play safety education at the local centre. Growing Years, which is located at 216 Manitoba Ave. in Selkirk, is also one of the only kid-oriented facilities in the region.

Terrie Moar, Growing Years executive director, says there is no backup plan if they lose that funding.

"We are the only CAPC funded resource center in the Interlake. A lot of families from far-off communities rely on our centre," Moar said, adding they will have to reapply for funding in 2020 and are unsure if CPAC will continue. "If we lose the funding ... there's no backup plan. We might have to

close our doors."

In the meantime, Moar said they will continue operating business as usual. They're currently offering their baby love program, which gives new mothers access to a variety of resources and early childhood education programs.

She added it's important to not only focus on the children, but on the mental health of the parents.

"I think what makes us really special is we're open to every parent. It's almost impossible to raise a child well without support," Moar said. "We have occupational therapists who can come in, and we have staff that can sit down with a parent, to help them celebrate something, or talk them through some tough situations."

Moar said their organization has partnered with a lot of different resources in Selkirk. They have access to physiotherapists, nutritionists, therapists, and a wide range of other connections. They also work with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority and can refer parents to medical specialists if needed.

For more information about the centre and the programs they offer, you can find the "GROWING YEARS Family Resource Centre" page on Facebook or call 204-785-8218.

Manitoba implements province wide block funding in child welfare system

Staff

The province is implementing a new funding approach as part of its plan to reform the child welfare system.

In 2017, the province commenced a block funding pilot project with eight agencies. Preliminary results support a shift to block funding, as agencies reduced their average per diem costs and the number of children entering into care and increased investments in prevention activities to support families. Agencies also reported value in consistent and timely funding.

The new funding approach builds on engagement sessions held by Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Southern Chiefs' Organization and Manitoba Métis Federation, ongoing dialogue with child welfare authorities, broader child welfare reform legislative review consultations, and the results of the block funding pilot project.

As of April 1, the province will pro-

vide funding up front to Manitoba's four child and family services authorities. The authorities will distribute funds to their agencies based on a three-year agreement. The province will continue to engage and collaborate with authorities and agencies as it fully implements this plan to ensure the model works. Manitoba's 24 agencies will be fully responsible to manage the funds allocated to them by their authorities.

The province also noted a change in how the federal Children's Special Allowance (CSA) will be handled under the block-funding model.

Child welfare agencies will retain the CSA as of April 1. The combined result of the changes in the approach to funding will see over \$435 million in financial resources available to CFS authorities and their mandated agencies in 2019-20, the minister noted.

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Letters

Random act of kindness leads to Roll up the Rim win

The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School or a.k.a. "The Comp" has a long history in the community of Selkirk, Manitoba, and with that history, comes an array of publicity both good and bad.

February 6, 2019 turned out to be not just another day in the life of The Comp, but rather "a fall off your stool in shock" kind of moment for a certain Hall Monitor, named Henry. All because of a neighborly gesture made by a staff member, Marianne, who went to Tim Hortons for a coffee run. She came back and gave Henry his coffee, never once thinking she or him would be thrust into the limelight for a life altering moment. Henry rolled up the rim to win, and win he did. Very exciting and surreal news to the new owner of a 2019 Jeep Compass North.

This letter also contains a deeper meaning other than winning a contest, and that is, what a difference just one person can make in the life of another. A random act of kindness can mean so much to brighten someone's day. Amidst of some recent unwanted negative press for The Comp, this win has truly pulled the whole school together in a team spirit atmosphere. The excitement can be felt among staff and students alike, nothing like this has ever happened before and now will become part of The Comp history forever.

The outpouring of congratulatory remarks, handshakes and hugs, plainly show there is a loving, kind, and caring environment that still exists and is very alive in The Comp community.

As Henry continues to carry out his duties as Hall Monitor, the students, visitors and staff receive a warm reception as well as him being an extra pair of eyes for the building. His repour and presence is acknowledged and appreciated as he goes about... making a difference.

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Manitoba schools celebrate teachers

By Justin Luschinski

Selkirk and surrounding area schools paused to celebrate their teachers and staff members last week.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which took place Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, is a time to celebrate teachers and all they do for students across Manitoba.

"Next to parents and guardians, teachers have a tremendous influence on children's lives," Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) president Norm Gould stated in a release last week. "Think about it, the relationship between parents and teachers is what drives the success of public schools in Manitoba.

"I'd like to thank the parents of public school children across the province for trusting us to educate their children. And I'm so very proud of our over 15,000 MTS members who teach, guide and inspire those students, every day."

At Walter Whyte School located in Grand Marais, their teachers are also a part of the community.

The school's principal Glo-

ria Juvonen said teachers often put in long hours to help the students have a wonderful school experience.

"For us, we have such a small school, but we're trying to offer as many of those extra learning opportunities as possible," Juvonen said. "Our staff will spend a lot of late nights coaching basketball, or sorting out our drama production, they'll stay and drive students home if needed ... It's important that we show appreciation for all their hard work."

Juvonen said she thinks of her staff as family, and that students should also give thanks to the support staff, such as the teachers assistants and janitors, as they provide an essential service to the school's operations. She added that students will often bring gifts, such as appreciation cards, flowers, or gift cards, for their instructors, and she herself sends gifts and cards to her staff near the end of the school year.

LSSD Supt. Michele Polinuk said teachers are invaluable to our society.

"Teachers, as well as all school staff, are role models for our

students. They inspire, encourage and instill a love of learning and exploration. The adults in the building take the time to know the child's 'story' so that they can motivate and establish trust," Polinuk stated in an email to the *Record*. "Teachers and all school staff make a difference in the lives of our students."

Juvonen added that teaching doesn't end after the children go home for the day. Not only do the staff take care of the extracurricular activities, but they also handle the various school events, such as their annual Christmas dinner and spring tea. The families of the staff also deserve credit, as they often pitch in to host these events.

Gould said teaching can be a real challenge. Students come with emotional, intellectual and physical challenges that require intense preparation and sensitivity on the part of teachers.

Gould says teachers appreciate the parents, guardians and other individuals who expressed their thanks last week.

Crafters to showcase their wares at artisan market

By Justin Luschinski

Selkirk's art gallery is gearing up to host an all-new night market starting this week.

The Gwen Fox Market will host a Bud and Bloom Artisan Market on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The market is scheduled to run one evening each month until July.

The market aims to bring together many different crafters, sewers, and artisans to showcase local wares made in Selkirk and the surrounding areas.

Christina Barr, one of the market's organizers, said there aren't many opportunities for local businesses to get their name out there.

"There's not a lot of markets in Selkirk, it's hard to find out about them until they're already fully booked. And it's hard to get into a really popular market in Winnipeg, and it's usually expensive," Barr said. "We try to keep our table fees low, to

encourage local businesses to come.

"It's very important to support local crafters."

Barr said they have quite a few interesting tables at the next market, including Kari Klassen from The Hummingbird Project, which gives gifts to chemotherapy patients on their first hospital visit. Artisans will be also selling locally made soap products, bags, and baked goods.

Barr said it's important to support local crafters.

"I started because I was a mom, and I wanted to make a little extra income, but also have something creative I could do aside from taking care of my children," Barr said. "There are so many creative and interesting things made here, and I hope everyone will come out to buy some cool crafts."

Barr said they're looking for more businesses to join the markets they're planning in the future.

They're hoping to bring in some more food vendors, and possibly some musicians, to help bring in more customers. They're also looking into having a market exclusively for youth in Selkirk, giving them a chance to run their own business.

Upcoming markets are scheduled to take place the evenings of March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20 and July 18.

For more information visit gwenfox-gallery.com, or email Barr at budan-dbloomcollective@gmail.com.

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Selkirk Mobility to welcome three new buses in April

Staff

Selkirk Mobility is set to replace its current fleet of buses with three new ones this spring, thanks to a federal cost-shared Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

The federal share is up to \$150,000 with the City of Selkirk also contributing up to \$150,000 towards the project.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson says Selkirk Mobility is a true success story and has met the needs of the people of Selkirk who might otherwise be marginalized due to mobility issues.

"It's important to keep seniors and others who have difficulty getting around involved in the community and Selkirk Mobility provides them the opportunity to stay connected, and that's a difference maker in people's lives," Johannson stated in a release last week. "Selkirk Mobility is in its fourth year now, and the service has grown year over year, including service to our neighbours in St. Clements and St. Andrews, and we're happy to work with the federal government to improve the service once again."

