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Volunteers make a difference to many organizations in our local area. Learn how they keep the Gwen Fox Gallery running and how you can volunteer or become a member of the gallery inside. Pictured: Volunteers Terry Tillett, Ken Vyse, Leona Christiansen, and Bryan Vandale.

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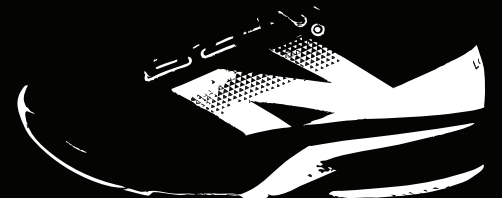
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# Gwen Fox Gallery volunteers welcome new members and new volunteers

## Come out and join our local arts community

By Katelyn Boulanger

Volunteers add to the heart of our community in many ways. With the Gwen Fox Gallery on its winter break, now is the perfect time to feature some of their many volunteers as well as talk about how you can get some help fulfilling your creatively driven resolutions this year.

The Gwen Fox Gallery is a local art gallery that welcomes artists of all skill levels to be part of its community. They host a variety of activities and have monthly exhibits featuring member artists.

Terry Tillett is the gallery's president and isn't even an artist, though he has volunteered to keep this important cultural space in our community running smoothly for the past couple of years.

"I've been involved with the Gordon Howard for about 17 years now. We were having a soup dinner over there, and Bev (Hart) and her husband, Gord, happened to be over there," he said.

After talking to the Harts, Tillett realized that his experience could benefit the Gwen Fox Gallery and so he decided to volunteer.

He says that it's been a learn as you go process and that he enjoys many parts of volunteering with the gallery.

"(I enjoy) meeting people and learning more about art, because it's something I know nothing about, learning the ins and outs of that," he said.

He explained that there are many different volunteer positions available should someone want to volunteer at the Gwen Fox Gallery and like himself, you don't have to be an artist to have valuable skills.

"There're various committees. (Volunteers) can work on and help with shows, and help set up things like that. Promoting if we're having a fundraiser and helping with a fundraiser, that type of thing," said Tillett.

Bryan Vandale is a recent volunteer from Sandy Hook who helps at the gallery with his wife, who is an artist. He explained that he really admires the work that our local artists create.

"You meet these other artists, and I really do have an appreciation for the work they do. Also I watch Manette, my wife, doing her work, it's something that you can't put a dollar value on the amount of effort they put into this," said Vandale.

The gallery doesn't just have new volunteers running the show, however, Leona Christiansen, has been volunteering for over 20 years and is also part of how the gallery keeps its

doors open for the public.

She started after her retirement.

"I met one of the members here, and she got me to come in," said Christiansen.

Having enjoyed coming into the gallery and looking at the art, she decided to volunteer and she enjoys seeing the variety of people who come into the gallery.

"It's nice to see people come in. And I'm always glad when they come from different places, different countries, even," said Christiansen.

Even if you can't quite make time for volunteering, there are options if you want to be involved with the Gwen Fox Gallery.

Every Thursday evening from 4 to 8 p.m., kids are invited to the gallery to do some painting. Thursday Kids Art Nights are free for kids to attend, art supplies are provided and it's a fun evening of creativity.

There are also a variety of classes that take place at the gallery.

Memberships are also available at the gallery and are a reasonable \$35. Memberships allow residents to not only support the gallery but put their art into the all-members shows which take place every 4 months.

Tillett explained that the Gwen Fox Gallery is an important cultural hub in our community.

"It gives people in the community a place to go see the talent that's in their community. It's a great gathering space," he said.

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Art from a previous Gwen Fox Gallery show.

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It's also important for our local artists, who, even if they use different techniques and mediums, are all welcome at the gallery.

"It gives them a chance to display their talent and learn other ideas from other people. (They can learn) other forms of art if they might want to get into another form, other than

one they're doing, and they can learn from those other people. It broadens their scope of what they can get into and just gives them the pleasure and fun of working with other people as well," said Tillett.

Residents can head down to the gallery to check it out starting Feb. 4 when they open with their first show



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Volunteer opportunities and memberships are available at the Gwen Fox Gallery.

of the year a Large Scale Art Show and Sale. The show will run from Feb. 4 until March 1 and residents can visit the gallery for free from Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is also open late on Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Tillett welcomes anyone interested

in volunteering or becoming a member to stop by and get involved.

"Just come out and see what we do here and just try it and maybe ask questions and just see if there's something here that maybe you'd like to do," he said.

## Stay safe this winter



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# Want to learn to ice fish? Now's your chance to learn on Lake Winnipeg

## Beaches of 59 giving residents a chance to learn to fish

By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents in our region are invited to learn to ice fish this winter with Beaches of 59. This is the group's second annual Learn to Fish event which allows those who sign up to come out to Lake Winnipeg and have a day of fun while learning about one of our region's winter traditions.

"It's basically an event to introduce people who have never had the opportunity or experience of ice fishing, or somebody, perhaps who has gone but they don't have equipment and would like some instruction. It's a great opportunity for people to come out. All the equipment is provided. You can either rent it for the day, or you can purchase it if you feel that you love it and you're going to want to go ice fishing every weekend," said Anna Pegoretti-Saurette, committee member with the Beaches of 59.

The Beaches of 59 is a tourist organization that works to promote the beauty of our local area encouraging residents to come to the area and locals to get out and enjoy it.

This event helps residents learn to

ice fish by promoting a great environment for their first ice fishing adventure on the Lake.

"Ice fishing is a sport that could be quite daunting if you've never done it. Number one, going out onto a frozen lake. 'Where do I go? Is it safe to go?' But here's an environment where we've got a group of volunteers that go out and check to make sure that the ice is a proper thickness and that the area is safe to go out. So that's number one, they don't have to worry about that. Secondly, drilling the holes to get set up for ice fishing, you've got to have equipment and, just to start and do it for the day, it can cost a lot of money. So, (this event is) just a really practical way to get introduced into the sport of ice fishing," explained Pegoretti-Saurette.

The group has also thought of the practicality of this event for people getting on to the ice.

"It's quite a popular spot, but, I mean, there's a lot of really popular spots on Lake Winnipeg. We chose this particular spot because it does have quite easy access onto the lake,

and there is a large parking lot. It's at the end of the Yellow Brick Road, and we, the Beaches of 59 committee, we put up signage from Highway 59," she said.

There will also be volunteers guiding people onto the lake, all necessary fishing equipment will be provided to all participants, experienced instructors, a wind shelter and warm-up stations, and each participant will get a hotdog, chips and a warm non-alcoholic drink.

The idea for this event came from the popularity of ice fishing.

"We wanted, for the local community, a place that that people could go and make it very affordable as well so that anybody can try it," said Pegoretti-Saurette.

She herself is relatively new to ice fishing having been introduced to the sport a few years ago.

"I had never done it before, and I just found it to be wonderfully relax-

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ing and a lot of fun. We can sit in the ice shack for hours and just, visit and fish and, just have a good time," she explained.

Another part of the event that has been planned out well for new fishers is that the Beaches of 59 Committee has planned this event to coincide with the province's Family Fishing Weekend. This means that residents do not need to get a fishing license for this event, however, all other rules and regulations apply.

If you want to sign up for the event, there isn't much that you should bring, but wearing weather-appropriate clothing is a must.

"Warm clothes, warm boots, hats, mitts, whatever you need. Definitely dress warm. Last year, we were so lucky. We had the most amazing winter day. It was lovely but, for everyone, come dressed and prepared for winter. Check what the weather is going to be like that day. We have no idea (what it's going to be), but hopefully, the sun will be shining," said Pegoretti-Saurette.

There are two three-hour sessions that residents can sign up for. One takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 2 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 if you'd also like to purchase your rod and reel. There is no age restriction for this event and all are welcome to sign up but children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign up for this Learn To Fish event, visit <https://www.beachesof59.ca/icefishing-1>.

To keep up with everything that the Beaches of 59 are up to check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Beachesof59/> or Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/beachesof59/>.

Pegoretti-Saurette encourages everyone who's interested in participating to check out the website and sign up.

"It is a lot of fun, you've got great instructors, and like I said, you don't have to worry about all the things that one may have to worry about if you were going to do it on your own. You don't need all that equipment. Everything — the drilling of the holes — is provided for you. There's a shelter, there's a warm lunch. You just get to experience it at its best without having to really invest in committing to ice fishing one-hundred per cent," she said.



# Local artist Jade Turner puts out new album Breathe

Check out new album featuring Americana, Roots, and Country influences

By Katelyn Boulanger

Musical artist Jade Turner will be releasing her third album *Breathe* and will be hosting a release event at the West End Cultural Centre in Winnipeg on Feb. 7.

