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RM of St. Andrews

Report alleges councillors overcharged nearly \$6K on indemnities in 2015

By Dave Baxter

An independent report compiled by two retired chartered accountants alleges St. Andrews councillors overcharged almost \$6,000 on indemnities in 2015.

In some cases councillors allegedly charged for meetings they didn't attend or ones that didn't even take place, according to the report.

The report compiled by retired accountants Glen and Karen McKenzie of St. Andrews alleges the seven members of St. Andrews council overcharged \$5,998.57 on indemnities in 2015.

Glen added he believes there could be more examples of overcharging they didn't find because they stopped after finding a"long list of examples."

"The amounts provided are based on what we did find, but there could be more," Glen said, who added they spent more than a month working on the independent report.

The report alleges rookie Coun. Rob Hogg overcharged \$2,283.04 on his indemnities for 2015.

It also alleges Coun. Ken Keryluk overcharged \$1,391.48, first-term Mayor George Pike overcharged \$941.67, and Coun. Rob Ataman overcharged \$884.91.

Coun. Russ Paradoski allegedly overcharged \$241.78, Joy Sul overcharged \$238.25, and deputy mayor Laurie Hunt overcharged \$17.44, for a total of \$5,998.57, according to the report.

McKenzie said another St. Andrews resident asked him if he would take a look at councillor's indemnities, because of his accounting background.

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RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

Selkirk and District Ukrainian Dance School dancers smile as they perform for seniors at Tudor House Personal Care Home and Woodland Courts in Selkirk last Thursday evening. For a story, see page 6.

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St. Paul MLA named minister of Crown services

By Austin Grabish

Premier Brian Pallister has named St. Paul MLA Ron Schuler Manitoba's new minister of Crown services.

Pallister along with his 12 new cabinet ministers were officially sworn into office on Tuesday morning during a ceremony at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.

"It's a wonderful day with a blue sky," said Pallister following the just under hour-long ceremony, which started by acknowledging the museum's location on Treaty 1 land.

Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon greeted each minister before officially swearing them into office.

Pallister's cabinet appointments surprised some and saw both rookie and veteran MLA's rewarded with a spot.

Newly elected MLAs Alan Lagimodiere (Selkirk) and Jeff Wharton (Gimli) were at the ceremony, but neither were given a spot in cabinet.

At press deadline the new ministers were speaking with the media.

Pallister did not speak to report-



RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

St. Paul MLA Ron Schuler, pictured alongside Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon, was named Manitoba's new minister of Crown services during a ceremony in Winnipeg on Tuesday morning. Schuler has been in the PC caucus for 16 years and was the last minister to be sworn into cabinet on Tuesday.

ers following the ceremony but was scheduled to during a 2 p.m. press conference at the legislature.

The new list of cabinet ministers are

Premier Brian Pallister - minister of intergovernmental affairs and international relations;

Heather Stefanson – minister of justice and attorney general, deputy premier;

Cameron Friesen - minister of fi-

Kelvin Goertzen - minister of health, seniors and active living;

Ian Wishart – minister of education and training;

Scott Fielding – minister of families; Blaine Pedersen - minister of infrastructure:

Eileen Clarke - minister of Indigenous and municipal relations;

Cathy Cox – minister of sustainable development;

Cliff Cullen - minister of growth, enterprise and trade;

Ralph Eichler - minister of agricul-

Rochelle Squires - minister of sport, culture, and heritage and minister responsible for francophone affairs and status of women; and

Ron Schuler — minister of Crown services.

RHA narrowly avoids doc strike over nurse-managed care

Bv Austin Grabish

A group of Interlake doctors wanting to put an end to nurse-managed care has let up on their threat to walk off the job, at least for now.

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ron Van Denakker said the doctors have agreed to stay on the job until the September long weekend.

"They believe (in) discussions with them and in good faith they've removed the May 1 deadline," Van Denakker said. "The hope is that we'll be able to buy ourself some time throughout the summer and that nurse-managed care wouldn't be removed until after the September long weekend.

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As previously reported in the *Record*, the doctors threatened to walk off the job on May 1 if the RHA didn't put an end to nurse-managed care, which most Interlake hospitals are currently under.

The practice sees nurses triage patients through phone consultation with doctors who are at another facility in the region, like the Selkirk and District General Hospital, for exam-

Meant only to be temporary, the practice has become commonplace as a paucity of doctors has grown over the last four years.

The RHA says it needs at least 25 more doctors, but Van Denakker said

more physician resignations are expected, so that number could climb to

Van Denakker said three more doctors will join the region in May and August, but the RHA will still be "significantly short."

The doctors that threatened to quit have suggested the RHA shuffle around staffing resources, so at least some hospitals would be fully staffed. But the move would see some closed.

"I think from a logical standpoint it makes perfect sense. If you happen to be somebody who happens to live in the site where the doctors are going to come together," Van Denakker said.

But Van Denakker said the problem with that, "If you're living in the other site maybe not so much.'

Sandi Mowat, president of the Manitoba Nurses Union, said nurse-managed care in the Interlake hasn't been running smoothly.

"Do the nurses like it? Not so much,"

Mowat said. "There's been some issues where sometimes the nurses can't get a hold of the physician at the other site or there's no way to transfer a patient to that site because that site's over capacity."

Mowat said in order for nurse-managed care to work properly, nurses need immediate access to doctors via

She said nurses are frustrated and want the RHA to do a better job communicating what nurse-managed care is to the community.

"The nurses are telling me that they're doing the best they can and some of the people in the community don't really understand the process."

Michelle Gawronsky, president of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union, said paramedics in the region have been seeing an increase in call volumes and 911 calls are taking longer due to patient transfers from ER to ER.



"We're going to be meeting with the new government and IERHA to discuss ways to improve patient care and the delivery of emergency medicine in rural Manitoba," Gawronsky said via email.



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Woman says she was refused care at ER

Interlake RHA is investigating the incident, CEO says

By Austin Grabish

An investigation has been launched after staff in a hospital under nursemanaged care refused to treat a woman who had just been mauled by a

Penny-Anne Wainwright showed up to the Arborg emergency room badly wounded after being viciously attacked by a dog on a farm near Arborg last Monday.

But instead of getting care from a nurse at the hospital the 54-year-old said she was told the nurse would have to wait for phone instructions from a doctor in Selkirk before she could help her.

Gruesome photos provided to the Record by Wainwright, an Eriksdale resident, show deep bite marks in both her thigh and fingers and show jeans soaked in blood.

"I was in a lot of pain bleeding from my thigh and my hand," Wainwright said."My hand was swelling up. I had no feeling in my fingers and I was quite worried — the dog has no inoculation, no rabies shots, no nothing."

Wainwright said she was told there were no physicians available in Gimli, Ashern, or Eriksdale to help her and instructions from a Selkirk doctor could take a few hours to come.

But Wainwright phoned her family doctor in Lundar and was told she would be seen if she went to Ashern.

She said the nurse told her if she left the hospital and went to Ashern she would not be cared for, but her boss drove her to the Ashern ER anyway. There, she said she got "fantastic" care from ER staff.

"This isn't even hallway medicine.

It's highway medicine," Wainwright said. "Like literally you go up and down the highway until you find a spot. In the city at least you can go to a hospital. Here, we don't have that option, because we don't have doctors."

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ron Van Denakker said an investigation into the matter has been launched and he has apologized to Wainwright.

"Clearly we failed Penny,"Van Denakker said.

He added Selkirk's hospital was busy due to doctorless ERs in Gimli, Arborg and Eriksdale that no physician was free to give instructions to the nurse in Arborg.

"Selkirk was absolutely going nuts," he said.

Van Denakker couldn't say why the nurse in Arborg couldn't help Wainwright nor did he know if nurses are allowed to treat a patient bit by a dog.

But Van Denakker said ER nurses in the Interlake are highly trained "which is why this is a bit perplexing

Wainwright said she felt a nurse should have been able to clean up her wounds.

She said while she's happy the RHA is investigating, she's not confident the level of care the region is able to provide will change.

"They've been saying this for years and they've been stringing these poor nurses along forever."

Wainwright said she's thankful her injuries weren't worse.

"What if I couldn't speak? What if the dog grabbed my throat and I couldn't talk? How long would I have



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A farm dog mauled Penny-Anne Wainwright, 54, near Arborg last Monday puncturing the Eriksdale woman's hands and thighs. When Wainwright went to get help at Arborg's ER, she said she was refused care. The hospital is one of several in the Interlake that are currently under nurse-managed care.

to lay there?"

She said despite her ordeal, she wants to thank the medical staff in Ashern as well as Eriksdale, who have been taking care of her since the incident.

Wainwright said the dog that bit her is being quarantined and was to be destroyed in the coming days.



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Community rallies for safety in Brokenhead

Winnipeg's Bear Clan joins sharing circle in Brokenhead

By Austin Grabish

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation members are taking charge and finding solutions to safety concerns mounting in their community, including johns passing through the reserve looking to buy sex.

"All we want is a safe community," said Elder and former Brokenhead Chief Tina Leveque.

Leveque said men, who are not from the community, wander through Brokenhead looking for a date, and it's an issue she wants to see come to an end.

"We have 'trollers.' Since the (South Beach) casino came (in 2005) we have all kinds of guys. All ages. They troll the community," she said.

Winnipeg's Bear Clan Patrol, a volunteer neighbourhood watch group that patrols some of the city's most dangerous areas, joined a sharing circle in Brokenhead last Tuesday.

About 25 band members gathered for the circle to share concerns and discuss possible solutions to crime and other safety-related issues in the community.

Bear Clan chair James Favel told the group his volunteers regularly report johns to Winnipeg police.

He said the result has been fairly positive and has resulted in several arrests. He encouraged community members to report any illegal activity they see to RCMP.

Leveque said she'd like to see a john reporting system established in Bro-





RECORD PHOTOS BY AUSTIN GRABISH

ABOVE LEFT: Winnipeg's Bear Clan Patrol joined about 25 Brokenhead Ojibway Nation members for a sharing circle to discuss solutions to safety and crime concerns in the community last Tuesday. ABOVE RIGHT: Elder and former Brokenhead chief Tina Leveque, pictured far left, speaks about safety concerns she has within the community during a sharing circle last Tuesday.

kenhead because "it was kind of hit and miss, the incidents, whenever someone would report it."

"It's not going to get any better if we turn a blind eye," she said.

One woman murmured, "cops don't do anything."

In that case, Favel said the Bear Clan takes matters into its own hands nonviolently and takes action.

He said the Bear Clan will drum and sing outside a troubled area or home if the cops don't come.

And that, he said, gets attention.

"We're not crime fighters," Favel said."We're eyes and ears."

