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Local and area dancers perform a hip hop dance entitled "Same Squad" during Evolution Dance's 13th annual recital at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg last Tuesday evening. For more photos, see Page 20.

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# MCNA marks 100 years of connecting communities

## Record receives seven awards at annual gala

By Lindsey Enns

The Manitoba Community Newspaper Association (MCNA) celebrated 100 years of connecting communities and the *Record* was honoured to receive a total of seven awards during the MCNA's annual Better Newspaper Competition Awards last Saturday evening.

The *Record* brought home a first place award for Best Front Page and second place awards for Best in Class and Best Layout and Design in the 10,000 and over circulation category.

*Record* Reporter Justin Luschinski earned the first place award for Best First Nations Coverage and a second place award for Best Habitat Conservation Story, while Brett Mitchell received third place for Best Photo Essay. Editor Lindsey Enns received third place in the Reporter of the Year category.

The *Record's* sister newspapers also picked up several awards. The *Winkler Morden Voice* took home first place for Best in Class for newspapers with a circulation of 10,000 or more and also received the first place award for Best Layout and Design and a second place award for Best Front Page. Editor Ashleigh Viveiros received the second place award for Best Tourism Story, Peter Cantelon won second place in the Best Columnist category, and production staffer Tara Gionet received a third place nod for Best Advertisement. The *Voice's* Corn and Apple Festival special section also won a third place award for Best Special Section.

The *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* received first place honours for Best Layout and Design and second place awards for Best in Class and Best Front Page in their circulation category. Publisher and Interlake Graphics owner Lana Meier also received the third place



RECORD PHOTO

Members of the Selkirk Record, the Winkler Morden Voice, Express Weekly News and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune hold up their awards following the Manitoba Community Newspaper Association's 100th annual Better Newspapers Competition last Saturday evening. This year the *Record* took home a total of seven awards.

award for Photographer of the Year and Jennifer McFee won a third place award for Best Arts and Culture Story. The *Express Weekly News* received third place awards for Best in Class, Best Layout and Design, Best Front Page, and Best Christmas Edition. *Express* reporter Patricia Barrett also won first for Best Agriculture Story, first for Best News Story, and a second place award for Best Photo Essay.

Meier said winning these awards is always a huge honour for our staff and the communities we cover.

"Everyone's work ethic is second to none and clearly shines through in the job we do delivering the news and advertising in our communities," she said. "Our newspapers are interesting, newsworthy, accurate and compelling. Our staff are professional, talented and committed and we were rewarded at the MCNA Better Newspaper Awards 2019 ceremony."

The awards were handed out during the 100th annual awards banquet at Canad Inns Destination Centre and Club Regent Casino Hotel in Winnipeg, which was attended by Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon.

"For more than a century and a half, Manitoba's newspapers have connected the people of this province," Filmon said during her address to the crowd. "They've alerted readers to danger, they have helped them to anticipate and understand changes, they've celebrated achievements in every field and endeavour."

"Manitoba's newspapers have chronicled the passing of years, people and generations."

Filmon said since before Manitoba's founding, newspapers have been essential to the understanding of our lives.

"Newspapers have been there through wars and economic upheavals, floods ... they have helped us understand our growth, our neighbourhood and ourselves," she added. "So to all of tonight's award nominees and to all of those who make Manitoba's community newspapers possible, thank you for all you do to inform, connect and entertain people of this province."

"Here's to many more years of meeting deadlines and writing headlines."



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# Selkirk takes lead in solar energy with rec complex install

Staff

Selkirk flicked the switch to activate the sun's energy at the Selkirk Rec Complex on Monday morning, making the sporting facility one of, if not the, largest user of rooftop solar power in Manitoba.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said being good environmental citizens is important and the city is glad to do what it can to become greener. Geothermal heating was installed when the rec complex was built in 1985 and the solar panels will help take the city even further off the grid.

"It's a proud day here in the City of Selkirk. The sun is shining and we're taking advantage of natural resources to heat our buildings, to power places like the Rec Complex, which is such a huge building, and we're happy to be soaking up the sun's energy not just today, but years into the future," Johannson stated in a release on Monday. "By installing solar panels we'll be more kind to the environment, which I'm a huge fan of, and we'll be saving taxpayers' dollars at the same time. It's a bright idea and I give credit to our staff and all our partners on this project for making it a reality."

The Selkirk Rec Complex is now soaking up the sun and driving down the city's energy bill and its carbon footprint in one fell swoop.

The solar panels will cost the city \$437,000 after a \$200,000 Manitoba Hydro grant is factored in. Dan McDermid, the city's director of operations, said he estimates the solar panels will save the city roughly 16 per cent in energy costs.

"The Rec Complex is a very large user of power because of the building that it is," McDermid said. "We make ice for about eight months out of the year, it's a big building, it has a banquet hall, it's got a lot of stuff going on in it, so it makes sense to try to supplement the power."



RECORD PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol, pictured above right, speaks during a press conference outside the Selkirk Rec Complex on Monday morning. The city flicked the switch to activate the sun's energy at the local rec complex on Monday, making it one of the largest users of rooftop solar power in Manitoba.

Scott Blanco, the city's manager of buildings and fleet, said it's great that the city is able to benefit from Mother Nature's heat source, but Mother Nature also made the 200-kilowatt install – done over the course of the winter months – a little challenging.

"The cold and the snow presented some challenges, but other than that everything went smoothly with the installation," Blanco said.

The panels are mounted on the south-facing roof for maximum exposure to the sun's rays. A bidirectional metre keeps track of the city's usage of solar power and hydro power.

"Anytime the solar panels are creating more energy than the building is consuming we will be selling hydro back to Manitoba Hydro," Blanco said. "Whatever we're not using gets put back onto the grid."

Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol said the city is making smart environmental decisions a priority, and the chance to use a natural energy source to offset the use of hydro electric power fits with the city's vision. Selkirk is part of an FCM initiative, the Climate and Asset Management Network (CAMN),

which offers peer-learning opportunities, training, and funding to help Canadian municipalities integrate climate change and sustainability goals systematically into decision-making about infrastructure assets.

The life expectancy of the solar panels is about 30 years and the city expects that they will pay for themselves in 17 years, which means there's 13 years of revenue generating gained from the addition of solar power. The pay-back period may be shorter if Manitoba Hydro's rates continue to climb.

Sycamore Energy Inc., handled the install and CEO and co-founder Justin Phillips said he believes the Rec Complex is the largest rooftop installation in the Province of Manitoba and largest by a municipality. He commended the city for being "forward thinking."

"Just the fact the City of Selkirk

is taking the initiative to install this kind of technology, it's not a small investment ... so taking that initiative is encouraging," Phillips said. "The 200-kilowatt installation, it's humongous. We've done other installs and that's enough to power entire farms."

The savings from solar power are substantial, Phillips said, citing the Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCE) per kilowatt with solar at about 4.5 to 5.5 cents compared with about 8 cents for Hydro.

Solar panels align with the city's Strategic Plan Priority 3 – safe and sustainable infrastructure by providing adequate funding for maintenance of all city-owned assets.

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# Memorial Hall to host 22nd annual plant sale on May 31

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk's Memorial Hall will once again play host to the Selkirk and District Horticultural Society's annual plant sale on Friday, May 31.

The 22nd annual sale will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will see perennials, annuals, herbs, trees and more for sale.

Debbie Kuypers, who has been a member of the Selkirk and District Horticultural Society for more than 10 years and is a member of the plant sale's committee, says this year marks the 25th anniversary for the local club and the sale is special event for its members each year.

She added the sale wouldn't be a success without their loyal customer base, who often line up outside the hall well before the sale starts so they can fill their baskets and boxes with plants.

"I love it when we open the doors and we just see all these people rush in with their baskets and wagons and boxes," Kuypers said with a smile. "I love that we have so many people interested in purchasing plants for gardening, I love the fellowship among our members, and that they're willing to share their plants.



"It's a chance for members to really get to know each other too."

Kuypers said the sale was originally started to help community members and new homeowners get their gardens started with affordable prices in mind. The sale has continued to grow each year, attracting gardeners and interested planters of all skill levels from Selkirk and area as well as Winnipeg.

Kuypers says there will also be an information table set up during the sale for anyone who has questions about any of the plants. Plants will

range in price from \$1 to \$4 and specialty shrubs and trees will be priced

SUBMITTED BY ELLY GARRETT

Selkirk and area residents check out the Selkirk and District Horticultural Society's annual plant sale at Memorial Hall in this May 25, 2018 photo. This year's plant sale will take place on Friday, May 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

accordingly. The sale will also include a silent auction and 50/50 draw and coffee and cookies will be available.

Funds raised through the plant sale not only pays for guest speakers and workshops, it also allows the group to maintain the Red Feather Farm and Main Street Garden. The society has also added a new gardening project at Queens Park near the bridge.

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# Skidders to mark 90th anniversary with two-day celebration

By Justin Luschinski

Skidders restaurant, located in the heart of Lockport, is gearing up to celebrate 90 years of hotdogs, history and family.

The iconic diner by the Red River was established in 1929, at 608 River Road. The diner has existed for 90 years, and generations of Manitobans have stopped in to enjoy their world famous hotdogs.

Since opening, they've established a drive-thru location on Highway 44, a stall in The Forks, and a mobile kitchen.

Allan and Louise Thompson have owned the franchise for around 40 years. They bought Skidders in 1979 and are now passing the restaurants over to their children.

Louise said she's met a lot of wonderful people over the years. Some of their customers stopped by in their 20s, only to come back with their grandchildren in their 70s.

"Skidders is such a iconic part of (Lockport). We've had people who came here when they were young ... bring their grandkids," Louise said. "I remember this one old lady, she pointed to (a nearby tree) and said 'I remember when I would stand under that tree, necking with my boyfriend.'"

Skidders will be holding their 90th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 at both of their locations. There will be live music from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., face painting, giveaways, clowns, mascots, fireworks and restaurant specials. Attendees will also be able to buy one hotdog, and get the second one for 10 cents, the price they were back in 1929.

The Skidders tradition started in 1929 when Selkirk store keeper Jim Skinner Sr. opened a small stand in Lockport and won over the loyalties of generations of Manitobans, according to the restaurant's website.



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Louise and Allan Thompson, who have owned the Skidders restaurant franchise for around 40 years, hold up an old framed photograph of Skidders last week. Skidders will be holding their 90th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 at both of their locations.

Both Lockport diners are filled with cultural artifacts. The Skidders location on River Road is covered wall-to-wall in old hockey photos and a stand-ee of famous NHL commentator Don Cherry watches over the patrons from the back of the restaurant. When you walk into the Highway 44 location, it's like taking a trip back in time to the 1930s, complete with a statue of Betty Boop, and a old menu from when the store opened.

Allan said they never expected to run the restaurants for this long.

"When we started, it was hectic, we didn't know what we were doing. What's really funny is I never

thought we'd stay here for long. I always thought 'OK, we'll do this for five years, and then I'll do something else,'" Allan said, which sparked laughter from himself and his wife. "But here we are, 40 years later. It's been an amazing journey.

"We've met so many wonderful people."

In 1945, a large accident killed four pilots on Highway 44. The government deemed the road too dangerous and straightened it out. After that was done, Skidders built its second location, on Highway 44 a short distance before the Lockport Bridge. The Thompson family replaced the High-

way 44 building in 1984 and constructed the Skidders Waterpark around the same time. The large water slides were a landmark, greeting people to the small riverside town as they drove up Main Street. The Thompson family ran it for 20 years and then closed it down and sold all the property. The waterpark was demolished in 2017.

