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The Red River has seen a rainbow of colourful ice shacks take to the waters as ice fishing season has officially begun. Pictured: Darryl Schmidt, Kerry Gledhill, Darryl Gledhill, and dog Rosie enjoying a day on the river at the Lockport Ice Fishing Village last weekend. To learn more about the Ice Fishing Village, see article inside.

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The Lockport Ice Fishing Village is open for the season

Residents are welcome to give fishing a try this winter

By Katelyn Boulanger

The annual Lockport Ice Fishing Village presented by Red River Cats officially open last weekend. With the temperatures dropping and the ice getting thick, residents gathered at the river with their shacks and vehicles dropping a line and waiting for the fish to take the bait.

"The Lockport Ice Fishing Village is really just a bunch of community members coming together and enjoying their ice fishing experience. We clear a bunch of roads on the ice so you can come down with a car or minivan to make it 100 per cent accessible and then we run events and prizes all year round. And, it's really just about bringing a community full of people together," said Eric Stone, Owner of Red River Cats.

This is the third year that the Ice Fishing Village has been a community hotspot in Lockport.

"I know for myself, it was a pain in the butt to get out onto the river sometimes, or get out onto the lake with all the weather. We basically just kind of started with some complaining, and it ended up with something positive. We just thought, 'Hey, what if we're able to do this?'," said Stone.

The Ice Fishing Village is not only for experienced fishers but is a great opportunity to get out on the ice for beginners as well.

"How are you supposed to get into (ice fishing) when it costs you hundreds if not thousands of dollars to get the equipment just to try it? We just wanted to make it cheap and a fun day," he explained.

With the way the Ice Fishing Village is set up, residents can drive right on to the ice and the plowed roads mean it's accessible for most vehicles. New fishers without equipment can also rent from Red River Cats which plows the entrance to the village from their business onto the river. This means that this is one of the most accessible ways to try your hand at fishing in a river that people travel from far and wide to fish.

"If it's open, it means it's safe. It's good to go. We also have a full lower parking lot that you're more than welcome to use. All the parking and all the access to the village is 100 per cent free. It's first come, first serve. You come down, you pick a spot, and you could try some fishing, and then if you ever run into a problem, or if you don't have an auger, so you can't drill any holes, you can give us a call. We'll come down and we'll help you," said Stone.

If fishing isn't your favourite winter activity but you still love to spend time in the great outdoors, this season there are also activities for non-fishers.

"This year we've got our croki-curl coming back, that's going to be like crokinole, but you play on the ice with curling rocks. We're going to have our skating rink this year. We're actually going to be setting up something called pickleball on the ice. You play that right on the ice. We'll be setting up that now and we're going to have a slingshot alley this year," said Stone.

He attributes the continued success of this event to the hard work that is put in by the people who run the Ice Fishing Village.

"There's a lot of amazing people running it behind the scenes, trying to make this happen. It is a lot of work to put on. But you know what? I think it's important to have, bringing out a lot of people," said Stone.

He's impressed by the friendships that have formed over the short time that this event has been into our community with people from previous years meeting on the ice and then the next year planning to put their shacks near each others so that everyone can

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Man Wong and Doug Petersen in a ice shack at the Lockport Ice Fishing Village.

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fish together.

He also said that he's glad to be able to provide a place where parents, who might not have been able to do so before, can bring their kids fishing.

"The amount of people that love bringing their kids down here, because by the time you load up with all your ice fishing gear, you drag it onto the lake, you get set up, you get an hour of fishing in, and then your kid's cold, then you got to come home. Now, it's a super close, easy trip to Lockport, where you can have the tent up in 20 minutes. Now, when your kids are cold, in an hour, you can go home and it's not a big deal," he explained.

Stone also wanted residents to know this is a free event.

"There's no kind of payment for a spot. If you want to come down and bring down the shack permanently and keep it here, you're more than welcome to. It's a first come first serve. If you want to bring by a pop-up shack and use it for the day, you're more than welcome to. There's no kind of fee," he said.

Stone says that he's looking forward to having everybody out and on the river. They are hoping to set up a fish count this year so that residents can keep up with how many fish are biting in the village.

Doug Petersen was fishing at the Ice Fishing Village last weekend and pulled a fish right in time to get his photo taken. He said it was a good day on the river.

"It's been not bad for me, nothing for him though. For me, I've been pretty good. I think I've caught four so far in that spot," said Petersen.

Another cool thing in the village this year is they are partnering up with

the local Dominoes Pizza which will be delivering pizzas right to the ice.

"You're going to be able to punch down, I'm on Root Beer Road in the Ice Fishing Village, and they will deliver your pizza right to your shack," said Stone.

Stone encourages residents to check out the Ice Fishing Village this winter.

"There're tons of things for you to do, whether you're a fisherman or not. Even if you just want to come out and enjoy the day with the family, we have tons of walking trails. Everything's nice and close. We've got tons of games and different things for kids to do outside. It really is a great event for fishermen and family and friends alike," he said.



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Fixing Feral Felines says that 2024 was the worst year they've ever seen

Teaming up to help feral cats in our region

By Katelyn Boulanger

Veronica Walsh, Founder of local group Fixing Feral Felines says that the situation with feral cats in our



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Cats in our region need help and individuals need to take responsibility says Veronica Walsh of Fixing Feral Felines.

region has become worse since the pandemic and that 2024 has been the most difficult year yet.

"It is very, very challenging with COVID making things worse and we've never caught up. There is still, now more than ever, a shortage of vet services and people are reeling financially from COVID," said Walsh.

She explained that this means that people have had fewer resources to help feral cat populations.

"We've never seen a year like 2024 it was just so challenging. So many col-

onies came to light, so many people were just overwhelmed with the number of cats that they were feeding, and situations came to light that we didn't even know about before. So, it was a very challenging year, and it was the worst we've ever seen," said Walsh.

Walsh has partnered up with Lori Payne, Executive Director of Project Blue World Foundation which is helping to provide management administration services for Fixing Feral

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Felines and other non-profits. With this partnership, which was official in March of 2022, they are working to provide long-term services for people to help feral cats in the region.

“So many nonprofits come to us and we work with them to develop their organization and their capacity and how they can serve to develop their products and services, and then, once they’re self-sustaining, we go turnkey. We partner with them, and then we do a turnkey and they take over the operation, and we go along with them and make sure that they can provide their services long-term,” said Payne.

And that is Walsh’s goal is to keep Fixing Feral Felines going long-term as cats in our region need support. With it being colder this time of year, she’s seeing reports from residents of more and more cats turning up.

“They’re seeing situations where these cats are suffering with frost-bite. People saying, ‘I can’t take in one more cat because I have three already.’ ‘My cat doesn’t get along with that cat.’ ‘What am I going to do about this cat?’ ‘Who can take in this cat?’ and ‘Where can this cat go?’, she explained.

Walsh said that it’s no longer a rural area or urban area problem but that both areas are dealing with feral cats that need help as their populations grow.

Fixing Feral Felines is not a cat rescue. They do not take in stray cats but they do provide information and help to residents who are dealing with cats and cat colonies.

“I’m spending time just advising people how to trap a cat, how to look after a cat, what the cat needs, maybe,



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This kitten was able to be helped thanks to the work of Fixing Feral Felines.

how to make a shelter or where to get a shelter and where you get some additional resources. I’m really trying to encourage people to take that next step of taking responsibility for those animals themselves because we are in a situation where rescues and shelters just can’t take one more. A lot of what I’m doing is empowering people, encouraging people, and trying to get them to recognize that this is part of their job, as well as mine, as well as the rescues and volunteers who’re out there doing this,” she said.

“Veronica has been telling me since day one, we need to educate the public,” said Payne.

In addition to all of that, she also facilitates reduced-cost spay and neutering for people with large cat populations.

“We also get

donated food, and if we have food that’s donated, we can distribute that to people who are feeding feral cats or rescues that are small or rural rescues that are desperate for food,” said Walsh.

