



Selkirk man donates \$75,000 to cancer research

Shayne Merritt has been fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society for five years

By Ligia Braidotti

A local young man may just be one of the biggest funders of cancer research in the Selkirk area.

Shayne Merritt just hit the mark of more than \$75,000 donated to the Canadian Cancer Society on Feb. 1. The long-time curler has been organizing Curl for the Cure, a curling tournament to fundraise for CCS, since 2016 and passed their goal of \$20,000 for this year. And what started as a high school student's Global Issues project, became one of the biggest fundraisers for CCS.

"The money is gone off to help fund cancer research and the work that they (CCS) do is amazing, and to know that we are helping thousands of Canadians out there with the research is just incredible," Merritt said.

However, his efforts not only help fund a local researcher for a year, but also funds cancer patients in Manitoba with 3,000 rides to and from treatment.

"For people with cancer and their families, life is more than a diagnosis," said Colette Toews, co-ordinator of annual giving of the CCS.

Every year, the bonspiel gains more visibility and more community support. This year, they had the most number of teams, with 28 participating, and six local sponsors. The Selkirk Curling Club was packed with supporters. This year, 83 families and companies supported Merritt by donating prizes, attending the event and donating money.

If the event continues to grow, Merritt said they are going to need more volunteers.

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Shayne Merritt, Curl for the Cure organizer, presents a cheque to Colette Toews, co-ordinator of annual giving of the Canadian Cancer Society. Almost \$19,000 was raised at this year's event.



Twenty-one-year-old Shayne Merritt (middle) curls with his team at the Curl for the Cure fundraiser.



> MERRITT SAYS, FROM PG. 2

"Organizing the event is a lot of work. We are just a small little group (of volunteers), and to go around the community to get sponsors and teams is a lot of work, so for us to keep going, we are going to need more help."

But helping out with such a special fundraiser can be a lot of fun and can come with a special reward of knowing that all efforts are helping fight a disease that impacts millions of families, not only in Canada, but around the world.

"We're always looking for ways to improve the



The Selkirk Curling Club was packed with teams and supporters.

cancer experience by helping people live longer and enhancing their quality of life," Toews said. "We're here to help and support people live their lives more fully. This important work is only made possible because people like Shayne and everyone here continue to support the missing and goals of the Canadian Cancer Society. Together, our work will have a lasting impact on people living with cancer, their families and caregivers."

To continue to help or get involved, contact Merritt at shayne123423@hotmail.com



Merritt announces prize winners at the Curl for the Cure.



Merritt curls with his team at the Curl for the Cure fundraiser.



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Looking back at 'The Selkirk Milkman'

With the Blue Bombers breaking their Grey Cup drought, we look back to Selkirk's famous footballer

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Winnipeg Blue Bomber's football team won their 11th Grey Cup championship in November after 18 years. Cecil Luining, also known as The Selkirk Milkman, had better luck in his ten years with the team when he won four grey cups between 1958 and 1962.

"In his ten years he went to five Grey Cups won four and then in his subsequent years coached various teams. He coached the Rams and in Selkirk they had football and my dad was instrumental in coaching football. He was a fireman through the Selkirk Fire Department and he was a councilor for the Town of Selkirk, at the time it was a town, and a businessman owning Lakeland Dairies for 48 years," said Reg Luining, Cecil's son.

Luining started playing football as part of the team at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute and continued on to the Bombers joining the team in 1952 as a linebacker.

"He was a wonderful husband and a wonderful dad to my kids. Everybody liked Cecil," said Doreen Luining.

Doreen and Cecil married in 1957.

"My dad was really discreet in terms of any accolades. He never really talked about playing football when I was a kid growing up because his years as a



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Reg and Doreen Luining with a photo of Cecil Luining from his time with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.



Above: Doreen and Reg Luining with the Grey Cup when it came to Selkirk in January.

football player were gone and he was a business man," said Reg Luining.

Luining noted that the club and football in general has changed tremendously since his father was part of the team.

"The different types of clothing, and the footwear [has changed since my dad played]. They had not a lot of padding and basically in terms of the way the games were played they had real grass not artificial. There were still the curfews. There were still the honorary where you had to be in at nighttime," said Luining.

Another notable event that hasn't happened since occurred in Luining's final Grey Cup victory match in 1962 and was the only time a Grey Cup game was suspended during play. On the day of the match a thick veil of fog settled on the field reducing visibility to nothing partway through the game. With a little more than nine minutes of play left in the game and the Bombers in the lead play was suspended and the game resumed the next day.

Cecil Luining passed away shortly after participating in a parade celebrating the Grey Cup being hosted in Winnipeg in 1998.

"He went out with his sports family. That was his last play. He took his last breath with his teammates," said son Reg.

Doreen Luining says that the families of the current winning team should enjoy the fun of going to the Grey Cup and be supportive of the players.



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ry of lifelong friends Tim Campbell and Gary Ostrowski who incessantly played tricks on each other. According to Tim, Gary may not have caught as many fish as he did, but there is a whole other side to this wonderful

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The dream fight with a swordfish

> Fish tales?

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Chris Leoppky with his Mahi Mahi catch off Los Cabos, Mexico. The dream Swordfish he almost caught got away before he could take a photo.

tossed it overboard. His heavy line fell away from the back of the boat and seemingly instantly a large "sailfish" struck the bait. The sleek fishes blue back broke the choppy waves then dove deep.

Chris began describing how it swam from one side of the big boat they were in to the other while staying deep. Suddenly the line tightened and the blue-silver beast flew high out of the water carrying Chris's line cutting the waves in a long hanging arc. This trip and this deep sea fishing opportunity had been a long time in the planning and Chris was determined to take his time and revel in his experience. When the fish swam closer to the boat he reeled in, when it stood on its tail and water walked away he let out line. The fight in the warm gusting wind and brilliant sun invigorated him and he worked the fish. After an hour of struggle Chris had it long side the boat, its white belly and iridescent blue-black head slapping the water. Then inexplicably it slipped the hook and was gone! Standing beside Chris in his tent I could feel his intensity and his faraway look as he relived his fight with the swordfish!

Until next week, bye for now.

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school class." in my column last week, the fact that he's a teacher didn't come up!" I exclaimed. I got out of my truck and

open driver window. "Tim, are you with this group?" I asked. "No I'm just fishing off to the side watching my buddy Gary trying to control his

share with you.

Hello again friends.

I hope you enjoyed last week's sto-

guy that now becomes my pleasure to

As I urged my truck down the steep

access road to the Red River by Sel-

kirk last Friday, I saw a group of stu-

dent's ice fishing. They milled about,

some jigging lines in ice holes, others

indulging in sporadic "horse play",

while others snacked by a portable

stove. Pulling up alongside the young

anglers, a tall chap with a very dis-

tinctive hat that showed FISH NOW

WORK LATER turned toward my

"When I wrote about you and Gary

walked through the crowd of students

to a tall chap with a salt and pepper

two day old beard who was showing

some of the kids how to hook a min-

now on properly. "Hi Gary," I said,

"I'm Arnie Weidl, I have to confess I

feel I know you from the stories your

"Don't you believe his assertions

that I can't catch fish," he said laugh-

ing as he shook my hand. "What's all

this about?" I asked casting my hand

at the crowd. "I'm a teacher at Elm-

wood School and I try to teach my kids

how to ice fish safely while impressing upon them not to leave garbage

on the ice. I have a picture chart of all

the kinds of fish found in Manitoba

and when one of the students catches

one, they identify it from the chart,"he

friend Tim gave me."

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elaborated.

dents!

"I hope you're not displeased with

my making a little fun of your fishing abilities in my column?" I asked. "No,

it's all in good fun," he laughed, "be-

sides I still maintain, I catch as many

fish over the space of a year as Tim

does!" Later, leaving, I shook Gary's

hand and as I climbed into my truck

was thrilled to hear the rousing fare-

well hoots and cheers from his stu-

Over the years I have known many

Manitoba anglers who love to fish our

waterways as well as enjoying some

tropical fishing during their winter

vacations. Out on the middle of Lake

Winnipeg's south basin this last week-

end I met such a young couple. It was

an overcast warm Saturday afternoon

as I rambled along over the endless

ice pack until I came upon a large portable shack with a lanky, young chap

in his t-shirt working a fish line in an

ice hole outside the tent. I stopped be-

side him and leaving my truck asked

him if he had caught anything. "No",

was his singular response. Just then a

young, thin, brown haired lady came

out of the tent and seeing my writ-

ers sign on the side of "old red", said,

Standing in the roomy shelter, with

the hum of a gas heater, I noticed

that warmth had melted the surface

of the ice floor making it as clear as

glass. One could see the walls of the

ice holes reaching down to the water

The young lady seemed more talk-

ative as we got to know each other

and said they were Chris and Jacquie

Loeppky from Chartrand. Chris then

became quite animated when Jacquie

began telling of their last winter trip

to Los Cabos, Mexico and Chris's bat-

tle with a swordfish. They had gone

on a guided fishing excursion and

Chris was set up in a deep sea fishing

chair as the guide baited his hook and

"Why don't you come inside?"

below. Odd!