Although Allan and Louise are still involved with the restaurant, they are now largely managed by their children.

For more information about Skidders, visit [skidders.ca](http://skidders.ca) or call 204-757-2951.

## Manitoba looks to launch guns, gangs suppression strategy

Staff

The province has released details surrounding Manitoba's Guns and Gangs Suppression Strategy, made possible by more than \$2.3 million in funding over two years from the Government of Canada through its Initiative to Take Action against Gun and Gang Violence.

"Our government is committed to protecting Manitoba families by cracking down on gun and gang crime in our communities," said Justice Minister Cliff Cullen. "We're happy to have the federal government's support for our gang suppression strategy, which

will help keep Manitobans safe in their homes and neighbourhoods."

The minister noted the funding announced today will enable Manitoba to equip police agencies and Manitoba Justice with the tools, equipment and capacity they need to disrupt and suppress gun and gang activity in Manitoba including:

- \$1.3 million to support the Winnipeg Police Service's Guns and Gangs initiatives, which will focus on the identification, arrest and dismantling of gangs, criminal organizations or violent crime groups, especially those involved with illegal firearms and il-

licit drugs;

- more than \$704,000 to develop a new database that will enhance the collection and dissemination of illicit firearm and gang intelligence, and improve intelligence sharing in Manitoba;

- \$172,000 for specialized equipment for the Manitoba First Nations Police Service, and gang intelligence and awareness training for other police agencies outside of Winnipeg;

- more than \$80,000 to support the expansion of community mobilization programs;

- more than \$12,000 to support spe-

cialized training for Crown attorneys for the prosecution of organized crime and firearms offences.

"Organized crime and the illicit drug trade destroys families, hurts communities and is largely responsible for the spread of meth in Winnipeg, Brandon and communities across Manitoba," said Cullen. "Manitoba's Guns and Gangs Suppression Strategy enables us to combat gangs and the illicit drug trade using a collaborative and coordinated response that engages all levels of government and law enforcement agencies in Manitoba."



# St. Clements financial plan keeps future growth in mind

# Fishing season gets underway across Manitoba

By Justin Luschinski

The RM of St. Clements hopes to change in a big way by bringing more recreation and businesses to the community.

The RM held their Financial Plan Open House on April 25 at the RM office in East Selkirk. According to RM staff, St. Clements is growing, but it faces a number of barriers when it comes to economic growth, including a lack of business tax dollars and housing varieties.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn said the RM has to change in order to prepare for the future.

"What we need to do is change the way we do business a little. We have to prepare for what's coming," Fiebelkorn said. "Up to 4,000 people could be moving here in the next 10 to 15 years, and we have to make sure we have services available for them."

"It's all about planning for the future."

Fiebelkorn said the RM does not have a large commercial tax base, which limits their options to generate revenue. The RM also needs more housing variety, such as multi-family homes and townhouses, to accommodate aging seniors who might be looking to downsize.

According to Fiebelkorn, council members have talked about expanding their current industrial park, or finding another area where they can create another park to attract more businesses.

Dennis Petaski, of St. Clements, said the RM needs to bring in more development to reduce the tax burden on residents.

"It's good that they're looking for

more commercial development to minimize future tax increases, not necessarily to eliminate them, but lessen them down the road," Petaski said. "If we don't start planning now, we'll be behind the eight-ball for too long."

According to the slides at the open house, St. Clements has five goals, they include creating a comprehensive plan for roads and drainage, keeping costs affordable, creating sustained growth in the RM, anticipating future service needs, and turning the RM into a recreation destination.

St. Clements aims to limit the property tax increase to two per cent per year for the next three budgets as well as change some non-essential services to a user-pay model. The RM did not reveal which services would be changed, as they're still researching the topic.

Fiebelkorn said most businesses require a lot of water to operate in an RM.

"That's where we kind of fail. The only place we have (piped water) is East Selkirk, nowhere else in the RM is there a water plant or piped water," she said. "If we hear of a company that wanted to come to the RM, we don't have a lot of space to put them in."

According to Fiebelkorn, council is trying to find an area where they could extend the water services to, and invite businesses to set up shop there. She added that more businesses would bring in more money to the RM and will create jobs for residents.

For more information, or to view the 2019 financial plan, visit [rmofstclements.com](http://rmofstclements.com).

## Three events coming up in Grand Marais

Staff

The Grand Marais Recreation Centre is gearing up to host three big events over the coming months.

The first event is a family games night on Saturday, May 18 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The centre's canteen will be open during the event.

Can you Sing? Can you Dance? Do you have a variety act? Can you play an instrument? Then the local rec centre wants to hear from you. The centre will be playing host to a "Grand Marais Got Talent" event on Saturday, June 1. The deadline to enter is Saturday, May 25 and those taking part in the event will have a chance to compete for cash prizes. There are no entry fees

and the event is open to everyone over the age of 18. To enter, contact Kathia Edwards by calling 204-754-2325 or via email at [grandmaraisreccentre.events@gmail.com](mailto:grandmaraisreccentre.events@gmail.com). Updates for this event are also being posted on the "Grand Marais Recreation Centre" Facebook page.

The rec centre will also be playing host to a long list of events this year on Canada Day.

The celebrations will kick off with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon and will also feature a craft sale and farmers market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be bubble soccer, a giant bouncy castle, face painting, potato sack races and a crib tournament.

Staff

Anglers will soon be able to drop a line in the water, and regardless of where they are headed, the province is reminding fishers to follow all the rules and requirements to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

"Recreational fishing is an important part of our lifestyle and local economy, and we are committed to making sure it is sustainable and our waters are protected from AIS transfer," Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires stated in a release last week. "There are endless adventures in our great outdoors, and we want Manitobans and visitors to enjoy fishing our many lakes and rivers for generations to come."

The fishing season opened on Saturday, May 11 in the southern division and opens Saturday, May 18 in the rest of the province. Anglers are encouraged to carefully handle and release any fish they catch that is spawning or full of eggs. By releasing spawning fish, anglers will help protect stocks and sustain Manitoba's fisheries.

Water-users such as boaters and anglers are also reminded of the requirements to stop the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Before leaving any body of water, remove aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species, drain all water from watercraft and water-related equipment, and remove drain plugs before transporting watercraft over land. Dry or decontaminate all water-related equipment before placing it in another water body. When boating in an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Zone there are additional requirements. Bait must be properly disposed of prior to leaving the shore and anything used in the water must be de-

contaminated before it can be placed into another water body.

The province has instituted a series of set fines under the AIS legislation that are in effect year-round and carry a range of penalties, depending on the offence. Fines range from \$174 to \$2,542. As well, this weekend is the start of the 2019 Watercraft Inspection Program. Stations will be operating in Selkirk, Headingley, Ericksdale and The Pas with additional stations opening in the coming weeks. Anyone transporting a boat, canoe, Jet Ski or other type of watercraft over land, must stop at the inspection stations when they are open. The set fine for failing to stop at a watercraft inspection station is \$672.

Angling licences are available at Manitoba Sustainable Development offices and numerous licence vendors throughout the province. When buying a licence, be sure to pick up the 2019 Manitoba Anglers' Guide to review provincial regulations.

For more information on aquatic invasive species, including the Watercraft Inspection Program schedule for aquatic invasive species, and the latest anglers guide, visit [gov.mb.ca/sd/fish\\_and\\_wildlife/fish/index.html](http://gov.mb.ca/sd/fish_and_wildlife/fish/index.html).



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## That's just the way of life

Hi gang.

I hope you didn't mind my toying with you these last two weeks by bringing to life Nikki Benish's story of her love of fishing with her father and Larry Skoleski's story of watching his friend, Jackie Pyle catch masters after announcing they had won. We needed time to get everyone rounded up for this week's photo in front of Selkirk Canadian Tire but we finally did it! Nikki and Larry, enjoy your prizes!

Life awakening spring and open water fishing is once again ours! The pier at Hnausa was jam packed with anglers last Saturday when I arrived mid-afternoon. The sun was high and bright, the wind fair with folks sitting in folding chairs beside their cars or trucks jigging their fishing lines, snacking and chatting with family and friends having a fine old time. A tall, thin young chap waved me over as I got out of my car to visit with everyone. I walked over to him as he held out his hand to shake mine saying, "Boy, everybody all along the pier is catching walleye." "Yeah," I returned smiling, "the pickerel are all along the shoreline in Lake Winnipeg's south basin."

"Pickerel?" my new friend looked at me inquiringly. "Oh, yeah, walleye and pickerel are generally known as the same thing," I said. "What's your name pal and do you have a fishing story for your fellow anglers?" I asked. "My name's Jonathan Buckolz, from Winnipeg and yes I remember a time years ago one of my sisters changed from a frightened child to a lover of the outdoors and angling in one day." He went on. It seems he was fishing with his two very young sisters off the dock at Wendigo by Lac du Bonnet. Little spindly, rosy cheeked, blond haired Jessica was playing with her little fishing rod laying on her tummy and raising and lowering her lure slapping it on top of the water.

Without warning, a jack maybe a foot and a half long broke from the water,

**RECORD PHOTO BY ROSE BLAND**

MIFA award ceremony in front of Selkirk Canadian Tire pictured from left to right: MIFA board members Guy Proulx, Chuck Reuther, Lawrence Proulx, Canadian Tire rep Dylan Collins, portable ice shack winner Nikki Benish, ice auger winner Larry Skoleski, and Arnie Weidl for the Selkirk Record, the Express and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune.

its mouth gaping, its eyes locked on the lure. Though the child was quite a bit higher on the dock than the water, she was terrified. She sprang up screaming and ran from the dock to the safety of the grass of the lake bank. Jonathan knew this was a moment that would mold Jessica's view of the outdoors and fishing for some time to come. Slowly he walked from the pier to her side and sat down on the ground. He spoke gently to his sister until she became calm then led her back hand in hand onto the pier. He picked up his rod, cast it out into the glassy water and then scooped up her floating rod. He handed it to her saying, "Jessica, look around us. Those nice spruce trees find their food in the ground. That seagull over there on the water searches for minnows. The fish that scared you was only after the lure because it thought it was food. Fish catch food to live and we need food to live, that's the way of life Jessica. Now what do you say we try and catch some fish for dinner?" Jessica smiled, nodding her head. She wiped away the last of her tears and cast her lure a little ways out in the water.

Not long ago I met Bev Gardener and his buddy Ken Leochko who had an unusual experience when they were

ice fishing on Sandy Bar by Riverton. Ken, a stocky, powerful, deep voiced chap with salt and pepper hair and mustache, got a hard hit on his baited hook. Bev, a big, easy going guy made room for him to play his fish in the small portable ice shack. Ken braced his legs wide as best he could on the slippery floor, the ice having melted with the warmth of the propane heater. He tightly gripped his short rod which was whipping with great force. He played his catch slowly reeling in careful not to break his line.

In time, the head of a great jack appeared in the ice holes water. With his gloved hands Ken reached down and grabbed it by its gills. Unfortunately Ken's legs weren't as long as the jack, lifting it as high as he could, only three quarters of the fish was out of the hole. Suddenly the strain on his legs from the slippery floor and the weight of the fish was too much and Ken seized with excruciatingly painful leg cramps and let go of the fish. As they parted company, Ken took a bath on the wet floor while the fish disappeared back down into the ice holes water as it slipped the hook! He was too big to eat anyway Ken!

Till next time my friends, bye for now.

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# Cannabis company looks to grow premium product in Selkirk

By Lindsey Enns

A cannabis company is beginning construction on a multi-million dollar facility with plans to grow premium crafted cannabis in Selkirk.