Of course, this time of year straw is something that is important for cats who live outside to be able to have something to keep them warm and so Walsh distributes that when she is able to.

“I’m encouraging community people to get together and make up small groups to be proactive in helping with the spay and neuter and the cats on the streets, so we’re not running into, these crisis situations in December and January,” said Walsh.

If someone from our community is dealing with feral cats, Walsh encourages residents to contact her if they have questions.

“I’m a community resource person. I’m a coordinator. I get calls about everything and that’s the way it goes,” said Walsh.

Walsh naturally can’t do all of this work without help from people in our community and donations which subsidize the low-cost spay and neuters, food and straw costs. Being a non-profit, what she is able to do is based largely on the donations she gets.

Walsh wishes that residents knew how many cats are out there.

“I want people to understand if they have cats that need to be spayed or neutered, start making the arrangements now. Do not wait until that cat is ready to be pregnant again, or those babies are six months old and they have to be done now because they’re going into heat. The resources are scarce and we all have planning and preparation and responsibility. Getting individual responsibility is so critical to getting this problem under control,” she said.

She welcomes donations not just from individuals but also from businesses that can donate financially or provide resources.

To donate to the Feline Protection Project and to learn more, check out the Project Blue World Foundation website at <https://projectblueworld.ca/>. From there, you can click on the Solutions tab at the top and then the Projects link to be directed to the Feline Protection Project which supports Fixing Feral Felines.

To contact Walsh with questions about helping feral cats email 9vwalsh@gmail.com.

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Local MP James Bezan responds to Trudeau resignation

Conservative MP for Selkirk—Interlake—Eastman Bezan shares opinion

By Katelyn Boulanger

The announcement came on Jan. 6 that Justin Trudeau would be stepping down as both Liberal leader and prime minister.

"I intend to resign as party leader, as prime minister, after the party selects its next leader through a robust, nationwide, competitive process," said Trudeau at the announcement.

"This country deserves a real choice in the next election, and it has become clear to me that if I'm having to fight internal battles, I cannot be the best option in that election."

The *Selkirk Record* contacted local Conservative MP for Selkirk—Interlake—Eastman James Bezan to share his opinion on this development.

"After nine years, Justin Trudeau had lost complete control of his government and his caucus, and it was Canadians who were suffering the most. In my opinion, nothing has changed with his decision to leave. The budget is out of control, the carbon tax continues to drive up the cost of everything and families are struggling to make ends meet. All the potential Liberal leadership candidates are complicit in creating this sad reality over the last nine years," said Bezan in a statement to the *Record*.

In addition to Trudeau issuing his resignation publicly, parliament will be prorogued until March 24.

"It's clear the only reason Justin Trudeau is shutting down Parliament

is because he knows that he and his party do not have the confidence of the House of Commons. All major opposition parties have promised to bring Justin Trudeau's government down at the next possible opportunity. But instead of giving Canadians a real choice in a carbon tax election, Trudeau quit, and the Liberals are going into hiding until March 24.

"The Liberals time and time again attempt to hide their unethical behaviour from the Canadian people. We have seen this before. Just like with the SNC Lavalin and WE Charity scandals, the Trudeau government denies, deflects, and seeks to pin the blame on others. For the last several months, the Liberals disobeyed the order of Parliament to hand over the documents related to their latest scandal regarding the \$400 million Sustainable Development Technology Canada, better known as the Green Slush Fund. If they were truthful with Parliament and Canadians, and maintained the confidence of the House of Commons, Parliament would have continued to operate normally," continued Bezan.

With 2025 being an election year, politicians will have had plenty of time to prepare for an upcoming election and Bezan indicated that he's going to run again for the MP spot in our region.

"I am seeking re-election as the Conservative candidate in Selkirk-



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MP James Bezan shared his opinion on Justin Trudeau's resignation.

Interlake-Eastman and have been prepared for an election since we are in a minority Parliament situation. Most Canadians want a carbon tax election now. Only Common Sense Conservatives can be trusted to axe the tax to make life more affordable for Cana-

dians; to build the homes, to restore the dream of homeownership; to fix the budget, to stop the rampant inflation, and, to stop the crime so Canadians can once again feel safe in our streets," he said.

Both East St. Paul and West St. Paul inform residents of provincial survey

By Staff

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There will be two opportunities for Manitobans to attend open houses to share their opinions.

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the north limit of the Fermor Ave. interchange which come up to the municipalities of both East and West St. Paul, however, due to the frequent travel of residents from many local RM's north of the City of Winnipeg, it is likely that changes to the Perimeter could affect many area residents.

The first open house will take place on Jan. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Oxford Heights Community Centre (359 Dowling Ave. E, Winnipeg). The second is Jan. 22 from from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Red River Community Centre (293 Murray Ave., Winnipeg). Both of these open houses are drop in/come and go style events.

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Reflections and predictions

By Cam Dahl, General Manager, Manitoba Pork

The name January is derived from the Roman god Janus. Janus was said to have two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. This is an appropriate metaphor for the month, as we can look back at the year that was and anticipate the year to come.

If there is such a thing as a good disease year in the hog sector, 2024 was it. Given historical patterns, we expected to see new cases of porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) this past spring. That did not materialize. While we did not make it though 2024 PED free, the first case did not show up until December. This is not an accident. Manitoba's hog farmers, our government, veterinarians, and processors came together to develop a comprehensive plan to eradicate PED. The "Manitoba model" is a 2024 success story - one that is being considered throughout North America and is a testament to what can be done through collaboration.

On the economic front, 2024 was a year of relief for hog farmers in Manitoba, with margins coming back to where they should be. I do see the positive financial situation extending well into 2025, but that prediction comes with a lot of global uncertainty and unpredictability.

So, what will farmers face in 2025? One cannot look ahead without mentioning the new administration in the U.S. Most farmers in Manitoba depend upon international markets. Take the hog industry as an example - 90 percent of Manitoba's annual production is directed into international markets, with the U.S. being the number one destination. Both major U.S. political parties advocate for "America First" policies and are moving away from supporting free and

open trade. Examples of protectionist policies that threaten our exports include the revival of country-of-origin labelling and individual state legislation that is fragmenting the North American market (e.g., Proposition 12 in California).

"America First" was brought into sharper focus after the November election in the U.S. when President-elect Trump called for massive tariffs on Canadian and Mexican exports. In the past, he has threatened to rip up the Canada - U.S. - Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Not since the original Canada - U.S. trade agreement have we seen political goals tied to U.S. market access. For example, increased defence spending by Canada is likely going to be a condition of ongoing American support for CUSMA. I do believe that Canadian agriculture exports are going to be a target for U.S. negotiators. How is Canada going to respond?

It is not just trade with the U.S. that will be unpredictable in 2025. China, which is both the world's largest food producer as well as the world's largest food consumer, is also signaling that agriculture and food trade will be tied to outside policy issues. The threat to impose tariffs on Canadian canola exports in response to tariffs on electric vehicles is just one example of this. What happens if a new trade war erupts between the U.S. and China? Will Canadian farmers be caught in the middle? How Canada responds could very well determine if 2025 will be profitable or show a mess of red ink on farmers' income statements. Governments and industry need to be planning for all eventualities on Chinese trade before any of these potential problems arise. I am concerned that this is not happening.

Add to this the ongoing uncer-



Cam Dahl, General Manager
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tainty caused by the war in Ukraine, the threat of foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever, production risks, etc. and a picture of a volatile 2025 emerges. Farmers can offset some uncertainty through tools like currency hedging, forward contracting, and other risk mitigation approaches, but farmers cannot control instability caused by global policies. This is the area where we need the support of our federal and provincial governments.

It is my prediction that protectionism, trade barriers, and global uncertainty will be the top topics next January when we look back at 2025. We will also likely be talking about the outcome of a federal election, which may happen sooner rather than later. Elections are the time when politicians are most attentive to concerns raised by constituents. Farmers, of all stripes, need to be asking the candidates who show up on their doorstep about their party's plan to deal with global volatility and trade uncertainty.