When reached by phone last week, Brokenhead Chief Jim Bear said he wasn't aware of johns being a recent issue in the community.

But Bear applauded community

members for coming together to make Brokenhead safer.

"We want Brokenhead to be a safe place where you can work, live, and play."

Favel said the Bear Clan's goal is to set an example for at-risk individuals who are likely to join gangs, but he cautioned the group is not an antigang organization and does not judge.

"I myself am a convicted felon," Favel said."Drugs and weapons was always my thing when I was a young man."

Bear Clan founder Larry Morrissette added, "last night one of my relatives came to my place high on crack and he was looking for a place to hide.

"I can't turn him away."

Selkirk RCMP spokesman Paul Human said police haven't received any complaints about so-called johns in

Brokenhead ther.

But Human said that doesn't mean there aren't any. He encouraged anyone with concerns to contact Selkirk RCMP.

The Bear Clan left a blueprint of its organization at the meeting, so if community members are interested they can start their own Bear Clan in Brokenhead.

Those in attendance were also invited to join the Bear Clan on patrol in Winnipeg to see how they operate.

The group patrols North End streets in Winnipeg during evenings Thursday through Sunday.

Last Tuesday's meeting was the third of its kind to be put on by community members.

Of the 25 people that were in attendance all but two were women.

The next safety forum in Brokenhead is set for Saturday, May 7.





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McKenzie said once he stared to uncover alleged errors he was "shocked."

The report alleges Keryluk and Paradoski charged for meetings there is no record of them attending and alleges Keryluk charged five times for meetings where there is no record those meetings even took place.

In 12 alleged cases, Hogg charged both half and full day rates for the same day of meetings essentially charging twice for the same meeting.

In 2015 articles which appeared in both the Record and the Winnipeg Free Press, Ataman said council was going to make changes to how councillors receive indemnities in an effort to reduce costs.

He specifically mentioned they were changing their bylaw so councillors would not be able to charge full or half day rates for meetings in Selkirk.

Despite his comments Ataman allegedly charged full or half day rates when he should have charged hourly rates for meetings in Selkirk seven times in 2015, according to the McKenzie report.

In total the report shows dozens of alleged mistakes on council's indemni-

McKenzie presented the report to St. Andrews council during a meeting on April 5.

Following the meeting Deputy Mayor Laurie Hunt said he believes indemnities were incorrect for 2015 because of a few"honest mistakes."

Hunt claims council changed the rules on travelling to Selkirk in February 2015 and right after the change he believes "one councillor" continued to charge incorrectly.

"I think that only happened once or twice," Hunt said. "And that was right at the change-over of the bylaw.

"I believe it was one councillor, and it was made in error. That hasn't happened in over a year."

Hunt admitted the person who does their indemnity paperwork doesn't question councillor's expenses, so it is completely up to councillors to fill them out correctly and be honest.

"We're signing the indemnity sheet and we're saying it's correct. It's 99.9 per cent on the councillors to do this correct," he said.

Sul admitted she has overcharged \$238.25 because of what she said were errors, but says she plans to pay back the money"in full."

She added she believes all the claims in the report.

"This is a very professional report and this is the McKenzie's background,"Sul said. "I saw the report and I was very bothered."

Sul said new councillors were not given proper instructions on how to fill out indemnities and there is no consis-



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

A new report alleges St. Andrews councillors including Rob Ataman, pictured centre, and Rob Hogg, pictured far right, pocketed extra money in 2015 after making errors on their indemnities.

tency to how they are filled out,.

But she added she does not believe all the errors were "honest mistakes."

When asked if councillors were making mistakes, or in some cases overcharging on purpose, Sul simply said "both."

McKenzie said he is also bothered by instances of councillors having their registration paid for, and also being paid an hourly rate, plus mileage to attend events like charity curling and golf tournaments.

The McKenzie's are asking for a number of changes to the St. Andrews indemnity bylaw to make it more "consistent and defined."

"The total excess claims of \$5,998.57 represent claims made which we believe do not conform with the provisions of Council's Indemnity By-Law as it is currently written, or resulted from mathematical errors on the claim forms," McKenzie said via email.

McKenzie said he is not going through councillor indemnities" to make people look bad."

"We did this because if residents don't go through the records then council will go unchecked."

The couple have given all members of council a copy of the report and said they will give them "reasonable time to respond."





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Record receives Best All Around Newspaper award

Interlake Graphics takes home 15 awards during annual event

By Lindsey Enns

The Selkirk Record has been named the Best All Around Newspaper for 2015 during this year's Manitoba Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition.

The Record took home a total of five awards during the 97th annual awards banquet at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg last Saturday night.

In the 10,000 and over circulation category, the Record received Best in Class, Best Layout and Design, and Best Front Page.

Record reporter and photographer Austin Grabish also earned third place for Best News Story for 'Man dead after police-involved shooting in East Selkirk,' a story which ran in the Sept. 24, 2015 edition of the Record.

Judges recognized Grabish for his ability to supplement comments from officials with witness statements and his own observations as well as his "effective old-school reporting."

The Record's sister newspaper, the



RECORD PHOTO BY CHRIS WILKS

Members of the Selkirk Record, the Winkler Morden Voice and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune hold up their awards following the Manitoba Community Newspaper Association's 97th annual Better Newspapers Competition at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg last Saturday.

Winkler Morden Voice, in the circulation of 10,000 and over category won first place for Best Advertisement, first place for Best Columnist, Peter Cantelon, second place for Best Layout and Design, Best in Class, Best In-House Ad by Tara Gionet and third place for Best Health Story by Ashleigh Viveiros as well as third place for Best

Feature Photo by Rick Hiebert.

Record sports reporter Brian Bowman also won second place for his story about the passing of Charlie Cooke which appeared in the Stonewall Teulon Tribune.

The judges recognized Bowman's "strong profile" for being "an excellent tribute to the man and his con-

nection with his students, athletes and the community."

Jennifer McFee of the Stonewall Teulon Tribune also received second place in the Better Communities category and Patricia Barrett picked up third place for Best Habitat Conservation Story for the same publication.

"The last six years has been incredible for our independently owned and operated newspapers," publisher and Interlake Graphics owner Lana Meier said. "Since being eligible for the MCNA Better Newspaper Community Awards we have been awarded the Best All Around Newspaper every year for four years along with numerous premier awards for writing, photography and advertising."

Meier said winning these awards "is a huge honour for our staff."

"I am so proud of our staff. They are dedicated and committed to bringing our readers the most up to date, accurate, compelling and relevant news," she said."We strive to be No. 1, to bring readership to our papers and results to our advertisers.

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that saw seniors in the audience smiling, clapping and cheering.

Performing group Fialka, which is made up of youth ages 12 to 18, put on the last performance of the show at Woodland Courts last Thursday.

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"I've performed for seniors for quite a few years, and I enjoy it every time," 14-year-old Fialka dancer Julia Armstrong said, after finishing her performance last Thursday. "I enjoy bringing light to their day, bringing them entertainment and making them smile."

The Fialka group practices once a week and Armstrong said the practices"never feel like work."

"I look forward to working hard with all my friends, and having fun and laughing."

The Fialka group has travelled to places such as Disney Land to perform and recently took home two gold medals at a competition in Brandon.

Selkirk and District Ukrainian Dance School instructor Nathan Fletcher said they teach dancing and also teach about Ukrainian Culture during their practices, but added anyone of any background can join.

Residents from the ages of four to adulthood can join the dance school, with their youngest dancer being four, and their oldest being 67-years-old.

For more information about the Selkirk and District Ukrainian Dance School vist selkirkzorya.ca.

Gordon Howard Centre requests more cash from city

By Dave Baxter

The Gordon Howard Centre says an "aging population" is the reason why they have requested a funding increase from the City of Selkirk.

The Gordon Howard Active Living Centre located along Eveline Street in Selkirk provides recreation, learning opportunities and workshops to older adults and community members of all ages living in the Tri-S area.

Although the centre says they offer programming for all ages, they do gear many of their activities towards the senior's population in Selkirk and

Representatives from the Gordon Howard Centre board met with representatives from the City of Selkirk request changes to their current funding model.

Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol said the centre currently receives about \$16,000 annually from the city, but would not give specifics about the new funding request.

"They did come with an amount and it was substantially more than the \$16,000 they are getting annually," Nicol said.

Nicol added the April meeting between the Gordon Howard Centre and the city lead to a "great and productive conversation."

"We want to make sure they are sus-

tainable moving

during a council meeting on Apr. 11 to said. "This year we will look at our relationship in terms of the funding."

> Nicol said negotiations for a funding increase for the Gordon Howard Centre are in the "early stages" and will continue in the fall.

> Gordon Howard Centre executive director Lee Hanson also would not give specifics on the request, but said a funding increase is needed for their "long-term sustainability."

> "This request is because of an aging population," Hanson said. "We see ourselves growing.

> "It's a combination of things. It's an aging population, and I think we are getting the word out about all the

great things we do, so more and more people are coming."

Many Canadian cities and municipalities offer their own recreation options for seniors, so it makes sense for the city to fund the centre, Hanson

"We see it as a partnership where we are providing a lot of the senior's programming in the city. In some cities there isn't a seniors centre, so then it falls more on the city's recreation department," he said.

Hanson added the centre is in no danger of closing because of their current funding model, but have made the request with their future in mind.

Province cancels burning permits in parts of Manitoba

Current dry conditions along with above average temperatures and increasing winds are pushing the fire danger to high in some parts of Manitoba.

New burning permits will not be issued for the central and eastern regions of Manitoba, as well as areas in western Manitoba, according to the province. Any permits that have been issued are now cancelled.

This affects areas from the United States border in the south, through the Interlake to Gypsumville and Berens River in the north and east to the Ontario border. In western Manitoba, this includes the Turtle Mountain and Spruce Woods provincial park areas, as well as the west shore of Lake Winnipegosis to the Saskatchewan border, including the Duck Mountains and Porcupine Hills, and north to Overflowing River.

Officials noted residents should always check with their local municipality for any additional burning restrictions.

Campfires are allowed within enclosed, approved firepits. The province requires a permit for any burning, including crop residue, within burning permit areas between April 1 and Nov. 15 of each year. Specific information regarding burning permit areas is available through local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship offices.

Many hunters, fishers and outdoor enthusiasts are actively enjoying the outdoors, raising the danger of accidental, human-caused fires. Travellers, hikers and hunters, and anyone in wooded and grassland areas, are encouraged to be careful around any potential fire sources until current conditions subside.

All-terrain vehicle riders are advised to stay on developed trails, stop frequently to check areas around the engine and exhaust for debris, and carefully dispose of any debris found.

