

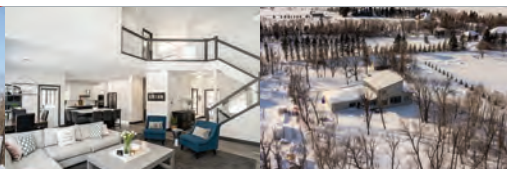


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The latest in Selkirk's icebreaking news

The Amphibex is heading through the region and ice users are advised to stay away from equipment and be cautious of ice conditions afterwards

By Katelyn Boulanger

Skiers, fishers and snowmobilers should keep off the ice for the rest of the winter season as the Amphibex is currently travelling up the Red River as part of the province's ice-jam mitigation program.

Amphibexes have been breaking the ice on the river at this time of year since 2006. They are large machines with many arms that travel along the river breaking the ice so that when the spring weather hits, our region is less likely to experience flooding.

This year they started around Feb. 19 in the Netley Lake area and will be moving upstream towards Selkirk.

Fishers with ice shacks on the river will have received a notice on their shack with information as to when they should move it, but Rick Gergatz moderator of the Lake Winnipeg Ice Reports Facebook Page says that this might be a bit more difficult this year.

"Ice conditions are actually fairly good. The ice itself on the Red River had a good freeze. It was nice and smooth. We had nice blue ice. It was strong ice. It wasn't broken up. The Red River was actually a very good freeze. The lake itself had a few more



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Three amphibexes on the Red River.

issues and problems. But again, it's also very thick right now. The ice itself is in good condition. It's the snow cover that's causing problems," he said.

This year our region has already experienced what Gergatz estimates is at least twice as much snow as last year and that may cause some problems for fishers. Vehicles that were able to bring shacks onto the ice earlier in the winter might not be able to get out to the shacks again without getting stuck, depending on where the ice the shack is.

"Everybody has been spoiled because for the last few years they've

been able to travel with their four by fours, SUVs and trucks and that type of thing, they've been able to travel virtually almost anywhere they wanted to on the lake or the river," said Gergatz.

He says that this extra snow won't be a problem for track vehicles like snowmobiles or bombardiers. This means that certain shack owners might have to get some extra help getting their shacks off the ice.

Another issue that the extra snow may cause which Gergatz mentioned is related to the weight of the snow itself. If the shack has had a lot of snow

blown on its sides, making the area around the shack heavier, it can actually cause river or lake water to come into the shack when you drill a fishing hole because of the weight pushing down on the ice. This itself might just give you a shock but if this water freezes in the shack that can mean your shack is frozen to the ice.

Overall it's been a great fishing season with many shacks on the ice taking advantage of how wonderful a resource our local fishery is.

"People are having fun and that's the whole idea of it is to get outside and have a little bit of fun," said Gergatz.

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School Division gives community first look at budget

LSSD releases draft budget that shows how education dollars will be spent in our region

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last week the Lord Selkirk School Division gave residents a sneak peek into its draft budget for the 2022/23 school year, which indicated how resources will be used by the division and ultimately showed that the division has projected a decrease in what residents will be paying for education services in our region.

"Since our last community forum, Bill 64 has come and gone. And so, I'd like to extend thanks to all the parents and community members who took an interest in the future of education in Manitoba, put up lawn signs, talked to neighbours and got informed about the proposed changes. Special thanks to the RM of Victoria Beach, as well as St. Clements for passing resolutions opposing Bill 64. But change is not all bad. In fact, we welcome it and look for opportunities for efficiencies and to do things better and that's why we're here this evening," said Lena Kublick chair of the LSSD board of trustees opening the meeting.

After her introduction residents received an education overview by Jerret Long, superintendent of LSSD.

"We are really excited about our new strategic plan. This plan, newly released this year, is designed for us all to have a role in student success: students, parents, staff, trustees, and community. It starts with the core belief called 'Know Our Learner'. The idea is that our schools do an amazing

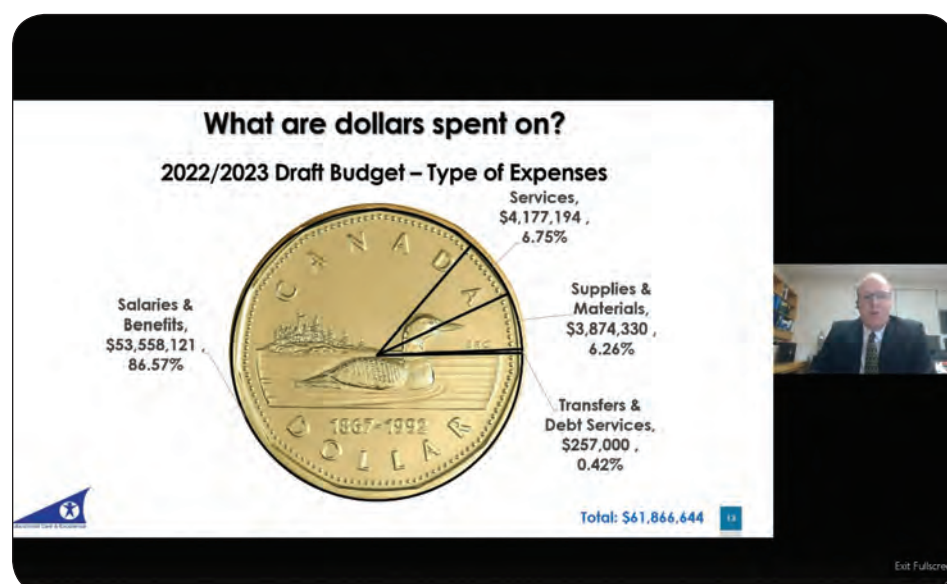
job of building and maintaining positive relationships with our students and we know that these relationships need to be the foundation in which to build other academic priorities. Next, we have our distinct focus on, as it should be, literacy, numeracy, mental health and well-being. These areas have been, and continue to be, where we dig deep, so to speak, to ensure our students can understand concepts built on those concepts, and obtain the skills required for continued success," said Long.

He went on to explain that even though they continue to press on to challenge students academically, the priority of the school is to keep students safe which includes COVID measures but also expands into other areas such as being cognizant of the blizzards and cold weather that we've been experiencing lately.

"I need to say a big thank you to our school community for your patience and understanding. While we pivot and switch gears as required, it's truly appreciated. And we are committed to trying to maintain continuous and ongoing real-time communication with all of our families," said Long.

Secretary/treasurer John Spiedel then brought up the draft budget presentation.

"We've got 15 schools, which is approximately just a little over 700,000 square feet of space that we have to maintain. We service 3,807 students



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A screenshot from the 2022/2023 Community Budget Forum.

from K-12 and also some adult learners. We have over 50 buses that travel over a million kilometres a year that transport over 2,450 students. We focus on our IT spend and we spend almost \$600 per pupil, that's the most in the province. We have 688 full-time equivalent staffing positions, with a budget of just over \$60 million and that ranks 12th largest in the province," he said.

As for COVID this past year they spent \$857,000, much less than last year. The increased costs went mostly towards the salaries of extra teachers, EAs, custodians as well as covering some overtime hours.

"One thing that we've been fortunate with this year, and also last year is support from the provincial government as far as funding for the additional costs that we saw related to COVID. This year, they provided us just a little over \$750,000 for safe schools funding, and also just a little over \$100,000 for learning and recovery. So the funding that we received basically covered all of our costs except for about \$5,000. But overall, that was much needed real relief," said Spiedel.

He said as they look into the 2022/23 division budget they are challenged with funding realities.

"Provincial funding has decreased 2% year over year, we were fortunate this year that the provincial government acknowledged additional cost pressures that we've had, and has given us a one-time funding [boost] of just a little over \$1.8 million," said Spiedel.

He also mentioned that inflation this year has been the highest it's been since 2009, which has affected their utility costs, diesel costs for buses, and the cost of materials for classes.