Take your recycling up a notch

St. Andrews reminds residents of their electronic recycling options

By Katelyn Boulanger

What did you do with that old cellphone when you switched to a new one? Or what happened to your old desktop computer when you bought you brand new laptop?

St. Andrews wants to help residents disposing of their old tech gear.

"It's about diverting your waste stream. The last place that you want to put your waste in is the landfill itself where it gets covered because there are resources there that can be recycled and reused for something else. There's also hazardous components of e-waste that shouldn't go into the landfill," said Ron Hahlweg, the Manager of Public Works for the RM of St. Andrews.

The RM, in their most recent recreation newsletter, reminded residents that they should take e-waste to the Earl Grey Landfill for proper end-oflife recycling.

"E-waste is electronic waste so anything from televisions, cell phones, radios, all that electronic waste. Old computers, keyboards those sort of things basically get mulched and get separated into different components to be recycled," said Hahlweg. Because electronic waste is made from specialized components the recycling process for these products is more complicated than regular household recycling.

"The plastics in that waste aren't the ones that are part of the regular recycling program. They aren't a one to seven. The other thing is that there are different metals in there. There are precious metals in there like the gold and different things like that that can be extracted and then there is also hazardous waste in there that has to be treated and dealt with differently," explained Hahlweg

Though it may seem like they should be, batteries don't count towards e-waste and as they need to be processed differently, however, it is important to make sure that they are still separated and disposed of properly. The RM of St. Andrews has a place to dispose of household batteries at the municipal office and other businesses throughout the region also have bins where batteries are collected for recycling.

"We're associated with the electronics product recycling association, the EPRA, they've got a plant in Elie that basically shreds all of the e-waste that comes to them all throughout Manitoba and then they process that and then they separate it into the metals, different components, plastics, and whatnot and then reuse it," said Hahlweg.

He explained that in St. Andrews both the Clandeboye Landfill and the Earl Grey Landfill will collect electronic waste, however, it is best for the municipality if the waste is brought to the Earl Grey site as it reduces the amount of overall transportation of waste prior to the waste being processed in Elie.

Contamination of the waste is a problem for processing so Hahlweg encourages residents to make efforts to make sure waste is put in the correct location.

"It's just understanding what is and what isn't [electronic waste] like a speaker box that's wooden that's not electronic waste," Hahlweg said.

Another important aspect of recycling e-waste is to make sure to remove data from computers and cell phones prior to recycling. Unlike what some science fiction movies might lead watchers to believe, a large magnet will not scramble digital data, rather, data erasure software or data shredding apps can be used to obscure personal information. PhysicalTHE LAST PLACE THAT YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR WASTE IN IS THE LAND-FILL ITSELF BECAUSE... THERE'S ALSO HAZARD-OUS COMPONENTS OF E-WASTE THAT SHOULDN'T GO IN THE LANDFILL. - HAHLWEG

ly destroying a hard drive is another option, however, as destroyed devices may be sharp or contain other hazards this option must be taken with care.

"It's about diversion of waste whether its e-waste, fridges, tires, chemicals, scrap metal, [and other] things that we are trying not to put in to the ground because there are beneficial uses to those products somewhere else,"Hahlweg said.

There is no fee for recycling electronic waste in St. Andrews.

For more information about landfill hours and regulations in St. Andrews visit rmofstandrews.com/p/landfillswaste-disposal. More information about electronic recycling and what can be recycled can also be found at recyclemyelectronics.ca/mb

Province says risk of coronavirus still low in Manitoba

Submitted by the Province of Manitoba The World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus a global emergency. However, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living public health officials reminds Manitobans the risk of getting the novel coronavirus in Manitoba remains low. Manitoba officials continue to work closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to monitor the situation as it evolves.

As of Jan. 30, three tests have been completed for the novel coronavirus in Manitoba. At this time, there are no laboratory-confirmed cases in Manitoba.

All patients seeking care at healthcare facilities for fever or respiratory symptoms and have travelled in the past 14 days to the province of Hubei, including the city of Wuhan, in China, or who have had close contact with an ill person who travelled to that region, are being assessed for the novel coronavirus.

Those who meet the criteria will be

placed in a designated separate waiting room. Appropriate infection prevention and control measures will be put in place while the patient receives care including the use of surgical masks in hospital. If a case is confirmed by laboratory testing, public health will promptly followup with close contacts to take appropriate precautions and monitor for symptoms.

At this time, public health officials are not recommending use of masks in public places, as there is no evidence that wearing masks significantly reduces the risk of getting the virus. Suspected and confirmed cases of novel coronavirus are required to be reported to Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer. To date, three cases of the novel coronavirus have been confirmed in Canada.

Individuals with recent travel to the province of Hubei, including the city of Wuhan, in China or contact with a recent traveller who currently have symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, headache, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties, should contact their health-care provider or Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 (toll-free).

Common prevention measures for viruses, such as the novel coronavirus, influenza and others include regular hand washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleanser. It is important to wash your hands:

- after coughing or sneezing;
- when caring for a sick person;

• before, during and after food preparation;

before eating;

after toilet use; and

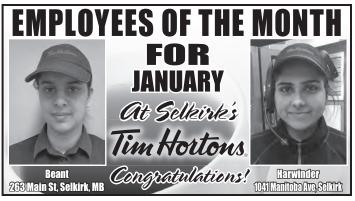
• when hands are visibly dirty.

Additional precautions include covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of a respiratory illness, such as coughing or sneezing.

PHAC has issued travel health notices about coronavirus. For more information, visit https://travel. gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travelhealth-notices

For links to more information, visit the Manitoba public health website at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/ diseases/coronavirus.html

For health questions or more information on respiratory illness, Manitobans can phone Health Links–Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 (toll-free).



Artists focus on climate change and world around them in GFG's latest exhibit

By Katelyn Boulanger

Over 50 paintings and photographs are being hung in the Gwen Fox Gallery this February in the 'For the Love of Art' Exhibit, which will feature works from artists Lydia Bartel, Michele Campbell, Clyde D. Finlay and Denise LeBleu.

"We were thinking of February as Valentines Day's month so we thought For the Love of Art," said Campbell.

Campbell is inspired by what she's surrounded by. She noticed once that in magazine featuring artists from Arizona that they used many warm colours in their artwork, however, she thinks that Manitoba artists may lean towards more blues and darker colours because of the climate in the province.

"I think you're influenced by what your environment is and by the media. When I started with climate change it was 2011 and they had started talking about 'Hey buy Coca-Cola and we'll donate so much money to help the polar bears'," Campbell said

The acrylic paintings that she's chosen for this exhibit are all very bright featuring flat washes of colour and animals.

"I do series rather than going from thing to thing to thing. In this one I was thinking a little bit of climate change and of how things are getting warmer and how farms and people have made the landscape flatter with less life and that sort of thing with less life," Campbell said.

Bartel was also inspired to bring awareness to climate change with her art.

"Every time you open up the paper the forests are on fire and the monarchs are in danger. Something



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is happening to our system that's affecting our ecosystem. We've kind of taken for granted the beauty that we see in nature because it's also being destroyed," said Bartel.

Many of Bartel's acrylic paintings feature animals in their natural environments and most of them have the moon incorporated somewhere in the image.

Taking a blank canvas and turning it into something that someone can reflect on, that reminds them of something or that makes the viewer think about a cause or social change is Bartel's favourite part of creating her artwork.

LeBleu on the other had most enjoys shooting nature and wildlife and getting out and taking pictures.

"I love taking pictures of old trucks, anything old, like old barns and old trucks, but my passion is landscape," said LeBleu.

She started in photography in grade 11 when she took a photography course in school.

"I lived in Nunavut for over a decade so that's where you'll see some of the northern themes," said LeBleu.

LeBleu often finds inspiration by getting in her vehicle and driving until she sees something that she would like to photograph.