Jesse Denton, founder and CEO of Kief Cannabis, says they'll be growing strains currently unavailable in shops across Manitoba with hopes of transitioning more black market users.

"I think there's a little bit of an issue with quality right now in the stores," Denton said. "A lot of these larger producers aren't properly curing their product and taking the time to really pull out that proper flavour profile and aroma that can be seen elsewhere."

"We're looking to get our products to that level ... and set the standards really for premium products in Canada."

He added they will start by growing more than two dozen rare and high quality strains that need to be grown in small batch facilities.

"These are the strains you aren't seeing large producers growing because they are a little bit more finicky so we're really looking forward to bringing those to the marketplace," he said. "Initially it will just be flower and then we plan to move into concentrates."

Denton said getting to this point of construction on the first phase of their facility has been six years in the making. He said they decided to build in Selkirk because the city and its officials were the most welcoming out of all of the other communities they



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Jesse Denton, Kief Cannabis founder and CEO, reviews blueprints for a new cannabis cultivation plant being built north of Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk last Wednesday afternoon. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

met with.

"It's been great," Denton said, adding Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson has been "a huge help" throughout the entire process. "It's an intensive process with Health Canada."

Construction on the first phase of the project, which will be roughly 5,000 square feet, is expected to be completed at the end of August. Construction on the second phase, which will make way for an additional 5,000 square feet, is expected to begin shortly after.

The first phase includes areas for storage, packaging, and a specialized curing facility. And to clear the air, Denton said this facility will not have

a store front and will be strictly a production site. Kief Cannabis has partnered with Namaste Technologies to sell and distribute their products.

"They're a great partner and we look forward to building with them," he said. "We're hoping to partner up with a couple different provinces and expand that additional supply that we're going to have."

Denton said opening a cultivation facility isn't easy and it's been a rigorous and pricey process.

"It was really difficult initially

to meet with the proper officials that you need to meet with to continue on with the Health Canada process," he said. "You need to meet with local government officials, police chief, fire chief ... and kind of express to them your plan and then you move forward once they give you the green light."

He added Health Canada requires these types of facilities to have an intense security plan in place and once up and running, the building will be monitored at all times.

Johannson said he's always been supportive of cannabis businesses setting up shop in the city.

"We're servicing the Interlake ... and if we want those people coming here instead of bypassing us and going to Winnipeg, we have to continue to grow our expertise and continue to grow the success we're having as a commercial hub to the Interlake," he added.

Recreational cannabis became legal across Canada on Oct. 17, 2018, and although Denton says there still a stigma surrounding it, things are starting to shift.

"I definitely see a lot more interest as far as people being open to talking about it, trying it," he said. "It's nice to see a lot of people transition but it's a slow process."

## Manitoba Ave. East redesign to result in loss of 5 parking spots

Staff

The City of Selkirk says changes have been made to the Manitoba Avenue East redesign following feedback from a recent open house.

A newly revised design of Selkirk's downtown avenue includes more on-street and lot parking, resulting in a net loss of five spots, the city stated in a release on Monday.

Council has adopted the revised plan with increased parking and construction will begin in June as originally planned.

Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol said the open houses process is designed to elicit ideas from the public and the city is always receptive to good ideas.

"We heard lots of support for the new design and vision for our downtown and we heard some concern over the loss of parking," Nicol stated in the

release. "Working with our design partners we've been able to maintain more of the total parking, while retaining the enhancements that create a safer, more pedestrian friendly, vibrant downtown street."

Two of the biggest changes will be the avenue's conversion from a one-way to a two-way street for vehicle traffic and angle parking will be replaced by parallel parking, which will provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists.

The new Manitoba Avenue East will include decorative paving and pedestrian scale lighting as well as active transportation infrastructure like an off-street bike lane. Planters and landscaping, space for public art along with the two pocket, or mini, parks will enhance the avenue.

The city will be implementing

a Downtown Parking Management Strategy and will begin public engagement during the process. The strategy will look at existing parking and identify potential solutions to any issues.

"One of the other issues we heard, primarily from business operating on the street, is that much of the existing parking is used by employees working in area shops and offices. We want to work with employers in the area to better manage all of the available parking. By reducing the parking lost to only five spaces and better management of parking availability we are taking very real steps to address the concerns we heard," said Nicol.

The newest design of Manitoba Avenue East can be viewed online at MySelkirk.ca/MyDowntown on May 17.

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# Local man urges others to be heart smart, get checked

By Justin Luschinski

Wendall Gray and his brother Roger were inseparable. Every summer they would ride together on their motorcycles, travelling all around Selkirk and area. Wendall would always take the lead with Roger following behind and they met some interesting characters along the way.

Wendall said one time, they met Duff McKagan from Guns N' Roses, while on a trip together.

So when Roger passed away from a heart attack suddenly in October, 2018, Wendall decided to get a vanity license plate with his brother's name on it with hopes of inspiring other men to get checked and not to ignore signs of a heart attack.

Wendall says he plans to ride this summer with the new license plate. He's hoping other men will ask him about it, and he can convince them to get checked if they're having heart problems.

"That's what I want to do now. When anybody asks me, 'why do you have 'Roger' on your license plate?' Then I can tell them the story," Gray said, while sitting inside his St. Clements home. "Hopefully if it's some old guy that's asking me, I can relate to them, and tell them to take care of themselves."

Wendall recalls what happened to his brother, Roger. Two years ago, Roger told his brother that he went to the hospital for chest pain. At the time, the doctor gave him something for acid reflux, so Roger thought he just had to take the medication, and he'd be fine.

But Roger did not have a family doctor, he didn't regularly go for check-ups. Which means he had no medical history. Wendall said Roger's autopsy revealed three clogged arteries and evidence of a previous heart attack.



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Wendell Gray of St. Clements is pictured with his motorcycle recently. Gray lost his brother Roger to a heart attack in October of last year and is hoping to remind other men to get their hearts checked.

Wendall suspects that previous heart attack took place during his hospital visit two years ago.

Wendall has his own experiences with heart trouble, but after his first heart attack, he took steps to change his life, and he now regularly visits his doctor. He said his brother ignored the symptoms, for fear of scaring his family.

"With your chest and heart, don't ignore it. Go to a doctor, get checked up. My brother didn't want to cause a scene, he didn't want to alarm any-

one, or his wife," Wendall said. "But now, he's the most courteous guy in the graveyard. I'm going to miss him."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada lists a few common heart attack symptoms, those include chest discomfort, such as feeling pressure or pain, burning or heaviness on the chest, sweating, upper body stiffness in the neck, jaw, shoulders, arms, and back, shortness of breath, nausea and a light headed feeling.

If someone is experiencing a heart attack, they need to call 911 immediately, and stop all activity. It's important to keep a list of your medications, either in your wallet or phone. They can take Aspirin if they are not allergic, and nitroglycerin if it's prescribed. Otherwise, rest and wait for the ambulance to arrive.

Wendall urges older men to go to the doctor, and keep on top of their health.

"Don't ignore it. Go get checked. If I can help one old guy to get checked out, it's worth it," Wendall said.

## Our Manitoba Heroes organization seeks rural nominees

By Justin Luschinski

Our Manitoba Heroes is looking for Selkirk and area residents to nominate a local hero.

The organization is encouraging Selkirk and area residents to nominate exceptional individuals to be recognized at their annual celebration. Submissions are open until May 31, and residents can nominate someone through their website, [ourmanitoba-heroes.ca](http://ourmanitoba-heroes.ca).

Manitobans can nominate friends, coworkers, and neighbours for their selfless acts of kindness and heroism. Last year, winners included Mitch Bourbonniere of Drag the Red and

Leila Castro of 204 Neighbourhood Watch Inc.

Paul Bennett, former Grey Cup champion and chairman of the Our Manitoba Heroes Committee, says they're hoping to recognize some amazing residents in rural Manitoba.

"We've had so many urban winners, we really want the concept to get out into rural Manitoba. The fact is, we don't know who's a hero unless they're nominated," Bennett said. "These people, they sacrifice their personal time to serve a greater cause. It's a chance to give them some recognition, and help promote their causes. There's people out (in Selkirk and the

area) who I know deserve it."

Bennett said their criteria is simple: Nominees must be living and either born in Manitoba, or have resided in Manitoba for the last 10 years. Bennett stressed that everyone has a different idea of what a hero is, and he urges residents of Selkirk and area to nominate someone who they deem worthy.

After nominations close, winners will be recognized at the Our Manitoba Heroes Celebration of Community, which is on October 18, at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre in Winnipeg. Winners have seen an increase in exposure, and an increase in dona-

tions to whatever cause they choose, according to Bennett.

Bennett said Manitobans have a lot of kind people in their communities.

"Being a former Blue Bomber ... When you go from one province to another, you get to see some important stuff, stuff you might not see if you're born there. Manitoba, you have a special deal, there's so much support for a multitude of charities. We have so many kind, hard working people here," Bennett said. "Manitobans are special, and we're here to reward them in a way they will remember for the rest of their lives."



# Students learn land-based lessons rooted in Indigenous culture

By Justin Luschinski

Students gathered in West St. Paul to learn how they can become better stewards of the Earth at a new land based learning centre last week.

Seven Oaks School Division held their 10th annual Unite to Change conference at the Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun or Blue Thunderbird Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre, also known as the Aki Centre for short, located on Grassmere Road in West St. Paul, last Thursday.

The conference aims to teach students how to care for the planet through hands-on learning exercises rooted in traditional Indigenous teachings. Students move around different stations learning about the history of the area as well as other skills such as composting, while Elders Mary Courchene and Dan Thomas give context to their activities.

Peter Krahn, the co-ordinator behind Unite to Change, says students need to learn how to take care of the land.

"We heard from both elders this morning, the Earth, and our current way of life, is in jeopardy. There are challenges here and in the larger world many of which relate to climate change," Krahn said. "Our way of life is impacting our planet. We need to get to the younger people, teach them how to have a way of life that's sustainable. We need to live respectfully on the Earth, and care for the plants and animals here."

The day began with a speech from the elders talking about how the area looked hundreds and thousands of years ago. Students then took part in various learning experiences: One where Elder Mary talked about how Indigenous people took care of the land, another where they learn about composting, a "land and fire" teaching from Elder Dan, and a brief talk about water stewardship.

According to the Seven Oaks School Division website, the Aki Centre or Land Centre for short, is a gathering space for students when engaging in learning on the land. It is surrounded by 49 acres of natural and agri-



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Students take part in the 10th annual Unite to Change conference at the new Ozhaawashkwaa Animikii-Bineshi Aki Onji Kinimaagae' Inun or Blue Thunderbird Land-Based Teachings Learning Centre, located on Grassmere Road in West St. Paul, last Thursday.

cultural grounds for community and classroom extensions to land-based learning, sharing a combination of Indigenous and western perspectives around historic and cultural connections to the land, environmental stewardship, sustainable food production, and nutrition.

The space is open to the community seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit [www.7oaks.org](http://www.7oaks.org).

Alexis Nazeravich, the program co-ordinator of the Aki Centre, said the students really took to the lessons last week.

"I have goose bumps, I've spent a year and a half planning this, trying to make this building feel like a home. The students are very quiet, they respect the elders, it's just so wonderful to see them engaged," Nazeravich said.

"One of our dreams was having an Elder teach here, and to have the smell of traditional food accompany that teaching. It's very holistic."

While the students were listening to Elder Mary, other staff members were cooking fresh bannock a few steps away. The students got to eat some bannock as they left to their next station.