"Most of the money is spent on la-

bour. And this year, we saw some large increases in our labour costs, about \$2.9 million in cost of living increases as we've seen. We've also gone through and through attrition, we've looked at reducing a couple of positions so that we can save about \$250,000, both in professional staff and administration," said Spiedel.

Additional cuts will be made in maintenance costs, and they are looking to save some money in their IT department and transportation. Trustees have also reduced their budget by \$55,000 this year.

"When you take a look at this from a percentage perspective, [for] every dollar within the school division 80 cents of it has been spent directly on student learning. We spent 3%, or three cents of every dollar on administration, five cents on transportation, ten cents on maintenance, and two cents on our debt and physical charges," said Spiedel.

As far as saving money the school division has received just a little over \$670,000 from the provincial government and has invested in things like power smart efficiency upgrades and accessibility among many projects that have benefited their schools.

Spiedel then went into the math, showing how this translates to the dollar amounts that are paid by people in our communities.

"The mill rate that's going to be in place for 2022/23 that's going to be 14.4475. That's a decrease from last year of 0.1969 or 1.34%," said Spiedel.

There is also an education property tax credit for homeowners, which will reduce the amount they pay further.

"The next steps we have is to work with our board of trustees to finalize

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LSRCSS students participate in CyberPatriot competition

Learning about cyber security at high school got more competitive this year

By Katelyn Boulanger

This year students at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School were able to stack their cyber security chops up against those of other students in Canada and the United States as they competed in the CyberPatriot's National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

Rick Forfar, a high school teacher in the applied commerce department, gave students in his cyber security class Nick Turchyn, Jeremy Janella, and Evan Chabluk the opportunity to try the CyberPatriot competition to see if they would enjoy not just covering the basics, but getting advanced with their cyber security studies.

"Students go through a series of on-line competition rounds. The teams are given a set of, virtual operating systems and then they have to find

and fix cyber security vulnerabilities while still maintaining critical services," said Forfar.

Even though the groups in this competition were typically five-person teams, the three students fought their way to be the fourth-best team in Canada at the gold tier level and 114 of 667 in the gold tier of all teams in North America.

Forfar believes that it's important that kids have these skills in order to help them with potential future careers.

"It's just becoming more and more necessary in the workforce. As we get more and more devices out there, more computers out there, more things going online. People are constantly trying to hack in. Everything from identity theft, to whatever might be, you have to keep things safe," he

said.

The students were working on Windows 10, Windows Server 2019, and Ubuntu 18 operating systems and participated in several rounds of competition as well as practice and demonstration rounds which took place over six-hour time slots last semester.

"I really enjoyed being able to get a more thorough understanding of how important securing the OS we use by finding security vulnerabilities and being able to work in a team to get tasks done effectively," said Chabluk.

Forfar for his part felt the students were very dedicated to learning and motivated to succeed.

"They were even coming in the first competition date [which] was our professional development days. So all students would be staying home,

the whole school and these, these three guys came, they were really excited to be here for six hours straight working in this competition. I mean, they could have been at home, doing whatever, but they absolutely enjoyed it and they were doing it. [They had] so much intrinsic motivation that they wanted to do well at this," he said.

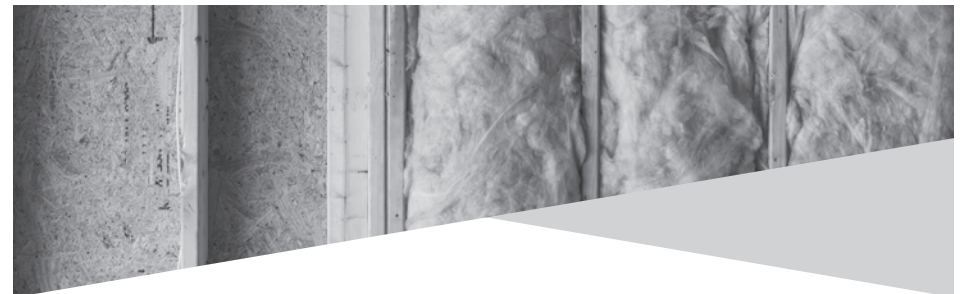
Because of the success that these students achieved and the amount that they were able to learn by participating, Forfar says that this will be an option that he gives to his students in the future.

"I'll be offering the cyber security course, again, semester one, in the fall and then what I will do is I'll just pre-register a couple of teams, and then offer it to those students," he said.



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Left to right: Nick Turchyn, Jeremy Janella, Evan Chabluk, and teacher Rick Forfar celebrating their success at the CyberPatriot's National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.



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Former resident reminds us to continue giving through the year

Tina Marie Vandersteen wants everyone to find their own way to give back

By Katelyn Boulanger

Tina Marie Vandersteen is a former East Selkirk resident and after suffering intense frostbite in the winter of 2020 has now been able to use what she's been through to find a way to give back.

"I ended up being lost in the St. Laurent area in the back roads, like in the back areas where I end up getting frostbite to the feet," said Vandersteen.

Luckily she was able to get help and ended up in the Selkirk hospital.

"I'm feeling defeated because I have these major burns to my feet and my hands, my hands recovered quite quickly. My feet, on the other hand, I ended up in there, I believe it was 10 days, I was in the hospital recovering and the staff in the ward are amazing at the Selkirk Hospital," said Vandersteen.

When she returned home she said that the home care staff were equally wonderful but that she struggled with her situation being so different than it had been before.

"One of the things that was really difficult for me was I loved to walk down to the Happy Thought School. They have a little track in their yard that the people in the community can use, they have the park, and it's exhilarating. And for me, being in a wheelchair for a month, I couldn't do that," she said.

As the spring came she regained her mobility and with it the beginnings of an idea to bring socks to people who need it was starting to form in her mind even if it wasn't fully realized just yet.

Then a woman, who appeared to be homeless, came up to her one day a said to her "Look I'm happy somebody gave me socks," and that was the

spark that she needed to get to the store and buy her first pairs of socks to give to others.

"I wanted to give socks to whoever to lift their frowns upside down. And so I was like, 'Oh, that's wonderful,' I raced to the store right away, I went and I bought like a box full of socks," said Vandersteen.

She didn't just start to give socks to people in need on the streets but anyone that she saw who might need an extra pair of warm socks.

Vandersteen then wanted to give back to the school that she missed going to when she was stuck at home, deciding to donate socks to Happy Thought School.

"I ended up contacting the school and I said 'Listen, this is me, I went through some trials and tribulations, I was in a wheelchair last December and I would love to drop off this treasure trunk which I'm calling Happy Thought Socks and I want to do this and replenish it each year for you so that you can have socks on hand for the kids," she said.

She hopes that these socks will help kids who get wet feet from playing outside in the snow.

Vandersteen encourages other people even if it's not the holidays to try to find their own way that they can give back in their community.

"Sometimes, you know, you don't even have to do something material. You can give up your time," she said.



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Tina Marie Vandersteen a former East Selkirk resident reminds residents to give all year round.

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the budget and incorporate the feedback we received from you tonight. And then we're going to present this information to the board on March the first and ask for approval. Once it's approved, then communicate that back to the community and let you know that it's passed," said Speidel.

The remainder of the meeting time was dedicated to a question and answer session where

residents were able to voice their concerns and opinions on how children are educated in our region.

A recorded version of the meeting will be posted on the divisional website in the near future at [lssd.ca](https://www.lssd.ca). The current draft budget is also posted at <https://www.lssd.ca/Governance/Finance/Budget/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Lung tests join swelling backlog of medical procedures

By Patricia Barrett

Doctors Manitoba raised the alarm last week about an ever-increasing number of surgical and diagnostic procedures that have been postponed.

The physician-support organization estimates the pandemic backlog of diagnostic and surgical procedures to be 161,585 procedures (as of Feb. 17), an increase of 7,748 procedures since last month. Diagnostic procedures include ultrasound and MRI imaging procedures, endoscopies, allergy tests and lung function tests.

