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Curling for a cure

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Fourteen-year-old Elias Huminicki of Winnipeg Beach gears up to release a rock during the Curl for the Cure event at the Selkirk Curling Club last Saturday. The fourth annual event helped raise \$18,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. For a story, see Page 2.

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Curl for the Cure raises \$18K for cancer society

By Justin Luschinski

A popular annual curling event in Selkirk has once again brought in some big bucks for a good cause.

The Selkirk Curling Club played host to the fourth annual Curl for the Cure event last Saturday, which once again broke its fundraising record, raising \$18,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Over the years the community event has brought in hundreds of curlers and volunteers.

Shayne Merritt, the organizer behind the event, says he's very happy with how this year's fundraiser went.

"I know I must sound like a broken record, but I'm at a loss for words. Every year the event gets bigger, the prizes get better, and we keep smashing through every goal we set," Merritt said. "Over the course of four years, we've raised a total of \$55,000. I'm blown away, every time."

"Thank you to everyone for supporting us."

Merritt said their original goal was to raise \$13,000, which they exceeded. Last year, they raised \$17,000, which was also above their original goal. Merritt's long-term goal was to raise \$50,000 over the course of five years, but they've already exceeded that.

The event has garnered attention from across the province. Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox along with Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere and Selkirk Mayor Larry Johansson attended this year's event.

"THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING US."

Lagimodiere said he's thankful the event exists.

"It's not just important for the community, but it's important for everyone. Canada is on the forefront of cancer research, and we need to be proud of supporting groups like this," Lagimodiere said. "Groups that raise money for survivors, for cancer research. Thank you to all the volunteers, it takes a lot of work to put something like this on, and I'm thankful to see so much support for a great event."

Merritt said they're thinking about expanding the event to multiple days and possibly including other curling clubs. He said in total 27 curling teams hit the ice last Saturday, which is the maximum amount their tournament can hold.

"We're hoping to get other clubs to have events like this. People often say 'curling is dying,' but if you look around at events like this, curling is not dying. Curling is doing really well," Merritt said. "Events like this bring in a lot of new players to the sport, and we're hoping it continues to grow."



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Local, provincial dignitaries and community members take part in the fourth annual Curl for the Cure event at the Selkirk Curling Club last Saturday.



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Steinbach woman finds new home for letter from Vimy Ridge soldier

By Justin Luschinski

The owner of a Steinbach antique shop says a long lost letter she stumbled upon from the First World War will be housed inside a museum in France.

Amanda Kehler says the letter, written by Earl Sorel, and addressed to a "Miss P. Rochford" in Selkirk, talks about how her brother saved his life in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The letter was discovered by Kehler earlier this month inside a box of old newspapers she purchased. Kehler then managed to track down the descendants of Rochford and Sorel and is working on getting the letter to the Vimy Ridge memorial in France.

Kehler, the owner of Prairie Pickers Cafe in Steinbach, said the descendants were excited about the discovery, but wanted to remain anonymous.

"I was able to find four of them. One person on the Rochford side and one on the Sorel side actually spoke with me. They're pretty excited that their ancestors are being remembered, and their stories are being shared," Kehler said. "But they don't want everyone to know who they are, so I've kept them anonymous."

Kehler said she was out with her husband looking for old antiques for her store, when she found a box full of old newspapers. She bought the box for \$1 and discovered the old letter inside.

The writer, Earl Sorel, wrote this letter to P. Rochford in May 1917, he was 20 years old at the time. Through context clues in the letter, Rochford is the sister of a soldier, who is identified as "Gordon." The two men grew up in Selkirk and had been friends for a long time. In the letter, Sorel describes how Gordon saved his life.

"On Easter Monday the big advance on Vimy Ridge started," the letter reads. "At five o'clock we were all lined up in the trench waiting for the barrage to open up, and then we were



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Amanda Kehler of Steinbach, pictured right, holds up the First World War letter she found in a box of old newspapers earlier this month. Kehler says the letter is being sent to the Vimy Ridge memorial in France.

to advance. At 5:30 we started. Gordon sargent of the platoon number 9 led. The barrage was like a thunderstorm and we were trotting along at a good pace. We had gone about 12-hundred yards and bang - I felt a sharp burn in my back and left arm. The next thing I remembered was Gordon pulling me in a shell hole and he told me to stay there. That was the last I saw of poor Gordon. After, I was helped to the dressing station by a corporal. It was just the other day in this hospital that I learned that Gordon was killed. He died a hero along with many others that day."

Kehler said she's excited about all the attention the letter has received, but hopes that life can return to normal soon.

"It's such a great story. Two young guys, not even 20, lived a few streets away from each other, and they signed up for war. One saves the other, and (Gordon) doesn't make it home,"

Kehler said. "Business at the shop has been great, but I'm excited for life to return to normal."

"I want to get back to doing what we were doing."

Kehler said the current plan is to have the letter sent to the Vimy Ridge memorial but she admits there's still a lot of planning that needs to get done first.

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BIG DOLLAR

Lower Fort Garry seeks crafters, farmers to join Harvest Fest market

By Justin Luschinski

Although summer market season may seem far away with winter's chill still in the air, Lower Fort Garry is already seeking artists, farmers and crafters to add to its new festival and market line-up.

The national historic site is gearing up to host a brand new summer harvest festival and makers market on Saturday, Aug. 17. The event will be part of Harvest Fest, an indoor and outdoor festival where participants can learn and experience a variety of workshops, and the site itself, for free.

It's being organized by the Friends of Lower Fort Garry, and it's their first time putting on such an event.

Dr. Carolyn Weiss, president of Friends of Lower Fort Garry, said she's hoping the event will help showcase the talented crafters and artists living in the Lockport and surrounding areas.

"It's been a dream of myself and (Louise Kress, who organizes the gift shop), to have a craft market here. We have this great space, and we really want to showcase the talent that's out here," Weiss said. "It's going to be a big event, we're predicting over 3,000 people will

attend, and we want everyone to come out and experience the site."

Weiss said the market will be open to makers, creators, farmers and any residents who are looking to sell their products.

The market has a variety of table options, with some tables being in large tents with others being in the open, which are priced accordingly.

Weiss said they're hoping this event will re-introduce people to Lower Fort Garry.

All money raised through Harvest Fest goes towards benefiting the Friends of Lower Fort Garry, the non-profit organization that aims to promote the site, and raise cultural awareness of Manitoba history.

The market will run from 12 p.m. till 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. The historic site will also host Glitter by the River that same evening. The annual party benefits the Andrew Henderson Memorial Scholarship.

For more information about any of these events, visit folfg.com.

If you are interested in being a vendor or would like your food truck to participate in this event, email info@folfg.com.

Festival du Voyageur celebrates 50 years



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Thousands made their way to Winnipeg's Whittier Park last Saturday to take in the sights, sounds and the delicious food offerings during the 50th annual Festival du Voyageur. The 10-day festival wrapped up last Sunday. Festival du Voyageur started in 1969 and showcases music, traditional cuisine and the world-famous snow sculptures. The festival has strong ties to the francophone and Métis communities, and hosts a number of events throughout the year that attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year.





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Grand Marais hosts Winter Family Fun Day



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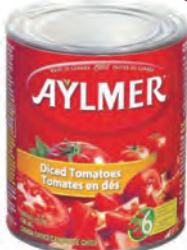
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Childhood memories made through fishing tales

Welcome my fishing sisters and brothers.

There are times when a young lad will have a wonderful fishing occurrence with his grownups that will stay in his mind forever. Here is one such happening. Weekend before last the good old Red River, along with many of our other waterways, were alive with families enjoying one of our Provincial Governments classiest gestures, our free February ice fishing weekend. No licenses needed, just head for a good fishing spot and have some fun! Sandy and Thea Siepmann from Noral sure did!

Sandy told me how they got their kids and grandkids rounded up and convoyed onto the Red on the bright, cold Sunday morning of the 17th. They piled out beside Sandy's big, blue hard wall shack. As the younger men in the family pulled out and set up another huge portable ice shack, Sandy, a thinner fellow with a gray beard framing an intense face, moved purposely getting a fire going in the big stove of the hard wall shack. Thea, a kindly, bustling lady was right behind him, her arms full of packages of food and drinks. Sandy left Thea and the rest of the girls to their cooking magic. He went outside, got the ice auger and began drilling a bunch of holes while the young ones looked on in fascination.