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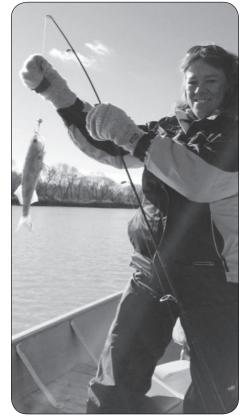
There have been times when a fellow fishing enthusiast has shared a story with us then asked if I could send them a souvenir copy of our paper when it comes out. Needless to say I have been more than happy to do it but since I am an imperfect soul, I must confess I have slipped in my promises once or twice.

I made one such promise to Tom Spiers of Pinawa last fall when I met him trout fishing at the "The Ponds" north of Lac du Bonnet. If you remember he gave us that great little tale where his gang got caught in a boat in a squall. They sought shelter ashore under a huge spruce only to be chased back out onto the water by a hungry bear.

Tom, brother angler, I'm sorry for breaking my promise; I will get my only copy to you in the mail. Hold on now friends we owe Tom further gratitude because his story is not finished. You see I met Tom again along with his long time buddy, fellow Pinawanian, Denis Verrier, in Toms' shack on the ice by Balsam Bay about six weeks ago. They hadn't caught anything when I was with them but it didn't matter because it was so funny being with these guys. Both men with graying tousled hair were of average stature yet energetic in action and con-

That's the humorous part.

Tom has a thick English accent and Denis has an even thicker French-Canadian accent. They both constantly kidded each other about how they talked. I couldn't stop chuckling as Tom described a story (with Denis correcting his every sentence) when fishing at Pine Falls he caught a giant catfish, which took it into its' head to go tearing around the boat in circles. There was Denis giving him all kinds of instructions on how to land the



RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Winnipegger Cathie Brown with her first opening season catch last spring on the Red River by Lockport.

monster because as Denis put it the only time Tom had ever caught anything was when he,"the Frenchmen," was with him.

How those two carried on. I could still hear them laughing and "trashing" each other as I left them and climbed into "old red" a good distant from their shack.

A few days later in the middle of the south basin of Lake Winnipeg I met Pete Tafteland from Hythe, Alberta when I was wandering about visiting anglers wherever I found them.

Pete, a young, thin, light brown

haired fellow with a nervous nature and a piercing voice comes all the way here to ice fish for a couple of weeks each year. With all the equipment anyone could possibly need for a stay on the ice, he was totally immersed in his sport. We sat in his camp while he told of a time last year when he and Bob Izumi were fishing together hoping to catch something to fry for lunch. Pete was a little luckier than Bob and caught some pickerel but did not miss the chance to rib the great fisherman himself for coming up short.

After "goodbyes" I rolled further north on the ice somewhere past Hnausa and met a group of guys fishing. It had become warm in an overcast day and I stopped by a relaxed looking chap sitting in a chair his legs crossed out in front of him.

Our new angler brother turned out to be Dan Granger from Warren. When I asked him if he had ever had an interesting fishing experience he could share with us he thought for a moment then brightened up and said, "Well, I caught a tricycle wheel once." Apparently he was open water boat fishing at Grand Rapids last year and hooked something he felt was big. With the heavy current there he took his time bringing it in only to be surprised and disappointed when a blackened twisted trike wheel broke the surface.

Now, let me introduce you to Winnipegger Cathie Brown who loves to fish the Red River. Here is a picture of Cathie with her first catch last spring as a teaser to us for what we're about to be enjoying

in a few short weeks. Like me, I'm sure you can hardly wait. Till next week, so-long friends.



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ADMINISTRATION Corrie Sargent

Event helps raise over \$3K for Growing Years

By Dave Baxter

A big crowd showed up at an event in Selkirk last week, to show their support for Growing Years Family Resource Centre.

The first ever Growing Years Family Resource Centre Mug Spud and Steak was held last Thursday evening at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club.

Organizers said it was a success, raising more than \$3,000 for the local organization.

Growing Years executive director Terrie Moar said the event was successful because of the support from both residents and local businesses.

"It's been amazing," said Moar. "Ticket sales almost sold out which is awesome, and the support we got from businesses in the community was amazing."

That support from businesses was the reason they were able to raise money through silent auction prizes as well as ticket sales, Moar said.

"IT'S BEEN AMAZING."

The organization has to get a portion of their annual funding through fundraising, but Moar said this is the first year they have created a fundraising committee and are now more focused on fundraising initiatives.

She believes the fact the Mug Spud and Steak was a success "bodes well for future fundraisers."

Growing Years offers a number of resources for parents, caregivers and children in the Selkirk area, including parenting tips and classes, prenatal classes, a play area, and the chance for parents to pick up free clothing and other family items.

For information about the Growing Years Family Resource Centre visit growingyears.info.



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Growing Years Family Resource Centre Mug Spud and Steak organizers pictured from left to right, Kristy Magnusson, Jaime Bouw, Terrie Moar and Ashley Arnason stand by the grand prize table at the event at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club last Thursday. The event raised more than \$3,000.

Proposed St. Laurent fish plant could put more cash in fishers pockets

By Jeff Ward

A Winnipeg based company is looking to build a fish processing plant in St. Laurent that will put more cash into fishers pockets while bringing new jobs to the community.

Community Development First (CDF) is hoping to move quickly on the project if a deal with Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) can be worked out to get them their license to sell fish.

The idea for the processing plant has been in the works for nearly two decades, but has recently picked up steam.

CDF's chief marketing officer Terry Szydlik said that the team is just waiting to be granted their exemption by FFMC — a crown corporation that handles the buying and selling of commercially caught fish in Manitoba to the world market — and then they can start moving the plan forward.

Szydlik said if the newly elected provincial government keeps its campaign promise of turning FFMC into a dual market corporation the CDF could begin putting their ambitious plan into place.

Szydlik said that St. Laurent would be the perfect geographical spot for a new plant and that he's very excited about the prospect of making an investment in this community.

According to Szydlik, the plant would take both mullet and carp in the round weight — which means the fish is whole — and will sell to markets all over the world. He added that the plant would process 100 million pounds of fish each year.

"The plan works quite nicely because the mullet and carp are being pulled up in nets already but are being thrown back because they have no value," said Szydlik.

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ROAD CLOSURE

ATTENTION Motorists using Highway 59 and the **North Perimeter**

The intersection of Highway 59 and the North Perimeter will be closed for 48 hours beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, May 13. Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation is closing this intersection in order to demolish a portion of the overpass as part of the new interchange construction project.

The most efficient and safe demolition of this type of structure requires a total closure of the intersection. Work will be completed in time to accommodate morning rush hour traffic on Monday, May 16.

Advisory signs concerning the detour are now in place along the roadway in the vicinity of the intersection. Please remember to drive slowly and safely when you see construction signs and flaggers at the roadside.

For more information concerning this project, please call 511 (toll-free), or follow www.twitter.com/MBGovRoads. To view a map of the planned detours, please visit manitoba.511.ca.



City to invest \$1.4M in infrastructure this year

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The City of Selkirk is investing \$1.4 million into streets and waterlines this year as part of an ongoing effort to upgrade the city's aging infrastructure.

Work is already underway on Sophia and Jemima streets and one block of Pittsburgh Avenue will be paved this year, pending Municipal Board approval.

Selkirk Park pool will also be re-asphalted in the fall.

Mayor Larry Johannson called the street and water main upgrades "another great improvement" to the city's aging infrastructure.

"We're committed to improving the streets and other vital infrastructure," Johannson said in a release on Monday. "Citizens can see where our resources are going.

"It only reinforces our plan to have asset management in place so that when these streets need to be done, the money will be there."

The final remaining gravel section of Sophia Street between Queen Avenue and the railway tracks to the north will be paved this summer.

Dan McDermid, the city's director of operations, said sidewalks will also be extended and some added will connect walkways and make active transportation in the area much easier.

"We're extending the sidewalk, tying in sidewalks that were never in place before," McDermid said. "Sidewalks on the west side of the street are tying into sidewalks that lead to Red River College's satellite office on Robinson



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Various city officials, including Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, pictured third from left, gather along Jemima Street near the city's water main and road reconstruction project recently. The City of Selkirk says it's investing \$1.4 million into streets and waterlines this year.

and Ruth Hooker School. The pedestrian traffic can now safely use Sophia Street."

This was a three-phase project that saw Sophia from Young to Green-wood paved in 2014, Greenwood to the tracks last year and the final section this year.

The city's total investment into Sophia over the three years is \$850,000.

The water main on Jemima Street from Manitoba to Dufferin is being re-

placed and will bring an end to chronic breaks that over the years have left residents of the area without water for periods of time. In the past five years there have been eight breaks, which confirms the cast iron line, installed in 1956, is definitely due for replacement. The new line will save the city money in the future as staff won't be called to work on repairs.

Once that work is completed Jemima will be resurfaced from Manitoba to

Queen, meaning the street, which has been patched numerous times following work to repair water main breaks below, will be in much better shape.

The city's CAO Duane Nicol said replacing aged infrastructure is vital to ensuring the city's future progress. A Capital Asset Management Program is being developed to strategically upgrade streets, pipes and other infrastructure in Selkirk in the years to come.

"We have extremely old infrastructure in the city," Nicol said. "Last year we completed Phase 1 of our Capital Asset Management Program that included a comprehensive review and evaluation of all our core infrastructure assets. It confirms what we've known intuitively for years - many of our assets are reaching the end of their useful life and without a robust reinvestment program we will see critical asset failures. We have tens of millions of dollars of work that needs to be done in the community in the near future. Our new Asset Management Program is going to help us make better asset decisions, but at the end of the day, it comes down to making the investments when and where they are needed."

The city will also benefit from Mc-Dermid's pursuit of Manitoba Water Services Board dollars. He was aware of available funding and went after it, securing about \$135,000 for the project.

Various other sidewalks in the city will also be upgraded as part of the project.

Financial plan reduces mill rate in West St. Paul

Mayor says taxpayer increase will depend on provincial reassessment

By Dave Baxter

A newly released draft of West St. Paul's financial plan sees their mill rate reduced from last year, but because it's a reassessment year some residents will pay less on their municipal taxes, while others will pay more.

A draft of the West St. Paul 2016 financial plan is now available on the municipality's website, weststpaul. com, and went to first reading last week.

Mayor Bruce Henley said the mill rate in West St. Paul is going down, as it stood at 9.96 per cent for 2015, and will drop to 8.5 per cent for 2016, for a reduction of 14.66 per cent.

Henley said "across the board the

budget only asks for \$68,000 more from the taxpayer than it did in 2015."

"It's very minimal," Henley said. "It comes down to just cost of living items and inflation.