The backlog arose when health-care resources were shifted to people with COVID-19. It grew worse as Manitoba moved through successive waves of infections. The omicron wave saw unprecedented numbers of people needing hospital care, including on Feb. 2 when 744 people were in hospital with COVID, according to provincial data.

Doctors Manitoba, which represents over 4,000 physicians, said in an update last Thursday that the backlog for ultrasound and MRI diagnostic procedures improved in December, but grew for bone density studies and myocardial perfusion tests.

"The omicron wave has led to a surge in hospital admissions, resulting in widespread disruptions to surgeries and diagnostic testing," said Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Kristjan Thompson in a Feb. 17 statement. "Last month, we estimate the pandemic backlog grew by over 7,700 cases or 250 cases per day. This is the largest increase in a year."

The organization added lung function tests to the growing backlog. Lung tests are used to diagnose, treat and monitor lung conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), lung fibrosis and post-COVID-induced shortness of breath, according to the statement. For lung function tests alone, there is an estimated backlog of 8,848 procedures as of January.

Thompson said the backlog remains a "top concern" for physicians and is another reason "why Manitobans should be cautious as restrictions are eased."

The provincial government announced Feb. 11 that it is "accelerating" a plan to reduce public health measures, saying key COVID indicators are "stabilizing or improving."

Capacity limits were eliminated in restaurants, casinos and in entertainment and sports venues on Feb. 15. The government abolished self-isolation for close contacts of people testing positive for COVID. The government also stopped reporting on case numbers in schools on its school-aged COVID dashboard. On March 1 proof of vaccination will be dropped. Masking requirements will be dropped on March. 15.

The provincial government said in December 2021 it will establish a task force to address the surgical and diagnostic backlog. In mid-January,

it announced it will send some spinal surgery patients to the U.S.

The Manitoba NDP's health care critic Uzoma Asagwara said the increasing backlog is a failure by government to help people access vital health-care services.

"It is deeply troubling to see this backlog increasing by the day. The PCs [Manitoba Progressive Conservative government] failure to take care of families living with pain and uncertainty is inexcusable and it will leave a stain on their record that Manitobans will not forget," said Asagwara in a statement last Friday. "They've done nothing to address this problem but make empty promises. Manitobans deserve a government that fixes problems and makes health care their number one priority."

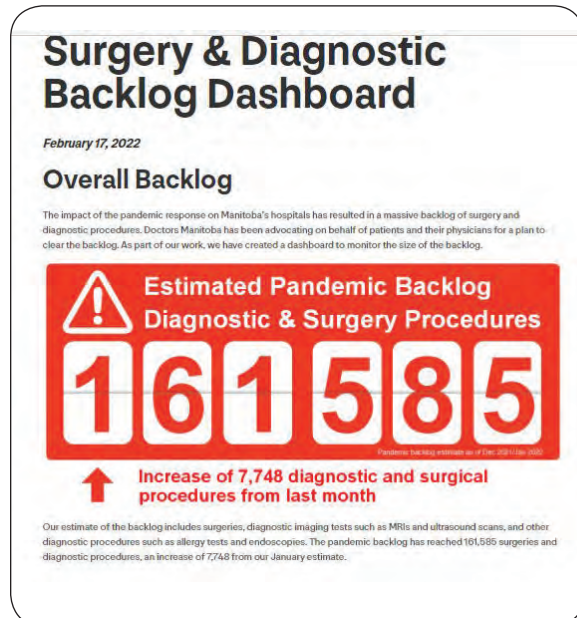


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Doctors Manitoba dashboard, updated Feb. 17, shows over 161,000 backlogged procedures

Health Canada approves Novavax's COVID vaccine

Effectiveness against delta, omicron unknown

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada approved the use of Nuvaxovid last week, the first protein-based COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 and older.

The two-dose vaccine, also known as NVX-CoV2373, is made by American biotechnology company Novavax.

The vaccine is made using a protein from the original strain of the virus. The protein can't replicate or cause COVID-19 disease, says the company.

"We are proud that Canada is part of the growing list of regions to authorize Nuvaxovid and that Canadians will have a protein-based COVID-19 vaccine option," said Novavax president and CEO Stanley C. Erck in a Feb. 17 news release. "We thank the Canadian government and the National Research Council of Canada for their ongoing partnership and commitment to

helping combat the evolving pandemic."

Novavax carried out clinical trials with 30,000 participants in the U.S. and Mexico, and with 15,000 in the U.K., both of which showed Nuvaxovid having a "demonstrated efficacy" and a "reassuring" safety profile.

"Serious and severe adverse events were low in number and balanced between vaccine and placebo groups. The most common adverse reactions observed during clinical studies ... were headache, nausea or vomiting, myalgia, arthralgia, injection site tenderness/pain, fatigue and malaise," states the news release. "Novavax will continue to collect and analyze real-world data, including the monitoring of safety and the evaluation of variants, as the vaccine is distributed."

On its website Health Canada says the vaccine was shown to be "90 per cent effective" in

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“This is going to be a difficult transition phase”

Chief doc urges Manitobans to be respectful, kind as restrictions start to scale back

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The next few weeks will be a transitional period for Manitoba when it comes to moving from public health orders to public health recommendations, noted Dr. Brent Roussin last week.

Speaking to media at an online press conference the day after the province moved down to Level Yellow on the Pandemic Response System, Manitoba's chief public health officer acknowledged there are some mixed emotions out there as restrictions begin to ease.

“For some Manitobans ... the lifting of these restrictions can't come soon enough. But for others, they feel they're being lifted too quickly,” he said.

“As we transition away from public health orders back into public health messaging, I'm asking all Manitobans to continue to respect each other and treat each other with kindness,” Roussin urged. “This is going to be a difficult transition phase, and of course we're not done with COVID, so we're

going to have to continue to work together to protect Manitoba.”

Proof of vaccination requirements will be gone March 1, with mask mandates in public spaces to follow March 15.

“There's going to be people who continue to wear masks in public settings and some businesses may require masks going forward,” Roussin noted. “Manitobans should expect that in some settings, especially in health care facilities, personal care homes, some protective measures may stay in place to protect those people who are vulnerable to infection,”

While the numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU admissions are on an encouraging downward trend, the relaxation of restrictions doesn't mean the pandemic is over and done with.

“It's very likely that we'll see more COVID-19 in Manitoba, more waves and more variants, but we have many tools in place to protect ourselves moving forward, vaccines being the most important one,” Roussin said,

urging people to get vaccinated if they haven't already.

Wearing a mask in situations where physical distancing isn't possible remains recommended, he noted. All the other fundamentals are also important: good hand hygiene, staying home when sick, and managing the number of people from outside your household that you come into close contact with.

All this is especially important for anyone at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes, Roussin stressed.

Heading into the long weekend, the province's online COVID-19 dashboard was reporting 583 total hospitalizations with the virus (302 of which were still actively contagious), including 33 ICU patients (13 considered contagious).

The test positivity rate was at 18.5 per cent. The death toll had hit 1,649.

Updated numbers from the weekend were not available at press time Monday.

> NEW VACCINE, FROM PG. 7

protecting participants in the clinical trials.

Canada's National Advisory Committee on Vaccination (NACI) said in a Feb. 17 statement on Nuvaxovid that the vaccine's “duration of protection is not yet known” and there is no data on whether it is effective against the delta and the omicron COVID variants.

NACI notes that there have been incidences of myocarditis and/or pericarditis [inflammation of the heart muscle/inflammation of membrane around the heart] after the administration of Nuvaxovid, but there's “not yet enough information to determine if [the cases] are related to the vaccine.”

Novavax has an agreement to pro-

duce the vaccine at the National Research Council of Canada's Biologics Manufacturing Centre in Montreal. That's expected to start later this year.

The federal government has signed an advance purchase agreement for 52 million doses of the vaccine.