Finlay also finds inspiration from the world around him, which he draws from when creating his watercolour paintings that feature the cityscapes from his travels.

"Though my travels and through the research that I do prior to my work. I take clips of different magazines. I look at other artists from Russia, Ukraine, North America, and France. I look at the styles that they have. I look for styles that gives a little bit of a wash but that when you're standing back from the work looks like there's a lot of detail but when you look up close there's not. It's giving you that sense of emotion," he said.



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Clockwise from front left: Lydia Bartel, Michele Campbell, Denise LeBleu, and Clyde D. Finlay at the Gwen Fox Gallery. They combined forces to present their For the Love of Art Exhibit which will be at the gallery between Feb. 4 and 29.

Below: A cityscape in watercolour by Finlay sitting beside Campbell's acrylic painting of foxes playing.



Finlay, though he had experience in other mediums prior to taking up watercolour, has only been painting in this style for about two years.

"I took a workshop with a gentlemen from Winnipeg who is an international artist his name was Mr. Bean and he's done numerous workshops across North America. He's from Winnipeg but he lives in Calgary and when I took [the workshop] I thought, 'you know I really love this'," said Finlay.

For a chance to meet the artists in

person, visit the Gwen Fox Gallery on Feb. 8 between 1 and 4 p.m. for the artist's reception, otherwise, the gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. The For the Love of Art Exhibit will be up from Feb. 4 to 29.

"I hope that [visitors to the gallery] forget winter and the greyness of winter. I hope that they think of it as a renewal and that spring is almost here and that we're adding some colour and brightness to their world," said Bartel.



CitizenSupport is here to help, as fast as possible

Submitted by the City of Selkirk

The City of Selkirk's two CitizenSupport representatives do exactly what their position says they do – support the citizens of Selkirk.

And their goal – not be rude – is to interact with citizens as little as possible.

"The CitizenSupport representatives want to find the answer to your question as quick as possible, to make your experience with the city a pleasant and efficient one," says Duane Nicol, Chief Administrative Officer.

"They want to reduce the distance between question and answer, and whenever possible, they want to be able to help you without having to pass you along to another city department. We're improving the efficiencies of our processes, cutting some red tape and finding ways to work better for the citizens of Selkirk."

For just over a year, the CitizenSupport team has been the front line for customer service in the City of Selkirk, answering any and all kinds of questions either on the phone or online.

Nicol said it's a system that will evolve as it matures – as the staff members become more familiar with the common questions asked and they can literally have the responses to less common questions at their fingertips.

"We're trying to find answers for people rather than have them try to track down their own answers by calling different people within city departments. Often organizations depend on the tactic knowledge of staff which means customers or clients get passed off and may have to wait on the one person who knows the answer," Nicol said.

"Using some knowledge management and process improvement technics, we're making CitizenSupport a one-stop shop."

Kelsey Van Dorp and Tammy Loutit are the CitizenSupport team. After a year on the job, Van Dorp says you get a sense of what the most common questions are so you're better prepared to answer them, and people do appreciate it when one call does it all.

"We deal with water accounts a lot and we've had some people, whether they come into the office or just phone, who are surprised that it's just that one interaction," she said.

"They say, 'oh, that's all? You'll just send that to me?' We say 'yes', and they're very happy."

CitizenSupport is also an online service, so you can make requests for city services from your home computer or your mobile device and the request will automatically be sent to the ap-

Tammy Loutit and Kelsey Van Dorp track every question that comes through them from every medium.

propriate city department.

You simply fill out the online form, include a picture or other file if it'll help tell your story, and hit send. The city will answer your question as quick as possible.

Every time someone asks a question, whether on the phone or online, a ticket is created through innovative software and the city tracks the ticket from start to finish. The information gleaned from each ticket is invaluable and lets the city know everything from what questions are being asked to how long it takes the city to respond.

The city has a first-response time standard of two business days, and the software keeps tabs on the response times for phone calls, in-person and various online queries.

"Usually we average 2 hours or less," Nicol said.

In fact, the average first response time is .66 of an hour, which thanks to the software can be broken down to show that when someone calls, the first response is .02 of an hour and when they email, first response is 1.74 hours.

Nicol says the data will also help the city identify the services that are most important or impactful on citizens. Knowing this, the city can then look at how to improve the processes that deliver those services to improve the speed of service and reduce unnecessary work.

"Using business process reengineering methodologies, we're going to be able to use this data to deliver service better, quicker and cheaper," he said.

"Anyone can look at this on the website and you'll see there's fluctuations, which is natural. When a staff person is away, the response time will reflect that because we're a person down. When we first started CitizenSupport, our times were a bit slower because we were breaking new ground," said Chris McIvor, Information Technology Administrator.

"But we're getting faster and we're building efficiencies in our system. The end result is that we're providing better service to the people of Selkirk."

CitizenSupport also allows for the public to ask questions whenever they want. McIvor says if it's Saturday night and you have a question, you can submit it online right then and there and not have to worry about remembering to call or email on Monday morning.

Your question will be answered as quickly as possible when staff return to work.

While more than 50 per cent of the interactions between Selkirk staff and citizens tend to deal with utilities or tax bills, the CitizenSupport software has educated the city on what programs and services perhaps need to be promoted more.

Van Dorp says they received a number of calls asking for times for the Sticks and Pucks skate program at the Rec Complex. They gladly provided the answer but have now made the times more prominent on the website and pushed them out more frequently over social media. Being able to anticipate citizen needs and proactively provide the information or tools in the right place at the right time is a goal of the program.

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For Nicol, learning from the citizens is key to providing better customer service and it improves asset management.

"Evidence based decision making is what we've really been focused on. That's what asset management is all about, making better decisions based on really high quality data and improved processes," he said.

"So how do we provide the best experience for a citizen? People expect more, they expect quicker response times and they want to self-serve, people expect that they can do more for themselves with the Internet and we're do that with CitizenSupport."

If you'd like to access the data the CitizenSupport team has put together over the past 90 days, visit myselkirk. ca/servicestats



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Artist in the school





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Daerwood School received a grant through the Manitoba Arts Council to have an Artist in the School. Their artist is film producer Randy Guest, who is working with the entire school population to create a music video to Daerwood School's song. The school song was also developed a few years ago by another artist and the students.



> BY PETER MARYKUCA, INTERLAKE RESIDENT

We should all be concerned about the Interlake ditch water that goes into Lake Winnipeg. The lake is not a toilet for the City of Winnipeg or to be used as a disposal area for residue from agricultural activities, like liquid hog slurry called fertilizer.

Hog barn sewage must be treated to

help the environment and save our water sources. Raw liquid hog sewage (slurry) is a known pollutant worldwide. It also contains a host of diseases, parasites and bacteria, some of which have been proven to be deadly. Producers have pawned off hun-

dreds of millions of gallons of slurry as a valuable fertilizer, year after year. In Manitoba, the current government had a chance to force producers to do suitable treatment and disinfections, at their expense, prior to its disposal. Instead they cowered and exempted the hog industry from such action. They made it easy and cheaper for producers to expand, rather than help protect the health of humans, wildlife and (Air-Water- Soils). Like it



or not, the hog industry is a contributing factor to the health and state of Lake Winnipeg, which is not polluting itself!

You should all know, it was neglectful for the Filmon Conservative Government to have never conducted any negative impact studies on the hog industry. Because it was cheaper to do, they allowed hog barns to blend in the untreated human sewage from their workers. How dumb was that! They hoodwinked Manitobans on the idea that it was a continuation of the family farm. I certainly hope that in today's world that this practice is no longer allowed and the human sewage is stored separately, regulated and certified for safe disposal that is consistent with the Public Health Act of Canada. Corporate hog barns are an industry that should be strictly governed!

What type of disinfection for biosecurity safeguards are in place for transport trailers and rendering trucks? For safety reasons why are dead animals not incinerated on site by the barn owners? How much in related negative impacts be it studies or actions, is this industry costing taxpayers year after year? Some don't see that there are insufficient regulations and inspections to control the hazards that are arising from the industrial hog industry. If you agree contact and tell your MLA representative.

Manitoba 55+ games seek community support

The largest 55+ annual multi-sport event in Manitoba returns

By Katelyn Boulanger

Manitoba's 55+ games will be returning in June of this year and are seeking sponsorships from both residents and businesses to up the ante of this volunteer run event.