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# Selkirk to host 24th annual Kids Fishing For A Cure Derby June 1

By Lindsey Enns

A special fishing derby that helps children battling cancer be kids for a day will mark its 24th year in Selkirk next month.

The 24th annual Kids Fishing For A Cure Derby will take place in Selkirk Park on Saturday, June 1.

The event kicks off at around 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast for the participating children and their family members before volunteer boat operations and avid anglers take children and a family member out on the Red River to fish.

Selkirk resident Bobbi Carter, who has been helping organize the derby in some capacity since its inception, said the free event is all about letting kids who are currently undergoing cancer treatment just be kids for a day.

"That to me is what it's all about. It's very rewarding working with these children," said Carter, who is currently the event's secretary and derby chairperson. "These kids are in the fight for their lives and at the end of the day when you see them going home with their loot smiling and laughing it's just great."



**RECORD FILE PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS**  
Children and their family members from across Manitoba take part in the Kids Fishing For A Cure derby held in Selkirk Park in this 2018 photo. This year's fishing derby is set to take place on June 1.

Various fundraisers are organized throughout the year to raise money and support from local sponsors and donors help make the fishing derby a reality each year. Help from dozens of volunteers is also an invaluable part of the event, Carter said.

Derby day includes a pancake breakfast, boat operators taking participants out to fish on the Red River, followed by a lunch of hot dogs, ham-

burgers, drinks and treats.

Children are also treated to face painting, a visit from local and area mascots as well as RCMP and members of the fire department. The event also includes a raffle and silent auction, then a presentation of trophies, medallions and the presentation of a bicycle to the overall derby winner.

Kids Fishing For A Cure is a non-profit organization, with net proceeds going to benefit pediatric cancer pa-

tients.

The fishing derby was founded in 1996 by Selkirk resident John Harbor. Harbor was a volunteer driver for CancerCare Manitoba and on these trips he noticed the many children battling cancer. Being an avid fisherman himself, Harbor thought of the idea of taking kids out for a free, fun filled day of fishing.

After Harbor passed away in 2000, a group of dedicated volunteers agreed to keep the annual event alive.

Carter says she still remembers Harbor asking if she could help cook hot-dogs during the first derby.

With the derby's 25th anniversary right around the corner, Carter says they're hoping to plan something special next year to mark the occasion.

"I would personally like to see every child that's ever been at the derby to come back for the 25th," she said. "We have lots of survivors and some even still come out and volunteer."

Anyone interested in volunteering or taking part in this year's event can call 204-785-8526 or 204-482-6706 or register online at <https://kidsfishingforacure.com/>. You can also find "Kids Fishing For A Cure Manitoba" on Facebook.

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# Local growers offer spring planting, gardening tips

By Justin Luschinski

Now that spring has finally sprung, local botanists in Selkirk and area are offering up some planting tips.

With temperatures starting to heat up, the spring planting season is fast approaching. Residents are rushing to greenhouses and are starting to till up their gardens, but what should they plant? And what common mistakes can residents avoid?

Gary Wilmott, who owns Plants Plus Greenhouse and Nursery in Petersfield, has been helping Manitobans take care of plants for many years. He says the most common mistake gardeners tend to make is over watering plants.

"Usually tomatoes, people tend to water them too much, give them too much TLC," Wilmott said. "When they get too much water, the stems will turn yellow, that's a lack of iron caused by over watering it. It's called chlorosis, and it happens when people overlove their plants. You want it to dry out a bit, and keep the watering schedule consistent."

Wilmott added that usually, Manitoba planting season starts at the end of May, early June. He added that many Manitoba plants are hardy, and they're used to surviving the provinces' harsh winters. Many of them are under the "perennial" plant family, meaning they grow over the spring and summer, die off in the fall and winter, and return in the spring.



Gary Wilmott, owner of Plants Plus Greenhouse and Nursery in Petersfield, holds up some flowers inside his greenhouse recently. Plants Plus is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year.

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Kelly Leask, manager of Prairie Originals in Selkirk, is a big supporter of Manitoba plants, and say they're great for first time gardeners.

"Native plants are wonderful additions to any garden. Once they're established, you don't have to worry about them much, you don't have to cover them over the winter," Leask said. "They're also the best plants for

attracting wildlife, like birds. Sometimes people say native plans don't belong, but they can look really well in a garden."

Plants such as the native milkweed have been known to attract Manitoba wildlife to gardens. A milkweed is one of the only plants that a monarch butterfly caterpillar can eat, which means they will almost always lay eggs there.

Other plants will also naturally attract bees, which are essential to human life and are currently at risk of extinction.

Leask added that plants need time to adapt to a new environment. If residents want to

transition a plant from sitting indoors to a garden, don't immediately put them in the ground. Instead, leave your plant outside for a few hours, then bring it back in. Gradually increase the exposure to the outside world, until it's had enough oxygen to survive on its own.

Taylor Gyselinck, owner of The Flower Child in Selkirk, encourages first time gardeners to start small.

"People will usually put in this massive garden for their first time. It's a lot to take care of, and a lot to harvest. Start small until you find your comfort level," Gyselinck said. "Start small, take one or two tomatoes, take a couple of peppers, see how they grow, and see how you and your family eat. Make sure you plant what you're going to eat, and don't waste anything."

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## Lighting is a key component of curb appeal

Curb appeal can affect prospective buyers' perception of a home. When addressing curb appeal, homeowners may be inclined to focus on features that are easily seen from the street during the day. But what can a homeowner do to improve on his or her home's nighttime aesthetic?

Outdoor lighting is one aspect of curb appeal that is often overlooked, advises the home improvement experts at The Spruce. Homeowners may fail to recognize the importance of how proper illumination can provide their homes with a warm glow and make it look beautiful after the sun has set. For example, think of how

cozy and inviting neighborhoods appear during the holiday season when homes are strung with twinkling lights. Homeowners can replicate that look all year long with lighting elements.

Lighting for evening hours also helps maintain a safe environment for people who are visiting the property. Illuminating walkways and doorways provides a clearly visible and safe path to and from the home.

The following are a few ways to improve outdoor lighting.

- Focus on architectural features. Outdoor lighting can focus on the external features of the home's architectural style. Use light to draw attention to interesting gables, dramatic roof lines, dormers, or curved entryways.

- Play up landscaping. Stylish lighting can highlight trees, shrubs, pathways, gardens, and all of the elements of softscapes and hardscapes on a property. The lighting experts at Vernon Daniel Associates say that soft lighting can make homes feel warm and cozy. Uplighting trees or other elements can add a dramatic effect.

- Light up all doors. Make sure that doors, both entry and

garage, are properly lit for ease of entry and egress from the home. Safety.com, a home and personal security resource, says a home burglary occurs every 15 seconds in Canada. Installing motion-activated lights or lights on timers can deter break-ins. Consider using home automation to control porch lights and other outdoor lights remotely, if necessary.

• Create entertaining areas. Outdoor lighting can be used to extend the hours residents can spend outside. This is great for entertaining and can be an excellent selling point.

Homeowners are urged not to overlook outdoor lighting as a vital part of their plan to improve curb appeal.



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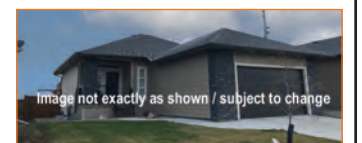
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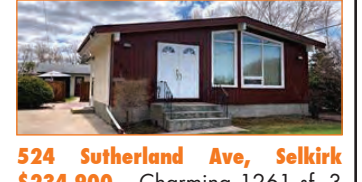
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Whether home improvement projects are design to improve the interior or exterior of a house, focusing on renovations that make the most financial sense can benefit homeowners in the long run. The right renovations can be assets if and when homeowners decide to sell their homes.

So how does one get started? First and foremost, speak to a local real estate agent who is knowledgeable about trends in the community. While a swimming pool may be something coveted in one area, it may impede sales in another. It also helps to study generalized trends and data from various home improvement industry analysts to guide upcoming projects.

The following outdoor projects are just a few renovations that tend to add value.

**Fire pit:** A fire pit is a great place to gather most months of the year. Bob Vila and CBS news report that a fire pit realizes a 78 percent return on investment, or ROI.

**Outdoor kitchen:** Many buyers are looking to utilize their yards as an extension of interior living areas. Cooking, dining and even watching TV outdoors is increasingly popular. Outdoor living areas can be custom designed and built. In addition, prefabricated modular units that require a much smaller commitment of time and money are available.

**Patio:** Homeowners who do not already have a patio will find that adding one can increase a home's value. Patios help a home look neat, add useable space and may help a home to sell quickly. The experts at Space Wise, a division of Extra Space Storage, say that refinishing, repairing and

building a new patio offers strong ROI.

**Deck:** Deck can be as valuable as patios. A deck is another outdoor space that can be used for entertaining, dining and more. Remodeling magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report indicates that an \$11,000 deck can add about \$9,000 in resale value to the home, recouping around 82 percent of the project's costs.

**Door update:** Improve curb appeal with a new, high-end front door and garage doors. If that's too expensive, a good cleaning and new coat of paint can make an old door look brand new. These easy fixes can improve a home's look instantly.

**New landscaping:** The National Association of Realtors says an outdoor makeover that includes well-thought out landscaping can net 105 percent ROI. Installing a walkway, adding stone planters, mulching, and planting shrubs are ideas to consider.

Many different outdoor projects can add value to a home.



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## Small kitchen improvements that maximize functionality

Many homeowners wish for expansive kitchens. Modernized kitchens that include sought after features and showcase the latest trends go a long way to improving the overall value of a home.

As desirable as such kitchens may be, some homes simply don't have enough space for a centerfold-worthy kitchen featuring an island, wine refrigerator and walk-in pantry. However, homeowners with small kitchens can still improve the form and function of their existing spaces.

Reconfigure and revamp cabinetry

Homeowners whose kitchens are small often lament their lack of storage. Redesigning the layout of cabinets, and possibly adding some more cabinetry, may take care of certain storage issues. The experts at Merit Kitchens suggest utilizing corner space with LeMans units, lazy susans and other gadgets to make access to these areas easier. Going vertical with wall cabinets that extend to the ceiling also can add more storage, as can roll-in work carts.

Work with the walls

Small kitchens require clever usage of vertical space. Vertical storage units, hooks, shelving, and more can move items out of drawers and off of counters. Consider an under-the-cabinet toaster oven and microwave to create more counter space.

Use scaled-down appliances

Shop with size in mind when looking at new appliances if you have a small kitchen. Compact versions won't take up as much space as larger alternatives. Homeowners should consider the ultimate function of the kitchen and then think about which appliances will serve them well. Homeowners with small kitchens may not need a large stand mixer or an oversized commercial stove.

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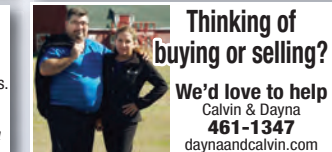
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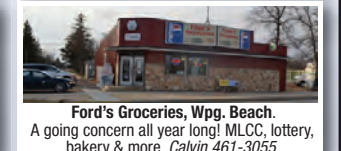
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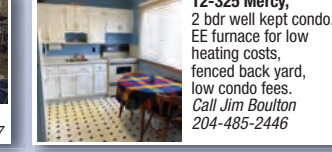
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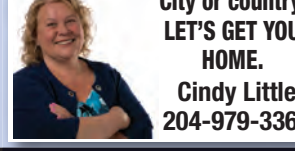
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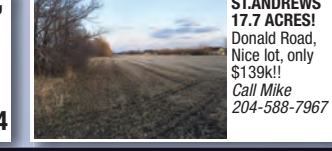
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## Add a pop of purple around the house

Pantone named "Ultra Violet" its color of the year in 2018, helping to create a resurgence in popularity of all things purple. As a result, homeowners who pride themselves on staying on top of the latest trends have increasingly turned to purple when designing their home interiors.