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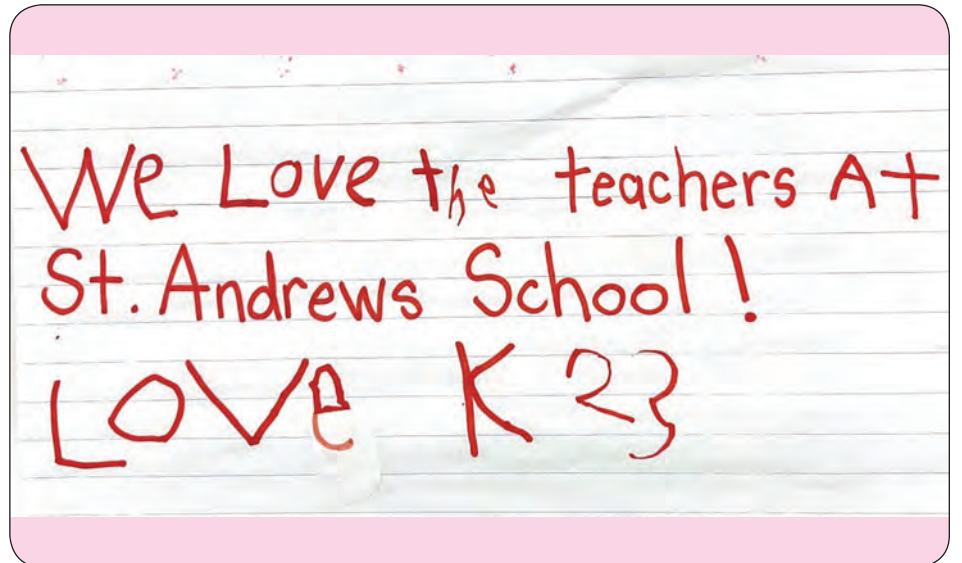
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Showing love for their teachers



RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Ms. Wynnyk's kindergarten class at St. Andrews School wanted to let their teachers know how much they appreciate the work they do. This Valentine's Day, the class came up with a list of things that would make teachers at their school feel loved and to say thank you for all they do to help their students. They put all their ideas into a wagon and walked through the hallways delivering special treats. Above left: Students delivering their special treats. Above right: one of the messages from the class.

SDCF celebrates the love of reading this February

Foundation encourages support of funds that support literacy

Submitted by the Selkirk and District Community Foundation

February is the month of love.

We celebrate that on the 14th with Valentine's for the ones we love and, all month long, we celebrate our love for reading during I Love to Read month.

"There are so many things I love about reading," says Selkirk & District Community Foundation board chair Shauna Curtin.

"You can do it anywhere, it can be social if you share the experience in a book club and books help unlock our imaginations and when that happens, the possibilities are endless!"

The SDCF has four funds that support literacy – Amma's Bookshelf, the Libri Fund, the John Mytz Memorial Fund and the Mooring-Griffioen Family Fund – and each does so in a unique way.

Amma's Bookshelf was established in memory of Eleanor Johnson, who was a parent, grandparent, Amma and teacher. Johnson believed that children should be read to right from birth and the melody and magic of language will last a lifetime. The fund provides a copy of the Margaret Wise

Brown classic Goodnight Moon, free of charge, to all babies born at the Selkirk Hospital.

The Mooring-Griffioen Family Fund supports the Gaynor Family Regional Library, with grants to assist interlibrary loan services costs and/or the purchase of books. The Libri Fund, created by Duane Nicol and Erin Nosal, along with the John Mytz Memorial Fund, supports the operation of the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Ken Kuryliw, Gaynor's Director of Library Services, says he's thankful for funds that support the library and he always loves to read, regardless of the time of year.

"It's great that February shines a light on reading and gets everyone, young and old, excited about books. At the library, we see that excitement of reading all year long, and we're looking forward to in person programming returning," Kuryliw said.

"The Selkirk & District Community Foundation partnership has been critical to the success of the Gaynor Family Regional Library, and this February, and every month of the year, we encourage reading and literacy and the development of life-long learners."



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Youth-led vaccine campaign gives Indigenous youth a voice

By Nicole Brownlee

Indigenous youth can now share their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and their thoughts on getting vaccinated through a national campaign.

The National Association of Friendship Centres is working with the National Indigenous Youth Working Group on Vaccine Uptake to encourage Indigenous youth to speak up about their hesitations, struggles, and ultimate decision to get vaccinated.

"You can be hesitant when it comes to vaccinations and seeing others discuss their journey... hopefully, it'll encourage others to receive the COVID-19 vaccine," said John Paillé, NAFC's project coordinator.

The vaccine uptake youth group was formed a few months ago, with Indigenous youth living on and off-reserve across Canada, to create a safe space for them to express their motivations to get the vaccine.

"It's been amazing to see Indigenous youth come together to identify and address key hesitations in vaccinations such as mistrust of government, systemic racism, historical injustices, etc.," said Brenan Wood, a member of

the youth group, in a statement.

Part of the mandate of the youth group was to create a youth-led campaign that would encourage confidence and uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"(We're) trying to encourage folks in the community to get vaccinated to protect themselves, and our communities and our elders," said Jenna Chisholm, a youth advocate part of the vaccine uptake campaign.

"When you lose an elder, you lose so much more than just that one person. You lose all of their stories and all of the culture."

The My Vaxx Journey social media campaign launched on Feb. 7 and is open to First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth across Canada aged 12–29 until March 31.

Participants submit videos sharing their thoughts to the My Vaxx campaign and will be entered to win one of 150 pairs of Retro Air Jordan 4s donated by Save the Children.

"As Indigenous youth, we don't often see ourselves represented, and to see an entire campaign run by someone who's like me makes a world of difference," said Chisholm.

As of Feb. 16, the My Vaxx campaign received five video submissions.

"One of the videos that we've shared already talks about this youth's journey through the whole pandemic, their pre-existing health conditions, and why they found it was really important for them to get vaccinated," said Paillé.

"(These videos) show that this is something that's super important to people, and a lot of folks are just trying to get back to being able to go to the ceremony and be around their community members and feel safe again," said Chisholm.

To learn more about the campaign, visit myvaxxjourney.ca.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Brendan Wood from Island Lake and Chayce Taylor from Edmonton, AB submitted videos to the My Vaxx campaign talking about why they decided to get vaccinated.

Deadline for heritage resources conservation grant application extended

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has extended the deadline to March 21 for applications to the Heritage Resources Conservation Grant, a program that supports local, community-based projects for the preservation and enhancement of Manitoba's heritage sites, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith announced today.

"Historical sites dot the landscape of our great province and our government is pleased to provide funding so generations can learn from and appreciate the rich history of Manitoba," said Smith. "By partnering with community organizations, local governments and property owners, the unique experiences, destinations and vibrant culture of Manitoba can be shared with the world."

The Heritage Resources Conservation Grant provides \$750,000 annually to community groups, volunteer and heritage organizations to support projects that demonstrate a commitment toward the conservation and long-term sustainability of heritage

resources legally protected under the Heritage Resources Act.

The grant program is designed to encourage new partnerships with community organizations and the private sector to support the long-term sustainability of Manitoba's heritage infrastructure. Grant applications can be submitted for capital projects, research, conservation planning, education or training and endowments. The conservation planning category, in particular, provides funding for professional condition assessments that can benefit organizations during these uncertain times, the minister noted.

The original application deadline of Jan. 15 has been extended until March 21.

Smith added the timing of the funding allows organizations to take advantage of the upcoming construction season and ensure skills and trades are secured by spring.

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/heritage_hrcg.html.

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KAP welcomes review of education funding model

The following statement is attributable to Bill Campbell, president, Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP):

"KAP welcomes the Government of Manitoba's announcement of a team to review and develop a new model of education funding for implementation in the 2023-2024 school year.

