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Selkirk dances it off

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Pictured left to right, petite tap dancers Peyton Fedorchuk, Paige Mooney, Chloe Einarsson, and Tehya Blackburde Moore, perform their piece Just Can't Get Enough for Evolution Dance Company's 9th Annual Recital at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg. See story page 16.

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Students cutting, painting and cooking for a cure

Comp to host fourth annual Cure-A-Thon
May 13, 14 and 15

By Austin Grabish

They will cut hair and paint nails for the fourth year in a row next week, and if Comp students and staff have their way, they'll raise enough funds to make a meaningful donation to cancer research.

The Comp's fourth annual 'Cure-A-Thon' is taking place next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Haircuts, manicures, gourmet food and more will all be sold at the annual event, and this year if you spend \$15 or more you qualify for a tax receipt.

Hair services and manicures will be offered for a flat rate of \$10, and 100 per cent of all proceeds raised will go to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation in support of the Foundation's breast cancer division.

"We pick something different every year," said hairstyling teacher Charlene Henrikson.

Henrikson and her colleague Darlene Cockerill chose to support the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation this year, because cancer has continued to touch their lives, she said.

"Personally with family and close friends both of us have been touched," Henrikson said.

This year a sea of pink will fill the Comp's hair salon, school cafeteria, and other parts of the school.

Culinary arts students will be preparing gourmet \$12 chicken cordon bleu takeout meals, and students in the school's Faces program will sell decorated cookies and cupcakes glazed with pink icing.

"Everyone's going to be pitching in," Cockerill said.

Henrikson added performing arts students will be playing music during the Cure-A-Thon so guests will have quality entertainment to absorb while



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The hairstyling students above will host the Comp's fourth annual Cure-A-Thon event next week. Pictured back row: Kier Fey, Hailee Truthwaite, Mikayla Plishka, Taylor-Marie Johnson; front row Brikena Stevenson, Jen Evans, Amy Nore, Brooke Stefanik, Ashley Boutet, Kate-Lynn Hickey, Dakota Massey, Abbey Wawryk, Stephenie Moore; seated: Megan Franks.

getting pampered.

"There's lots of things that's going to be happening," Henrikson said.

Grade 12 Student Abbey Wawryk has volunteered in the Cure-A-Thon every year and said she is looking forward to doing it again next week.

"I think this one's go-

ing to be the biggest one that we've had, because we're really advertising it, so that's what I'm excited about," Wawryk said.

The Cure-A-Thon takes place May 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., and on May 15 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Comp.

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Resident asks council to rethink its land take

By Austin Grabish

A one-man delegation appeared at St. Clements council meeting last Tuesday to beg the municipality to hear his opposition to public reserve land that stems from the subdivision process.

Jim Sokolowski feels the municipality will unfairly take a portion of his land when he finishes subdividing property he and a sibling own near Byers Drive in St. Clements.

He told council when he applied to subdivide his property in 2014 he wasn't aware the municipality would take a portion of his land for public reserve until the end of the process at a public hearing.

The land that will be taken is 100 feet of waterfront, he said.

"I was not prepared to hear about

the public reserve. It was very emotional to hear you were taking our land," Sokolowski said.

"I went home that night angry and in shock."

Sokolowski told council his family has owned the land that he is subdividing since 1965.

"For 50 years our family has maintained this land and water frontage," Sokolowski said.

He told the *Record* after the council meeting because both he and his sibling own the land and the sibling wants to subdivide, his hands are tied, and he must sell.

Sokolowski said although the subdivision process is near complete he still wanted to speak with council.

"I'd like to be heard on why public reserve isn't always the best policy,"

Sokolowski said.

Sokolowski's main concern is others could use the land, which is no longer legally his.

But St. Clements chief administrative officer DJ Sigmundson said the land in question isn't for public use, it's just owned by the municipality.

"Your concern about the word public, you're not the first person that's been concerned about that prior to the subdivision, and the approval of it," Sigmundson said.

Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn said taking land through the subdivision process is a long-standing practice for St. Clements.

"We have public reserve in various different places," Fiebelkorn said.

The Planning Act also states land may be taken for public reserve when

subdividing.

The process is meant to preserve the natural state of shore lands for the environment, according to the province.

But Sokolowski feels the municipality will reap no benefit by taking the land.

"To me I see no gain," Sokolowski said. Coun. Robert Belanger and Fiebelkorn both said Sokolowski is still free to use the land, he just doesn't own it on paper anymore.

"It's not for every ratepayer in the municipality to use. It's yours to use," Fiebelkorn said.

Fiebelkorn said a change in wording to "public reserve" might be needed to address the issue.

Council said it would send Sokolowski a letter regarding his concern in a month.

Burning ban re-enacted

By Austin Grabish

A provincial ban on burning is back after a five-day hiatus.

The province announced last Thursday it was cancelling all burning permits due to high winds and dry conditions.

The ban revokes all burning permits issued in the eastern and central regions of the province.

"This affects an area extending from the United States border on the south, through the Interlake to Gypsumville and Berens River in the north and east to the Ontario border," a press release said.

No open burning is allowed in Manitoba without a permit between April 1 and Nov. 15.

The province had enacted a fire ban on April 14, but took it off on April 25, and then reinstated it last Thursday.

Provincial officials are reminding ATV users to check areas around their engine and exhaust frequently, and carefully remove and extinguish any debris.

Backcountry travel restrictions in place

Dry and windy conditions have also led the province to place backcountry travel restrictions in southeast Manitoba.

As of last Friday all motorized off-road and backcountry travel is prohibited daily between noon and 7 p.m. in an area from the U.S. border north to the Winnipeg River, as well as in the Mars Hill Wildlife Management Area near Libau.

These restrictions also apply to backcountry travel on Crown lands within three miles of and including the Spruce Woods Provincial Forest and Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

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Shewchuk crowned Miss Teenage Manitoba

By Stefanie Lasuik

Miss Teenage Manitoba was crowned April 19 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg with his year's title going to East St. Paul resident Devon Shewchuk.

Shewchuk, 19, is an aspiring broadcast journalist who currently studies in the Joint Creative Communications program at the University of Winnipeg and Red River College. She sees herself as an outgoing individual and envisioned beauty pageants as fun experiences.

Shewchuk competed for the crown in 2012 and said prior experience gave her an edge in the competition.

"I learned a tremendous amount through the 2012 provincial and national pageants about the expectations judges have for their top titleholders. I also knew exactly what to pack, and what to expect throughout the weekend. The fact

that I wasn't going in blindfolded this time around definitely allowed me to stay relaxed, and focus on my goal of winning the top title."

When announced the winner, Shewchuk was in disbelief.

"Of course I was thrilled, but it felt so surreal," said Shewchuk, noting that this was a goal she had been working towards for three years previous.

Shewchuk is now heading to nationals from August 2-10 in Toronto, where she will compete against approximately 65 delegates from across Canada.

A part of Shewchuk's national score will depend on the number of hits she receives on her blog, www.missteenmanitoba.com. She hopes people will visit her page, where she has a brief bi-

ography and discusses her upcoming events. The pageant will further include an interview, a swimsuit competition and an evening gown exhi-

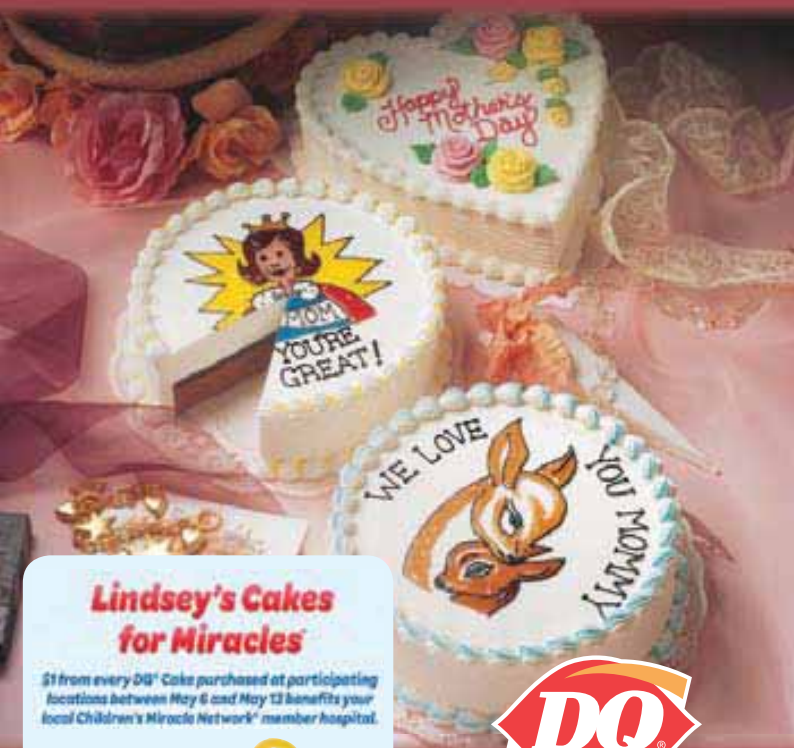
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Devon Shewchuk (left) was crowned Miss Teenage Manitoba April 19 and will now compete at the nationals in Toronto August 2-10.

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bition. It will consider the delegates' photographic appeal, charitable contributions, and benevolent behaviour.

Until then, Shewchuk's schedule will be chock-full. Miss Teenage Manitoba will be volunteering with Mothers Against Drinking and Driving and holding fundraisers to support Free the Children, the official charity of Miss Teenage Canada. As a prerequisite of her title, Shewchuk will also attend festivals, sporting events, and

community functions throughout the province.

The last time Miss Teenage Manitoba went on to become Miss Teenage Canada was when Channing Killi Smendziuk stole the show in 2010. This year, Shewchuk hopes to bring the title back to Manitoba.

Shewchuk is seeking the sponsorship support of local community businesses, which she will represent as Miss Teenage Manitoba.

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Volunteers honoured at St. Andrews dinner

By Austin Grabish

Every year community organizations in St. Andrews thrive thanks to the countless hours put in by devoted volunteers, and those volunteers were honoured at a dinner in St. Andrews last Friday.

The Petersfield Curling Club was packed with the more than 200 volunteers who are the heart of the very organizations they serve.