"(My music is) I would say personal for sure. Americana. It's really hard to describe it, because I like in between Americana and country," said Turner.

Turner is a singer as well as a songwriter writing about personal events. In this latest album, she tackles the topics of bullying, addiction, self-discovery, and anxiety. *Breathe* has been described as a diary-like songbook of lessons learned through lived experience.

"There's a lot of different stories. Every single song is a different story, right? So, there's hard topics, and there's really light topics. I have a song about my son in there," Turner explained.

The album consists of 11 songs.

Turner says that she started writing and performing music when she was seven.

"For me, that's always just been an outlet. I moved around a lot. I moved

around all over the place," she said.

Life is getting busy for Turner after the release of *Breathe*.

"I have a full-time job, plus I'm a mom. There's a lot going on, and I'm just looking at the release and everything. I'm focusing on the release party, and I have a trip I'm leaving on Saturday to London for a week for music. So I'm pretty busy right now," she explained.

Her plans do include continuing to write and make better music as she always tries to grow and get better as she continues to include new life experiences in her music.

Turner's advice for young musicians wanting to share their work is to just do it even if they have doubts.

"You just have to keep practicing and get better as you go. And there are always resources, right? There are a lot of things you can learn online about the music industry and everything like that. If they ever want to go that route, there's, there's definitely ways to do that," she said.

The album release event will take place on Feb. 7 at the West End Cultural Centre in Winnipeg. Tickets are



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Jade Turner performing.

available at <https://www.wecc.ca/events/2025/02/jadeturner>.

Also featured at the event will be Burnstick, Ali Fontaine and special guest Don Amero.

To keep up with Turner online, visit

her website at <https://www.jade-turnermusic.com/> or check out her Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/jade.turner.music/>.

## Manitoba government opens applications for new plastic health cards

Submitted by the Government of Manitoba

Manitobans can now apply for a modernized plastic health card online, Health, Seniors and Long-term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara and Innovation and New Technology Minister Mike Moroz announced Jan. 25.

"Our government has been working hard to move our health card system into the modern era and we're thankful to Manitobans' patience as we take time to get this process right," said Asagwara. "Over the next few months, we expect the popularity of this initiative to mean it may take some time for every Manitoban to receive an updated card but we're focused on finally getting this done."

Manitobans applying for a plastic health card should expect it to be delivered in the coming months, the minister noted. Paper health cards continue to be valid and accepted at health-care facilities. A digital health card option will also be available soon.

"I'm sure Manitobans are just as ex-

cited as we are to say goodbye to a fading paper card and replace it with a more durable option," said Moroz. "This is just one step our government is taking to both modernize government services and make sure Manitobans can easily access services they need."

Manitoba is also enhancing health-care access for children and youth by transitioning to individual health cards for all Manitobans, including children who were previously listed on a family card, said Asagwara, noting the change aligns with jurisdictions across Canada and updates outdated record-keeping, ensuring every child and youth in Manitoba has their own health card.

The bilingual card now includes a field which allows residents to indicate their official language preference, English or French, making Manitoba the second jurisdiction in Canada to offer this feature.

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## Recall of eggs over possible salmonella contamination

### Health Canada issues recall

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada issued a warning and recall on Jan. 18 about shell eggs that could be contaminated with salmonella, which are bacteria that cause food poisoning, and is asking consumers to not eat them.

The affected eggs brands are as follows: Compliments, Foremost, Golden Valley Eggs, IGA, no name, and Western Family. They have best before dates of Feb. 16, Feb. 22 and March 1.

The eggs were distributed in Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia and possibly other provinces and territories.

“Food contaminated with Salmonella may not look or smell spoiled but can still make you sick. Young children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems may contract serious and sometimes deadly infections,” states the recall. “Healthy people may experience short-term symptoms

such as fever, headache, vomiting, nausea, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. Long-term complications may include severe arthritis.”

Health Canada advises consumers to contact a health-care provider if they think they’ve become sick from any of the recalled products.

For more details about the eggs, including UPC and Codes, visit Health Canada’s recalls and alerts website at: <https://recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/certain-brands-shell-eggs-recalled-due-salmonella>



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# How a 1968 Chevelle Malibu brought generations together

## Car bought in 1980 for \$25 on the road and restored

By Katelyn Boulanger

The story of St. Andrews resident Todd Doberstein's 1968 Chevelle Malibu is not just the story of the restoration of an old car but of a local family coming together, encouraging each other, and celebrating a great achievement.

The start of the Chevelle being in Doberstein's life came in 1980. At that time his grandmother knew the previous owners and they asked her if she knew anyone who wanted an older vehicle. She let Doberstein's father know about the opportunity and that she thought it would be a great vehicle for her grandsons to get some use out of.

"My dad and I came in and bought it for \$25," he said.

Originally Doberstein's brother was

the owner of the vehicle but after he had driven it for a while he sold it to Doberstein.

"My brother gifted it to me because he was working in Winnipeg, so he had a job and he wanted to get a different car. He gifted to me for \$1 back in the day," said Doberstein.

Even after accounting for inflation \$25 and then \$1 in 1980 was still a very good deal for a muscle car like the Chevelle.

"I drove it for maybe a couple of years, and then I parked it behind the chicken barn because the motor was tired. It was worn out," said Doberstein.

Even though it wasn't restored like it is now, Doberstein still says that he knew the value of the vehicle.

"She was no screaming demon but

it was my car. Did I know the value? I guess I did because somebody offered me \$1,000 to sell it, and I wouldn't as a kid," he said.

Doberstein started dating, his now wife of 37 years, Louise in 1984 and he ended up taking her out to the farm where she saw the Chevelle.

"I looked at it and I said, 'Oh, my God. Whose car is this? Why is it sitting here?' And he said, 'Well, it's mine.' 'Well, why is it sitting here?' And he said, 'Well, I don't know.' I thought, 'Well, if I stay in the picture, that car is going to be back on the road,' because I'm a car buff as well," she said.

It took several years for them to get to the point where the car work could start. First of all the pair got married in 1988 and they also had their daughter Janelle.

"We lived in Winnipeg first, and we got married, then we moved to Oak Bank, and we got to know some people, Jeff (and Tracy) Jozsi, and they

invited us into their house and I saw a car book on his coffee table. I looked at and I said, 'Hey, I got one of these.' And, he said, 'Well, let's go tug it home and start working on it'. So that's what we did, and that was about spring of 2002," said Doberstein.

Jeff Jozsi was a

mechanic and had already restored a car of his own so Doberstein had found the perfect person to help make his and his wife's car restoration dreams come true.

Doberstein said that when he initially pulled the car out from behind the chicken barn he thought that there was a long way to go.

He recalled that when his daughter initially saw the car she wasn't hugely enthusiastic about its prospects. Since there was a snakeskin under the hood, her initial reaction was that she was never touching the car.

After the snake skin was removed, the motor was redone and the vehicle got some wheels on it, however, she changed her mind and decided that she wouldn't mind driving it.

Initially, the first thing that they did was redo the brakes on the vehicle then they pulled the motor, as Doberstein knew from his time driving the car that it was worn out already, and he decided that it deserved an upgrade. With some advice from a cousin of his, he got to work.

"I bought a car from my Uncle. It was \$100 a Pontiac. That's where the motor came from, pulled that out, stripped it apart in the garage, and built it up from there," he said.

Louise and Todd Doberstein described the first time they put gas in the Chevelle and got it running as a mixture of cheering, tearing up and watching fireworks.

After that, it was off to the muffler shop to get that fixed up and then back to the muffler shop as Louise didn't think that it sounded quite right.

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Todd Doberstein, his daughter Janelle and wife Louise at their first car show.

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After that, the vehicle had some body work done in Winnipeg and finally, it was time to redo the interior which was restored back to its original look.

During this time it was again Jeff Jozsi who convinced them to bring the, then in-progress, vehicle to their very first car show.

"He says, people want to see a work in progress. I'm thinking, you're just going there to show your final gem, you know? I said, 'Okay,' and off we went. Man, we got a lot of questions barely out of the car," said Doberstein.

The passion for the vehicle didn't stop with Doberstein, however as his daughter took it to a car show for her parents when they were busy one weekend and something that was, by then, already an interest, turned into some-

thing more.

"When I took it to Beausejour and I was driving it," she says, "I got the feeling, what you feel when you drive into a car show," explained Doberstein.

The car became a part of Doberstein's daughter's wedding as it was her ride to the ceremony.