Minister of Rural Economic Development Bernadette Jordan said the Government of Canada recognizes that strategic investments in public transit infrastructure are key to developing inclusive communities.

"Making sure everyone can get where they need to go safely, quickly and comfortably is essential to creating inclusive communities. Supporting vital projects like the purchase of these mobility buses in Selkirk will ensure that all members of the community have transportation options that meet their unique needs," Jordan said.

"Investments in transit provide greater accessibility, help to shorten commute times, cut air pollution, and strengthen our communities," said Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton. "Projects such as these support our government's vision for more sustainable public transportation for all Manitobans."

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Selkirk Mobility currently operates three buses - the oldest is a 2005; the newest a 2007. All three of the buses have been identified through the city's Capital Asset Management criteria as being at the end of their lifecycle and due for replacement.

City CAO Duane Nicol, says Selkirk Mobility launched with a used bus fleet because getting the service up and running quickly was a priority given the failure of the former Selkirk and District Handi-Bus.

"Used buses were available immediately and this allowed us to get the service off the ground quickly. However, Selkirk Mobility's business plan included asset replacement as a core part of its operations," Nicol said. "The cost of asset replacement is built into the pricing model. Every year Selkirk Mobility puts funds away to replace its fleet. Because we planned for fleet replacement and had saved funds, we were able to take advantage of this grant opportunity and secured a brand new fleet for almost fifty cents on the dollar."

Two of the new buses will be gas and the third, a pilot project for the city, is outfitted with hybrid technology. The city will use the third bus to study the operational impacts, cost savings and the GHG reductions of operating a hybrid bus.

The new buses, purchased from Crestline Coach in Saskatchewan, are expected to arrive in early April.

Over \$2.25M lost to romance scams across Canada in 2018: RCMP

Staff

RCMP is asking Canadians to be cautious when searching for that special someone online.

Known as "romance scams," some 760 victims in Canada reported losses of more than \$22.5 million to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre last year, surpassing all other types of fraud.

In Manitoba, 42 scams were reported by 31 victims totalling \$812,007.59.

The RCMP says scammers are capitalizing on the vulnerability of those looking for love or companionship to extract significant amounts of money from their victims. The fraudsters typically create enticing profiles on well-known dating websites or social media platforms to lure victims into online relationships. As the relationship continues over time, the scammers build trust with their victim before asking for money under any number of pretences. Sadly, the greater the trust gained by the fraudster, the greater the losses suffered by most victims.

Here are a few tips to avoid falling

prey to online romance scams, according to the RCMP.

- Be skeptical when chatting with an individual who claims to live nearby but is currently overseas for work (this can be a set-up to ask for money later).

- Be suspicious if they refuse or continuously cancel video chats and in person meetings.

- Be wary when someone you've never met in person professes their love.

- Scammers may also ask for help covering the cost of an emergency situation, such as a sick family member. Protect yourself by never, under any circumstances, sending money for any reason.

If you believe you have been a victim of this scam:

- Contact your bank and place a stop payment on any cheque or money transfer.

- Report it to your local police.

- File a report with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC).

Manitoba reviewing youth criminal justice system

Staff

The provincial government is undertaking a review of the current youth justice system in Manitoba and its connections to the child welfare system, with the aim of ending cycles of crime for at-risk youth.

Statistics show Manitoba has the highest rate of youth incarceration in Canada, at four times the national average, and the youth violent crime severity index is also among the highest in the country, said Justice Minister Cliff Cullen.

"The current youth criminal justice system that our government inherited simply isn't meeting the needs of young people or, more broadly, our society," Cullen stated in a release last week. "Manitoba's youth crime, incarceration and recidivism rates continue to be a problem. It is clear that we need a new, more comprehensive and

effective approach to deal with these issues."

A team of senior staff from Manitoba Justice and Manitoba Families will report back to government, with recommendations and an implementation plan to be made public later this year. This work will result in changes to how the province deals with youth who come into the criminal justice system, with the goals of:

- Reducing reoffending,
- Reducing incarceration while still managing risks to public safety, and

- Enhancing access to treatment and support for young offenders to end cycles of crime.

The recommendations and implementation plan are expected to build on the commitments set out in the province's Criminal Justice System Modernization Strategy, which was released in March 2018.

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Canada's Agriculture Day inspires community forums, events

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Online and in person, thousands of Canadians celebrated the food they love and those who produce it to mark Canada's Agriculture Day for the third consecutive year.

"Strengthening the relationship between consumers and the people who grow and raise our food is something we focus on year-round and on Canada's Agriculture Day it is gratifying to see the impact of nurturing that understanding," said Debbie Bailey, manager of Agriculture More Than Ever, one of the driving forces behind Canada's Agriculture Day.

"The appetite for this kind of celebration grows every year. It's heart-warming to see the level of engagement and celebration from Canadians across the country," said Bailey.

Canada's Agriculture Day inspired community events and forums, opened doors to food conversations through social media, and showcased the industry to young people who attended a day-long event in Ottawa alongside industry and political leaders. It was also among the top trending topics in Canada on Twitter with #CdnAgDay.

"Canada has a long-standing reputation as a producer of some of the

world's safest, most reliable and high-quality food," said Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, who participated in Canada's Agriculture Day celebration in Ottawa. "This day celebrates all the hard work, energy and care that goes into producing the food we love every day of the year."

MacAulay said Canada's agriculture and agri-food sectors contribute over \$110 billion to our economy and generate thousands of quality middle-class jobs in the food processing, transportation and retail sectors across Canada. He said the industry is on target to meet the federal government's objective of generating \$75 billion in agri-food exports by 2025.

This year's celebration saw the participation of many partner groups across the country including industry associations, community groups, individuals and media. Many have already expressed an interest in participating in next year's celebration.

Bailey said it's important to talk about farming and food production throughout the year, but she sees tremendous value in having a day dedicated to showcasing Canadian agriculture.

Family Day fun at the House of Steel



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ABOVE: Selkirk's Odin Delaronde gets his picture taken with a large group of mascots at the Steelers Family Day game at the Selkirk Rec Complex on Monday. LEFT: Card trader Allan Sharp holds up a couple of gems; hall of fame Blue Bomber Bud Tinsley and a great shot of former Winnipeg Jet Teemu Selänne during the Steelers Family Day game on Monday.

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RM looks to secure more funding for South St. Clements rec centre

By Justin Luschinski

The South St. Clements Recreation Centre is currently at a standstill until the RM can find more funding.

The centre, which received a \$250,000 grant from the province's from Manitoba's Community Places Program last year, is on hold until the RM can secure more grant funding and to prevent putting a financial burden on the residents.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn said they were able to use the grant money to prepare the building site, but now they're looking for other avenues to finance it.

"We've done some work with the grant money we got last year, and now we're looking for as many grants as we can apply for. We don't want to put the burden on taxpayers," Fiebelkorn said.

The project aims to create a community space for St. Clements and area residents, complete with a daycare, gym, and a community living area where residents can hang out and drink coffee.

"It's very important for the community. It's not just going to be an activity centre, it will be a meeting place for the RM," Fiebelkorn said.

She added the RM is also looking into sponsorships, possibly allowing a local business to help fund the centre,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

An artist rendering shows an aerial shot of the new South St. Clements Recreation Centre, which received \$250,000 in provincial funding last year.

which would then get their branding on the building, much like the Sunova Centre in West St. Paul.

The centre will be built in the 10-acre site off Donald Road, which is 15 kilometers east of Selkirk. Fiebelkorn said there's still a lot of work to be done, but they've done most of

the site preparation work, and they're hoping to secure funding by the fall of this year. Once they have financial backing, they can put shovels in the ground.

Fiebelkorn stressed that it'll be a facility that anyone can use.

"Some people had suggested they

wouldn't be able to use it, and that's not the way we're looking at it," Fiebelkorn said. "It's a facility that anybody can use, you don't have to be a resident to go there. You may have to pay a non-member fee if you want to take a class, but anybody can use it."

Since 2013, assessments and proposed construction plans have been in the works for the site, which has been vacant since the tear down of Donald School in 2006.