The volunteers and their families were treated to a catered meal and some live entertainment by Broke 'n Busted courtesy of the RM of St. Andrews.

St. Andrews Mayor George Pike said the volunteers are everywhere in the municipality.

"Right from bingo, citizens on patrol, community clubs, soccer, baseball, everything throughout the whole area," Pike said.

"We have a good group."

Volunteer firefighters, school lunch volunteers, and community club board members were all honoured at the dinner.

Some received pins in recognition of 25-years of service, while others were given certificates to recognize their

outstanding contribution to the community.

There were so many volunteers honoured, we can't name them all.

Coun. Elmer Keryluk said volunteers have been the backbone of the community for decades.

Keryluk, a longtime member of the Petersfield Curling Club, recounted when volunteers came together to rebuild the club after a 1990 fire left it in ruins.

"It was done all by volunteers," Keryluk said.

Pike said the community would not be what it is today without volunteers.

"We need the volunteers to run the curling clubs, the hockey arenas, the bingos," Pike said.

"It's a very very important fiber for our community to have the volunteers."

Amelia Rigby was one of the volunteers recognized at the dinner.

Rigby is a volunteer with the St. Andrews Community Club and doesn't know what she would do if she wasn't with the club.

"It's one of those things that once you're involved it's hard to stop volunteering, because it seems like



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Several St. Andrews volunteers were honoured at an awards night in Petersfield last Friday. Left to right, Fran Kozun, Sandy Pawluk, Charleen Kreamer, Harold Dalman, Amelia Rigby, Muriel Haddad, Sue Ichiwa, Marcia Taylor, Christine Prokopich, Vivian Desjarlis, Pat McFaddin were among many volunteers who took home awards.

there's nobody to take your place," Rigby said.

Volunteer Christine Prokopich, who sits on the Club's board, said she volunteers, because she has the time and wants to enhance her kids' overall experience at the club.

"If you have the time to help, put the time in," Prokopich said.

Sue Ichiwa also spends several hours volunteering at the St. Andrews Community Club every week as both

a soccer coach and a canteen director.

She said the club brings the community together, "it's a hub for lots of families and their kids."

Charleen Kreamer, a volunteer with the Netley Community Centre, credited her fellow volunteers for keeping the various clubs in the community going.

"Without the volunteers we wouldn't still be running," Kreamer said.

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Record recognized for reporting, layout, and design

Sister papers take home a combined total of 19 MCNA newspaper awards

By Austin Grabish

The *Selkirk Record* will continue to hold its title as an award-winning weekly newspaper.

The paper took home three awards at the 2015 Manitoba Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition in Winnipeg last Saturday.

The *Record* received the first place prize for Best Layout and Design for the 10,000 and over circulation category.

Dave Baxter, the *Record's* former edi-

tor, received the second place award in the Best Environmental Story category for his article 'Fishermen question zebra mussel operation', which reported on Interlake fishermen who challenged zebra mussel eradication efforts by the province.

Baxter also took home the third place prize in the Best News Story category for his story 'Vince Li to walk free in Selkirk'. Judges recognized Baxter for adding context to an emotionally charged story and addressing fears and concerns about the release of a



RECORD PHOTO BY CHRIS WILKS

The *Selkirk Record* along with staff from other sister papers, the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the *Winkler Morden Voice* and the *Express Weekly News* took home a combined 19 awards at the MCNA newspaper awards Saturday.

high-profile killer.

The *Record's* sister paper, the *Winkler Morden Voice*, took home several awards including Best All Around Newspaper.

The paper, which also competes in the 10,000 and over circulation category, was named first for Best in Class, and second for Best Front Page and Best Layout and Design.

Peter Cantelon scored third for Best Columnist, and Cori Bezan also won third for Best Photo Essay.

The paper also came in second in the Best Special Section category.

The *Record's* other sister paper, the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, which competes in the 3,600 - 9,999 category, was awarded first for Best Layout and Design, second in the Best in Class category and first for Best Special Section.

The paper's sports editor Brian Bowman received first place for Best Sports Story, while Jo-Anne Procter received the second place nod for Best Editorial and Jennifer McFee scored

first for Best Environmental Story, and third for Best Feature Story.

Natasha Tersigni came in second for Best First Nations Coverage.

Lana Meier also won a second place award for Best Spot News Photo.

Meier, who is the publisher of the *Record* and its sister papers, said 2014

was a great year for the locally owned chain of weeklies.

She said the awards the three papers received recognize the commitment, dedication, and passion her staff has for the communities they serve.

"I am very proud of the staff we have

working for us," Meier said.

She noted all of her papers are 100 per cent supported by advertising dollars, and thanked advertisers for making it possible to publish award-winning papers.

"With successful newspapers we are able to build stronger communities by connecting people through stories," Meier said.

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New fishing store has all the bait you need

Owner of Smoke 'N' Fish says shop fills void in Selkirk

By Austin Grabish

The owner of Selkirk's new fishing and hunting store is hoping to reel in customers by offering everything an angler needs before hitting the waters.

Smoke 'N' Fish first opened its doors back in November, but celebrated its grand opening last Saturday.

Owner Lance Noble said business over the last few months has been "really good."

"The support has been phenomenal from the town people and surrounding areas," Noble said.

Smoke 'N' Fish is selling everything from pickerel fillets to hunting accessories.

The store also has spinners for anglers who want to make their

own hooks, fishing tackle, and reels. "We got all the bases covered for everything that a fishermen needs," Noble said.

The Lockport resident said Selkirk was in need of a store that specializes

in fishing and hunting equipment.

Noble is the former owner of Fas Gas and said he saw a business opportunity for the new store.

"Being at Fas Gas I had a little section that was devoted to fishing and it was always busy and I got a huge following there," Noble said.

He noted customers would frequently come in looking for minnows, "so I knew there was a demand for it in town," Noble said.

Both frozen and live minnows are now available at the new store, and there's also frozen pickerel fillets and cheeks for sale.

Noble said he also plans on selling smoked goldeye once it becomes available this summer.

He said he plans on attracting custom-

ers by offering specialized products that aren't readily available at bigger stores.

"We've got a lot more specialized jigs than anywhere has," Noble said.

He noted the store

"WE GOT ALL THE BASES COVERED FOR EVERYTHING THAT A FISHERMEN NEEDS"



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Left to right, Smoke 'N' Fish employee Jess Luining, owner Lance Noble, and his daughter Briana Noble pose for a photo at Smoke 'N' Fish, at the store's grand opening last Saturday.

also has gun cases, camouflage for vehicles, snacks and drinks, and giftware items like plaques and salt and pepper shakers.

Noble said as time goes on he will look to expand his store, and he will bring in products by customer request.

"Whatever a person asks for I try to source," Noble said.

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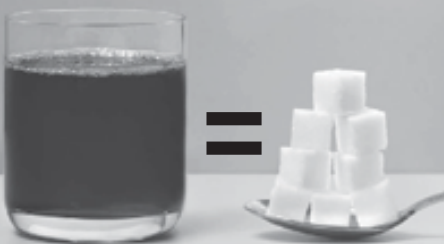
three staffers right now, and will be open from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. seven days a week.

The store is the second to have an official grand opening in Selkirk in the last two weeks.

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Gearing up for the 2015 open water season

Hi folks,

I happened to catch the story of the 70th anniversary of the WW11 Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands on CBC a few days ago while I was getting my first cup of coffee in the morning. I mention this because as it happens it kind of goes along with the story I was planning to bring to you this week.

About three weeks ago Lucy Kowalchuk from our Selkirk office put me on to a chap by the name of Morris Fox in West St. Paul whose brother, Harold Fox, a fallen WW11 Canadian soldier, had a lake named after him as is our Canadian custom. I called Morris for a visit as his story which seemed to be about one brother honoring the other with some great fishing thrown in, caught my interest.

As I pulled into his yard, standing in front of the doorway of his big split level bungalow, this tall, thin with a large smile and high-armed wave greeted me.

Commencing on the story of his brother, he said Harold's lake was in northern Saskatchewan and that some years ago he and five of his relatives and friends went up there to build a cairn with a plaque commemorating Harold and then maybe do a little fishing in the lake. Morris and two of his buddies went up by plane while the other three took a truck up with all the supplies. He remembers telling the pilot that if the guys with the truck weren't by the lake when they landed maybe they should just turn around and go right back to the airport. It was really rough country.

Well, they were there so without ceremony they made camp and in two days built the cairn. Then they got to the good part by pulling their boat off the truck and started fishing.

The untouched lake was rolling in fish. They found themselves pulling in one large fish after another. At one point, Morris had borrowed a rod from one of the other guys and had leaned it against the inside of the boat with the lure hanging just above the water while he ate a sandwich. Within seconds, a jack jumped out of the water, swallowing the lure and took off into the deep stealing the lure, line and rod!

Now, sitting across from Morris at his kitchen table just before we parted company, I listened to this 95-year-old yet vital man speaking clearly and rapidly of how that week at his brother's lake was the finest fishing experience of his life. Thanks for the wonderful story, Morris.

Just before spring breakup I remember talking to Waltemar Damert and his daughter Julliana from Beausejour. They said they loved fishing all along the eastern side of the south basin from Patricia Beach to



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Brett Thidrickson with a giant pickerel he caught last summer where the Red meets Lake Winnipeg.

Grand Marias in search of a giant trophy Lake Winnipeg pickerel. Waltemar recalled a time when he and a friend were ice fishing, his partner was having no luck in his ice hole so he moved, making another one.

Walt thought he would try that no-luck hole and just as he approached it he was startled to see a jack in the hole with its' head just below the water. With lightning speed he grabbed the fish with his bare hands and landed it! Another story comes to us from Glen Pollard of Gimli who enjoyed this March's good fishing by the Willow-Crow Islands. Glen said a friend, Kerry (wouldn't give his last name), who winters in Florida insists on getting back without fail to Gimli for March fishing by those Islands. Well, with only a week to go before we'll be angling again and just to give you a little taste of what you can look forward to, here is a picture of St. Andrews' Brett Thidrickson with a 26" or 27" pickerel he caught last summer downstream of Breezy Point in the west channel.

So get ready guys and gals and we'll see you out there, bye for now.