Though he's had a lot of people interested in purchasing the vehicle over the years, because of his daughter's passion for the vehicle, he plans to give it to her eventually.

For now, though Doberstein continues to bring the car to local car shows and remembers the many members of his family who were a part of the car's journey.

"There's a few things I want to do and to change yet, but overall it's pretty good," said Doberstein.



The 1968 Chevelle Malibu.

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## Access CU closing Miami, Gretna, and Lowe Farm branches

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union is shutting down branches in five small communities in southern Manitoba this spring and fall.

As of May 22, the Gretna, Lowe Farm, Miami, and Birds Hill branches will all close and consolidate with the nearest larger Access CU location (Altona, Morris, Morden, and 2526 Main St., Winnipeg, respectively). On Sept. 17, the Lundar branch will also close, consolidating with the branch in Er-

ksdale.

Access CEO and president Larry Davey says this move is intended to optimize resources to provide better service to members and adapt to the evolving banking landscape.

"It's certainly something we don't take lightly," he said. "But, as we've seen over the past number of years, members continue to gravitate to more convenient options along the electronic lines ... members are just visiting the branches far less than they used to."

In fact, Davey estimates less than five per cent of transactions at Access take place in person at its branches. The vast majority of members are accessing most services through mobile apps, online banking, or phone banking.

"We analyze this ongoing," Davey explained. "We are also able to understand the behaviour patterns of members as to where they're utilizing their debit cards

... and in most situations members are travelling to the larger communities where we have branches."

The Gretna and Lowe Farm branches, for example, are only about 10 minutes away from the Altona and Morris branches they'll be consolidating with, he pointed out.

As well, an increasing number of staff at these smaller branches do not live in the communities they work in, Davey noted.

"So they're travelling, and there's situations where weather stops them from being able to go in, and that has an impact on member service as well," he said, pointing out the locations with just a handful of employees also come with security concerns for staff. "We're trying to consider all of these things."

All affected staff—these branches have about two to four employees each—will be offered employment elsewhere within the Access CU network.

"Nobody's losing their jobs," Davey stressed. "They're all being moved to other positions within the organization."

Access CU members affected by these closures will have the same account number at their new branches.

Davey encourages anyone uncertain about making the most of the digital banking services available to stop by their local branch to learn how to use them.

"We've really been asking staff to spend the time with members to outline the convenience and the availability of technology," he said.

Davey stressed these five communities are still an important part of the Access service area. While a physical branch may no longer be present, Access intends to continue to support community initiatives and offer programming there.

"It's one of our values that the credit union is helping our communities and investing in our communities," he said. "Those communities where we have members, we will continue to support those communities in the ways we have in the past."

There are no other branches currently slated for closure, though Davey noted they are always assessing the efficiency of their network.

"We have considerations both on the consolidation side and on whether we should open branches in areas that we might not be located right now," he said. "That's something else we continue to look at but, again, what type of branch you open is dependent on how much people are going to use it."

Various mergers in recent years have made Access Credit Union the largest credit union in the province.

The consolidation of these five locations will bring its network to 47 branches across southern Manitoba.



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# Community grieves loss of much-loved woman

By Jennifer McFee

The community is reeling from the news that a vibrant young woman lost her life last week in a highway collision.

Friends, family and community members are in shock to hear about the death of 28-year-old Kellie Verwey. The much-loved woman was planning a wedding this summer with her fiancé, Travis Lundy. Together, they shared in many special occasions through their mobile coffee and cocktail bar called Roasts and Toasts.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 10:50 a.m., Portage la Prairie RCMP received a report of a three-vehicle collision on Highway 26, about three kilometres east of Portage la Prairie.

A westbound pickup truck had veered over the centre line, and an eastbound pickup truck to swerve to prevent a collision. The westbound truck hit the ditch and rolled while the eastbound truck collided with a westbound SUV driven by Verwey. She died at the scene.

The 21-year-old man driving the eastbound truck was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Meanwhile, the 24-year-old driver of the westbound truck freed himself from the vehicle, which was later confirmed to be stolen from the Arborg area. He was picked up by a passing motorist and dropped off at a nearby gas station.

The motorist who picked up the driver returned to the scene and told officers where he'd dropped him off. The investigators determined the driver took a cab and was believed to be heading to Winnipeg.

Officers from the Headingley RCMP detachment contacted the cab driver who then told them that the man got out near a motel on Highway 1 in Headingley, where he fled on foot. Area patrols led to the arrest of James Lorne Hilton from the RM of St. Andrews. He was charged with multiple offences including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, operation while impaired and failure to stop after an accident resulting in death. He was taken into custody without incident. Portage la Prairie RCMP, along with a forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

Now the community is left to grapple with the unfathomable loss of a young woman who brightened the lives of all who knew her.

With a long list of personal and professional achievements, Verwey found ways to make a positive impact

in Portage and beyond. Five years ago, she graduated from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba with a commerce degree. While in university, she took part in exchange programs in England and Iceland. She enjoyed playing hockey, travelling and spending time with loved ones.

In addition to operating Roasts and Toasts, which earned an award from the Portage Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding New Entrepreneur in 2024, Verwey also made her mark as a tourism co-ordinator for the municipality.

Sharilyn Knox, mayor of the City of Portage la Prairie, shared some poignant sentiments with the *Record*.

"I wish we didn't need to be here, fighting for change, but here we are, honouring the memory of Kellie, who was loved by so many and loved our community. We are deeply grieving her senseless loss and the lifelong effect on the other young victim and witnesses involved. I will keep shouting 'enough is enough' at the people responsible until there is meaningful change," she said.

"Our leaders need to step up, make the hard decisions and show the courage to implement meaningful bail reform and mandatory treatment programs. We need to prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities, protect those who support us, and ensure that those who serve and protect us can do their jobs effectively."

She added that what's happening now isn't working and it's time to admit it out loud.

"Let's take a deep breath, set aside the blame and commit to a strong, courageous path forward. Stricter penalties and more accountability for repeat offenders are not just talking points — they're essential steps to protect our citizens and support our first responders, who are bearing the brunt of a broken system," she said.

"I'm not in the position of making the laws or policies when it comes to justice, but I can and will be a voice for the people in our communities. I'm willing to stand up, take risks and demand the tough decisions needed to ensure public safety. Now is the time for leadership, not politics, and we're ready to help fight for the change our communities deserve."

Legal professionals might need to take a step back and realize that changes to the justice system are essential for the safety of our community, Knox added.

"While defending clients is a crucial



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Kellie Verwey.

part of their role, it's equally important to recognize that sometimes the people they defend need to be held accountable for their actions. Implementing bail reform and mandatory treatment programs can help ensure that offenders receive the necessary support to address their issues while also protecting the public and reducing the risk of repeat offenses," she said.

"It's time to prioritize the well-being of our communities and make the hard decisions needed to create a safer environment for everyone."

In addition, Knox wrote a letter to Justice Minister Matt Wiebe on behalf of council, which she shared on social media with family consent.

"I write to you not only as the Mayor of Portage la Prairie but as a deeply grieving community leader. On January 15, 2025, our community lost a vibrant, promising young woman, Kellie Verwey, in a senseless and preventable tragedy. This loss has shaken our city to its core, and it demands immediate attention and action," she wrote.

"The incident that claimed Kellie's life is both devastating and infuriating. According to the RCMP, a stolen vehicle driven recklessly by James Lorne Hilton caused the chain of events that led to her death. This individual, known to the police, had an active arrest warrant at the time

of the crash. He should have been in custody, not behind the wheel of a stolen truck on our highways. This is a systemic failure, plain and simple, and it cost an innocent young woman her life. Her dreams, her future, and her contributions to our world were stolen in an instant."

Knox said the tragedy outlines glaring systemic deficiencies, including allowing repeat offenders to roam free and failing to prioritize public safety. She implored the justice minister to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure individuals with active warrants are apprehended and kept in custody; to prioritize public safety in sentencing and parole decisions, especially for repeat offenders; to increase resources and accountability within the justice system to prevent known criminals from endangering innocent lives; and to consult with communities and families affected by crime to develop meaningful, impactful reforms.

Hundreds of people offered heartfelt responses to Knox's post, which has also been shared thousands of times.

"As someone who knew Kellie since her birth, I watched her grow and blossom into the extraordinary woman that she was and will always be remembered. She achieved so much in her short 28 years and touched so

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**ELDER RUTH CHRISTIE**

**39<sup>th</sup> Citizen of the Year**

**Elder Ruth Christie is the 2024 Citizen of the Year, and deservedly so.**

Her lifelong commitment to education and Aboriginal truths is legendary and her nominators, Shirley Muir and Jacqueline Bercier, were thrilled with her selection.