Education funding is an issue that affects every farmer in Manitoba. As farm property values continue to increase year over year in most rural municipalities, farmers are contributing more than their fair share of the cost of education.

We look forward to working with the team to ensure that an equitable distribution of taxes between farm property and residential property is reflected in the new education funding model.

We are also reiterating our call for the continued removal of education property taxes from farm property in Budget 2022. Farmers need financial certainty when drought conditions, supply chain pressures and rising input costs are affecting their farm operations."

- Bill Campbell, President
Keystone Agricultural Producers

Flood outlook moderate to high for much of Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

From drought to massive snowfall to a risk of flooding in a space of just a few months—you gotta love Manitoba.

The province's Hydrologic Forecast Centre spring flood outlook released last Friday reports high risk of moderate spring flooding in most southern Manitoba basins, though just how bad it will be is very much dependant on the weather between now and spring melt.

"Due to above normal to well above normal winter precipitation to mid February, the Red River and tributaries, including the Roseau, Rat and Pembina Rivers, are at a high risk of

moderate to major flooding," reads the report.

"Due to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and normal to well above normal winter precipitation, there is high risk of moderate flooding in the Assiniboine River and Souris River basins and along the Whiteshell Lakes areas."

The risk of spring flooding in the Interlake and northern Manitoba regions, meanwhile, is low.

Low water levels in most major lakes puts the risk of flooding in those areas as low as well.

A clearer picture of what Manitoba can expect will come in the weeks ahead.

"The runoff potential is significantly affected by the amount of additional snow and spring rains, frost depth at the time of runoff, and timing and rate of spring thaw; and the timing of peak flows in Manitoba, the United States, Saskatchewan and Ontario," the report notes. "A late thaw and spring rainstorms could result in a rapid snow melt that increases overland flooding and flows on tributary streams and larger rivers."

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre notes that while there is a risk of major flooding along the Red River and its tributaries, water levels are expected to remain below community flood protection levels at all locations.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk said the province is working to prepare for whatever spring melt might bring.

"Our government continuously monitors all watershed conditions across the province to remain vigilant and ready to respond to ensure that all Manitobans are protected should there be a risk for flood conditions," he said. "The Hydrologic Forecast Centre monitors river flows and lake levels daily throughout the year, and we work in collaboration with municipalities and communities to best prepare for potential flood mitigation operations."

CancerCare MB launches new website filled with tips for cancer prevention

By Staff

CancerCare Manitoba has launched a new website filled with tips to increase your chances of living cancer-free.

Practiceprevention.ca went live earlier this month to help Manitobans make informed choices and lower their cancer risk.

"The percentage of people we expect to be diagnosed with cancer has gone down in Manitoba and across Canada while survival rates have gone up thanks to advances in research, technology, screening and treatments," said Dr. Sri Navaratnam, president and CEO of CancerCare Manitoba. "This is very good news, but we know

that there is more work to be done, including steps that can be taken by every Manitoban to reduce their risk of being diagnosed with cancer."

According to the 2021 Canadian Cancer Statistics, two in five Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime—an improvement from the one in two Canadians previously reported.

In the early 1990s, the five-year net survival for all cancers combined was 55 per cent, but it has now increased to 64 per cent.

That said, cancer remains a serious health concern, with 6,900 Manitobans expected to be diagnosed with some form of it in 2022. By 2035, that

number is anticipated to increase to 10,000.

The new website outlines specific steps people can take to better protect themselves (eating healthier, exercising more, living smoke-free, being sun safe, etc.), with links to activities, programs, and other resources in each category.

"Many types of cancers are preventable, which means we can all reduce our cancer risk," said Navaratnam. "It might seem daunting to get started on something new like getting more exercise or eating healthier. The trick lies in knowing you don't have to go from zero to 100 all at once. You can start by making a small change and

building from there, knowing that the small change is already a healthy choice that can help reduce your risk of cancer."

Here are a few simple lifestyle changes to get you started:

- Go for a walk—don't let the snow stop you from getting outside.
- Avoid alcohol by choosing sparkling water instead.
- Move more by adding steps and moderate to vigorous aerobic physical activity to your day.
- Avoid fast food and increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, wholegrains, beans, and lentils instead.

Province announces \$750,000 in funding for Manitoba Camping Association

Supporting operations of overnight camps

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$750,000 in funding to the Manitoba Camping Association (MCA), to support a COVID-19 economic recovery plan for eligible overnight camps throughout Manitoba, Municipal Relations Minister Eileen Clarke announced last week.

"Manitoba children benefit from the exposure to the outdoors and the learning experiences overnight camps offer, and we recognize the importance of community-based organizations in building thriving and sustainable communities across the province," said Clarke. "These funds will help camps survive the financial impacts of COVID-19 and support their continued operations."

The minister noted the one-time

funding grant will be used to offset financial impacts experienced by camps due to COVID-19. This includes financial strain due to closures and implementing services under conditions of public health orders. It will also help support future recovery efforts. Eligible costs will include fixed operating costs such as taxes, utilities and insurance.

"The MCA has been working diligently with the Manitoba government to make this happen," said Kim Sherger, executive director, Manitoba Camping Association. "The funding will help many camps that have been hit hard by the pandemic as a first step to recovery and we are grateful to the Manitoba government for making this funding available."

The MCA develops and maintains

standards for organized camping in Manitoba, and is a registered charity that provides financial support to children and youth whose families experience financial barriers that prevent them from participating in healthy recreation activities. Each year, the MCA sends around 600 children to various camp programs throughout Manitoba and northwestern Ontario through its Sunshine Fund.

For additional information on MCA activities

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New immigration advisory council

Local immigrant services agency eager to weigh-in on the struggles newcomers face

By Ashleigh Viveiros

News that Manitoba is creating a new advisory council on immigration got a thumbs up from those involved in the local settlement services community last week.

Premier Heather Stefanson and Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Feb. 14 that the Immigration Advisory Council will bring together experts in the field to review the entire continuum of immigration, from promotion to retention of newcomers.

"This new advisory council will help us look at new and innovative ways to continue to be a welcoming new home for all newcomers, including refugees and international students, a dynamic destination for immigration and business investors, and an attractive place for people to come to build a life of opportunity and prosperity for themselves and their family," Stefanson said.

The council will be co-chaired by Reyes and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, who will be joined by a team of individuals with expertise in immigration and related fields.

They'll be looking at attracting and retaining newcomers to Manitoba, streamlining the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program, and fostering settlement and integration programs and services and foreign credential recognition programs.

"Immigration is an issue of great importance to the province, and we all have a common interest in an effective and efficient system," said Axworthy. "I'm pleased to be a part of this advisory council, and eager to get to work on behalf of all Manitobans current and future."

A final report is expected to be released by the end of the year.

Regional Connections Immigrant Services executive director Steve Reynolds is eager to see what findings that report contains. He's pleased the province seems keen to dive into the

immigration and settlement system in Manitoba to see what improvements might be made.

"It's really important to engage with people who are affected by policies and policy development in immigration," Reynolds noted, "so including people who have lived experience and are impacted by those policies is always really good to see."

Few details were made available to agencies like Regional Connections ahead of the announcement, but Reynolds is optimistic they'll have the opportunity to weigh-in on the matters in the council's scope of interest.

"One of the things we commonly hear from our clients is the impact of delays and delayed processing times going through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee program," he said, noting many people come to the Pembina Valley on temporary worker visas that can expire before their applications are processed. "More efficient processing that doesn't take two or three years would be an improvement."

"There's a lot of uncertainty being here with a temporary visa, including some limitations and access to services," Reynolds continued, explaining, for example, immigrants with visas aren't currently eligible for funding for some of the English classes offered locally.

Another major issue for many people who come to call Manitoba home is how long it can take to be reunited with family members they left behind.

"Often a primary applicant can get through as an economic immigrant and fill a job, bring their immediate family, but then it's really meaningful for people to also be able to welcome extended family," Reynolds said. "It has a real impact on people feeling settled and at home here."