Purple influences can range from the dramatic to the subtle. Here are some ways to embrace purple in your home.

**Transition bedroom color**

Purple has long been a favorite shade for adolescents who are growing up and moving away from pinks

and peaches into more mature room colors. Purple looks well when accented by white, magenta and yellow. Even though it is embraced by young girls, purple also can be used by adults who want to create soothing retreats in their bedrooms.

**Create an accent wall**

A purple room may intimidate people who prefer mild, more neutral design schemes. But a purple accent wall can add a pop of color, suggest the home experts at Realtor.com. When it comes time to list a home, it's easier for the next homeowner to embrace a purple accent wall than an entire

room decorated in this jeweled tone.

**Use accent items**

It's easy to add a splash of plum or other variations of purple without making a permanent commitment. Dress up neutral decor with throw pillows, rugs, table linens, or draperies in all shades of purple. As trends change, it's easy to exchange accent items.

**Modern kitchen**

Homeowners can offset efficient, modern design in kitchens characterized by white cabinetry and stainless appliances with some well-placed grape focal points. A purple back-

splash, purple-clad island or lavender bar stools can lend vibrancy to a space.

**Purple powder room**

A purple guest bathroom is the ideal place to help overnight guests feel regal. Violet and deeper shades of purple can feel warm and luxurious. Beige or cream bathrooms can be enhanced with a deep purple bath mat, shower curtain and hand towels.

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Add some glass

The DIY Network recommends incorporating glass to improve the perception of space in small kitchens. Glass lets you see through the



objects, thereby enhancing the feeling of spaciousness or what designers call "negative space." Glass also can be reflective, visually expanding the

space.

**Embrace high-end materials**

It costs less to renovate small spaces than bigger areas, so homeowners may be able to afford high-end materials that really add personality to a kitchen. Flooring, counter materials and quality fixtures can really set small kitchens apart.

Small kitchens can be culinary havens with the right improvements to maximize the space.

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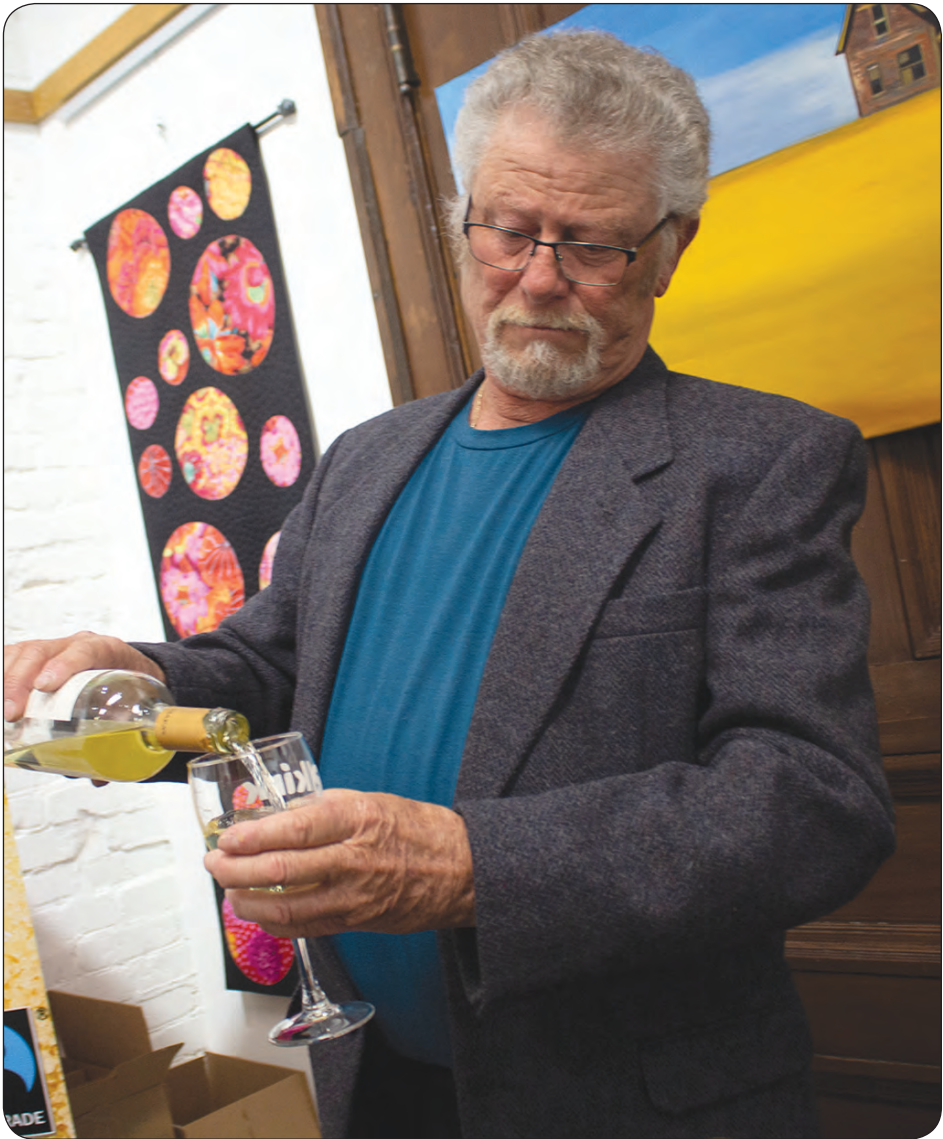


# Dancing the night away



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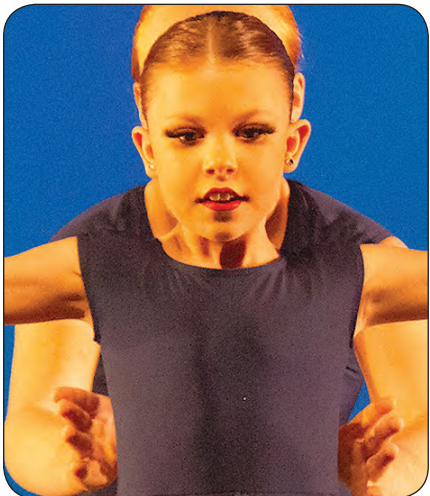


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2 tablespoons sunflower oil, divided  
1 teaspoon coriander seeds  
3 dried red chiles  
1/4 cup freshly grated coconut  
1 teaspoon tamarind concentrate, diluted in 1/4 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon turmeric  
Salt, to taste  
1 medium onion, sliced  
1. Put the lentils and 1 1/2 cups of hot water into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the lentils are mushy, about 35 minutes.  
2. In the meantime, place the spinach in

a pot along with a little hot water and heat it for a couple of minutes. Add it to the lentils.

3. In a separate pan, heat half the oil and fry the coriander seeds until they turn dark, then add the chiles and coconut. Reduce the heat and stir for a couple of minutes. Remove from the heat, let it cool slightly, then tip it into a blender along with the tamarind and a few tablespoons of water and blend until you get a fine paste.

4. Add this to the lentils, along with the turmeric and the salt.

5. Heat the remaining oil in a small saucepan and fry the onions until golden, then add them to the lentils. Reheat thoroughly and serve hot with rice.



## Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli

Serves 6-8

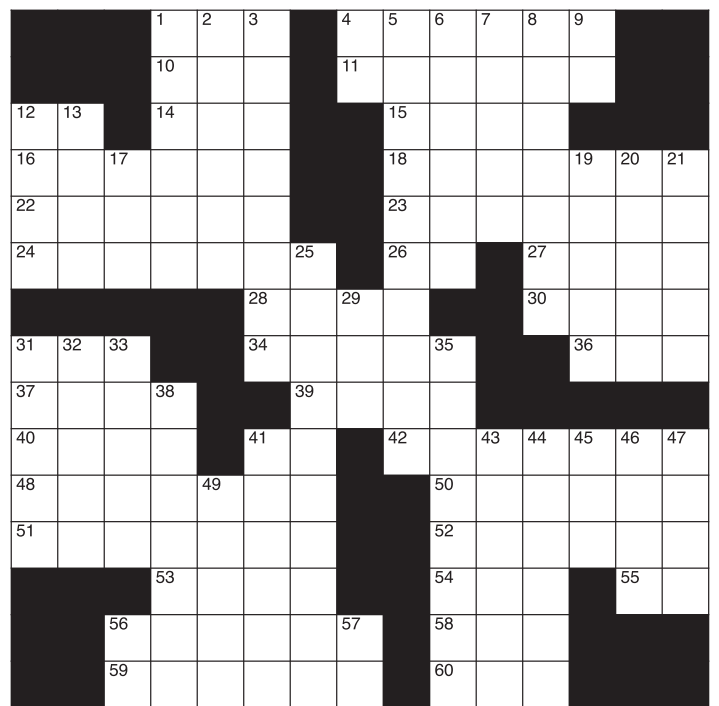
3 cups cubed, fully cooked ham  
1 10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed  
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

1 jar processed cheese sauce  
1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained  
1 1/4 cups uncooked instant rice  
1 cup milk  
1 celery rib, chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours, or until the rice is tender. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with paprika.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Maintains possession of
4. Other side
10. Comedienne Gasteyer
11. Lawn buildup
12. Southeast
14. Negative
15. Greek temple pillar
16. Blue
18. Pointless
22. Complete
23. Supervisor
24. Where kids bathe
26. Radio frequency
27. Cruel Roman emperor
28. Young woman (French)
30. Within
31. Civil Service Commission
34. Sarongs
36. Father
37. It grows on heads
39. A Spanish river
40. Boundary
41. Contains music
42. Causes to feel sorrow
48. Used to restrain
50. Fictional kids character
51. South American country
52. Devote resources to
53. Beginner
54. Everyone has one
55. University worker (abbr.)
56. Resist an attack
58. Unifying Chinese dynasty
59. Blood-sucking African fly
60. CNN's founder



### CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_\_ and her sisters
2. Smear or rub with oil
3. Holy places
4. Indicates position
5. Drives around
6. Price
7. Semiaquatic mammal
8. With three uneven sides
9. Sacrifice hit
12. Covers a wound
13. Jaguarundi
17. Works produced by skill and imagination
19. A way to improve
20. River along India and Nepal border
21. Hairnet
25. DePaul University athletes
29. Bachelor of Laws
31. Game of skill
32. Holy man
33. Cylinder of tobacco
35. Most ingratiating
38. Repeats aloud
41. Red wine
43. Debilitating tropical disease
44. Entirely lacking
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# sports & recreation

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## Thunder well represented at RMFL all-star game

### Staff

The Interlake Thunder were very well represented at the Rural Manitoba Football League's all-star game last Saturday at the East Side Eagles Field.

Team East had 18 Thunder players on the roster, more than any other team. The game was played as 12-man compared to the nine-man played during the regular season.

Interlake players name to the team included Joshua Charison, James Crate, Brady de Laroque, Karsen Karish, Keenan Karish, Brandyn Linklater, Tanner McCallen, Aden McLean, Colton Meisner, Colton Nedotiafko, Benjamin Olafson, Andrew Perrier, Graeme Perrie, Jesse Pretau, Corey Proctor, Gabriel Simard, Cordell Sumner, and Eric Zotter.