"It seems like Elder Ruth Christie has been a part of my life for years," Muir said.

"It's been so long I frankly can't remember how I even got introduced to her. It was likely something like this, "You want to understand Indigenous history and culture in this community? You need to talk to Ruth Christie."

Bercier, a teacher in the Lord Selkirk School Division, said Christie has been a mentor to herself and many of her peers.

"She has mentored many teachers, and her wisdom and stories have helped us progress on an intentional and positive path in our commitment to reconciliation," Bercier said.

"Ruth has also been an esteemed Elder for Promoting Aboriginal Student Success (PASS) since its inception in 2000. She has worked with our young people in various workshops, lending her knowledge to the next generation"

SDCF Chair David Thorne said Christie is a most deserving recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

"Ruth's infectious laughter, smile and kindness brightens every room she enters," he said.

"Her wisdom and strength make her truly deserving of the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award."

For Christie, she was humbled and 'totally surprised', by the honour.

"It makes me feel good that what I do, this is just what I like doing, but the community seems to think that's very important. I'm learning, I have to accept that some people don't know the Indigenous history or their own culture sometimes and it's neat to get to share," Christie said.

"I was so pleased that Jacquie and Shirley did that for me. It really makes me feel like I'm getting a big hug from my community."

*ABOVE: Elder Ruth Christie with nominators Shirley Muir and Jacquie Bercier*



# COMMUNITY is Vital



**Chair's Message: Our Community is always vital**

*ABOVE: Selkirk & District Community Foundation board members and staff once again 'Treed it Themselves' as part of Selkirk's winter festival 'Holiday Alley'.*

**As 2024 wrapped up we couldn't help but take a look back before we moved forward.** Certainly, there were lessons to be learned, new pressures to be cognizant of, but most importantly, we need to recognize all the good our donors and recipients do each and every year. At the Foundation we know the importance of working diligently with one another and how it takes all of us to make our community complete.

Our donors play a vital role in building community in the places where it needs the most help. Their commitment to a strong and healthy community runs deep and they show up over and over again. Our grant recipients are experts in our community, who repeatedly do the heavy lifting which is vital in making our little piece of the world better for all citizens.

Elder Ruth Christie got a big community-wide hug when we honoured her as the 2024 Citizen of the Year. Ruth's dedication to history and its preservation have kept our community vital for years and will continue to well into the future.

We're also engaging the community in our data collection for Vital Signs 2.0. Our Town Hall in October brought together passionate community members who were enthusiastic in their commitment to our community. We look forward to more collaborations as we move forward.

On behalf of the Selkirk & District Community Foundation Board of Directors, and our staff team, I wish you all the best in 2025.

– SDCF Chair David Thorne

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## Horse therapy 101

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A Selkirk & District Community Foundation grant has connected three Ecole Selkirk Junior High students with their new teachers – three therapy horses from Urban Stables.

Urban Stables delivers hands-on programs with horses that teach youth vital social, emotional, and physical skills and support them in transferring this learning to their school, home, and community.

During three five-week sessions spread throughout the school year, the students will learn how to groom their horse, put a saddle on, approach them in the barn and eventually ride.



*The students are learning to groom and saddle their horses; next they'll learn to ride.*

Kat Marsch, vice principal at ESJH, says none of the girls knew how to ride before the pilot program began, but all were excited, albeit nervous, to giddy up and go.

"It's just their third week and they're really enjoying it, really looking forward to getting on the horses and learning more about them," Marsch said.

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"All of their parents have given us incredible feedback that their child is super excited about this and they can already see a change in them based on their interest and less anxiety about trying new things.

"There's one mom that says she's probably going to have to pursue riding lessons after this is over because her daughter is really interested, and they're excited to see her have that kind of passion towards something new."

Urban Stables runs the program out of Stone Hurst Stables in the Interlake, and though it's subsidized, Marsch said the school wouldn't have been able to attend without the Foundation grant.

"We're grateful to be able to apply to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation because that was really the only way we were going to be able to make this happen," Marsch said.

"We're really grateful that they saw the value in this program."



*Robert Smith School students are glad the snow arrived so they can be outside making tracks!*

"It's so cool to see them in a different element that is still so very beneficial for their minds. We let them play.

We let them be kids and it's a

Fund. Both are donor-advised funds.

Erin Kennedy, a teacher at Robert Smith, said they started a walking club at the school last school year to get kids outside where they can exercise their bodies and their minds. The Friday afternoon walks have been a success

and the grant has allowed them to purchase about 23 pairs of snowshoes to keep the outdoor experience going year-round.

"I think my favourite part I've witnessed in the kids we work with is they're typically students who may struggle in a school classroom setting and then you take them out in nature and it just makes me cheery-eyed, there's a complete 180 turnaround," Kennedy said.

good way to form friendships too for kids who struggle making friends. I feel snowshoeing will collectively be something new that they get to try together."

Selkirk Friendship Centre Day Care Director Lorie Fiddler said they are a nature-based, screen free program and they often have the kids outdoors all day long. They hike in the bush at Selkirk Park, build forts and get to see owls, birds and deer. The snowshoes mean they'll be able to stay outdoors during winter.

"We feel we are balancing the technology that children are exposed to with the beautiful outdoors. Play in nature strengthens all domains of child development," Fiddler said.

"Another beautiful benefit of our outdoor philosophy is the immunity boost all children get when playing in the forest. As the saying goes, there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad choices."

## Foundation grants get kids outside in the snow

**There will be plenty of tracks in the snow this year made by students from Robert Smith School and Selkirk Friendship Centre Day Care.**

Both received Selkirk & District Community Foundation grants to purchase snowshoes. Robert Smith School received the first ever grant from the Michele and Gary Polinuk Promoting Health Fund, and the Friendship Centre Day Care's grant came from the Kirstin's Walk for Kids

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Allison Savoie, Tope Omoniyi and Barbara Pasaur participated in the Vital Signs 2.0 town hall meeting.



## Community is vital to success of Vital Signs 2.0

**There was a strong sense of community on Oct. 5 when 110 people came together at Memorial Hall to take part in the Selkirk & District Community Foundation's Vital Signs 2.0 Town Hall.**

Vital Signs is a community check-up that measures the vitality of the community, identifies significant trends and comes up with ideas on how to move that knowledge into action. The original, called Mind the Gap, was released in 2018.

For the new report to be a success, community input is truly vital. SDCF Chair and Vital Signs Committee Co-Chair David Thorne said people who came out to Memorial Hall that Saturday were engaged, enthusiastic and committed to putting in the hard work necessary to complete the report.

"The town hall was successful," Thorne said, noting during the original Vital Signs' town hall held in 2016, 70 people came out.

"It was a lot bigger group than last time, so we were quite happy with that. And it was a very diverse group. I think we're on the right path."

Co-Chair Brandon Sutherland said the participation level was impressive and the day overall even more so.

"It's not I think, it's I know the day was remarkable," Sutherland said.

"It was an extremely diverse group of people from our community and it was really neat to hear the great ideas to connect the people of the Tri S area. My biggest take away was that a lot of the positive ideas, the positive changes that people want to see are going to connect the people of St. Clements, St. Andrews and Selkirk on a much more in-touch point of view."

Data collection for the report is ongoing and the committee is meeting with community groups to listen and learn. The second Vital Signs report is expected to be released in 2025.



Viktoria Westgate with board member Doug Simister inside Nova House's new transitional house.

## Nova House adding more transitional housing

**The role Nova House plays in our community is vital to women and children in crisis.**

In 2023, Nova House purchased its first home to provide long term transitional housing to clients and in 2024 purchased a second home that is now being renovated.

A Foundation grant to Nova House's transitional housing renovation program will help with Phase 1

renovations, which include turning the main floor into a two-bedroom unit. Phase 2 will transform the basement into a one-bedroom unit.

Viktoria Westgate, Executive Director, says families stay in Nova House's emergency shelter only until safe housing can be found, which traditionally is through Manitoba Housing. Wait times can be long and the transitional housing program helps get families settled quicker.

"The wait for housing can be upwards of three months, which is a long time for a family of six to remain in an emergency program as space is tight," Westgate said.

"We have had families wait over six months. Women without children could wait upwards of a year. Manitoba Housing is a great option, but a lot of families need them which creates the long waitlist."

Nova House has three short-term transitional apartments where families can stay for up to two years and continue to work on making positive changes in their lives. The success of the apartments prompted Nova House to expand its housing options.

"We purchased our first house in 2023, our second house was purchased in September of 2024, and we are in the process of purchasing our third house. We provide full security by means of cameras that surround the property," Westgate said.