The RM said it selected the low-lying agricultural site that has traditionally had drainage problems and will be developing a retention wetland that will not only provide recreational activities such as tobogganing and skating but will help support Gunn's Creek Drainage improvements.

The landscape features a pond with a 500 metre walking track around it and native plants to help control water-fowl populations. In winter, the pond can be used for skating and tobogganing from the adjacent small hills. An added bonus to the pond is that it will also assist with drainage in the area and remove nutrients from the water before draining into the Red River.

Fiebelkorn said that until they know more, there is no opening date for the facility at this time. For more information, visit rmofstclements.com.



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Comp students team up to host annual grad fashion show

By Lindsey Enns

Nearly 40 local high school students teamed up to host this year's grad fashion show at the Comp.

Grade 12 students Conrad Pragnell and Lauryn Colada hosted both shows, which took place last Tuesday evening, and said it was a really rewarding experience.

"You get a script but you can also personalize it a bit, it also allows you to keep the audience interested," Pragnell said. "It was definitely a highlight of my senior year."

Although this wasn't Colada's first time MCing an event, she said it was great to work alongside her fellow peers.

"This was certainly a unique experience," she said. "You get to meet and collaborate with different people from all different types of interests and our high school lives come together."

Pragnell said the annual event is so much more than just a fashion show. Students also perform dance num-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW MARSH

Nearly 40 Comp students, both behind the scenes and on stage, teamed up to host this year's grad fashion show at the Comp.

bers and this year the guys donned suits from Moores and the girls wore dresses from Christies Bridal in Steinbach, Packers Women's Fashion in Selkirk and from multiple Winnipeg bridal shops.

Both students said they would encourage other students to take part in

the grad fashion show next year.

"This is a type of extravaganza that anyone can do," Pragnell said. "Students had such great fun with it."

"I will never regret this experience," Colada added.

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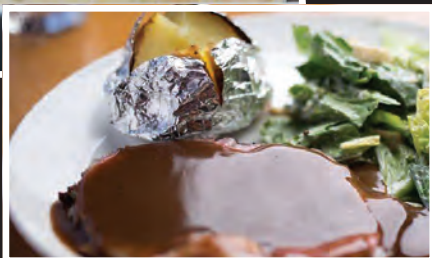
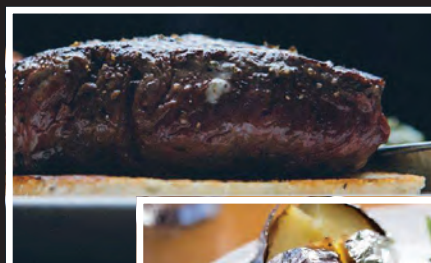
ing the costs of activities associated with their graduation in June.

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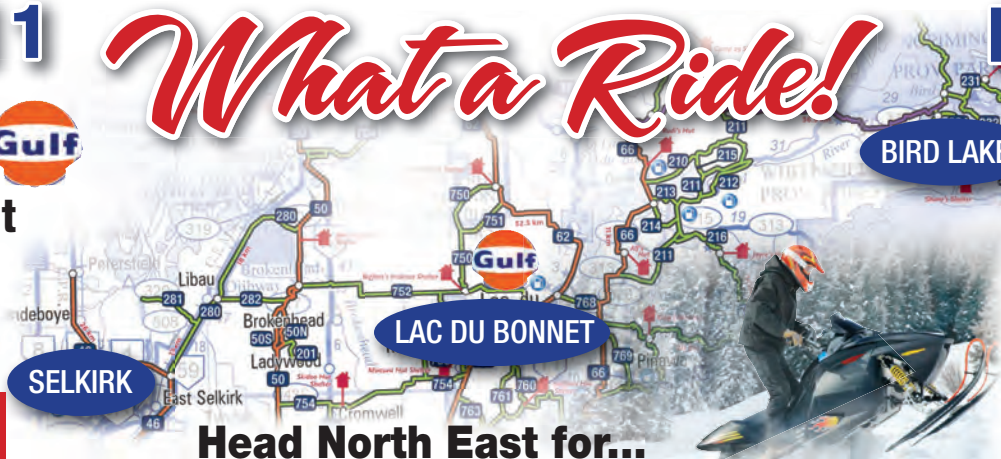
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Making a Family Move Easier

Whether or not to relocate can be a difficult decision. Sometimes such decisions are borne out of necessity when a parent is relocated by his or her company. Other times it is a personal reason to try out a new neighborhood or upgrade to a larger home. Whatever reason is behind a move, it can take some time to adjust to both the idea of moving and the new living space - especially for children who may seem disconnected from the decision. The following tips can make the transition a little easier for families.

Talk about it

Do not blindside children with a move. Begin having conversations as a family as soon as the possibility of moving arises. Involve the children in some of the decisions. Ask about the features they want to see in their new home. Explain that people, be it prospective buyers, real estate agents or movers, will be visiting your current home and that this may be a little disruptive. Talk about the reasons for the move, such as a new job or that the family has outgrown the space. Kids can process much more than many adults give them credit for.

Discuss any concerns

Children may have concerns about the move that differ from adults'. Many of these may pertain to fears about making new friends or coursework at a new school. Let them voice their opinions. Removing some of the mysteries by visiting schools or local hangouts before the move is made can assuage some fears.

Create some familiarity

Set aside boxes or bins that will house kids' toys or things that the family recognizes. These may include photographs, games, throw blankets, or the creature comforts of home. Make these the first items that are unpacked upon moving into the new house.

Use the agent as a resource

Many real estate agents live in the towns where they make their living. Find out if the agent can set up a meet-and-greet or if he or she knows of any clubs or leagues that suit your family's interests. Making a few introductions ahead of time will give children and adults some familiar faces

on their first days in their new home.

Families shouldn't shy away from making their own introductions as well. Knocking on a few neighbors' doors and letting them know a new family is coming to the street can pave the way for familiarity and friendships.

Stay in touch

Encourage children to stay in touch with their current friends. Video chat enables kids to see and speak with peers. When things settle after the move, arrange for a surprise play date where children can introduce their old friends to newer ones.

Stick to a routine

One of the ways to breed familiarity is to stick to the same routine. If a big Sunday family dinner was the norm, continue the tradition in your new home. Wake in the morning and go to bed at the same time. According to Vanessa Lapointe, a registered psychologist in Surrey, British Columbia, structure and routine are key for children. Try to focus on one new thing at a time to minimize stress.

Moving can be exciting and scary at the same time. Children may be anxious about the process, but families can work together to iron out the kinks and settle into their new homes successfully.



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Maintain indoor air quality all year long

Millions of people anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring. Months spent cooped up indoors as temperatures outside dip below freezing can take their toll, and those first warm, sunny days of spring can be just what people need to kick the winter blues.

Winter can be dreary for people confined to indoors as temperatures drop, and poor air quality in a home can add to that dreariness while adversely

affecting individuals' health. Air quality tends to suffer most in winter, but there are ways to ensure the air inside a home stays healthy all year long.

- Inspect and address any sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an invisible, odorless gas that can contribute to poor indoor air quality and a host of health problems if it goes undetected in a home. According to the U.S. Centers



Ducts may need to be serviced by professionals in homes where indoor air quality is poor.

for Disease Control and Prevention, potential sources of CO in a home include improperly vented natural gas appliances, such as stoves and water heaters, gas-powered tools that are used indoors, clogged chimneys, or blocked heating exhaust vents. Men and women can periodically inspect potential sources of CO and address any issues they find while also making sure all CO detectors are properly

installed and functioning optimally.

- Inspect HVAC ducts. Ductwork is used to deliver warm or cool air in homes with heating and air conditioning systems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that much of the dirt in air ducts adheres to the duct surfaces without ever entering living spaces. However, the EPA notes that homeowners should consider having their ducts cleaned if an inspection uncovers substantial visible mold growth. In addition, the EPA recommends homeowners consider cleaning if ducts are infested with vermin or clogged with excessive amounts of dust or debris.

- Avoid chemical cleaning products. Chemical cleaning products may be great at disinfecting dishes, countertops and other areas in the home, but such items may be toxic and adversely affect indoor air quality. For example, chemicals such as bleach and ammonia, which are used in many commercial cleaning products, can linger in the air, irritating the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Homeowners concerned about the quality of air in their homes also can avoid scented products, such as air fresheners and scented detergents, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health notes may release volatile organic compounds into the air.