The East coaching staff was also primarily Thunder coaches. They included Mitch Obach (head coach), Ed de Laroque (defensive coordinator, Derek Charison (offensive coordinator), Walter Stewart (defensive line), Kurt Karish (offensive line), and Richie Arndt (offensive line).



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The Interlake Thunder was well represented at the Rural Manitoba Football League all-star game last Saturday. Interlake players were on Team East, which lost 18-6 to Team West.

Team East was comprised of the Interlake, Dauphin, Southwest and Neepawa. Team West included Swan Valley, Park West, Virden and Moosomin.

In preparation for the game, two a were held in Neepawa the previous days (four hours of practice each day) two Saturdays.

## North Wpg Pirates pound Elmwood Giants

### Staff

The North Winnipeg Pirates snapped a two-game losing streak Sunday by whalloping the Elmwood Giants 20-1 in 18U AAA baseball action.

Last Friday, the Pirates were edged 7-6 by the first-place Winnipeg South Chiefs.

On May 7, the Pirates were nipped 9-8 by the Bonivital Black Sox.

The Pirates, now 4-3 and in third place in the eight-team league, hosted the St. James A's this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

North Winnipeg will then take on the Carillon Sultans on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Ile des Chenes.

In PeeWee play, the North Winnipeg Pirates lost their first game of the sea-

son, dropping a 10-0 decision to the Carillon Sultans.

The loss dropped the Pirates' record to 5-1, which leaves them tied for first place with the Bonivital Black Sox.

North Winnipeg's wins came against Bonivital (4-1), the Brandon Marlins (22-3 and 6-1), the St. James A's (20-7) and the Winnipeg South Chiefs (7-2).

The Pirates hosted Bonivital this past Tuesday at the Sunova Centre in West St. Paul but no score was available at press time.

North Winnipeg is back in action Thursday at 6:30 p.m. when it hosts St. James.

The Pirates will then host the Interlake Orioles on Monday in a double-headers. Games begin at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## Schick joins Steelers as head scout

### Staff

The Selkirk Steelers have announced that Tim Schick will be joining the organization as their head scout.

Schick has more than 25 years experience with scouting junior hockey across Canada and the United States.

"Tim's experience and knowledge will be utilized immediately at the Steelers' upcoming spring camp then shortly following, the MJHL Bantam Draft," said Nick Lubimiv, the Steelers' head coach/manager of hockey operations, on the team's website.

Meanwhile, the Manitoba Junior Hockey League champion Portage Terriers were 0-2 after two games at the 49th edition of Canada's National Junior A Championship in Brooks, Alta.

Portage opened play with a 3-0 loss to the the Ottawa Jr. Senators last Saturday afternoon and then the Terriers blew a two-goal lead in a 5-3 loss to the Brooks Bandits Sunday evening.

Portage was in a must-win situation this past Tuesday with a game

against Oakville. The Terriers will wrap up round-robin play in the five-team tournament against Prince George on Wednesday evening.

The top four teams advance to the semifinals this weekend.

Portage defeated the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Battlefords North Stars in the best-of-seven ANAVET Cup to earn a spot at the national championship as the West representative.

In other MJHL news, Taras McEwen has been named the Winnipeg Blues' new general manager.

The 28 year old from Whitewood, Sask. most recently held the position of manager of scoring and hockey operations for the WHL team and will continue in that role.

McEwen replaces Billy Keane, who was GM and head coach of the Blues. There is a possibility, though, that Keane will be back with the Blues as head coach this upcoming season.

The Blues were recently purchased by the owners of the Western Hockey League's Winnipeg Ice.





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# North Winnipeg knocks off Interlake twice on Mother's Day

By Brian Bowman

The North Winnipeg Pirates are off to an impressive start so far in the 15U AAA baseball season.

North Winnipeg improved its record to 5-2 after defeating the Interlake Orioles twice in a doubleheader last Sunday at the Sunova Centre in West St. Paul.

"We've played almost all of the teams in the league so far and our records speaks a little bit for itself," said Pirates' head coach Donnie Smith. "I'm a kind of surprised somewhat because we have a fairly young team with only three returners from AAA last year.

"But I think the parity in the league is fairly close depending on who's on the bump."

The Pirates defeated the Orioles 6-0 and 17-6 on Mother's Day. North Winnipeg exploded for 10 runs in the first inning in Game 2, which was called after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

While Game 2 was a blowout, the first game of the twinbill was a good one.

"Even though it was 6-0, it was probably a little tighter," Smith said. "Our

No. 1 guy probably right now, Ethan Minaker, a lefty, threw really well for us and went the distance with one out remaining in the game."

After losing their first game of the season 5-3 to the Bonivital Black Sox, the Pirates rebounded nicely to defeat the Brandon Marlins 3-2 and 11-1 and the Red River Valley Pioneers 16-9.

That win streak, though, was snapped when the St. James A's edged the Pirates 11-10 last Friday.

"In our first game to Boni, to me they are the team to beat this year, but we held our own," Smith said. "It was so early in the year so I didn't want our guys throwing very long so we went through the rotation a little bit with pitchers."

North Winnipeg will host Bonivital (5-0) this Wednesday at the Sunova Centre and then will visit the Winnipeg South Chiefs on Friday. Both games will start at 6:30 p.m.

Next Monday, North Winnipeg will play the Carillon Sultans in a doubleheader at A.D. Penner Park in Steinbach.

Games are slated for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Keenan Allen (1) of St. Andrews and the North Winnipeg Pirates swept the Interlake Orioles in 15U AAA doubler-header action last Sunday in West St. Paul. North Winnipeg won by scores of 6-0 and 17-6.

# Royals rip Hawks in KPAC soccer quarter-final

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals left little doubt as to who the better team was in their KPAC boys' quarter-final soccer game last Thursday against the MBCI Hawks.

Selkirk scored twice in each half on their way to an impressive 4-0 victory at Maples Collegiate in north Winnipeg.

"It was a good win in so many ways because we have talent but we needed to finish and score goals," said Royals' head coach Kevin Lopuck. "We did that so that was good and we also had a chance to get the entire bench in and everybody contributed. It was a good win all around, so we're pretty happy."

Dennis Slogan, Josh Jehle, Matt Brooks and Kyle Follhoffer scored for the Royals.

Selkirk did a great job moving the ball and creating scoring chances.

"We have the talent, it's just a matter of (finishing)," Lopuck stressed. "The ball control was excellent and I saw guys talking, communicating, switching the field when we had the opportunity, looking for guys to the outside because we do have some speed."

In their own end, Royals' goalkeeper Spencer Grahame had a relatively easy time as he wasn't tested too often.

"MBCI is definitely a younger team of Grade 9s so Spencer Grahame didn't have too much work but when

he was needed he was solid," Lopuck said. "Our defence, especially in the centre-back position, (was real good). Raymond Hefferman played the whole game and he sets a good voice out there and is a real good leader on the team. "He kept things under control and, along with the other defencemen, Spencer didn't have a lot of work."

With the win, Selkirk advanced to play the West Kildonan Wolverines this past Tuesday in a semifinal matchup.

West Kildonan defeated the Maples Collegiate Marauders in penalty kicks in their quarter-final game.

The Wolverines and Royals played to a 1-1 draw in an exhibition game ear-

lier this season.

"I think we have the talent to get it done on Tuesday," said Lopuck Sunday afternoon. "But we have to be cautious because they are really strong defensively. They pestered us enough that even with our talent, we didn't finish in the exhibition game."

"But it was an exhibition game and we didn't have all of our guys there. I expect it to be a close game and I think it'll just come down to, hopefully, our talent wins the day."

In the other KPAC semifinal, Garden City played River East on Tuesday. The league final is slated for Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Maples Collegiate.



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## Selkirk struggles at Winkler baseball tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals struggled at the W.C. Miller Classic baseball tournament last Friday in Altona.

The Royals finished the tournament with an 0-3 record after getting doubled 6-3 by the Steinbach Sabres.

"We played very good against Steinbach," said Royals' coach Trevor Churchill. "They got their six runs in the first two innings and they didn't score on us after that. Our best game of the tournament was against Steinbach."

The Sabres reached the tournament final where they lost 8-2 to the W.C. Miller Aces.

The Royals started tournament play with an 11-2 loss to the Stonewall Collegiate Rams. Selkirk jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead but Stonewall proceeded to score 11 unanswered runs. Walks and errors, in large part, led to that Rams' comeback.

Selkirk was then defeated 11-1 by the Northlands Parkway Nighthawks.

The Royals finished last in their four-

team pool. The Altona tournament normally attracts some of the top high school teams in Manitoba.

"We were down some bodies so it was pretty rough," Churchill admitted. "We were down four or five players, all AAA guys, and we didn't have much pitching. If we have a full squad, I think we can compete with anyone in the province."

On May 7, the Royals defeated the Kildonan East Reivers 8-0 and River East Kodiaks 5-2 in KPAC action.

Selkirk played KPAC games this past Tuesday against the Garden City Fighting Gophers and the Springfield Sabres.

No score from either game were available at press time.

"Tuesday is a big day for us because it will (help) determine where we finish," Churchill said Sunday afternoon. "We need to win at least one game but we're hoping to win both of those."

The Royals will wrap up league play against the Murdoch Mackay Clansmen this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Two



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Selkirk Royals' Ryland Kuczek slides safely into third during WC Miller Baseball Classic tournament action in Altona.

semifinal games will be played later that day at 2 p.m.

The KPAC final is set for Shaw Park at 2 p.m. on May 22.

## Manitoba teams win gold, silver at NACH

Staff

It was a golden moment for Manitoba at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Whitehorse last weekend.

Manitoba's male team defeated Saskatchewan 6-1 in the gold-medal game on Sunday.

But the gold didn't come without controversy.

Alberta was disqualified from the tournament because of a schedul-

ing issue. Alberta's flight home was scheduled a couple of hours before the gold-medal game was to be played. They refused to change their flight plans and tournament organizers refused to alter the tournament's schedule.

The result was Manitoba earning a spot in the gold-medal game just a few hours after beating B.C. 5-3 for the bronze.

Manitoba had lost 6-4 to Alberta in a

semifinal contest last Saturday.

Manitoba head coach Kevin Monkman, in his sixth season at the helm of the provincial team, previously was the bench boss for the Keystone Junior Hockey League's Peguis Juniors.

Manitoba's women's team, meanwhile, brought home silver from the championship after a 4-1 loss to Saskatchewan.

Manitoba cruised to three consecutive victories to qualify for the semifi-

nals and then shut out Ontario 7-0 to reach the gold-medal game.

Manitoba's female team has medalled at 10 of 17 national Aboriginal hockey championships while Manitoba's male squad has brought home nine medals since 2002.

The annual Aboriginal hockey championships attract teams from across Canada, with players aged 15-18.



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St. Andrews' goaltender Amy Clarkson was invited to Ringette Canada's High Performance Challenge Cup in Calgary.

## Clarkson invited to High Performance Challenge Cup

Staff

Ringette Canada hosted its third High Performance Challenge Cup in Calgary, Alta. last weekend.

St. Andrews' goaltender Amy Clarkson was one of the players invited to the camp. She was the lone Manitoban to be invited.

The event brought the top senior national team prospects together to train, compete and learn about Ringette Canada's High Performance programs and philosophies.

"The Challenge Cup environment provided an excellent forum for our athletes, coaches and officials to continuously improve," said Barb Bautista, Team Canada head coach, in a media release. "This series represented an opportunity to foster this high-performance growth."

While participation in the Challenge Cups was not mandatory for eligibility for selection to Team Canada, the events are highly valued by Team Canada staff.