"Our transitional housing program provides an array of supports. Families continue to receive counselling, educational programming through our Outreach Program, and help with work experience and other assistance depending on the journey they are taking for their lives."

The Nova House grant was provided through two funds – the Homes For All and the Community Fund.



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> MEAL IDEAS



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## Baked Spaghetti

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Heat oven to 350 F.

Brown and drain ground beef. Cook noodles according to package instructions. Drain noodles; add alfredo sauce and mix well.

Add marinara sauce, garlic powder and onion powder to ground beef. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place noodles in 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Spoon beef mixture on top but do not mix in. Cover with shredded cheese then cover with foil and bake 30-40 minutes.

Serve with French bread or breadsticks.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound spaghetti noodles
- 1 jar (16 ounces) alfredo sauce
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- French bread or breadsticks, for serv-



## Cranberry Bars

walnuts and 1 cup white chocolate chips. Spread into 7-by-11-inch baking dish and bake 35-40 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Let cool then melt remaining white chocolate chips and drizzle over bars.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 box white or yellow cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 1/2 cups dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 2 cups chopped white chocolate chips, divided
- Heat oven to 350 F.
- Mix cake mix, eggs, butter, cranberries,

## Egg Tot Muffins

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 12

- Butter
- 36 thawed tater tots
- 10 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream or half-and-half
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- Heat oven to 350 F.

Grease muffin tin with butter. Place three tots in each muffin hole and smash down.

In bowl, whisk eggs, cream, cheese, garlic powder, onion powder and bacon pieces. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Fill each muffin hole completely with mixture.

Place cookie sheet under muffin tin to contain messes and bake 20-25 minutes.



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Bernie – there definitely is more than just RRSPs!

When you are planning for retirement, it is advisable to accumulate and consider separate buckets, accounts, or as we like to say, “pools of capital” to properly diversify your future. Of course, many people may not be able to do them all, but at least you can now see what we ask clients to consider when determining an achievable retirement lifestyle, and RRSPs will always be one of them. There are typically six common ways to divide your savings towards future retirement capital. These are the things that your Advisor will want to review with you. Plan to use as many as you can when saving for your future. Remember, if you are not planning for a comfortable and secure retirement, how can you expect to have one. Here we go.

**Number One: Your employment pension, government pension or both.** If you're lucky enough to have both – you are definitely in the minority these days. On these paid into investments, income will be received and taxable when you receive it in retirement but there is no taxes payable at death. Many employers have savings plans where they will match part of your contribution, and some may offer proprietary pension plans that you can also pay into. Please consider these options. They definitely add up over time and many can be moved to registered plans like a LIRA or LIF if you leave your employer.

**Number Two: Your registered investments. This would be RRSPs converting to RRIFs once you reach the age of 71.**

These investments are limited by minimum and maximum deposits and of course withdrawals will be taxed by the CRA.

Remember any funds left in your estate at death will be taxed as income on your last tax return unless participating in a spousal rollover. Consider purchasing Deferred Annuities with your RRSP contributions – these are great products to offer a guaranteed income once you retire, (guaranteed annual income for life).

**Number Three: Tax-Free Savings** Always a good option to supplement RRSPs with no taxation at death.



Christine Ibbotson

This should be considered by every Canadian over 18 even if RRSPs are not part of your savings plan.

**Number Four: Non-Registered Investments**

This could include various types of investment vehicles to diversify your portfolio. If you choose investments that earn annual interest, like bonds or debentures, you will be responsible for the tax each year. If you choose other investment products, such as securities, they will have taxation only on the growth and subject to capital gains tax when withdrawn. Non-registered investments may also be subject to probate and other estate fees upon death.

**Number Five: Investment Property +/- Primary Residence**

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*Good Luck and Best Wishes,*

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## McDonald and Team Canada win gold at U18 Women's Worlds Hockey championship



East St. Paul's Hayley McDonald

By Kieran Reimer

East St. Paul's Hayley McDonald is now a world champion after winning a gold medal with Team Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship in Vantaa, Finland, last Sunday.

Caileigh Tiller from St. Catharines, Ontario, scored the game-winning goal in Canada's 3-0 victory over the United States in the gold medal match at Vantaa Trio Arena. This win marked Canada's eighth overall gold medal at the U18 championships.

McDonald excelled throughout the tournament, scoring four goals and adding three assists in six games, which included an impressive three-point performance during Canada's 17-0 victory over Japan in the preliminary round last Thursday. Canada finished the tournament with a perfect record of 6-0, achieving their third gold medal in the last four tournaments.

Following the championship, McDonald will return to Rink Hockey Academy Kelowna U18 Prep for the remainder of the 2024-25 season. She is also committed to Ohio State University in the NCAA for the next season.

## > KELLIE VERWEY, FROM PG. 12

many lives ... she had so much more to give," states one post.

"Let her tragic death not be in vain, but a call to a reform of our justice system, reaching every corner of our nation, and let hers be the last innocent life lost to a broken system that failed her, and her family and friends. We love you Kel!"

Another post thanked Knox for her well-written letter.

"Condolences to Kellie families and friends. Our communities have lost a beautiful soul taken way too soon. Gainsborough, Portage la Prairie, Oakland, Warren, McCreary and High Bluff," states the post.

"We need to support change in this

broken system to keep our community's safe and honour Kellie. Her fiancé, Travis and her families have lost a lifetime of joy...we need to do better and keep the pressure on to make this change."

The Whoop and Hollar Folk Fest also shared an emotion-filled response.

"So many tears shed today. It seems that it's always the good people that are taken from us, due to the actions of irresponsible individuals who keep getting away scot-free," the post states.

"Enough IS enough!! Kellie, you will be missed so much, and we will all be forever changed by your efforts to unite and help your community and

elevate Portage's tourism potential! To all of Kellie's family, close friends, and colleagues ... we stand with you. Mayor Knox, what a heartfelt tribute and call to action. Thank you."

A celebration of Kellie Verwey's life will take place in Portage la Prairie on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m., and the service will also be live-streamed. To register and view the service, visit [www.mckenzieportagefuneralchapel.com](http://www.mckenzieportagefuneralchapel.com).

As expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to a soon-to-be-established fund in memory of Kellie Verwey care of Community Foundation of Portage and District.

# sports & recreation

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## Fishermen struggle to keep up with league-leading Warriors

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Fishermen's game in Sagkeeng was postponed due to poor road conditions last Friday. This game will be rescheduled for a later date, which has yet to be determined.

The Fishermen did play on Sunday, but they faced a challenging match-up against the league-leading St. Malo Warriors. Unfortunately, they

struggled offensively, managing only one goal in a 7-1 loss. Zach Gallinger scored the lone goal for the Fishermen in the third period, marking his first goal of the season.

Goaltender Marcus Sharpe had a busy day, facing 36 shots and making 29 saves. In comparison, the Fishermen only managed to get 16 shots on St. Malo's goaltender, Jozse Gauthier-

Urmos.

With this loss, the Fishermen's record falls to 9-11-0-1-2 for the season, and they remain in fourth place in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League. They will aim to improve their offensive performance next Friday at the Sun Gro Centre against the Beausejour Comets at 8 p.m.

## Raiders' comeback falls short in shootout with Twins

By Kieran Reimer

The Raiders Junior Hockey Club slipped back to eighth place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League after a thrilling 5-4 shootout loss to the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins.

The Raiders fought hard to erase deficits of 2-0, 3-1, 3-2, and 4-3, managing to tie the game each time. However, the Twins' defense prevented the Raiders from taking the lead.

The shootout lasted just two rounds, with the Twins successfully scoring on both attempts, while the Raiders were unable to find the net.

In goal for the Raiders, Evan Banera stopped 32 of 36 shots. Nathan Lenoski and Owen Lourenco each scored two goals in the match.

Despite the loss, the Raiders earned a single point, bringing their record to 12-16-4. They are currently tied on points with the Stonewall Jets, who have played one fewer game.

Next weekend, the Raiders will host the River East Royal Knights on Friday and the St. James Junior Canucks on Sunday.

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Jan. 24 vs River East Royal Knights, 7:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks Arena

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Sunday, Jan. 26 vs St. James Jr. Canucks, 2 p.m. at Seven Oaks Arena

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## Royals basketball honouring late coach this season

By Kieran Reimer

The Lord Selkirk Royals basketball program is off and running, with all four teams recording at least one win.

The varsity boys' team is excited, as they are tasked with the challenge of K-PAC Tier 1 after their success in Tier 2 over the past three seasons.