- Inspect bathrooms for mold growth. Mold can grow on surfaces that are routinely wet, and that makes poorly ventilated bathrooms common sources for home mold infesta-

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Prevent frozen pipes while traveling

During winter, many people plan vacations to warmer climates so they can enjoy a relaxing respite from the snow and ice. While travelers are enjoying the sand and surf, their homes may be in danger from extreme weather conditions.

According to the State Farm Insurance Company, frozen water pipes affect a quarter-million families each winter. Both copper and plastic pipes can freeze. State Farm notes that a single 1/8-inch crack in a pipe can result in up to 250 gallons of water leakage per day. Flood water can contribute to serious structural damage, mold and a host of other problems.

Water expands as it freezes, so pipes can be put under strain if the pressure from expanding water has nowhere to go, offers the American Red Cross. Pipes that tend to freeze most frequently include those exposed to severe cold, such as outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool lines and water sprinkler systems. However, even pipes inside a home, such as those in unheated areas or those that run against exterior walls, can freeze.

To avoid returning from a relaxing winter escape to find a home in need of repair thanks to frozen pipes, homeowners can take these steps.

- Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces to help maintain higher temperatures within the areas where some water pipes may run.
- Pipes themselves can be insulated with special coverings or sleeves.

Homeowners also can explore heat tape or wrap pipes in heat cables controlled by their thermostats.

- Disconnect outdoor hoses, and drain water from pipes leading to outdoor faucets. Turn off the indoor valve to shut off the water supply to the outdoors, but leave the outdoor bib in the "open" position to allow water to drip and relieve pressure should some freezing occur.

- The same technique can be applied indoors. A trickle of hot and cold water can keep pipes from freezing during extremely cold snaps of weather.

- Set the thermostat to a consistent temperature, ensuring that the temperature indoors will not drop dramatically overnight. The temperature should be no less than 55 F.

- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach under sinks and appliances.

- Check around the house for drafty areas that can contribute to colder temperatures in garages, basements and crawl spaces.

- Consider relocating pipes that are exposed to the elements to provide increased protection.

- Ask a neighbor to periodically check on the house to ensure that pipes are in good working order.

Homeowners who know where the main water shut-off valve in their homes is located and who act quickly can prevent serious damage should a pipe burst. In such instances, leaks can be contained and extinguished as quickly as possible.





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Finished basements save energy and deliver more living space

By finishing your basement, you can gain more living space while reducing the amount of energy loss from downstairs. Basements that are not fully finished typically do not have insulated walls or covered flooring. This can result in heat loss and cause your furnace to work overtime.

A remodeled basement offers more than additional storage space. It can provide a lot of extra room for a growing family, such as space for a gym, home theatre, office, guest suite, or a playroom for the kids.

To ensure a comfortable and inviting basement, there are a few project components to consider:

- Insulation will make sure your space warm and comfortable. For the best results, install a stone wool insulation product, a measure that can be

done easily with the ROXUL Comfort-Board IS. This product is mechanically fastened or adhered to the concrete foundation wall, offering you a higher R-value and better acoustics.

- Drywall will help define the space and make it feel like a part of your home. If you haven't tackled drywall before, consider hiring a pro to ensure your walls are seamless.

- Flooring should be water sealed and covered with an insulated material. There are many products on the market, but consider laying padding before carpet or in-floor heating before tiles.

- Personalize it with finishing touches. Select furniture that can fit down a typically steep staircase and choose items that complement the rest of your home's décor.



> AIR QUALITY, FROM PG. 14

tions. Mold can adversely affect indoor air quality when mold spores are released, potentially triggering allergic reactions, asthma attacks and respiratory conditions. After bathing in bathrooms without vents, men and women can open windows so the room dries before mold can grow. In bathrooms with vents, make sure vents are running during baths and showers and afterward until ceilings, walls and floors appear dry.

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Festival du Voyageur receives Celebrate Manitoba designation



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Attendees take in the sights and sounds at the 50th annual Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg's Whittier Park last Sunday afternoon.

Staff

Manitoba's iconic Festival du Voyageur has received special designation under the Celebrate Manitoba program, which honours long-running community events, fairs and festivals.

"Festival du Voyageur is the largest annual winter festival in Western Canada, and for half a century has been bringing voyageur, Métis and First Nation histories to life," Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox stated in a release last week. "Festival du Voyageur celebrates French-Canadian culture and everything that's great about Manitoba including getting outside to enjoy a variety of winter activities."

The Celebrate Manitoba program was created to officially recognize cultural festivals that have celebrated the province's heritage for 50 years or longer, the minister noted. Designated festivals receive an official Celebrate Manitoba certificate after 50 years and festivals celebrating 100 years or more will receive a commemorative plaque.

Festival du Voyageur started in 1969 and showcases music, traditional cuisine and the world-famous snow sculptures. With historical interpretation inside the reconstructed Fort Gibraltar and activities for young and old, it attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year. The festival has strong ties to the francophone and Métis communities, and hosts a number of events throughout the year that reach another 20,000 visitors. The Province of Manitoba is a proud supporter of Festival du Voyageur, contributing almost \$325,000 to this year's event,

which runs from Feb. 15 to 24.

Events eligible for Celebrate Manitoba designation include cultural, community or arts festivals that provide reasonable confirmation of long-running operation of more than 50 years, demonstrate significant community partnership and engagement, and demonstrate the respectful preservation and sharing of culture through their activities.

For more information or to nominate a festival, contact the Arts Branch of Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage at 204-945-3847 in Winnipeg or visit gov.mb.ca/chc/artsbranch.

Festival du Voyageur kicked off its 50th edition by renaming the La Prairie Tent to the Forest Tent in tribute of the founder and first official voyageur, Georges Forest, and his wife Anita last week.

When Georges Forest was dreaming up a winter celebration rooted in Franco-Manitoban and fur-trade history, he gave the community a raison d'être – a reason to reunite in Saint Boniface, their home, and celebrate their culture.

"Georges Forest's vision and pride has carried us through these last 50 years and will continue to carry us into the next 50," said Darrel Nadeau, executive director of Festival du Voyageur. "We're so grateful for the work he put into making this festival happen, and are honoured to pass that legacy and heritage onto the next generation."

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 16 fresh basil leaves
 1/2 cup pitted black olives, chopped
 4 eggs, beaten
 2/3 cup milk
 Oil for deep-frying
 Salt and pepper
 Cut each slice of bread into two triangles. Top eight of the bread triangles with the mozzarella slices and chopped anchovies. Place the basil leaves and olives on top and season with salt and pepper to taste. Lay the other eight triangles of bread over the top and press down around the edges to seal. Mix the eggs and milk and pour into an ovenproof dish. Add the sandwiches and leave to soak for 5 minutes. Heat the oil in a large pan until a cube of bread browns in 30 seconds — the oil will then be hot enough for deep-frying. Before cooking the sandwiches, squeeze the edges together again. Carefully place the sandwiches in the oil and deep-fry for 2 minutes or until

golden, turning once. Remove the sandwiches with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent paper towels. Serve immediately while still hot.