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Canada's military suffers 'sexualized culture'

By Natasha Tersigni

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) came under attack last week for its underlying culture that is often hostile to women and the continued sexual harassment and sexual misconduct that comes with being female and a member of the CAF.

The criticisms came when Marie Deschamps, a retired Canadian Supreme Court judge, released an external report on her yearlong investigation into sexual harassment and sexual assault in the CAF. Military commanders had ordered the external investigation, which included over 700 military members being interviewed, as a response to the ongoing media reports that the CAF was ignoring or downplaying complaints and incidents of sexual harassment and assaults.

"There is an underlying sexualized culture in the CAF that is hostile to women and LGBTQ members, and conducive to more serious incidents of sexual harassment and assault. Deschamps wrote cultural change is therefore key," in the report.

"It is not enough to simply revise policies or to repeat the mantra of 'zero tolerance'. Leaders must acknowledge that sexual misconduct is a real and serious problem for the organization, one that requires their own direct and sustained attention."

Selkirk-Interlake MP James Bezan, who also serves as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, applauds the report and told The Tribune that military culture needs to change.

"Nobody who signs up for the Canadian Armed Forces should be sub-

jected to this disgusting behaviour," said Bezan.

The MP said the Conservative government will work with military commanders to see that CAF implements all ten recommendations that the report outlines in order to put an end to a history of ignoring and underreporting of sexual assaults and harassment and the stigmatizing of the victims.

"These things take time especially when you are dealing with the military culture and a major paradigm shift on how the military functions internally and how to bring down all that cultural change on sensitivity," said Bezan.

One of the report's key recommendations is to 'Create an independent centre for accountability of sexual assault and harassment outside of the CAF with the responsibility for receiving reports of inappropriate sexual conduct, as well as prevention, coordination and monitoring of training, victim support, monitoring of accountability, and research, and to act as a central authority for the collection of data.' This centre is key to changing the sexualized culture in the military said Bezan.

"This is so you do not have to report to your commanding officer if something happens. The military is based upon promotion and if you become someone they think is a 'squeaky wheel' sometimes that hurts your ability to move forward. We want to make sure that stigma is removed and that they have a safe place where they can go and at the same time the centre will be dealing with sexual assault awareness and education for all members of the Canadian Armed Forces."

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West St. Paul fire leaves area charred

By Austin Grabish

A backyard fire in West St. Paul got out of control and left land behind several homes blackened last Saturday.

The fire on Willis Road started around 10:30 a.m. and took firefighters three hours to put out, said West St. Paul fire Chief Ryan Yackel.

A resident who was burning yard waste behind his home started the fire.

"It got out of control due to the high winds and the extremely dry conditions," Yackel said.

The fire didn't damage any homes, but outside property was charred by the time the fire was extinguished.

"There was damage to fence posts, trees, and small storage of lumber," Yackel said.

West St. Paul had a fire ban in place at the time of the fire, which prohibited any burning in the municipality, but the resident did not follow the ban.

Yackel said grass fires are still a big concern and the fire ban remains in effect until further notice.

He said anyone with questions about the ban should phone the West St. Paul municipal office at 204-338-0306.

"Until that point there's to be no burning of any sort within the RM of West St. Paul," Yackel said.

Anyone who is caught burning could be fined.



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Firefighters worked for three hours to put out a fire in West St. Paul last Saturday.

Provincial budget big on spending

Investments in infrastructure, skills training, falls on back of \$422-million deficit

By Austin Grabish

The provincial government will continue to spend money on infrastructure and skills training as part of its \$15-billion budget that was unveiled by Finance Minister Greg Dewar last Thursday.

The 2015 budget, which has a projected \$422-million deficit, will see \$5.5-billion invested in infrastructure over the next five years.

The province is promising to expand tax credits for the film industry, caregivers, apprentices, small businesses, seniors, firefighters and search and rescue personnel.

Most of last Thursday's budget had already been revealed at previous policy announcements, including the elimination of interest on all provincial student loans.

The province's investment in a new hospital that is currently being built in Selkirk was also on the list of projects touted by Dewar after the budget was unveiled.

Dewar said the budget grows the economy while protecting jobs and

services.

"It's a budget that works to keep lives affordable for rural Manitobans and protect the frontline services that Manitobans count on," Dewar said.

Asked why the province will run another deficit instead of curbing spending, Dewar cited global economic uncertainty.

"Families have told me to keep the services they rely on, and industry has told us not to take our foot off the gas," Dewar said.

"Cutting now would stop our momentum."

The Selinger government promised to have its books balanced by the 2014-2015 fiscal year during the 2011 budget, and that promise was later pushed back to the 2016-2017 year by Selinger, who cited a slow global economy.

Then, less than a week before last week's budget, Dewar announced the budget would not be balanced until 2018.

Dewar said the deficit financing is necessary for job growth and other investments to take place.



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Finance Minister Greg Dewar unveiled the provincial budget last Thursday.

"We have a plan, our plan is working, and our plan will continue," Dewar said.

The provincial government has run deficits since 2009.

Opposition leader Brian Pallister

called the budget 'deceptive' and said social services are at risk because of the deficit.

"That debt has to be repaid and ser-

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A stitch in time for the only church of Victoria Beach

By Laura Tutlies

They say, 'timing is everything' and for St. Michael's Non-denominational Church, which is located within the gates of Victoria Beach, now is the time when members of the greater community must breathe new life into an old building or let it crumble.

The church has a history that is woven into the essence of the Victoria Beach community. It is a case of restore and renovate or render the existence of the building to the history books. St. Michaels is a dominant fixture within the vibrant municipality that thrives at the northern reaches of East Beaches along the shores of the lower basin of Lake Winnipeg.

"The value of the building extends beyond its structural health," said Don Green, the treasurer of the St. Michael's building committee. "This building is an integral piece of the fabric of Victoria Beach."

Green works not only on the building committee but is an active member of the Anglican parish, which rents the space every Sunday year round. Regardless of religious affiliation St. Michaels is a testament to a commitment which has kept the gospel alive in the Victoria Beach community. Green believes that with the help of the 'greater community' this precious thread of fabric can be vibrant again.

"From the earliest days of the community, (circa 1890) folks would come (by boat) to Victoria Beach where they would dance on Saturday night and then on Sunday go to church," said Margaret Haddad, a member of the Anglican Church congregation, who has done a fair bit of research on the history of the church.

Haddad's interest in the history of the church revealed a story.

"At first, gospel readings were held from house to house or wherever the community gathered and the reader

was chosen, not for religious affiliation but because he was the person wearing a suit," explained Haddad.

From the St. Michael's 50th Anniversary book published in 2002, Helen Trainor writes, "In 1934 the Roman Catholic community at Victoria Beach celebrated its first mass in a private cottage."

By the 1940s the Anglican Church on the auspices of the Diocese of Rupert's Land were sending clergy to conduct services on a regular basis. The Anglicans, the Catholics and the steadfast gospel community of the 1900s with their connections to the Pentecostals, existed as transients until their collective parishioners determined that a permanent church for the Victoria Beach community was a necessity.

In 1951, land at the corner of Pine and 8th Street within Victoria Beach was donated by the municipality. Resident families such as the Davids, the Lesters, the Ateahs, the Danwicks, the Trainors and the Martins gathered resources to place a permanent place of worship for all its congregations at what is today St. Michael's Church. The building design reflects Anglican architecture however the building itself remained and still exists as non-denominational and those using it pay rent to its custodians. Since its dedication in 1952 the building has been host to the Victoria Beach community regardless of religious affiliation. It was always maintained for the better good of the greater Victoria Beach community.

Today, the building is badly in need of repair and renovation. The foundation is not stable, the integrity of the addition is compromised and it is time to move into a new era. Ideally, in addition to absolutely necessary repair the committee would like to update the washrooms, add a small kitchen, and provide better access for



RECORD PHOTO BY LAURA TUTLIES

The future of St. Michaels' Non-denominational Church is in the hands of its members as the foundation crumbles below and building committee members plan a meeting to discuss its fate.

the disabled. All repairs mean bringing the building up to code. It could continue to welcome weddings, baptisms and celebrations of faith along with Sunday services.

The building committee of St. Michaels Non-denominational Church is appealing to the greater commu-

nity of Victoria Beach for financial support. On May 14th there will be an Annual General Meeting to determine the direction and the eventual fate of this community icon. It is a stitch in time that will determine the future of an old building and of the fabric of the community.



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Spell-a-thon raises funds for new gym equipment

Ecole Bonaventure students are rewarded after raising \$4,460

By Chris Bryson

École Bonaventure students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 have been working hard raising funds for the school's new gymnasium and equipment and last week they were rewarded for all their hard work.

The reward was the first of three that the students will receive after an extremely successful fundraising Spell-a-thon.

The students were allowed to sit, watch, and participate in the 'taping' of their phys. ed. teacher Madame Beveridge to the old gym wall.

In an effort to encourage the students to raise as much as they could, Rachelle Tougas, principal of École Bonaventure told the students if they raised \$3,000 they could tape the phys. ed. teacher to the wall. If they got to \$3,500 they would get a movie and popcorn. And if they raised \$4,000 they could host Bonaventure a 'du talent' in June (with auditions taking place May 20).

Tougas says that since the students did such a great job they're going to get all three rewards.

The spell-a-thon was intended to be an educational piece for the students, as well as a fun one.



Students at Ecole Bonaventure got to tape phys. ed. teacher Madame Beveridge to the old gym wall after raising \$4460 at a school wide spell-a-thon.

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"All of the words selected were all related to phys. ed., action and movement. So in the class they would learn about new words and there was a list in English and a list in French so they would learn the words in both languages and they would act them out and things like that," said Tougas.

"Each grade had a specialized list of words and they were sent home with a pledge form," said Tougas, describing how the spell-a-thon works tofor raising funds. "Family members could pledge either a certain amount per word that their child got right on their spelling test or they could pledge a flat amount."

Tougas says the students did the spelling test on April 9, after which the teachers corrected and sent back home with the pledge form so the kids could show their parents what

the amount was.

In total the students raised \$4,460, which topped off what the school needed to reach its goals.