They won a dominant 76-52 victory over the Springfield Sabres in their season opener in December and have since shown flashes of being one of the league's better offensive clubs.

This year's squad is younger than usual. Only three returnees are on the roster, while the remainder are grade 11 students joining from last year's JV squad.

Assistant coach Blake Hamm believes his team will only get better with time.

"We're a young, energetic, up-tempo team, and we only have three returning players from last year, which means we have a great core of grade 11's," said Hamm. "They are full of character and commitment, and we're really pleased with how they're playing."

The team recently placed 11th out of 30 varsity clubs at the BSSI Tournament in Brandon, capping it off with a 75-59 victory over Yorkton Regional (Saskatchewan) in the 11th-place game.

This victory provided a much-needed boost after the sudden passing of Kurt Fey, the team's long-time assistant coach and invaluable manager.

Fey was a beloved figure in the Selkirk basketball community. He played for the Royals in the 1990s, served as head coach from 2004-2008, and continued as an assistant coach and manager while growing the Junior Royals program.

The team is honouring him by wearing jersey patches with his initials and leaving his courtside chair empty.



Max Ojala heads up the court on Jan. 13. The Royals play at home on Wednesday against the Transcona Titans at 6 p.m.

"We miss him and we're very glad his family are in support and have come out to games. He's a big loss for basketball in Selkirk," said Hamm.

"Kurt was our esteemed coach, impeccably organized manager, and really our indispensable glue guy. He did everything from ordering jerseys to registering in club games to organizing referees and ordering hoodies. We miss him dearly, and we're honouring him this year. We're keeping his name on the scoresheet, keeping his chair open on the bench, and the players have his initials on the back of the jerseys."

Fey's obituary can be found at: <https://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com/obituary/Kurt-Fey>

The varsity boys are now gearing up for a busy stretch with upcoming games against the Transcona Titans and the College Churchill Classic.

The busy stretch kicks off this Wednesday at home against the Transcona Titans at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity girls' game at 7:30 p.m.

The JV clubs play back-to-back on Tuesday at Murdoch MacKay, with the girls at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m.



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Easton Parisian Nault looks for an open teammate in Royals vs Calvin Christian Eagles game on Jan. 13. The Royals won the game 83-64 for their second win of the regular season.

### UPCOMING GAMES:

- Tuesday, Jan. 21, Junior Varsity Girls vs Murdoch MacKay, 6 p.m. at Murdoch MacKay
- Tuesday, Jan. 21, Junior Varsity Boys vs Murdoch MacKay, 7:30 p.m. at Murdoch MacKay
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, Varsity Boys vs Transcona Titans, 6 p.m. at Lord Selkirk
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, Varsity Girls vs Transcona Titans, 7:30 p.m. at Lord Selkirk



Liam Shedden attempts a layup in the Royals vs Calvin Christian Eagles game on Jan. 13. The Royals improved to 2-2 in the regular season after defeating the Eagles 83-64.

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## Royals heating up at the right time, with playoffs approaching

By Kieran Reimer

The Lord Selkirk Royals found their groove this week in a pair of wins over the West Kildonan Wolverines and the St. Paul's Crusaders.

On Monday, the Royals beat the Wolverines 5-4 on home ice to snap a three-game losing streak.

With things tied at 4 in the late going, the Royals took advantage of a powerplay opportunity as Sebastian Cychowski notched the winner with 36 seconds left on the clock.

Rylen Giroux was also key in the win, making 30 saves. Nolan Dear scored twice in the second period, and Johnathan Kruk and Erik Evason rounded out the other Royals' goals.

Then, on Thursday, Evason was back at it again with another goal, this time on the powerplay with three minutes remaining in the third, which held on to be the game-winner.

Drake Vermeulen and Ethan Lukianchuk scored the Royals' other goals. Kyle Cromie, in net, helped the Royals to their second win of the week with 38 saves on 40 shots.

The Royals improved to 7-10-0-1-0 with the wins and moved into ninth place in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League's Platinum Promotions Division.

The team hopes this week's success can lead to more this regular season, with just six games remaining before the playoffs.

Selkirk now looks ahead to the season's home stretch with back-to-back games this Thursday and Friday against the JH Bruns Broncos and Oak Park Raiders.

Thursday's home game against the Broncos will be a key matchup for how the Royals want to finish the season in the standings. The Broncos are just four points back of the Royals in 10th place.

Then, on Friday, they will need another exceptional effort to take down the Raiders on the road. The Raiders currently hold second place in Platinum Promotions with a 15-3-0-0-1 record.

### UPCOMING GAMES:

- Thursday, Jan. 23 vs J.H. Bruns Broncos, 4 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex
- Friday, Jan. 24 at Oak Park Raiders, 3:45 p.m. at Eric Coy Arena



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL


Royals goaltender Kyle Cromie drops to a butterfly in Thursday's home game against the St. Paul's Crusaders at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Cromie stopped 38 of 40 shots, leading the Royals to a 3-2 victory.



Royals forward Erik Evason squeaks a shot past St. Paul's Crusaders' Quinn Boulanger late in the third period to give the Royals a 3-2 lead. Evason had a goal and an assist in the game, including the game winning goal in a 3-2 win.



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## Late goal costs Steelers two points in Swan River

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Steelers' two-game road trip took quite the turn on Friday when the road conditions forced a change to their northern Manitoba trip.

Like most teams in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, the Steelers' clash with the Northern Manitoba Blizzard on Friday was postponed, giving them some extra rest yet making for a gruelling travel day to Swan River on Saturday.

The Steelers woke up Saturday and hopped on the five-plus-hour bus, which took them straight to Swan River Centennial Arena for a date with the Stampeders.

Rohan Guevarra got the Steelers on the board early, but the Stampeders fought back with a pair of goals to lead 2-1 through 40 minutes.

After Owen Warnick made it 2-2 with five minutes left, it appeared overtime was in store, but the Stampeders had other plans after a turnover and a quick two-on-one resulted in Riley Fequet scoring the winner for the Stampeders with just 33 seconds left.

The Stampeders picked up two points in the win, and the Steelers returned home with their record dropping to 20-15-1-1-2 after the loss.

"It's definitely a tough way to lose a game after battling back and tying it up late and not even getting a point out of it definitely hurts, but overall, for a majority of the game, we did a much better job with our defensive details," said head coach Hudson Friesen. "Coming off the bus wasn't easy but our guys played with a lot of energy and compete and we had a lot of chances to get up a couple goals but for whatever reason we've been grip-

ping the sticks a little bit too tight and weren't able to capitalize. That kind of let them hang around and then they were up on us so giving up that goal late hurts but there were a lot of good moments that we have to build on. We have to find a way to fill the net again like I know we can."

Earlier in the week the Steelers also had a similar result in a 3-1 loss to the Virden Oil Capitals on Tuesday that saw things tied through 40 minutes.

Despite Luke McCarthy being the Steelers' only goal scorer that game, the Steelers still threw 42 shots at Capitals netminder Loic Morin.

Though the wins aren't coming in at the moment, Friesen and the team continue to be optimistic that things will turn around soon.

This week, the Steelers' optimism will be tested as they take on the Steinbach Pistons, Portage Terriers, and Stampeders in a five-day span.

Picking up points in each game will be crucial as they continue to try to close the seven-point deficit on the Niverville Nighthawks for the MGEU East's final playoff spot.

"We're right there we just need to see that success come to fruition and build that confidence. That's something that's taken a bit of a hit in the last two weeks but we're close to getting that back and the room is bought in and understands the things that are important and will help us be successful. This week is a big week for us and the guys will be ready to go come tomorrow night in Steinbach."

Friesen also spoke on the impressive seasons so far from veteran and rookie netminders Noel Olsonawski and Ethan Sawyer and how big their continued success will be if they want to make a playoff push.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Steelers' defenceman Lincoln Ponce guards Oil Capitals forward Noel Englot on Jan. 14. Ponce has a goal and three assists in 26 games with the Steelers this season.



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Steelers' forward Griffin Krone takes a pass in tight against the Virden Oil Capitals on Jan. 14. The rookie forward has five goals and seven assists in 37 games with the Steelers this season.

As their veteran netminder, Olsonawski is expected to see much of the action in the club's final 21 games, including the clash in Steinbach.

"Noel is a 20-year-old, he's going to get a good chunk of those games, and it will be very much schedule dependent, so we'll get both goalies involved, and we're confi-

dent with whoever is in the net. Noel being our backbone though we expect him to take some of these starts and play his best and drive this team to the playoffs."