"The community of Selkirk has always been a great community for these types of events so we want the 2020 games to be something really special that stands out as the years of the 55+ games in Manitoba. We need sponsors to do that, just for the little bit of special, things that we can offer the athletes or the events or the spectators so that they can remember the games," said Nancy Muller, co-chair of promotions for the 55+ Games.

This years games is projected to have approximately 1500 athletes and participants as well as 22 events and 400 volunteers.

"Everything costs money right. We're a non-profit. We're not a charity so we can't give any receipts so we're a nonprofit. We do have some funding from active aging in Manitoba some seed money given to us. The rest of it has to come from the community so we rely heavily on the community stepping up and sponsoring and being a part of the games," said Joan Griffith-Parker, co-chair of promotions for the 55+ Games.

The sponsorship money is used in a variety of ways to make the games better. Some things that sponsors support are smaller like water and water bottles for the athletes, and some are larger, for instance the athletes banquets, and the concert at the waterfront which will be open to the public and free to attend.

"The larger [business] sponsors are

sponsoring a particular event or a particular thing in an event that they wanted to sponsor but there's also aspects of the event that don't have an individual sponsor and then there are Friends of the Games who are just individuals that want to help out. The [host] committee itself decides what the needs are for each event and having enough money to do it right is the most important thing," said Muller.

"[The friends of the games sponsorship option] is another way for people to be involved we certainly want participants, we want volunteers, but we also want people to help sponsor so if you're not a business then how can you help? Well you can help by being a friend of the games and donating say \$50 or whatever you want to donate and that will go towards the whole cost of running the games. We rely on that," said Griffith-Parker.

Muller explained that getting people who are 55 years of age or older active and involved in activities that maybe they haven't tried before is important for aging in place and being healthy. The games encompass many games and activities so that as many people can participate as possible and sponsorships make that possible.

"To me it's about involving more people it may be easier for someone to donate \$50 than to donate the large amount. It's a way for individuals in the community to be a part of the games," said Griffith-Parker.

Muller also noted that in Selkirk, and in general, there are so many activities for young people in our community that parents and grandparents both sponsor and volunteering at that this may be a great way to give



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From Left to Right: Lee Hanson Director of the Gordon Howard Centre with Deborah Vitt and Gerry Hamm co-chairs of the Manitoba 55+ Games host Committee.

back in kind to the grandparents and parents in our community.

To donate individuals can make out cheques payable to 'Manitoba 55 Plus Games' and that can either be mailed or dropped off at the Gordon Howard Centre in Selkirk.

A sponsorship package was distributed to businesses in Selkirk in late 2019 as a guideline for sponsorships, however, more information can be found by contacting the Gordon Howard Centre and at gordonhoward.ca

More information about the games is available at Manitoba 55+'s Facebook page at facebook.com/manitoba55plusgames/' and Active Aging Manitoba's website at activeagingmb. ca/55games/about-the-games/

RCMP holds public forums

By Staff

The RM of St. Clements council has heard the concerns of our residents regarding policing issues within our Municipality. The forums with the RCMP will provide an opportunity to learn more about the RCMP's role in our community and to have your questions answered.

Residents of South St. Clements (south of Highway 44) are invited to join the forum on Thurs., Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at Corpus Christie Hall (5819 Henderson Hwy.).

Residents of Central St. Clements (north of Highway 44 to Libau) are invited to attend the meeting on Mon., March 16 at 7 p.m. at East Selkirk Hall (711 Old Henderson Hwy.).

A third forum will be held later in the spring, with a date to be determined, for residents in north St. Clements (north of Libau).



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Fun times at the ice rink



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Every Tuesday, the Onashiwin Aboriginal Head Start children have a fun time in the Learn to Skate Program down at the Selkirk Recreation Complex. The Selkirk Steelers come out every week to skate with the kids and families.









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RCMP Manitoba joins national celebration

All over Canada, people celebrated the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's first century

By Ligia Braidotti

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police celebrated its first century keeping our country safe.

Formed on Feb. 1, 1920, the RCMP and its bright red serge has been a Canadian icon since then.

But the force is much more than just a representation of Canada, their long history and list of accomplishments illustrate just how important the service of these men and women is to the community's safety.

More than 100 years ago, what we know today as the RCMP was called the North West Mounted Police, based in Manitoba. It was created by John A. McDonald as a temporary policing solution. They joined the Dominion Police of Eastern Canada and became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920.

This was the fourth year the RCMP Manitoba celebrated their anniversary.

"It is an honour to recognize February 1 as RCMP Day in Manitoba, an opportunity to celebrate and reflect upon the dedication, compassion and expertise of those who serve our province," Minister of Justice Cliff Cullen

said.

"The RCMP is Manitoba's provincial police force, with about 1,000 sworn officers and 500 civilian employees. They tirelessly serve people living in hundreds of communities in every corner of our province, answering urgent calls for assistance when someone is in danger and attending community events in their recognizable red serge – sometimes on the same day.

"The RCMP is part of the fabric of our communities. Perhaps that is why we all felt so moved when the RCMP lost one of its own in December.

"RCMP Day in Manitoba is an opportunity to commemorate and celebrate all of the members past and present who have selflessly served our province. Our government is proud to support the RCMP today, and every day, as they help to keep Manitobans safe."

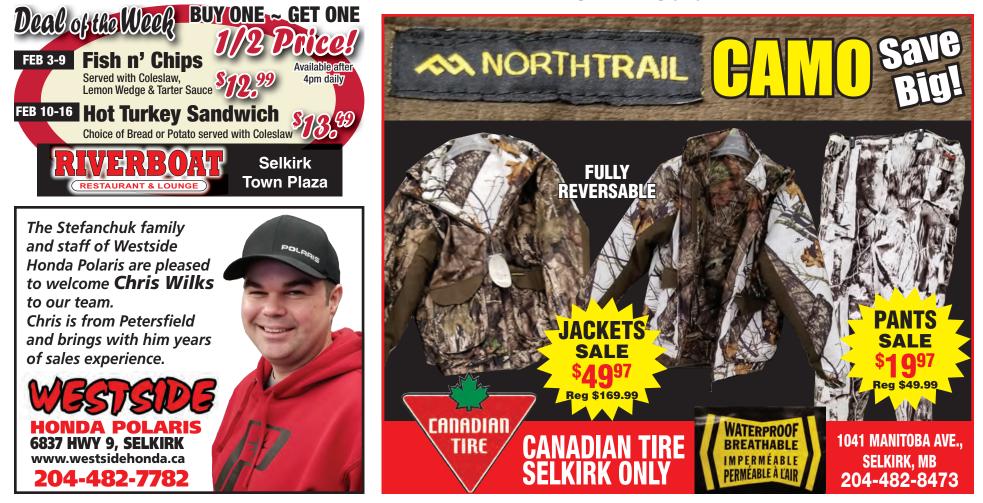
For those wanting to join the RCMP, every year, they award scholarships to post-secondary students who have made a significant effort to prevent bullying and harassment in their schools and communities. The deadline to apply for a 2020 Troop 17 Schol-

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Corporal Todd Jensen has been with the force for 14 years. The Manitoba RCMP celebrated their 100th anniversary on Feb. 1.

arship is March 31, 2020 – 23:59, Pacific Time. More information on the Troop 17 Scholarship, including the eligibility criteria and how to apply, is available at http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ en/troop-17-scholarship

The 2020 Troop 17 Scholarship winners will be notified by July 31 and the RCMP will announce their names publically on Sept. 30.



Manitoba Avenue East soon to become a two-way street

Submitted by the City of Selkirk

It may seem weird for Selkirk residents, but soon you'll be seeing vehicles heading westbound down Manitoba Avenue East.

"This is going to be a change for people. This stretch of road has been a one-way since the 1970s," said the city's Director of Operations Dan Mc-Dermid.

Manitoba Infrastructure is in the middle of putting up new streetlights on the Main and Manitoba intersection. They estimate that the new lights will be operational on Friday, February 14.

"Whenever the lights are operational is when the transition to two-way traffic will happen. When that happens, or if there's any delay, we'll make sure to tell everyone through our website and on social media," said McDermid.

The city will also have large electronic billboards on either side of the street reminding citizens of the change in traffic.

"There's a good chance there will be some confusion at first. Eastbound traffic might go in the wrong lane. Cars might park on the wrong side of the road. It will definitely take some getting used to but people will eventually catch on," said McDermid

Chief Administrative Officer Duane

Nicol said that the need to open Manitoba Avenue East to two-way traffic was identified years ago through the public consultation process that occurred as part of the creation of Selkirk's Downtown Renewal Strategy. The goal of the strategy is to make our downtown core a vibrant, safe and attractive place to be.