The process, however, can take years. Finding ways to streamline it would be a welcome step for many newcomer families, Reynolds said.


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Demand for soybeans seeps into Manitoba

By Nicole Brownlee

Manitoba growers are working with a Canadian soybean producer to increase exports to Asia, Europe, Africa and North America.

The soybean market has exponentially grown over the past decade because of a rise in demand for plant-based proteins for animal and human consumption. The International Institute of Sustainable Development predicts that soybean production will surpass wheat and corn crops in the U.S.

Selvita International is a privately-owned Canadian company that focuses on developing soybeans that suit Canadian growing conditions.

"We do a lot of our own plant breeding and variety development with a focus on Canada," said Sandy Hart, business manager of Selvita International.

Most of the breeding effort in North America is focused on the maturities that grow in the U.S. because they're one of the leading global producers of soybeans.

"The opportunity of the Canadian acre is very appealing, so we put more emphasis on developing products that are appropriate for this market," said Hart.

Sevita worked with eastern provinces like Ontario and Quebec before moving into the prairies in 2019.

For Manitoba soybeans, Selvita concentrates on good protein and food qualities in early maturing genetics.

"There's no new agronomic advancement or training or anything like that that's in play here," said Hart.

"We've had good retention year over year. Good yields relative to (genetically modified) products, and we have not had to refuse somebody's crop due to protein."

Manitoba has successfully grown several types of Selvita soybeans that have reached protein and yield targets.

Doug Kiel, a Teulon farmer, grew his first crop of Selvita soybeans last year.

"Despite the dry growing conditions last summer, our food-grade soybeans from Selvita yielded thirty-five bushels per acre in one field," said Kiel in a statement.

"As a grower, I also appreciate that

Sevita's breeding program develops varieties specific to Manitoba's growing conditions," said Kiel.

Manitoba experienced a record drought during the 2021 growing season causing many farmers to produce a fraction of their usual yield.

The drought also impacted Selvita's product testing abilities. Selvita seeds are bred in Ontario and tested in seven locations across Manitoba.

"Testing something in a drought can be valuable in terms of telling you how it does in a drought," said Hart.

"But when it's a new product for the marketplace, we want to see it under normal conditions."

Hart said that Selvita soybeans attract \$2 to \$2.50 a bushel over what a producer could sell their commodity beans for locally, but some producers are hesitant to make the change.

"They do perceive a certain amount of risk in having to keep the crop GM-free, managing weeds without some of the same tools that the GM systems allow."

Producers interested in growing Selvita soybeans can't grow genetically modified soybeans the year before trying Selvita. Harvesting and transportation equipment also has to be cleaned to discourage contamination from genetically modified crops.



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Sevita International business manager Sandy Hart says there's a tremendous demand for high-quality Canadian soybeans in international markets.



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Scott superb at 2022 Winter Olympics

By Brian Bowman

Alexa Scott finally realized her dream last week.

Scott had an outstanding performance in the women's speedskating 1,000-metre finals - placing 12th overall - at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

"I am super happy with my placement," said Scott in an email. "I knew I wanted to have an 'Olympic-sized race' and I was only half a second off my best ever time which was a huge win for me. I only raced the one event, (but) the finish was very encouraging for what I hope to do in the future."

Scott took great pride representing Canada.

"It's always amazing to wear the maple leaf," she said. "The Olympics are unlike any event I've ever been to. It's not very often that you are given the opportunity to compete at a multi-sport games. It's been a lot of fun and the venues were all beautiful. I miss my friends and family definitely but this was an amazing experience."



Alexa Scott reacts after placing 12th in the 1,000-metre finals.

Scott can't wait to, hopefully, get back to the Olympics in 2026.

"I am very encouraged to continue onto 2026," she said. "I love my sport and I am very excited for the next four years and what they bring me."



RECORD PHOTOS BY ASHLEY LANDIS

Alexa Scott, right, competes during the women's 1,000-metre speedskating finals at the 2022 Winter Olympics last Thursday.

Sturgeon Heights sweeps Selkirk

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals made a quick exit in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League playoffs.

The Sturgeon Heights Huskies swept Selkirk 2-0 in their best-of-three series last week.

Sturgeon completed the sweep with a hard-fought 1-0 victory last Wednesday.

"It was a battle. Both teams were really going and playing strong defensively," said Royals' head coach Michael Buffie. "Both teams knew what was on the line and they were two evenly-matched teams. Both teams had their chances to win both games. Unfortunately we didn't come out on top."

The Huskies' Caden Ostermann scored the game winner with 3:08 remaining in the third period.

"It was tough and kind of deflating for us because we tried battling back after," Buffie said. "But you have to tip your hat to (Sturgeon Heights' goalie) Braxton (Burdeny), he was unbelievable and he made some huge saves

against us. It was a tough one, for sure."

The Royals' also had outstanding goaltending from their two netminders - Owen Savioe and Brendan Berrington. Both made big saves in each of the two games, said Buffie.

Sturgeon Heights won Game 1 of the series 1-0 in a shootout on Feb. 15.

The Royals were stinging after getting swept in the series.

"To give up one regulation goal in two games and get knocked out of the playoffs, it's a tough pill to swallow," Buffie said.

Selkirk's offence, which scored 81 goals in 24 regular-season games to finish fourth in the 10-team division, suddenly dried up in the postseason.

"They played very strong defensively," Buffie said. "We knew going into the series that was their MO. They're a strong defensive team and they take away the middle of the ice on you. We did have some chances but we just didn't capitalize on them."

Despite the early playoff exit, Selkirk's season is not done. The Royals



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Royals' Andrew Denoon carries the puck against Sturgeon Heights during WSHL playoff action last Wednesday at the Recreation Complex. The Huskies won the game 1-0 to sweep the best-of-three series.

will be hosting the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Provincial AAAA Hockey Championship from March 11-14.

"In a lot of seasons this would have been the end but, fortunately for us, we have another kick at the can and

I'm hoping we see these guys again at provincials because there's a chance that they will be there as well," Buffie said. "We have two weeks to prepare for that and we'll be ready."

Royals' varsity boys red-hot on basketball court

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals' varsity boys' basketball team had four league games in just four days last week.

They won all four of them.

Selkirk soundly defeated Murdoch Mackay 66-47 in KPAC Tier 2 action last Thursday.

The Royals' Michael Winkler scored 20 points while Milan Tomberli added 19.

With the win, Selkirk secured first place and home-court advantage in the playoffs.

The Royals beat the West Kildonan Wolverines 82-57 last Wednesday. Selkirk played very well defensively, said Royals' head coach Dean Goodbrandson.

Tomberli paced Selkirk offensively with a game-high 21 points, followed by Winkler (14), Taven Schroeder (11), and Andrew Wiebe (10).

The Royals blasted the Springfield Sabres 113-40 in Selkirk on Feb. 15.

"We played very well and cranked up the defence," Goodbrandson said. "(We) stuck it to them pretty good. We only beat them by 10 in Springfield. After some sloppy defence in the first quarter, we led 32-24 but out-scored them 39-8 in the second quarter."

Selkirk had five players in double digits in scoring led by Tomberli's 25. He was followed by Colby Klippenstein (19), Schroeder (15), Winkler (12) and Zeelan Kehler (11).

On Valentine's Day, the Royals showed little love as they pounded Murdoch Mackay 83-63.

Schroeder led Selkirk with 21 points while Tomberli had 19 and Tegan Stoesz added 11.

Selkirk will visit the Calvin Christian Eagles this Wednesday. Tip-off is 6 p.m.

In varsity girls' action, the Royals lost 51-47 the River East Kodiaks last Thursday.

Selkirk was defeated 54-45 by the Miles Macdonell



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL
The Selkirk Royals' Lexi Everett carries the ball up the court against River East during KPAC junior varsity girls' basketball action last Thursday.