Smoke rose from the chimney of the shack, its woody smell surrounding the family. Someone turned down the window of one of the trucks and turned the radio on. Easy music filled the air. The older guys and gals staked out a fishing hole, baited and got their lines in the water as the grandkids darted about in the snow playing tag. The aroma of chili, hot dogs and coffee came to the anglers from a window Thea half opened to let out some of the heat in the shack. Sandy, sitting on a folding chair over his ice hole, felt a quivering tug on his line. "Oh, I think I've got one!" he shouted. The little ones shrieking with excitement



RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Brian Bartel of Steinbach with one of his catches from the Red River.

ran to him. He reeled up quickly and just as a fair sized sauger popped up from the water with a splash, everyone heard one of the kids cry out. They turned to see one of the boys (let's call him Tim) pulling his foot out of the water of an ice hole. He began crying hysterically. In a flash the shacks door flew open with Gramma Thea calling out, "What's wrong?" Seeing the little tyke in distress, without hesitation she stepped into the snow, strode to the boy, scooped him up and took him into the shack. She sat him down in a chair by the stove, took off his boots and socks then rolled up his pants. Soon the warmth of the wood fire calmed him. She made him a hot-dog with ketchup, mustard and relish and passed it to Tim brushing his hair from his face with a silent smile as he

munched away.

Last week I met Brian Bartel, of Steinbach, who also had a memorable childhood story that recounted a loving experience between himself and his father as though it happened yesterday. Before he gave his story he said he operates M&J's Café in Steinbach and buys pickerel from the commercial fishers in Gimli. It seems the folks in southern Manitoba just can't get enough of that wonderful fish. Anyway, the story happened many years ago when his father used to take him and his brother Ken to fish in Big Whiteshell. On a hot hazy summer morning they prepared to go shore fishing. Dad got two small rods baited for the boys and passed them out telling them to stand well away from each other. He then turned and concentrated on baiting the hooks on his rod.

"What should I do?" the father heard from young Ken. "Just throw it out," he responded, busy with his rod. He heard a splash. He turned and there stood his little boy empty handed with a bewildered look on his face, his rod sinking into the water not far from shore. Dad regarded his son quietly for a moment then sat down on the sand, took off his shoes and socks (luckily, he was in shorts) then waded into the water to retrieve his son's rod. Standing before him after regaining the rod he calmly, with a smile said, "That's ok, let me help you cast out." He let out some line on Ken's rod, turned off the drag and holding the line with his hand over the boy's hand, arms outstretched, dad guided the rod in a wide arc. He let the line go at the right moment which sent the weighted lines end, followed by the baited hook, arcing through the air plopping into the water. The lines end didn't fly out very far, or for that matter, the many other times they practiced that morning. It really didn't matter; son and dad were having fun together.

Till next week friends, bye for now.

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Holiday Alley mini docs sheds spotlight on local talent

Submitted

Holiday Alley volunteers will premiere two new mini-documentaries on Wednesday, March 6 that profile the creation of a giant elk made from Red River driftwood and that document students inventing the first poetry slam in Selkirk - both created for Holiday Alley 2018.

Both short films will be shown at Holiday Alley's annual "think-tank" where members of the community are invited to pitch ideas on what they'd like to see for the 3rd Annual Holiday Alley November 22-23, 2019.

In fact, one year ago local engineer Majid Kermani came to a similar community town hall to pitch an idea to sculpt a giant elk for Holiday Alley. A few weeks later over a dozen community volunteers helped him collect driftwood from the banks of the Red River and he spent the summer creating it in his front yard on Eveline Street. Named Elkirk, the 10-foot sculpture was auctioned off on Holiday Alley for over \$3,000.

And it was also at the community townhall, this time last year, that poet and art teacher Steve Locke suggested working with local students to create a public poetry reading for Holiday Alley. After several weeks of hard work in the classroom students from both East Selkirk Middle School and the Comp performed on Holiday Alley creating the region's first public "poetry slam."

Both of those artistic adventures were documented and will be shown Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement hall of the Gordon Howard Centre, located at 384 Eveline St. in Selkirk.

The screening will be followed by a round table discussion of what new ideas can be created for Holiday Alley 2019 that support art, sound, light, creativity and culture - where every idea is welcome.

Holiday Alley is fueled by volunteers from Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements, the generosity of local businesses, sponsors, donors and government support. It attracted 5,000 people to the two-day festival in 2018 which included adding 5,000 strings of lights to 39 building fronts on Manitoba Avenue and Eveline Street that were on for 60 nights during the darkest days of winter. For more information, visit holiday-alley.ca

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> BY BOB TURNER

Why move to Selkirk? It truly has it all

My first offering for 2019 is not a moving story, but it is a piece about moving.

Why Selkirk? Two years ago this month, my wife Cynthia and I moved to our home in St. Andrews, just on the fringe of Selkirk. Time and again, we have been asked why we chose to come here. Each time we explain, it seems our list of positive reasons grows. Most of them are reasons that make Red River North a good place to visit. So it occurs to me they are Red River Reasons.

The first reason for our move was personal: paramount was proximity to our daughter in Lockport and a son in north-east Winnipeg. Being close to Winnipeg without having to dodge a lot of traffic was a definite plus. But we quickly realized that there were many other factors that made Red River North appealing.

An abundance of shopping opportunities is important, whatever your age. Selkirk and the surrounding area has a full complement of retail establishments, from automobiles to art, fast food to furniture, banks to building supplies, credit unions to clothing, bakeries to butcher shops, as well as office supplies, pet stores, craft and paint stores, and much more. There are very few goods or services you have to go outside of the region to access.

The number of unique businesses in the area is a real attraction. We were already acquainted with some that have been here for years and even decades: Skinner's, Packers Fashion, The Half Moon Drive In, Keystone Source for Sports, Steeltown Ford, Home Hardware, and Selkirk Tire were all familiar to us. What blew us away was the number of exciting new ventures that greeted us: Three 6 Tea, The Mighty Kiwi, and Ubuntu Café and Bakery (to name just a few), and several more have appeared since we moved here.

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It is not only convenient - and pleasant - to have so many local retail establishments to choose from, more importantly, there's no shortage of healthcare, wellness, and professional services available: from the elegant new hospital, to optical and dental clinics, veterinarians and plenty of other services catering specifically

to the needs of families and seniors. The range of health and lifestyle services includes clinics, doctors, dentists, orthodontists, physiotherapists, opticians, chiropractors, naturopaths, lawyers, accountants, hairstylists, and aestheticians.

The various amenities and recreation facilities, so easily taken for granted, are outstanding schools, parks, pools, curling and skating rinks, tennis courts, bowling, judo, yoga, walking and cycling paths and trails, fitness facilities and classes, dance studios, and a golf course.

This area truly has it all!

Did you know that the drinking water here was recently rated as the second best in western Canada?

Opportunities for self-enlightenment and pursuing artistic endeavours abound. We have a beautiful new state-of-the-art library with its Urban Prairie, an active community arts center, The Gwen Fox Gallery, several community choral groups, and many other opportunities to pursue musical interests. A wide variety of denominations of churches provide ample opportunity for spiritual fulfillment too.

Fish stories...

We had never realized the significance of the "Chuck the Channel Cat" statue on Main Street, until we moved here. Not only does it have a moving history behind it, but it is a reminder of just how big sport fishing is in the area. All summer long, the Red River is teeming with boats and the shores are dotted with fishers. Come winter, the river becomes a village of ice fishing shacks. This truly is The Catfish Capital of North

America.

For the sports enthusiast: groomed trails beckon those who love cross-country skiing; hiking and biking trails abound for those who are so inclined; and there are dedicated trails for snowmobiling. The Selkirk Golf Club is just one of many in the area; Grand Beach and the East Beaches are renowned, and for those who want to enjoy the water without driving up to the lake, there is Selkirk Park, featuring Manitoba's largest outdoor pool and splash pad.

And for those who like a different kind of "game" there is the South Beach Casino.

In the past number of years, dozens of movies have been filmed in this area. The successful CBC series "Burden of Truth", was produced here last winter, and has raised the public profile of the region. Another movie shoot is just wrapping up now and more are scheduled in the future. Who knows what may come next?

- This blog post originally appeared on the Red River North Tourism website, redriver-northtourism.com

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Manitoba ridings get redrawn ahead of next provincial election

By Lindsey Enns

Voters will notice some big changes to the province's electoral map when they head to the polls in October 2020.

Due to changes to Manitoba's population, the province is amending the boundaries of 56 out of 57 ridings. A total of 14 ridings will also be getting new names as a result of the Manitoba Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission final report, which was released in December 2018.

"In developing the electoral division boundaries, the Commission has endeavoured to assure effective representation for all Manitobans," the report states.

Out of 137 municipalities, only five are being divided, the commission says.

"Municipal amalgamations have increased the size of some municipali-

ties making it challenging at times to keep a municipality entirely in one electoral division," the report reads. "If a municipality was divided, a major feature such as a highway was used to create the boundary."

In the Selkirk electoral division, consisting of both the City of Selkirk and almost all of the RM of St. Andrews, the constituency will be split and a portion will be renamed a new division called Red River North. Red River North will include the RM's of East St. Paul and St. Clements while the RM of West St. Paul will become part of the new riding of McPhillips.