"The budget is raised 1.7 per cent, and that is lower than the provincial inflation rate and the cost of living."

Henley said taxpayer increases or decreases on municipal taxes will now depend on their provincial reassessment.

He said if a home's assessment went up by 17 per cent or more, homeowners would see a "minor municipal tax increase."

Henley believes about 40 per cent of homeowners will see their municipal

taxes go down

He added that if a home's assessment went up more then three per cent, homeowners would see an increase on their school taxes, which went up by 3.3 per cent in the Seven Oaks School Division earlier this year.

"This is why we have been pushing for a review of the school tax system," Henley said. "We think we've done a fantastic job by keeping spending within reason, and we knew we had to adjust the mill rate, because otherwise that would not be fair to citizens."

Henley claims council went to different departments within the municipality and asked them to reduce spending.

He added they stopped funding certain programs, and did more work "in house"

He credits West St. Paul director of infrastructure Dave Romanow, who

he said has 40 years experience in municipal projects, for allowing them to save money by "doing more work in-house."

He also said they have worked on bringing in grants for different infrastructure projects" to take that burden off the taxpayer."

"This speaks to the hard work of mayor, council and administration in lobbying and expertise," he said.

The municipality will continue to focus on recreation, road improvements and other infrastructure projects, Henley said.

He said they will spend \$185,000 on roads in their latest budget, and have spent \$2.1 million on roads in the last five years.

The financial plan still has to go to a second and third reading on May 12 before being approved.

Parade to honour Selkirk, area veterans on May 15



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Pictured from left to right: Colour Party members Neil Zebinski and Maureen Johnson and Sqt. at Arms Len Johnson gather at the Centoaph in Memorial Park in this recent photo. The Selkirk Legion is hosting a Veterans Memorial Parade on Sunday, May 1 to honour local veterans.

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk Legion members are looking to honour Selkirk and Interlake veterans and their families during an upcoming Veterans Memorial Parade.

"It's for our veterans who served in the Selkirk, Interlake area in the Great War, Second World War, Bosnia and all through the Gulf and now Afghanistan," said Sgt. at Arms Len Johnson who is also the parade commander and organizer. "We're trying to recognize those families who their members have passed away and they live in this community.

"Veterans must be remembered not just on Remembrance Day, everyday."

The parade will start on Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Selkirk Legion and will make it's way down Eveline Street to Memorial Park where wreaths will be placed at the Cenotaph and a short service will be held.

Following the service, the parade will continue it's way down Eveline Street, then turn onto Britannia Avenue, then onto Main Street before heading down Vaughn Street and then back to the legion down Eveline.

Johnson said the Winnipeg Police Service pipe band will lead the parade and the Tommy Prince Army Cadets, Daerwood Sea Cadets and Gimli Air Cadets are also be taking part.

Johnson added it's been several years since a Veterans Memorial Parade has been held in Selkirk.

"Many legions throughout the province hold various parades ... outside of Remembrance Day and we want to recognize Selkirk and Interlake that's our main objective here," Johnson said. "It's very important that we acknowledge all those people here."

Johnson said thousands of soldiers are now returning from serving in Afghanistan and are likely dealing with post traumatic stress disorder.

"Some of them served two or three tours," he said. "The changes you see from one year to the next ... this is not easy anymore, this is really wearing on them and their young ones too.

"It's a lifetime and you see so much when they're there."

Neil Zebinski of Selkirk, who is a member of the Colour Party and served in the military for 25 years, advises those returning from Afghanistan to "talk to people."

"Don't keep it bottled up inside," Zebinski said."If you bottle it up it's like a volcano and eventually it just blows up and you get hurt and other people get hurt.

"If you weren't afraid to go over and do the fighting you shouldn't be afraid to talk."

Swinging into spring



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Eighteen-vear-old Kyle Roels of Selkirk practices his putt on a sunny afternoon at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club last Friday.



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Cards to Attawapiskat

Students send words of encouragement to community dealing with suicide crisis

By Lindsey Enns

A group of Selkirk students is hoping their personal experiences and words of encouragement will help youth living on a remote First Nations community feel less alone.

As a of way of helping her own students deal with some of the hardships they are facing, Comp English teacher Rachelle Bauer asked her class if they would like to mail cards to youth in Attawapiskat First Nation.

"This particular class has been the most challenging in terms of social and emotional issues," Bauer said. "There's so many things going on in the lives of these students ... in order to sort of us assist in our healing we need to be able to assist others with their healing.

"I think that resonated with them."

Bauer said she came up with the idea after seeing a Facebook post requesting those interested to send letters, cards or small gifts to the community of about 2,000 currently in a state of emergency.

Attawapiskat, which is located on James Bay in Northern Ontario, declared a state of emergency last month after 11 of its members attempted suicide in one weekend and 28 tried to do so in March.

More than 100 residents, including children and youth, have attempted to take their own lives since last fall.

Bauer said students in her Grade 11 English class were "shocked and surprised" to learn about the community's living conditions as well as the number of youth who have attempted suicide.

Grade 11 student Cheyenne Ewanochko said she wanted to send a card to youth to show them "they're not alone."

"DON'T EVER THINK IT'S THE END, IT'S NOT THE ANSWER. THINGS IN LIFE WILL GET BETTER, IT WILL JUST TAKE TIME."

"Just to show that we care," Ewanochko said. "Suicide's not the answer.

"We all have a purpose in life."

Grade 11 student Shayna Keller said in her letter she tried to give youth advice to help them get through a difficult time.

"Don't ever think it's the end, it's not the answer. Things in life will get better, it will just take time," Keller said.

In their card, one student wrote "I hope everything gets better for you and your people."

Another student wrote "I would like to let you know that you all matter and you all do have a purpose in this world.

"I would just like to motivate you guys to stay strong and there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

Bauer said she believes the exercise was eye opening for her students.

"Nobody was really aware ... I think that sort of hit home," she said. "This is in our own country and I think that was pretty shocking for them."

Bauer said she would be mailing the cards from all 27 of her students last Thursday.

She added they aren't expecting any sort of follow up from the community.

"Sometimes you just do nice things and you don't know what will come



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Grade 11 Comp students pictured from left to right, Morgan Van Caeyzeele, Shayna Keller, Kylie Rudd, Comp teacher Rachelle Bauer and students Chantal Kutcher and Cheyenne Ewanochko hold up the cards, some of which are pictured below, that they sent to Attawapiskat First Nation in Northern Ontario last Thursday.



of it," she said. "Just showing that you care and that we're sort of all in this together ... that could mean the world

to somebody knowing that we're thinking about them."





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Selkirk, district labour council helps mark Day of Mourning



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Community and area members make their way down Jemima Street during Selkirk's National Day of Mourning Walk organized by the Manitoba Federation of Labour Selkirk and District Labour Council.

Staff

A small group of community and area members gathered at Selkirk Memorial Hall last Thursday morning for the city's annual Day of Mourning

The annual walk, organized by the Manitoba Federation of Labour Selkirk and District Labour Council, is held in honour of the National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured while on the job.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration advises, April 28 has been designated the Day of Mourning across Canada, a time when workers, families, employers and others come together to remember those who have lost their lives to work-related injuries or occupational disease.

On the Day of Mourning, Manitobans pause to remember and honour the men and women who have lost

their lives or suffered injury or illness on the job, and renew a commitment to ensure families and communities are not affected by a workplace trag-

Last year, nine workers died on the job in Manitoba and 15 occupational disease-related fatalities were accepted by the Workers Compensation Board, according to the province. Many more Manitobans were injured severely enough that they were off work for a number of days.

Several ceremonies took place across Manitoba to commemorate this day including the annual Day of Mourning Leaders' Walk to the Legislative Building held by Safe Workers of Tomorrow.

Flags at all government buildings were also lowered to half-mast, from sunrise to sunset.

> PLANT COULD CREATE 100 JOBS, FROM PG. 9

"If fishers are able to keep those fish for a better return they would be inclined to fish more often and their income would increase. With higher incomes more young people would join the profession and the community would grow as a result."

The plan is exciting and ambitious and Szydlik said that the plant would hire 100 people to start with in their projection. He said that there would need to be a housing plan as well for all those employees and that a sustainability centre would also be built for training purposes.

Reeve Cheryl Smith is intrigued by the plan and said she welcomes any and all businesses who wish to invest in St. Laurent.

"If they want to invest and create a fish processing plant, by all means. Council wouldn't oppose anyone who wants to create jobs in our community," said Smith.

"We had a short discussion with [Szydlik] at our last council meeting and I think it was a really good productive discussion. This type of project has been attempted in the past and it's never been completed. So we wish them all the luck."

Smith said that FFMC representative for Southern Manitoba Field Operations, John Binding was also in attendance during the meeting and added to the discussion.

Chairman of the south basin Lake Manitoba Commercial Fisherman Association (LMCFA), Allan Gaudry said that he is completely in favour of this new plant and welcomes the idea with open arms. Gaudry said that he estimates a big spike in fishers income if this plant is given the green

"To us fishers it's great to have someone who will take carp and mullet in round weight," said Gaudry.

"When we have to dress the fish we lose quite a few hours cleaning them and we could be using that time to set up more nets and catch more fish. So far all the fishers we contacted supported the idea and now we just need government to step in and provide the CDF with their exemption."

Szydlik estimated that if the exemption was granted today the project would at best, be 18 months from completion and worst case scenario be three years away from a ribbon cutting. Either way he intends to keep working on the project because it has the potential to be a huge industry.

"We need people to call their MLA and talk about opening the dual desk at FFMC. For us, that's the last thing we need and then we can start making phone calls to the banks, our investors, architects and engineers and say we're ready," said Szydlik.





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DrinkSense

Lockport School students to bring Peter Pan to life

By Dave Baxter

Lockport School is coming together to put on a performance of the classic story of Peter Pan.

The school will put on two shows of their Peter Pan production on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11, with each show starting at 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Advance tickets are now available at the Lockport School office for \$8 or they can be bought at the door for \$10.

"It's a fun, colourful show with great costumes and sets," Lockport School guidance councillor Esther Van De Walle said. "And it features two musical numbers, and some solo parts and ensemble parts."

Van De Walle is one of the directors of the show and said there are plenty of students and staff working behind the scenes that audiences won't see on stage.

"It's a full school endeavour," she said. "We have many teachers, and

many students taking part.

"The ones who aren't comfortable on stage still get a chance to take part. Our tech ed. department makes the set, and our art department does the backdrop, and we have a whole backstage crew.

"Kids love to help however they can." Grade 9 student Isabelle Burachynsky will play three different characters in the play.

She said she has enjoyed spending time with the other cast members and production staff as they gear up for the show.