"If we could have \$20,000 (in total) then we'd be in good shape for the types of expenses we needed," Tougas says. "We've been saving up for this for two years, we've been squirreling away from our fundraisers a little bit every year in anticipation of the gym. And we've been applying for grants and this was the top off we needed so that we didn't have to rule things out that we really wanted."

The biggest equipment expense for the gym will be the projector and projection screen.

Some of the additional money will go towards special treats and events for the kids to go along with the grand opening of the gym. In addition to

this, Tougas says that they've updated their new logo from a puppy of sorts to a French bulldog, and with the school transitioning from a smaller gym to what she calls their "grown up gym," it seems to be an apt and symbolic change.

The new logo means a lot of different sports t-shirts and gear for the kids.

Tougas was a little tightlipped of exactly what the money will go towards.

"I don't really want to say what we're going to buy with it because that's supposed to be a surprise for the kids. A lot of that money is going to go directly back to the kids in terms of things they can use," said Tougas.

With construction of the gymnasium moving along pretty quickly, Tougas has her fingers crossed that they'll be able to use the new gym by June of this year.

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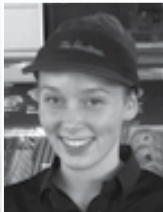
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Volunteering to make a difference and change a life

Lord Selkirk grad will head to Kenya later this month

By Marney Blunt

When Ayla Dropko went to Nicaragua with her school last year, it sparked a passion in her to continue to give to those in need.

Last year, Dropko went on a Free the Children school trip during her final year at Lord Selkirk Comprehensive Regional School.

"When I got back from Nicaragua, the imprint it left on me was just amazing, it was the happiest time of my life," said Dropko, who lives just outside of Arborg. "I really wanted to go back and do another trip like that and see another community and know that I was able to make

a difference and meet such inspiring people again."

Dropko says what astounded her during her time in Nicaragua was seeing how someone with so little could be so happy.

"You would talk to people and some of these people came from nothing or lived in nothing but they were still the happiest, most thankful people around," said Dropko.

"I guess when you're not surrounded by all these material objects you start to learn the main values, which

is family and community and friendship and things like that. It was really eye-opening for me."

After graduating Dropko took the initiative to look for another philanthropic trip and contacted Free the Children.

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"I talked to a facilitator there, told them I was interested on a trip. We figured out that Kenya was the right destination for me," she explained.

Dropko will be traveling to Kenya on a Free the Children trip with a group of 18-25 year olds for three weeks at the end of the month.

Whether it's clean water, a school or food, Dropko says the group will be helping with whatever the community needs most.

"I've just always been happy knowing I was helping out other people. When we went to Nicaragua we built a school so that gave us the chance to give someone an education or contribute to that opportunity."

Dropko leaves on May 21 and last weekend she held a bud, spud and steak fundraiser to help cover some of the travel expenses and support her initiatives with Free the Children. If interested in making a pledge to support Dropko on her Free the Children trip, you can give her a call at 1-204-651-1214.



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Ayla Dropko, 17, will head to Kenya later this month to volunteer with Free The Children. Dropko spent 10 days in Nicaragua, Central America last year.

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Selkirk farmers' market ready for business

By Austin Grabish

The bulk of products that it will sell haven't been placed in the ground yet, but the Selkirk and Community Farmers' Market had its official opening on Saturday.

Perogies, cupcakes, tea and jewelry were for sale at the soft opening, but the normal goods you would expect to see at a farmers' market will come later this summer.

"I think as we go along it's just going to keep getting bigger," said market co-ordinator Leny Vincent.

There was a new look and feel at the market on Saturday, which has been moved from Selkirk's waterfront to the back of the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Vincent said the waterfront was a less than ideal spot for the market, because much of the traffic in Selkirk goes down Manitoba Ave.

"That's kind of why the waterfront wasn't a great location," Vincent said.

"That's why we kind of decided to catch that traffic as opposed to hoping people would come down to the waterfront."

Vincent's hope for the market is to have 90 per cent of goods either baked or grown, and the remaining 10 per

cent of products can be items sold by local residents like Tupperware and jewelry.

Assistant market co-ordinator Sara Armstrong said the market will be an outlet farmers and other producers can use to attract new customers.

"We just feel whether you're selling a product or you're growing something, it's your passion, and this is your chance to sell it every week where people know where to find you."

"And we're supporting local business then versus big chain businesses," Armstrong said.

Vincent added, "For us, my thinking is to support local."

The Selkirk and Community Farmers' Market will run Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Vincent said it won't shut down until the weather turns sour and gets cold.

Vendors who want to sell their products at the market are asked to call Vincent at 204-482-8047.

The cost to have a table at the market is \$15 per session, and proceeds will go to children's programming at the library, Vincent said.

"Support your community and come on out."

"FOR US, MY THINKING IS TO SUPPORT LOCAL"



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Selkirk and Community Farmers' Market co-ordinator Leny Vincent (right) and assistant co-ordinator Sara Armstrong (left) are hoping everyone will come out to the farmers' market at the Gaynor Family Regional Library this year.

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viced," Pallister said.

He also criticized the province's taking of \$105 million from its rainy day fund. It will have just \$115 million left by the end of the year.

"We're down to the lowest level in the rainy day fund in almost a decade, and really, it's a serious problem, because the buffer for future security for our province just isn't there anymore," Pallister said.

"They've thrown fiscal management in the ditch."

There was mixed reaction from other groups on the budget.

Doug Dobrowolski, president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, gave the budget a C grading, partly because municipalities across the province won't be given a chunk of revenue from the 2013 PST hike like they had asked for.

"Overall it's an average budget, I'd grade it a C. There's nothing really that sticks out in this budget," he told reporters.

"I'd equate it to like at your home when you're trying to save money, you turn a few lights out thinking you're saving a few bucks, but that's about it."

Liberal leader Rana Bokhari said Manitobans should trust nothing in the budget.

"This budget is not credible, because Greg Selinger has no credibility," Bokhari said in a press release.

But the Canadian Union of Public Employees applauded the budget, saying it reflects the needs of Manitobans.

"Manitobans want government to invest in core services and infrastructure, and that is exactly what the government is doing," said Kelly Moist, Manitoba president of CUPE.

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Selkirk dances it off at recital

By Austin Grabish

Some 500 students showed off their dancing talents at Evolution Dance Company's ninth annual recital as thousands more watched from the sold-out seats at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg Monday night.

"This is a celebration of a year's worth of dance," said Evolution Dance director Sonja Brown.

The students did just about every kind of dance they could during the jam-packed four-hour long show.

"We try to mix it up so it's not a bunch of the same in a row," Brown said.

And there were only minor pauses in between the loads of performances done Monday night.

"We pride ourselves on running back to back to back, just keep the entertainment coming so that the audience doesn't have a chance to get bored," Brown said.

Dancers of all ages took part in the show, and Brown said they all started practicing for the annual recital last September.

"They work all year with learning technique, new dance moves, and then we put it together in a routine with choreography," Brown said.

During a backstage interview at the show, dance director Andrea Myers said everything was going great.

"The energy is amazing," Myers said.

"It's so great to see the kids performing on stage after a year of really hard work and dedication."

Myers said the students practice perfecting their moves every week and can put anywhere from one - 15 hours a week into practicing.

Dancer Shalynn Johnson was filled with energy during the show.

The Lockport girl was kept busy performing jazz, tap, ballet, and hip-hop pieces.

"I'm a competitive dancer so I do all of them except for point and lyrical," Johnson, 11, said.

Johnson was relishing the opportunity of being on stage when she spoke with the *Record*.

"Performing in front of people, it's like an escape from reality," she said.



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Dancers in the intermediate lyrical perform to Catch My Breath by Kelly Clarkson during the annual Evolution Dance Company recital at the Centennial Concert Hall. Top right, Carlene Shankaruk, performs a waltz with the Junior Ballet and top left, Junior Jazz dancer Shaylene Geard strikes a pose..

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Legacy of the Selkirk Settlers continues in PBS documentary

By Chris Bryson

The bicentenary of the arrival of the Red River Selkirk settlers was commemorated in Winnipeg in 2012, however the activity did not stop there. For the past three years the Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement Committee and Prairie Public Television have collaborated to produce a documentary entitled "Built on Agriculture".

The four part series depicts the history and development of the commercial agriculture industry since the initial planting of European Wheat in 1812 in what would later be known as Winnipeg, the first permanent settlement on the Northern Great Plains of North America.

The four-part documentary series 'Built on Agriculture' aired its first segment, 'The Selkirk Settlers', on Prairie Public Television May 4, with the remaining segments to be aired in September 2015 that is available to the entire PBS network.

"This is a compelling story of courage, adventure and the remarkable will of a group of pioneers to make a new life for themselves in a new and unknown land," says Mike McAndless, the chairman of the agricultural sub-committee of the bicentenary committee for the Selkirk settlement.

The documentary was made to serve as a legacy piece for the Selkirk Settlers.

McAndless says the first segment depicts the initial settlers of the area up until 1880 to 1900's. Then it moves to the development of the institutions in agriculture. The next segment is the farmers themselves and the last one looks at the development of what the business is now and what it will be in the future.

"It's fairly far-reaching," says McAndless.

That reach holds important for the overall story of the agriculture industry and the impact and influence it's had on the Great Plains of North America.

"As the episodes develop", McAndless says, "it's really the story of the development of transportation in Canada, of the financial infrastructure and agriculture, and also immigration."

The purpose of the bicentenary committee was to commemorate the 200th year of the arrival of the Selkirk settlers.

When McAndless came on the scene in late 2011, early 2012 as the chairman of the agricultural sub-committee of the bicentenary committee, he questioned what their space should be with regards to the 200th anniversary commemoration.

"About the first or second meeting when I had the (agricultural sub-committee) group together I said 'Well, what's our space now?'... We talked about running little programs. Fridge magnets. Information to people in the country that agriculture was important. But we thought really the story is the development of agriculture since that initial planting of wheat in Winnipeg. So I put the idea to everyone that maybe we should be looking at a legacy project or developing sort of a major documentary or some medium to tell the story of the development of agriculture in this part of the world," McAndless says.

From this McAndless says they really gained traction by developing the idea they had and then "taking it to potential supporters or sponsors."