Creamy Tomato Soup

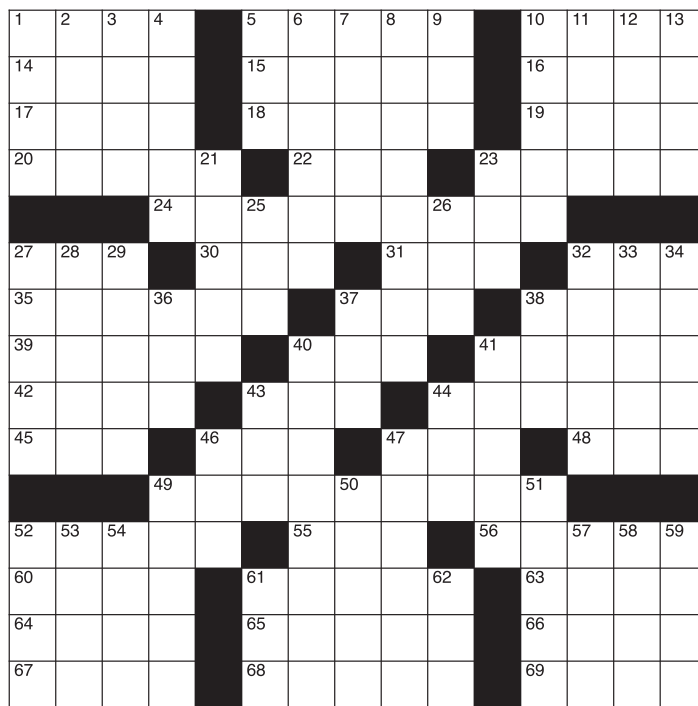
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3 tablespoons butter
 1 pound, 9 ounces ripe tomatoes, preferably plum, roughly chopped
 3 3/4 cups hot vegetable stock
 2/3 cup milk or light cream
 1/4 cup ground almonds
 1 teaspoon sugar
 2 tablespoons shredded basil leaves
 Salt and pepper
 Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes, until the skins start to wrinkle. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the stock to the pan, bring to a boil, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, under a preheated broiler, lightly toast the ground almonds until they are golden brown. This will only take 1-2 minutes, so watch them closely. Remove the soup from the heat and place in a food processor. Blend the mixture to form a smooth consistency. Alternatively, mash the soup with a potato masher. Press the soup through a strainer to remove any tomato skin or seeds. Place the soup in the pan and return to the heat. Stir in the milk or cream, ground almonds and sugar. Warm the soup through, and add the shredded basil just before serving. Transfer the soup to warm bowls and serve hot.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Civil rights organization
 5. Cause to lose courage
 10. Outside entertaining area
 14. Botswana currency
 15. Comedic Actor Tim
 16. Barbary sheep
 17. German river
 18. Take
 19. Catches
 20. Eating houses
 22. Consumed
 23. Lawyers try them
 24. Hugh Jackman character
 27. Basics
 30. No (Scottish)
 31. Duct
 32. Athlete who plays for pay
 35. Unit of distance
 37. Female bird
 38. Predatory reptile
 39. Regions
 40. Dishonorable man
 41. Dry white Italian wine
 42. A way to understand
 43. Actors' organization
 44. Beach hut
 45. Disappointment
 46. Police officer
 47. Digital audiotape
 48. Western Thai people
 49. Of a polymer
 52. Secret political clique
 55. Sound unit
 56. Cavalry sword
 60. Whale ship captain
 61. Eastern Austria spa town
 63. Holds food
 64. Filippo ____, Saint
 65. Holds bottles of milk
 66. Intestinal pouches
 67. Arab ruler
 68. Chicago political family
 69. "Transparent" actress Kathryn
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. Detailed drawing
 2. Class of comb jellies
 3. Musical symbol
 4. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod



5. Pouch
6. Split
7. Having wings
8. Set aside
9. Midway between northeast and east
10. Daughter of Acrisius
11. Periods of time
12. Rapper Ice __
13. Any of several candies
21. Units of loudness
23. Central nervous system
25. Resinous secretion of insects
26. 007's creator
27. Separate from
28. Exposes to view
29. Harsh squeaking sound
32. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
33. Western Ukrainian city
34. The sea
36. Unhappy
37. Old miserable woman
38. Corn comes on it
40. Guinea pig-like mammal
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
43. Fifth note of a major scale
44. Automobile
46. Military title (abbr.)
47. Expunge
49. Chadic language Bura-__
50. Something you win
51. Grab
52. Town in Galilee
53. Polite interruption sound
54. Italian Seaport
57. La __ Tar Pits
58. "To __, his own"
59. Tom Clancy hero Jack
61. These three follow A
62. One of Napoleon's generals

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Selkirk advances to second round of WHSHL playoffs

By Brian Bowman

Home ice definitely was an advantage in the playoff series between the Selkirk Royals and Westwood Warriors.

The home team won all three games in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League best-of-three series last week.

"That was huge for us," said Royals' head coach Michael Buffie. "The crowd really got into it and when we went into their barn, their crowd was really loud, too, and it was hard to play there."

"And then when we came back for Game 3, having our crowd behind us, and they really pushed us and helped us take over that last game."

Fortunately for Selkirk, the Royals had the extra home game in the series and took full advantage, defeating Westwood 6-2 in Game 3 last Thursday at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk led 1-0 after the first period and 4-2 in the third before they sealed the win with a pair of goals.

Easton Donohoe was outstanding for Selkirk in the series. He scored a natural hat trick in a 2:28 span midway in the second period of Game 3.

"He has been solid for us all year long," Buffie said. "In volleyball, he always steps up in big games and makes big plays and in Game 1 and Game 3, he stepped up and made big plays."

Nolan Milgaard gave Selkirk a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal and then Austin Wasnie and Brandon Kipling tallied for the Royals in the third.

Adoni Tambakis and Jack Kirk scored second-period goals for Westwood.

James Kulyk posted the win in goal and was very good throughout the series.

"He played great," Buffie stressed. "He made some huge saves for us to keep us in the game. He had a couple of big, breakaway stops and the confidence that he gives our team is huge. He's there to back us up if we give up shots."

"We know he's going to make the first save and he came through with three really strong games."

The Warriors evened the series at a win apiece after a 2-1 home victory on Jan. 13 despite being outplayed for most of the game.

Both Westwood goals came on breakaways.

"That whole game, we were all over them," Buffie noted. "We had a lot of opportunities but we just couldn't seem to get that loose puck and finish our shots. We hit a couple of posts."

"We thought we should have won that game but we just got unlucky."

Westwood's Colby Laing scored the game-winner with 1:16 remaining in the third period.

The Warriors' Paul McCaughan opened the game's scoring with a shorthanded goal late in the first period.

But the Royals' Jordan Simko replied with a power-play marker just 2:26 later.

OT win

Selkirk took a 1-0 series lead after a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory on Jan. 12.

"We were down one in Game 1 but the confidence that we had in that locker room, we knew we were going to get back and we just needed to win that third period, which we did," Buffie said.

Donohoe scored a real nice goal on



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Royals' Easton Donohoe scored the game-winning goal in Game 1 of Selkirk's best-of-three WHSHL playoff series against Westwood. The Royals clinched the series win with a 6-2 victory in Game 3 last Thursday at the Rec Complex.

a breakaway, going to his backhand before calmly sliding the puck five-hole on Westwood goaltender Blake Trumbia, to give Selkirk the important home win.

The Royals' Raymond Hefferman had tied the score at 2-2 a mere 23 seconds into the third period. Hefferman did a real nice job deking past a pair of Westwood players before flipping a backhand over Trumbia glove side.

After a scoreless first period, Simko gave Selkirk a 1-0 lead with the as-

sists going to Hefferman and Brandon Balmer.

But Westwood replied before the period was over with goals from Brennan Salamacha and Graeme Shingleton.

Kulyk again earned the win in goal. Selkirk now advances to play the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens in another best-of-three series.

But the dates, times, and location had not yet been announced by press time.

Fishermen clearly the class of the CRJHL

By Brian Bowman

The Capital Region Junior Hockey League has boasted all season long about the parity in its first-year league.

And that's true - for the most part.

Four of the five teams in the league are separated by just five points, with three of them in a logjam for second place with 40 points apiece.

But that's where the parity ends.

The Selkirk Fishermen continue to

run away with top spot in the CRJHL after a convincing 9-3 win over the Lundar Falcons on Sunday afternoon at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk's Reece Tessier had a great game with two goals and three assists while Travis Spratt also scored twice and had two assists.

Fishermen forward Juliano Garcea finished the game with a goal and two

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Selkirk Steelers strong on 'D' in recent MJHL games

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers have played some real good defensive hockey in recent games.

And they have been rewarded for their efforts.

Selkirk has earned five out of a possible six points in its past three games after defeating the Neepawa Natives 2-0 in front of a good-sized crowd of 627 on Louis Riel Day at the Rec Complex.

Nate Halvorsen opened the game's scoring with his team-leading 31st goal of the season on the power play at 9:06 of the first period.

Blake Burr then made it 2-0 with his eighth of the campaign at 9:32 of the third. The goal came just after Selkirk killed off a partial 5-on-3 power play by Neepawa.

Zachary Bennett made 23 saves for the shutout. At the other end, Neepawa goalie Kolby Thornton faced 53 Selkirk shots.

Selkirk has now allowed just five goals in its past four games.