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Free Ride celebrates 45th anniversary with February show

Local band playing at Club Regent Event Centre

By Katelyn Boulanger

Local band Free Ride is celebrating their 45th anniversary together. Though the band has had members come and go over the years, they are still making music and are marking this big milestone with a concert at the Club Regent Event Centre on Feb. 1.

Wayne Hlady, founding member and drummer for Free Ride explained that the band originally started in Tyndall, Man.

"The band basically started in 1980 and we had the concept of doing a tribute. We were a tribute band way before tribute bands were even around," he said Hlady.

The band's first concert was a tribute to The Beatles.

"We rehearsed for six months in the Tyndall Hotel, and we polished the show like seven days a week. Then we came out in February 1980 and it was like The Beatles basically coming. We were overwhelmed but everything was polished, like The Beatles, the guitars, all the shows. We kind of shocked ourselves and we shocked Winnipeg. Eighteen-year-old guys doing everything like the real artists," said Hlady.

Since then, they have branched out in their 45 years with tributes to the Rolling Stones joining in, a 50's style greaser band called Harry n' the Armpits and a show in tribute to iconic British performers David Bowie, Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, John Lennon, Keith Richards and Ringo Starr.

The band has a current line-up of

Wayne Hlady, Craig Wallace, Doug Blampy, and Alan Montsion.

Residents will likely know the band and have maybe even seen them play before as they are a regular at the Selkirk Waterfront series in the summer.

In addition to gracing the Waterfront, Free Ride has gone international having done a six-week tour in Japan, played in Atlantic City and naturally toured across the United States and Canada.

One of Hlady's most iconic memories of the band's travels is having performed for Playboy founder Hugh Hefner.

Hlady explained that to be a good cover band it's not all about the singing you also have to act the part.

"We have to be that person for an hour on stage, right? When we do our 50s and Rock and Roll thing. We're completely different characters and a different frame of mind," he explained.

He's thankful for the career that the band has continued to have and says that he's glad that the music has resonated with such a large audience.

"It's every age group, right from six years olds singing the words to 50 and 60-year-old songs, and then their grandmothers and their parents," said Hlady.

As for their anniversary, they plan to give their audience a great show.

"We're going to be coming on with our Beatles show. We start off with that then we take a little break, then we come back with our 50s Rock and



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The band Free Ride is celebrating it's 45th anniversary.

Roll greasers Harry n' the Armpits, and we have special guests the Walsh Twins. The Walsh Twins were an Elvis duo back in the 80s that came out the same time as Free Ride," said Hlady.

He says it will be lots of fun.

"It will be like going back absolutely right now with Free Ride. We're really trying to give back," said Hlady.

For people wanting to see their other offerings or wanting to attend multiple concerts. Hlady says that there will also be some summer concerts that will be posted on their webpage (<http://www.freerideband.ca>).

He encourages residents to grab their tickets and head out to the Feb. 1 show.

"We've loved playing for fans throughout the years. It's a celebration of us and them together. I mean, like I said, we're very selective. We're only going to probably do six or seven shows a year now. (The Club Regent) venue is so nice. It's one of the best venues in Canada to see the show with the big lighting, and it's our own show, and there are no obstructions. So, it's a great time," said Hlady.

Tickets are available at <https://www.casinosofwinnipeg.com/club-regent-casino-home/entertainment/>.

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Young dancer hits the stage in Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Nutcracker

By E Antonio

Local dancer Anne Kotula performed in four shows of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's (RWB) rendition of *The Nutcracker* this past holiday season on Dec. 20, 21, 23, and 27. The 15-year-old ballerina, who grew up in St. Andrews and currently resides in Cooks Creek, made her debut on the Centennial Concert Hall stage as Young Clara.

"It truly was an amazing experience," exclaimed Kotula. "It was such a magical opportunity being able to be on stage with other company members."

Kendra Woo, one of Kotula's instructors at RWB, encouraged her to audition for the role of Young Clara in September 2024. Kotula attended a day-long audition where groups of dancers learned and presented select combinations (short routines) from *The Nutcracker*, choreographed by Stéphane Léonard.

One week later, Kotula received the exciting news that she had been cast as Young Clara for Cast A in *The Nutcracker*.

"The dancing was my favourite part of this all. It was so inspirational to me being able to rehearse and dance with Royal Winnipeg Ballet company members."

She dedicated many hours to rehearsing for the role of Young Clara, focusing on learning the choreography, perfecting her technique, and developing her acting skills.

"It was also really neat getting to know the other parts and getting to know the other dancers."

Kotula fell in love with dancing when she had her first class at four

years old with Selkirk's Evolution Dance Company.

"I just grew up to love it (dance). The movements and what I feel when I dance brings me so much love and joy," she said.

Now, the rising ballerina attends the RWB Professional Division and takes part in their Ballet Academic Program.

Her ballet instructor (Ms. Joanne) encouraged her to audition for RWB.

"My ballet teacher at Evolution was nudging me to take a go at the opportunity."

In January 2022, Kotula auditioned and impressed the selection committee. She started in several intermittent programs at RWB before fully joining the RWB Professional Division rehearsals in the fall.

Her typical day is filled with dance lessons. Once she wakes up, she is on the move nonstop before getting ready for bed.

"I get to Royal Winnipeg Ballet around 7:30 (a.m.) every day, and classes start at 8:30. We then dance until noon, where we take a break for lunch. After lunch, we have 2-3 hours of school and dance about 1.5-3 hours before our dinner break. We then might have another dance rehearsal 1-2 hours after our dinner."

Kotula added that she can head home anywhere after 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., depending on whether there are any upcoming performance rehearsals scheduled. Once she arrives at her house, she normally ends her day by finishing her homework.

Although her time in *The Nutcracker* has ended, she is already in performance mode for RWB's First Steps showcase from Jan. 23 to 25.

"First Steps is a choreography competition where students choreograph their own pieces and get judged on them," she explained.



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Local dancer, Anne Kotula (15) performed as Young Clara in Royal Winnipeg Ballet's *Nutcracker* this past holiday season.

Kotula is working on two pieces of her own and is ready on stand-by as an understudy for an additional dance. Public spectators are invited to attend the First Steps showcase. Tickets can be purchased to see the many show-stopping dancers that the RWB Professional Division produces.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and are located at RWB Founder's Studio, 380 Graham Ave, Winnipeg. The "Pay What You Can" performance tickets can be purchased through RWB's webpage at www.rwb.org/performance/first-steps.

If you can't make it to the First Steps showcase, Kotula and her fellow Professional Division Ballet Academic Program dancers will be performing in their annual year-end Spotlight showcase on May 22-24.

Tickets can also be purchased online through www.rwb.org/performance/spotlight.


As for future ambitions of the young dancer, she aspires to become a pro-

fessional ballerina with the RWB. "Royal Winnipeg Ballet is a great place to start for anyone wanting to become a dancer," she said. "If you continue to work and grow, it will all come together. And, as you share your love of dancing, you will be happy getting there because you will be trying your best."




Kotula and fellow RWB dancer, Deklyn Lemoine (as Drosselmeier's nephew, Julien)

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Local pup proving different is good in magazine cover competition

By Becca Myskiw

A local three-legged pup from St. Andrews is in the running for a magazine cover that comes with a noteworthy title.

Chance, a five-year-old Blue Heeler from the local area, is pulling ahead in America's Favorite Pet, an annual competition for a feature on the cover

of Modern Cat or Modern Dog and \$10,000. The competition has partnered with PAWS, a non-profit organization for animal welfare, to benefit from funds raised throughout the competition.

Chance is Debbie Hart's dog. She got him from the Winnipeg Humane Society at just five

months old in October 2019. He had been hit by a car and his original owners couldn't afford the surgery to repair his leg. Hart's friend, who worked at the Humane Society at the time, sent her a photo of Chance, who knew how much Hart loved heelers, and she fell in love with his face.

"The attraction for both of us was instant," she said. "We were meant to be together."