"We were lucky enough to get some very strong sponsors to begin with and them being like-minded saying 'this is a very compelling story to tell, we should invest in putting this together,'" McAndless says.

As a legacy project that spans the influence of the agriculture industry stemming from the first Selkirk settlers, this documentary seems to be one that will rightfully commemorate 200 years of Canadian agricultural history.



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Bob Dambach (right) producer of the documentary and Prairie Public Television's Director of Television reviews content with Phyllis Fraser, co-chair of the Bicentenary Committee of the Red River Selkirk Settlement.

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Sleepy Hollow set to give crowds a spook

Student play both hilarious and fun

By Austin Grabish

Suspense is expected to fill the room as students at East Selkirk Middle School present the Legend of Sleepy Hollow next week.

The play is about principal Ichabod Crane who comes to Sleepy Hollow, in search of a better life.

"He's met by a bunch of tricksters, some boys that want to run him out of town," said teacher Jessica Jenkinson.

Sleepy Hollow is set around a graveyard haunted by a small army of restless spirits, including the Headless Horseman, an old Hessian trooper who lost his head to a cannonball.

The students who are up to no good try to make trouble for the schoolmaster who wants a wealthy wife to give him the better life he's been searching for.

Crane feels confident his dreams will come true if he proposes to local beauty Katrina Van Tassel, but she has a boyfriend who's extremely jealous.

"They're kind of like fighting over me," said Grade 9 student Jada Pitre

who plays Van Tassel.

After Crane proposes, he makes his way through a terrible storm and is met with the Headless Horseman, who he must outrun him in order to keep his life.

"They play all these tricks on the new school master and eventually scare him into believing that the Headless Horseman is real," Jenkinson said.

Grade 9 student Avel Sidorov has the main role as Crane and has been rehearsing line after line for months. Although he finds it difficult to memorize a play's entire script, he said he's a good match for the role.

"It's hard because he has the most lines, but also it's good because the character that I play is kind of like similar to my personality, which makes it easy," Sidorov said.

"I kind of like know what he's up to. I can almost predict what he's going to do and stuff so it's easier for me to go with the action."

Jenkinson said the show will be filled with lots of spooky effects, but will also have a lot of laughs.

"It's spooky, but it's still appropriate for kids," Jenkinson said.

The Legend of Spooky Hollow takes



RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

East Selkirk Middle School student actors pose ahead of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Back: Emily Karklin, Zeke Plischke, Tyler Lee, and Dreden Rislund. Middle: Alan Schneider, Robyn Kidd, Susan Fatla, Spencer Bacon, Erik Mortimer, Amy Campbell, and Mark Pavlij. Front: Alayna Fox, Jocelynn Durand, Peyton Lee, Jada Pitre, Avel Sidorov, Cameron Kratz, and Britney Augustowich.

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Alzheimer's patient who was found unfit for manslaughter charge, dies

By Austin Grabish

The Manitoba man who was found unfit to stand trial in 2011 for a manslaughter charge due to the Alzheimer's disease he suffered from has died.

Joe McLeod passed away at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre last Sunday. He was 74.

McLeod made national headlines when he was jailed for assaulting his wife and then a fellow resident at

Parkview Place Care Centre in Winnipeg.

Frank Alexander was 87 when he died from injuries he sustained from falling and hitting his head on the floor. McLeod was charged with manslaughter, but a psychiatric assessment found him unfit to stand trial.

The case sparked a national conversation about how our most vulnerable are cared for.

A 2014 inquest into Alexander's death raised questions about whether proper care is available to individuals who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

McLeod's obituary said sports and fishing were a big part of his life.

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Mental health awareness week kicks off

By Austin Grabish

May 4 – 10 is Mental Health Week, and the Canadian Mental Health Association is calling on Canadians to get loud in the name of it.

The Association is hoping everyone will take some time this week to talk about what has long been the elephant in the room.

The Association reached out to students at the Comp on Monday by holding an information talk, which included a presentation from Selkirk resident Mathew Dueck.

Dueck was talking about the stigma associated with mental health and how it gets in the way of people who need help.

"We fight against stigma everyday and many of us literally fight for our lives," Dueck said.

He said people, like himself, who live with mental health issues, aren't always treated the same way, as people with other health issues are.

"Because we don't have bruises or bandages to show for our pain," Dueck said.

Dueck lives with post-traumatic stress disorder and is battling depression. Both illnesses stem from sexual abuse he endured as a child, he said.

Dueck thinks more awareness needs to be raised about mental health.

"It's a very serious topic that people need to start talking about," Dueck said.

"It should never end."

Tristan Dreilich, mental health resource developer for the CMHA, said this week is a chance for some positive reflection on what it means to be healthy.

Dreilich said it's important people are taking time for themselves, eating right, and reducing stress, when possible.

"We're finding that mental health is a key component of a complete wellness," Dreilich said.

"When our mental health isn't at its peak we work less efficiently, we become more stressed, even our life indicators go down."

The Comp's Teen Talk group also gave a few pointers to students about mental health Monday.

Comp Student Sanisha Taylor said it's important to talk about mental health, because mental health issues can be hard to see.

"It's hard to treat something if you can't see it, so it's important to talk about it so people know that it is an actual legitimate problem," Taylor said.

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The Kalyta family reside in St. Andrews just south of Lockport. Curtis is seen here with son Rylan and daughter Laneya, they spend a lot of time together participating in community sports. Dad is coaching and the kids are playing.



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Selkirk resident Mathew Dueck spoke to students at the Comp on Monday about stigma associated with mental health that often gets in the way when people need help.

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Catfish anglers hoping to get lucky

\$14,500 up for grabs in May 30-June 28 fishing derby

By Austin Grabish

Anglers of all ages are being encouraged to register in an upcoming fishing derby that could see thousands in prizes handed out to lucky fishers who reel in tagged catfish thrown in the Lockport area.

The Lockport Tagged Catfish Contest will see 10 catfish tagged over the months of May and June thrown in the Red River.

The fish will each have a prize value ranging anywhere from \$500 – \$5,000.

"People will be happy that they're catching them and winning a nice prize and everything," said Dan Sernyk, Lockport Tagged Catfish Contest chairman.

Sernyk said five tags will be worth \$500

each, and then the remaining five tags will be worth \$1000, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000.

The contest starts on May 30, but tickets go on sale starting this Saturday.

Organizers are hoping as many as 1,500 anglers will take part in the contest.

Sernyk said any funds raised in the derby would go to the Lockport Community Market Corporation, which will invest the funds in community projects.

"It's just to enhance the area," Sernyk said.

Sernyk said the contest is the first big fishing competition to the hit the area in two years.

He said on May 28, two days before the contest starts, five catfish would be caught, tagged, and thrown back in the Red.

Then, during the second week of June, five more catfish will be tagged and thrown in the water, "and we hope that all are caught, we're very optimistic about it," Sernyk said.

Sernyk said anglers who catch the tagged fish would have to take a close-up picture with their catch, and prove they bought a ticket to the contest, before any payout is made.

He said the cash values of each tag will be kept a secret and stored in a vault.

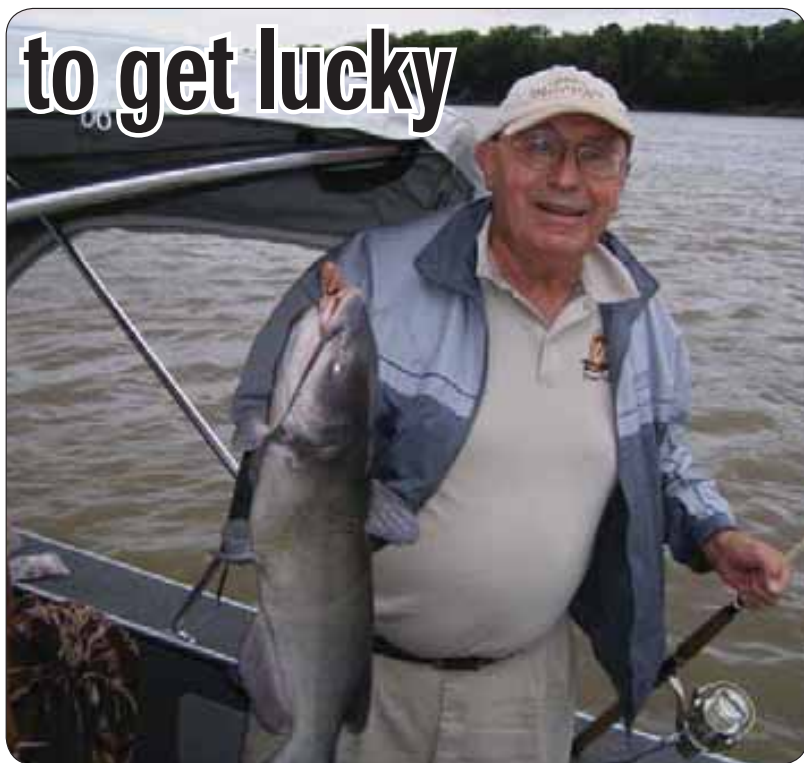
Anglers will be allowed to fish on the Red River, Netley Creek, Cooks Creek, and also on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in Winnipeg.

Fishing can be done from the shore or boats, Sernyk said.

The contest runs May 30 – June 28.

The entrance fee is \$20, and tickets can be bought at

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Dan Sernyk, Lockport Tagged Catfish Contest chairman, holds a 16-pound catfish caught in a 2011 fishing derby.

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Winnipeg Beach man charged for near miss with biker

By Austin Grabish

A Winnipeg Beach man has been charged with careless driving after he was caught on camera driving into oncoming traffic that almost resulted in a head-on collision with a Winnipeg biker.

RCMP said a 65-year-old man from the Winnipeg Beach area has been charged with careless driving for the incident.

Winnipeg resident Ryan Evans was on his way to Gimli when the near miss happened.

A GoPro camera mounted on his dash captured the entire ordeal on video.

He told the *Record* in March the driver of the car came within just inches of his motorcycle's handlebars.

In the video, the driver appears to make no effort to slow down or move back into his lane. The driver continues to drive even though Evans is coming at him head-on.

The driver's licence plate was clearly caught on camera, and was reported to RCMP after the incident.

Mounties said they would not be releasing the name of the driver charged.