Winning in Winkler

On Friday, Selkirk defeated the Winkler Flyers 3-1 as Bennett made 25 saves for the victory.

Connor Barley gave Selkirk a 1-0

first-period lead and then Steelers' defenceman Colby Jaquet made it 2-0 with a power-play goal at 3:30 of the second.

Winkler's Jesse Korytko cut that lead in half late in the middle frame but Selkirk's Wayne Johannesson added an empty-net goal with 1:28 remaining in regulation time to seal the victory.

Nipped by Pistons

On Feb. 12, the Steelers were nipped 3-2 in overtime by the Steinbach Pistons.

The Pistons' Troy Williams tied the score at 2-2 with just 21 seconds remaining in the third period and then Tanner Mole netted the game-winner in OT.

Selkirk's Noah Basarab and Steinbach's Max Neill traded first-period goals and then Jaquet scored the lone goal in the second.

Levi Mitchell made 25 saves in the loss.

The Steelers now have a 30-18-3-3 record and 66 points to sit in fifth place in the 11-team league. Selkirk, just two points behind the fourth-place Virden Oil Capitals with two games in hand, has already clinched a playoff spot.



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Selkirk Steelers' forward Carter Barley of St. Andrews flies past Neepawa's Noah Carson during MJHL action this past Monday at the Rec Complex. Selkirk won the game 2-0.

Selkirk hosted the Winnipeg Blues this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Steelers will play the Pistons on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and then will resume a game against the Swan Valley Stampede on Sunday (3 p.m.) that

was suspended earlier this season.

The game is tied at 3-3 with 1:20 remaining in the second period.

Selkirk will then host Winkler next Tuesday (7:30 p.m.).

All of those games will be played at the Rec Complex.

Steelers' Jaquet up for MJHL Rookie of the Year Award

Staff

Nominees for the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's six major awards have been finalized, Commissioner Kim Davis announced Monday.

Among the nominees for the Rookie of the Year Award is Selkirk Steelers' standout defenceman Colby Jaquet. Jaquet scored five goals and had 36 points through 54 games heading into this past Monday's matchup with the Neepawa Natives.

He was tied for third in rookie scoring at press time.

"Each team submitted a nominee for the awards and the league's 11 coaches subsequently conducted a vote," explained Davis. "Each of the nominees should be very proud of their accomplishment."

The respective winners and league all-stars will be announced later this week. The Mike

Ridley Award, given to league's top point producer, will be known when the regular season ends.

The award finalists are:
MVP Award – Steve "Boomer" Haw-

rysh Memorial Trophy

Jeremy Link Winnipeg Blues, Josh Tripp Swan Valley Stampede and Isaac Labelle Waywayseecappo Wolverines

Rookie of the Year Award – Vince Leah Trophy

Owen Murray Portage Terriers, Colby Jaquet Selkirk Steelers, and Drake Burgin Winkler Flyers

Hockey Ability and Sportsmanship Award – Frank McKinnon Memorial Trophy

Tony Apetagon Winnipeg Blues,

Ben Dalke Virden Oil Capitals, and Ty Barnstable Portage Terriers

Top Goaltender Award
Isaac LaBelle Waywayseecappo Wolverines, Jeremy Link Winnipeg Blues and Matthew Radomsky Steinbach Pistons

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Locals skate well at nationals

Staff

Interlake speed skaters did very well as Winnipeg hosted the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships on Feb. 9-10 at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex and Susan Auch Oval.

The Interlake Speed Skating Club's Ethan Vandenberg was second in the 500-metre for 13-year-old boys (T2T 13) while Jakob Dainard placed fourth in the 500m for 12 year old boys (T2T 12).

Finishing ninth were Ian McPeck in 500m T2T 13 and Aaron Rhiel in 7 lap mass start T2T 12.

Meanwhile, AJ Seddon, Chloe

Beauchesne and Alexa Scott will be competing at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer. The athletes train together at the Selkirk Rec Complex and Susan Auch Oval.

Scott recently competed at the World Junior Championships in Italy.

Overall, Vandenberg and McPeak rank first and second for T2T 13 while Dainard and Rhiel are ranked first and second for T2T 12.

Avery Bowen is seeded first for T2T 14, Olivia Krawchuk is ranked second overall in mixed genders T2T, and Finn O'Conner is ranked second in mixed genders Fundamentals.



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Ethan Vandenberg competed at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships earlier this month in Winnipeg.

Goetz, Selkirk Royals ready for WWHSHL playoffs

By Brian Bowman

There are a lot of great offensive players in the Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League.

But the best of them all plays right here in Selkirk with the Royals.

Rayley Goetz is fresh off a tremendous regular season with the Royals. She led all players in goals scored (30) and points (45) in just 22 games.

It's rare for a player to hit the 30-goal mark in the WWHSHL.

"Personally, I think this is one of the best seasons I've had," she said last week.

"Teamwise, we wouldn't have been able to succeed and be on top if it wasn't for our coaches Mr. Cain and Kyra De La Ronde."

Goetz has a knack for scoring big goals while playing with various linemates.

"This year, coach has been changing the lines quite a bit, but I've spent a

lot of time playing with Jazmyn Desjarlais and Camryn Horbaty," Goetz said. "Honestly, it was a privilege to play with such creative and outgoing girls. We always find different ways to compliment each other."

Goetz, currently in her second year with the Royals, has scared opposing defences all season. But what's even scarier is the fact she is only in Grade 11 and will be entering her senior season next year.

"It took a long time for me to develop into the kind of player I am now, but I wouldn't be this player if it wasn't for my dad, Rod," said Goetz, who lives in East Selkirk. "I grew up playing Lord Selkirk Minor with the boys' teams."

"I always played A2 with my dad as my head coach ever since I was four. All the years I played A2, we made it to the city championship five times and won it three times."

Goetz would love to continue that

champion success with the Royals when they begin, what they hope, will be a very long playoff run.

As great as Goetz was this past season, the Royals were equally as impressive.

Selkirk finished its regular season in first place with an outstanding 19-1 record and 40 points, two points better than the St. Mary's Academy Flames.

"The thing that makes this team so good is how strong our friendships are and we all communicate as a team (and) not individually," Goetz said.

"It's been an amazing opportunity to play with such amazing girls who push me to be my best. It feels great putting on the nice white and blue threads to play a sport I've loved since I was four."

Winning a league title would be the perfect way to end the season. But it won't be easy as the Flames are also a very good hockey team.

"For us to be successful in the playoffs we will have play like we did against St. Mary's - fast and simple," Goetz insisted. "And for me personally, that's something that hypes me up for playoffs. Just knowing that winning a championship is on the line for us."

Selkirk started its best-of-three playoff series with the Kelvin Clippers this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. Game 2 will be played Wednesday (4:15 p.m.) at River Heights Arena while Game 3, if necessary, is set for Thursday (3:45 p.m.) in East Selkirk.

The team is hoping for people come out to watch them vie for a league title.

"I would love to see all hockey fans come out and cheer us on in the playoffs as we have home-ice advantage," Goetz said. "Go Royals."

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assists while Chad King and Dawson Courchene each chipped in with a goal and a helper.

Kaden Kotowich and Thomas Mironuk also scored for Selkirk. Nico Morrow-Litke and Kyle Melo had two assists apiece.

Three of Selkirk's goals came via the power play in seven chances.

Jayden Allary, Drake Zimmerman and Brandon Abraham scored third-period goals for Lundar. Braden Pau-

lic continued his strong play for the Falcons with two assists.

Riley Bannerman made 31 saves for the win. The Stony Mountain product is now 8-3-1 with a 3.18 goals-against average and .908 save percentage

Last Friday, Selkirk snapped a 4-4 third-period tie with five unanswered goals in a 15:14 span.

Ben Kelly led Selkirk with two goals and two assists while Dane Derewianchuk also scored twice and added

an assist. Courchene also had a three-point game with a goal and two helpers.

Tessier, Josh Poponick, Garcea, and Chase Barkley also scored for the Fishermen.

Karson Collins, Theoren Sumner, Carl Ingalls and Easton Donohoe, who also plays for the Selkirk Royals, replied for the Ice Dawgs.

Austin DeBoer made 28 saves for the win. His numbers this season are fantastic as he is now 14-2 with a 2.49 GAA and a .921 save percentage.