The almost six-year-old Heeler competes regularly in disc and dock diving, both of which Hart said he loves to do.

"He tries so hard at these sports, he gives his all and I love him very much for it," she said. "Three legs don't slow him down at all."

She and Chance also do agility for fun, but three-legged dogs aren't allowed to compete in the sport — not that Hart and Chance mind. She trained him for flyball to prove it could be done.

Knowing how incredible and impressive her pup is, Hart wanted the world to know too. That's why she entered him in America's Favorite Pet.

"I wanted everyone out there who don't know him to see what a great dog he really is and that having only three legs doesn't mean he can't do stuff," said Hart. "Chance is one of the most loving dogs I have ever had. He loves everyone and he just can't get enough love back. He tries his hardest to do anything I ask him to do... he has a huge heart."

Right now, the online competition is in the first round of voting, which ends today. The first cut will narrow each group down to the Top 20 competitors. Starting today is round two, which will keep voting open until Jan. 23, when the Top 15 competitors will move on. After that, the groups will go down to the Top 10 competitors on Jan. 30, then the Top 5 on Feb. 6, before group finals begin that same day.

As of earlier this week, Chance was sitting at the third most popular pet in his group. Pets gain rankings as they get more votes. People can vote for their favourite pet once for free and as many times as they want above that for \$1 a vote. Each of those dollars raised go towards PAWS.

America's Favorite Pet will go until March 13, when the

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We are again very excited to announce that for the 8th consecutive year Selkirk GM Sales person Josh Isfjord has achieved top sales of the year. Josh not only reaches high to provide the very best in customer service, he is a mentor to others who surround him. To earn the top sales for eight years running is of course a huge accomplishment but Josh has also brought home gold in the GM Sales Marketing Guild also for 8 years. Josh's passion, expertise and commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction are without compromise.

Selkirk GM expresses their heart felt gratitude to Josh for his steadfast dedication to our team and to his customers. Josh is of course looking forward to another great year of making his customers happy at 1010 Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk.



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Chance is a three-legged blue heeler who competes in disc and dock diving regularly is currently in the running to be on the cover of Modern Dog.

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Selkirk Health Centre welcomes first baby of 2025

By Annaliese Meier

At 2:12 a.m. on New Year's Day, the Selkirk Regional Health Centre welcomed its first baby of 2025. Tisha Hanson and her family welcomed their new daughter, Azayla, weighing seven pounds and 13 ounces and measuring 19.75 inches long.

Hanson expressed gratitude for the exceptional care she received while at Selkirk's obstetrical unit. The staff went above and beyond to ensure both mother and baby felt comfortable throughout their stay.

"The staff were really good with her and me. They did everything I needed," Hanson said.

Continuing a cherished tradition, Betty Milkowski, Chair of the Selkirk Hospital Gift Shop volunteers, along with Vice President Bev Hykawy presented gifts to celebrate Azayla's arrival—diapers, toys, blankets,

clothing—and even a playpen. These thoughtful offerings highlight the dedication of local volunteers who have been supporting new families since the hospital's inception.

"The most important thing is all the work that the volunteers do to help us. They make it possible for us to donate and help. This has been going on since the first hospital was built in Selkirk and the original ladies auxiliary was founded. Congratulations to Tisha and her new baby girl," Milkowski said.


Dr. Bunkowsky attended the delivery. In 2024, 443 babies were born at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.


Expectant parents interested in utilizing these services can reach out via phone at 204-482-5800 for more information or to schedule a tour of what could be their future birthing experience in Selkirk.



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Azayla with her mother Tisha Hanson (centre) with Selkirk Gift Shop volunteer Bev Hykawy (left) holding some of the items the auxiliary gifted this year's New Year's baby and Betty Milkowski (right) Chair of the Selkirk Hospital Gift Shop volunteers.

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4-H members recognized

By Jo-Anne Procter

The South Interlake 4-H Area Council celebrated the achievements and dedication of its members this past September. During the re-organizational meeting held in Teulon, key milestones were recognized, showcasing not only individual accomplishments but also the strong community spirit that defines 4-H. From long-serving leaders to exceptional youth making their mark, 4-H proves to be an invaluable program for young people in our region.

Balmoral's Teresa Melnychuk received a prestigious 20-year leader pin, honouring her commitment and dedication of 4-H leadership that has inspired countless young members.

The spotlight also shone on two senior members: Kristen Greigson from the Balmoral 4-H Club and Sarah Seniuk from the East Selkirk 4-H Club. Both recipients were awarded the esteemed Gold Watch Award for their exceptional involvement in various aspects of the program.

These awards serve as a testament to the hard work and passion exhibited by members throughout their time in 4-H. With representatives from clubs like Minerva, Argyle, Selkirk Silver Spurs, and more, this council fosters growth and connection within our community.

For more information on 4-H Clubs for the coming year can be found at: <https://4h.mb.ca>



South Interlake 4-H members were recognized for achievements in September. Pictured left to right: Teresa Melnychuk, Sarah Seniuk, Kristen Greigson and Karen Olafson (4-H Manitoba Club Support Coordinator Karen Olafson).

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finals end. The winning cat and dog will have passed group finals, quarterfinals, semifinals, and the final round leading up to their titles.

"I want the world to see what a

special dog [Chance] is," said Hart. "The exposure of being on the cover would, I hope, inspire others to give a three-legged dog a chance at a good life, proving that being different is not

a bad thing."

If he wins, Hart said they'll also donate half of the \$10,000 prize to local animal rescues.

People can vote for Chance in America's Favorite Pet at <https://america'sfavoritepet.com>

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Happy New Year and Denture insurance renewal date

By Elisha Vandor

For us at Vandor Denture Centre, the most wonderful time of the year (besides Christmas) starts on New Years Day, January 1, 2025. It's a time when we start submitting and receiving new pre-approvals for denture coverage. It's a joyous occasion for you, with dental insurance too, because your full yearly maximum is available once again and you're able to call us and schedule your denture appointment knowing you're saving the most money with your full benefits in tow. The real question is how much coverage does your specific plan cover towards new partial dentures, full dentures, relining, dental implant procedures...etc? Well, you can leave all the heavy insurance lifting to us, after all, we find enjoyment in discovering how much your plan covers and want to be the first to share your benefit results with you, but don't worry, you'll also receive your results by mail or online too.

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There are many additional materials to consider, so don't hesitate to talk to an expert.

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You may think handles are a trivial detail, but they can make a significant difference in the overall appearance of your cabinets. Knobs, which typically require a single screw, are generally the most affordable option.

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Bryce Parker caught this sturgeon on the Red on Jan. 9 South of 509 - CIL Road. This is quite a feat as the very large fish was pulled through an ice fishing hole.

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Ruth Christie spoke to the congregation and guests at Cloverdale United Church this past Sunday. Christie told stories of the challenges and joys of being a young Indigenous woman growing up in Loon Straits at the North end of Lake Winnipeg. She brings wisdom and positivity to our community often through her many mentorship roles.

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Total time: 15 minutes
 Servings: 10
 15 ounces canned beans (pinto, black, red, etc.), drained
 1 cup nonfat Greek yogurt
 1 cup guacamole
 1 cup pico de gallo or salsa
 1/4 cup sliced black olives
 2 tablespoons low-fat shredded cheddar cheese

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 sliced or chopped jalapenos or Serrano chilies (optional)
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 vegetables or tortilla chips, for serving
 In 2-quart casserole dish, layer beans in single layer.
 Add remaining layers: Greek yogurt, guacamole, pico de gallo or salsa, black olives, cheese and tuna.
 Add additional layer of sliced jalapenos or Serrano chilies, if desired.
 Serve dip with tortilla chips or sliced vegetables.