"At the beginning of the year we have lots of different people doing different things, but eventually we kind of become a little family," Burachynsky said.

Lockport School is located at 129 Lockport Road.

For more information about the upcoming production of Peter Pan, residents can call 204-757-9881.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER KRAWCHUK

Lockport School students are preparing for an upcoming production of Peter Pan at their school, which will hit the stage on May 10 and 11.

A Living Fairytale helps makes dreams come true

By Jennifer McFee

Once upon a time, an Interlake entrepreneur dreamed of a business opportunity fit for a princess.

Four years ago, Charlyn Azure's dreams came true when she launched her children's entertainment business, A Living Fairytale.

Since then, the bustling business has continued to grow as Azure and her team are in demand for birthday parties, special events and corporate outings.

Dressed in ball gowns as beautiful princesses and other convincing characters, Azure and her employees create an unforgettable impression on children and adults alike.

Azure, an Argyle resident formerly of Grosse Isle, combines all the characteristics needed to make her enchanting business a success. Her love for children is bolstered by hands-on experience as an early childhood educator with a diploma from Red River College. She slips seamlessly into the

roles of well-known characters such as Elsa from *Frozen*, thanks to her acting and modelling experience.

The business bloomed from humble beginnings when Azure had only one gown plus an optimistic attitude. When she paid off the first dress, she bought another and another. The business began to boom, leading to today's well-stocked supply of costumes for about 20 characters, including several superheroes.

"It's come such a long way and I'm so proud of it," Azure said. "I believed in it and I knew it was going to be big.

It's worked out really well."

To become more business savvy, Azure pursued entrepreneurial classes for women. She also received a youth grant for people under 30, which provided her with additional training and funds to buy more costumes.

"I've had a lot of support," said Azure, a mother of two. "I'm so grateful"

In an ongoing display of gratitude, Azure donates time for charitable causes that help children, such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Teddy Bear's Picnic for Children's Hospital and the upcoming Inwood Ride for Wishes

With the focus of a true family business, Azure's real-life prince charming dresses up in superhero costumes for birthday parties and other events.

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Council looks to make sprinkler systems mandatory

By Dave Baxter

St. Clements could soon become the first municipality in Manitoba to make home sprinkler systems mandatory in all new homes.

"From my perspective this is something that makes complete sense for communities," St. Clements director of protective services Ken Sim said.

A motion to make sprinkler systems mandatory in new homes passed through its first reading unanimously during a St. Clements council meeting last week.

Sim said that if it ends up being passed, all new single-family homes, duplexes and multi-family dwellings that are four stories high or less would be required to be built with a sprinkler system.

Currently no municipality in Manitoba requires sprinkler systems to be installed when new homes or multifamily dwellings are constructed.

Residents are far safer when homes have sprinkler systems, Sim said.

"If a fire starts they activate in about a minute-and-a half to two minutes," he said. "In about a minute-and-ahalf they will activate and the fire will be extinguished, and in 10 years there has never been a fire-related death in a sprinkler home in Canada or the U.S."

Sim also said there are numerous benefits to municipalities and

> 'I CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW MUCH I LOVE BEING AROUND KIDS,' FROM PG. 14

Her mother, Glennis Schmidtke, is also part of the team. Known as the "fairy godmother," Schmidtke acts as a hairdresser, expertly creating bouffant hairdos. She also provides studio space plus a talented touch for fixing up costumes.
"I couldn't do it without her," Azure

As she gets busier and busier with bookings, Azure continues to gain energy from her interactions with kids.

"I can't explain how much I love being around kids. As soon as I pull up in my bright pink car with music playing from Frozen or whatever is the theme, the little boys and girls are looking out the window, so excited and screaming at the top of their lungs," she said. "You just get a huge adrenaline rush because you're making their dreams come true."

emergency departments when more homes have sprinkler systems.

"With most fire departments the time of the fire starting, to the time of their arrival is about of eight to nine minutes. That's a typical response," he

"Typically with sprinklers, by the time the emergency workers have arrived the fire is already out."

He added that because of new construction techniques fires spread twice as fast in many newer homes, making firefighter job's more danger-

"A firefighter can't feel safe going into a home without a sprinkler, because of the chance the floors will be compromised," he said.

More sprinkler systems will mean the municipality will not have to invest as much into expanding their emergency infrastructure, Sim said.

On average, fires in homes with

sprinkler systems cause 13 times less damage than ones that start in homes without, according to Sim, and he added insurance companies have tak-

"It's very cost effective in homes," he said. "The insurance companies have recognized it with a significant reduction is homeowners policies."

The council's motion will go to a second and third reading later this month.



On a roll

Local bowling alley hosts Selkirk, Stonewall students for a day of fun

By Lindsey Enns

Nearly 25 students living with disabilities from the Comp and Stonewall Collegiate gathered for some fun at the Selkirk Bowling Centre last week.

Comp resource teacher Peter Price said while some of the students take part in Special Olympics bowling competitions in Selkirk, last Friday was all about having a good time.

"We've been gathering for the past three years with students from Stonewall Collegiate and it's been fun for the students to have kind of that physical activity ... and they enjoy the socialization," Price said while students bowled behind him at the local bowling alley. "It's all about having fun and staying active."

Various resource teachers, support staff and bowling coaches helped make the gathering a success for the students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

"The cool thing about bowling is everybody does it and can do it successfully," Price said. "In the past we've had students hit above the 190 mark.

"The students are being challenged and they love to get those strikes and

"THE STUDENTS ARE BEING CHALLENGED AND THEY LOVE TO GET THOSE STRIKES AND GET HIGH SCORES."

get high scores."

Stonewall Collegiate resource teacher and bowling coach Brent Leschyson said the annual gathering gives students a chance to partake in a fun event.

"It's important for everybody, regardless of their ability, to have a chance to be on a team and participate in a school event," Leschyson said, adding most of the students are also excellent bowlers. "We've had bowlers on this team get four strikes in a row and that's something their coach can't do.

"These students are athletes first."



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ABOVE: Grade 12 Comp student Nicole Kylchyski, pictured centre, rolls her bowling ball down a ramp during a gathering for Comp and Stonewall Collegiate students at the Selkirk Bowling Centre last Friday. BELOW: Grade 11 Comp student Ellen Tompkins, pictured far right, gets some lunch alongside students from Stonewall Collegiate during last Friday's gathering at the local bowling centre.



Shaw BBQ for Hope raises \$11K for Sean Nicol Legacy Fund

Submitted

With a sold out crowd and strong sponsorship support, the Shaw BBQ for Hope is expected to have raised nearly \$11,000 for the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund.

The mug-spud and steak dinner, hosted by the Selkirk Legion, is held each year near April 14, the birthday of the fund's namesake.

"We have such amazing support from our sponsors, the community and our friends and family," said Duane Nicol, Sean's brother and member of the event's organizing committee. "We're still receiving donations related to the event, but at this point we think we should raise around \$11,000 in total."

This year Sunova Credit Union and Manitoba Hydro were added as major event sponsors. They joined returning sponsors Fort Distributors, Matt Evans, the City of Selkirk, and title sponsor Shaw

Nicol says the event is a labour of love and wouldn't be possible without the tireless efforts of Sean's friends and family who come together each year to honour Sean and raise money for the fund started in his name. "We have a small committee that does the planning and organizing, and a larger group of folks who come and help out. It's a team effort"

The Sean Nicol Legacy Fund is a perpetual endowment fund held and professionally managed by the Selkirk and District Community Foundation. The fund was established in 2012 by the friends and family of Sean Nicol who unexpectedly passed away at the age of 25.

The money raised at the annual BBQ and through donations made thoughout the year is invested permanently in to the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund. The

income generated by the fund is then used to make grants to local projects and organizations working towards social justice by supporting fair access to affordable housing, nutritious food, education and employment.

"We created this fund in memory of Sean to support the things he believed in" said Larry Nicol, Sean's father. "He loved his work at Community Living Selkirk. He believed it was important to help people. That's what the fund does – it supports organization's that helps people in our community, and it will do it forever. That will be Sean's legacy.

"His permanent contribution to making our community a better place for everyone".

Bev Clegg, executive director of the Selkirk and District Foundation says that the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund has been very successful over the past our years.

"The Foundation congratulates the donors of the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund as they are always coming up with creative and interesting ways to support their favourite Fund," Clegg said. "For instance, to have the bride and groom kiss at Kris and Christie Pellaers wedding you first had to make a donation to the Fund.... another way to ensure the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund is 'Here for Good."

Since 2012, the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund has raised more than \$60,000 and has provided small grants to Community Living Selkirk, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, the Selkirk Community Garden and the St. Francis Place Shelter.

For more information about the Shaw BBQ for Hope and the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund visit seannicol.org.

Summer safety week aims to reduce waterrelated deaths

When the average person thinks of drowning-related deaths, their minds may immediately wander to islands or densely-populated land-masses surrounded by water on all sides.

But drowning is a real problem in Canada, too — in 2014, there were at least 308 preventable water-related deaths in Canada, according to the Lifesaving Society of Canada.

This National Summer Safety Week, May 1 – 7, the Canada Safety Council is reminding Canadians from coastto-coast to take special care around water, whether they are accomplished swimmers, frequent water users or parents to a young child who is getting familiar with their surroundings.

Water-related fatalities are especially tragic because they are entirely preventable. The vast majority of these deaths occur during recreational activities, including swimming, powerboating, fishing from a boat and walking near water or thin ice.

In fact, many Canadians who drowned never had any intention of being in the water in the first place. If you have a pool, lake or other body of water near you, consider putting up fencing around the hazard to limit the

The most important preventative measure you can take to keep yourself safe is to wear a personal floatation device. Canadian law requires that there be at least one PFD on a boat for every boater, which is a great start. However, it's not realistic to expect that you'll be able to locate and put on your PFD if adverse or unexpected conditions arise.

Get in the habit of wearing a PFD at all times while on a boat. It can quite literally make the difference between life and death. According to the Canada Drowning Report 2015, based on incidents where PFD information was available, four out of five waterrelated fatalities due to boating could have been mitigated if the victim were wearing a lifejacket.

Swim with a buddy. It's always a good idea to ensure that you're within earshot and sightline if you get caught under a strong current, lose your bearings or get trapped under something.

Crucial as well in water safety is supervision, especially among young children. Continued on page 20



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'We want to have a place that we can call home'

Little Sask. First Nation flood evacuee not convinced 60 new homes will be flood-proof

By Austin Grabish

Bertha Travers cherishes the memories she has of her grandchildren.

The 67-year-old smiles as she pulls out aged photos of her grandkids from a large white envelope.