The camp was important for scouting and evaluation opportunities, it provided critical training opportunities for athletes to gain valuable game experience in a highly competitive environment.

It also gave opportunities for eventual Team Canada members to gel as lines and become familiar with various Team Canada systems.



# Royals rolling in boys' rugby

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals are boasting one of their better boys' rugby teams in recent years.

And they have the results to prove it.

Selkirk improved its record to 2-1 this season after a convincing 44-7 win over the TecVoc Hornets last Saturday.

"We played really well," said Royals' head coach Gord Dehn. "The guys played well offensively and defensively - we really held our own. We have really good size with our forwards and they're athletic and they have experience, which helps in this game."

Selkirk executed its game plan to perfection against TecVoc.

"We had a game plan and it was to run the ball hard at them and when we got it out to the backs, the backs did some really good damage out there as well," Dehn said.

The Royals have a really good mix of speed and size this season. Selkirk has some players that are nearly unstoppable once they get their legs going.

"We have lots of speed with the forwards and the backs," Dehn noted. "We have some really quick guys and some really aggressive guys, which is something that were very fortunate to have this year. We have size, quickness, and athletic ability."

Selkirk started its season with a solid 27-5 win over Glenlawn Collegiate. The Royals were then defeated 27-0 to the St. Paul's Crusaders' top team last week.

St. Paul's, as usual, has a very strong team this season. But Selkirk is not too far off in terms of talent.

"St. Paul's did beat us but one of the things that we have to close that gap on is we have to play better defence," Dehn stressed. "Our defence had a little letdown in the first half, the last 10 to 15 minutes of the first half. Our defence has got to be better and we have to take the ball to them a little bit more. They played a really strong defensive game and we weren't able to break any of their defensive lines."

Dehn said the Royals have a real good mix of players in Grades 10, 11, and 12.

"Some of these Grade 10s and 11s that have come out are playing really hard and have been fantastic for us," he said. "I'm really happy with the turnout and the kids are playing well. They're really excited and they have had some success where in the last couple of years we've sometimes taken a pounding."

"But we've turned things around here a little bit and the numbers are good. The players are coming out so it's good to see."

Selkirk played at St. Paul's 2 this past Tuesday and then will host the Sisler Spartans on Thursday to end its regular season. Game time for the home game is 5 p.m.

Semifinal games are slated for next Thursday while the championship game will be played Saturday.



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Royals' Miquel Larabie carries the ball through a swarm of potential tacklers.



Selkirk's Luke Fjelstad (top) and Will Miller (10) take down a St. Paul's ball carrier.

# Royals' girls' rugby team young, talented

By Brian Bowman

It's going to be a learning year for the Selkirk Royals' girls' rugby team.

With several veterans gone from last year's squad, there has been a lot of learning going on the field this season.

"We lost about two thirds of the team last year that were in Grade 12," said Royals' head coach Jamie Shuhyta. "We have two thirds Grade 10s this year and we only have five or six veteran players so it's a lot of learning the game and starting all over again, unfortunately."

The Royals expect to have some growing pains this season but the future looks really, really bright if the girls stick with the program.

"If we hang on to these girls the next two, three years it will be one of those growing things again," Shuhyta predicted. "You build them up and sometimes they don't start until Grade 11 or even 12 and they get that one or two years and then they're gone."

Selkirk's first game of the season against Oak Park was a forfeit win because the Raiders failed to field a team this season. The Royals played their first game last week against a more experienced Springfield Sabres team, losing 27-0.

"That was the first game for literally over half the team," Shuhyta noted. "It definitely was an urgency thing. We weren't as committed and I think that's largely because (our girls) don't

quite know the game well. There was a lot of watching and following what the five or six veteran players were doing. There was a lot of instinct (among the play)."

Shuhyta, though, is very pleased with the athleticism - and speed - on this year's team. Thirty-five girls tried out for the team as the Royals capped their roster at 25.

"That's actually the one big pro this year," he said. "We actually have a fairly good spread of athletes. We have a lot of multi-sport athletes, which has kind of been the big turnaround the last few years as we have gone from girls not playing any sports now to girls that play multiple sports."

"That's definitely been a good factor.

There are definitely some great diamonds in the rough with this Grade 10 group. If they stick with it for three years, they're going to be phenomenal players in Grade 12."

Selkirk hosted the Kelvin Clippers at the Rec Complex this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Royals will then host the Sisler Spartans on Thursday and then will play at Garden City next Tuesday.

All three games will start at 5 p.m., according to the league schedule.

The league semifinals will be played next Thursday while the city championship is set for May 25.

The provincial championship is slated for May 31 and June 1.



# Selkirk's Harry Oliver was an elite talent of his day

By Ty Dilello

For all you trivia buffs out there, if you want to sound smart the next time you're watching an NHL playoff game, mention that the first Manitoban to ever score a Stanley Cup playoff goal was none other than Selkirk native Harry Oliver.

It's safe to say that Oliver had a gift. That gift was a strong skating stride that was described as being "smooth as silk" and he possessed great stick-handling abilities and an accurate shot. He was a gentleman on and off the ice.

Being a humble man, Oliver was a silent leader who spoke with his performance on and off the ice. Being only 5'8" and 150 pounds, Oliver was appropriately named "PeeWee" during his career. The book *Ultimate Hockey* wrote that, "In an era when a small man could finesse his way to professional hockey, Oliver was considered to be in a class by himself. He moved with the speed and grace of a greyhound. Always the perfect gentleman on and off the ice, Oliver never smoked or drank and was always dressed to the nines. As a skills player, he let the likes of Red Dutton, Eddie Shore, Billy Coutu and Sprague Cleghorn do the fighting."

The first player to score at the Boston Garden and the first to score 100 goals in a Boston Bruins uniform, Oliver carved out a remarkable sixteen season Hall of Fame career for himself that saw him play professional hockey in Calgary, Boston and New York.

Oliver was born in Selkirk on October 26, 1898. A self-taught hockey player, Oliver perfected his shooting and skating technique on the frozen Red River near his home messing around with friends. "When I was a kid, there was no organized hockey," Oliver recalled. "We just went out and played, sometimes on an outdoor rink, but mostly on the river."

Oliver didn't even play organized hockey until he joined the Selkirk Fishermen junior club as a seventeen-year-old. The son of a single mother, Oliver's mom was vital in Oliver's career early on and encouraged her son to reach new heights and play hockey as a way to explore North America.

Playing junior as well as senior hockey with the Selkirk Fishermen, Oliver was busy during the winter months. In 1919, the Fishermen won the Manitoba Senior Hockey League title and challenged the Hamilton Tigers for the Allan Cup. Oliver scored a goal in the second game but it wasn't enough as the Selkirk Fishermen lost the two-game total goals series by a 7-6 scoreline.

Oliver's talent was evident enough that by the next season he was play-

ing hockey for the Calgary Canadians in the Alberta Big-4 senior league and then later joined the Calgary Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League (WCHL) for the 1921-22 season. It was the speedy right winger's first taste of professional hockey, but Oliver sure didn't show it as his speed and grace quickly made him one of the league's best players. Oliver spent five seasons with the Tigers and was well over a point-per-game player during his time in Calgary and was always one of the league's top scorers. He was twice named to the WCHL First All-Star Team (1924, 1925) and his time in Calgary was highlighted with an appearance in the 1924 Stanley Cup finals where his squad eventually fell to a more powerful Montreal Canadiens team.

Eyeing a chance to play in the National Hockey League, Oliver was sold to the Boston Bruins on September 4, 1926. He enjoyed playing with the likes of fellow Winnipegger Frank Frederickson and the very tough Eddie Shore. "I left the rough stuff to others, especially to Eddie Shore when I played for Boston," recalled Oliver.

Oliver was put on the team's first line with Frank Fredrickson and Percy Galbraith. They were called The Boston Fog Line and they always seemed to put the puck in the net while they were on the ice. Bruins coach Art Ross, who was not known to praise his own team too much, called them the smoothest-working forward line he had ever seen.

The 1928-29 season would be the pinnacle of Oliver's hockey career. It would be an interesting campaign as star player Frank Frederickson was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates mid-season and Bill Carson joined Oliver and Percy Galbraith on the Bruins' top line. During the season, Oliver set an NHL record for fastest goal at the start of the game when he scored just ten seconds into a contest against the Toronto Maple Leafs that ended 5-2 in his Bruins favour.

In the playoffs, Boston was pitted against the Montreal Canadiens in the semi-finals. Montreal, the best team in the NHL during the regular season, was considered to be the overwhelming favourite. Well, Oliver and the Bruins swept aside the supposedly favourite Canadiens in three straight games. This put them in the Stanley Cup final where they went toe-to-toe with the New York Rangers. It marked the first time in National Hockey League history that two American teams played each other for the Stanley Cup.

The final series was reduced to a best-of-three, while the previous round was best-of-five. Apparently,

this was designed to theoretically reduce the chance of an upset. Game one was at the Boston Garden and the Bruins rolled to a 2-0 victory. Bruins goalie Tiny Thompson was terrific and earned the shutout.

Game two went back to Madison Square Garden in Manhattan, but there was nothing stopping the Bruins. They were on a mission. Oliver scored the game's opening goal early in the second period when he split the Rangers defence and fooled goalie John Ross Roach on a shot from in close. Oliver later assisted on teammate Bill Carson's Stanley Cup-winning goal with just 118 seconds left in the game, giving the Bruins a 2-1 win and more importantly, the team's first Stanley Cup championship.

Oliver recalled the Cup-winning goal many years later and how they were a lot more stoic than what you'd see today after such an important goal. "I was going down the right side. I saw Bill Carson loose on the right side. I passed him the puck and wingo! It was in on the left side," Oliver said. "Today, they make a big fuss about a goal, hugging each other and jumping up and down. We just gave a tap on the shoulder, nice going, and that was all. Today, they're more emotional after a goal."

After eight seasons in a Bruins uniform, Oliver was traded to the New York Americans on November 2, 1934 and played with the New York club until the conclusion of the 1936-37 season. On a line with Art Chapman and Lorne Carr, Oliver continued to be a productive scorer until the day he retired.

When Oliver left the game in 1937, he had played nearly 600 professional hockey games over a sixteen-year career. During his eleven seasons that were played in the National Hockey League, he scored 212 points in 463 NHL games. One of the most gentlemanly players of his time, Oliver was always in the running for the Lady Byng trophy and never took more than 24 penalty minutes a season during his entire professional career.

Oliver is the All-Time top scorer, assist and goal-scorer of the Calgary Tigers WCHL franchise. He was his team's top point-getter for seven straight seasons with the Calgary Tigers and then the Boston Bruins. A terrific career that was highlighted by the 1929 Stanley Cup, Oliver was one of the quiet superstars of his era.

Oliver came back to Selkirk following his hockey career and lived at a house on Reid Avenue. He worked as a self-employed electrician by trade. He then moved to Winnipeg where he worked for the Weights and Measures Department of the Canadian Govern-



**RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED**

Harry Oliver from his NHL days with the Boston Bruins and New York Americans in the 1920's and 1930's.

ment and was the head electrician for an airplane repair depot. While he was living in Winnipeg, Oliver's house on Borebank Avenue was broken into and all of his old hockey memorabilia was stolen. To this day, none of his trophies and Stanley Cup items have turned up. He soon after moved to a condo in the Osborne Village area.

It should also be noted that Oliver was a very religious man. Whether that's why he was such a gentlemanly player remains to be seen, but he had a strong faith in God which seemed to carry him through life. Oliver and his wife were proud members of the United Church in Selkirk throughout their lives.