With the two wins last weekend, the

Fishermen are now 19-5-1 with three overtime wins and an overtime loss to sit comfortably in first place with 65 points.

The North Winnipeg Satelites, St. Malo Warriors and Arborg are tied for second place heading into this week's action.

Selkirk played at North Winnipeg this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Fishermen will host Lundar this Saturday and North Winnipeg on Sunday.

Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

Dolphins host successful Winter Carnival swim meet

By Brian Bowman

There is always a lot of fun to be had at a winter carnival.

And there is always plenty of fun at a swim meet.

Put the two together and, you guessed it, everyone has a great time.

The Selkirk Dolphins Swim Club hosted its annual home meet at the Comp's pool earlier this month and it was a great success.

"It went fantastic," said Dolphins' longtime head swim coach Michelle Stamm. "We wanted to make it more fun and entertaining. A lot of them will swim one race and then have to wait 40 minutes to swim another race. I wanted to make it a little more enjoyable for the kids and it worked out well.

"Lots of kids from other teams were pretty happy about it."

The Dolphins had 41 of their own swimmers competing in a field of 97 that represented seven teams.

Stamm said her swimmers had great results while the St. James Seals' Mia West broke a provincial record for 14 year olds 200-metre breaststroke.

The Dolphins have improved quite a bit over the last couple of months.

"It's amazing," Stamm said. "The team is extremely strong and I'm going to say we're probably hitting at least 95 per cent personal bests."

Besides the exciting races, athletes



The Selkirk Dolphins' Lilly Douglas glides through the water during the club's Swim Carnival.

were kept busy with several games, a crafting table, and a magician that entertained the kids for about three-and-a-half hours.

As well, Winnipeg's Chantal Van Landeghem, an Olympic medalist, visited with the young swimmers.

"The kids were really excited," Stamm said. "She spoke to each of the kids individually or as a group. She took pictures with them and signed autographs. All of the kids were ecstatic and thought it was the greatest thing to meet an Olympian."

Selkirk's home meet was the last competition for swimmers to qualify for the provincials, which will take place Feb. 22-24 in Brandon.

The Dolphins have 24 swimmers



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The Selkirk Dolphins Swim Club hosted its annual home meet at the Comp's pool earlier this month with Olympic medalist guest Chantal Van Landeghem.

that have qualified for the provincials. The provincials will wrap up the short-course season.

Stamm said this season has been a very enjoyable one.

"I'm just ecstatic with the results and the club's overall performance,"

she said. "The spirit and camaraderie with the group is just amazing. They're a fantastic bunch of kids and a great group of parents."

For more information about the local club, please visit selkirkdolphins.com

West St. Paul's Derek Samagalski drops mixed doubles final

By Ty Dilello

A great run to the final of the 2019 CurlManitoba Mixed Doubles Provincials for West St. Paul's Derek Samagalski and Kate Cameron fell just short as they lost in an extra end to the Kyle Kurz/Melissa Gordon pairing of the Assiniboine Memorial 9-6 in an extra-end. Just a week removed from winning his fourth Viterra Championship, Samagalski paired up with Kate Cameron and had a great week before losing the final. Both teams will advance to the Canadian championship next month in Fredericton, NB as Kurz/Gordon will wear the Manitoba jackets while Samagalski/Cameron will get in based on their high CTRS ranking. Before he heads to the Mixed Doubles nationals, Samagalski will be throwing second stones for the Mike McEwen as Team Manitoba at the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier in Brandon this March.

The provincial final at the Deer Lodge Curling Club in Winnipeg saw the Samagalski/Cameron tandem go up against Gordon/Kurz of the Assiniboine Memorial in a back-and-forth affair. Holding the last-rock advantage to start, Samagalski/Cameron opened with a first-end deuce. Kurz/Gordon replied with a deuce of their own, followed by a steal to take 3-2 lead. Samagalski/Cameron answered with a deuce, followed by a steal of their own to take a 5-3 lead. Not to be outdone, Kurz/Gordon scored a deuce in six, followed by a steal in seven to take a 6-5 advantage headed to the last end. In the final end, Samagalski/Cameron could only muster a single point to force an extra end, but Kurz/Gordon would score three in the extra end to win the title.

The Samagalski/Cameron tandem came into the final undefeated, winning five straight games, including a

decisive 7-6 extra end win over Morgan Reimer and Brendan Bilawka of East St. Paul. Kyle Kurz and Melissa Gordon of the Assiniboine Memorial reached the final by defeating siblings Brett and Meghan Walter 6-4 in the semi-final.

East St. Paul's Kyle Doering and Ashley Groff were the top seed coming in to the event but fell Monday morning in the quarterfinals to the Walter siblings 7-5, giving up consecutive steals to lose. "Curling's a game of inches and we just fell a little short in the end," says Doering. "The ice was a struggle to say the least but you can't win them all. We tried to give up a steal in seven so they couldn't use their powerplay in eight, but it didn't work out in the end. We had a shot to win, but unfortunately knocked them in for the steal."

It was a difficult weekend for the Winnipeg Beach pairing of Josh

Maisey and Cassidy Otto as they dropped all three of their games in disappointing fashion. Gimli's Rebecca Lamb and Lyndon Walker were also in tough as they too lost all three games during the event. Stonewall's Kennedy Bird and Lisa McLeod had a solid tournament winning four games and losing three, with their last loss being a C-Qualifier that would have put them in the playoffs.

The 2019 Mixed Doubles Manitoba Provincials saw a record 30 teams entered. The game is quickly taking off in popularity, with mixed doubles leagues operating at most curling clubs now across the province as it is now an Olympic sport. Expect the mixed doubles game to continue to take off in the coming years to come as we carry on towards the next Olympic cycle.

Selkirk hosts talent-laden Royal Rumble field

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals junior varsity girls' basketball team saw some tough competition at the Lord Selkirk Royal Rumble tournament last weekend.

Selkirk finished with an 0-3 record at the eight-team tournament.

"It was a really strong tournament this year," said Royals' coach Amanda Hallson. "Seven of the eight teams at the tournament have been ranked in the top 10 (in the province)."

Selkirk started the tournament against the Vincent Massey Trojans, the top-ranked "AAAA" team in Manitoba, last Thursday. The Trojans won the game 58-12.

"They're very big and very talented," Hallson said of Vincent Massey. "The girls played alright but there's not much that you can do against (them). They probably had three or four inches on us at pretty much every position. There wasn't a ton that we could do."

Selkirk was then defeated 64-36 by the Oak Park Raiders on Friday.

"Oak Park plays a full-court (press) and we played better but we didn't capitalize on as many scoring opportunities as they did," Hallson recalled.

The Royals were then defeated 48-32 by Sturgeon Heights in the seventh-place game.

Vincent Massey won the tournament title after defeating Sisler 70-59 in the final. Garden City beat Glenlawn in the third-place game (no score was available).

Paige Stokowski played well throughout the tournament and has been real good all season.

"Bringing up the ball and kind of being a scorer and our point guard has really helped," Hallson said. "She has done a nice job of being there and helping us get the ball up the floor, which is important."

Hallson also noted that Kaylee Juba and Emily Woloshyn have worked really hard this season to improve and have had some standout games recently against tough teams.



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The Royals' Paige Stokowski (6) races the ball up the court while Emily Woloshyn (28) goes up for a layup during Lord Selkirk Royal Rumble junior varsity girls' basketball action last Friday at the Comp.

Selkirk has struggled this season on offence but has done a better job in their shot selection recently, said Hallson.

"It's finding a little bit of calm on offence," she said. "Taking that second to gather yourself before you shoot instead of just throwing up a shot into the defender's hands or hard on the backboard."

"We're doing a better job of that but we just have to get our heads up and finish more."

Selkirk has one victory in KPAC this season, defeating the River East Kodiaks 46-36 back on Jan. 22.

The Royals definitely felt a sense of relief after that victory.

"I won't lie to you, it was pretty good," laughed Hallson. "It was good to get one in there because we have struggled this season. In that game, they really came together."

Hallson has enjoyed coaching this year's team.

"They're really nice kids," Hallson said. "They have great attitudes and they have been a lot of fun to coach. As much as we kind of struggle during games, they're really working hard to try to get better."

Selkirk wrapped up their KPAC Tier 1 regular season with a road game against Garden City this past Tuesday. The Royals will then host River East in a playoff game this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Comp.