In the Interlake region, the Town of Winnipeg Beach, Village of Dunnottar and RM of Armstrong are now included in the Interlake-Gimli electoral division.

"The four northern electoral divi-

sions were and will remain the largest in size. That is the reality when large parts of the north remain sparsely inhabited," the report reads. "Under the new boundaries, the four electoral divisions in the north have better balanced populations, are more similar in size and respect travel patterns as well as communities of interest."

Peguis First Nation and Fisher Cre Nation will become part of the newly created The Pas-Kameesak division.

The commission's report was prepared by a five-person, non-partisan group, chaired by Manitoba Chief Justice Richard Chartier. According to the Electoral Divisions Act, the province must recalculate constituencies each decade to account for changes in population. The full report can be found online by visiting boundariescommission.mb.ca/report/.

Province advises of syphilis outbreak in Manitoba

Staff

The province is reporting an outbreak of syphilis, a sexually transmitted infection that can be shared between sexual partners, throughout Manitoba.

Syphilis is known as the 'great imitator' because of the wide range of symptoms that infected individuals may develop. These symptoms can be confused with other conditions or diseases. Pregnant women can pass on the infection to their unborn baby during pregnancy or childbirth. This is called congenital syphilis and may lead to birth defects or stillbirth.

The number of cases diagnosed in pregnant women continues to rise. More than 10 infants have been treated for congenital syphilis in the last six months, and a lack of prenatal care and substance use have been identified as factors in these cases.

The majority of congenital syphilis cases have been reported in the Northern Health region and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, but the risk is high across the province.

Multiple Canadian provinces, including Alberta, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, have reported congenital syphilis cases in recent years. The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States is reporting the highest rates of congenital syphilis cases in decades.

There has been an ongoing syphilis outbreak in Manitoba since 2014. Recently, syphilis infections have increasingly occurred between heterosexual partners. This means that women who are infected with syphilis in pregnancy and are not adequately treated can pass the infection on to an unborn child.

There are tests to determine if a person, including a pregnant woman or a newborn, has syphilis. Syphilis and congenital syphilis can be prevented by practicing safe sex and proper prenatal testing. Syphilis and congenital syphilis can be treated with antibiotics. The earlier women are tested and treated during their pregnancy, the less likely an unborn child will be severely affected.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living is actively engaged in a provincewide response to the current outbreak of syphilis. More information is available at gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/syphilis.html.

Any individuals concerned about a syphilis infection should seek testing from their health-care provider.

Lagimodiere to carry PC banner in Selkirk constituency in 2020

By Justin Luschinski

The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba has nominated Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere to run for the newly formed Selkirk riding, which encompasses the City of Selkirk and the RM of St. Andrews, in the next provincial election.

The December 2018 report of the independent Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission made significant changes to existing electoral boundaries. Lagimodiere said he was surprised by all the changes to the region.

"Originally they were looking at a combination of Selkirk, St. Clements, and St. Andrews. But the conservatives are polling well in St. Andrews, and across Manitoba, so I look forward to the challenge," Lagimodiere said. "I made a commitment to bring the concerns of the residents to the legislative, and I'll continue to do that."

Lagimodiere said he'll continue to

bring his training and experience to the legislative, and he'll continue to serve his constituents in whatever way he can. His legislative achievements include introducing acts towards regulating invasive species, as well as recognizing achievements in wilderness conservation.

He added that the PC's will continue their work of balancing the provincial finances, which has so far included massive changes to the Manitoba health care system.

Lagimodiere said he's looking forward to serving St. Andrews residents as well.

"I'm well acquainted with many people in (Selkirk, St. Andrews, St. Clements). Once people heard the boundaries were changing, our phone was ringing off the hook," Lagimodiere said. "It's going to take a little while to get organized, but it's a challenge we're not backing away from. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in the new riding."

Lagimodiere said his main priorities include social assistance programs, medical assistance, and sustainable development.

Lagimodiere took office in 2016, beating out long-time NDP MLA Greg Dewar, who remained in office from 1990 till the PC's won the provincial election. Previously, Manitoba was an NDP stronghold, until the Tories led by Brian Pallister won 40 seats, giving them one of the largest majorities in Manitoban history.

"Alan has been a great representative for his constituents in Selkirk," Premier and PC Party Leader Brian Pallister stated in a release on Feb. 7. "His record of public service make him the best choice to represent the new constituency of Selkirk. I look forward to working with him as we build a winning team that will continue to earn the trust of Manitobans in the next provincial election."

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Checking in with 'The Selkirk Comet'

By Ty Dilello

Just two members of the 1952-53 Stanley Cup champion Montreal Canadiens are still with us today.

On a fabled team riddled with Hockey Hall of Famers such as Maurice Richard, Jacques Plante, Elmer Lach, Doug Harvey, Dickie Moore, Bernie Geoffrion, Tom Johnson, Butch Bouchard and Bert Olmstead, we are left with only Paul Masnick and Selkirk-raised Paul Meger.

Paul Meger was born in Watrous, Saskatchewan on Feb. 17, 1929. When he was seven years old, his family packed up and moved to an area just north of Selkirk called St. Peters in 1937. It was here that Meger began skating and playing hockey on the Red River while attending Hoey East School. His mother later recalled that he made his own hockey sticks at that time from branches he cut in the bush. After a few years in St. Peters, his family moved into the town of Selkirk in a house at 310 Dufferin Avenue.

Older folks that can remember those days might recall 'The Selkirk Comet' Paul Meger playing left-wing for the Selkirk Fishermen intermediate team that won the Manitoba provincial championship in 1944-45. It was while playing for Selkirk that Meger was scouted by legendary junior coach Hap Emms who coaxed him into joining a powerhouse Barrie Flyers club in Ontario.

While playing three seasons for Barrie, Meger matured as a hockey player enough that the Montreal Canadiens were liking what they saw and bought his rights. Meger turned pro with the AHL's Buffalo Bisons for the 1949-50 season and won the Dudley Garrett Memorial Trophy as the AHL's outstanding rookie. Meger made his debut for Montreal during the 1950 Stanley Cup playoffs. Joining the Montreal Canadiens, Meger be-



PAUL MEGER

came the first Selkirk hockey player to play regularly in the National Hockey League since the days of Paul Goodman tending goal for the Chicago Blackhawks in 1939.

In a letter Meger wrote back to a friend in Selkirk when he made the NHL he wrote, "I've met a lot of people since I left Selkirk but my best friends are the boys with whom I started my career and the fans at Selkirk. I'm very lucky to be playing with the Canadiens." Paul had a younger brother that kept playing in Selkirk after he left town and he still has family in the area today.

Meger's NHL career was highlighted by winning the 1953 Stanley Cup with the Canadiens. "That was my highlight above everything else," Meger says, "I still have my Stanley Cup ring and I'll cherish that forever." Over a six-season career with the Montreal Canadiens from 1949 to 1955, Meger played in 247 games and scored 102 points.

Meger's career and almost life was ended as a result of a tragic accident



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Meger's NHL career was highlighted by winning the 1953 Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens.

on the ice when his brain was torn open by Leo Labine's skate in Boston on Nov. 7, 1954. "I remember it as if it happened yesterday," Meger recalls, "Labine was coming out of his own end and I started to check him between his blueline and center ice. He fell on my stick and pulled me down. His skate pierced my skull above my right ear. I had always been taught to hold onto my stick. Maybe if I had let it go that time, nothing would have happened. Anyway, I got a penalty on the play, and when I felt the blood gushing, I went to the Boston dressing room where I was stitched. We went back to Montreal that night. My head was swollen in the morning, and the pain was really intense. Later in the day I was admitted to the hospital, and it was exactly one day short of a

year before I got out."

After his second operation, Paul's wife, Betty, was told he wouldn't live more than a year, if that long. But Meger pulled through and at 89-years-old he is still around telling stories from the glory days of the Montreal Canadiens.

After he hung up his skates, Meger became an electrician in Barrie and has been there ever since. Much of his family stayed in Selkirk and he would make an effort to come home every now and then to visit with his family and old friends. He would still go skating occasionally in the winter months and got into becoming an avid golfer during the summertime.

Meger says he holds the Canadiens flag as one of the last living-members of that historic 1953 Stanley Cup team.

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Thirsty Lion Tavern opens new location in West St. Paul

By Justin Luschinski

A big city tavern experience is now available in the heart of West St. Paul.

The Thirsty Lion Tavern opened up its new location on Feb. 15 inside the Rivercrest Inn, located at 4200 Main St. The tavern aims to become a community hub for the area, and bring in residents who want to watch the Winnipeg Jets game with their friends, but don't want to drive up to Winnipeg.