### UPCOMING GAMES:

- Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Steinbach Pistons, 7 p.m. at HyLife Centre
- Friday, Jan. 24 vs Portage Terriers, 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex
- Saturday, Jan. 25 vs Swan Valley Stampeders, 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex

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## Elizabeth Manley laces up with local skaters

Figure skaters attend seminar with Elizabeth Manley

By E Antonio

A group of local skaters had an experience of a lifetime when they got to attend East St. Paul Skating Club's (ESPSC) two-day Elizabeth Manley Seminar on Jan. 11 and 12. 1988 Olympic and World figure skating silver medalist Elizabeth Manley was in attendance for the weekend. She met with fellow figure skating enthusiasts giving them pointers on their technique, and encouraged the skaters to try some new skills and unique skating exercises.

Manley has attended close to 200 seminars in many cities across Canada.

"I love doing seminars as it's my chance to give back to skaters. Growing up in a small town I never had the opportunity to work with big names in the sport, and I feel it's so beneficial for them to learn from the experience of a top skater," said Manley.

It brings her much joy seeing the excitement on the skaters faces when she meets them for the first time, describing it to be an outstanding experience helping the skaters achieve their dreams.

Skaters spent two full days practicing both on and off the ice at the Seven Oaks Arena in Winnipeg. Attendees engaged in insightful lectures such as Sports Psychology with Dr. Melanie Gregg to work on their mental fitness, goal setting, exercise and off-ice skill sessions with Diedre Sherk, and a Musical Theatre performance class with Christina Peabody.

Tanya Pilat, head coach at ESPSC coordinated the Elizabeth Manley Seminar was elated to be able to provide a seminar in this nature to figure skaters in East St. Paul and the surrounding communities. Despite the first day of the seminar only being offered to skaters within the ESPSC, figure skaters from other clubs were invited to join in on the fun for the second day on Manley's visit.

"This was the first time ESPSC has hosted a seminar like this. I have met Liz (Manley) several times in the last



Olympic silver medalist Elizabeth Manley motivating the skaters with a lunch hour talk.

15 years, and attended a few seminars that she has been the clinician at. I learned so much from her. During the COVID shutdown, I had her do a Zoom talk with our club skaters to keep them motivated to get through that time, and to inspire them to continue training in that difficult time. I always knew I wanted to bring her into the club to work with our skaters and was thrilled to have the support of our club executive to move forward with this opportunity."

Throughout the weekend, skaters got to eat lunch with Manley, ask questions about her figure skating experiences, take photos with her and get autographs.

Ashley McIntosh and Jillian Popeski are two skaters from Selkirk who attended the Elizabeth Manley Seminar and both skate with the ESPSC. The two skaters each expressed their excitement about being able to skate with Manley.

"I thought the seminar was fantastic," said McIntosh. "It was amazing to meet a skating icon from my childhood and hear her stories of what training for the Olympics was like, the challenges she had to overcome and what the best parts of having a career in skating were for her."

Popeski has similar remarks. "It was really fun, and I learned a lot! It was an amazing experience to have an Olympian come out to our rink and teach us. I learned different ways to do my jumps and I loved the exercises we did."

Both of the girls found the entire seminar to be very inspirational, both



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East St. Paul Skating Club members with Manley at their exclusive club session.



ESPSC head coach, Tanya Pilat with her 35-year-old Elizabeth Manley doll she got autographed over the weekend.

taking back the notion of never giving up on their dreams to their usual figure-skating practice. Especially since competition season is in full swing.

ESPSC is actively preparing for an exciting surge of competitions across the province. Skaters have been working hard at perfecting their routines over the last few months, and now it is time for them to finally show off what they have been working on. Next up, ESPSC will be heading to Killarney Feb. 7-9 for the Winter Blast Competition before taking on the STARSkate Provincials in Portage La Prairie one month later.

Pilat also invites you to see the dazzling talent the ESPSC has to offer at their year-end Ice Show on March 20 at the East St. Paul Arena.

She sends her gratitude to everyone



Skaters taking a fitness class for one of their off-ice sessions.

who attended the Elizabeth Manley Seminar. "ESPSC is proud to have been able to offer our club and other club skaters, this opportunity, and thank you to Elizabeth Manley for giving her time and knowledge to help develop and inspire the skaters. We look forward to offering more opportunities like this in the future."

An extra shout-out is sent to all the businesses who sponsored the seminar: Uplifter Inc., Access Credit Union (Birds Hill Branch), East St. Paul Community Centre, East St. Paul Skating Club, Sport Manitoba, Boston Pizza (Garden City), Subway (Birds Hill), Discovery Toys - Tanya Pilat, Grrumpy's Café & Pizza, and Harry's Foods.



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### APARTMENT FOR RENT

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> GAMES

## SUDOKU

		8	7	3		2		
5			6		1			
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2		5					8	6
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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

S	D	O	M		N	N	E	P
R	R	V	E	B	S	R	O	T
E	N	I	T	L	V	S	R	E
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E	S	V	A	T	E	S	R	S
S	E	S	E	S	E	P	E	R
S	T	S	S	E	S	E	C	O
S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
N	I	T	I	M	T	N	U	S
D	O	R	E	T	E	N	A	T
C	T	R	I	F	E	L	I	O
C	A	C	I	F	I	C	O	O
V	A	V	A	S	A	V	A	F
S	T	R	E	S	T	R	E	S

Crossword Answer

# X CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- "Loser" rocker
- Partner to relaxation
- Mixing
- Winged nut
- Expression of blame
- Vast ocean
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Multiply
- Meat from a pig (French)
- Related
- Rocker Stewart
- Surprise completely
- Loon
- Canister
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Takes forcefully
- Oil cartel
- Palmer and Hepburn are two
- More than one
- Places down purposefully
- Pitching statistic
- Type of sword
- Witnesses
- Body part
- Mixes slowly
- Satisfy
- Strong belief
- One's physique (slang)
- More frightening
- Soup cracker
- Teaches
- One who carries something
- Actor Sean
- Changes

### CLUES DOWN

- Aires, city
- Coarse grass
- Type of gene

	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	
9				10		11				12
13				14		15				
16				17		18				
19			20		21				22	
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		34				35		36		37
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43				44			45		46	47
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56								57		
	58								59	

- Door handle
- Competition
- Muslim ruler title
- Hunting expeditions
- Large mollusk
- Bind securely
- Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 2-point plays in football
- Breezed through
- Type setting
- Felt for
- Codified rules
- Small dome
- Chevrotain
- Male reproductive gland
- Controversial beliefs
- Z Z Z
- One who confines another

- Bishop
- Garlands
- Bird that flies by the coast
- Optical device
- Greek goddess of discord
- Some are "Rolling"
- Formerly (archaic)
- Thrust a knife into
- German river
- Atomic #26
- Make a grotesque face
- Primordial matter of the universe
- Chinese philosophical principle



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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. RFQ-2025-01

#### Hire of Privately Owned Equipment Hourly Rates

#### 2025 Equipment Rates

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements is seeking quotations from qualified bidders for hourly rates for Privately Owned Equipment for the 2025.

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](http://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.

The lowest or any hourly rate bid not necessarily accepted.

Kevin Grabowski, CET  
Director of Public Works  
1043 Kittson Road  
Box 2, Grp 35, RR 1  
East Selkirk, Manitoba, R0E 0M0  
Fax: (204) 482-3660



## MORTGAGE SALE

The building and land known as 21 Newman Street, West St. Paul, MB, as described in Certificate of Title No. 3248767/1 will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on February 19, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. The auction sale will be held by video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction, in order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Katharina Kirienko at either 204-957-4810 or [kkirienko@mltaikins.com](mailto:kkirienko@mltaikins.com).

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a single family detached bungalow, approximately 1,491 square feet, built in 2023, 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, full basement, double attached garage, located on a 50 x 115 foot lot.

Realty taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2022. The property is sold subject to taxes and penalties accruing after that date.

Prior charges: Caveat No. 5299586/1, Easement No. 5299590/1, Easement No. 5299591/1, Easement Declaration No. 5407923/1, Easement No. 5411377/1

### TERMS OF SALE

Deposit of \$66,000.00 by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to MLT Aikins LLP, or cash (the cash component of the deposit not exceed \$7,500.00) and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$482,000.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 15 day of January 2025 to the date of the auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: [www.teranetmanitoba.ca](http://www.teranetmanitoba.ca)

Should the successful bidder have attended by teleconference and/or video conference, the bidder will have 24 hours to execute the Auction Sale Conditions and to provide them together with the deposit to our office as set out below.