Her grandkids are sitting on a slide next to a swing set in the first photo, Travers granddaughter is swimming in clear water in the second, and a deer is walking on crisp green grass in the third.

But the photos she's holding in her hands are all Travers has left of these memories.

"This is my son's yard,"Travers said.
"It's just swamp now."

The 2011 flood evacuee from Little Saskatchewan First Nation is one of more than 400 from the reserve who have yet to return home.

"Those were the days when you were happy, when you were at home and enjoying family. The togetherness," Travers said. "And all that is gone now."

Travers home was completely de-

stroyed in the flood and she spent five years living in hotels before finally settling in a Winnipeg home last year.

She says her people face racism and discrimination on a regular basis in Winnipeg and culture shock has been a problem for many who had never left the reserve before.

"It's completely alien," she said referring to the City of Winnipeg. "They don't have the supports that they had in terms of camaraderie with their fellow band members and that was important."

Travers has settled in Winnipeg and found work as a mental health resource worker but even she isn't sure if she wants to return to her First Nation.

Last year, Little Saskatchewan First Nation signed its support for a new road and 60 houses that are to be built through a cost-sharing partnership between the federal and provincial governments.

But Travers isn't convinced the homes will be flood-proof and doesn't



RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

Little Saskatchewan First Nation flood evacuee Bertha Travers provided these photos of cherished family members to the Record. It's been five years since she and more than 400 others were flooded out of their Interlake First Nation.

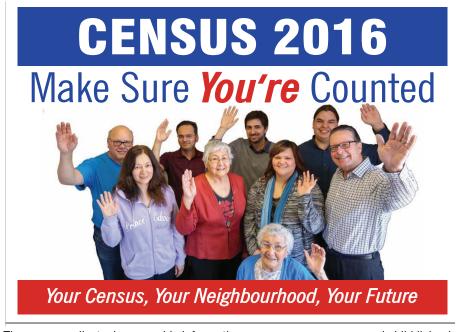
want to live in a town site on swampland.

"A town site setting is only going to promote more crime," she said. "The water is not clear. The water is contaminated and you can't even bathe in that water.

"We want to have a place that we can call home."

Little Saskatchewan First Nation is located nearly 300 kilometres north of Winnipeg.





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Grand Beach development corp. elects new members

By Laura Tutlies

Wine and cheese wasn't the only thing drawing community members to the Grand Beach and Area Development Corporation's annual general meeting late last month.

Eight orders of business were on the agenda and this included the election of officers and directors for the business leaders of East Beaches.

This is the first year that year-end has fallen at the end of March.

This change was made in 2014 when the organization moved to conclude the year in March rather than in October as was the case when it was formed nearly two decades ago.

Guest speaker St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn in a short address set the pace for the meeting, which concluded barely 40 minutes later following the election of executive and directors.

The highlight of the agenda was the presentation by Dennis Wasylyniuk who is webmaster for the organization and manager of the Grand Beach tourism site, grandbeachtourism. com/index.html.

Wasylyniuk guided those in attendance through a comprehensive look at the evolution of the website notably the surprising and pleasing statistic that revels the doubling of hits to the site from 2014 to 2015, most especially on the page designated for tourism. Research pays attention to the unique visitors, a specific IP address user and respects the number of times the same user might visit the site.

A comparison of visitors showed 17,803 for 2014 and 35,678 for 2015. In 2014 total 'hits' were 931.272 while during the same period from Janu-

> DROWNING CAN HAPPEN IN SECONDS, FROM PG. 17

Parents, children are especially susceptible to drowning. A child can drown in just a few centimeters of water, meaning that everything from bathtubs to buckets can be potentially dangerous. Stay within arm's length from your child at all times when they are in or near water.

Additionally, drowning can happen in seconds and very quietly, so even something as simple as answering the door or taking a phone call can be a difference-maker. Take your child with you if you have to be away from the water. There is also a lot of value in enrolling children for swimming lessons. Being a good swimmer isn't enough in and of itself to keep an individual safe 100 per cent of the time, but being a weak swimmer or can be a severe detriment in getting to safety.



RECORD PHOTO BY LAURA TUTLIES

The Grand Beach and Area Development Corporation elected and welcomed its new president, vice-president and directors during the corporation's annual general meeting late last month.

ary to December 2015 the 'hits' were 1,752,974.

Wasylyniuk pointed out that when the website is visited that users go most consistently to the "Things to Do" page which moved from eleventh spot in the most view page category, to fifth spot.

He urged those in attendance to be sure to feed the site with up-to-date information about events and opportunities for adventure in East Beaches.

Interim and re-elected president Roger Batchelor also had a recommendation for guests of the AGM.

"We have several dynamic organizations in East Beaches and excellent volunteers who work hard for our communities. Unfortunately, it's mostly the same people who are doing the work for these organizations from Victoria Beach to Patricia Beach. We need more volunteers and we need those of you here tonight to take that message to the community. Please volunteer."

Batchelor reminded the group of the promise of the new Progressive Con-

servative Premier, Pallister Brian and Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere to increase the spending for the

tourism budget and their intent to get business back into a healthy economy.

This fits with the mandate of the Grand Beach and Area Development Corporation (GBADC) who consider themselves "a body of concerned citizens, both corporate and private, from the Grand Beach, Grand Marais and surrounding East Beaches area who are determined to improve the quality of life and increase opportunities through responsible economic development and preservation of our natural and cultural resources and heritage."

The 2016 slate of Officers and Directors include president Roger Batchelor, vice president Julie Hayden, secretary Linda Grieve, treasurer Inger Robertsen as well as directors Julian Gorchynski, Pat Petrucka, Mel Smith, Heather Thompson, Ryan Thompson, and Ken Wagner.

On Saturday, May 21 the group will host its third annual Trade and Craft Fair at Walter Whyte School at the corner of Fey Road and Highway 59.

In 2015 there were 30 vendors who represented an increase of 30 per cent over those who had displays in 2014.

On July 1 the GBADC will host a fireworks display in Grand Marais/ Grand Beach in honour of Canada's 146th birthday.

The group is looking forward to a prolific and prosperous year of increased membership and renewed



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Sweet potato bean and rice boat



Ingredients

2 sweet potatoes, scrubbed

1/4 cup (50 mL) brown basmati rice

2 tsp (10 mL) chili powder

1 1/4 cups (300 mL) low sodium vegetable broth

1 cup (250 mL) no salt added beans, drained and rinsed

Half a red bell pepper, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped cilantro

Directions

With the tines of a fork, poke some holes into sweet potatoes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 50 minutes or until tender. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, in a saucepan, bring rice, broth, garlic, red pepper and chili powder to a boil. Cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until rice is tender. Stir in beans and cilantro and simmer for 5 minutes or until beans are heated through. Remove from heat.

Cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise and scoop out some of the filling. Stir it into the rice mixture with cilantro. Spoon mixture into sweet potato halves.

Tip: Pack the filling mixture into a thermos for lunches or pack the sweet potato boat into a container to reheat. This is a spin on chili and stuffed potatoes that will make lunch a little different from the ordinary.



Asparagus Tart

Ingredients

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

2 cups Jarlsberg cheese, shredded

1 pound asparagus

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves salt and pepper

Heat oven to 400 F. Prepare baking

sheet with parchment paper.

Roll out puff pastry into 16-by-10-inch rectangle, trimming uneven edges. Place on baking sheet. With knife, lightly score pastry dough 1 inch from edges to mark rectangle. Using fork, pierce dough inside markings at 1/2-inch intervals. Bake until golden, about

15 minutes.

Remove pastry shell from oven and sprinkle with shredded cheese. Trim asparagus spears

to fit crosswise inside pastry shell. Arrange in single layer over cheese, alternating ends and tips. Brush with oil, sprinkle thyme leaves and season with salt and pepper. Bake until spears are tender, about 20 minutes.

Tomato Gratin



Ingredients 8 medium ripe tomatoes 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil 4 garlic cloves, sliced 4 sprigs fresh thyme (or 4 basil leaves, chopped) salt and pepper, to taste 2 ounces toasted pine (pignoli) nuts 1/2 pound (8 ounces) grated

Cheesy Mashed Potatoes



Ingredients

4 large baking potatoes, peeled and cut

1 cup Jarlsberg cheese

1 cup milk

1 container sour cream

1/2 cup butter

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground black pepper Heat oven to 350 F.

Place potatoes in large pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until tender. Drain and bring potatoes to food processor.

In food processor, add cheese, milk, sour cream, butter, salt and pepper. Process all ingredients with potatoes until smooth.

Pour mixture into baking pan and cover with tin foil.

Bake 30 minutes. Uncover potatoes during last 10 minutes to allow browning.

Jarlsberg

cheese

Heat oven to 350 F. Cut tomatoes in half.

In bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper; gently mix in tomatoes. Transfer to ovenproof dish, turning tomatoes cut side up before baking 15 minutes.

When tomatoes are cool enough,

skins before returning to baking dish. Sprinkle tomatoes with nuts and cheese. Return to oven and bake about 10 minutes, or until cheese turns golden and bubbly.

Serve as bruschetta on sliced, toasted Italian bread or as a side dish to fish and meat.





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Royals host successful Diamond Challenge

By Brian Bowman

The 2016 Lord Selkirk Diamond Challenge was a big hit with visiting teams last Friday and Saturday here in Selkirk.

The Selkirk Royals hosted the firstever tournament and did a decent job on the field, reaching the bronzemedal game where they lost 16-6 to the Garden City Fighting Gophers.

"We fell behind early and couldn't claw our way back into it," said Royals' head coach Michael Buffie.

Selkirk started the tournament well, soundly defeating Lundar 14-0 in just four innings. Derek Petrasko earned the win on the mound for Selkirk, recording seven strikeouts in three in-

He was relieved in the fourth by Reece Tessier.

The Royals were then defeated 16-1 by the Portage Collegiate Institute Trojans. Portage, which went on to win the tournament title with a 4-1 win over the Stonewall Collegiate Rams, had a well-balanced lineup of good hitters.

The Trojans broke the game wide open with seven runs in an inning, helped out, in large part, by a bevy of Selkirk errors.

"I don't think the score dictated how the game went," Buffie cautioned. "They definitely beat us but we kind of beat ourselves in that game."

The tournament gave the Royals a great opportunity to get in some game action before they begin their KPAC schedule next week. Buffie likes the potential of the Royals' offence this season, but many of the players sim-



The Selkirk Royals' Ben Fountain slides in safely at home plate to score a run against Lundar during tournament action last Friday.

ply need to get more swings in against live pitching.