A provincial judge will determine the driver's fine.



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The 65-year-old driver of the Volkswagen, seen on the right, has been charged with careless driving by RCMP for an incident in March that could have resulted in an ugly head-on crash with a motorcycle.

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Living a sweet dream on the shores of Lake Winnipeg

By Laura Tutlies

On a glorious May morning on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, you can hear the birds chirping, the water sparkling on the melting lake and the towering birch trees gently swaying in the breeze. There's nothing quite like cottage country.

That's the kind of scenario that Rory and Glenda Hart, the owners of the Canadian Birch Company, imagined just over a decade ago. The two visionaries and idealists now live the reality along with the bonus of a cottage industry that has blossomed into a prosperous and unique business opportunity. The Harts have a lifestyle they wanted years ago when they bought land on the east shores of Lake Winnipeg.

"From the beginning, we were determined to not only enjoy our place but also be sustainable," said Rory. "We wanted to live here and perhaps have an income without turning our beautiful trees into firewood."

"Firewood was not an option," adds Glenda.

"This really is a lifestyle and now we have no choice. We are committed," said Rory.

With beautiful stainless steel equipment in the 'syrup shacks', huge chimneys that tower above as well as the massive holding tanks; it's not rocket science to understand the huge investment the Harts have made to create the first commercial birch syrup operation in Canada.

In the short time since the operation got underway in 2012, the Harts have won awards in each of their three production years from 2013 to 2015. The first year (2013) they placed third with their 'amber syrup' in the Great Manitoba Food Fight, and since have won the 'Innovative Packaging Award' and recently won 'Best New Product of the Year' a contest judged by 10,000 consumers and run by Rogers Media. That particular award netted a spot with CBC that in turn reeled in orders from New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and opened the doors to international production with marketing opportunities in Europe.

At about \$30 for 250ml this product may seem pricy to our prairie sensibilities but as a rare specialty item it is actually a bargain. In Manitoba, their product can be found locally in East Beaches at Carol's on Leon, Capo de Grande (Spirit Rock Inn) as well as in Selkirk at Benjamin's Gourmet Foods, and near Lockport at Red River General Store; and in Winnipeg checkout DeLuca's, Cocoa Beans Bakery, Cornelia Bean, Gen-

eration Green in the Forks Market, Keneston Wine Market and Cramp-ton's Market. You can visit canadianbirchcompany.com for the whole package.

Upon touring the Harts business, you can hear sap gurgling pleasantly into a huge stainless steel tub. Inside the tub is a mass of milky brine and I smell fruit.

"It is warm today so the sap looks milky, when it is cold it is clear," explains Glenda, who likens the fruit smell to apple.

"Few people know that the birch tree is a close relative of the apple tree and their scientific roots go way back," added Rory.

The Harts harvest the sap with a sophisticated vacuum system run from a central pump house to the syrup workshops. When the sap runs in the very early spring, it is sent directly to the processing centre and held in huge stainless steel tubs until it is rendered through long filters that literally squeeze the sap into the outlet where it is purified and perfected into syrup.

Everywhere at the Hart birch syrup operation is clean and shiny. The stainless steel tubs and stainless steel processors are spotless. Raw birch syrup is 100 part water to a litre of syrup. Once it is literally squeezed out from the sap, the Harts collect the excess liquid and recycle it for use in cleaning the equipment. Water is in constant supply while cleaning is a labour intensive process that happens every time the sap is rendered. All of the production is run on electricity as well as a fire created from wood pellets.

It is a six step process of tapping and collection; purification and pasteurization (a reverse osmosis system); evaporation; filtration; and in the end, bottling. At the final step, the syrup is poured into Italian glass, labelled and packaged in individual boxes for safety and presentation.

The Harts are a match made in 'living-off-the-land' heaven. Glenda's ancestry extends back to the days of mink farming and fishing in the northern reaches of the East Beaches. Her family, the Lesters, are from Victoria Beach while Rory is an 'import' who shared the dream of being self-sufficient, kind to the environment, while allowing the land to provide a livelihood and a lifestyle. Both Rory and Glenda like the finer things in life, appreciate quality while the words 'sustainable, recycle and respect' flow gently and genuinely throughout their vocabulary.



RECORD PHOTO BY LAURA TUTLIES

Rory (left) and Glenda Hart, the owners of the Canadian Birch Company.

"This is who we are," said Glenda, explaining their dedication to the environment.

The Harts are a rare and unique breed. It was their love of the land

and of nature that drew them to this business and has created for these two creative entrepreneurs a reality to their sweet dreams.

Hamming it up



RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

The Holy Hams of the Selkirk United Church will perform the play 'Local Talent', starting tomorrow inside the Comp's theatre. The play is about four married women who are "hopefuls" in the Mrs. Canada Pageant. The Hams will also perform the play on Saturday and Sunday. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. and tickets can be bought at the door or by calling 204-785-9614. Pictured left to right, actors Lesly Johnson, Jeff Allen, and Chris Yuzdepski.

Farmers encouraged to register for Open Farm Day

News Release

The Manitoba government is encouraging farmers to participate in the sixth annual Open Farm Day to share information about the diversity and importance of the province's farms while also showcasing local foods, Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced April 29.

"Open Farm Day is our opportunity to showcase Manitoba's agricultural industry and to give a glimpse into how today's farms are managed," said Minister Kostyshyn. "It's also a chance for farmers and others with farm-based businesses to reach new customers, creating opportunities for economic growth and diversification."

Open Farm Day is an opportunity for Manitobans to connect directly with farms, ranches and market gardens across the province. The deadline for farms to register is June 1. Host farms will be provided with signs, posters and brochures. They will have an opportunity to be featured in videos that can be used for additional marketing purposes.

This year, Open Farm Day takes place on Sept. 20. Last year, 47 farms participated in Open Farm Day and attracted more than 8,000 visitors. Farm sites with livestock, grain and fruit or vegetables can participate, as well as agri-tourism, horticultural and farm-focused agribusinesses. Many sites provide demonstrations, recreational activities, tours and other events as part of their Open Farm Day celebration.

"Open Farm Day is an unbelievable chance to connect people with the farm," says Dora Friesen of Integrity Foods, an on-farm food-processing and bakery operation in Riverton that has participated in this event since it began. "It provides the opportunity to see the diversity of farms and, in my case,



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Open Farm Day is an opportunity for Manitoba farmers to showcase local foods and the importance of the farm and where our food comes from.

to let people know where food comes from by taking our fresh produce directly from the garden and onto the visitors' plates. It is about letting visitors enjoy their time with us while also learning about Manitoba farms."

Potential host farms must apply by June 1. The ap-

plication is available online at: www.openfarmday.ca.

For more information on Manitoba's agricultural programs and services, follow the Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/MBGovAg](https://twitter.com/MBGovAg).

Speed limit to increase to 110 km/h on most twinned sections of Trans-Canada Highway west of Winnipeg

Investments in National Highway to Improve Traffic Flow For Commercial Vehicles, All Motorists

News Release

The speed limit on the Trans-Canada Highway west of Winnipeg will be increased to 110 km/h from 100 km/h to effective June 2, allowing better traffic flow for commercial traffic and all motorists, Premier Greg Selinger announced Friday.

"Manitobans have been asking for an increase in speed limits when safety allows it on the Trans-Canada Highway," said Premier Selinger. "By gradually implementing this increase as we have been upgrading sections of the national highway, we've been able to incorporate safety measures including improving intersections, paving shoulders, creating rumble strips, and installing better signage and guardrails."

Premier Selinger noted the Manitoba government

has been investing in the Trans-Canada Highway at unprecedented levels. Since 2007, approximately \$242 million has been invested in upgrading and improving the Trans-Canada Highway from the Saskatchewan boundary to Winnipeg.

"These investments have made it possible to increase speed limits on the Trans-Canada Highway," said Premier Selinger.

Additional improvements on the Trans-Canada Highway east of Portage la Prairie that started last summer will be completed this summer. Areas around Virden, Brandon, Carberry, Portage la Prairie, Elie and Headingley would be excluded from the increased speed limit because of road geometry and traffic signal locations in these areas.

In 2009, the speed limit on the Trans-Canada High-

way from Saskatchewan to Virden (a distance of 47.7 km) was increased to 110 km/h. The speed limit was also increased on PTH 75 from St. Jean Baptiste to Emerson (28 km).

At the same time, fines were increased for speeding infractions. For example, the fine for exceeding the speed limit by 10 to 34 km/h was increased by between \$27 and \$171 depending on the degree of the infraction.

"Increasing the speed limit on the Trans-Canada Highway does not give the green light to speed," said Premier Selinger. "Motorists are expected to drive according to weather conditions as well as to obey posted speed limits. If drivers choose not to follow the posted speed, they should be prepared to pay a hefty fine."

With the changes announced today, motorists can drive at the new posted speed limit from the Saskatchewan boundary to just west of Headingley, except on the stretches of highway listed above. About 240 kilometres of the route between Saskatchewan and Winnipeg will now be posted at 110 km/h.

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Scott signs semi-pro contract

By Brian Bowman

Selkirk Steelers' assistant coach Craig Scott has signed a semi-pro playing contract with the Peterborough Phantoms of the English Premier Ice Hockey League for the 2015-2016 season.

Scott will be stepping down from his coaching position with the Steelers.

"I'm more than excited to be going back over there," said Scott last Thursday. "To be honest, I was surprised when Peterborough contacted me a couple of weeks ago."

Scott, who recently obtained his Irish passport, also played three years of minor hockey in the United Kingdom until the age of seven during his father's playing career overseas. Scott will qualify as a non-import player due to his previous minor hockey playing time in the UK.

"My dad (Patrick) had a long, successful playing career over there and I grew up and went to school there," Scott, 23, explained. "I played hockey there for a number of years and I kind of always wanted to go back, whether it was with hockey or not. I wanted to travel and I still have family and friends over there."

"Now, this opportunity gives me the perfect excuse to do so."

Upon returning to Canada and residing in Lockport, Scott played in the Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association. He also spent three seasons in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, with two of those seasons with the Steelers (2009-2011).

Scott finished his MJHL career with the Winnipeg Saints in 2012, advancing to the Turnbull Cup Championship before losing to the Portage Terriers. Scott played very well in those playoffs and was the MJHL playoff's leading scorer.