"As the only one-way street in the city, not even the whole street but just a block, it caused lots of confusion for visitors. It doesn't make a lot of sense from a traffic safety standpoint. We'd see a lot of people who are visiting or new to Selkirk heading west down Manitoba Ave East, which obviously was very dangerous. Now every street is bidirectional," said Nicol.

"Two-way traffic naturally reduces the speed of motorists, it's a traffic calming measure through environmental design. This makes the area more pedestrian-friendly and provides more visibility for the retail businesses on that street."

The new streetlights and transition to two-way traffic were a few projects that were deferred to this year. Other projects include the repaving of the North and East parking lots, the North and South pocket parks, and the curb extensions on the west side of Manitoba Ave and Main St.



Aesthetical projects down Manitoba Ave. East will begin as planned in the spring. These include the installation of benches, planters and fences, av-

enue markers, sidewalk inserts, and landscaping once the bulk of construction is complete

Cupcakes made with love



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The St. Andrews Heritage Centre hosted a cupcake decorating event on Feb. 1 to kick off the lead up to Valentine's Day. Residents of all ages were invited to take time for each other and make some beautiful and tasty treats. For more information about events at the heritage centre visit their website at standrewsrectory.ca



Community organization to help women, children

Province of Manitoba partners with Wahbung Abinoonjiiag Inc.

By Staff

The Manitoba government has chosen Wahbung Abinoonjiiag Inc. to lead a network of community agencies to help improve housing options for women and children who have experienced family violence, Families Minister Heather Stefanson, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox, minister responsible for the status of women, and Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister Eileen Clarke announced today.

"Women and children who are leaving an abusive or violent situation need a safe place to call home," said Stefanson. "We are proud to partner with Wahbung Abinoonjiiag to provide vulnerable Manitobans with long-term, secure and affordable housing."

Manitoba Housing issued a request for expressions of interest in June 2019, seeking a community partner to help identify and designate up to 50 long-term social housing units for women and children affected by family violence.

Wahbung Abinoonjiiag will work closely with family violence shelters, other organizations that provide longer-term protective and supportive housing, and women's resource centres to ensure women and children affected by family violence are connected to appropriate social housing. To date, several properties have been selected and work is underway to support the transition. To protect the safety and privacy of families, locations will not be disclosed.

"Organizations like Wahbung Abinoonjiiag and their partners understand how important a stable, safe home can be for women and children as they start a new life," said Cox. "These families can feel supported, knowing their housing provider also has expertise and understanding related to their situation. We believe this partnership will help more women and children to heal and thrive."

"Wahbung Abinoonjiiag is honoured to be selected to lead this important initiative," said Dana Riccio-Arabe, executive director. "Our partnership model works in collaboration with sister organizations to provide wrap-around supports and services for children and their families affected by violence to have safe, affordable housing to call home. We would like to thank the province for selecting our organization, our partnership model for their collective wisdom, and our community for trusting us to lead this important work. Together, we can not only envision but actively work toward a place and time where children and their families can live free of violence and unrestrained by the impacts of violence."

Wahbung Abinoonjiiag expects to begin taking referrals for housing needs this spring.

"Our government is proud to form important partnerships with com-

munity-based Indigenous organizations like Wahbung Abinoonjiiag," said Clarke. "These are significant steps to advancing reconciliation."

Stefanson noted the province's support for Wahbung Abinoonjiiag builds on housing priorities recently set out in a 12-month department action plan. It notes priority will be given to populations that face barriers in securing housing, including women and children experiencing domestic violence. The action plan is available online at www.gov.mb.ca/fs/ pubs/shared-priorities-sustainableprogress.pdf.

For more information about Manitoba's family violence prevention program including supports available to women, men and families, visit www. gov.mb.ca/msw/fvpp. For more information about how Manitoba Housing partners with community organizations, private groups and governments to create safe and affordable housing, visit www.gov.mb.ca/housing.

Wahbung Abinoonjiiag was established to empower families to break the cycle of violence through opportunities for holistic healing and culturally appropriate teachings in a safe and nurturing environment. For more information, follow their social media at www.facebook.com/wahbung225 or www.twitter.com/wahbung225

Selkirk Biz's Farm Family of 2019



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Gerard D'Souza (far left), account manager at TD Commercial Ag Bank, and Colin Graves (far right), branch manager at TD Bank, presented the Selkirk Biz 2019 Farm Family of the Year to Macklin McRae and Curtis McRae from G and G Farms on Jan. 26.





Syphilis infections on the rise in the Interlake

By Patricia Barrett

Content Warning: The information in this article can be considered sensitive and is directed to an adult audience

The Interlake region continues to experience increased rates of syphilis infections in keeping with a "large" outbreak underway in the province.

The majority of syphilis infections are sexually transmitted, but the bacterial disease can also be acquired by people injecting drugs with unclean needles and be transmitted from a woman to her unborn child or during delivery (congenital syphilis).

"Manitoba is currently experiencing a large syphilis outbreak," said Dr. Karen Robinson, medical officer of health for the IERHA. "People who are concerned they may have a sexually transmitted infection should see their local public health nurse or their primary care provider."

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority saw syphilis cases increase in 2017 and 2018 among both men and women, among heterosexuals and among men who have sex with men.

In 2014 the IERHA had six cases. That jumped to 64 cases in 2018. Preliminary statistics (final data is not yet available) for 2019 show 56 cases, according to statistics the IERHA shared with the *Express*.

Unprotected sex, whether vaginal, oral or anal, and contaminated needles are putting people at risk of acquiring syphilis, which can be treated with antibiotics before it progresses to later stages that can cause serious health conditions.

"Anyone who does not use a barrier such as a condom or a dental dam during sex may be at risk of contracting the infection," said IERHA communications associate Lita Savage-Murray. Behaviours such as having multiple sexual partners and failing to practise safe injections with clean needles can increase the risk of contracting the disease, she said.

On its website, the health authority says increasing infection rates may be linked to the use of social media and social networking sites through which people can easily make arrangements to meet.

People are encouraged to take an active role before engaging in sexual activity, asking a potential partner questions about his/her sexual health status and practices, and checking for signs of infection. People should say no to sexual activity with someone who has symptoms of an infection.

Condoms may reduce the risk of infection, but are not failsafe as skin-toskin contact with active sores on other parts of the body can result in transmission of the bacterium.

If left untreated syphilis can cause serious health complications such as blindness, paralysis and death in its later stages. Because the sores (also called chancres or lesions) are painless, people may not know they're even infected. Sores can also go undetected in the mouth, vagina, anus or under the foreskin of the penis.

The bacterial disease has four stages. In the primary stage, symptoms such as enlarged lymph nodes in the groin and a small painless sore or several sores on the skin (typically at the location the bacteria entered the body) will appear 10 days to three months after exposure. The sores will heal on their own but the infection will persist, according to WebMD, a credible medical website that provides reference material and medical news.

Secondary stage symptoms include



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Syphilis sores can emerge anywhere on the body, not only on the genitals.

a skin rash that causes reddish-brown sores on the body, sores in the mouth, vagina, penis or anus, fever, swollen glands, weight loss, hair loss, extreme fatigue and headache.

In the latent (hidden) stage, a person won't have any symptoms, perhaps for years, or the symptoms will never return. But the bacteria remain dormant and may progress to the tertiary stage.

The tertiary stage is the most severe, appearing 10 to 30 years after an initial infection. People can experience damage to organs such as the heart, brain, liver, nerves and eyes, and experience neurological problems, strokes, deafness, blindness and dementia. It can also cause death.

Manitoba as a whole has seen an increase in the numbers of syphilis infections since 2013, according to provincial data on sexually transmitted and bloodborne infections. In 2015 a province-wide outbreak was declared. In 2017 infectious syphilis case counts were up more than 400 per cent compared to 2013. In June 2019 Manitoba Health notified healthcare providers that syphilis case counts for 2018 were "the highest on record" and a "large outbreak" of syphilis continued in 2019.

With a resurgence in syphilis infections, the IERHA, like other RHAs, has been focusing on educating and informing healthcare providers, said Savage-Murray. People who use drugs are offered STI and blood-borne infection testing because "some drugs are known to reduce inhibition and increase sexual activity, which puts people at greater risk."Testing will invariably result in finding more syphilis cases.

The IERHA's public health program is also working with populations most at risk for contracting the disease, and all women receiving prenatal care are being tested for syphilis to prevent instances of congenital syphilis.

