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Jo-Anne Wilson of East Selkirk, pictured left, and Janaya Tomchuk of Clandeboye, right, hold up the Valentine's Day cards they made during the Victorian Valentines event at the St. Andrews Rectory last Saturday. The event also gave attendees the chance to learn about the history behind Valentine's Day. With Valentine's Day in mind, we recently asked our readers to submit their own love stories for our Greatest Love Story of All Time Contest. To read the submissions, see Pages 11, 12, 13 and 17.

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# Selkirk Biz gift card program already exceeding expectations

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk Biz's new gift card program is quickly putting a whole new spin on shopping local.

Selkirk and area's chamber of commerce quietly launched its new gift card program, Biz Bucks, in mid-December 2018. To date, they have sold roughly 850 gift cards totalling nearly \$25,000.

Selkirk Biz executive director Sheri Skalesky says the program is already exceeding their expectations.

"We are so pleased to see how well it has done, even though we haven't officially launched it yet," Skalesky said. "We had a really good buy in from a solid quota of our retailers so we were extremely pleased about that.

"People believe in the program. We can only see this improving and getting better."

The gift card, which can be purchased for a value of \$5 to \$500, can be redeemed at a total of 39 Selkirk and area businesses.

Selkirk Biz became the first chamber of commerce in Canada, and the second in North America, to offer a gift card program that can only be used at participating biz member businesses. Biz Bucks is replacing their former program, Chamber Dollars, which was a paper cheque.

Christa Denoon, Biz Bucks Gift Card Program chair, says the new gift card program is helping give the term "shop local" a whole new meaning.

"I think it's just a fantastic thing to have in our community," Denoon said. "There's such a focus and a push in supporting shop local and I think this gift card is just a really flexible way to give a gift."



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BRETT MITCHELL

Christa Denoon, Biz Bucks Gift Card Program chair, pictured centre, alongside Wendy Lang of Selkirk Home Hardware, left, and Teri Gudmundson of Noventis Credit Union, right, holds up the new Selkirk Biz's Biz Bucks gift card, which was quietly launched in December 2018.

"THERE'S SUCH A FOCUS AND A PUSH IN SUPPORTING SHOP LOCAL AND I THINK THIS GIFT CARD IS JUST A REALLY FLEXIBLE WAY TO GIVE A GIFT."

Skalesky said Denoon was instrumental in getting this three-year project off the ground and running.

"She did such a fantastic job," Skalesky said. "She put everything into it and we're just so grateful that we had her passion and commitment."

Denoon has been volunteering with

the Selkirk Biz since 2016 and says she's really enjoyed her time with the organization.

"It's really an awesome feeling to give back to the community that I grew up in," she said. "It's nice to be able to be involved in the community and be able to give back."

She added they are now focusing their efforts on marketing the new gift card program and are hoping to host a launch event for it in the near future.

As a way to phase out the biz's old Chamber Dollars program, they will be hosting a series of Trade Days where people can trade their chamber dollars for the new gift card.

The first Trade Day event will take place at Noventis Credit Union in Sel-

kirk on Feb. 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second Trade Day event will be hosted at Selkirk Home Hardware on Feb. 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. respectively.

With more than 1,000 chamber dollar cheques still in circulation, the Biz says they are expecting a large turnout. For more information about the event, contact Sheri Skalesky directly at 204-482-7176.

Skalesky said the gift card program was relatively easy to activate at all of the participating retailers and is a great way to connect a wide range of local and area businesses. For a list of participating merchants, visit [itsallrightthere.com](http://itsallrightthere.com). Biz Bucks are currently available for sale at Selkirk Biz, Noventis Credit Union Selkirk and Selkirk Home Hardware.

The biz previously held a contest to come up with the design and look of the gift card and sleeve holder. The winning design was created by Laura Calisto of Red Bomb Fireworks.

"I get to work on many different projects, however it's not often I get the pleasure of seeing an actual physical finished product," Calisto stated in a release. "It was fun."

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# Winter storms keeping local snow clearing companies busy

By Justin Luschinski

Snowstorms have been hitting Manitoba hard this winter, and local snow clear companies say they can barely keep up.

After getting through the polar vortex, Interlake residents were hit with larger-than-average snowfall over the last few weeks. On Jan. 7, southern Manitoba was hit with around 13 centimetres of snow and more is on the way.

Harvey Levin, owner of Tri S Property Service, says he's been swamped with calls.

"Compared to last year, we got maybe 100 per cent more snow this year. Hardly any snow last year. Everyone is insanely busy right now, nobody can keep up," Levin said. "I had (another snow clearing business manager) stop me yesterday, told me to give him my number, wanted to give me a job. And I said no, I'm too busy."

Levin said because all of his equipment is insured, he has fixed costs he must meet. He added that nobody can make a living just clearing snow

anymore, which is why he has three part-time jobs that he works around. His equipment is insured for around \$10,000, and he estimates that larger companies have a much higher insurance price, over \$100,000.

While his overhead is relatively low, larger businesses struggle to turn a profit, as most construction machines are not built for Manitoba winters.

Joanne Brown, owner of Selkirk Soil, said although there isn't a lot of money in snow clearing, she does it because it's a necessary service.

"The weather is hard on the machines, we go through a lot of coolant, a lot of hydraulic oil. A lot of times, you gotta let the machine warm up for an hour before you head out," Brown said. "I remember talking to (another snow clearing service) one year, after a really big snowfall, and I said 'business must be good this year.' They said 'it's never a good year with snow.'"

Brown said after winter is over, they often have to repair their machines, which can cost upwards of \$70,000. Brown was born and raised in Sel-



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI  
Harvey Levin, owner of Tri S Property Service, uses his front end loader to remove snow in Selkirk last week.

kirk, and says she continues to do it because snow clearing is desperately needed in the Interlake. Many senior residents have large driveways and might be unable to shovel snow.

Kim Hawes, owner of R & M Equipment in Selkirk, agrees snow clearing

is a necessary service.

"If it doesn't get done, people aren't going anywhere," Hawes said. "We have contracts for the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, Manitoba Hydro, places that need to be open 24 hours a day. So we're always on call."

# Manitoba's winter road system now open

Staff

All northern communities now have access to Manitoba's winter road system, allowing for the delivery of supplies, the province announced on Monday.

"Winter roads not only facilitate the hauling of freight to northern and remote communities, but also provide the residents with temporary inter-community travel," Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler stated in a release on Monday. "Our government will spend \$4.5 million providing the 22 northern Manitoba communities access to supplies and inter-community travel."

All 22 communities that rely on winter roads now have full access to the 2,400-kilometre network, said Schuler.

In a typical season, more than 2,500 shipments are delivered to a large number of isolated northern communities from mid-January to mid-March. The system also provides road access for area residents.

Some sections of the winter road system may be closed for repairs on short notice, due to changing weather conditions. The overall budget to open and maintain Manitoba's winter roads is shared between the provincial and federal governments.

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# Businesses encouraged to apply for upcoming Catfish Den

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk Biz is teaming up with the Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) to host the city's first annual Catfish Den competition.

Organizers say it will be similar to the popular Canadian television show, *Dragons' Den*, and will be an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to get their name and product out there. Three local businesses will also get a shot at walking away with some cash.

The first annual Catfish Den is set to take place on Thursday, April 11 at the John Vadeboncoeur Theatre inside the Comp from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be open to the public.

Jim Pelletier, a Selkirk Biz member and the Catfish Den committee chair, says the event is open to all businesses including store front, home-based and mobile seeking a capital injection or funds for an upcoming project.

"We're very excited about this event," Pelletier said. "It's going to be very, very fun."

"IT'S JUST A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK, GROW YOUR BUSINESS AND HOPEFULLY OBTAIN NEW CLIENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE."

How exactly does it work?

The application cost is \$30 (non-refundable) and must be provided at the time of your application submission. A Business Plan must also be created and be provided at the time of submission. The Catfish Den Committee will decide which participants will present their ideas to a panel of judges, known as The Cool Cats, at the event.

The Cool Cats are made up of local business and financial institution

leaders, which have the ability to work alongside your business and help it grow. As a participant, this is a great opportunity to network, gain new cliental and obtain the advice and tools necessary to help your business be successful.

"We're hoping to have up to 10 participants," said Selkirk Biz executive director Sheri Skalesky. "We're trying to promote this as much as we can and attract those participants."

The Cool Cats each will invest \$500 and have the potential to provide the par-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Selkirk Biz and the Lord Selkirk School Division are encouraging local and area businesses to apply to take part in the first annual Catfish Den competition taking place at the Comp on April 11. The deadline to apply will be announced closer to the event date.

participants with other services that will help their business grow/start.

Each presenter will be allowed up to five minutes to pitch their plan to The Cool Cats and to those in attendance. After the pitch, The Cool Cats will be provided the opportunity to ask questions. Once all of the participants have a chance to pitch their ideas, The Cool Cats will decide how/to whom they would like to disperse their money. By the end of the event, 100 per cent of The Cool Cats money will be awarded.

The spectators also get to vote for their favourite pitchers. Half of the total admission fee and local business sponsorship money, will also be awarded to the participants (50 per cent to crowd favourite, 30 per cent to second place, 20 per cent to third place). The other half will be used in the same fashion by the audience to determine the top three school projects for the Battle of the Schools, which will also take place that same evening. There is no guarantee each presenter will get a deal, but all the money will be awarded that night.

Pelletier said the Battle of Schools pitches will be presented by high

school students within the LSSD. It could be for anything from school programming to equipment or anything that enhances the high school experience for students.

Who is eligible to apply?

Although applicants themselves do not need to be residents of Selkirk, St. Clements, St. Andrews or West St. Paul, their business must currently operate in anyone of those communities or be opening within the next 12 months. The deadline to apply will be announced closer to the event date.

Prize winners must begin operations before receiving funds (held in trust until business opens if not already open). Applicants and sponsors must also agree to have their names and pictures in *The Selkirk Record* before and after the event. Spectator tickets will be available at the Comp. You may also pick up an application form at the RBC Royal Bank located in Selkirk.

Anyone with questions or requiring an application, can call Selkirk Biz at 204-482-7176 or email [info@selkirkbiz.ca](mailto:info@selkirkbiz.ca).

Pelletier is encouraging business owners to apply as soon as possible so they don't miss out on this opportunity.

"If you want to grow ... everything costs a lot of money," he said. "This is a great opportunity to get the down payment."

He added the Comp theatre holds around 275 people.

"It's just a really great opportunity to network, grow your business and hopefully obtain new clients from the audience," he said. "We want this to be a very fun evening but yet a professional evening."

Skalesky said although they are still finalizing who will be on the judging panel, The Cool Cats, there are many things business owners can do to stand out during their pitch.

"It's all in practicing your presentation, making sure you have a good stage presence, just those little basic things can go a long way," she said. "You want to be able to be heard."

Those wanting to strengthen their public speaking skills are also encouraged to reach out to Selkirk Toastmasters. For more information about the local club, visit <https://3977.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

Skalesky added it's also important to put effort into your product and business plan. The Selkirk Biz is hoping this will become an annual event.

"There's never going to be a shortage of new ideas or upcoming entrepreneurs or business ideas," she said.

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# Jigging trio brings Métis history to life at Daerwood School

By Justin Luschinski

Daerwood School students danced and jigged across their gymnasium, while also learning the history of the Métis dance last week.

The Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers taught students jigging, a traditional Métis dance, last Wednesday as a special lead up to Festival du Voyageur, which kicks off in Winnipeg on Friday. The day began with the students learning the history behind the dance, learning a few basic moves, and ended with each grade performing the jig themselves in front of their peers.

Kristine Friesen, the school's principal, said the students really enjoyed learning the traditional dance.

"The children were very engaged, very passionate, it's nice seeing them so excited about Indigenous culture," Friesen said. "It's important that the kinds grow in appreciation for other cultures that will make the whole world better."

Jigging is a dance that involves performing fancy footwork to a fast violin song called "The Red River Jig." When the song hits a high note, the dancer does a basic step, a simple move that's the building block for the other steps. Once the song moves into the lower notes, the dancer starts doing fancy steps, fast, rapid-fire movements that require dexterity and grace. Each fancy step must be different, if a fancy step is repeated in a jigging competition, the dancer is disqualified.

After practicing throughout the day, students got up to jig with the assistance of the dancers. The students performed three changes, a series of simple steps to a fiddle song. The day



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The Ivan Flett Memorial dancers perform for and with students and staff at Daerwood School last Wednesday.

ended with the teachers and faculty getting up and performing the jig for their students.

Michael Harris, the oldest member of dance trio, said he's happy to be teaching people the dance.

"We do it to keep the culture alive. When Louis Riel passed, he said 'in 100 years, my people will rise with art and dance,' and I believe that's happening today," Harris said. "It's amazing to see these kids so engaged in it. Everyone should know what jigging is."

Jigging was invented by the Métis to attract fur traders to their colonies. Traditionally, the dance is done to the Red River Jig, and the dancers would be wearing more traditional Indigenous outfits. But as the years have passed, the dance has evolved. Now, dancers wear fancy, colourful outfits, and modern routines created around pop music have emerged.

The Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers



travel across North America, and have even performed on *America's Got Talent*.

Friesen said the response from students was overwhelmingly positive,

and the school is planning to bring more Indigenous culture to the school. She added that around 35 per cent of her students identify as Indigenous, and she identifies as Métis herself.

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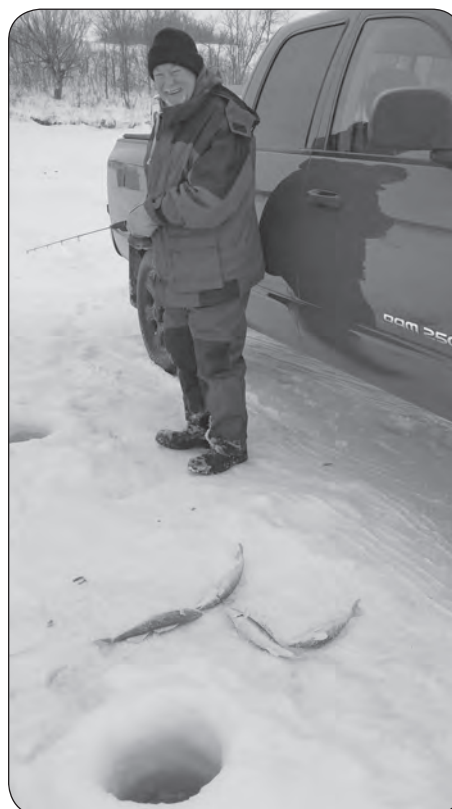
Hi folks. With the coming of mid to late winter, Manitoba's towns which hug our waterways along with charitable organizations are filling our weekends with ice fishing derbies.

Jim Hemminger, a thin chap with straight, dark hair and his long time buddy Reid Price, a stout man with a magnificent wide, grey, curly beard preferred to stay in their pop up ice shack and continue fishing long after the Kitchen Craft Derby had ended on the Red downstream of Selkirk. They hadn't caught anything during the derby, or for that matter, up until the time I happened upon them last weekend. Apparently they really didn't care that the fish were ignoring their baited hooks, hanging together was their kind of fun!

Jim seemed a friendly sort and as I stood outside their shack, he gave us a summer fishing story through an open window. A few summers ago his grandchildren from Texas came for a visit and Jim, who lives beside the Winnipeg River by Lac du Bonnet, took the kids boat fishing. It was a sunny calm day as he baited his hook and cast out, then busied himself baiting the children's hooks. Behind him at the bow of the boat he heard the screaming of his line paying out. He turned and grabbed his rod. His escaping line suddenly stopped. He gave the rod a little haul up. Whatever was on the end of the line responded by coming toward the boat. Jim reeled in as fast as he could. Then by the bow, water swelled then fell away, from the back of a giant sturgeon. It jackknifed its tossing head visible above the side of the boat.

"Grampa that thing is really big!" his grandson cried out. Not wanting to frighten the children, Jim bent over the gunwale and timing a moment when the fish was still, he wrestled the hook from the fish's mouth. It slipped into the depths and was gone.

Earlier in the week I went visiting



**RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL**  
Dempster Turton of Winnipeg with his catch on the Red River by Lockport.

anglers on the ice downside of the Lockport Dam. There I met Dempster Turton of Winnipeg, who was having a fair bit of luck as can be seen by his catch in this week's picture. Even though it was twenty below, there was no wind and we stood outside talking quite comfortably. I happened to be leaning against the wall of his shack as we chatted. Casting a glance at his shack, he laughed saying, "Last month my son called alerting me that somebody had burned my shack I had spotted here." I came and cleaned up the mess then went home and built the shack you're leaning against in three weeks!"

Later, before I left Dempster I thanked him for cleaning up what was left of his burned shack. I told him us workers with the Manitoba

Ice Fishing Association feel so great when we see folks practicing good housekeeping on the ice. A while back I met a young guy ice fishing by Gimli. I pulled up to his pop up shack with my truck and getting out, shouted, "Have you caught supper yet?" "No," came back a rather depressed response. The chap inside unzipped the tent door and crouching, invited me in. He had a relaxed air about him which seemed to fit with his lanky frame. His face was thin and defined his hair brown and he moved his head from side to side as he talked. He said his name was Brent Sys of Winnipeg as we introduced ourselves. We talked and in time he too had a summer fishing story for us.

We sat as he recalled boat fishing on the lake off Point du Bois a few years ago. It was a grey, overcast day and he had placed his rod with the handle resting on the bottom of the boat and its end with a spinner on the end of the line dangling overboard just above the water. As he reached for a drink in his cooler he saw out of the corner of his eye small jackfish coming out of the nearby reeds disturbing the water below the spinner. His knowing smile faded as the water suddenly became calm. He knew when big jackfish are around the smaller fish take off. He scanned the water beside the boat. Suddenly, the "log" of a jackfish surfaced and with a whip of its tail arched upward swallowing the spinner. Brent instinctively slammed his foot onto the handle of his rod then grasping the handle, he let the fish run. It went for the reeds. Using his leg on the idling motors tiller, he maneuvered the boat after the monster. The fish sealed its own fate. It tangled itself up in Brent's line and the reeds so badly he had no problem gaffing it.

Well, I found it funny that Jim and Brent both had summer fishing stories for us but we do appreciate them. See you next week my friends, bye now.



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# Selkirk hosts wedding expo



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The Selkirk Rec Complex played host to the third annual Interlake Wedding Expo last Sunday. The event featured several local and area wedding vendors Ma Cherie Beauty Academy and Boutique, First Dance DJ Service, Style and Sass and many more. For more photos, see Page 9.



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# George Robertson, a forgotten hockey star of the 1940's

By Ty Dilello

In the spring of 1946, George Robertson was in Toronto scoring the Memorial Cup winning goal in thrilling fashion for the Winnipeg Monarchs. Just two years later, he was lining up at the opening faceoff for the Montreal Canadiens on right-wing alongside the great Maurice "Rocket" Richard and Elmer Lach. For such an interesting hockey career, Robertson lives very anonymously today at his house just north of East St. Paul.

Turning 92 in a couple of months, Robertson is currently the eleventh oldest living former NHL player and the oldest that is still around from our province. George, along with Tom Rockey and Cam Millar are the only three members of that 1946 Monarchs squad that are still alive today.

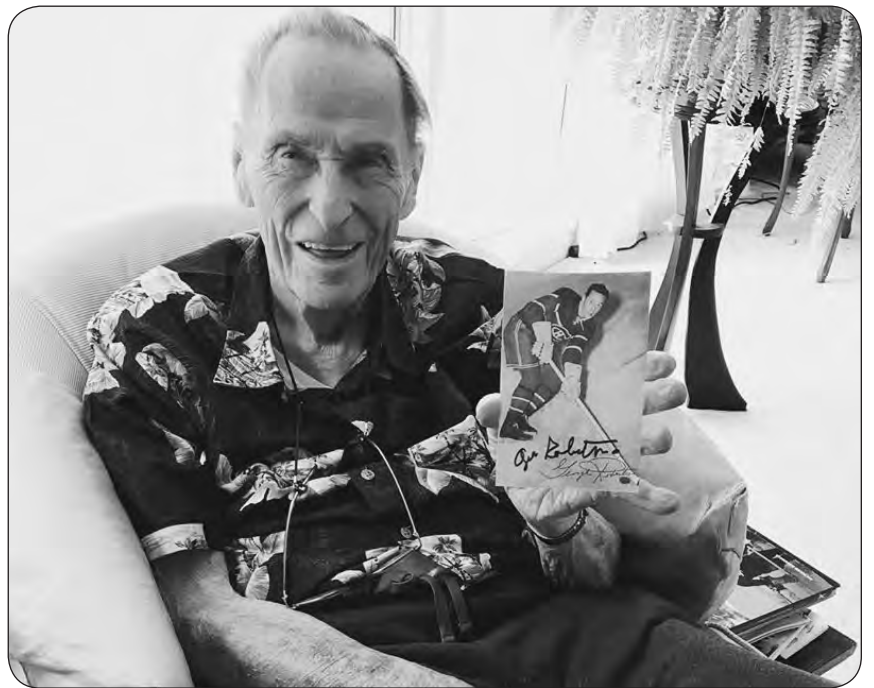
George Robertson was born in Winnipeg on May 27, 1927 and grew up in a house on Semple Ave. in West Kildonan. Growing up on the local outdoor rinks that encompassed his neighbourhood, George didn't even start playing organized hockey until he was discovered by the Winnipeg Monarchs in his teens.

While playing for the Monarchs, Robertson won the 1946 Memorial Cup and was quickly being deemed as a top prospect by NHL scouts. His rights at the time belonged to the New York Rangers, but they quickly shipped him to the Montreal Canadiens while his value was high for future Hall of Famer Buddy O'Connor in quite the blockbuster trade of those times.

Robertson made the Montreal Canadiens team out of training camp in 1948-49 on a star-studded team that included future Hockey Hall of Famers such as Maurice Richard, Elmer Lach, Butch Bouchard, Ken Reardon, Bill Durnan, and legendary coach Dick Irvin. He was promptly put on the fabled Punch Line with Richard and Lach on opening night and proved his coach right by scoring the opening goal of the season for the Canadiens just three minutes into the game.

"It was great in the beginning," Robertson recalled, "especially when you're with Maurice Richard and Elmer Lach. Our goalie Bill Durnan was fantastic. Toe Blake had just retired, and I was playing on the famous Punch Line with them. Rocket and Lach were both terrific. I really liked them, and they were great guys off the ice too. I even roomed with the Rocket once on the road. He always roomed with Elmer, but Elmer had a broken jaw, so he stayed behind when we travelled to Boston and I roomed with the Rocket and we got along real good. All the other road trips I roomed with my buddy Joe Carveth. People always ask me what it was like to play in the NHL and I always say, 'well I'm a has-been, but it's better than being a never-was!'"