Lori Stentina, the Rivercrest Inn's general manager, says they want to become a central party of the community.

"This community has waited a long time to have a great tavern in the area, and we want to deliver that," Stentina said. "We want to work with people in the community. We have the 'yes is the answer, what was the question,' approach to hospitality. Our dream is, if it's happening in West St. Paul, we want it to happen here."

The first Thirsty Lion Tavern opened in Winnipeg's Charleswood area in 2007 and due to its success, they decided to open another location at the opposite end of the city in West St. Paul.

The tavern has been entirely renovated, with new wood tables, deer ant-



LEFT: Tina Lussier, the Rivercrest Inn's marketing director, sits inside the hotel's new pub, Thirsty Lion Tavern last week. RIGHT: Thirsty Lion Tavern opened up their new location inside the Rivercrest Inn in West St. Paul earlier this month. The pub features a celtic-style aesthetic, with deer antler lights, pool tables, television's and a wood-varnished bar.

ler light fixtures, and a new bar that's a combination of steel-furnished metalwork and polished wood. Stentina said they've also brought in a new menu, while keeping some of the classics that residents enjoy, including pizza and the Bubba Burger.

Tina Lussier, the Rivercrest Inn's marketing director, said their grand opening earlier this month was only the beginning.

"We've got so many big plans for the tavern, and we want this to be a place where you can have business meetings, events, fundraisers," Lussier said. "Come here and watch the Jets game. We've got so many TVs, there isn't a bad seat in the house."

Lussier said that since residents were so excited about the new tavern, they opened it early, and plan to put on the finishing touches in the next few weeks. Lussier described the style as a "celtic-style pub" and they've also created a VLT lounge in a separate area, so minors are able to sit in the tavern with their parents.

Stentina said the Rivercrest Inn is

going through a number of renovations. They're transforming the vendor into a "beer market," with more single serving alcohol options, and they're renovating the exterior as well.

The Thirsty Lion Tavern has daily specials, including wing and pork bite nights every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, visit thethirstylion.ca or find "Thirsty Lion Tavern West St. Paul" on Facebook.

The West St. Paul location is open Monday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and on Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. They are also open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.



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Marking I Love to Read month



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St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul reads to Grade 6 students at William S. Patterson School in Clandeboye on Monday. Sul was invited to read to students as part of I Love to Read Month, which runs the entire month of February.

Peguis breaks ground on gas bar, convenience store in St. Clements

By Justin Luschinski

Peguis First Nation has officially broke ground on a new gas bar and convenience store being built on Peguis land in the RM of St. Clements.

Peguis First Nation and St. Clements held a sod turning ceremony for the new Peguis gas bar and convenience store on Monday afternoon. The project is being built on the edge of Fuller Road and St. Peters Road in St. Clements, and local leaders say it's the first step towards reinvigorating the area.

Peguis First Nation Chief Glenn Hudson says the gas bar is a starting point for further future development opportunities.

"This is the very first development to happen since we left here in 1907. This was our original land, I take a lot of pride in that," Hudson said. "Right now, it's just a gas bar, but in the long run you'll see new businesses here, and homes for our people."

"Going forward, we're going to be building many roads, and re-establishing ourselves here."

Hudson said the area around the gas bar, roughly three acres towards the tree line, will be developed in the future. The land was around the original reserve

for the Peguis people, part of the former St. Peter's Reserve. Hudson said that an illegal court order forced them to relocate but the land was never released from their ownership properly.

Hudson said they've always been looking at this parcel of land, marking it for some sort of future development. They've partnered with St. Clements to help make that happen.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn says the RM hopes to work with the Peguis on future projects.

"I believe this project will benefit Peguis and (St. Clements). We believe if they grow, we grow," she said. "We look forward to working together with Peguis, and all of our partners. Not just on this project, but on future development."

Fiebelkorn added that St. Clements helped Peguis co-ordinate and negotiate for the site development plan, as well as negotiations with neighbouring municipalities and the federal government.

Construction on the gas bar and convenience store is expected to begin this week and is scheduled to be completed in May.



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI
St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn, Peguis First Nation Chief Glenn Hudson as well as Peguis First Nation council members break ground on Peguis First Nation's new gas bar and convenience store being built on a piece of their land in the RM of St. Clements on Monday.

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Erin Dick from Royal Bank of Canada, pictured left, presents Nolan Ferguson of the Selkirk Steelers, right, with the RBC and MJHL Community Ambassador award for the 2018-19 season before the Steelers faced off against the Steinbach Pistons on Feb. 22 in Selkirk. In recognition of Ferguson, RBC will make a \$1,000 donation to the City of Selkirk. These funds will be directed to a specific project in the city called the Dog Park Capital Project.

U of M study links FASD to lack of prenatal care

Staff

More than 40 per cent of Manitoba women who gave birth to a child with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) received inadequate or no prenatal care, a University of Manitoba study has revealed.

"Our findings show that these women are not receiving an important health-care service that is critical to monitoring their health and that of their baby, and could help to reduce their alcohol consumption during pregnancy," the study's lead author, Dr. Deepa Singal, a postdoctoral fellow at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) in the Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, stated in a release last Wednesday.

The study of health data looked at 700 Manitoba births over a 28-year period, from 1984 to 2012. The university says it's one of the first studies in the world, and the largest, to investigate the rate of prenatal care among mothers of children diagnosed with FASD.

The study found that mothers of children with FASD have higher rates of social complexities, including poverty, single parenthood and mental health disorders. It's likely that these complexities pose barriers to accessing prenatal care, Singal said. Pregnant

women who consume alcohol may be reluctant to seek health care, she added, because they may fear stigma, judgment and losing their children to child welfare services.

"Outreach efforts to make contact with at-risk women should be incorporated into FASD prevention strategies," Singal said. "More broadly, we need programs across sectors to address the social determinants of health – factors such as poverty, low educational attainment, unemployment, stress and addiction – in order to increase the rate of prenatal care among vulnerable women who consume alcohol."

Nearly 60 per cent of women in the study who gave birth to children with FASD did receive adequate prenatal care, yet still consumed enough alcohol to affect the fetus. This indicates a need for additional research to better understand the role of physicians in reducing alcohol use during pregnancy.

The study recommends that doctors routinely screen for alcohol use in pregnancy, make referrals to treatment and support programs, and link patients to community resources.

FASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder that can occur when a baby is exposed to alcohol in the womb. It can have lifelong effects that include physical, mental, behavioral and learning disabilities. About 10 per cent of women around the world report consuming alcohol during pregnancy.

Singal's study, "Prenatal care of women who give birth to children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in a universal health care system," has been published by the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) Open online journal.

"Our research suggests that screening and intervention programs in prenatal care settings may be missing an extremely high-risk population for alcohol use during pregnancy," Singal said. "If pregnant women who have issues with alcohol use or dependence don't venture into a doctor's office, or do so rarely, they are not being reached by programs or supports offered there."

The researchers conducted the study by analyzing anonymous health information stored in a data repository at the MCHP. They used FASD diagnoses in children to identify a study cohort of 700 mothers.

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HD500 riders gear up to leave Lockport for Bird Lake last Friday morning. A total of 30 riders took part in this year's sixth annual HD500, a two-day snowmobile trip from Lockport to Bird Lake and back to help raise funds for the Huntington Society of Manitoba, enjoying some mild weather and some great food along the way.



WSP's accessible customer service policy now in place

Staff

West St. Paul is continuing to improve accessibility when it comes to the RM's buildings, programs and services.

West St. Paul Mayor Cheryl Christian said it's important that all municipal buildings are accessible to all residents so they can take part in social events, attend council meetings and participate in public hearings.

"Our community is stronger when we address the barriers that hinder full participation," Christian stated in a release recently. "We want all our residents, regardless of ability, to have equal access to municipal services."

West St. Paul has an Accessibility Plan, as required by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act. The act has a

number of standards that are being developed over the next several years that will identify and remove barriers in key areas. The first area is customer service and the RM was required to have an Accessible Customer Service Policy in place by Nov. 1, 2018.

The Accessible Customer Service standard outlines what "public and private organizations must do to provide goods and services in a fair and respectful manner to all customers, including people disabled by barriers." The standard defines accessible customer service as everyone having "the same opportunity to obtain, use or benefit from the good or service."

West St. Paul's Accessibility Plan can be viewed online at weststpaul.com/docs/WSPAAccessibilityPlan2017.pdf.

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'We want them to be proud of who they are'

Sing with me program helps immerse children, parents in Métis culture

By Justin Luschinski

As soon as they're able, the children at Selkirk's Aboriginal Head Start Program run into their mini fur trader post, their tiny red sashes fluttering around their waist, curving around the posts and furs.

Four-year-old Jaxyn Stevenson of Selkirk picks up his tiny fiddle and starts stringing together some notes. He doesn't know any songs yet, but his mom hopes he can get better, and eventually pass the skill onto his own children.