Scott then went on to join the University of Manitoba Bisons for

two seasons (2012-2014) before turning to coaching in 2014. He graduated with a Phys. Ed degree from the U of M.

"I enjoyed my time with the Bisons," Scott said. "The CIS is a great league and being coached by Mike Sirant, who is an excellent coach, I learned a lot from him. It's another level up from the MJHL, that's for sure, not only in games but in practices. You're literally fighting to get into the lineup and to stay in the lineup as well."

"NOW, THIS OPPORTUNITY GIVES ME THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO DO SO."



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Selkirk Steelers' assistant coach Craig Scott (right), shown here during his U of M Bisons days, has stepped down from coaching to sign a semi-pro player's contract.

"You have ex (WHL) guys that won't let up and their skilled hockey guys."

Being behind the bench in Selkirk was a different experience for Scott. He feels his time as a coach will help him become a better hockey player.

"It was an eye-opening experience, for sure," said Scott, who wanted to thank the Steelers' organization for

the coaching opportunity. "You learn a lot more from watching it day in and day out. I learned a lot from Wayne Bartley, who is an excellent coach and I've had him as a player. I don't have enough good things to say about him."

"As a coach, it was fun and a different experience from playing."

Locals lead Rebels to tourney title

By Brian Bowman

Four local athletes - Jon Kuz, Nathan Marcellin, Connor Tompkins and Brayden Chartrand - led the Rebels 17/18 boys' basketball team to a Junior Bisons tournament championship recently at St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg.

The Rebels won the title after a 64-61 victory over a team called Coralee.

The tournament consisted of a

round-robin format with two pools of four teams in each pool. The Rebels started the tournament with a 65-60 overtime victory over the host Bisons.

In their second game, the Rebels crushed the Huskies 86-29. The Rebels then soundly defeated Mayhem 72-52.

The Rebels team consisted of the four local players and others that attend Maples Collegiate.

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Pair spikes Junior Wesmen to silver at provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Junior Wesmen Volleyball Club was a smashing hit at Volleyball Manitoba's 16U provincials recently, winning a silver medal after losing 2-0 to Dynamo in the finals.

The Junior Wesmen feature local players Amanda Sandwith and Maegan Balagus and Stonewall residents Brielle Cara and Alycia Palmer. The team is coached by Chris Cara of Stonewall.

"Maegan is our starting right side and a left-handed hitter," Chris Cara explained. "She hits a heavy ball with top spin while Amanda is a middle player. She didn't start for us but she's the first one off the bench. She's pushing close to six feet and has improved a ton over the year. She's very, very close to being one of our starters."

The Junior Wesmen played outstanding volleyball all weekend but simply came up against a very good Dynamo team in the final.

"The (final) game didn't go great," Chris Cara admitted. "They are the top-ranked team in the province and consist of a lot of girls from different schools. We knew going in that they should be playing 17U."

The Junior Wesmen reached the finals after edging the Prairie Fire Ignite 2-1 in a quarter-final and then they swept the Junior Bisons 2-0 in a semifinal matchup. The Junior Wesmen finished 3-0 during their round robin.

"Defensively, they didn't let any balls hit the ball," Chris Cara noted. "And, offensively, we ran our systems to perfection and they didn't have any answers for us at all. That (semifinal) match was probably the best match that the girls played all weekend."

It has been a very good season so far for the Junior Wesmen. The team won three tournaments and finished third in two others. But their biggest test will be at the nationals, which will take place in Calgary from May 14-16.

"We've had a very good season," Chris Cara said. "Considering where we started where we had a few days to get a team together, the girls have really, really improved throughout the year. Going into provincials ranked second was a challenge for us, but they came together."

The Junior Wesmen would like to medal at nationals but it won't be easy with teams coming from all across



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Junior Wesmen volleyball players Amanda Sandwith (left) and Maegan Balagus recently won a silver medal after losing 2-0 to Dynamo in the finals at Volleyball Manitoba's 16U provincials.

Canada.

"Our goal on Day 1 will be to get in the top two of our pool," Chris Cara said. "From there, the goal on Day 2

is to get in the top two of your pool again to stay in the top eight. Obviously, we'd love to medal."

Selkirk starts strong in baseball

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals could not have asked for a much better start to their baseball season.

Selkirk spanked Lundar 15-3 and then defeated Stonewall Collegiate 6-4 before playing the Rams to an 8-8 draw in Grosse Isle last week.

"I was very impressed with what we've done so far," said Royals' head coach Michael Buffie. "We used our entire team in the three games and some guys really came out and impressed. That was really good to see and they did a lot of the little things right."

Buffie said many of the new players have been eager to learn the high school game. The Royals' coach was also pleased with Selkirk's offence in the first week – scoring 29 runs – in just three games.

"Guys are coming up and having really good at bats," he said. "They're going deep in the count and putting the ball in play.

We haven't been striking out much, which is important."

Buffie said he really liked the strong play from guys like Nico Morrow-Litke, Andrew Steinke and Jack Purvis in the three games last week.

"They all had really good at bats and put the ball in play," Buffie noted. "It was good to see those three guys contributing."

Selkirk started its KPAC schedule on Tuesday with games against Maples Collegiate and Springfield (no scores were available at press time). The Royals will then play in an Altona tournament this weekend.

"This weekend, we could potentially be playing 38 innings in a four-day span, which is really going to prepare us if we make the provincials," Buffie said. "At provincials, you're going to have to play 35 innings of baseball in three days. Seeing if we have the arm depth for provincials will really show this weekend."



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Royals' Derek Petrasko makes it home safe in the 8-8 tie with the Stonewall Rams Friday afternoon.

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Hodges commits to CMU



Ashtyn Hodges

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals' Ashtyn Hodges has committed to play basketball for the CMU Blazers for the 2015-16 season.

"Ashtyn is a very skilled player," said Blazers' head coach Joe Di Curzio on the CMU website. "She's a terrific outside shooter, a great inside player, and she can take the ball to the basket extremely well. She is also an excellent student who will thrive in the classroom and community at CMU."

Hodges, a 5-foot-9 forward, helped the Royals to back-to-back Piper Classic tournament wins in her Grade 11 and 12 seasons.

In their 2015 Piper Classic victory, Hodges was individually recognized with the Dennis Schrofel Award as the player who best exemplified basketball, academic excellence and community involvement.

In the MHSAA provincials, Selkirk came within a win of qualifying for the "AAAA" Final Four when they were eliminated by the eventual-champion Sisler Spartans.

Hodges averaged 10 points and seven rebounds per game in her senior season.

Manitoba wins bronze at female aboriginal nationals

By Brian Bowman

Team Manitoba, which included several Interlake athletes, won a bronze medal at the 2015 National Aboriginal Female Hockey Championships in Halifax last weekend.

Manitoba won the bronze with a 3-2 victory over Alberta. Manitoba led 2-1 after the first period and then increased their lead to two goals after two periods.

"It was not the outcome that we wanted but we'll take bronze," said Manitoba head coach Dale Bear of Peguis First Nation. "It was a strong game by the girls. Alberta's goalie was probably the strongest goalie at the tournament, for sure."

In the semifinals, Manitoba was stopped 4-1 by Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan, which later won the gold with a 3-2 win over Ontario, sealed the victory over Manitoba with an empty-net goal.

"It was tied 1-1 with six minutes left in the game," Bear recalled. "And that's when they got their 2-1 lead on us off a lucky bounce that got past our D. Then they got a breakaway for another goal on another bad bounce."

Manitoba finished its round robin with a 2-1 record. They defeated Team North 8-1 and Saskatchewan 4-2. Manitoba's loss was a 3-0 decision to Alberta.

"We had a bad game in the loss against Alberta," Bear admitted. "But it was a good wakeup call for the girls to pick up their socks."

The Interlake athletes on Team Manitoba included Alexis Manningway (Peguis), Renee Stevenson (Peguis), Savanna Stevenson (St. Andrews), and goalie Bianca Zak (Stonewall).

All four athletes played extremely well at the national tournament.

"They all contributed big time," Bear said. "All three of the girls were on my top line."

Bear said the experience of playing in an elite tournament such as this will help all of the players in their hockey careers.

"The girls play good hockey, like prep hockey, but they said this tournament was so physical and fast," he said. "They had no clue that this calibre of hockey was out there for aboriginal kids."

Thunder to be well represented at Blue and Gold game

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder Midget football team will have six players participating in this Saturday's Blue and Gold game at Investors Group Field.

Mackenzie Wilson (Stonewall), receiver Kurtis Janzen (Arnes), offensive/defensive lineman Michael Tillett (Teulon), linebacker Brad Findlay (Woodlands), linebacker Austin deLaroque (Warren), and defensive back Thomas Dunlop (Stonewall) have been selected to play in the game.

"As their coach, I think (six) is a great number," said Thunder head coach Kris Johnston. "We only had six guys try out and every single one of them made it. That's fantastic from my perspective."

Players that made Team Manitoba's final roster will travel to Quebec later this summer to compete in the Canada Cup. Having six Thunder players reach phase two of the Team Manitoba process is a great accomplishment.

"We told the guys just to enjoy the process and take it as the very least, an excellent developmental opportunity," Johnston said. "Obviously, if they make phase two, three or four, that's basically just a bonus. Regardless of how far they make it, these six guys are going to individually come back and make our Midget team that much better in the summer."

In other Thunder news, the Midget team's spring camp will begin May 20 in Stonewall. The spring camp will wrap up June 6 when Interlake hosts the Southwest Wolves and Sunrise Coyotes in exhibition scrimmages. That event will run from 1-4 p.m. in Selkirk.

"We're really excited to have them out," Johnston said. "The Coyotes are a newly-formed Midget team that has been welcomed into the league just this year. We're really excited to have them out because they had a really strong Bantam program."