Despite scoring a couple of goals and assists for the Canadiens, for one reason or another, things



RECORD PHOTOS BY TY DILELLO

LEFT: Robertson played for the Montreal Canadiens earning 489 points in 578 regular season games. RIGHT: Former NHL player George Robertson at ninety-one still stays active and lives independently at his home in East St. Paul.

just didn't work out for Robertson with the Montreal Canadiens and he was finished with them after 31 games. Robertson spent the next few years in various minor leagues across North America in cities such as Buffalo, Washington D.C, Cincinnati, Victoria, Springfield, Sydney, Grand Rapids, and Sault Ste. Marie. When it was all said and done, Robertson kept his roots in Winnipeg. He has been in his house just north of East St. Paul on Henderson Highway since he built it in the mid 1950's.

"When I got married, I built this house myself. I hired a carpenter and my buddy Ray Manson helped me as well as a lot of my hockey buddies. It's crazy but I've been in this house for 65 years now. The lady across the road sold me the 2.5 acres of property for \$2000. The house next door to me now was my property and I sold it for \$50,000," said Robertson. "65 years ago, there were no houses out here. When I bought it, the lady had cows out here feeding, it was a real market garden. I could have built from here to Lockport if I wanted to because there was nobody, East St. Paul was all rural."

After his hockey career ended, George worked in public relations with Shea's and later Labatt's Brewery, working with those beer companies for about thirty years. Robertson claims, "I say I've been to every hotel in Manitoba and no one knows our province better than I do!"

At 91, Robertson is still sharp as a tack and remembers details about his hockey career very clearly. George's wife passed away about twenty-five years ago. Today he lives alone but says his daughters are

very good to him and his grandchildren keep in touch phoning all the time. Robertson moves great around his house, still drives and goes out for lunch with his friends, but he says that it's becoming more and more of a chore lately. With that said, he has been to the hospital countless times from his shoulder dislocating. And he spent the Christmas of 2017 in the hospital with pneumonia which took quite a while to recoup. Another time when he was in the hospital, the Montreal Canadiens somehow heard about it and reached out.

"About five years ago I broke my hip tripping over a slipper while talking to a guy on the steps outside my house, so I was at Seven Oaks Hospital for a while for that and would you believe I got a nice card saying get well soon from the Montreal Canadiens alumni. I have no idea how they even found out about it!"

Looking back on his hockey career which was over sixty years ago, except for that one stretch of games in Montreal, Robertson consistently scored throughout his career everywhere along the line. Tallying up all of his career stats, Robertson appears to have scored 489 points in 578 regular season games. Add that up with 40 points in an additional 60 playoff games and you have a very solid point producer over a fourteen-year pro career.

"I was a mediocre player. I often think about it. I just never got relaxed enough to play as good as I could with Montreal," Robertson recalls, "but then again hockey was just something I did before I raised a family of girls."

## Governments invest in on-farm beef verification program

Staff

The Canadian and Manitoba governments are providing \$350,000 over five years to the Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) to deliver the Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+) program.

The VBP program is a national pro-

gram that helps producers meet industry standards for food safety. In 2016, VBP expanded to include modules for animal care, biosecurity and environmental stewardship and is now called VBP+.

The VBP+ program includes a full

suite of resources and training designed to establish a common platform to help producers meet marketplace and societal expectations. The Manitoba Beef Producers will deliver VBP+ workshops to train beef producers about the program, coordinate the required on farm

audits and transition producers from VBP to VBP+. More information about Ag Action Manitoba is available at [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture) under Canadian Agricultural Partnership, by calling 1-844-769-6224 (toll-free) or emailing [agaction@gov.mb.ca](mailto:agaction@gov.mb.ca).



# Grand Marais to host Winter Family Fun Day on Feb. 23

**Staff**

The Grand Marais community is gearing up to host its annual Winter Family Fun Day next weekend.

The day-long event will take place at the Grand Marais Recreation Centre on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The event will kick off with a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. till noon and will feature horse drawn sleigh rides from noon to 4 p.m. and many more activities including a crib tournament, milk jug curling, kids crafts, a silent auction, toboggan hill and skating. There will also be a marsh mellow

roast, pie eating contest, giant Jenga, a chili cook-off and chair saw carver Rick Hall will make an appearance.

The event is also currently seeking volunteers. Those interested can call 204-754-2325 and leave your name and number and Kathy will get back to you. For more information, you can find the "Grand Marais Recreation Centre" page on Facebook.

The Grand Marais Recreation Centre is located at 90 Matilda Ave. in Grand Marais, roughly 62 kilometres north of Selkirk.

# Selkirk Biz's executive gets sworn in



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk Biz held a swearing in ceremony for their 2019 executive members at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Thursday morning. Pictured from left to right: Sylvia Magyar-Brambilla, president, Shawn Trudeau, first vice-president, Jim Pelletier, second vice-president, Adam Roberts, treasurer, Wendy Lang, secretary, Sheri Skalesky, executive director and presiding was St. Andrews Deputy Mayor John Preun.

# Rotary club to host public forum on harassment policy act Feb. 25

**Staff**

The Rotary Club of Selkirk is gearing up to host a special lunchtime public forum featuring three local leaders.

St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul, Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson and St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn will discuss the Municipal Harassment Policy Act, which is currently being considered by the province and expected to receive royal assent and come into effect later this year.

The forum, which is open to all interested community and area members, will take place on Monday, Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club located at 100 Sutherland Ave. A soup and sandwich buffet lunch will be available for \$15. For tickets, contact Elaine at 204-482-6741.

The local rotary club says the forum will consist of a panel discussion followed by a moderated question period based on written questions.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Selkirk, visit selkirkrotary.org.



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The Selkirk Rec Complex played host to the third annual Interlake Wedding Expo last Sunday.



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# Permanent film tax credit a step in the right direction, producer says

By Lindsey Enns

A Manitoba film and television producer says making the province's film tax credit permanent is a step in the right direction, but there's still work that needs to be done.

Kyle Irving, who is a partner at Manitoba production house Eagle Vision

and co-executive producer of the CBC television series *Burden of Truth*, which was shot in both Selkirk and Winnipeg, says the film industry in Manitoba continues to grow. But there are things that Selkirk and surrounding areas can do to increase the capacity of this industry.

Irving said one of the challenges Manitoba faces is crew training and capacity.

"We need more people," he said. "We need to do a better job of raising awareness at the high school level about this industry, about jobs in this industry. We need to increase the capacity of post-secondary education for people wanting to get into the industry."

Another priority for the province should be to build more production studios, he added.

"For us to get to the next level we need to build some studios," he



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Manitoba film and television producer Kyle Irving, pictured left, stopped to visit with Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson at Selkirk City Hall ahead of his speaking engagement last Thursday evening at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club.

said.

Having direct flights to places such as Europe, Los Angeles and New York City from the James Armstrong Richardson International Airport in Winnipeg would also continue to help the province's film and television industry grow.

"It would help encourage participation in the industry," he said.

Irving was in Selkirk last Thursday evening to speak about the benefits of the film tax credit at the Association of Rural Municipalities dinner meeting

at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club.

Following a comprehensive review of the Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit, the province announced last month that it's removing the 'sunset clause' and making it permanent.

Irving says this helps eliminate any uncertainty.

"Getting outside partners to come and invest long-term ... those people are taking a risk but now that risk is minimized greatly," he said.

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## Lockport church to host World Day of Prayer service on March 1

Submitted

A local World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at Little Britain United Church in Lockport. For more information on this annual community service, contact Jean directly at 204-482-6496.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada invites you and your loved ones and 1,200 communities across Canada as well as thousands worldwide, for the World Day of Prayer 2019. The World Day of Prayer grew from an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920, to becoming an international event in 1922.

Each year, the experiences of women from the host country inform the prayers of Canadians. The immediate application of those prayers has resulted in a half a million dollars in grants to justice projects over the last 10 years.



# Greatest Love Story of All Time contest

## High school sweethearts

**Staff**

Valentine's Day is a time to show your loved ones how much they mean to you.

With that in mind, this year we asked our readers to submit their own "Greatest Love Story of All Time."

We received a total of six entries but it was Darlene Henderson's story about her husband, Kelvin, of 35 years that caught our eye, captured our hearts and made us laugh.

Darlene was crowned the winner of our little love story contest and won a \$75 gift card to Gaffer's Restaurant and Lounge in Lockport and a \$25 gift card to Victoria's Flowers and Gifts in Selkirk.

We here at *The Selkirk Record* would like to thank all of you for your submissions and would like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Valentine's Day!

When I was in Grade 11, my parents moved to a new farming community. I had to take a country school bus to the district high school about 15 minutes away.

That first day of school in a large school where I did not know anyone was not easy. At the end of the day as I was about to be dropped off, I was walking from my seat on the bus with an arm load of text books and I heard someone say "let's get her!" A foot was stuck out that I tripped over and all the books went flying and I fell. I was hurt and embarrassed. Someone picked up my books for me and helped me up, and I got off as soon as I could, trying to hold back tears.

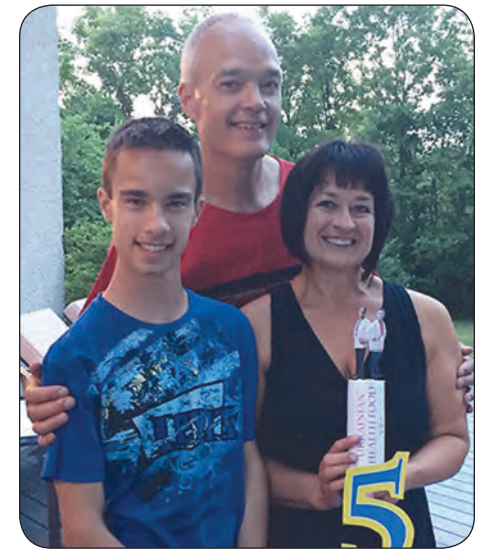
The next day the school bus driver's daughter, who was in Grade 12, took pity on me and when I got on the bus came to talk to me, and met me at lunch to sit with her and her friends. After eating, she said "all the girls go to the gym to watch KH play volleyball and look at his legs." I tagged along and saw the famous KH, who was one of her classmates. She told me he was into sports and not into girls. I was

smitten and that night sillyingly told my mom that "I saw the man I am going to marry today."

Some months later, my new group of friends and I were all going to a curling bonspiel wind up dance. My close bus friend was supposed to pick me up, but unbeknownst to me, she phoned KH, who was one of the curlers, and said she was unable to pick me up and since he would be driving by, could he give me a ride. I was mortified with embarrassment over what she did. It was a pretty awkward ride for both of us to the dance, but it started a friendship.

We did start dating, and one day he brought up that first day of school on the bus, and he told me he had thought I was really cute when he saw me get on. He said how he felt sorry for me when I was tripped, and then I found out he was the one who helped me up and had picked up my text-books for me!

We are now in our 35th year of marriage. That same kindness and chivalry has continued to this day, and the friendship and love has only deep-



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Darlene and her husband Kelvin met in high school and they are now celebrating 35 years of marriage.

ened. I was madly in love with my husband when I married him, and I am still madly in love with him. Kelvin is truly the nicest person I have ever met and I love him with all my heart. And I still like looking at his legs. :)

- This love story was submitted by Darlene Henderson and was the winner of our Greatest Love Story of All Time contest

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# Hold onto hope for love Celebrating 65 years of marriage

My magnificent fiancé makes my heart skip a beat more with each moment we are given life!