"Public health nurses have all been trained to draw blood for testing for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections. They can also provide basic treatment for infections," said Savage-Murray. "In addition, public health nurses engage in case management and contact tracing. They are involved in outreach activities in collaboration with other agencies."

ESP Fire Department improves fire services with new pumper





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Staff

The East St. Paul Fire Department has a new pumper that will improve the department's efficiency and provide better protection for RM residents.

The new truck is a 2019 eMax Typhoon Rescue Pumper manufactured by E-One Fire Trucks. It is equipped with a high capacity pump capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute.

It has an 800-gallon water tank on board and can pump/create foam. The pump is powered by a 400-horse power Cummins diesel engine with an Allison transmission.

The truck can carry a crew of up to

six firefighters. East St. Paul normally has four members on board.

The new truck is also equipped with a number of tools for fire suppression as well as the Jaws of Life.

The new truck has been in service since November, after local firefighters received training.

The department's previous pumper was 31 years old.

The top three types of response for the East St. Paul Fire Department this year are medical (181 calls), fire alarm system activated (49) and motor vehicle collisions (46). The pumper responds to fire alarm and motor vehicle calls.





I plan on contributing to my RRSP as I always do, but wondered how it works if I also contribute to a spousal RRSP. Does this count towards my contribution limit or my partner's limit. It is quite confusing. Could you let me know.

George

Dear George - RRSP Saver!

RRSPs are Registered Retirement Savings Plans and a fabulous way to help you save for your future ensuring your invested funds grow tax free until the withdrawal. Nowadays most people agree that we cannot base our retirement future on government pension allowances. Trying to live on a small government subsidized pension income would be virtually impossible for most Canadians with debt. This is why planning and saving early is so important and RRSPs should be an integral part of everyone's investment portfolio.

Contributing to a spousal RRSP is a great way to even out the contributions so each partner has similar savings portfolios. We recommend this often when incomes are varied between couples so that the higher income earning spouse can contribute to the lower income spouse's portfolio. The thing

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to remember is that any contributions you make to your spouse's RRSP will be deducted from your RRSP limit and not your spouse's limit. The tax deduction is given to the contributor and would be limited to their personal CRA limit.

Essentially this is a form of income splitting between spouses and ensures that registered account balances are kept fairly even for both partners. Once retired, each partner should plan to have approximately the same amount of income that they are drawing out of their investments to ensure they are in the same marginal tax rate.

One thing that you must keep in mind when you contribute to a spousal RRSP is the rule of attribution. If the spouse who received the contribution withdraws the money from their RRSP during the year of the contribution or up to and including the two preceding years, the contributing spouse would be taxed. Now knowing this, make sure you do not contribute to a spousal RRSP if you are nearing retirement and foresee future withdrawals.

Hope this helps George. Don't forget, the RRSP deadline for 2019 contributions is March 2, 2020.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

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Selkirk varsity boys' playing solid basketball

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By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals handed the Murdoch MacKay Clansmen a real beat down in KPAC Tier 1 varsity boys' basketball action Monday at the Comp.

Selkirk cruised to a dominating 89-59 victory.

"It was a little up and down, we had a couple leads and gave it back, and then they got into foul trouble and we really stuck it to them in the second half," said Royals' head coach Dean Goodbrandson. "We amped up our defence a little bit. When we get our defence going, we get turnovers and our transition game is pretty good."

The Royals' Michael Winkler scored a game-high 26 points while hitting five three-pointers. Selkirk's Ashton Henry added 14 points.

It was the Royals' first league win in

seven games this season.

"We're starting to get into the schedule where we have some competitive games," Goodbrandson said. "We're getting better all of the time."

Last weekend, Selkirk placed third at their eight-team home tournament.

The Royals defeated the Shaftesbury Titans 65-59 in the third-place game on Saturday.

"The tournament had a lot of parity and we lost to the team that won it," Goodbrandson said. "We had three really good games."

Tyrel Cook led Selkirk with 15 points while Andrew Wiebe chipped in with 11.

Eleven different players scored in the win.

The Royals started the tournament with a 56-47 victory over the J.H.

Curlers provincial bound



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Raphael Malo, Luke Robbins, Joshua Evans, and Carter Malmquist clinched a berth spot at the U18 Men's Regionals last weekend. They will be representing the Selkirk Curling Club in the U18 Men's Provincial Championships in Minnedosa on March 4-8. The boys, aged 13-15, have been curling together since the fall of 2019 and are elated with the outcome of their season so far. This will be the first appearance for them at a provincial team championship. The team is sponsored by many locally-run businesses, including Harry's Foods, The Cooperators, and Red River Dental.



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The Selkirk Royals' Carlin Doak dribbles past a J.H. Bruns Broncos' player during tournament action Friday at the Comp. The Royals won the game 56-47.

Bruns Broncos on Friday.

Carlin Doak led Selkirk with 18 points and six rebounds while Benjamin Olafson had a season-high 15 points and six boards.

Doak was later selected to the tournament all-star team.

Selkirk was then defeated 92-76 by the St. John Tigers in a semifinal game. Alex Hourie paced Selkirk with 17 points and six rebounds.

The Royals also had very strong play from a trio of Grade 10 players. Winkler had 16 points, followed by Henry (nine) and Wiebe (eight).

Ten different Selkirk players hit the

scoresheet.

St. John's won the tournament with a 84-79 win over the West Kildonan Wolverines in the championship game.

Selkirk will visit the Springfield Sabres on Wednesday (6 p.m.) in league play and then the Royals will compete in the PCI Trojans' tournament this Friday and Saturday.

In varsity girls' action, Selkirk hammered the River East Kodiaks 74-51 on Monday.

The Royals, now 3-3 in KPAC this season, will host the Kildonan East Reivers next Monday. Tip-off is 6 p.m.



Steelers beat Blues, lose to Kings

Staff

The Selkirk Steelers earned a split in their two weekend games after getting edged 3-2 by the Dauphin Kings on Saturday at the Rec Complex.

Dauphin's Grady Hobbs scored the game winner at 14:11 of the third period. It was his league-leading 30th goal of the season.

Selkirk's Blake Burr had tied the score at 2-2 at 4:03 of the final frame.

The Kings grabbed an early 2-0 firstperiod lead with goals from Austin Lamotte and Hobbs just 31 seconds apart.

The Steelers' Thomas Colter answered with a power-play goal a couple of minutes later.

Former Steeler Levi Mitchell earned the win in goal. At the other end, Rory Dumeile stopped 42 Dauphin shots and was named the game's third star. On Friday, Selkirk defeated the Win-

nipeg Blues 4-1 at the Rec Complex.

After a scoreless first period, Selkirk's Caiden Gault and Burr (on the power play) tallied in the second.

Nolan Dawson and Riley Portner made it 4-0 with goals early in the third period.

Mikol Sartor then ruined Austin De-Boer's shutout big with a shorthanded goal with just 47 seconds remaining in the game.

DeBoer made 24 saves to improve his record to 7-3 this season.

Selkirk hosted the Portage Terriers this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Steelers are now 22-21-3-1 and in eighth place with 48 points. The Steelers are three points back of the Kings with a game in hand.

Selkirk will hit the road for three games this weekend. The Steelers will play the OCN Blizzard Friday (7 pm.) and Saturday (7 p.m.) before taking on the Swan Valley Stampeders Sunday (6 p.m.).



Kerri Einarson captures Manitoba women's curling title

By Ty Dilello

In a wild and crazy provincial Scotties final in Rivers on Sunday night, it was Gimli's Kerri Einarson who stood at the top when the dust settled, overcoming St. Vital's Jennifer Jones 8-6 in a thrilling back-and-forth affair.

Einarson's rink, featuring third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur, will now head to the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, SK., which gets underway on Feb. 15.

The Scotties' final featured a lot of great shots and some costly misses that resulted in big steals. Leading 7-6 in the final end without the hammer, Einarson made a beautiful shot with her final stone to set up her team's victory.

With the Jones' rink lying four, Einarson's only chance was to draw through a whole pile of stones and get a piece of the button behind a wall of rocks. She made an absolutely perfect draw to the button that Jones was unable to remove with the last stone of the game, giving Einarson the win and the provincial championship.

"I knew I was gonna be close because I just threw it," said Einarson. "So I knew if I threw it a few feet less it would be absolutely perfect. Val called it well, the girls swept it well and it was great.