Stevenson is taking part in the Little Métis Sing with Me program at Head Start, which aims to teach children and their families about Métis culture. The children are introduced to the Michif language through songs, jigging, violin playing, and they learn about the history of the Métis people of Canada through these lessons.

Karrissa Hourie, Stevenson's mother, said she believes programs like these are very important.

"It's so good, it helps with the kids learning to identify their culture, and it helps the parents who might not understand," Hourie said, while cradling a baby. "It's a good opportunity for their kids to learn, and get involved with their culture, whether that's Indigenous culture or Métis."

"I just love that (Stevenson) is here."

Every session starts with a sing-along, where children and parents sing a Métis spin on classic nursery rhymes, which mixes English words with the Michif language.

The Head Start staff created a mock fur trading post in a corner of their classroom, complete with furs, blankets, and an actual post where the children can role play as trappers on

the Red River.

Kathy Duncan, Head Start's program co-ordinator, helped create the Little Métis program nearly eight years ago. She said it's important that children learn about their culture, and be proud of who they are.

"I've been with (Head Start) since 2005. I did work in childcare at one time, but I came back to Head Start because this is where my heart was," Duncan said. "This is the only program I know of where the culture component is so strong. To have fiddling, drumming, Métis food, it gives them exposure to so many different aspects of life."

"We want them to be proud of who they are."

Duncan added that when they started the program, their children would go from being immersed in Indigenous culture, to being completely cut off when they would enter school. Now that schools are integrating more Indigenous culture into their programming, she said the children have a step up over other students.

Ashley Capner enrolled her son Gavin into the Little Métis program this year and said it was an opportunity for her to learn about Métis culture with her son.

"He is of Métis descent, I'm not. I wanted to learn more about it, and this program is phenomenal" Capner said. "He's able to learn about his culture, and I get to spend time with him, it makes me feel awesome."

"I've learned so much through my son."

The Little Métis Sing with Me program runs every Friday until March 1 out of the Aboriginal Head Start building located at 222 Manitoba

Ave. Although the program is offered free of charge, parents must volunteer six hours of their time at Head Start to qualify. For more information, call 204-482-6419.



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ABOVE: Four-year-old Gavin Capner of Selkirk smiles behind a small fur trading post during the Little Métis Sing with Me at Selkirk's Aboriginal Head Start program last Friday. BELOW: Local parents and their children take part in the Métis Sing with Me program last Friday. The program aims to teach it's students about Métis culture through singing, crafting and dancing.





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Community fund to carry on three service clubs' traditions

Staff

Three former Selkirk service clubs have joined forces to start a new fund with the Selkirk and District Community Foundation (SDCF).

The Kinsmen, Kinette, and K-40 Clubs of Selkirk Fund will continue the legacy of the three service clubs in Selkirk for years to come, despite the fact all have disbanded.

The K-40 Club has had a resurgence recently with its former members uniting to ensure money left in the club's account all those years ago would benefit the community, as it was meant to do.

A group of former members began working in 2016 to retrieve funds from an inactive account and move them to the SDCF.

"We decided to put it into the Community Foundation because the motto of the Kinsmen Club of Canada is 'Serving the Community's Greatest Needs,'" said Dale Robbins, acting chairperson of the K-40. "We consider that the Selkirk and District Community Foundation is doing that and they have a specific fund within the foundation that says it's for the community, so we decided to go that way."

Gord Henrikson, chairperson of the SDCF, likes the nostalgia the new fund conjures up.

"The Kinsmen, Kinettes and the K-40 clubs have meant so much to this community over the years and to have a fund established in their names is beyond special," Henrikson said.

The Kinsmen Club of Canada was formed on Feb. 20, 1920 in Hamilton, Ontario, with the goal of creating service opportunities and fellowship for young men. Selkirk's Kinsmen Club, started in 1944, added a K-40 Club in 1982, and as Robbins explained, the club had a specific purpose.



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Members of Selkirk's K-40 Club, above, pooled their clubs' leftover funds and their own money to hit \$10,000 and establish the Kinsmen, Kinette, and K-40 Clubs of Selkirk Community Fund at the SDCF.

"At that time there was a rule set up by the Kinsmen Club of Canada, just to keep young people in the club, that after the age of 40, you were basically no longer active and they wanted to keep Kinsmen a young men's club," he said.

In 1991 Kinsmen increased the age of eligibility to 45 and in 1999 the age restriction was eliminated all together.

"It worked for a while but of course as times changed young people weren't joining," Robbins said.

Selkirk's K-40 club started to wind down shortly after the year 2000, though there never was a formal dissolution of the club. A final bank statement from May 20, 2004 showed a balance of \$2,531.15 that had accumulated from membership dues and other donations.

The money sat idle in the local Bank

of Montreal and when it was deemed inactive the funds were transferred to the Bank of Canada on Dec. 31, 2014.

Two years later, former Kinsmen and K-40 members Robbins, Bill Bodman and Bob Massey applied to the Bank of Canada to recover the funds and on June 20, 2017 they received a cheque for \$2,622.90.

The cheque brought the K-40 members together on Sept. 20, 2017 and it was at that meeting the members decided to donate the funds to the SDCF.

Robbins said when they delivered the cheque to SDCF they learned the Kinsmen had donated just over \$4,200 as well – when the two amounts were combined they had \$6,835.90.

Establishing a name fund requires a contribution of \$10,000, so the K-40 members set about raising the remaining \$3,164.76. In December of 2017 a request went out to members to

donate and help hit the \$10,000 mark.

Robbins said K-40 member answered the call and by October 2018 they had \$10,030.27. On Nov. 26 K-40 members agreed to direct their funds to the SDCF's Community Fund.

There's certainly been a rekindling of the K-40 membership, and Robbins said there's been a few changes over the years.

"Yeah, we're the K-40s, actually we're closer to the K-80s right now," he laughed.

The new Kinsmen, Kinette, and K-40 Clubs of Selkirk Fund will benefit the community far into the future, carrying on the three clubs' traditions, and the K-40 members have committed to another meeting next year on May 9.

Robbins said details of that meeting aren't confirmed yet, but it will recognize the 100th anniversary of the Kinsmen Club of Canada.

Traffic lights now fully operational at intersection of Hwy 9, Manitoba Ave.

By Lindsey Enns

Local leaders were on hand to flick the switch and turn on the new set of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 9 and Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk last Friday.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul, Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere and Manitoba Infrastructure staff gathered at the busy intersection last Friday morning to help mark the occasion.

Lagimodiere says the City of Selkirk and surrounding areas including the RM of St. Andrews are growing rapidly, which led to the province's investment in this \$330,000 infrastructure upgrade. Along with the new traffic lights,

the province says further work will be done this spring to shape reseed the area.

"The intersection of Highway 9 and Manitoba Avenue is a very busy one, connecting area residents to the commercial and retail hub adjacent," Lagimodiere stated in a release last week. "These new lights will improve safety while ensuring a smoother flow of traffic for both personal and commercial vehicles."

Speed near the intersection has now dropped from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.

The province says Manitoba Infrastructure monitors traffic growth at concerning locations identified by the public.



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Pictured from left to right: St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul, Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere and Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson help officially turn on the new traffic lights installed at the intersection of Highway 9 and Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk last Friday morning.

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Skillet-Roasted Potatoes with Mushrooms and Pancetta

Serves 4

4 ounces pancetta, cut into 1/4-inch cubes (see note)

3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more if necessary

1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, unpeeled, scrubbed and quartered

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

10 ounces cremini or brown mushrooms, quartered

6 garlic cloves, peeled and halved cross-wise

2 teaspoons dried thyme

Several fresh thyme sprigs for garnish (optional)

1. Arrange a rack at center position and preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large, heavy, ovenproof frying pan (preferably cast iron) set over medium heat, sauté the pancetta until golden and crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to drain on paper towels.

3. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of the drippings from the pan. (If you don't have

2 tablespoons, add olive oil to make this amount.) When hot, add the potatoes and sauté, stirring, until they start to take on a little color, 5 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and place the frying pan in the oven. Roast for 15 minutes.

4. Remove the frying pan from the oven and add the mushrooms, garlic and the 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Add the dried thyme and season with more salt and pepper. Toss to coat well.

5. Return the pan to the oven and roast until the potatoes are golden brown and tender and the mushrooms are softened, about 15 minutes more. Remove the frying pan from the oven and stir in the reserved pancetta. If desired, garnish the center of the pan with fresh thyme sprigs. Serve warm.