We have been through unfathomable trauma and pain both together and apart, yet continue to use it as a platform for growth and empowerment as we raise our angels.

Twins are not easy and yet this man gives so selflessly to making sure we are cared for and loved with all that a person can without any sign of defeat. We laugh through the hard times and always hit the pillow with smiles and cuddles for each other.

Jeff is the most inspiring father I have ever seen, this radiates in the connection and joy on our girls' faces.

When he is not home playing down on the floor with our daughters making them laugh in pure bliss he is, cuddling them, reading and teaching them to be the best they can be all the while ensuring every household need is met for health and a happy home.

He works up to 42 days without a break, at times 10 to 12 hours of physical labour living in remote camps



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Kristy says her fiancé Jeff makes her heart skip a beat and his an amazing father to their twin girls.

with no running water or proper heat. Many could not tolerate these conditions yet he comes home full of life and energy to be here for us in every way possible. He is pretty much a superhero and yet as humble as it gets.

This man is my best friend, my soulmate and anyone that has ever spent time with him knows he has now won father of the year 2 years in a row.

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On February 14, 1954, Helena and John got married on that day. It was the day of a snow blizzard, even the horses didn't want to venture out.

But, they covered each other with heavy blankets and made it to the church.

Wedding party had to be postponed until the next weekend.

Helena and John lived in small villages about 7 kilometers apart. Through some friends they met at the village dance.

They looked at each other:

Helena asked John, "do you like me?"

John asked Helena, "do you like me?"

So, let's get married. Second time they've met with their families.

Third date was their wedding day.

And they have been looking at each other ever since for 65 years.

— This love story was submitted by Maria Mikawoz, the couple's proud daughter-in-law



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Helena and John are pictured in this Feb. 14, 1954 photo. The couple are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this year.

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# The sweet story of us

So long, so long, so long ago  
So long, away back when.  
It brings a tear drop to my eye  
Of memories way back then.

I knew when I first saw you  
I knew you were for me.  
A kiss upon your lips  
Made you mine for all to see.

We loved each other dearly  
But then you couldn't stay.  
One cold winter morning  
You had to move away.

Too far to hold you closely  
Too far to hold you tight.  
Too far to be together  
In the darkness of the night.

I missed you oh so badly  
But fate must have its way.  
A ring slipped on your finger  
And you were here to stay.

Then came our lovely children  
Their hair like golden flax,  
Blowing in the summer breeze  
The wind upon their backs.

So long, so long, so long ago  
So long away back when.  
It paints a smile upon my face  
Of memories way back then.

You held me in the bad times  
You held me oh so tight.  
You held me in the darkness  
In the middle of the night.

The two of us together  
There was nothing we could not do.  
As long as you were near me  
As long as I had you.

But now I'm getting older  
My hair has turned to grey.  
Someday I'll have to leave you  
Although I want to stay.

But if I have to leave you  
Please Darling don't despair.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**  
Steve Pow and his wife Muriel have been married for 54 years.

I'll only be a step away  
I'll be waiting for you there.

I'll hold you tight and kiss your lips  
And maybe you'll say then,  
I love you dearly sweetheart  
Let's do it all again.

So long, so long, so long ago  
So long away back when.  
I love you even more today  
Than I did way back then.

Till the Rivers run still  
And the Four winds don't blow any-  
more.

— This is a love poem that Steve Pow wrote for his wife Muriel of 54 years

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## > HOLD ONTO HOPE FOR LOVE, FROM PG. 12

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als and tribulations which guided us to each other. We are a story for everyone to hold onto hope and faith in love.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to bring the joy that I have deep in my heart out in words.

— This love story was submitted by Kristy Lee

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# Manitoba's Interlake snowmobile trails are all open

By Ligia Braidotti

The trails in the Interlake attract many enthusiastic snowmobilers because of its perks and moderate sled traffic.

The Interlake has become a paradise for these drivers who enjoy the sport. The trails provide snowmobilers a way for them to socialize during the colder temperatures and travel around the province through the snow.

Jay Ruchotzke, president of the Ashern Snowmobile Club, said snowmobiling allows people to go more places than you can usually go in the summer because people are not being stopped by a lake that they can't go across.

"You can go with your friends and go to the cabins and relax. Another nice thing now is that I can hop on my snow machine and drive to the other side of the province without getting lost. There are trails that you can go anywhere."

Although they haven't seen many people from outside of the province, their 200-mile trails are well used by the locals.

"We've got a lot of warm-up shelters. Ninety per cent of our trails are in the bush. They are not down ditches or anything like that," Ruchotzke said of their trails. "And we got a lot of connecting trails so whether you're coming from the south, east or west you can snowmobile here or through us. You can come from one end and go straight across the other end of the province."



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

With more than 12,000 kilometres of snowmobile trails in Manitoba, it's no surprise local sledgers are always eager to start their engines.

Four clubs look after the trails in Ashern and to the north: Ashern Snowmobile Club, Log Cabin Riders in Moosehorn, Lakeside Sno-Drifters and St. Martin Power Tobbogan Club Inc. They all have nicely groomed trails and cabins that are looked continuously after, Ruchotzke commented.

At the beginning of the season, some people clean the trails before they are open to snowmobilers. There's a group of people that go out and clear the deadfall of the trees and branches, and there's another group that has been widening the trails. Ashern Snowmobile Club has gone from 10-foot-wide

trails to 15-foot to 20-foot-wide trails.

"We are improving the safety of the trail and making it a little bit easier to keep them in the future," Ruchotzke continued.

Besides, there's another group that often go out to keep the snowbanks knocked down and smoothed out any ruts left by previous snowmobiles going down the trail.

Currently, there's a lot of fresh snow on the trails, and the Ashern Snowmobile Club is working on smoothing out any drifts. Overall, the trails are smooth and ready for snowmobilers.

Snowmobilers can purchase their Snopass at any Autopac or Manitoba Public Insurance agents across the province. Snopasses are mandatory to ride in Manitoba and can be purchased annually for \$125 or weekly for \$60.50 per sled.

The passes allow snowmobilers to ride at any Snoman (Snowmobilers of Manitoba) trail and entitlement to ride on designated trails in Saskatchewan. Snopass holders also receive essential announcements on safety and trail conditions through radio, print and website. More information on Snopasses can be found at [snoman.mb.ca/snopass.php](http://snoman.mb.ca/snopass.php).

Ruchotzke added volunteers are highly needed to help maintain their trails. Right now, Ashern Snowmobile Club has approximately 40 members and about 10 people volunteering to help fix the trails. For those interested in volunteering, contact Ruchotzke at 204-768-2674.

# Snoman asks snowmobilers to practise safety

Submitted

Snoman (Snowmobilers of Manitoba) Inc. is celebrating International Snowmobile Safety Week Jan. 19-27 and encourages all riders to ride safe, stay on the trail and respect private property.

"Snowmobile safety has always been a high pri-

ority for our organization", said Yvonne Rideout, executive director. "We work closely with our counterparts to bring safety to the forefront and we also offer an online safety course."

Visit [www.snoman.mb.ca](http://www.snoman.mb.ca) for more information and to access the course. Our partners, One Insur-

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- Know the risks, be prepared and make every trip a round trip.
- Cross roadways with care.
- Ride smart, ride right. Stay in control.
- Smart riders are safe riders. Take

snowmobile safety training.

"With approximately 12,000 kilometres of designated trails, it is essential that all riders practise safety," said Rideout. "The best policy is to ride with a friend and let someone know where you are going and when you will return."

Snoman Inc., a non-profit organization, is dedicated to providing strong leadership and support to its member clubs to develop safe and environmentally responsible snowmobile trails to further the enjoyment of organized recreational snowmobiling in Manitoba.

# Cleaning up another snowfall



CITY OF SELKIRK PHOTO

After another several centimeters of snow fell early last week, City of Selkirk crews were kept busy clearing the city's roadways. The city says streets are done in order of priority. The city also wishes to remind residents that vehicles can not be parked for more than 24 hours at a time. This is especially important during snow removal operations as parked vehicles during this period obstruct the removal of snow from the streets by city staff.

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The Selkirk Port Market is now accepting application requests from interested crafters and vendors. Those interested in more information or applying are being asked to email [selkirkportmarket@hotmail.com](mailto:selkirkportmarket@hotmail.com).

This year's Selkirk Port D.O.G. Days Market at the Selkirk Waterfront will run Wednesdays from July 24 to Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, you can find "Selkirk Port Market" on Facebook.

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# WSP firefighters recognized for their years of service

By Justin Luschinski

"Ready? Go," shouts Ken Azaransky.

The firefighters in training jump into action, putting on their fire protection gear as fast as possible. The sound of clothes rustling and helmets clanking fill the West St. Paul Fire Department for less than one minute, until the last trainee is finished.

"You all came in under a minute. Good," Azaransky says. He then tells the trainees to check each others gear, because it's not just about being fast, it's about doing the job right.

Lives depend on it.

The West St. Paul Fire Department honoured several members on Nov. 23, 2018 for their years of service. Some service members have been with the local fire department for 25 years, and much of the core leadership have been close friends for most of their lives, having grown up in the RM.

WSP Fire Chief Ryan Yackel says it's fantastic to see how far their core members have come.

"The core group of guys that started together, within a few years of each other, we're all still here. We all started around 18 or 19 years old, and the department has been the catalyst to staying in the community," Yackel said. "We were living at home when we started. Then we bought homes, started families, really started to live in the community.

"That's rare in a rural fire department."

Deputy Chief Mike Azaransky Received his Manitoba Association of Fire Chief's 25-year Fire Service medal. Fire Captains Ken Azaransky, Kerry Eccles and David Kostuik also



received their 20-year Canadian Fire Services Exemplary Service Medals. Firefighter's Peter Black and Eldon Krahn received their 15-year West St. Paul Fire Department service pins and Victor Hart earned his 10-year service pin.

"I say this to my guys all the time ... what has made West St. Paul Fire Department so great, has always been it's people," Ken Azaransky said. "Before we had this big beautiful fire hall, we were operating out of a small garage that existed since 1956. The classroom was tiny and overcrowded, but the people, and the spirit of the department, was second to none. We always had a fantastic membership. Now the building just reflects that a little better."

Azaransky said they make sure their firefighter training is top-notch. Since it's a part-time volunteer fire department, and not all members would be present at an incident, Azaransky said they make sure their firefighters can handle anything. They are trained in vehicle rescue, medical emergencies,



RECORD PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Members of the West St. Paul Fire Department practice putting on their gear during a training session on Feb. 4.



and a wide variety of skills so that every member can help resolve a situation. And since their members often come from home, they work to make their prep times more efficient, so they are getting to an incident quickly and safely.

The fire department began training it's volunteers in 1955, with 23 members. The department was founded by Roy Wright, Jim Turney, and Roy Fulsher.

Previously, their members worked out of a small garage, with minimal room for training. The new fire hall was constructed in 2013, and gave the department room to add more vehicles, such as the large disaster response unit, and add more training opportunities for its members. The fire department also works during a number of community events, such as the West St. Paul Canada Day celebrations.

Some of the newer members of the

department say they feel great about joining.

Nineteen-year-old Liam Smithson says he's always wanted to serve.