Meatball Tortellini Soup

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
 Servings: 6-8
 4 cups beef broth
 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
 16 ounces frozen meatballs
 19 ounces tortellini
 6 ounces frozen spinach
 1 tablespoon onion powder
 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese, plus additional for serving, divided

salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste
 1/4 cup heavy cream
 bread, for serving
 In Dutch oven, pour in beef broth and diced tomatoes. Fill empty diced tomatoes can with water and add to pot. Stir in meatballs, tortellini and spinach. Cook over medium heat then add onion powder, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Add salt and pepper, to taste.
 Cook 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add heavy cream and cook 5 minutes.
 Serve with bread and additional Parmesan cheese.



Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

A new year, a new you! Wait, our health can be tricky, so this isn't always true. Bloodwork, doctors, and dietary changes, we'll try anything, it's true. What can be frustrating is the 'healthy' rarely have a clue.

How's that for a little New Year's poem? (Yup! Read it again.)

We all feel societal pressure to reflect and plan and transform. The motivational day-planner companies and gyms hit us hard with 'half price sale!' and 'get your first month free!' Despite the financial stress of the recent holiday season, people rush to get out their wallets to 'make a new start.' And we can feel like a failure when we don't measure up compared to our more able-bodied (or minded) friends.

Don't rush anywhere. (Except to your doctor's appointment, if you're late.) Stop. Catch your breath from December. Recognize that with all of your challenges, you are still here. You've made it to this moment.

I'm not saying that exercise or having a plan are bad things. Far from it. What I'm saying is, don't feel the pressure society puts on us to do or be things we simply can't. Our health might impede a gym membership, and our symptoms might tell us our future is unknown. (Isn't it always?) It's okay to just do what we can, when we can. A kind of

un-resolution, if you will. (The Cambridge Dictionary says the definition of 'resolution' is: a firm decision to do or not to do something. Maybe 'resolution' is too strong of a word when applied to the goals of those of us struggling with our health.)

I think where we get tripped up is when we try to overhaul our lives all at once. And when February rolls around and we are still overweight or haven't got the big promotion, what happens? The gym managers can tell you as they laugh all the way to the bank...we stop going and give up. (And did I mention, feel like a failure?)

How about this? How about we set 'resolutions' like, I'm going to treat my body with more kindness or, I'm going to treat people with more kindness. Keep them general and measure them one decision at a time. And while we are doing those things, we can always chip away at our more specific goals, like exercise or earning a raise at work at whatever pace is manageable for our bodies and minds.

So. Unresolution with me?

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Fishermen still chasing playoff home ice with regular season winding down

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Fishermen are still looking to lock up home-ice advantage in round one of the playoffs in their final eight games of the regular season.

Usually, a given based on their first-place finishes over the past few seasons, this year's path to clinching home ice has been a more difficult one than normal.

The Fishermen have sat fourth in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League for almost two months now and continue to play around the .500 mark with a 9-10-0-1-2 record.

This past week, they won 7-5 against the Arborg Ice Dawgs before losing 4-2 to the La Broquerie Habs on Sun-

day.

As of now, the Fishermen are 12 points behind the third-place Lundar Falcons and nine points ahead of the fifth-place Habs.

Head coach Chris Poponick said locking home ice in round one is their main priority in the season.

"That's been our goal since the start of the year and unfortunately this year is one of the one's where we aren't the first-place team," said Poponick. "One thing I've told the guys is we have to make sure we stay ahead of La Broquerie. Just the way it is, we probably won't catch St. Malo and Beausejour, but we may have an

outside chance of catching Lundar, so that's our target to finish as high as we can."

And if the playoffs started today it would be the Fishermen hosting possibly three of five games in a first-round best of five against the Habs.

It is certainly an advantage to have home ice, but if the opponent is the Habs, it would likely make for an extra challenging series based on their regular-season meetings.

The Habs have won three of four meetings between the clubs this season, including their win Sunday in Selkirk.

If the Fishermen do indeed play the

Habs in round one, Poponick knows the team will need much preparation to overcome the CRJHL's newest franchise.

"La Broquerie is a team we haven't figured out yet other than the overtime win so I'm going to have to look at some video to make sure we figure it out come playoff time. If not, it's going to be a quick playoff, but hopefully, it's a long, enjoyable one."

The Fishermen take on the Habs once more this regular season on Feb. 5 in La Broquerie in what will likely be a preview for that first-round matchup.

If the Fishermen can surpass the Lundar Falcons for third place, a start will be getting a win this Friday against the last place North Winnipeg Satellites.

The match will also be played in Sagkeeng, the home to eight members of this year's Fishermen squad.

Poponick said his players will have the extra motivation to play a homecoming matchup.

"The Satellites work hard, and it's another one of those teams; if we get the momentum, then we usually come out on top, but if the other team steals that away from us, we're in tough, and it's hard to get through that. We've beat every team this year in one shape or form and we've got some guys from Sagkeeng so we're really looking forward to it."

Puck drop from Sagkeeng Arena Complex goes at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

The Fishermen will also play Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in St. Malo.

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Burgess joins Team Einarson ahead of WFC Masters

By Kieran Reimer

Team Kerri Einarson's lineup will be slightly different this week at the WFC Masters in Guelph, ON.

With Shannon Birchard out due to injury, filling her place at second is three-time world junior champion Karlee Burgess who hails from Winnipeg.

Burgess, 26, spent the 2024 season on Team Chelsea Carey, which had competed against Team Einarson at past events.

This week she threw with Team Einarson for the first time and will make her season debut with the team when the WFC Masters gets underway Tuesday at the Sleeman Centre.

"It's going really well and it's nice that we're all on the same program in working with Curling Canada and coaches and doing these training camps," said Einarson, the five-time Grand Slam of Curling champion and Gimli native.

"We all kind of throw quite similar so it's definitely been easy putting the broom down for her and we'll see what it's like in an actual game in a week. I know that she's got a lot of energy and we're excited to have that. She's very patient out there, and we're looking forward to having her and think she'll be a great addition to our team."

Birchard's knee injury is expected to keep her out for the remainder of the season.

She last hit the sheet a month ago in Swift Current at a tour event where she was unable to finish the

competition.

Einarson and the team hope she can now make a full recovery and eventually return to the lineup healthy for next season.

"When we found out and Shannon made the call to step back for the rest of the season it was definitely very difficult on her and on us," said Einarson. "I love having her on the ice, she's a great teammate and shot maker so to not have her, it's going to be tough but Karlee's a great teammate and shot maker as well. It was a hard decision for her and she's just worried about recovering and rehabbing her knee. She just wants to really focus on that and get ready for next season."

Team Einarson's lineup now includes skip Kerri Einarson (Gimli), third Val Sweeting (Lottie Lake), second Karlee Burgess (Winnipeg), lead Briane Harris (Petersfield), and alternate Krysten Karwacki (Winnipeg).

Their tournament begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday when they take on Team Skrlík in the preliminary round.

They will then face Team Tabata on Wednesday, Team Homan on Thursday, and Team Fujisawa on Friday to finish off the preliminary round before the quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals on Saturday and Sunday.

The full schedule can be found at <https://the-grandslamofcurling.com/wp-content/uploads/masters-draw-schedule2025.pdf>.



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Three-time world junior champion Karlee Burgess has joined Team Einarson in the absence of Shannon Birchard at the WFC Masters in Guelph, ON from Jan. 14-19. Kerri Einarson and her team begin the tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 14 against Team Skrlík at 3 p.m. from the Sleeman Centre. Pictured left to right, Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Karlee Burgess and Krysten Karwacki.

Raiders' winning spree finally put to an end

By Kieran Reimer

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club's offence came out roaring Friday night in Morris to carry them to a 12-1 victory over the Pembina Valley Twisters.

Owen Lenoski and Ryan Cromie had two hat tricks at the score fest, Riley Kushnier had two, and Owen Lourenco, Ashton Henry, Matthew Wilson, and Lucas Desousa each had one.

The Raiders scored six in the opening frame and added three in the oth-

er two periods for their largest offensive output yet this season.

In net, Evan Banera was good when he had to be, as he stopped 22 of the 23 shots the last place Twisters sent his way.

The Raiders' four-game winning streak trickled to an end on Sunday when the fifth-place St. Vital Jr. Victorias handed them a 7-5 loss at home.