Note: If buying pancetta from a deli, ask for it to be cut thickly into 1/4-inch slices. Prepackaged pancetta is often thinly sliced.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Iranian village

6. Duct

9. Holds potatoes

13. Plant of the goosefoot family

14. Spoken in Cameroon

15. Students' rights document (abbr.)

16. Skin lesion

17. Went over the airwaves

18. Nestle malt drink

19. Rockets' point guard

21. Developed the polio vaccine

22. Businessmen

23. Animals have it

24. Atomic number 58

25. Cycles/second

28. Japanese classical theater

29. Slow nocturnal primate

31. Used in a play

33. One that breaks apart

36. Yellow-fever mosquitos

38. Bag-like structure in a plant

39. Simple wooden shoe

41. Leeches

44. Tide

45. Fathers

46. Decay

48. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

49. The Golden State (abbr.)

51. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

52. Unique garments

54. True firs

56. One who's not on time

60. Angry speech

61. Young children

62. About aviation

63. This (Spanish)

64. Earns a perfect score

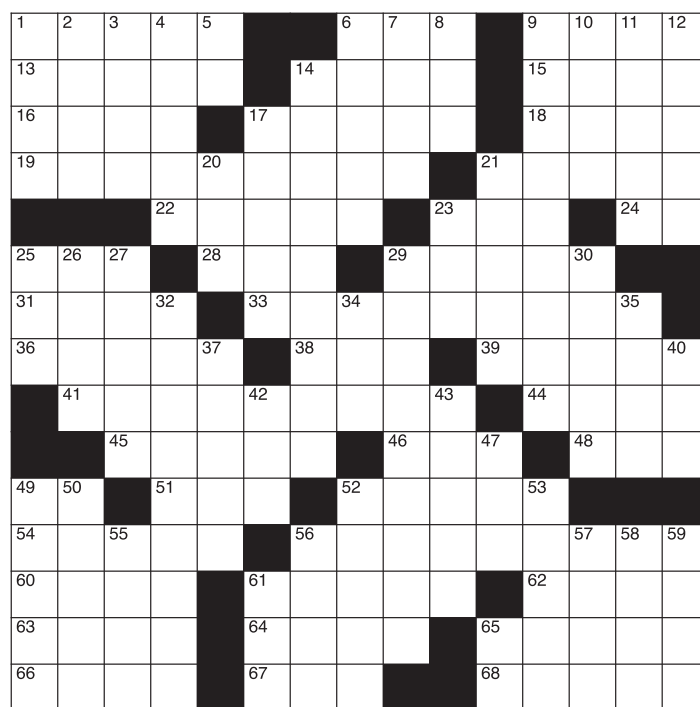
65. People of Ghana

66. Founding member of The Grateful Dead

67. Of she

68. Genus of lichens

CLUES DOWN



1. Variety of pear

2. Curved symmetrical structure

3. A demon in some cultures

4. Cricket frogs

5. Atomic #45

6. Abnormal bone joint

7. Cain and ____

8. Unhappy

9. Dogooder

10. Most babies need ____ when they eat

11. Abdominal pain suffered by babies

12. Monetary unit

14. Tendency to suffer from a particular condition

17. Genus of flowering plants

20. It comes up some days

21. Koran chapters

23. In support of

25. One who crunches numbers

26. A type of school

27. Pops

29. Tears

30. Not influenced by drugs

32. Forms a boundary

34. Touch quickly and gently

35. Stray

37. A period between solar and lunar eclipses

40. Third-party access

42. A very large body of water

43. Infections

47. It might be due to nerves

49. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod

50. Belittle

52. Type of sword

53. Makes very wet

55. One-time Peruvian money

56. A shoe typically has one

57. Not nice

58. Sea eagle

59. Civil Rights figure Parks

61. Humbug

65. A precious metal (abbr.)

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Scott sensational in speed skating at Canada Winter Games

By Brian Bowman

Alexa Scott was absolutely sensational at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alta. last week.

The 17 year old speed skating phenom from Clandeboye won three gold medals and broke two Canada Winter Games records.

"I'm really thrilled," said Scott on Tuesday afternoon. "I won every distance that I got to compete in Red Deer and that was huge. I'm very happy about it and the records, I think, they will stand up for a while and that's pretty fulfilling."

Scott's first record occurred on Feb. 19 in the long track 3,000-metre race, finishing with a time of 4:33.83. Quebec's Rose-Anne Grenier placed second, nearly 10 seconds behind Scott.

Scott broke another record the following day in the 1,000-metre race with a time of 1:22.26. She then won another gold medal in her final race, the mass start. There is no record available in the mass start.

"In the 3k race, I dominated that one but in the other two races, there were girls that were seasoned but I had the better day that day," Scott said, "Going in I wanted to medal, at least win one gold medal, and going into the week I thought that was very possible. But af-

ter flying back from Italy I was pretty tired and kind of sceptical going into the first day."

Scott arrived in Red Deer on Monday after a very long day of travel after representing Canada at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships in Italy.

She placed eighth in the 1500-metre and 1000m races, which placed her fifth overall.

"It was pretty surreal (and) it was beautiful because we were in the mountains," said Scott, a Grade 12 student the Comp. "It was a really small town and very welcoming and the ice was amazing. The weather was also amazing so we got really lucky."

Scott will have one more upcoming competition in mid-March in Calgary.

That will end the season for Scott, who will finally have a chance to rest before she begins training for next season.

Scott has really impressed a lot of people with her amazing ascension in the sport.

"It has never been this real until this season," she said. "I always had my hopes and now that I get to do it, it's super exciting. It's kind of the dream."

"Seeing those results is really exciting and I want to continue to build off



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Clandeboye's Alexa Scott, middle, won three gold medals and broke two Canada Winter Games records in Red Deer, Alta. last week.

of this and be better and better.

"I know I have the potential."

Selkirk Seniors Curling Club bonspiel winners



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The Selkirk Curling Club hosted its fifth-annual seniors bonspiel on Feb. 12-13. There were 10 teams entered, three from the Argyle area, one from Winnipeg, and six from Selkirk. It was a round-robin event with each team playing four games. Far left picture, from left to right, the first-place team from Selkirk which featured Peter Helash (skip), Wally Jansen (third), Dan De-Bruian (second) and Linda Bumstead (lead). Middle picture, the second-place team from Selkirk, from left to right, included Dennis Johnson (skip), Paul Hnatiuk (third), and Ron Burda (lead). Second John Guenther is missing from the picture. The third place-team from Winnipeg included, from left to right, Alf Clairmont (skip), Iris Clairmont (lead), Frank Clairmont (second), Deb Paradoski (second), and Rob Clairmont (third).

Pair of Steelers named to MJHL all-star teams

Staff

The Selkirk Steelers had two players - Nate Halvorsen and Colby Jaquet - named to Manitoba Junior Hockey League all-star teams.

The league announced last week that Halvorsen was one of three forwards named to the second all-star team while Jaquet was selected as one of two defencemen on the all-rookie team.

Meanwhile, players from the Portage Terriers and Swan Valley Stampede won four of six major league awards.

Swan Valley's Josh Tripp was crowned the league's most valuable player while teammate Quintin Sudom was voted top defenceman.

Terriers' head coach Blake Spiller was named coach of the year, winning the Muzz McPherson Award. Meanwhile, Portage blueliner Owen Murray was named top rookie.

"Every player should be commended for their outstanding performance over the regular season," said Davis in a media release. "Coaches of the league vote and make the selections. These selections are extremely difficult to make. The talent level in our league is reflective in how difficult it was to select these major awards."

Steve "Boomer" Hawrysh
MVP Award
Josh Tripp,
Swan Valley Stampede

Tripp, 20, hails from Swan River and currently sits atop the MJHL scoring race with 76 points (32-44) in 52 games. At 5-foot-9, 165-pounds, Tripp was the RBC Player of the Month for October, in addition to winning a Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week honour.

Rookie of the Year
Vince Leah Trophy
Owen Murray, Portage Terriers

Murray, who turned 16 in December,

hails from Decker, Man. He's a shifty defenceman who plays the game at a high speed. Currently, he has 36 points (eight goals, 28 assists) in 50 games.

Earlier this season he was named the IBAM Rookie of the Month in October and was one of five MJHL players invited to the selection camp for Team Canada West which was playing in the World Junior A Challenge.

Hockey Ability - Frank McKinnon
Memorial Trophy
Ben Dalke, Virden Oil Capitals

Dalke, 20, hails from LaSalle, Man. He's played his entire MJHL career with the Oil Capitals, now in his fourth and final season. He hopes to attend a post-secondary school next year and continue playing hockey. He's proven to be particularly deadly on the power play reflected in a league-high 18 power play assists.

Top Goaltender Ed Belfour
Top Goaltender Award
Jeremy Link, Winnipeg Blues

Link has the distinction of being the first winner of the newly-minted Ed Belfour Top Goaltender Award. Belfour, who played with the Winkler Flyers, went on to a distinguished NHL career, topped off when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2011.