"I grew up in Winnipeg fire halls, so when my family moved out here, I really wanted to join," Smithson said. "It's such a close-knit group here, just a great group of guys. I feel really welcome here."

Sylvester Gajdamowicz, who recently joined the department, said the group feels like a family that supports the mental health of its members.

"Being able to talk to each other really helps. Back in the day, it was all about 'keep your feelings in' because you didn't want to look like a wimp," Gajdamowicz said. "Nowadays, departments are shifting away from that. Everyone here is to talk, to help each other out. It feels like a family."

For more information about the West St. Paul Fire Department, visit [weststpaul.com](http://weststpaul.com).

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# Finding love at the library Falling fast and hard in love

They met in the Gaynor Family Regional Library on the afternoon of February 4, 2017.

One brief glance — spirits merged, souls resonated. Peter and Joyce, in the winter segment of their life, chose a comfortable spot by the south-facing windows, sipping coffee and tea, soon oblivious of environment and the patrons therein. Approximately two hours later; their schedules denied more; they parted, mutually agreeing, “we’ll meet again.”

Joyce, feverish thoughts spinning as she walked to her vehicle, “this is not real. Peter loves what I love: singing, dancing, movies, live theatre, travel and in depth discussions. We share a common ethnic background.”

Eva, she texted, “he’s Mennonite!” “Run, and run fast” Eva responded, adding an “lol.”

“I think it’s too late” was Joyce’s rejoinder. Indeed!

Peter having reached his car, remembered the Jets cap left under his chair inside. As he retrieved it, a man spoke up from the next seat, “was that a date?”

After a moments hesitation, “yes, it was! Could you tell?”

The stranger responded, chuckling, “oh yes!” After which he told of his own father’s winter romance and subsequent second marriage.

Appreciating the story, Peter stated emphatically, “and there’s life there!”

A whirlwind of dates ensued, in addition to a 14-day Viking River cruise touching four countries.

Not quite a year later, although both had initially vowed to never get married again or even live together, they



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Peter, pictured left, and Joyce Ward, right, were married at the Gaynor Family Regional Library on Jan. 6, 2018.

were officially joined in a spiritually-charged matrimonial ritual.

They stood facing each other, Joyce reading self-composed vows and Peter crooning a responsive German Love song, “Grunes Gras,” in the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Pat McKetchen, Marriage Commissioner, and a long-standing friend of Joyce, officiated; two library staff stood by as witnesses.

(Joyce also included her personal wedding vows in her submitted love story. The couple was married at the Selkirk library on Jan. 6, 2018).

Coincidentally, the man with whom Peter had had the conversation the previous year witnessed their wedding. He came to introduce himself and to congratulate them.

— This love story was submitted by Joyce Ward

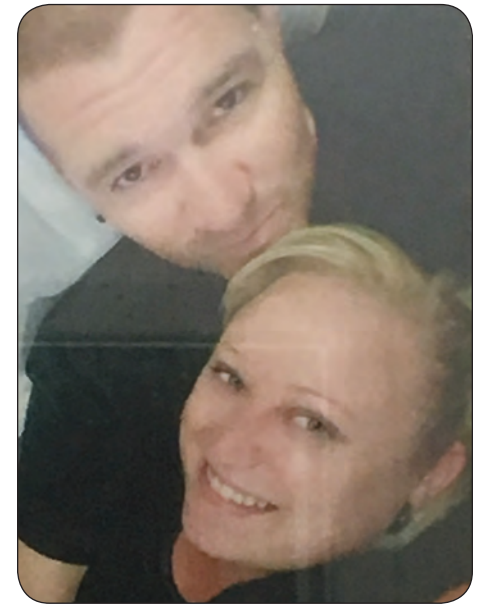
I met my current husband just about two years ago.

When we first met, we were introduced as friends, my best friend was married to his best friend and they figured we had so much in common we would make great friends.

The problem was the night I went over to meet him I took one look and my heart stopped and I lost all my words. So when he was trying to talk to me all I could say was one word answers, it was funny because at that point he figured I was just being stuck up, meanwhile I was too scared to say something dumb lol.

But I text him the next day to see how his day was going and to my surprise he messaged back I was so happy. We spent some time talking and getting to know one another and realized that we had so much in common and could talk to each other like we had known one another forever, it only took a few weeks for both of us to fall head over heels with each other. And after the first month he looked at me and says I can’t wait for the day I can marry you, my heart jumped and with out thinking I said why wait let’s just do it.

We met and started dating March 6th of 2017 and got married in what is now our hometown of Selkirk at the waterfront on May 6th 2017. And to be honest I have never loved some one so much in my life, he is an amazing, loving, caring and all around fantastic man that I could not imagine my life without, he makes every day just a little bit brighter and without him I would be lost, he has given me everything I ever wanted someone to love



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Kim and her now husband started dating March 6, 2017 and got married at the Selkirk Waterfront on May 6 that same year.

and someone that loves me unconditionally he’s given me a family and a life I look forward to living everyday.

He is truly wonderful and I hope he wins because he does so much for our family he deserves something special.

Thank you for reading my story  
— This love story was submitted by Kim Rittinger

## Canadian charity initiative offers cash prizes for student writers

### Submitted

Are you a high school student in Manitoba who enjoys writing and/or illustrating?

The Diverse Minds Writing Challenge, the inaugural writing competition from Canadian charity B’nai Brith Canada, is a bid to promote the themes of diversity, tolerance and inclusion to both high school and elementary students.

The competition is open to all high school students across the province of Manitoba. To enter, write and illustrate a children’s book that demonstrate the positive values of diversity and tolerance. The winning entry

wins a \$3,000 cash prize, in addition to having their book published.

Second and third place get cash prizes of \$1,500 and \$500, respectively. The school of the winning student also gets a \$500 prize.

Submissions must be a minimum of 16 pages and no longer than 24 pages in total and include a complete story and full-colour illustrations. Each page should contain text and artwork that are related to deliver the intended message.

A judging panel featuring a distinguished cadre of community members (including radio show host Ace Burpee, Winnipeg GoldEyes an-

nouncer and journalist Scott Taylor, Chief of Manitoba Police Danny Symth, and others) will select the winning submissions before an award show to be held in Spring.

The deadline for all submissions is March 15. To enter or for more information, contact Adriana at diverseminds@bnaibrith.ca.

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Recipe courtesy of Chris Scott on behalf of Anolon Cookware  
Yield: 4 servings  
Anolon Accolade Saute Pan  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 pork tenderloin (8 ounces), cleaned salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
3 carrots, peeled and cut into pieces  
2 apples, cut into wedges  
4 baby bliss potatoes, halved  
1 leek, cleaned and halved  
3 cups apple cider  
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
Heat oven to 400 F. Heat saute pan over medium-high heat; add olive oil. Season pork tenderloin with salt and pepper, to

taste, and sear on all sides until brown. In same pan, add carrots, apples, potatoes and leek. Reduce heat to medium and cook 3 minutes until vegetables have some color. Deglaze pan with apple cider, apple cider vinegar and brown sugar. Put pan in oven and cook 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Remove pork from pan and let rest on cutting board. Put saute pan with vegetables and liquid back in oven 3 minutes until liquid is reduced and syrupy. Vegetables should be well glazed when finished. Slice pork and plate. To serve, place glazed vegetables and pan drippings over meat.

## Cauliflower Rice and Beans

Recipe courtesy of Chris Scott on behalf of Anolon Cookware  
Yield: 8 servings

Large Anolon Accolade Skillet  
1 large head cauliflower  
1/4 cup butter  
1/2 cup black eyed peas, drained and rinsed  
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning  
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped  
1/3 cup dried cranberries  
1 cup roasted butternut squash, diced  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped sage

Wash and thoroughly dry cauliflower; remove all greens.

Use box grater and grate into "rice." Using skillet, heat butter until melted and beginning to become toasty. Add cauliflower rice and cook until soft, constantly stirring. Add black eyed peas, Cajun seasoning and parsley; stir and cover with lid. Reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes. Add dried cranberries, roasted butternut squash and sage.

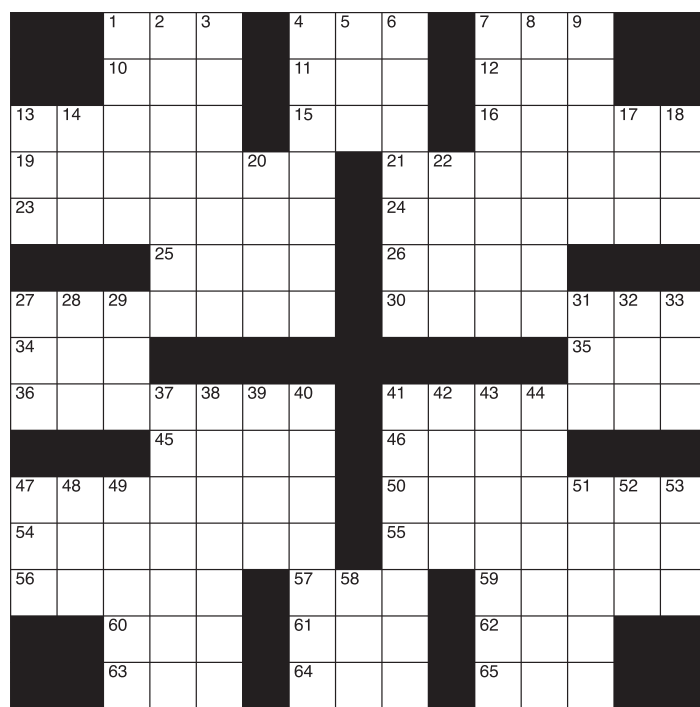
# CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Chop or cut
4. Political action committee
7. Male parent
10. Doctors' group
11. Ottoman military commander
12. A metal-bearing natural material
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Male Gypsy
16. Once-popular card game
19. Occurred just once
21. \_\_\_ Streisand, singer
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Get hitched again
25. See (Latin)
26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
27. Scourges
30. Sentence
34. Supervises flying
35. Bar bill
36. Alfalfa
41. Type of dishwasher soap
45. Witnesses
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
47. Newspapers need them
50. Discuss again
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Support
56. Wool
57. Take hold of
59. Likely the first Meso-American civilization
60. Woman (French)
61. Automobile
62. Popular Georgia rockers
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. A major division of geological time
65. Make an effort

### CLUES DOWN

1. Czech monetary unit



2. Able to arouse feeling
3. Elk
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Earlier
6. Lightweight fabric
7. One who greets
8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
9. Officially prohibit
13. US political party
14. Used of a number or amount not specified
17. Make a mistake
18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
20. Ancient Media inhabitant
22. About aviation
27. Popular American sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. When you'll get there
32. Not pleased
33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
37. Respects
38. Shake up
39. Ethiopian river
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Principal parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships dock
44. One who wassails
47. Shock treatment
48. Popular average
49. Things
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52. Utilize
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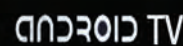
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# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Steelers knock off Neepawa, dumped by dogs

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers played really well on the road against the first-place Portage Terriers on Saturday evening. But it still didn't result in a victory.

Portage's Jay Buchholz scored the game-winning goal at 14:23 of the third period in a hard-fought 1-0 win over Selkirk in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action.

"We were good, we were sharp, there was lots to like," said Nick Lubimiv, the Steelers' head coach and manager of hockey operations. "It was played like a playoff game, to be honest, and at the end of the day we had a 5-on-3 that we didn't score on and they kind of got a weird one when we

were 5-on-5."