Henry and Desousa were big again, scoring twice for the Raiders, while Logan Ashe added the other. This

kept it a tie game in the late stages, but a late powerplay goal from Victorias' Ryland Nechwediuk saw them take a 6-5 lead before they added another with the Raiders goalie pulled.

Owen Savoie stopped 30 of 36 in the loss, while Victorias' Ethan Penner stopped 25 of 30 for the Victorias win.

The Raiders now sit seventh in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League with a 12-16-3 record.

They will play a pair of games this weekend, starting Friday night in

Charleswood against the Hawks before the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins come to Seven Oaks on Sunday afternoon.

UPCOMING GAMES:

- Friday, Jan. 17 at Charleswood Hawks, 7:30 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena
- Sunday, Jan. 19 vs Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins, 2 p.m. at Seven Oaks Arena



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Steelers double down on current core, acquire veteran forward

By Kieran Reimer

Following last week's trade deadline, the Selkirk Steelers clearly feel they have the pieces they need to make the playoffs and make a run.

At Friday's deadline, the Steelers were one of only two teams that made a single acquisition while the rest addressed their team needs by selling off and/or adding a multitude of players.

The Steelers' lone move was a trade with the Swan Valley Stampede, in which they acquired 2005-born forward Carter Zalischuk in exchange for future considerations.

In his third full season in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, Zalischuk has two goals, five assists, and 41 penalty minutes in 27 games.

On Sunday, Zalischuk suited up on the Steelers fourth line in their 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Freeze.

"We're really excited to bring Carter in. He's a player that we've really liked over the extent of his career in the league," said head coach/director of hockey operations Hudson Friesen. "He's a veteran player now, has played a few years in the league, been to the playoffs, been in some deep series', has that experience, and those were all things we were looking to add to our group. Obviously being

a bit on the younger side we felt we could add a player or two that brings that veteran presence to our room, that could add depth up front, and we felt that was the piece we were looking to add."

Friesen said that they had briefly considered other potential trade targets but didn't feel there were options that would be suitable for their team.

Following the deadline, the Steelers picked up three of four points in Saturday and Sunday's games.

On Saturday, they lost 4-3 in overtime to the Winkler Flyers, with goals coming from Dawson Dear, Landon Jamieson, and Rohan Guevarra, while Noel Olsonawski made 55 saves.

Then, on Sunday, they reversed the result with a 4-3 regulation win over the Winnipeg Freeze with a pair from Guevarra and one from Jamieson and Owen Johnston.

Ethan Sawyer didn't face much action but still made 15 saves in the victory.

The Steelers now enter the new week still fifth in the MGEU East Division with a 20-13-1-1 record for 42 points.

They trail the Niverville Nighthawks by five points for the final playoff spot in the division but hold three games in hand.

This week they take on a trio of

MGEU West opponents in the Virden Oil Capitals, Northern Manitoba Blizzard, and Swan Valley Stampede starting Tuesday night against the Capitals in Selkirk.

In their two previous meetings, the Steelers have beat the Capitals both times and have outscored them 13-2.

"We've had success against them so far this year and they made a bunch of changes at the deadline so they're obviously making a playoff push to," said Friesen. "For us we had a really strong game in Winkler and we wanted to embody that Saturday and ev-

ery night. Playing with emotion and structure and good will follow. Those will be the keys for us."

UPCOMING GAMES:

- Tuesday, Jan. 14 vs Virden Oil Capitals, 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex
- Friday, Jan. 17 at Northern Manitoba Blizzard, 7 p.m. at Roy H. Johnston Arena
- Saturday, Jan. 18 at Swan Valley Stampede, 7 p.m. at Swan River Centennial Arena



Steelers' Wyatt Witham leads all MJHL rookies in scoring with 20 goals and 21 assists in 35 games played. He scored twice in the Steelers 6-4 loss to the Portage Terriers on Tuesday, Jan. 7.



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Steelers' Rohan Guevarra is second in rookie scoring this season with 18 goals and 14 assists in 35 games played. The University of Alaska-Anchorage commit scored twice in the Steelers 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Freeze on Sunday.

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Request for Quotation packages, including specifications and submission documents are available at the Public Works Office, 155 CIL Road, or from the Website, www.rmofstclements.com.

Sealed submissions clearly marked "Hourly Equipment Quotation, No. RFQ-2025-01" will be received at RM of St. Clements Public Works Office, located at 155 CIL Road, East Selkirk, MB, up until 2:00 PM, Local Time on Friday, January 26, 2025.

All inquiries related to the Request for Quotation should be directed to Mr. Kevin Grabowski at 204-482-3300.

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- OBJET:
- Type : Pylône autoportante de 65 mètres
 - Emplacement: 4665 rue Raleigh, Narol MB (coordonnées: 50.021444, -96.954861)
 - Description légale: LOT 2 PLAN 49374 WLTO IN OTM LOTS 259 AND 260 PARISH OF ST ANDREWS.
 - Établissement : L'installation comprendra un complexe clôturé de 15 m sur 15 m.
 - Site : La structure de 65 mètres permettra de prendre en charge les charges initiales et futures de tous les fournisseurs de services cellulaires, ainsi que l'équipement sans fil fixe supplémentaire selon les besoins.

Innovation, science et développement économique Canada (ISED) est l'organisme directeur pour les installations de ce type et peut être contacté à l'adresse suivante : Bureau de l'ISED : Bureau de district du Manitoba 400 St. Mary Avenue, 4ème étage, Winnipeg MB R3C 4K5 Tél. : 1-800-665-3421; Fax : 204-984-6045 Courriel : spectrumwinnipeg-winnipegspectre@ised-isde.gc.ca

TOUTE PERSONNE peut soumettre des commentaires écrits à la personne listée ci-dessous au plus tard à 17h (HE) le **14e février, 2025** Veuillez mentionner notre numéro de dossier, **STCM207**, dans votre correspondance.

Des informations complémentaires peuvent également être obtenues auprès du contact suivant :

CONTACT DE LA DEMANDE Cheyenne Zierler
 Shared Tower Inc.
 1300 Cornwall Rd. Unit 101
 Oakville ON, L6J 7W5
 czierler@sharedtower.ca

CONTACT MUNICIPAL Red River Planning District
 2978 Birds Hill Rd. East St.
 Paul, MB R2E 1J5
 Tel: 204-669-8880
 info@rrpd.ca

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TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER
 4665 RALEIGH ROAD, NAROL, MANITOBA

- SUBJECT:
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 - Location: 4665 Raleigh Road, Narol MB (coordinates: 50.021444, -96.954861)
 - Legal Description: LOT 2 PLAN 49374 WLTO IN OTM LOTS 259 AND 260 PARISH OF ST ANDREWS.
 - Facility: The facility will comprise of a 15m by 15m fenced compound
 - Site: The 65m structure will accommodate initial and future loading for all cellular service providers, and additional fixed wireless equipment as required.

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ANY PERSON may make a written submission to the individuals listed below no later than 5pm (ET) on **FEBRUARY 14, 2025**. Please reference our file number, **STCM207**, in your correspondence.