"I'm so proud of my teammates for sticking in that game. I struggled a little bit with the draw weight. It felt a little quicker than it was, but I knew I would come along and make a draw sometime and I made it when it really



Kerri Einarson

counted."

Einarson will be returning to the women's national championship for the third time and will be a frontrunner to win her first Scotties.

"It means so much," said Einarson." I really wanted to do this for my teammates. We've been through a lot and Val's been through a lot in her curling career so we really wanted this one. We really buckled down and made the shots when they really counted."

It should be noted that there is a second chance available to reach the Scotties for the two other top Manitoba rinks. Jennifer Jones will now play off against East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury in the wildcard game the Friday night before the Scotties begin.

Fleury appeared to be the favourite heading into last weekend after winning their first six games. They ended up stumbling to Einarson and then



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From left to right, skip Kerri Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur pictured with the trophy after capturing the Manitoba Scotties women's curling championship in Rivers this past Sunday.

again to Jones in Sunday morning's semifinal to finish the event in third place.

Other Interlakers in the field included Marquette's Sara Oliver, who threw lead rocks for the Abby Ackland rink. Ackland was hot from the getgo, winning their first three games, including a victory in their opening draw against Einarson.

But she stumbled in her final two

games to finish 3-2 and out of the playoff round.

While East St. Paul's Kristy Watling was one of the great stories from the Scotties as the upstart young rink went 4-1 in the round robin to advance to the playoffs. They were ultimately eliminated on Saturday night after a pair of losses to Einarson (7-1) and Jones (8-5).

Mercs finish SEMHL regular season in second place

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Mercs are heading into the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League playoffs as winners of four of their past five games.

Warren is playing some real good hockey at just the right time.

"We had a good season this year and this team has seen its share of adversity," said Mercs' coach Matt Figur, adding Tim Rothwell has been a great addition to the coaching staff."Four of our first five wins came in OT and we went on a seven-game winning streak to close out 2019. We're a very deep team and we have three solid lines, six solid (defenceman), and we have Hayden Dola in net so I am very confident with what the Mercs can do in the postseason."

Warren wrapped up its regular season with a solid 4-3 road win over the Notre Dame Hawks on Saturday. The Mercs won the game despite having a very short bench.

"It was a game that forced us to not get into bad habits and to continue to do the things that have been working for us," Figur said.

Mercs' forward Braydon MacDonald scored the game winner at 16:29 of the third period while Warren was shorthanded. Vinny Grift gave Notre Dame a 1-0 lead at 18:43 of the first period but Warren's Johnny Lazo responded with a goal at 4:57 of the second.

The Hawks' Brian Michiels and the Mercs' Wes Pawluk traded goals early in the third before Chase Faulker gave Warren a 3-2 lead when he tallied at 6:50.

Notre Dame's Ryan Sokoloski then tied the score midway in the frame. Lazo finished the game with three points while Brenden Luschinski had two assists.

Curtis Beck, an AP, made 37 saves for the win.

Last Thursday, Warren defeated the Maroons 6-4 in Altona.

Lazo had a great game for Warren, scoring twice and adding three assists. The Mercs' Brendan Mitchell scored twice while Kyle Luschinski had a goal and two assists.

Brenden Luschinski scored Warren's other goal.

Nolan McGuire (two), Jordan Wall, and Justin Augert replied for Altona. Bryce Spittal made 40 saves for the win.

On Jan. 28, the Mercs were edged 5-4 in a shootout by the Carman Beavers. Eric Swanson, MacDonald, Brock Genyk, and Faulkner scored for Warren. Carman goals came from Mark Owen (two), Aaron Lewadniuk, and Braeden Beernaerts.

Warren finished the regular season in second place with 27 points, two back of Carman.

The Mercs, Beavers, and Maroons each earned a bye after finishing in the top three of the seven-team league.

Ŵinkler and Portage will play each other in a one-game survivor series on Friday (8 p.m.) to see who advances to the next playoff round.

In the other one-game series, Notre Dame will host Morden on Saturday at 8 p.m.

In off-ice news, Winkler Royals' captain Marlin Froese was named the Dale Rempel SEMHL's Man of the Year.

Selkirk Fishermen fly past Arborg Ice Dawgs

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen played just one game last week.

But they sure made it count.

Selkirk blasted the Ice Dawgs 6-0 in Arborg on Friday in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action.

Chad King scored a first-period goal and then Travis Spratt, with a pair, Dane Derewianchuk, and Jordan Simko tallied in the second to give the Fishermen a commanding 5-0 lead.

Dane Derewianchuk then closed out the scoring in the third. He had three points in the game along with Spratt

and Evan Bedard.

Bedard leads with the Fishermen with 28 points (14 goals, 14 assists).

Owen Derewianchuk made 29 saves for the shutout as Selkirk outshot Arborg 55-29. He is a perfect 6-0 with a 1.00 goals-against average and two shutouts this season.

Selkirk, now in first place with 60 points (two in front of the St. Malo Warriors), will host Arborg on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and St. Malo in what should be a great game on Sunday (3:30 p.m.) at the Rec Complex.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL The Selkirk Fishermen will host Arborg Friday and St. Malo on Sunday in a pair of important CRJHL games.

U18 Lightning zapped by pair of Winnipeg teams

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning U18 boys' hockey team's losing ways continued last weekend.

Interlake was swept by a pair of Winnipeg teams and has now won just twice in its past 14 games.

Sunday saw the Lightning lose 9-2 to the Winnipeg Thrashers at Gateway Arena.

Austin Adair and Aiden Bruce scored power-play goals for the Lightning.

Nate Goodbrandson (two), Lucas Brenton, Matthieu Moreira, Carson Hinkel-Lysak, Brandon Ambrozik, Jordan Hughesman, Branden Huminek, and Jared Chapel tallied for the Thrashers.

On Friday, Interlake was defeated 6-2 by the Winnipeg Wild in Teulon.

Winnipeg's Tyson Smith scored a first-period goal and then Carter Halamandaris made it 2-0 before Interlake's Lyle Murdock scored at 12:36 of the middle frame.

But the Wild broke the game open with second-period goals from Hala-



Interlake's Lyle Murdock scored at 12:36 of the middle frame against the Wild last Friday.

mandaris, Hugie Hooker, and Logan Belton.

Two of those goals were scored on the power play.



RECORD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Matt Vandel and Ayden Manningway celebrate Murdock's goal.

Winnipeg's Sam Court put the Wild up 6-1 but the Lightning's Kaydyn McMahon tallied late in the third. Interlake new 10 points back of the

Interlake, now 10 points back of the Central Plains Capitals for the final playoff spot, will host the Yellowhead Chiefs on Friday in Arborg (7:30 p.m.) and then will play the Eastman Selects Sunday (2 p.m.) at the Sun Gro Centre in Beausejour.

Davis to step down as MJHL commissioner

Submitted by the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced last week that Kim Davis, the current commissioner, will be stepping down from his position at the end of June.

He was the league's commissioner

the past 18 years.

Kevin Saurette, the MJHL's current Director of Operations, will become the league's next commissioner.

Now in his fourth season with the MJHL, Saurette will officially take over the lead role at the end of June.

As part of the progression of the MJHL leadership structure, a recruitment process will begin this month to appoint a new Director of Operations along with a new full-time staff role to manage league marketing and partnerships. Both Davis and Saurette will jointly lead the initiative to oversee the application process and hiring of new personnel.



Royals rolling on ice in WHSHL playoff push

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals picked up another huge victory last Thursday.

Travis Paradoski scored the gamewinning goal to lift Selkirk to a 4-3 overtime victory over the Westwood Warriors in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action at the Rec Complex.

The Royals took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Austin Zirk and Devon Whiteside.

But Westwood answered with a

pair of power-play goals by Magnum Grindle in the second period.

The Warriors' Paul McCaughan and the Royals' Raymond Hefferman then traded goals in the third.

Joshua Seymour earned the win in goal.

With the victory, Selkirk now has 28 points to occupy the eighth and final playoff spot in the Platinum Promotions Division.

Selkirk played College Jeanne Sauve this past Tuesday but no score was

available at press time. The Royals will battle the Warriors Wednesday (4 p.m.) at Keith Bodley Arena.

On Monday, Selkirk will host River East at 4 p.m. at the Rec Complex.

In Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League action on Monday, Selkirk lost 4-1 to the Vincent Massey Trojans. The Royals played the game with just nine skaters but kept the game close until the end despite taking "a lot of penalties," according to head coach Kelly Mendrun. Jana King scored the Royals' lone goal.