Selkirk outshot Portage 27-23 as Nathan Moore posted the shutout.

The Steelers were 0-for-4 on the power play, which included that 5-on-3 opportunity midway in the third period. Portage was blanked in three opportunities.

Losing is never fun, obviously, but Selkirk can find some solace in the fact that they battled very well against the MJHL's top team in their own barn.

"The guys realized that when you play the right way like that, they will beat any hockey team," Lubimiv

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RECORD PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT  
Selkirk Steelers' defenceman Nolan Ferguson braces himself as he is about to block a shot in front of goaltender Levi Mitchell during MJHL action against the Flyers in Winkler on Jan. 5. Winkler won the game 6-5 in overtime.

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## Selkirk Judo Club KOs the competition at the Inner City Open

Submitted by Brian Jones

Twenty-four fighters from the Selkirk Judo Club competed at the annual Inner City Open Judo Tournament at TecVoc High School in Winnipeg on Feb. 2.

The local club was outstanding, finishing with 10 gold, three silver and seven bronze medals.

"The Inner City Open is the largest tournament in Manitoba and we had a good turnout of fighters from our club," said Brian Jones, one of the Selkirk Judo Club's coaches, in an email.

"Our team fought very well against some tough competition."

Winning gold medals were McKenna Stewart (U12 under 40 kg), Parker Wilson (U12 Boys under 30 kg), Ottawa Hogan (U12 Girls under 30 kg), Lachlan Patton (U12 Boys under 33 kg), Carter Masse (U12 Boys under 60 kg), Danny Ekosky (U14 Boys under 66 kg), Sarah Ekosky (U16 Girls under 63 kg), Justin Ekosky (U21 Men under 73 kg), Damien Ekosky (Senior Men Advanced under 73 kg) and Ian Heartfield (Senior Men Novice over 100 kg).

Silver medals went to Daniel Vasiliev (U12 under 40 kg), Kaya Leveille (U12 Girls under 30 kg) and Joey Kuch (Senior Men Advanced over 100 kg).

Taking home bronze medals were Cameron Pennell (U12 Boys under 36 kg), Kayde Totin (U12 Boys under 33



**RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
The Selkirk Judo Club's Lachlan Patton won two medals at the Inner City Open in Winnipeg on Feb. 2. He won gold in U12 and bronze in U14.

kg), Taylor Patton (U12 Girls under 30 kg), Lachlan Patton (U14 Boys under 38 kg), Daniel Vasiliev (U12 under 45 kg), Lennon Kuch (U18 Men under 73 kg) and Bailey Malinowski (U21 Men under 81 kg).

The tournament drew approximately 230 entries from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

## Gayleard commits to CMU Blazers

From the CMU Blazers' website

The CMU men's volleyball program announced the commitment of the Selkirk Royals' Cam Gayleard as the first official signing of the 2019-20 MCAC season.

Blazers' head coach Don Dulder praised the 6-foot-1 left-side for his leadership and well-developed offensive and defensive game.

"Cam has excellent leadership qualities as demonstrated by his being captain of his Selkirk 'AAAA' high school team," said Dulder, who will be entering his sixth season with the CMU men's volleyball program.

"He is an extremely good back-row player, a good passer and attacker – a quality person who will fit in well at CMU."

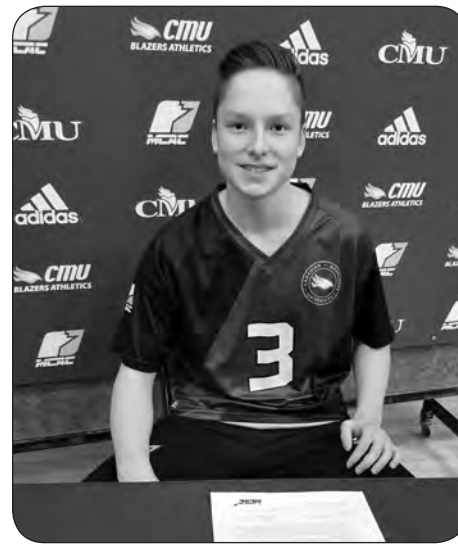
Dulder was also pleased with the success that Gayleard has had with the Royals.

"Cam comes from one of the best 'AAAA' volleyball programs in the province and, as a result, is accustomed to playing at a high level," he said. "We are really excited to have him coming to join us."

Selected as a MHSAA Graduating All-Star Honourable Mention earlier this year, Gayleard led the Royals to a KPAC championship in his Grade 12 season.

At the provincials, the Royals defeated Westwood and St. Paul's before losing in the provincial final to the Dakota Lancers.

With the Royals, Gayleard was a



**PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Cam Gayleard

varsity provincial champion in 2017 and a junior varsity provincial winner in 2016.

"Over the four years I have worked with Cam I saw him mature in the way he plays on the court as well as how he takes care of himself off the court," said Selkirk Royals' head coach, Jeff Scarcello.

"Cam is a very determined and hard-working player who knows how to fill the holes of whatever gaps our team had. He has a team-first attitude."

Gayleard also enjoyed success as a member of the Selkirk Royals Club program and the Winnipeg Rush, where he played from the 13u to 17u level.

## Courchene scores game-winner to lift Fishermen to OT victory

By Brian Bowman

Dawson Courchene is having a breakout season with the Selkirk Fishermen.

The third-year forward continues to show off his offensive skill as he scored the game-winning goal to lift Selkirk to a 4-3 overtime victory over the Lundar Falcons last Saturday evening.

"I got a pass down low and drove to the net on my backhand and slipped it five-hole," said Courchene, explaining

his game-winner.

Courchene, 20, currently sits third overall in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League scoring race with 34 points (12 goals, 22 assists) in just 22 games.

He has played on a line with Evan Bedard and Dane Derewianchuk the past 15 games or so.

"I have more confidence (this season) and the guys seem to be finishing when I give them the puck," said Courchene. "Coming from my rookie

year to this, it feels a lot different (out on the ice). It seems like I have more time with the puck."

After a scoreless opening period, Lundar took a 2-0 lead on goals by Braden Paulic and Brandon Abraham just 3:46 into the second but Selkirk battled back with goals from Travis Spratt and Juliano Garcea before the period ended.

Lundar's Josh Wilkinson and Selkirk's Ben Kelly traded power-play goals in the third period.

The Fishermen's Josh Poponick finished the game with three assists.

Riley Bannerman made 39 saves for the win.

The Fishermen have shown a penchant this season for pulling out victories in games where they have trailed by multiple goals.

"We all believe in each other," Courchene said. "Our starts haven't been very good lately but we have so much depth. If one line gets (a goal),

the other lines feed off of that energy and we just keep going."

With the victory, Selkirk improved to 17-5-1 and they also have three overtime wins and an overtime loss.

With 59 points, the Fishermen have secured top spot in the five-team league.

But a CRJHL championship is no guarantee. Any team can beat another on any given night.

"You don't know what teams are going to bring each night," Courchene said. "Every night is different. That's the problem. "Sometimes we think teams aren't going to come out flying against us and that's how they get leads on us early."

Selkirk has just five regular-season games remaining, including this Friday's home game against the Arborg Ice Dawgs at the Rec Complex. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

Selkirk will then host Lundar Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the same venue.

<p><b>Next Home Games</b></p> <p><b>Fri. Feb. 15 7:30pm</b> vs Arborg Ice Dawgs</p> <p><b>Sun. Feb. 17 3:30pm</b> vs Lundar Falcons</p> <p><b>Sat. Feb. 23 7:30pm</b> vs Lundar Falcons</p> <p><b>Sun. Feb. 24 7:30pm</b> vs North Wpg Satellites</p>	<p><b>Next Away Game</b></p> <p>vs North Winnipeg Satellites</p> <p>Tues., Feb 19 - 8:00pm</p> <p>B. Mosienko</p>	<p><b>Meet the Fishermen</b></p> <p><b>#21 Dawson Courchene, Forward</b></p>
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# Elite Interlake athletes offered specialized training

By Brian Bowman

Elite athletes in the East Region of the province have an opportunity to receive some specialized training.

The 2019 Multi-Sport In-Season Training is currently being offered. It is suited for athletes aged 13-21 who are pursuing high-level competitive success and/or have the possibility of attending the 2019 Canada Winter Games or 2019 Western Canada Summer Games.

"The program is designed for rural athletes that can't come into (Winnipeg) for strength and conditioning work," said Jordan Koroll, the Coach/Athlete Development Coordinator for the East Region. "This is for athletes that want to play at a higher level and we do it to (help avoid) injuries, prevent burnout, and to improve overall performance in whatever sport they are doing."

This program, which is looking to attract more athletes in the coming weeks, is designed for athletes with a background in competitive sport who may benefit from doing mobility, strength and core exercises to aid in recovery from practice and competition while maintaining or improving performance

during the season.

"Strength is something that is critical to athlete development," Koroll said. "If you want to be better in jumping or running...in a speed/power sport is going to benefit from doing some strength conditioning if they want to play at the next level."

Some speed and agility work may be incorporated depending on space, athletes' schedules, and the sport they compete in.

A session has already taken place at the Lord Selkirk Regional School weight room/lower track and will go Monday's from 4-5 p.m. and Wednesday's 3:45-4:30 p.m. (with no session this coming Monday) until March 15.

The Balmoral Elementary School has already hosted two sessions with another slated for next Tuesday from 6-7 p.m.

Sessions will also be hosted in Beausejour every Thursday from 7-8 p.m. until March 14.

The cost is \$15 per session drop in (cheque only accepted).

For more information, please contact Jordan Koroll at 1-204-481-0974 or via email at Jordan.Koroll@sportmanitoba.ca.



**RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER**  
Emalia Sinclair uses gymnastic rings for a core and shoulder workout in preparation for the Canada Winter Games.

# Royals wrap up regular season with pair of wins

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals are finding their scoring touch at just the right time.

Selkirk scored 12 goals in two Platinum Promotions Division games last week, resulting in a pair of victories.

The Royals wrapped up their Winnipeg High School Hockey League regular season with a 7-5 win over Oak Park Raiders last Thursday at the Eric Coy Arena in Winnipeg.

Selkirk's Jordan Simko had another great game with a goal and five assists while Grafton Hopkins added two goals and a helper.

Josh Jehle also scored twice while Easton Donohoe and Austin Wasnie also tallied.

Jake Hruska (two), Tyler McLuckie, Ethan Gibson and Kyle Crosbie scored for Oak Park.

James Kulyk was the winning goaltender.

On Feb. 5, the Royals had a nice effort in a solid 5-2 home win over the Kelvin Clippers.

Selkirk had a strong third period, snapping a 2-2 tie with goals from Zach Parkinson, Donohoe, and Josh Jehle.

Kelvin's Cam Tramley and Simko (on the power play) traded first-period goals and then the Royals' Brandon Kipling and the Clippers' Brock Gates tal-

lied in the second.

Simko finished the regular season as Selkirk's top scorer (17) and points producer (38).

Donohoe had a great game with four points while Josh Jehle chipped in with a two-point effort.

Jack Jehle posted the win in goal.

The Royals began their WHSHL playoffs this past Tuesday at home against the Westwood Warriors.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series will be played Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Keith Bodley Arena.

If necessary, Game 3 is set for Thursday at 4:15 p.m. at the Rec Complex.