Further information may also be obtained through the following contacts:

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- This regulates cortisol production (abbr.)
- People of northern Vietnam
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Regions
- The center of a city
- Hindu serpentine deity
- Roared
- Sun up in New York
- "Sir" in Malaysian
- Shrimp dish
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Apex
- Harmonic effects
- One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
- Groups in organic chemistry
- More pleasant-tasting
- Spring forward
- Noted writer
- Building occupied by monks
- "The world's most famous arena"
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- Long or fast speech
- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- Actor Idris
- I (German)
- Taxes
- Indonesian island
- Nuisance (slang)
- Shawl
- Digits
- Moved on foot quickly
- "For goodness ___"
- Facial body part
- Russian river
- Urinates

CLUES DOWN

- Partner to "oohs"

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- Scaly water dweller
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Music producer Teo
- Greek mythological goddess
- Got together to discuss
- Acquires
- Involve
- Some are tomato-based
- Old Irish alphabets
- A sheet of glass in a window or door
- Blood poisoning
- A moon of Saturn
- Neither
- Sums
- They follow "A"
- Satisfaction
- People of southeastern Burma
- Small amount
- Guy (slang)
- Sound unit
- Midway between northeast and east
- Affirmative
- Almost at the top
- Extremely slow
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Influential mid-century playwright
- Martens
- Approval
- Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- African nation
- Dark brown or black
- A place to get caught
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- Type of sword
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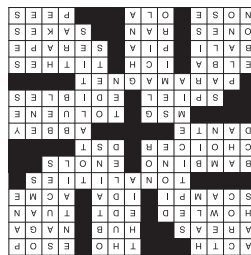
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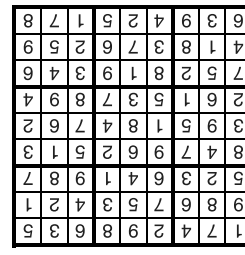
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Sudoku Answer

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under The Planning Act NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Regarding Road Closing By-Law 9-2024

The Council of the R.M. of St. Clements, under the authority of *The Planning Act*, will hold a Public Hearing at the Municipal Office Council Chamber, 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk, MB, on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections, if any, from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law 9-2024, being a by-law to close a public road.

The general intent of this by-law is to close a public road, in which the road will be re-opened on a Plan of Subdivision.

A copy of the above by-law and supporting material may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday at the R.M. of St. Clements Municipal Office, 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk, Manitoba.

For more information, please contact:

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Rural Municipality of St Clements

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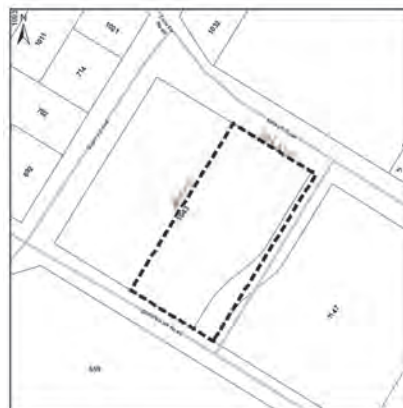
Tuesday
January 28th, 2025
6:00pm

Council Chambers
1043 Kittson Road
RM of St. Clements, MB

Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application File: ZBA 10-2024
Applicant: Schinkel Properties
Property Location: 1043 Kittson Road
RM of St. Clements
Roll # 442500
PARCEL "A" PLAN 9229



Application Purpose:
The applicant proposes to rezone a portion of the property in order to facilitate the development of multi-family residential units.

Current Zoning	Zoning Proposed by Applicant
PR" Parks and Recreation Zone	Re-Zoning to: "RS" Serviced Residential zone

A copy of the above-noted proposal and supporting material is available on the Red River Planning District website at <https://www.redriverplanning.com/hearings.php> or by contacting the Red River Planning District in person during normal business hours Monday to Friday at 2978 Birds Hill Road, East St. Paul, by phone at 204 669-8880, or by email at info@rrpd.ca



CITY OF Selkirk

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY Selkirk West End Lands – Phase 1 RFQ No. SED-2024-05

The City of Selkirk is seeking submissions from experienced developers/ builders with respect to the purchase and development of approximately nine (9) acres of land in Selkirk's West End for the purposes of new residential development.

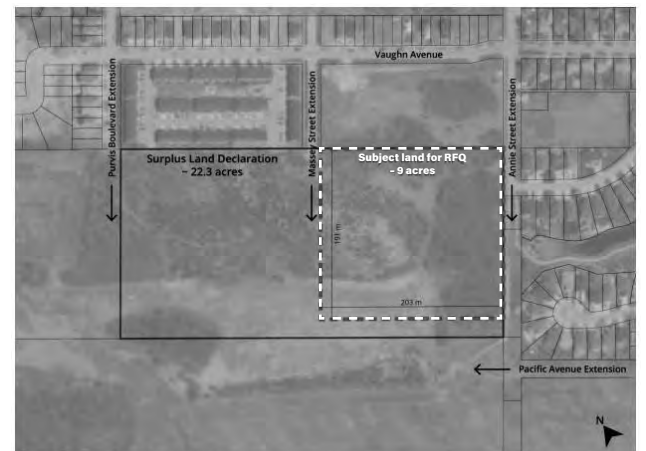


Figure 1: West End Area - Subject Lands

Submissions must be received **no later than 4:00 pm (CDT) February 6, 2025.**

Details and submission information can be obtained online at: MySelkirk.ca/Tenders.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any submission(s).

Contact Information:
City of Selkirk
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Happy 64th Wedding Anniversary to Maureen and Hartley Kern on January 21st
-All our love and best wishes, your family

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BIRTHDAY



Guess who turned 80 on January 17th! You are the rock that makes our family a family.
Happy Birthday to you and many more Jenny Sander also known as Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma
-Love your family!

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IN MEMORIAM



In loving memory of Delphine Paine (Parks)
February 4, 1934 - January 16, 2023
I thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new; I thought of you yesterday, And days before that too. I think of you in silence, As I often speak your name; All I have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memories is our keepsake, With which we will never part; God has you in His keeping We have you in our hearts.
-Love you always
Melanie, Eric, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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IN MEMORIAM



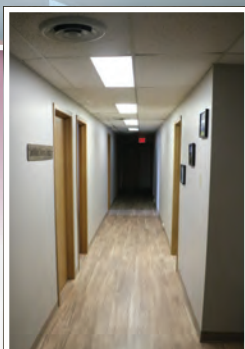
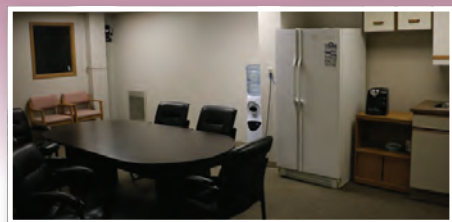
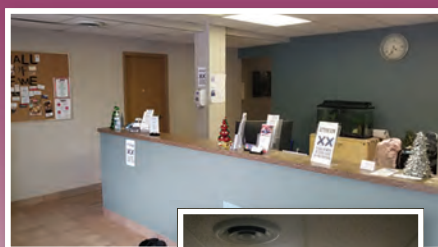
In loving memory of Delphine Paine
February 4, 1934 - January 16, 2023
The ones we love never go away, They walk beside us every day; Unseen, Unheard, yet always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.
-Sadly missed and never forgotten by Sister Irene and family

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IN MEMORIAM

Marion Laye (Hardwick)
January 17, 2024

I've got to understand
You must release the ones you love
And let go of their hand.
I try and cope the best I can,
But I'm missing you so much.
If I could only see you
And once more feel your touch
Yes, you've walked on ahead of me
Don't worry I'll be fine
But now and then I swear I feel
Your hand slip into mine.
-Miss you and love you always,
Sister Ingrid

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IN MEMORIAM



Peter Skazyk
July 11, 1936 - January 19, 2021
In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept, Of the one we loved and will never forget.
-Sadly missed by Frances and sons, Allan, Greg and Ed and families

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IN MEMORIAM

Bill Johanson
Husband, Dad, Papa
January 21, 1946 - January 3, 2015

Albert Eames
Dad, Papa
July 20, 1922 - January 20, 1996

Kathleen Eames
Mom, Nana
September 30, 1919 - January 26, 2013

Linda Johanson
Sister-in-law, Auntie
March 10, 1950 - January 25, 2015
Another year has passed us by
Although our pain does not subside
You are loved and missed as much today
But in our hearts, you will always stay
-Love always,
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*There is a link death cannot sever,
Love and remembrance last forever.*

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OBITUARY

Annette Jelfs

Peacefully, on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Annette Jelfs, aged 87 years, beloved wife of Norm, passed away.