Selkirk will host the Shaftesbury Titans this Thursday at the Rec Complex. Puck drop is 4:15 p.m.

The game was originally slated to be played on Nov. 14 but was postponed.

Selkirk will wrap up its regular season Monday when it plays the Kelvin Clippers at River Heights Arena. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

The league playoffs will begin later this month.

Royals on track in track and field

Staff

The Selkirk Royals have been burning up the track in a couple of indoor track and field meets this season.

Carly Kazuk has been a highlight for the Royals in varsity girls' track.

At the 2020 High School Series meet on Jan. 20, Kazuk placed second in the 200-metre, finishing just 0.04 seconds behind Kelvin's Rofiat Agboola.

She was also third in the 60m and 400m at the first meet of the season at the beginning of January.

"Her progress has been promising over the last year and she's definitely emerging as a force in those events," said Royals' coach Scott Gurney in an email. "Other than that, we've got a group of 35 athletes who are making steady gains in their events."

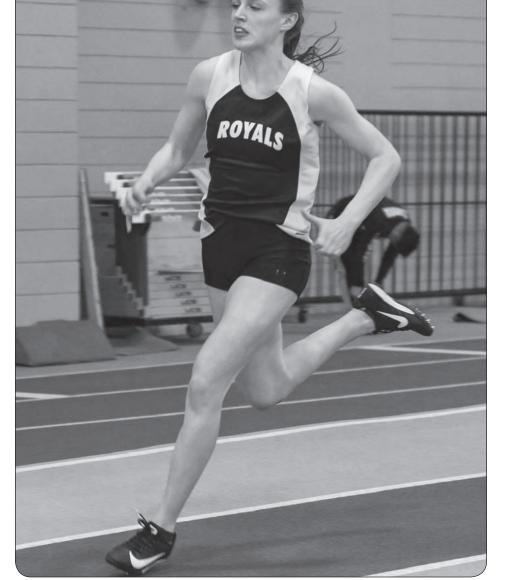
Selkirk's Keenan Allen placed third in the junior varsity boys' 800m race at the second meet after crossing the finish line in 2:31.40.

The Royals' Ian Gurney placed sixth in the junior varsity boys' 400m dash with a time of 1:00.86.

Luke Fjeldsted, meanwhile, was another athlete that finished in the top-10 of an event. He was seventh in the varsity boys' long jump after landing at 5.61m at the second meet of the season.

Selkirk's next meet is Wednesday at the University of Manitoba.





RECORD PHOTO BY MATT PEARSON The Selkirk Royals' Carly Kazuk has been running really well in varsity girls' races during the indoor track and field season.



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OBITUARY

Susan Hunnie

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Following a brief illness, Susan Hunnie passed away on January 26, 2020 at the age of 61 years.

She is survived by her husband Leonard; daughter Jacqui (Paul); sons Shayne and Mike Hunnie (Chrystal); mother Jean; mother-in-law Mabel; sister Jill; brother Philip; foster-brothers Butch (Ruth) and Gerald (Linda); grandchildren Ethan, Raechelle, and Corinna.

Friends and relatives are invited to read Susan's life-story, memories, and condolences for the family by visiting her tribute page at EthicalDeathCare.com.

A memorial lunch and celebration of life will be held for family and close friends at 11:00 a.m., February 9, 2020 in the Selkirk Friendship Center, 425 Eveline Street, Selkirk, Manitoba (friends please don't park at the Legion!).

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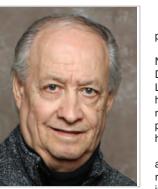
Peacefully on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 surrounded by the love of his family, Leo passed away at the Selkirk Regional Hospital.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, February 6,

Leo Danis

2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, 5819 Henderson Hwy, Narol, Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Barry Ernest Evason On February 2, 2020 Barry Ernest Evason passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Barry was born to Amy and Frank Evason in Dauphin, MB on November 14, 1944. He is survived by his wife Eva; his children Derek (Corinne), Tracy (Fred), Brett (Leslie); and his grandchildren Logan, Conner, Haley, Erik, and Kenzie, He also leaves to mourn his passing his brothers Ken (Barb) and Cliff (Pat), as well as many beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Barry was predeceased by his mother and father, brothers Al and Ron, and his sister Gail.

As a young man, Barry travelled to Thompson where he worked at Inco for a brief time, then went to work for Safeway where he remained for 27 years. He met his wife Eva there, and was married in 1967.

Barry enjoyed meeting people, and was a very sociable person. He was also a great sports enthusiast participating in hockey, baseball, golf, curling, and fishing throughout his life. Later in life, Barry eased into retirement working at Petro Foods, Pappy's Bar and Grill, and Lockport Grocery.

Throughout all his years, Barry's greatest joy and comfort was his family. His children and grandchildren brought him endless joy. With family and friends, he enjoyed many sociable fun-loving events, generally enjoying life to its fullest.

A service will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. at The Selkirk United Church in Selkirk, MB. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Barry's memory may do so to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at Seasonsfunerals.ca



Jane Frances George

It is with profound sadness that the family of Jane Frances George announce her death on February 2020 as a result of complications from Scleroderma.

Jane was born February 20, 1940 in Twickenham, Middlesex, England the oldest of three kids. She met her husband of 44 years Bryan when both worked at a large hospital in the South of England. The call of the great white north was too much to resist for them so Bryan immigrated to Canada for work and after Peter their first son was born in England, soon after Jane joined Bryan in Canada. Four years later in 1972 their youngest son lan was born and the family was complete.

Jane was predeceased by both her parents, her brother John and in 2008 husband Bryan, but leaves to mourn oldest son Peter George and wife Ronna and sons Jared and Bryan as well as her youngest son Ian Goodall-George and wife Shannon and daughter Kennedi and son Dane.

Jane was always one to speak her mind and let it be known her opinion on anything and everything, but always was quick to listen to others opinions and always respectfully agree or disagree with them. These opinions were never so apparent as they were when it came to music choices, what you ate, and most recently her grandkids. Once her opinion was expressed she would get down to her passion for creating and preserving. She was passionate about music, from her love of the piano and teaching others how to play to her love of her violin which she brought with her over 50 years ago from England and she so proudly played until recently. The piano and her violin were her most prized material possessions.

She could care less about having the latest and greatest of anything and would rather preserve the past and do with not much more than the minimum if it meant saving and conserving for the future. Both her and Bryan were composting before most people knew what that meant, recycling and reusing when most people still thought our resources were limitless.

It's safe to say she left this world having taught some to make music, others to respect history and what we can learn from it and last but not least will be remembered for caring about everyone. She didn't often say it or show it but you always knew she had your back.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church, Selkirk.

Flowers are respectfully declined and instead if you so wish in honor of her life, hug your family and friends, treat someone to lunch, or make a donation to a favourite charity. The Dream Factory, Camp Quality, and the Selkirk and District Community Foundation and Growing Years Family Resource Centre were a few close to her heart.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



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OBITUARY



Ernest Patrick Koterla

March 17, 1935 - January 24, 2020

Ernie passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in his sleep, at home. He will be sadly missed by his wife Helen (Nee Kowaluk) and his daughters Tracy (Darren) DeVisser and Tammy (Donald) Anderson, also his grandchildren Joel, Kyle and Jessica and greatgranddaughter Rylee. He is also survived by his sisters, Irene (Gordon) Saltner and Evelyn Wesley. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Noreen Nerbus, brothers-in-law Bill Nerbus and Frank Wesley.

Ernie was born and raised in Gonor MB. before moving to Winnipeg. After high school he attended MTI where he took a course in Chartered Accounting. His place of employment before retirement was at the Municipality of St. Clements in East Selkirk, Mb. as Asst. Secretary Treasurer. Ernie began playing the violin

at age four. He was an accomplished violinist and saxophone player. He entertained at hundreds of weddings, socials and gigs during his lifetime. He often said "Music is my life".

As per his wishes there will be no formal funeral. Viewing and cremation have taken place. May he rest in Peace.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation greatly appreciated.

OBITUARY







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After a long battle with cancer Lorraine passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, February 1st, 2020, with her husband at her side. She will be deeply missed by those she left behind, her wonderful, loving husband, Dave Polson; her brother Ron Prejet; sister-in-law Helene Preiet: her nieces Melanie. Janelle and Rylan as well as many relatives and friends. She was predeceased by

her mother Rita Foldi and father Robert Preiet. She had a great love of sports and was always making people laugh with her guirky sense of humour and antics. Her memory will be forever cherished.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Lorraine Polson





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