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stressed. "If we play like that then we'll be fine. We will win a lot more than we will lose, that's for sure."

The Steelers started the weekend with a 4-3 win over the last-place Neepawa Natives on Friday.

"It wasn't the prettiest (win) per se," Lubimiv admitted. "But, for whatever reason, a lot of teams struggle playing in that rink and I think we're one of them as well."

"We didn't play horrible by any means but it's a tough barn to play and have everyone going."

Noah Basarab led Selkirk with a pair of goals while Brett Namaka and Connor Barley also tallied.

The Steelers' Colby Jaquet had a pair of assists. Mackenzie Belinski, Cam Olstad, and Noah Carson replied for Neepawa.

Zachary Bennett made 34 saves for the win.

On Feb. 5, the Steelers lost 6-5 in overtime to the Flyers in Winkler. Selkirk didn't play very well for much of the game, said Lubimiv, and was lucky to skate out of Winkler with a point.

Winkler's Everett Bestland tied the score at 5-5 at 4:25 of the third period and then Josh Kagan netted the game-winner in OT.

Selkirk started the game well, storming out to a 3-0 lead just 11:51 into the game on goals by Basarab (on the power play), Blake Burr, and Connor Barley.

But Winkler came flying back late in the period with markers from Colton Friesen, Gino Lucia, and Bestland.

Namaka scored just 33 seconds into the second period and then the Flyers' Collin Caulfield and the Steelers' Jackson Kolbecka traded goals by the 5:25 mark of the middle frame.

Selkirk, now 28-18-2-3 and with 61 points to sit in fifth place, played the Pistons in Steinbach this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Steelers will be back in Winkler this Friday (7:30 p.m.) before hosting Neepawa on Louis Riel Day with a special 4 p.m. start time.

# McEwen headed to hometown Brier in Brandon

By Ty Dilello

Brandon native Mike McEwen and his team of Reid Carruthers, Derek Samagalski and Colin Hodgson from the West St. Paul Curling Club punched their ticket to the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier in Brandon on Sunday afternoon when they defeated Granite's William Lyburn 5-3 in the finals of the Viterra Championship at the Tundra Gas & Oil Place in Virden.

In a tight affair, McEwen had jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the final after six ends, but Lyburn rallied with a big three-ender in seven to tie the game up. After a deuce in the eighth end for McEwen, Lyburn blanked the ninth so that he could hold the decisive final rock in the last end. Unfortunately, they couldn't muster up anything and McEwen converted a wide-open hit to win his third provincial championship.

The McEwen/Carruthers combo had gotten off to slow start to their season, having little success, and frequently changing up the team's lineup to try and find a winning formula. This past week in Virden it all came to fruition as they overcame an early hurdle to rally and win seven straight games to take home the title.

Now to play in a hometown Brier is something that McEwen has been relishing for a while now.

"I wasn't sure I was going to get the opportunity to play in a home province Brier and to have it be Brandon, it's extra special to be part of that," said McEwen. "To have a community like that wait a long time to get that kind of big championship, I didn't want to be sitting on the sidelines. I'm not gonna lie, that would have hurt."

East St. Paul's Kyle Doering, second for Team Lyburn was very excited with his team's performance throughout the week. He was the only member of his team that had previously played in a provincial men's final and he used

his prior experience to very solid all week, winning the All-Star second award in the process.

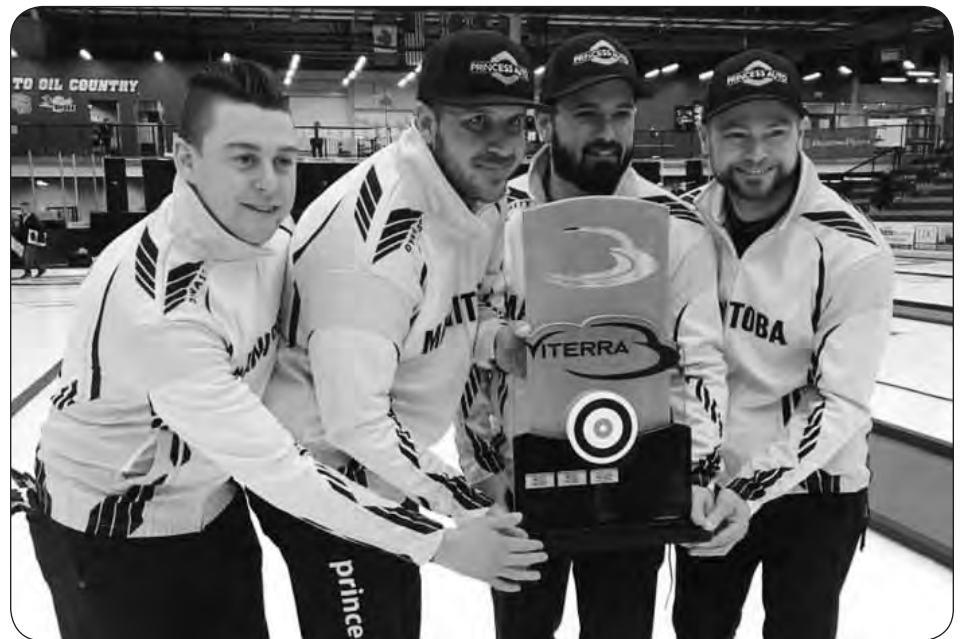
"I thought things went better than expected. We really bared down this week and put in some solid games," Doering said. "In the final, we ran into a very good team in Mike McEwen and they showed why they are the very successful curlers that they are. It was a great run for our team and I'm just so proud of the guys."

McEwen got to the finals by defeating Granite's Jason Gunnlaugson 9-2 in the 1v1 game. While William Lyburn reached the final by first narrowly overcoming Winnipeg Beach's Tanner Lott 8-7 in the 2v2 game and then followed that up with a 6-2 win over Gunnlaugson in the semi-final.

For Gimli's Denni Neufeld and his Gunnlaugson foursome, it was a difficult end to a very strong week. The number two seed coming in, Gunnlaugson won their first three games to advance to the championship round, before winning two more games to reach the 1-1 game, including a big 8-4 victory over third seed Braden Calvert. The page playoff did not go well for Gunnlaugson as they struggled to make simple shots in losses to McEwen and Lyburn.

Winnipeg Beach's Tanner Lott led the next-generation of star curlers in Manitoba with a run that ended in the 2-2 game to William Lyburn. The Lott brothers (Tanner and Colton), along with Kennedy Bird and Wade Ford proved they belonged out there with the very best as their shot-making abilities are world-class. If they continue to play at a high-level going forward, they definitely have the potential to win a buffalo or two.

One of the biggest surprises of the championships was the run that Gimli's Steen Sigurdson went on. After dropping their opening game in a blowout to Pembina's Daniel Birschard,



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Team Carruthers won the 2019 Viterra provincial men's curling championship in Virden this past Sunday. Pictured left to right, lead Colin Hodgson, second Derek Samagalski, third Reid Carruthers, and skip Mike McEwen.

the twenty-first seeded Sigurdson rallied to win four-straight games on the B-Side to punch their ticket to the Final 8, defeating the likes of Grant Shewfelt, former men's provincial finalist Sean Grassie, Birchard, and a thrilling game with fifth seed Dennis Bohn where they stole the final end after Bohn wrecked on a guard trying to remove a Sigurdson counter in the four-foot. Sigurdson advanced to the championship round of the Viterra Championship for the third time so far in his curling career, but unfortunately that's where his Cinderella run would end. Once in the Final 8, Sigurdson quickly bowed out of the tournament losing to Lorette's Corey Chambers and Winnipeg Beach's Tanner Lott.

David Bohn, had a solid run through the tournament as the seventh seed, advancing to the Final 8 from the B-Side before dropping a pair of games

to Braden Calvert and William Lyburn to send them packing. And finally, Fort Rouge's Tyler Drews (originally from Lundar) had a rough-go at the provincials to say the least, losing both of his games. On the opening night, Drews fell to clubmate Ty Dilello 10-5 in eight ends. The following afternoon they were bounced from the tournament by Gladstone's Jeff Stewart in similar fashion.

Before the page playoff's began on Saturday night, the media covering the event announced the All-Star awards for the event. Jason Gunnlaugson was named All-Star Skip, Colton Lott (Third), Kyle Doering (Second), and Colin Hodgson (Lead) rounded out the awards.

Next year's Viterra Championship will be held in Winnipeg for just the second time in twenty-five years as it is coming to the Eric Coy Arena in Charleswood.

## Royals finish atop the CTV 1 Division standings

By Brian Bowman

It was only fitting that the race for top spot in the CTV Division 1 standings would come down to the final game of the regular season.

Both the Selkirk Royals and St. Mary's Academy Flames were tied for first place, each with 38 points, heading into Monday's Winnipeg Women's Hockey League clash in East Selkirk.

The game was originally scheduled

to be played Jan. 30 but was postponed due to poor weather.

And it was Selkirk that took home bragging rights as they skated to a solid 5-2 victory.

Royals' forward Rayley Goetz had a fantastic game with three goals and an assist while Cienna Palmer and Anna Sternat also tallied.

Goetz finished the regular season as the league's top goal scorer (30) and points producer (45) in 22 games.

Reece Chuback scored both of St. Mary's goals on Selkirk netminder Jodi Clifton.

On Feb. 5, the Royals edged the Vincent Massey Trojans 3-2 at Century Arena in Winnipeg.

Jazmyn-Rae Desjarlais scored the game-winning goal with just 20 seconds remaining in the third period, assisted by Goetz.

Vincent Massey's Anna Brownridge and Goetz traded first-period goals.

Desjarlais and Camryn Horbaty assisted on Goetz's goal.

Selkirk's Asha Gurney scored the lone goal of the second with the assist going to Kiera Dawson.

The Trojans' Anastaisa Yaworsky then tied the score at 2-2 with 7:53 remaining in the third.

Clifton made 24 saves for the win.

Selkirk's playoff schedule and opponent was not known at press time.

## Selkirk places third at PCI varsity boys' basketball tournament

### Staff

The Selkirk Royals' varsity boys' basketball team placed third at the PCI Invitational in Portage la Prairie last Saturday.

Selkirk defeated Brandon's Crocus Plains Plainsmen 67-45 in the third-place game.

Selkirk started the tournament with a 78-42 win over the PCI junior varsity team.

But Portage's varsity squad got the better of the Royals with an 87-49 triumph in a semifinal matchup.

The Trojans went on to win the tournament title on their home floor with an 85-83 victory over the Margaret Barbour Spartans.

Selkirk resumed KPAC Tier 2 play this past Monday when the Royals battled the West Kildonan Wolverines.

The Royals will wrap up league play Feb. 20 when they host the Lorette Scorpions.

The Royals' varsity girls' basketball team, meanwhile, was also competing at a tournament last weekend.

Selkirk finished the Forbidden Flavours Java Jam with an 0-4 re-

cord.

The Royals lost pool games to Brandon's Vincent Massey (63-60), St. Mary's Academy (76-63) and Brandon's Neelin Spartans (66-40).

Selkirk was then defeated 52-45 by the Kelvin Clippers in the seventh-place game.

Kildonan East won the tournament title after a 58-47 win over St. Mary's.

The Royals played at Garden City Monday (no score was available) and then will wrap up their regular season Feb. 20 when they visit Miles Mac.

In between, Selkirk will compete at a Sturgeon Heights tournament, which begins this Thursday and wraps up Saturday.