"It would be pretty great to (get a home playoff win)," Hallson agreed. "We've been through a two-week stretch where we had a couple of league games and two tournaments, playing against some really strong teams, so I kind of hope that we can use that momentum going forward."

"And when we play a team that is not as tough, maybe we can capitalize a little better and pull out a win towards the end of the season."

Judo hosts 'Fighting for Charity' fundraiser

Submitted

The Selkirk Judo Club held its 19th-annual "Fighting for Charity" fundraiser in support of Habitat for Humanity last Saturday at the Selkirk High School.

Club members participating in this event raised money by collecting pledges and competing in a judo team competition. All proceeds are donated to Habitat for Humanity projects in Selkirk.

"We are very pleased with the effort of all of our athletes and volunteers who assisted with this event and raised money for a very worthwhile cause," said Brian Jones, one of the club's coaches.

Twenty three members of the club competed while a number of other club members volunteered as referees, technical officials and event

organizers.

Fighters were divided into seven teams and competed in a double knockout, judo team competition. The team of Ottawa Hogan, Lachlan Patton and Cyndl Heartfield won the tournament while silver went to the team of Brynlee Wiebe, McKenna Stewart and Brody Malinowski.

Third place was won by the team of Logan Preachuk, Ryan Marsh, Hayden Behun and Bailey Malinowski.

The club raised \$1,952 for local Habitat projects. Over 19 years, this event has raised over \$47,000 for Habitat.

The top individual fundraiser this year was Dylan Wiebe, who raised \$450. Other top pledge earners this year included McKenna Stewart (\$275) and Carter Masse (\$150).

Record-breaking skate



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Clandeboye's Alexa Scott, middle, won a gold medal in speed skating on Tuesday at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer. Scott set a new Canada Games record in the 3000-metre female event with an outstanding time of 4:33.83.

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2. To control all vegetation on gravel boulevards, fence lines, parking lots and storage areas using Roundup.
3. To control adult mosquitoes and canker worms along streets and lanes, in Municipal Parks using DeltaGard.

The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. The duration of each program will vary within this period, depending on weather conditions and pest population levels.

All of the pesticides used and procedures followed will be according to federally approved label recommendations and Manitoba Department of Agriculture pest control recommendations.

The public may send written submissions within 15 days of publication of this notice to:

Manitoba Conservation Pesticide/Fertilizer Approvals
123 Main Street, Suite 160
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

Any individual opposed to the use of any or all of the above mentioned pesticides, on or adjacent to their property, may so register, in writing to the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul, specifying which program is opposed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2019.

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On behalf of the late Ruth Whall we would like to thank our families, relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, baking, food and phone calls. We are so grateful for the many friends who visited Mom at Woodlands and Tudor House. Special thanks to the staff at Tudor House for the kindness and amazing care given to Mom. Thank you to Gilberts for taking care of the arrangements and also to Rev. Cole Grambo for officiating the service celebrating Mom's life. Don and Adelaïd, a big thanks for providing the lunch. To those who attended the service and shared many memories with us, we thank you. We are all so blessed. Mom would have loved every minute of that day.

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IN MEMORIAM



Steven Banera

April 17, 1933 – February 25, 2018

A day to remember, sad to recall;
Without farewell, you left us all.
Sadly missed and loved forever.

-Joyce, Sheryl, Trent
and families

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IN MEMORIAM



**In Loving Memory
James Black**

Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day;
But the heartache of missing you,
Will never go away.

-Love you always,
Dorothy and family

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IN MEMORIAM



Herman Morrisseau

February 23, 1957 – February 26, 2013

Leaves and flowers may wither,
But the hearts that loved you dearly
Are the ones that won't forget.

-Loved always, Mom and family

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IN MEMORIAM

**In Loving Memory of
Linda Peebles nee (Starodub)
Who passed away February 23, 2004**

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

-Sadly missed by your family
and extended family

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IN MEMORIAM



Claudia Cheslock

June 17, 1940 – February 26, 2016

Peacefully resting in Heaven.
Memories grow fonder and
Lovingly remembered and missed.

-Your husband Michael Cheslock
and family

OBITUARY

**In loving memory of
Ken Tsuji**

October 16, 1949 - February 7, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden but peaceful passing of Ken Tsuji. He is survived by his daughters Krystal and Kimberly, and ex-wife Merrilee, his partner Dawna and her children Kristi (Shawn) and Sandi (Jen). Also survived by his sisters Joan (Dwayne), Dorothy (John), Emily (Bill) and brother Richard and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Tsuneichi and Etsuko and aunts and uncles.

A private memorial service will be held in his honour at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memoriam to Dreams Take Flight.

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OBITUARY

Captain James (Jim) Benjamin Smith

Peacefully, Captain James (Jim) Benjamin Smith, aged 78 years passed away at the Health Sciences Centre on February 13, 2019 after a long struggle with complications from diabetes. Jim is survived by his wife Wilma, her daughter and husband Robin (Barry) and his children and spouses Deanna (Mark), Kevin (Tammi), Shelly, Brad (Rhonda) and Ryan (Misty); siblings, Doris, Audrey, Barbara and Leonard. Jim is also survived by his grandchildren Derek, Morgan, Zach, Ashley, Cal, Rachel, Justice (J.J.), Peyton, Levi, Greg, Brittany, Cori-Lynne, Brenton, Alexis, Melanie, Brandi, Kara, Katie, Kailey and Dale. Jim is predeceased by his wife Gloria; brother Roy and parents Samuel and Sybil.

Jim was born in Selkirk, Manitoba and raised on the family farm near Breezy Point where he continued to visit, tinkering with and fixing things all his life. His children described him as a man with a plan. Jim and his siblings are passionate story tellers and they share many fond memories of growing up on the farm where they worked hard and played. Jim and his siblings remained close throughout his life and we thank our Aunties deeply for the support and care they gave him during his illness.

Captain James B. Smith loved his career as Marine Captain. His work on the waters included Captaining the River Rouge and piloting boats towing barges up and down the Mackenzie River in northern Canada. He retired early but was drawn back to the waters. He returned to the River Rouge again and then moved on to working for the Berens River First Nation towing supplies on barges on Lake Winnipeg. He was very proud of the book *Prairie Schooners*, that captured his journey on Lake Winnipeg. He eventually retired again at age 70. His love of the water was captured in our annual family outings to watch the Red River break up in the spring. When the waters were frozen Jim kept busy with other work, building, driving and fixing he was a man with many skills.

Jim's eyes and face would light up whenever any of his grandkids were around. He always had a lap for them to sit on. Every Spring break for the last 20 years Jim could be found surrounded by grandkids at a hotel pool with a water slide where he would be the adult who spent the night. "Smiley" was his nickname, he loved to laugh and he was never far from his Dog "Tinker".

The memorial service will be held at Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba, Thursday February 21st at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Diabetes Society.

Condolences, pictures and videos may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbertfuneralhome.com

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Donald (Don) Kirner

November 1, 1959 - February 13, 2019

Suddenly but peacefully Don Kirner lost his battle with cancer at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre. Left to mourn his passing is loving wife of 40 years Liz. He was the dedicated father of Christina (Rolan), Ken, Cheyenne and Brendan; grandfather of Andrew, Kimberlee, Ashley, Irene, Daniel and Eileen. Don is survived by his brothers Tom (Leanne) and Gord (Cathy) as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Eric and Mary Kirner; brothers Jim and Karl as well as his sister Wendy.

Don grew up in the Mapleton area. At the age of 19 his plan was to move to Alberta but met the love of his life in Saskatoon and resided there for the next 10 years. Packing up his family, he returned to Mapleton area and stayed there for the rest of his days.

He pursued a few careers until he found his passion, truck driving where he travelled extensively throughout Canada and USA, often with the company of his wife.

He was well educated in world events and politics. He loved to school you in politics and have heated discussions. He enjoyed reading, listening to his blogs, the cottage in Hecla, barbequing and he especially loved having fun in the backyard pool with his grandkids, family and friends.

He will be missed. The day Don left he took a piece of my heart. Until we meet again, I love you.

The family would like to say a big thank you to HSC A5 Stepdown and Selkirk Hospital, Palliative Unit for the care and compassion.

As per Don's wishes a private family viewing will be held with cremation to follow.

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

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