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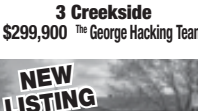
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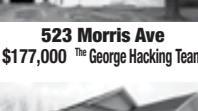
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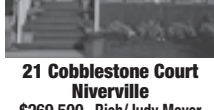
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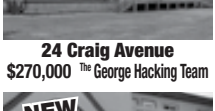
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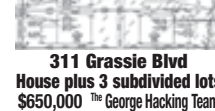
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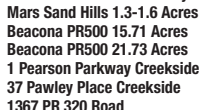
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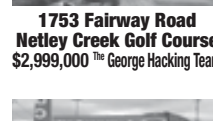


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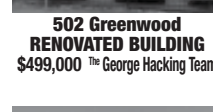
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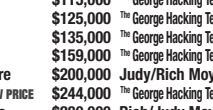
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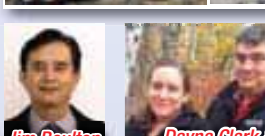
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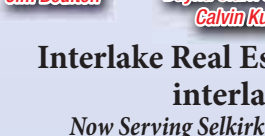
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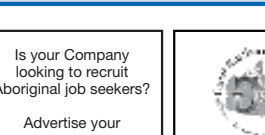
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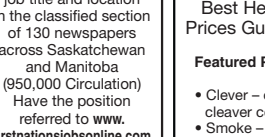
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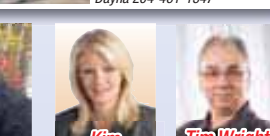
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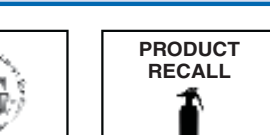
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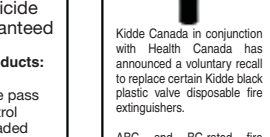
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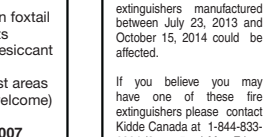
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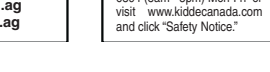
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Donohoe - There are no words that can express our heartfelt thanks to our children for organizing such a wonderful 50th Anniversary party for us. It was such a perfect evening visiting with family and friends. Many thanks to everyone for the beautiful cards and kind words, for the gifts and the donations to charities. Thank you to those that travelled such a distance. May God bless all of you for helping to create more memories.

-Diane and Desmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS CARD OF THANKS

To everyone who has supported us following the sudden death of Timothy Nolan Obirek, husband of Susan, son of Dorothy and Ed, and brother of Sheldon, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. We especially wish to thank Selkirk RCMP, Selkirk & District General Hospital and Gilbert Funeral Home. Also special thanks to Robert Somerfeld for the heartfelt eulogy at Tim's funeral. Interment is May 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michaels Roman Catholic Cemetery. Coffee and tea to follow at Peppercorn's Restaurant in Oakbank, Mb. - Go Habs Go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ENGAGEMENT



Daren and Crystal Reiter are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy to Mariette Hutlet, daughter of Antoine and Céline Hutlet. An August wedding is planned in the Saint Claude Roman Catholic Church, Saint Claude, Manitoba.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAY



**Happy Sweet 16 Kenzie
You're still a cutie patootie.**

-Love Mom, Dad, Dylan and Lianna,
Maddi and Markus

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

**A Come and Go Tea
will be held honoring
Lorraine Stills' 80th Birthday
at Selkirk Friendship Centre,
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on May 16, 2015 from 2-4 P.M.
No cards or gifts, just your
presence and fellowship.
Please join us.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MEMORIAM

**Kubic
In Loving memory of my dear parents
Rose passed away May 5, 1991
And John passed away May 17, 1964
Never more than a thought away,
Quietly remembered every day.
In our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish and never forget.**

-Forever in our hearts,
Love Ruth and Steve,
Shirley and Lawrence,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MEMORIAM

**Waterman (Lynne)
In loving memory of
our Mom and Granny
who left us May 11, 2010**

We don't need a special day to bring you to our minds,
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

Happy Mother's Day in Heaven!

-Forever loved, remembered and missed by
Roberta, Shane, Cole, Kaleb and Keianna
xo

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**James T. Horvath
May 11, 1964 - January 16, 2005**

We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not see you die;
All we knew was that you were gone,
Without a last goodbye.
It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget;
Only those who loved you,
Are the ones who will never forget.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memories still;
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.
Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others' needs;
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.

-Lovingly remembered by Mom and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MEMORIAM



**"Bill" Wm. Gary Beaton
February 27, 1955 - May 9, 2005**

He was taken without any warning,
His going left hearts filled with pain;
But though he is gone from amongst us,
In our hearts he will always remain.
As sunshine passes and shadows fall,
Love's remembrance outlasts all.

Love You Longer
-Joan and Karrie

OBITUARY

**Cornelis Phillipus Hoogervorst
January 6, 1953 - April 20, 2015**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Cornel reached the end of his journey from this life, peacefully, with his family by his side, on April 20, 2015, after an arduous fight with cancer.

Cornell will always be lovingly remembered by his wife Cindy (Furdyk), of 34 years; son David, daughters Alison (Lloyd) and Adriana (Josh) and cherished grandson Gabriel; four sisters and three brothers, many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Casey and Maria and sister Patricia.

Cornell was a humble, caring, generous soul who worked relentlessly and made countless sacrifices to provide a quality life for his family so that his children could become the people they are today. A man who defined himself by his actions rather than words.

words, one only had to glimpse into his kind, patient and mischievous eyes to know his exemplary character. Husband, Father, Opa, Brother, Uncle and Friend, he will be deeply missed by all, though he will never be forgotten.

The family would like to thank Dr. Zoppa and the entire staff at the Selkirk & District General Hospital for their kindness and compassionate care. Heartfelt thanks to the many family and friends for all their support throughout this long journey especially to brothers Phil and Reg for walking beside him until his departure from this world.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Cornell's memory to the Cancer Society's Relay for Life ("Relay for Life", participants Alison and Adriana Hoogervorst).

Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB, with The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje officiating.

"...Love knows not its depth until the hour of separation"..... (Kahlil Gibran)
"God's finger touched him and he slept"..... (Lord Alfred Tennyson)

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.
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OBITUARY



Gerald Ralph Cooper

It is with great sadness, the family announces the passing of Gerry, beloved husband of Natalie, on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Selkirk General Hospital.

Service times to be announced at a later date.
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Cut turkey breast in half through its thickness (without cutting through all the way, so as to be able to open it up like a book).

Add Gouda to cooled apple and curry mixture.

Spread bottom half of turkey breast with mixture, then close up the two halves and hold in place with toothpicks. Place in an oven-safe dish, brush top with oil, season and bake in oven for 15-20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F (180°C) and cook for 1 more hour.

In a saucepan, heat oil and cook cranberries for 5 minutes. Add sugar and cook another 2 minutes, then deglaze with red wine and reduce by half. Add broth and leave cranberries on heat 7-10 minutes until cooked and the broth thickens. Season and serve with the stuffed turkey.

Prep time: 30 min

Cook time: 1 hour 30 min

Makes: 8 servings

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Ingredients
2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 cup (250 mL) apple, peeled and diced
1/2 tbsp (7 mL) curry powder
1 slice of bread, cut into cubes
Freshly ground pepper
1 boneless turkey breast, about 2 lb (1 kg)
1 1/4 cups (300 mL) lower fat Canadian Gouda, diced or 1 cup (250 mL) regular Canadian Gouda, diced
1 tsp (5 mL) vegetable oil

Cranberry sauce:
2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
2 cups (500 mL) fresh or frozen cranberries
2 1/2 tbsp (40 mL) sugar
1/2 cup (125 mL) red wine
1 cup (250 mL) reduced-sodium chicken or beef broth
Freshly ground pepper

Directions
Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).
In a skillet, heat oil on medium-high heat

Chocolate Croissant Bread Pudding

Ingredients
4 to 5 large croissants, cut into 1-inch cubes (6 cups)
5 tablespoons softened butter, divided
2 cups half-and-half
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2/3 cup sugar
3 eggs
Powdered sugar for garnish
Fresh mint for garnish

Preparation
Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread croissant cubes on baking sheet. Bake until lightly toasted; set aside and turn off oven.
Spread 1 tablespoon butter in bottom of 8- or 9-inch square baking dish and add toasted croissant cubes. Heat half-and-half

and remaining butter in medium saucepan until almost boiling; slowly whisk in chocolate and vanilla; let cool 10 minutes.

Whisk together sugar and eggs in medium bowl and slowly whisk in chocolate mixture. Pour over croissant cubes, making sure all are coated. Let stand 1 hour.

Bake 35 minutes. Serve warm dusted with powdered sugar and garnished with mint.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooling and Setting Time: 1 hour

Cook Time: 40 to 45 minutes total

Makes 8 servings



Hummus Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

6 yellow potatoes, or about 5 cups peeled and cubed
1 1/3 cup Sabra hummus
2 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and fresh pepper to taste
2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped
1 lemon, cut into 6 wedges

Preparation

Peel potatoes and place in bowl of water to cover to prevent discoloration.

Cut potatoes into 1 1/2-inch cubes and place in medium sized pot with enough water to cover and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

Bring to boil and simmer over medium heat for about 30 minutes, or until fork goes gently through potatoes.

Once cooked, drain potatoes and place back into pot over medium heat for about 3 minutes, until moisture comes out of potatoes and they appear dry.

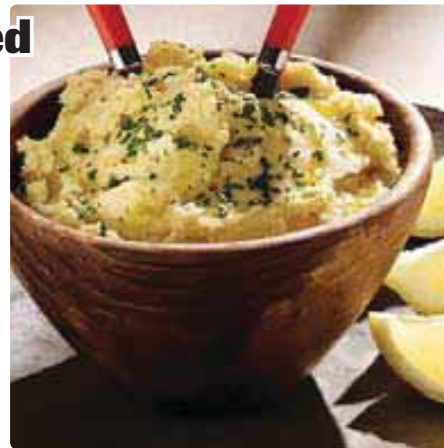
Remove from heat. In same pot, start mashing potatoes with masher.

Add 1 1/3 cup hummus, oil, salt and pepper to taste. Top with sprinkling of fresh parsley and serve with lemon wedge to squeeze over top

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 45 minutes

Yield: 6 servings



Frosty Orange Banana Sipper

Ingredients

1 medium banana, peeled, chunked and frozen
3 ounces frozen orange juice concentrate
1 cup low-fat milk
1 container (6 ounces) low-fat vanilla yogurt

Preparation

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Preparation Time:

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