Link, a Winnipeg product, was named the MGEU/MJHL Goaltender of the Month in January. He also won the Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week award in week four.

Link, 20, is in his fourth and final MJHL season, having previously played with the Neepawa Natives.

Top Defenceman
Brian Kozak Trophy
Quintin Sudom,
Swan Valley Stampede



Colby Jaquet



Nate Halvorsen

Sudom, 20, hails from Fort McMurray, Alta. Prior to joining the Stamps, he played for the AJHL's Calgary Mustangs. At 6-foot-2, 200-pounds, he currently leads all MJHL defencemen in scoring with 16 goals and 55 points in 50 games.

He was twice named the Telus Defenceman of the Month in the MJHL (October and December).

Coach of the Year - Portage Terriers
Muzz McPherson Award
Blake Spiller, Portage Terriers

Currently, the Terriers sit atop the MJHL with 41 wins after 55 games. Spiller's accolades are many - twice named CJHL Coach of the Year, and now a four-time winner of the MJHL Coach of the Year Award. He was also GM/head coach of the Terriers when they won the RBC Cup in 2015.

Under Spiller's tutelage, the Terriers have graduated a number of players to both NCAA and CIS hockey programs.

Goalie - Jeremy Link Winnipeg Blues (Tie), **Goal - Matthew Radomsky,** Steinbach Pistons (Tie), **Defence - Quintin Sudom** Swan Valley Stampede, **Defence - Troy Williams** Steinbach Pistons, **Forward - Josh Tripp** Swan Valley Stampede, **Forward - Bradley Goethals** Swan Valley Stampede, **Forward - Tony Apetagon** Winnipeg Blues.

Second All Star Team

Defence - Riley Shamray Dauphin Kings, **Defence - Tristen Cross** Virden Oil Capitals, **Forward - Nathan Halvorsen** Selkirk Steelers, **Forward - Ty Barnstable** Portage Terriers, **Forward - Brendan Martin** Steinbach Pistons.

Rookie All Star Team

Goal - Nathan Moore Portage Terriers, **Defence - Owen Murray** Portage Terriers, **Defence - Colby Jaquet** Selkirk Steelers, **Forward - Jay Bucholz** Portage Terriers, **Forward - Reece Henry** Portage Terriers, **Forward - Kyle Bettens** Steinbach Pistons.

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Selkirk clips Kelvin to win WWHSHL playoff series

By Brian Bowman

It certainly wasn't easy, but the Selkirk Royals have advanced to the next round of the Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League playoffs.

Selkirk doubled the Kelvin Clippers 4-2 in East Selkirk last Thursday to win the best-of-three series in three games.

"I was really impressed with that Kelvin team," said Royals' head coach Noah Cain. "They played us really tough and we took them a little bit for granted in the first game and they taught us a good lesson."

"It was good competition and that will help us going forward. I'm glad we stepped up when we needed to."

Tied at 2-2 late in the third period of Game 3, the Royals' Jana King scored the eventual game-winning goal with just 3:24 remaining in the third period.

Selkirk's scoring phenom Rayley Goetz then added an insurance marker 1:06 later.

Goetz scored a pair of first-period goals, sandwiched around a power-play tally by Kelvin's Gahbrielle Chow.

The Clippers' Martina Barclay then scored a power-play goal in the middle frame to tie the score at 2-2.

But, just like they have done all season, Selkirk found a way to win a close game.

"Sometimes I wish they could make it a little easier on us," Cain chuckled. "But all year, they have found a way to win. Big-time players have scored

some big-time goals and, hopefully, that keeps going."

Jodi Clifton stopped 24 Kelvin shots for the victory.

With their season on the line, Selkirk skated to a solid 4-2 road win over Kelvin at the River Heights Arena on Feb. 20.

"We were definitely worried," Cain admitted. "We knew we could do it but we knew we would have to play really well. That first game was a big wakeup call for us and the girls came out hungry and determined."

The Royals trailed 2-1 in the third period but closed out the game with goals from Cienna Palmer, Camryn Horbaty, and Goetz. Goetz's goal was a shorthanded marker with 20 seconds remaining in the third period.

Kelvin took a 1-0 first-period lead with a Barclay tally but Palmer tied the score at 1-1 with 7:35 left in the middle frame.

The Clippers regained the lead, however, as Jaden Tanner scored early in the third.

Palmer had a very strong game, finishing with three points while teammate Amy Carter chipped in with a pair of assists.

Clifton made 31 saves for the win.

Kelvin started the series with a surprising 4-3 road win over Selkirk on Feb. 19.

"That was a big, mental error on our part," Cain said. "They're a good team and we went into that game thinking it was just going to happen. We defi-



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk's Rayley Goetz scored three goals in Game 3 to lead the Royals to a 4-2 win over Kelvin. The Royals won the best-of-three series 2-1.

nately underestimated them and we learned our lesson in that game."

Barclay and Bridget Smith each scored twice for the Clippers. Smith's second goal of the game, a power-play marker with 4:35 remaining in the third period, was the eventual game-winner.

Goetz scored twice for Selkirk while Anna Sternat also tallied. Goetz was later named the CTV Division 1 player of the week.

Clifton made 38 saves in the loss.

The Royals started their second-round playoff series Monday with a 3-1 win over Vincent Massey in East Selkirk.

Goetz scored all three Selkirk goals, including two late in the third period.

The two teams hooked up Tuesday at Century Arena but no score was available at press time.

If necessary, Game 3 will return to East Selkirk on Thursday for a 3:45 p.m. puck drop.

Local players lead Thrashers to lopsided win over Parkland

By Brian Bowman

Several local players had great games for the Winnipeg Thrashers in a dominating 12-2 road win over the Parkland Rangers in Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action on Sunday.

St. Andrews' Ryland Kuczek scored three goals and added an assist while St. Andrews' Nate Goodbrandson also scored three times for the Thrashers.

East St. Paul's Mathieu Moreira scored once and chipped in with two assists while Chase Sobey and Connor Roulette each added a goal and three assists.

Jaden Shumilak, a West St. Paul product, Brandon Ambrozik, and Nick Sharpe had a goal and an assist apiece.

Jaeger Lapointe scored both Parkland goals.

Selkirk's Cole Plowman made 22

saves for the win. Plowman's numbers have been impressive this season with a 14-7-1 record, a 2.38 goals-against average, and .925 save percentage.

On Saturday evening, Winnipeg was doubled 4-2 by the Yellowhead Chiefs in Shoal Lake.

Moreira and Sharpe scored second-period goals for the Thrashers. West St. Paul's Griffin Asham-Moroz and East St. Paul's Andrew Hopko as-

sisted on both goals.

Owen Wareham, Kaelen Quane, Brody Wilson, and Sloan Stanick answered for Yellowhead.

With the split last weekend, the Thrashers finished the regular season with a 30-13-0-2-3 record and 65 points.

Winnipeg will now play the South-west Cougars in a first-round, best-of-five series which begins this Friday (8 p.m.) in Souris.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL
The Selkirk Royals' Kaylee Juba moves the ball up the court during recent junior varsity girls' basketball action. Selkirk was defeated 43-36 by the River East Kodiaks in KPAC playoff action last Thursday at the Comp.



The Selkirk Royals' Matthew Fey (13) drives to the basket against the Lorette Scorpions during KPAC Tier 2 action Feb. 20 at the Comp. Lorette won the game 71-66. The Royals will visit the West Kildonan Wolverines for a playoff game on Wednesday.



Outstanding curling

Petersfield's Dave Boehmer captured back-to-back Strathcona Trust senior men's provincial curling titles with a 7-1 victory over Butch Mouck of Gilbert Plains. Boehmer went undefeated at the event, finishing a perfect 9-0. Team Boehmer, which includes Terry McRae, Tom Want, George Hacking and fifth Kerry Fedorchuk, will represent Manitoba at the Everest Canadian Championships March 20-29 in Chilliwack, B.C. On the line is a chance to represent Canada at a World Event in 2020. The team dedicated the victory to the memory of their dads, Abbey, Eldon, Jim, and Doug and with special thanks to the wonderful people of Rivers and Minnedosa for their hospitality while hosting the event. The Boehmer team will be hosting a sendoff event in early March at the Petersfield Curling Club and all are welcome to attend

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A tough week for Manitoba's teams at Scotties championship

By Ty Dilello

In one of the most dramatic come-from-behind finals in Scotties history, Winnipeg native Chelsey Carey (Team Alberta) rallied from the brink to defeat Team Ontario's Rachel Homan 8-6 in an extra end at the Centre 200 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. This is now Carey's second Scotties title with her first coming in 2016. Carey, who was born and raised in Winnipeg and now makes her home in Alberta will now wear the Maple Leaf in Denmark next month at the World Championship.