In junior varsity girls' action, Selkirk finished with an 0-3 record in Brandon.

The Royals lost to St. Mary's (49-27), Neelin (50-26) and Brandon's Vincent Massey (44-36).

Selkirk continued KPAC action Tuesday at Kildonan East and then the Royals will visit Garden City on Feb. 19.

## Spiking the competition



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The Selkirk Royals' 16U club volleyball team won the "204" tournament at St. Paul's Collegiate on Saturday in their first action of the season. Selkirk defeated a 16U Providence College team 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-10) in the championship game. The Royals cruised through the round robin undefeated (without dropping a set) to finish in first place. Selkirk's next action is the Volleyball Manitoba Premier Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

Pictured back row, left to right, Tristan Hodges (assistant coach), Bryce Bodnarus, Jordan Donald, Spencer Grahame, Bennett Freiter, Brett Zeller, Rylan Van Kooten, Ryan Penner (head coach), and Nick Brzoza (assistant coach)

Front row, left to right, Eric Mulla, Talin Thompson, Josh Yeroschak, Reece Clarke, Cade Chisholm, Josh Jehle, and Carson Chetrybok.

## PeeWee Rebels peaking just before the playoffs

By Brian Bowman

The Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels are playing some real good hockey at just the right time.

The Rebels continued their strong play last Friday with a convincing 7-2 road win over the St. James Canadians in PeeWee "AA" action at Allard Arena in Winnipeg.

"Things are going really good," said Rebels' head coach Brent Nemeth last week. "We have a few new players on the team this year. There's some young blood in there and, overall, they're doing better than they were expected to do this year."

Carter Bear paced the Rebels with a goal and two assists while Gaven Berry and Tony Pyner each chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Calan Duchart, Sam Monnin, Leland Cody

and Kieren Koshelanyk (shorthand-ed) scored Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks' other goals.

With the victory, Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks vaulted themselves into sole possession of second place with a 16-

6-1-3 record and 36 points.

Last year's team did very well with Nemeth as their head coach - posting a stellar 24-4 record - before the Winnipeg East Railcats upset them in the city finals

Winnipeg East looks like the team to beat this year as the Railcats have compiled a 22-2-1-1 record and 46 points.

"They're a very good team, an excellent team," Nemeth noted. "Last year during the regular season, we beat them every game. I think we were 4-0 against the Railcats and then when we met in the finals, they beat us three straight.

"This year, we played them three times in the regular season and lost three times. So, now I'm hoping there will be a reversal of fortune and we can beat them three straight in the finals."

Twelve of the Rebels' 17 players come from the Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association. They do a great job playing as a team, said Nemeth, and continue to get better all of the time.

Lord Selkirk is a very good defensive club, allowing just 68 goals in 26 games. Only the Railcats, with 46 goals allowed, have been better defensively this season.

"Our team is very, very strong from the backend," Nemeth said. "We have two all-star goalies and our defence, all-around, we have the most mobile skating defence overall in the league. I would say half of our forwards are very good defensively and they know their roles and they take care of our own end first."

If there is a concern with this year's team, though, it is a lack of offence. Going into last Friday's game, Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks was fifth in scoring with 94 goals in the 10-team league.

"That was one of our concerns coming into this year," Nemeth said. "How are we going to generate the offence? We have some forwards up there that can do the job scoring but this year we're trying to engage the defence a bit more - getting a little more offence from the back end."

In tournament play this season, the Rebels placed third at the Winnipeg Jets "AA" Showdown at the Bell MTS Iceplex at the beginning of January.

"It was a really good showing but it was kind of disappointing because we had a really good round robin," Nemeth recalled. "We were undefeated in the round robin and then in the semifinal we played a team from Regina, who were very well coached and were a big, physical team, and we ended up losing a (close) game."

Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks then cruised to a lopsided win in the third-place game.

"It was a good showing but I was hoping for more for them," Nemeth admitted. "But it was a good tournament - they played hard."

The Rebels are hoping to have some more positive results in their final two regular-season games this week and then in the playoffs.

"If you think about it, there's two seasons," Nemeth said. "There's try-outs and playoffs. Everything else in the middle is practice to get better."

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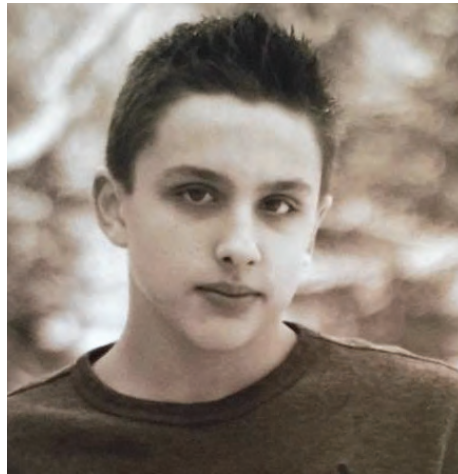
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## OBITUARY



**Elsie Stutsky**

Suddenly, but peacefully, on January 23, 2019, Elsie Stutsky, aged 87 years, passed away at the Tudor House Personal Care Home, Selkirk. She is survived by her loving husband William, of 66 years.

Elsie was born in Winnipeg on March 5, 1931, and was the third eldest child of George and Mary Swystun. Elsie grew up on the family farm in Rosedale, Mb, along with her four siblings. She completed her education in St. Andrews and Winnipeg, and shortly thereafter began teaching in the Komarno area. It was there that Elsie attended a wedding, and where Bill decided he needed a dance with this beautiful girl, and the rest would be history. They were married on October 25, 1952 in Winnipeg, and settled into family life in Selkirk where they raised their three children, Allan, Vance and Velvet. Later on they built a warm and welcoming home

on River Road where they lived for many years. Elsie retired from Western Canada Lotteries in 1991, and they moved to Lee River. They enjoyed their life there, where Elsie would grow yet another bountiful garden, have beautiful flower beds, and entertain anyone who dropped in. After many years of enjoyment at the lake, life took them back to Selkirk.

Besides her loving husband Bill, she leaves to mourn her passing, her sons Allan (Susan), Vance (Dalyna), and her son-in-law Barry Tepleski. She also leaves her six loving grandchildren, Tracy, Brad (Tracy), Glenn, Devin (Christine), Carly and Nadia. Elsie held a special place in her heart for each grandchild, and recently made room for her first great grandchild, Sierra, who brought her great joy with every visit. She also leaves behind her devoted sister Donna (Reg) Wyatt, brother Tony (Germaine) Swystun, sister-in-law Peggy (Adam) Kibsey, along with many nieces and nephews. Elsie was predeceased by her daughter Velvet in 2015, as well as her sisters Julia and Mary.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of Tudor House for the loving care that was extended to Elsie during her stay there.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no formal service, with a private family gathering to be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tudor House Foundation-Resident Donation Fund.

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

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## OBITUARY



**Gertrude Carter  
(nee Brill, Schwenk)**

Sadly, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's, the family of Gertrude Carter wish to announce her passing on February 11, 2019 at the Red River Place. Gertrude was 92 years old at the time of her passing, and had lived in Selkirk since 1955.

She is survived by three sons; one daughter; grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

As Gertrude requested,

there will be no formal service. Cremation has taken place and a private family service will take place at a later date.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Red River Place for their care of Gertrude over the last 8 years.

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## OBITUARY



**Catherine Fountain (Wilkinson)  
May 2, 1970 - February 7, 2019**

With great sorrow we announce the sudden and unexpected loss of beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend Catherine Fountain, at HSC on February 7, 2019.

She is predeceased by parents Eric and Mary Wilkinson, step-father Robert Bahuaud, and mother-in-law Pauline. She will be greatly missed by her husband Michael; children Hannah (Brett), Ben (Danika), and Zackary; siblings Andy (Elaine), Ron (Bonnie), Gerry (Dean), Vern (Marisa), Colin, Collette (Wayne), Chris, Jackie (Kevin); father-in-law Jerry; sisters-in-law Shannon and Michelle; and nieces and nephews Kirk, Shawn, Nancy, Sherry, Kyle, Ryan, Devin, Meghan, Aiden, Erin and Sarah.

After completing a BA in English, Catherine raised three children with her husband in Lockport and pursued a diploma in nursing.

She found her life's calling as a registered nurse working in rural and northern communities. Cath was known for her sharp wit, sarcasm, horrible sense of direction, lengthy texts, and love of pets. In the summer, she could often be found spending time by the pool. She often said she felt most like herself when she had her makeup done, her hair curled, and her kickass boots on.

Friends and patients alike will remember her for her vivid red hair which matched her lively personality.

A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 15, 2019 at Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline St, Selkirk, Manitoba. Private interment will take place at a date in the future.

In lieu of flowers, please take some time to spread kindness to someone in need in your community.

## OBITUARY



**Ruth (Alice) Fincaryk**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother on February 8, 2019, at the age of 80 years.

Ruth is predeceased by her beloved husband Metro; parents Tom and Mary Rosky; brother Alex and sisters Lena and Nel. She leaves to mourn her son Mark (Diane); daughter Sandra (Vaughn) Atkins; grandsons CJ (Brittney), Brandur (Irene), Chase (Riley), Zach, Tyson and her special bundle of joy great-granddaughter Bethanie, along with sisters Victoria and Isabel (Cliff).

Ruth was a loving and caring mother and was happiest when she was surrounded by her family. She always made sure there was a big supper for any holiday celebrations or family events. She was very close to her five grandsons, and travelled to all their sporting events, she was a big part of their lives. (Bobbi) as the boys called her was always there for them, and they could count on her whenever they needed someone to lean on, they all loved her very much. When great-granddaughter Bethanie came along, she was overjoyed to finally have a girl amongst all her boys. Mom also enjoyed going on her casino road trips, talking on the phone with her friends, and sharing stories with her grandsons. She lived her life to the fullest after dad passed away, and was content and happy in her house. She will be dearly missed by all of us, rest in peace mom, love, your family.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Special thanks to Selkirk Paramedic Service and Gilbert Funeral Home.

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**OBITUARY**



**Peter Clifford Enns**  
May 27, 1945 – February 5, 2019

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Peter Enns, aged 73, at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

Peter was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Katharina Enns, his sisters Susanna Enns and Helen Fehr, brother-in-law John Dueck, and father-in-law, Erwin Simon.

Peter will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years, Melva; his son Scott (Meagan); his daughter Tonya Northage (Jarrod) and his granddaughters Tiana and Veronica Northage. He will also be cherished in memory by five brothers, four sisters, numerous family members, and many friends.

Peter was born in Halbstadt, MB, growing up on the family farm, doing many chores with his siblings. He was always a hard worker, and ran a successful steel building construction business for 30 years. He met Melva in 1969, and they were married in July 1970. They moved to St. Andrews with their children in 1978, and remained there until 2014, when they moved to Lockport.

Peter loved nature, and he and Melva spent countless hours in their yard, and going on road trips to bird watch and collect prairie grasses. He was a kind-hearted, generous man, with a mischievous streak and twinkle in his eye.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm. at Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline St, Selkirk MB.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and aides at Selkirk RHC.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice, or the Selkirk Community Church building fund (204-482-6808) would be greatly appreciated.

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**OBITUARY**

**Robert (Bob) William Bruce**

Peacefully, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at Red River Personal Care Home, Bob Bruce, aged 88 years of Selkirk, beloved husband of Mary passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a service will be held in the summer. Details to be published at a later date.

Condolences, photos and videos may be left on his tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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