Buckeyes last Wednesday. Sarah Boitson had

a great game for the Royals, scoring 23 points while hauling in 12 rebounds.

The Royals will visit the Maples Collegiate Marauders this Wednesday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

In Junior varsity girls' action, the Royals lost 32-21 to River East last Thursday.

Selkirk defeated the Transcona Ti-



The Selkirk Royals' Jackson Doak goes up for a layup during KPAC Tier 2 action last week. Selkirk has clinched first place and home-court advantage in the playoffs.

tans 40-39 in a thriller on Feb. 15.

Selkirk will visit Springfield this Wednesday.

The Royals' junior varsity boys, meanwhile, crushed Springfield last Thursday.

Selkirk hosted Springfield this Tuesday but no score was available.

Grahame crushing it



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE MUHUSSIER/BISON SPORTS

The University of Manitoba Bisons' Spencer Grahame had 10 kills and an ace in his team's 3-1 loss to the University of Saskatchewan Huskies last Friday. On Saturday, Grahame added 17 kills and three blocks in the Bisons' 3-2 win over Saskatchewan.

Pistons pound Steelers in Steinbach

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers were blasted 7-0 by the Pistons in Steinbach in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action on Monday afternoon.

Jack Rogers, Zach Power and Travis Hensrud scored for Steinbach in the first period and then Braden Birnie, Ty Paisley, and Power tallied in the second.

Hensrud scored the lone goal in the third period.

On Saturday, the Steelers dropped a 6-2 decision to the Winkler Flyers at the Recreation Complex.

Sheldin Howard and Dante Ballarin scored power-play goals for Selkirk.

Winkler goals were tallied by Trent Sambrook, Justin Svenson, Brody Beauchemin, Gavin Waltz, Sully Ross, and Dayton Kiesman.

Last Friday, the Steelers lost 5-3 to the Pistons in Selkirk.

Selkirk started well, taking a 2-0 lead by the 6:03 mark of the game on goals by Cameron Hibbert and Howard.

But the Pistons' Dawson Milliken scored midway in the first period and then Hensrud tallied late in the second.

Ballarin made it 3-2 Selkirk early in the third but Steinbach replied with two goals from Zac Patrick and an empty-net marker from Cooper Rice.

Steelers' forward Jordan Hughesman did not record a point for the first time in 19 games.

Selkirk will visit Winkler on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) before playing the Winnipeg Freeze on Friday (8 p.m.) at the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex.

On Saturday, the Steelers will host the Freeze. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Posthumus re-signs with BlackJacks

From Basketball Manitoba

The Ottawa BlackJacks of the Canadian Elite Basketball League announced Wednesday the re-signing of forward Chad Posthumus.

Ottawa is excited to have Posthumus back with the team.

"Chad is a great player who fits in the culture of our club. When he joined our team in August, he brought the energy we needed to pull off a great win against Hamilton in the CEBL quarter-final, providing an unmatched presence in the paint," said Jevohn Shepherd, General Manager, Ottawa BlackJacks Basketball Club.

"This winter, he's been proudly representing the CEBL on the international stage at the BCLA and it goes without saying that we wanted to bring him back to Ottawa for the 2022 season."

The six-foot-11 Posthumus, who grew up in East St. Paul, became the first player in CEBL history to record a "20-20" when he recorded 23 points and 20 rebounds leading Ottawa to a

crucial quarter-final victory over the Hamilton Honey Badgers on Aug. 14.

The following week, Posthumus recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds in the semi-final against the defending-champion Edmonton Stingers at Championship Weekend.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to be back here in the nation's capital to build on our playoff run from last year," Posthumus said. "We're just getting started."

Playing professionally in Canada, Japan and Argentina, Posthumus has averaged 11.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 20.2 minutes in 165 games over a seven-year career. Most recently, Posthumus represented the CEBL at the Basketball Champions League Americas as part of the Stingers. He traveled to Nicaragua for two games, where he averaged 12.0 points, 11.5 rebounds and 25.5 minutes, recording a double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds on Dec. 14 against Cangerjeros.

In 2019, Posthumus took part in the inaugural CEBL season when he averaged 5.2 points and 4.6 rebounds while winning the first CEBL Championship title with the Saskatchewan Rattlers.

He made his pro debut with the Levanga Hokkaido of the Japan Basketball League on Oct. 11, 2014, scoring 16 points and posting 12 rebounds, before signing with the Atletico Argentino de Junin in Argentina in January 2015. He averaged 9.7 points and 4.9 rebounds in 11 games. He played four games for the Chicago Bulls in the NBA Summer League in 2014.

Collegiately, Posthumus played a pair of seasons with Morehead State in the NCAA Division I. As a senior, he averaged 9.8 points, 11.0 rebounds and 25.7 minutes in 33 games. He led the conference and ranked fourth nationally in rebounding. Posthumus played with the Thunderbirds of the University of British Columbia in Canada for his freshman season, before transferring to Howard College



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Chad Posthumus, who grew up in East St. Paul, has resigned with the Ottawa BlackJacks of the Canadian Elite Basketball League.

for his sophomore campaign.

He attended River East Collegiate, and was considered one of the top high school basketball players in the country, he averaged 39 points, 25 rebounds and seven blocks as a senior.

His mother, Diana, played basketball at the University of Winnipeg and was a part of the Canadian National Team program.

Fishermen flop against last-place Falcons

By Brian Bowman

With the first-place Selkirk Fishermen hosting the last-place Lundar Falcons on Sunday afternoon, this game had all of the makings of a blowout.

But that wasn't the case.

In fact, it was Lundar that skated to a hard-fought 2-1 victory in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action.

Raymond Hefferman gave Selkirk a 1-0 second-period lead with a power-play goal. But Lundar responded with goals from Ryan Gleich and Riley Wirgau, on the power play, in the middle frame. Gleich had two points in the game.

Last Thursday, Selkirk defeated the Ice Dawgs 7-4 in Arborg.

Selkirk, which held period leads of

3-2 and 7-2, received goals from Kasen Andrushko, Josh PoPONICK, Travis Spratt, Devon Whiteside, Nolan Milgaard, Jordan Donald, and Braeden Hummel.

Hummel and Kyle Folhoffer each had three points in the game.

Brayden Kohlman (two), Aiden Miller, and Austin Adair replied for Arborg. The Ice Dawgs' Jack Einarson had two assists.

Brendon Hocaluk stopped 22 Arborg shots for the win.

Selkirk, comfortably in top spot in the five-team league with 77 points, will host the St. Malo Warriors on Friday and then visit Lundar on Saturday. Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.



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Selkirk Fishermen forward Kyle Folhoffer looks to pounce on a rebound given up by Lundar Falcons' goaltender Dillon Rapinchuk during CRJHL action on Sunday afternoon.



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Lott off to his first Tim Horton's Brier next month

By Ty Dilello

Winnipeg Beach's Colton Lott got the call last week that he will be heading to the 2022 Tim Horton's Brier being held March 4-13 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Lott was recovering from losing the provincial men's final last week when he was asked to join West St. Paul's Mike McEwen on Team Manitoba to be their fifth man/alternate.

"It was easy to say yes to them," said Lott. "They are a world-class team, and I can't wait to get to Lethbridge with them."

Team McEwen's lead Colin Hodgson is currently dealing with a lingering lower-body injury that had him on the sidelines for some of the provincials. This means that Lott could see some serious ice time if the injury doesn't heal in time for the Brier.

Team McEwen stated on their social media accounts that, "We're excited to welcome Colton as our fifth for the Brier! Colton is a World Junior Champion and two-time Canadian Mixed Doubles silver medallist with many other accomplishments on his curling resume. We're thrilled to bring his experience, knowledge & skills with

us!"

McEwen's lead Colin Hodgson added, "We're really grateful that Colton is joining the squad for the week to bring all he does to the table. He's an absolute shooter and great dude!"