"It was definitely helpful for our team to get in some game action in," Buffie said. "For some of them, they hadn't played in a real game for a

Buffie said he would like to host another tournament next season. Teams have already expressed interest in playing in the tournament next sea-

"The tournament was a huge success," Buffie said. "But the biggest problem is the availability of diamonds. As of right now, diamond four at the Rec Complex is the only diamond that we can use for hardball."

Selkirk played a double header on the road against Steinbach yesterday but no scores were available at press



Selkirk's Brittany Langlais makes contact with a pitch against Lundar.

Carruthers wins curling Champions Cup

Staff

Reid Carruthers worked a little overtime on Sunday evening.

But that extra work paid off for the West St. Paul skip at the inaugural Champions Cup curling event in Sherwood Park, Alta.

Carruthers needed two extra ends, scoring one in the 10th to defeat Toronto's John Epping 4-3 in the final of the last event of the Grand Slam

For his efforts, Carruthers received \$24,500 of the \$100,000 men's purse.

Carruthers led 1-0 after fourth ends, but Epping came back with two in the fifth. Carruthers took the lead again with two in the seventh end but Epping forced the extra ends with a single in the eighth.

The winning rink also included Co-

lin Hodgson, Derek Samagalski, and Braeden Moskowy.

Carruthers' victory made it a Manitoba sweep at the Champions Cup as Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones defeated Rachel Homan 7-5 in the women's final earlier in the day.

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Future of Royals' boys' hockey hits the ice at rookie tourney

By Brian Bowman

The future of the Selkirk Royals' boys' hockey team hit the ice together for the first time recently at the WHSHL rookie tournament in Winnipeg.

And they put forth a pretty good showing.

Selkirk finished with a win and two losses in the eight-team "A" division of the ever-growing high school tournament. The Royals started the tournament with a 4-3 overtime loss to Garden City and then defeated SJR 3-1 before losing 8-3 to Sturgeon Heights.

The "A" division consisted of four teams in two pools.

"It's a good tournament but it happened to be on the same weekend as the Steelers' (spring) camp, so we had a few guys in and out, which didn't help," said Royals' head coach Shayne Fredborg.

"But, overall, the guys that were there competed hard and showed a lot of good things."

The tournament acts as a great building block for the Royals' coaches to get to know the players. Selkirk initially had 20 players express interest in playing in the tournament but that number dwindled down to 15 by the time the first puck was dropped.

"We had a full roster...but we have a lacrosse team at the high school now and that interfered a little bit," Fredborg said. "You would like to go into the tournament and win but you also want to be competitive and get to know the kids.

"A lot of them haven't played together in a long time, so it's a way for them to play with some of their friends again and play a pretty competitive level of hockey."

The rookie tournament is a great way for the Royals to introduce young players to the high school game. The WHSHL continues to grow every year



for Selkirk recently at the WHSHL's rookie rookie tournament action. tournament.

and had 37 teams make up three divisions with various levels of play.

"A lot of these kids haven't represented their school yet as Grade 10s, so they get to play for their school," Fredborg said. "We have a few practices



RECORD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER Royals' goaltender Garrett Saunders makes a Braeden Hummel carries the puck up ice save against Sturgeon Heights during WHSHL

and we also have a scrimmage against some of our older guys in (Grades) 11 and 12, so we get them immersed into the culture of the high school pro-

Obirek steps down as Steelers' GM

By Brian Bowman

David Obirek has stepped down from his position as the Selkirk Steelers' general manager, according to a media release sent out last Friday afternoon.

Obirek, who ran the day-to-day operations of the club, spent the past two seasons committed to reconnecting the team to the community and building positive relations with community stakeholders, said a media release.

In addition, Obirek spent a considerable amount of time improving the team's game day and off-ice operations.

"I enjoyed the past two years with the team, however, we just weren't able to settle on a salary package going forward," said Obirek in an email.

"There is a significant amount of time and commitment required in a position like this and the compensation needs to be fair and reasonable. The team simply wasn't prepared, or in a position, to provide that."

This was Obirek's second tenure with the Steelers after previously serving as the club's public relations manager for two years from 2010-2012.

"As challenging as it was for me carrying the brunt of the team's day-today operational load," Obirek said. "I was fortunate enough to have tremendous support from a very dedicated group of coaches, support staff, gameday volunteers and volunteer marketing manager, Don Gilman, helping in the team's front office."

No replacement for Obirek had officially been announced by the Steelers at press time. However, a source within the organization said he expects Ken Petrash, the Steelers' director of hockey operations, to also take over the GM duties.



David Obirek

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Ignite U14s enjoy tremendous season

By Brian Bowman

The recognition may be coming way too late, but the Interlake Ignite U14 A ringette team's accomplishments this past season are definitely worth mentioning.

Interlake won a bronze medal at the provincials back in mid-March after finishing with a 1-2 record.

The Ignite began the provincials with a 5-2 win over Dakota but then lost a pair of overtime games. Interlake was edged 4-3 by Southdale and then nipped 3-2 by MacDonald.

"I'm very proud of how the girls did," said Ignite head coach Lindsay Burns.

As the scores would indicate, there was plenty or parity amongst teams at the provincials.

"We had seven teams in our league and I would say with six of the teams (the final result) could have gone either way," Burns said."We would beat a team and then lose to (the same)

"You had to play your best every night and having good competition forced the girls to always be alert and always have to be at their best."

Interlake finished in first place in their league during the regular season and kept that success up in the playoffs by claiming a Winnipeg Ringette League City Championship.

The Ignite took the hard road to the

first game of the playoffs to the Macdonald Wildfire in an overtime shoot-

Now situated on the B-side of the playoffs, Interlake defeated Garden City and Southdale in overtime shoot-

The Ignite then trounced Dakota 8-3 in the semifinals to advance to the finals against MacDonald.

Having to defeat MacDonald twice to claim a city title, the Ignite did exactly that - winning 4-2 and 4-0.

"I lucked out with this team because they were always positive and they were good to each other," Burns said. "They didn't quit or hang their heads down or blame anyone. They just worked their hearts out and always stayed positive."

The Ignite's roster this season included players from St. Andrews, East Selkirk and Selkirk, according to

"They definitely have played (ringette) together before and that helped," said the Ignite's head coach. "They're friends on the team and, of our 15 players, all but five were firstyear (U14 players). We're going to have another strong team for next year."

The Ignite came a long way in terms of improvement over the course of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Back row left to right: head coach Lindsay Burns, assistant coach Sheena MacDonald, Madison McIvor, Kya Jackson-Leclair, Jill Smuttell, Mia Loeppky, Val Smuttell, Ashlyn Chwartacki, Taryn Clegg-Morrisseau, Robyn Partyka, assistant Coach Robin Jackson; front row left to right: Krysten Campbell, Morgan Thomson, Rhianna Pennell, Kylie Fissell, Paige Gordon, Kristina Slobodzian; goalie Morgan Baker. Missing from photo assistant coach Amy Clarkson.

this past season. Burns mentioned that Interlake was 0-4 at a pre-season tournament in Winnipeg.

"The purpose of the tournament was to see where the girls were at," said Burns, who lives in Winnipeg Beach. "So, there were a lot of things that we worked on and the girls respected us. They did what we said and worked

"As a team, we grew so much."

Locals invited to POE Top-40 Camp

Hockey Manitoba announced the Under-16 and Under-18 rosters for the Program of Excellence TOP-40 Camp to be held May 12-15 in Portage la Prairie.

The POE TOP-40 camp is the second major phase of the Program of Excellence, which is the selection process for the 2016 U-16 (male) and U-18 (female) Team Manitoba rosters.

Locals invited to the camp include Lockport defenceman Andrew Hopko (Winnipeg Hawks) and Garson blueliner Matthew Boonstra (Eastman Selects).

U-16 staff as Kyle Prystupa (director of operations), Alfie Michaud (goaltending consultant) and Brenna Cyr (athletic therapist) are part of the program.

The U-18 roster, meanwhile, includes East St. Paul forward Delaney Boehm (Balmoral Hall).

The TOP-40 camp rosters were finalized following the U-16 and U-18 POE spring tournaments held from April 8-10 at the MTS Iceplex, Seven Oaks Arena, Gateway Recreation Centre and Southdale Community Centre in

Fourty-four players have been in-Selkirk is well represented on the vited to the U-16 camp, comprised of four goalies, 12 defencemen, and 28 forwards.

Following a competitive POE spring tournament, which featured 102 of the province's best 2001 born (male) players, the coaches and evaluation staff had the duty of making many tough decisions to cut down to the 40-player range, said a release on the Hockey Manitoba website.

The U-18 coaches and evaluation staff, meanwhile, also had to make some tough decisions following their spring tournament, which featured 101 of the best female players in the province.

The U-18 program has 41 players in-

vited to the POE TOP-40 Camp comprised of five goalies, 12 defencemen, and 24 forwards.

The POE TOP-40 Camp is an integral piece in determining the short list of talent for Team Manitoba while a significant importance is placed on team building, off-ice behaviour, and estimating individual character and leadership qualities.

U-16 Team Manitoba will compete at the Western Canada U-16 Challenge Cup in Calgary this upcoming October, followed by U-18 Team Manitoba competing at the National U-18 Women's Championships in Regina from Nov. 9-13.

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Stockton, Baum advance to badminton provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals had several very good performances at the KPAC badminton championships last week at Maples Collegiate in Winnipeg.

The Royals were very well represented in the varsity girls' doubles division by Shaley Stockton and Kyla Baum. The pair went undefeated until the finals, beating Rodriguez and Torrefalma (no first names were given in their matches) of Garden City 21-19 and then Soto and Ramos of Garden City 21-19.

Stockton/Braum then swept Nabess and Klymchuk of Kildonan East 2-0 by scores 21-15 and 21-16, which placed them into the finals where they again played Soto and Ramos (who had come around through the back half of the draw after their first loss to Sel-

In the first match, Soto and Ramos beat Selkirk 21-15 and 21-13. As this was Selkirk's first loss, another match between the two teams had to be played. The Royals' duo won the first game 21-17 but then lost the next two games 21-17 and 21-10.

With the second-place finish in KPAC, Stockton and Baum have earned a spot in the MHSAA provincials this Friday and Saturday in Win-

In girls' singles action of the senior varsity playoffs, the Royals' Victoria Lamb-Porayko finished in fourth

She won her first game against Di-

andra Gietz of Kildonan East 21-17 but then lost her second game against Joedelle Gasper of Maples 21-14.

Lamb-Porayko rebounded nicely to win her third game against Justine Dalusong of Garden City 21-14.

With that win, Lamb-Porayko advanced to play a best-of-three match against Duyen Nguyen of Garden City. Lamb-Porayko won the first game 21-17 but then lost the next two by scores of 21-17 and 21-18.