Full obituary to follow.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Les Kirkness



Les Kirkness (Will) passed away peacefully at home January 3, 2025 at the age of 75, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Donna and his sister Diane Mitchell. Also survived by his daughter Carrie Daly (Blaine), son Jay Kirkness (fiancé Tammi and step daughter Tay), granddaughters Kalee Cooper (Austin) and Morgan Kirkness (Sy). As well as many extended family.

Les was predeceased by his parents Carrie and William Kirkness, brothers Frank and Bobby Kirkness and sister Elsie Cronin.

Les grew up in Clandeboye, Manitoba and met Donna in their teens, fell in love, got married young and started their lives in Thompson, Manitoba where their kids were born. Les started out his career as a hard rock miner and eventually went back

to school to become a meat cutter. They vacationed one spring in the Okanagan and fell in love with it and moved their family out here. He continued to work alternately as a miner and meat cutter until "retirement". He loved doing wild game for his friends and if you knew him, you loved his famous jerky! He would drop everything to help anyone and was always busy. He never complained but he would say his usual response "Whatever!" and "just get'er dun!"

No services at this time per family request.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to two causes dear to his heart, in Manitoba: Wild Willow Ranch and Rescue at wildwillowranchmb@gmail.com or in BC to Ok Falls Happy Tails Cat Rescue Society at info@htcrs.ca.

OBITUARY

Roderick (Rod) Nerbas



On January 4, 2025, at 88 years of age, Roderick (Rod) Nerbas passed away peacefully at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

Rod was predeceased by his parents Louise and Rudolf Nerbas of Grandview, Manitoba, his brothers-in-law Wayne Densmore and Vere Scott and in-laws Kay and Albert (Scotty) Scott.

Rod is survived by his wife of over 55 years Dianne (nee Scott); his two children, Scott (children Hailey and Hope) and Michael (wife Tammy, children Schaan and Emily); nephew Humus Scott and his son George of Victoria, B.C. and sister Carol Densmore of Roblin, Manitoba.

Born in the R.M. of Shellmouth, Manitoba on July 16, 1936, Rod moved in 1940 with his family to a log cabin on a farm in the Blackstone district of Grandview, Manitoba. He attended

school at Blackstone until 1952 when the family moved into the town of Grandview where he received the rest of his schooling. At the age of 18 he became a permit teacher at Ravensworth School in Minitonas, Manitoba, after which he attended Normal School in Winnipeg in 1957. He then taught school in Locksley and Grandview Schools until he married his sweetheart, Dianne, and in 1969 moved to Selkirk, Manitoba where he taught at Daerwood School until his retirement in 1991. To further his teaching career, he attained his Bachelor of Education degree in 1982.

Over the years his quiet/soft-spoken approach made him a well respected teacher. He had a wonderful talent for being able to encourage and teach all students, including those experiencing life and learning issues. Rod especially enjoyed taking his students outside to play all manner of sports when he knew the school day was just a bit too long.

His calm demeanor also served him well for 21 years as a guard at the Selkirk detachment of the RCMP.

He was a lifelong baseball fan even working as a sports writer for the local baseball team, the Grandview Lakers. Later in life he was a big supporter of the Winnipeg Goldeyes, receiving a surprise personal call from Sam Katz thanking him for his submission in the team "naming" contest. He also volunteered at the "Save the Jets" rally at the Forks in Winnipeg hoping to save his favourite hockey team.

Later in life Rod supported his wife's interest in her United Empire Loyalist (U.E.L.) heritage by routinely donning period specific clothing (1775-83) including a tri-corn hat, a flouncy shirt and pantaloons while presenting U.E.L. programs at schools and workshops.

After teaching many years in a one room log schoolhouse he was right at home at the family log cabin built by his wife's grandfather on Star Lake, Manitoba in 1926. He spent summers building anything that was needed, bird watching and playing baseball with his sons in the back field.

Dianne could not have had a more sturdy rock to lean on over the years. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will occur at a later date.

If desired, donations in Rod's name may be made to: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - www.heartandstroke.ca; Canadian Mental Health Association - Manitoba - www.cmhaacrossmb.ca

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OBITUARY

Stewart Roy Bear

October 13, 1970 to January 1, 2025



It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Stewart Bear of Selkirk, MB, on January 1st, 2025, at the young age of 54 years.

Stewart was predeceased by his loving mother Rosie, father Jack, step-father Ralph Cook, niece Jacqueline, nephew Josh and cousin Craig.

Stewart is survived by his siblings: Richard (Nancy), Kenny, Harvey, Nadine (Blair), Christine (David) and Robert (Brenda); nephews Christopher, Matthew, Karl, Cameron, Kent, Damien and Loki; as well as many uncles, aunts, cousins and special family friends.

Stewart was born and raised in the family home on Taylor Ave.

As a young man, he enjoyed playing sports with his brother Robert, along with cousins and friends from the neighborhood. Stewart and Robert were partners in both work and play throughout their lives, and maintained a special brotherly bond as the two youngest in the family.

Later in life, his passions were many. Stewart loved to go fishing along the Red River with family and friends in the summer, and ice fishing on Lake Winnipeg with cousins Craig and Derek, and good friend Mike H Marcus in the winter. He loved listening to his rock music collection (AC/DC), shooting a game of pool uptown with friends, or golfing with big brother Richard at Mars Hills. He was a regular at Saturday afternoon bingo along with Mom and sister Nadine. At bingo he went out of his way to help others. A simple gesture such as serving a cup of tea or coffee was appreciated by the those who needed a little assistance. He was a kind hearted soul, who made friends easily. Stewart was also an avid sports fan, and loved to cheer on his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs.

Stewart's greatest enjoyment in life came from spending time with family and friends. Christmas was a special time of year that he took great pride in. Every Christmas he ensured that everyone had a gift under the tree, and was made to feel special. He shopped exclusively at Keystone Sporting Goods, enjoying the kindness and assistance that he received from the staff each time he entered the store.

Stewart endured many medical struggles during his short life, taking away opportunities many of us take for granted. Where ever he could, he went out of his way to help out neighbors, family and friends. Stewart always managed to maintain a positive mental attitude in order to persevere through each issue. Mother Rosie was his strength and Guardian Angel throughout his life. He thanked her every day for her unconditional love and support.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of life will take place on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB. Stewart will be interred at the St. Peters Old Stone Church, where he will be with his loving mother Rosie, and other loved ones, who have gone before him.

A sincere thank you to his family physician Dr. Alexandra Wood MD, and the wonderful staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, and Selkirk Mental Health Centre who provided compassionate care for Stewart over his final journey.

Rest well our dear brother. We are all thankful that you were in our lives. We love you, and you will always be in our hearts.

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

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OBITUARY



Gertrude Janis Lynn Sutherland (Sabiston)
October 6, 1950 - December 23, 2024

We are saddened to announce that Janis passed away peacefully on December 23, 2024 in Calgary, Alberta.

Janis was born and raised in Selkirk, Mb., but has lived in Calgary for many years.

Janis was predeceased by her husband, Jerry Sutherland; her partner, Jim Boyd; her parents, mother and step-father, Violet and Al Johnson; and father, Melvin Sabiston; brother Laurie Sabiston; son-in-law Steve Bent; parents in-law, Lorne and Helen Sutherland; and niece Kristin Sutherland.

Janis is survived by her children, Stacey Bent (Taylor, Brooklyn), Shane (Becky, Molly, Robbie); brother Les (Jorunn) Sabiston, sister Melanie (Eric) Lubig and Kim Guthrie; in-laws, Marie (Garry) McDonald, Rick (Laurie) Sutherland, nieces,

nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many lifelong friends both in Manitoba and Alberta.

Janis will be greatly missed by all!

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life is planned for the summer in Manitoba.

OBITUARY



Marjorie Labelle

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden but peaceful passing of Marjorie Labelle on December 31, 2024 at the age of 79.

Mum was predeceased by her parents Jack and Lorraine Anderson and her beloved husband Lou Labelle.

She leaves to celebrate her life her son Larry (Audrey); her sisters Jean, Joan, Sharon and Betty; numerous sisters and brothers-in-law, as well as many nieces and nephews.

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