"Harry and his wife Lottie were very generous people," recalled grandnephew Bill Martin. "They didn't have any kids of their own so they kind of inherited my dad and his two brothers. He came from a single family, his mother raised him, there was no dad, so he wanted to make sure he did his part as a family man despite not having any children of his own."

Oliver received the honour of being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1967. For Oliver, it was an amazing experience because he and his wife Lottie got to go to Toronto for the ceremony and he got visit with old friends like Eddie Shore that he had lost contact with once he retired from hockey and moved to Manitoba.

In his later years, Oliver moved back to Selkirk and passed away there on June 16th, 1985 at the age of 86.

"Very soft spoken and modest, he wasn't all that outgoing and led by example," recalled Bill Martin. "He didn't really talk about being a professional hockey player a whole lot."



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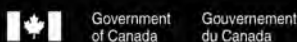
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If wealth is measured by friendship and love, then I am rich beyond compare, sincere appreciation and much love from the "wealthy pensioner", Yvonne (The Record apologizes for missing this in last week's paper)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CARD OF THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to all who sent messages of condolence upon the passing of my husband, Louis Chastko. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends at his "Celebration of Life" on May 5, 2019. A special thanks to Dr. Prematilake, the Selkirk Hospital and Selkirk Palliative Care for the compassionate care they gave to him and my family. Thanks to Gilbert Funeral Home for coming to our aid at such short notice. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped make his "Celebration of Life" so memorable.

-Sonia Chastko and Family

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CARD OF THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who came to my birthday party and to those that travelled from afar. The gifts and monetary gifts are much appreciated. A big thank you to my family in doing such a great job in decorating and the food, much appreciated. Thank you to all of you!

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5	7	6	9	7	2	1	8	
9	7	4	2	6	8	9	3	1
9	6	2	5	1	3	8	7	4
1	3	8	7	4	9	6	2	
2	8	6	1	3	7	4	9	5
7	1	3	9	8	5	7	2	6
7	9	5	7	2	6	1	8	3

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**OBITUARY**



**Dennis Mervin Walker "Big Joe"**  
August 24, 1963 - May 4, 2019

It is with broken hearts that we announce God called home our beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend on May 4, 2019. Big Joe went to be with his mother, father and other family members and is now at rest.

Born August 24, 1963 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he lived in Peguis, Manitoba until relocating to Selkirk, Manitoba in 1977 where he spent the remainder of his life. Big Joe's greatest joy in life was spending time with and supporting his family. Whether it was cooking a delicious meal or working as a commercial fisherman to earn a living, Big Joe did it with pride and enjoyed every minute of it. Big Joe was a Mighty Mariner for many years and played first base like no other. Big Joe was so proud of his sons and received such joy watching all his grandchildren's accomplishments.

Big Joe was predeceased by his mother Gertrude Walker and father Bertrum Walker; sisters Angela Walker and Olga Murray (Morley); brother Moses O'Meara (Maryanne); nephews Edgar Stevenson Jr, Rodney Walker and Justin Morrisseau; niece Desiree Walker; great aunt Helen Traverse; and brother-in-law Herman Morrisseau.

Left to treasure Big Joe's memory is his wife Maureen Walker. He will also be truly missed by his sons: Dennis (Amy), Nolan and Byron; grandchildren Dennis, Koral, Kaylyn Paisley, Kenna Dawn; sisters and brothers: William (Stella) Walker, Joanne (Doug) Stevenson, Freda (Barry) Bear, Maxine (Edgar) Stevenson, Ernest (Marie) Walker, Debbie (John) Burka, Charmaine (Jim) McIvor, Rosa Walker, Darryl (Kathy) Walker; mother-in-law Lillian Morrisseau; sisters-in-law Darlene (Jarvis) Swiderski, Gloria (Lorne) Frost, Yvonne (Monty) Monkman, Velma (Chuck) Cockroft; brothers-in-law Stanford Morrisseau and Leslie (Keri) Morrisseau and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Dennis Walker, Nolan Walker, Aaron Walker, Dwight Walker, Jeff Thomas and Leslie Morrisseau.

Honorary pallbearers: Dennis Walker Jr, William Walker, Ernest Walker, Darryl Walker, Bobby Bell, Lloyd Bowers, Jamie Duguid, Tony McCorrister, Sidney Michaud, Earl Crate, Rob Bear and Orry Morrisseau.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

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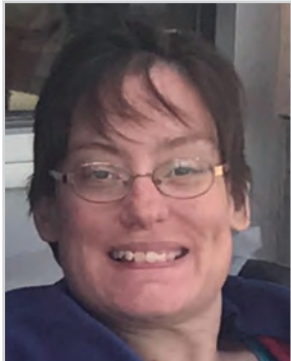


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## OBITUARY



**Holly Louise Elizabeth Keith**  
April 5, 1979- May 8, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our sister, Holly Keith, aged 40.

Holly leaves behind older sister Shannon; younger brother Graham and sister-in-law Amber and their children, Emma and Jack; younger sister Chelsea and her sons, Aiden and Kingston; Uncle Michael (Trish) Buhr; Aunt Susan (Ron) Burns, as well as many cousins.

Holly was predeceased by her father Murray Keith in 2017 and her mother Geraldine Keith (nee Buhr) in 2018, as well as by her two beloved cats, Smokey and Sasha.

Holly was a born fighter. At birth, she was diagnosed with a rare and severe form of Spina Bifida, which left her paralyzed from the waist down for life. Doctors warned our parents there was a

good chance that Holly was not likely to survive infancy and if she managed to live, she would be profoundly disabled, both intellectually and physically.

Undeterred, our parents brought her home and did their best to raise her as they would any other child. Holly consistently beat all of the tremendous odds against her; she fought through countless operations and medical procedures throughout her life, and came out stronger every time. Starting in childhood, she fought to prove that she was no different from anyone else and that her disability did not define her, nor did it prevent her from doing everything that other people do. Even though she required the use of a wheelchair, Holly never let that stop her. One of her favorite sayings was, "Don't look at the chair, look at me." She never took 'no' for an answer and used her incredible will and determination to accomplish whatever she set out to do.

Holly proved her doctors wrong; she had no intellectual disabilities, and attended school with her siblings, earning high grades and praise from her teachers and classmates. She participated in school plays and musicals, and enjoyed being in the spotlight.

Holly graduated from River East Collegiate in 1997, and shortly afterwards, she moved into her own apartment to start her life as an independent adult. She followed her passion for social justice and went on to earn a Bachelor of Social Work degree at the University of Manitoba. Holly's other passion in life was music. She loved country music, and wrote numerous songs, both solo and in collaboration with other songwriters. She loved the process of writing and seeing her songs take shape.

Holly also loved to travel. As a teenager, she spent a week each summer at a summer camp in BC, and as an adult, went to cities all across Canada and in the United States, mainly to attend concerts and country music award ceremonies. She loved to tell stories about her travels and her experiences in different cities.

Holly was a proud auntie to her three nephews and her niece. She delighted in their growth and successes, and shared their pain during their challenges. She loved to watch them play and ask them questions about everything going on in their lives. Hugs and kisses were always plentiful when they visited Auntie Holly.

Holly faced her final battle with courage and determination. She did her best to stay strong and persevere. A born fighter never stops fighting, and Holly stayed true to who she was right up until the last moment. We miss you, Hol, and love you always.

We would like to extend special thanks to Homecare nurse Kevin and the nurses on the E5 ward at St. Boniface Hospital for their excellent care and concern for both Holly and ourselves. You folks made a difficult journey easier by knowing Holly was in such caring and capable hands.

Flowers are gratefully declined; in lieu, we ask that you consider donating to the Canadian Cancer Society, Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, or a no-kill animal shelter of your choice.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Holly's life will be held at Gilbert Funeral Home at 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB, on Wednesday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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## OBITUARY



**Sharon Corene Overwater**  
(nee Dorratt)  
Heaven Has Our Angel

Sharon was born May 3, 1941 and passed suddenly and quietly in her sleep, Friday morning April 12, 2019. Sharon always enjoyed sleeping in. However, this time she did not wake.

She was predeceased by her daughter Diane Leigh (1965) and survived by her husband Emil; children, Dan Overwater (Corinne) of Parkland County, AB, Darrell Overwater (Kathy Chan) of Winnipeg, MB and Michelle Delaney (Mike) of Selkirk, MB; grandchildren, Wesley, Alexander, Brett, Tesla, Conor, Tyler and Jaydi who all miss her very much; siblings, Brian Dorratt (Andrea), Keith Dorratt (Jane), Janice Borecky (Don) and John Dorratt (Pascaul Saez) and their families.

Sharon grew up in the Elmwood area of Winnipeg on Harbison Avenue and attended Elmwood High School. Sharon married Emil Overwater and lived in the Elmwood and the Valley Gardens areas of Winnipeg, where she raised their family and worked for the Winnipeg Fur Exchange and the Royal Bank until her and Emil retired and moved to their cottage at Whitesands Estates near Grand Beach.

Sharon and Emil were married for 57 years and enjoyed a very close relationship and an interesting life together. They loved going out with friends, ballroom dancing to the rumba and the cha cha and travelled regularly to visit friends and family in Canada, the United States and Central America. They really knew how to have fun.

Sharon was very giving of her time and volunteered extensively. She had a long term involvement with Grey Street United Church, advocated nationally for refugee rights, sexual inclusivity and the Status of Women. She was also involved locally with Elmwood and Valley Gardens Community Clubs, Whitesands Estates Owners Associations and the library at Walter Whyte School.

With Sharon being the eldest of five in the Dorratt family, she was always the glue and the hub, organizing holiday dinners and birthday parties. Sharon and Emil's was the place to go. Everyone was welcome. Sharon had many lifelong friends who share cherished memories. The family has appreciated all the kind thoughts, stories and support received over the last few weeks.

Look up to the sky and blow her a kiss.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

For those who wish to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.chapellawn.ca](http://www.chapellawn.ca)

## OBITUARY

**Joseph Campbell Whitelam**  
April 13, 1932 – May 10, 2019

In loving memory and with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, firefighter and friend.

Joe was born and raised in Selkirk, MB. While growing up he played, and later coached and refereed hockey in the community. He was an accomplished curler and enjoyed golfing at both Selkirk and Mars Sandhills Golf Clubs. Joe retired from the Manitoba Rolling Mills in 1991, after more than 40 years of loyal service. In addition to his steel career, he served with honor for more than 25 years with the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Joe was a skilled craftsman, who enjoyed working at KR Woodcraft during his retirement with his son Brian. Joe was quick to share his building skills with his sons, friends and neighbors. He was also a member of the Selkirk United Church.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory, his three sons Keith of Libau, MB, Ken (Deb) of Denver, Colorado and Brian (Lori) of Selkirk, MB. Pops/Papa adored and was extremely proud of his three granddaughters Carrie (New York, NY), Kalie and Kaitlin of Selkirk, MB. He also leaves

to mourn his sister Jean (Roy) Gatland, and his sister-in-law Maeola Whitelam, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was predeceased by his loving wife of 47 years Doreen, his parents George Thomas Whitelam and Mary Ellen Whitelam (nee Campbell), as well as his brother Tom and sister Elaine Beattie. He was also predeceased by Elaine's husbands, Kayo Nissila and Ken Beattie.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held in June, with a private family interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Selkirk United Church, Firefighters Burn Fund of Selkirk, or the Selkirk Regional Health Center, Palliative Care Program.

Condolences may be left on Joe's tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com).

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