In boys' singles play, Selkirk was represented by Jon Kuz and Kurtis Yacyshen.

Kuz won his first game against Quinn Phillips of River East 21-17 but then lost to the Maples' Cole Lacap (21-19) and Miles Mac's Jazz Reyes

Yacyshen also finished with a 1-2 record, winning his first game against Gangandeep Dolla of Murdock McKay 21-11. He then lost to Cole Penner of Garden City (21-19) and to Daniel Frick of Miles Mac (21-16).

In varsity boys' doubles play, Selkirk was represented by Owen Schwartz and Nico Morrow-Litke. The Royals' pair lost their first match to Lumbers and Marques of Garden City 21-11 and then were defeated by Bright and Duncan of Mile Mac 21-18 to eliminate them from the tournament.

Meanwhile, in junior varsity boys' singles KPAC playoff action, Selkirk's Tim Juvonen had a great showing, placing third as he was defeated by Gene Acurin of Garden City.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Royals' Tim Juvonen placed third after he was defeated by Gene Acurin of Garden City.

Juvonen won the second 21-16 before Acurin took the third 21-18.

Juvonen began action with a 21-18 loss to Simarpal Pannu of Garden City 21-18 but then defeated Evan

Acurin won the first game 21-18 but Musgrave of Springfield (21-19) and Thomas Manuel of Miles Mac (21-19).

Those wins set Juvonen up with a rematch against Pannu in a best-ofthree match. Juvonen won the match 2-1 by scores of 21-18, 16-21, 21-18.

Midget Thunder host first series of mini camps

Bv Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder Midget football team held its first session of spring minicamp last week and head coach Kris Johnston definitely liked what he saw on a couple of fronts.

The numbers were good, with 33 players out for the spring camp. That's about 10 more than last year and, more importantly, the talent of the players appears to be very good.

"The numbers were great," enthused Johnston. "We hosted our first noncontact, helmets-only minicamp this past week and it went very, very well. The guys were very athletic and were working very, very hard. The coaches were very impressed with that they were doing out there, for sure."

The Thunder held two practices in Selkirk and another in Stonewall.

The minicamp last week was the first of three that the Thunder will host this spring. The second one will be held May 10-12 and May 17-19 while the third is scheduled for May 31 to June 2 and June 7-9.

The Thunder will then play an exhibition scrimmage against the Sunrise Coyotes on June 11.

"We'll probably get in the neighbourhood of 30 offensive and defensive players," Johnston predicted. "It will be a controlled scrimmage

(against Sunrise)."

Interlake are eagerly looking to improve on last season's 2-6 record. The Thunder lost many really good football players from last year's team due to graduation but Johnston is confident new players can fill those holes.

"We have had tremendous talent (come out this spring)," Johnston said. 'We graduated a lot of really special players last year and the coaching staff obviously saw that there were holes to fill on the depth chart going into this season.

"But we're very, very pleased with the young athletes that have come out. Players have come into camp in

great shape - they're bigger, stronger, and faster."

Anyone interested in playing Thunder football this season can show up at one of the three Minor Football Registration days this week. The first registration is tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Teulon Elementary School and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Sportsplex in Stonewall.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., interested players and parents can sign up at the Selkirk Rec Centre. If players cannot make any of those dates, they can contact the Thunder registrar at registration@thunder.org.

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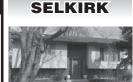
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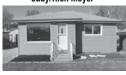
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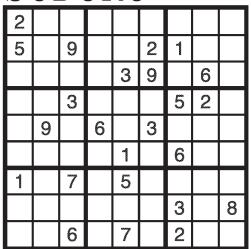
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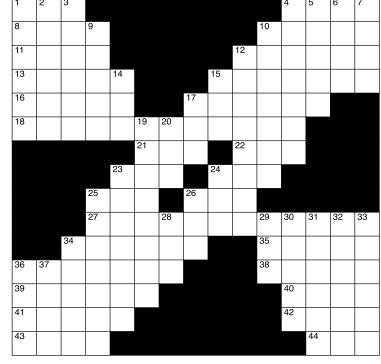
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- 1. Administrative Review **Board**
- 4. Not worried
- 8. Rowan Atkinson played him
- 10. Stars
- 11. Indian city
- 12. North American nation
- 13. He partnered with Garfunkel
- 15. Understood
- 16. Foe
- 17. Jewish state
- 18. 2015 postseason hero
- 21. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 22. Goddess of the dawn
- 23. Squad
- 24. Belonging to a thing
- 25. Food-related allergic reaction (abbr.)
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Exceed in weight
- 34. Deserved
- 35. Singer Thicke
- 36. Clemencies
- 38. Critique
- 39. Resented
- 40. Type of tissue
- 41. Passages
- 42. It comes in a can
- 43. His heart is in San

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belittled
- 2. Actress King
- 3. They pour drinks
- 4. Communicates
- 5. Take advantage of
- 6. Take on cargo
- 7. A stiff drink
- 9. Actress Watts
- 10. Natives of the American
 - **Southwest**
- 12. Covered
- 14. The Science Guy Bill

- 19. Unfastened
- 20. student, learns healing
- 23. Ties the knot
- 24. Actor McKellen
- 25. Optical phenomenon
- **26. Turf**
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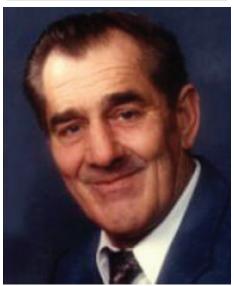


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We sat beside your bedside, As we watched you fade away; And though our hearts were breaking, We knew you could not stay. You left behind some aching hearts, That loved you most sincere. We never will forget you, So on Mother's Day we will honor you. -Daughters Joyce, Grace and Lynn, and grandchildren

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Swain Families Mother's Day was a beautiful day until you were all taken from us too quickly Ian Swain - May 12, 1973 Papa Mike - May 8, 2008

Brandy Lenton Swain - May 8, 2010 Many years of warm, wonderful memories. Many years of wishing You were all back with us again. They say time heals,

But the pain in our hearts will always be there, Because of the love we have for you. Elsie Swain (Mom) - August 10, 1996 Missing you with many good memories.

Wishing you were here To meet all of your many great-grandchildren. We all know how proud you and Papa would be. -Forever loved and never forgotten Sharon and Buck, Stacy, Jackie and family, April, Frank and family, Kevin, Stacey and family XOXOXOX

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OBITUARY

Kathleen Anita Clayton (nee Mead) September 6, 1932 - April 27, 2016

It is with deep heartfelt regret and sorrow that we announce the sudden passing after a long illness, of Anita Clayton at Selkirk and District General Hospital on April 27, 2016.

She was predeceased by her parents, Henry Leslie and Frances Rebecca Mead (nee: Littlemore), by her brother Brian Mead, and husband Dennis Clayton. She is survived by her brother Colin (Barbara) and family in Talybont, Wales, her daughter Sandra Seal (Don), son Brian (Nancy), and grandchildren Catherine (Sean), Sean (Katie), and great-grandchildren Kade, Cora, and Ivy in BC. She will also be missed by her dearest friend of 48 years Pauline

Martyniw and all her extended Martyniw Family in Selkirk and surrounding area. Anita was born and raised in Southport, Lancashire, England, she went to school in Southport followed by Pengwern College in Wales, where she had many friends and a great love of horseback riding. She was very close to her older brother Brian, who was lost at sea near the end of WWII. After college, she went to secretarial school, but later decided to embrace a nursing career in the W.R.E.N.S. until 1954

She met her husband Dennis, and they moved to Dublin, Ireland, for seven years, where she had her children Brian and Sandra. They moved back to Lincoln, England, where she continued nursing, specializing in pediatric care due to her special love of working with children.

In June of 1968, Anita and Dennis with their children immigrated to Canada, and settled in Selkirk, MB. She worked at Selkirk Nursing home and later Selkirk Mental Health Centre where she cared for the elderly. In 1969, she and her best friend Pauline, along with Audrey Green, and Maida Walker, founded Tudor House Personal Care Home. She was an active member of the Board of Directors for 45 years and also founded and ran the Tudor Day Nursery in 1972 until her transition in 1988 to a management position in the nursing home. After her retirement in 1999, she remained active in both the life and business of the nursing home until her health started to fail after 2010.

Anita and Pauline's friendship and business partnership continued for many years, they continued to develop many other business ventures including Woodland Courts, and Cambridge House. Anita enjoyed many years of travelling, exploring various areas of the world; she especially loved attending her niece Sarah's wedding in the beautiful seaside resort in Barmouth, Wales.

Anita had a great love for children and animals, especially dogs and horses. She dearly loved her children and grandchildren; although some were far away, she always kept in touch and made frequent visits. One of her greatest regrets was that she was not able to spend more time with her grandchildren and never had the opportunity to know her great-grandchildren. Anita was a beloved aunt to all the Martyniw children and grandchildren. Anita was a loving Godmother to Trudy Martyniw (Costa), and was especially close to Tracy Martyniw (Flores), the youngest of the Martyniw children, whom she had known since birth.

Anita remained under the care of her close friend Pauline until requiring the need for 24 hour nursing care at Tudor House Nursing Home in 2014 in Selkirk. She spent her last years enjoying daily meals with her daughter Sandra and friend Pauline, and being cared for by the wonderful nurses and health care aides. Anita will be greatly missed but never forgotten by both of the families that cared so much for her.

Anita's family and the Martyniw family would like to express their appreciation for the compassionate care given to Anita at Selkirk Hospital by Dr. Alexander and staff, and in addition both families would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the nurses, health care aides, and all the staff who did so much to make her stay at Tudor House.

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Funeral Service will be at Gilbart Funeral Home May 5th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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OBITUARY

Stanley Sutherland

Peacefully, on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at the Selkirk General Hospital, Stanley Sutherland, aged 84 years of Selkirk, MB., beloved husband of the late Jean passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his life will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, MB.

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OBITUARY

Kenneth Ray Fidler July 1, 1946 – April 30, 2016

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Ken, on April 30, 2016.

Lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years Sheila; sons Neil (Shelly), Mark (Karen) and daughter Laine (Jason); his beautiful grandchildren Justin, Victoria, Kyla, Ceilidh, Sierra and Ricky (to them, he will always be Grandpa Treats); his sisters Elsie, Shirley (Bert), and Donna (Randy); brother Larry; and many nieces and

Ken was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Edward and his siblings Charles, Harvey, Martin and Violet.

Ken retired from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation after

A celebration of life will be held in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB on May 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch to follow. Interment at Little Britain United Churchyard.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Lighthouse Mission.

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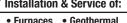
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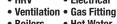
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