The 2022 Tim Horton's Brier will feature 18 teams, split up into two pools of nine. West St. Paul's Mike McEwen (Manitoba) and Morris' Jason Gunnlaugson (Wild Card #3) will make up the Manitoba contingent for the event.

In other curling news this week, a number of COVID-19 cases in the days following the men's Viterra Championship have caused CurlManitoba to cancel the provincial mixed doubles championships that were supposed to be held last weekend at St. Vital.

A total of 18 teams were signed up to compete in the mixed doubles, but with half the field having a member of their team that had competed at the Viterra. And with cases piling up, CurlManitoba pulled the plug on the event just a few days prior to it starting.

CurlManitoba stated, "While Manitoba Health orders do allow tournament play, CurlManitoba remains



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Winnipeg Beach's Colton Lott is joining Mike McEwen's rink representing Manitoba at next week's Tim Horton's Brier in Lethbridge, Alberta.

committed to ensuring the safety of our athletes. CurlManitoba, in consultation with the St. Vital Curling Club host committee, has decided to postpone the upcoming Mixed Doubles Championship until the fall in the best interests of keeping competitors safe for events running on consecutive weekends. St. Vital is very excited

to host this event in the fall. CurlManitoba is striving to host only the Provincial Championships that lead to a National Championship."

As their release stated, CurlManitoba will now hold this year's mixed doubles championships in October at the St. Vital Curling Club.

Raiders double Railer Express

Staff

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club scored five power-play goals in an 8-4 road win over the Transcona Railer Express in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action on Sunday afternoon.

Riley Barroso (two), Jayce Kennedy (two), Alex Loschivo, Jack Oleksiuk, Ryland Kuczek, and Tyler Kupchak scored for the Raiders.

Transcona goals, which all came in the third period, were tallied by Devon Matsumoto, Michael Todoruk, Michael Laden, and Jeremy Chateaufneuf. Two of those goals were scored when the Railer Express were short-handed.

Last Wednesday, the Raiders lost 10-3 to the first-place St. James Jr. Canucks.

Jaden Shumilak, Barroso, and Kobe Campbell scored for the Raiders.

Canucks' goals were tallied by Kurtis Luke (three), Ashton Romaniuk (three), Griffin Haight (two), Rory Neill, and Tyrone Willan.

The Raiders visited the Pembina Valley Twisters this past Monday but no score was available.

The Raiders, now 19-19-1 and in fifth place, will host the St. Boniface Riels on Wednesday (8:30 p.m.) and Friday (7:30 p.m.) before hitting the road to take on the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Sunday (7:30 p.m.).

Player of the week

PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League announced Carter Bear of the Winnipeg Thrashers has been named CCM Player of the Week for the period ending Feb. 13. Bear, a 15-year-old forward from West St. Paul, racked up eight points (three goals, five assists) in two weekend games against the Parkland Rangers.



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The Rural Municipality of East St Paul



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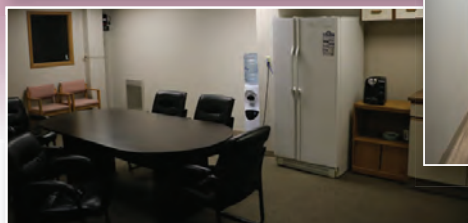
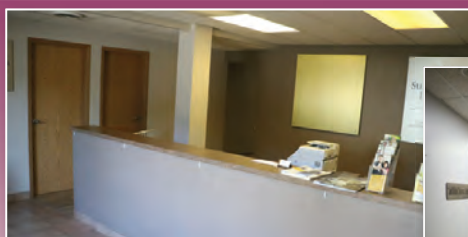
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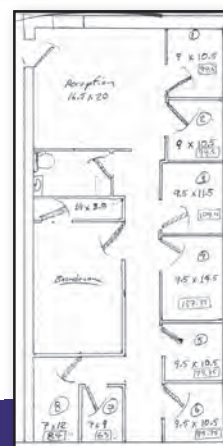
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Steven Banera
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What is Zoning By-law Amendment No. 4369 about?

The general intent of this amendment is to rezone the
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to "CH" Highway Commercial Zone in order to facilitate a
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property.



5571 & 5575 PTH 9 (Roll No. 37000, 36800)

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OBITUARY



Cecil K. Hoogenberg

Peacefully, on February 17, 2022 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Cecil Hoogenberg, aged 86 years of Lockport, Manitoba, beloved husband of DeeDee passed away.

An invite only Mass will be held at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Little Britain, Manitoba.

A link to the recording of the Mass will be available on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Full obituary to follow.



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OBITUARY



Melvina "June" Bedard-Oig
June 25, 1960 - February 09, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of June Bedard-Oig beloved wife of John Oig. June passed away peacefully at her home on February 09, 2022.

June leaves behind her husband of 27 years John Oig; her mother Beatrice Bedard; her brother Paul Bedard; her sisters Marie (Ernest) Walker and Linda (Robert) Hermanson; sister-in-law Susan Oig and brother-in-law Doug Oig. She also has many nieces and nephews from both sides that will greatly miss her.

She was predeceased by her dad, Melvin Bedard, her sister, Marilyn Bedard and her niece Desiree Walker; her mother-in-law Jean Oig; her father-in-law Bill Oig and brothers-in-law Jimmy and Howard Oig.

June was born and raised in Selkirk, Manitoba. She grew up on Queen Avenue and when she bought her own house, she decided that's where it would be. She lived across the street from the Bedard homestead. She attended schools in Selkirk, Ruth Hooker, Selkirk Junior High and The Comp and she returned to college to complete her Business Accounting and Management Program.

June met John, the love of her life, and they spent many happy years together. They were married in her parent's yard on Queen Avenue on May 13, 1994 and have spent barely any days apart. They enjoyed working the thrift store together these last few years. She worked many jobs and retired from Job Quest her last job because of poor health. To keep herself busy she volunteered at Two Timers Consignment Shop for past few years. She also did volunteer work for non-profit organizations in Selkirk.

Although she was not blessed with her own children, she would provide child-care to her nieces and nephews. They loved their aunty very much and she always remained close to them.

June was a loving mother to her many fur babies. Her love for animals started when she was a child. She was always bringing stray animal's home and when she moved in with John they started their little fur family; Rude, Taz, Pester, Moolah and Kid Kash. The dogs were loved by John and June and when they lost Moolah and Kid Kash within months of each other she swore there would be no more. This lasted maybe a few months and before John knew it, they had two new fur babies; Medusa Charlotte and Diamond Gracie Grace. John says they are missing June dearly.

Due to the current COVID restrictions a private in person funeral service will be held by invitation. The service will be live streamed via www.gilbartfuneralhome.com for those unable to attend and for you to share in this true celebration of life and love. Gilberts will update the obituary for date and time of the funeral.

Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Manitoba Animal Alliance a non-profit organization. A donation can be made in memory of June Bedard-Oig. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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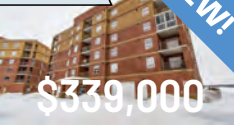

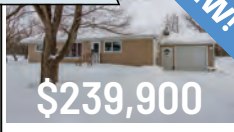
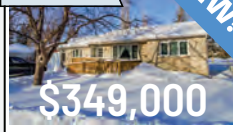



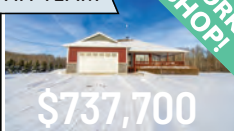
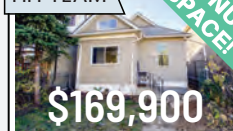


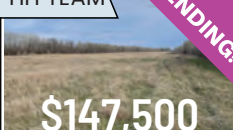
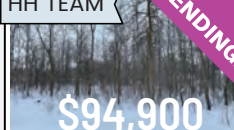

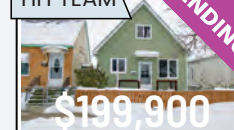
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