Further information may be obtained from:

MLT AIKINS LLP  
Barristers & Solicitors  
30th Floor, 360 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G1  
Attn: Katharina Kirienko (204) 957-4810  
[kkirienko@mltaikins.com](mailto:kkirienko@mltaikins.com)

## MORTGAGE SALE

The building and land known as 201 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2945980/1 will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on February 19, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. The auction sale will be held by video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction, in order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Katharina Kirienko at either 204-957-4810 or [kkirienko@mltaikins.com](mailto:kkirienko@mltaikins.com).

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a 912 sq bungalow, built in 1952, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, finished basement, single detached garage, located on a lot with 51' frontage.

Realty taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2024. The property is sold subject to taxes and penalties accruing after that date.

Prior charges: Nil.

### TERMS OF SALE

Deposit of \$28,000.00 by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to MLT Aikins LLP, or cash (the cash component of the deposit not exceed \$7,500.00) and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$206,500.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 14th day of January, 2025 to the date of the auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

James Kidd Family - We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Dad's wonderful neighbours who always had a watchful and caring eye on him. Many times he discovered his driveway cleared of snow and was grateful for your thoughtfulness.  
Our thanks to Rev. Ted Hicks, Rev. Anthon Bouw and Rev. Naggie Sterling at Knox Presbyterian Church for the lovely service and the personal care you took in it's arrangement. Thank you to the excellent piper, Don Byers and to Dr. H. Demsas for the care and compassion you have always shown to our family. Thanks to Dr. J. Brown, Homecare, Palliative Care, Red River Place and Gilberts for all your help. We truly appreciate the cards, kind words and donations made in Dad's memory and to everyone who has shared in his life. He was a very special person and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**IN MEMORIAM**



Laura Lyn Fox  
January 22, 2019  
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide;  
Though we cannot see you,  
You're always at our side.  
-Love your husband John,  
Cody and Carson, Veronica,  
and Bryan,  
and all your loving family and friends

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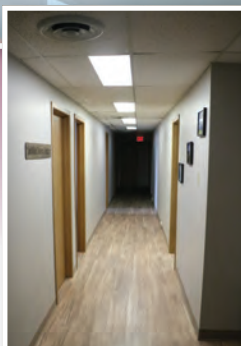
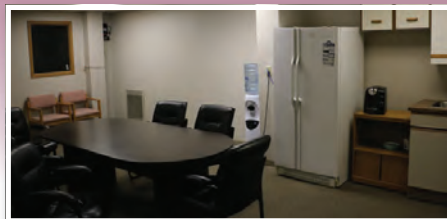
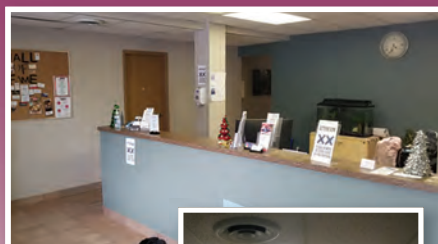
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**OBITUARY**



**Shary Lee Cormier (née Kovach)**  
March 13, 1964 – January 7, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of Shary Lee Cormier on January 7, 2025 in Winnipeg at the age of 60.

Shary was a proud mother to Sheena and Leanne (Stephen); a loving sister to Jody and Cindy; a daughter, and a friend. Known for her strength, humor, and gentle spirit, Shary touched the hearts of all who knew her. See you later, Alligator.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to an animal or wildlife charity are appreciated.

A photo-biography honoring Shary's life is accessible through the 'tributes' link below.

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**OBITUARY**

**Joyce Chernichan**

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Joyce Chernichan on January 6, 2025 at the age 90.

Longer obituary to follow.



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**OBITUARY**



**B Allan Thompson**  
December 11, 1939 - January 17, 2025

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of the pillar of our family, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, brother-in-law and friend to many - Bjarni Allan Thompson.

Al went peacefully at the Selkirk Regional Health Center. He leaves to mourn his wife of 61 years Louise; children Brent (Brenda), Lyle (Lynda), Sandra, and Corinne (Brad) and his nine grandchildren - Eric, Michael, Kelsey, Teeson, Talin, Liam, Abigail, Brady and Brooke; along with many other family members and friends who had a special place in his heart.

Full obituary to follow.

**OBITUARY**



**Pearl Doreen Jefferson**  
January 7, 1926 – January 12, 2025

It is with great sorrow that the family announces the passing of Pearl Jefferson, peacefully at her residence in Concordia Place, Winnipeg, at the age of 99.

She was predeceased by her father Nelson Wellar and mother Mary Wellar (nee Morrison). Pearl was also predeceased by her beloved husband Les in 1991 and her eight siblings Alec, Lonnie, Janet, Lucy, Edith, Violet, Lloyd and Vera.

Pearl leaves behind her two sons, Les Jr. of Seven Sisters Falls, Mb and son Laurie (Bonnie) of Sioux Lookout, Ont., as well as three grandchildren Chris Jefferson (Carrie) of Winnipeg, Mb, Angie Demers (Dwayne) of Trenton Ont., and Natalie Henderson (Jordan) of Hinton, AB; seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews whom she cherished as well.

Pearl was born in Strathclair, Manitoba, the youngest of nine children, and lived there until she graduated school and moved to Selkirk to be a telephone operator.

Pearl met the love of her life in Selkirk, Les Jefferson, and they were married in 1948. She spent most of her adult life in Selkirk, then Petersfield in retirement and settling in Winnipeg closer to other family after Les' passing.

Many thanks to the staff at Concordia Place Nursing Home, who took excellent care of her in her last year.

Pearl will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

As per her wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Tributes: [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



**OBITUARY**



**Leanne Waytiuk (nee Ruchkall)**  
May 8, 1969 - January 4, 2025

Our family is heartbroken to announce the passing of our beloved wife to Kevin; mother to Austin (Elise), Logan and Lexi; daughter to Eileen and daughter-in-law to Ken and Donna Waytiuk. She will be missed greatly by her brothers Greg (Nicole), Grant (Kelly) and Mark (Beverly), stepson Branson (Christine and grandson Weston), brothers-in-law Dale (Lisa) and Darren, she will also be missed by her fur babies Stanley and Leroy.

She was predeceased by her father Gordon.

After graduation she went onto hair dressing college. Leanne loved the hair industry and was involved with it until her passing where she opened up Boyz II Men Barbershop in Selkirk with her son Austin and nephew Eric in 2020. Running her own barbershop was her true passion and she enjoyed meeting new clients on a daily basis.

Leanne always enjoyed her country and rock concerts. Once she met Kevin, they would take on all concerts together and truly enjoy all their beautiful trips away together to Mexico where they were married in 2013. They spent the last few summers at their trailer in Beausejour where Leanne made even more new friends and spent as much time there as she could.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the exceptional care Leanne received in the Winnipeg and Selkirk hospitals.

Cremation has taken place and in keeping with her wishes a celebration of life will take place with family at a later date.

Donation in Leanne's honour may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

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**OBITUARY**



**Garry Cain**

Peacefully, on January 16, 2025, Garry Cain passed away at the age of 82 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Florence of 63 years; daughters Pam (Mark) and Shannon (David); grandchildren Kaemon, Dakota (Andrei), Nolan and Kiera; sister Roberta (Lawrence) and sister-in-law Gloria.

Garry spent many years enjoying his hobbies of gardening with Florence, enjoying his special place at the "Creek." He always looked forward to his leisurely pontoon boat rides and time spent with family and friends. Also very special to him were the many winter vacations he had with Florence and friends.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. A celebration of his life will be at a later date with close friends and family.

Many thanks to the teams at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Extencicare Red River and the Interlake Regional Health Authority. We greatly appreciate your compassion and support.

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*There is a link death cannot sever, Love and remembrance last forever.*

**OBITUARY**



**Gerald (Gerry) Edward Praznik**  
1941 - 2025

After a difficult battle with dementia and with his family by his side, Gerry passed away peacefully on January 17 at Rosewood Lodge.

Gerry was raised on the Praznik homestead, lived in St. Andrews his entire life and retired as a pressman for the Winnipeg Free Press after 38 years. He had a smile that lit up a room, could strike up a conversation with anyone and strived for perfection in everything he did.

Gerry was a loving father and grandfather who loved to spend time with his family, eat good food, play golf, baseball, hockey, and his weekly lottery ticket.

Gerry is survived by his beloved wife Vivian; sons Heath (Candy), Jody (Christine), Tobin (Ramey); granddaughters Avery (Cade) and Adynn; and brother Rick (Janet).

He was predeceased by his parents Harry and Ann, siblings Harold and Elsie.

Special thanks to all the staff at Rosewood Lodge for the exceptional care and support.

As per Gerry's wishes no service will be taking place.

Gerry may be gone but his genuine love of family will never be forgotten.

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