In Sunday night's final, Carey trailed 5-1 after four ends to Homan, but somehow found a way to fight back, stealing the sixth and seventh ends and getting back in the game. With Carey down one without hammer in the final end, Homan had a draw to

the four-foot to win the Scotties but it came up just a hair light. In the extra end, Homan again had a similar draw to the four-foot to win, but once again pulled the string and came up light giving Carey the Scotties title.

Homan is notoriously known for being one of the best front-runners in the women's game, and a loss like this is very uncharacteristic of them. For Carey, it was a bit of revenge perhaps as Homan previously defeated Carey in the 2017 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials final that sent Homan to her first Olympic Games.

It was a very exciting week of curling in Sydney and at the end of the eleven-game modified round-robin, four teams advanced to the playoffs. Alberta's Chelsea Carey took on Saskatchewan's Robyn Silvernagle in

the 1v2 game, while Ontario's Rachel Homan played Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville in the 3v4 game. From there, Homan defeated McCarville and Carey defeated Silvernagle. In the semi-final, Homan eliminated Silvernagle to set up the Sunday night final with Carey.

A name you might be wondering about that didn't have a great week was St. Vital's Jennifer Jones. Coming in as the defending champions and playing as Team Canada, it was an extremely disappointing event for Jones as her veteran squad went 6-5 and missed the playoffs for the first time in the fourteen Scotties she's played in. Jones appeared a little off all tournament-long, missing a key-shot or two at the wrong times and it cost the team dearly.

Despite the tough week for the defending champs, Jones set a new record for most Canadian national women's championship game wins as a skip with 141 victories at the national level. She achieved the record on the final round robin draw versus British Columbia's Sarah Wark.

It was a disappointment all around for Manitoba teams as Gimli's Kerri Einarson failed to reach the main Scotties event as she lost the wildcard game to Casey Scheidegger. While East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury playing as Team Manitoba had their week end early when they finished 4-3 and lost a tiebreaker to British Columbia which eliminated them from advancing to the championship pool. Fleury had

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Royals dumped by Garden City in KPAC playoffs

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals varsity girls' basketball team didn't win too many games this season.

But they headed into the KPAC Tier 1 playoffs on an impressive three-game winning streak.

Last Saturday, the Royals hammered the Maples Collegiate Marauders 88-51 at a Sturgeon Heights tournament.

Selkirk later defeated the Miles Macdonell Buckeyes 60-54 on Feb. 20 and then the Royals rolled past the Garden City Fighting Gophers 62-46 last Thursday.

"Things are starting to click," said Royals' head coach Sue Gilmour at last Friday's practice. "We're starting to make the connections with each other that we were waiting for. Everyone had kind of found a rhythm. It's been so disjointed this season with all of the breaks but we have had a solid two weeks and now we're in the flow of things."

In the league win over Garden City, Selkirk played very well despite missing a couple of starters.

Abby Benson led the Royals with 23 points while Taylor Barron had 12 and Annika Goodbrandson chipped in with 10.

"The biggest thing, I think, with that win was that every single one of my team contributed offensively

as well as defensively," Gilmour said.

Selkirk finished its regular season with a 2-6 record. But many of those losses were by a small margin.

"We have been right there," Gilmour insisted. "It's just that we haven't been on the winning end of those games. But now we're shooting more consistently and playing more as a team."

The fifth-seeded Royals played the fourth-seeded Fighting Gophers this past Monday in a first-round playoff game, losing 52-39 on their home court.

Selkirk shot a porous 15 of 94 from the field.

Gilmour felt her club had a good chance to defeat Garden City. She has been very pleased with the progression her team made over the course of the season and is extremely optimistic that this group of girls will be better next season.

Selkirk returns 10 of 11 players on its roster next year.

Garden City will now face the top-seeded Kildonan East Reivers in a semifinal matchup on Wednesday.

In the other semifinal game, second-seeded River East will host third-seeded Miles Macdonell on Wednesday.

The KPAC Tier 1 final is slated for this Friday.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL SUBMITTED
The Selkirk Royals' Abby Benson drives to the basket against Garden City during KPAC Tier 1 action Monday at the Comp. The Fighting Gophers defeated the Royals 52-39.

Steelers' Bennett named MJHL player of the week



Zachary Bennett

Staff

Selkirk Steelers' goaltender Zachary Bennett has been named the Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week, the league announced Monday.

Bennett, 18, posted three victories with a stingy 1.20 goals-against average and .963 save percentage.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Bennett also recorded a shutout, giving him three for the season.

Bennett, a Winnipeg product, currently has 20-10 record for the Steelers heading into this week's action.

The runners-up for the award were 17-year-old forward Eric Fawkes of the Winkler Flyers and 17 year old forward Kolton Shindle of the Portage Terriers.

Steelers pick up pair of weekend victories

By Brian Bowman

It was a really good weekend for the Selkirk Steelers.

Selkirk earned four out of a possible four points after a pair of huge wins.

"The goal is to get home ice in the playoffs," said Nick Lubimiv, the Steelers' head coach and manager of hockey operations. "We set that as a goal at the start of the month and we're starting to peek at the right time and play the right way."

Selkirk resumed a game against the Swan Valley Stampede on Sunday afternoon that was suspended earlier this season.

The Steelers won the game 5-4.

The game was tied at 3-3 with 9:27 remaining in the second period when it was resumed Sunday.

"It was weird, for sure," Lubimiv admitted. "They were on the back end of a three-in-three and for us it was hard to get going in an afternoon game. But we scored shorthanded right off the bat and it seemed to get our group into the game."

Connor Barley, Brett Namaka, Nate Halvorsen, Carter Barley (shorthanded) and Noah Basarab scored for the Steelers.

Justin Svenson, Josh Tripp, Matthew Osadick, and Alexander Uryga replied for Swan Valley.

Zachary Bennett earned the win in goal.

On Friday evening, the Steelers defeated the Pistons 4-2 at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk took a 3-0 first-period lead on goals by Will Middleton, Connor Barley and Halvorsen.

"At home we want to set the tone and set the pace," Lubimiv said. "We want to be good on home ice and have home ice in the playoffs. They're a good team and well coached so it is important for us to know that we can play with them."

Halvorsen added his second goal of the game early in the second but Steinbach replied with third-period goals from Max Neill and Kyle Betens.

Bennett made 25 saves for the win.

On Feb. 19, the Steelers lost 4-2 to the Winnipeg Blues at the Rec Complex.

The Blues took a 2-0 lead just 6:52 into the game with goals from Tony Apetagon and Codey Behun.

Selkirk's Carter Barley sniped his eighth goal of the season less than six

minutes later but Behan tallied again at 7:11 of the middle frame.

Middleton pulled the Steelers within a goal with a power-play marker at 18:44 of the second period.

Apetagon then netted his second goal of the game - and 25th of the season - at 7:07 third to close out the game's scoring.

Selkirk is now 31-19-3-3 and has 70 points to sit fourth in the 11-team league. The Steelers are two points ahead of Virden with a game in hand.

Selkirk hosted the Winkler Flyers this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Last week, Winkler announced a management change, parting ways with Ken Pearson.

Pearson had served as the club's head coach and general manager since the start of the 2011-12 season before moving into the general manager's role exclusively this season.

Selkirk's final regular-season home game is this Friday when it hosts the Waywayseecappo Wolverines. On Saturday, the Steelers will wrap up their regular season then they visit the Pistons in Steinbach.

Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.

> SCOTTIES, FROM PG. 18

a rough start to the week, losing her first two games that she likely should have won, and that proved to be costly in the end.

Other notable events that happened

over the week include Nunavut winning their first ever Scotties round robin game, defeating Quebec 4-3 on the opening draw. The highest scoring game in Scotties history when down on Draw 10 when Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island defeated New Brunswick 13-12 in a crazy back-and-

forth extra end affair.

Carey's rink which includes Sarah Wilkes, Dana Ferguson and Rachelle Brown will now represent Canada at the 2019 World Women's Curling Championship in Silkeborg, Denmark from March 16-24th.

Olympiens oust Royals from WHSHL playoffs

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals had a pretty good run at this year's Winnipeg High School Hockey League playoffs.

But their season abruptly ended with a 4-1 road loss to the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens in Game 3 of their best-of-three series.

"They won races and battles against us," said Royals' head coach Michael Buffie. "They really took it to us."

Selkirk's Nolan Milgaard opened the game's scoring in the first period with a power-play goal but it was all CJS after that.

Selkirk evened the series at a win apiece after a great effort in a 3-0 home win on Feb. 20.

"In Game 2, we dictated the pace and were all over them," Buffie said. "We came out hot right out of the gates."

Selkirk came out flying, scoring three goals in a 11:22 span in the first period.

Easton Donohoe started the scoring and then Grafton Hopkins and Cade Chisholm made it 3-0. Chisholm's

goal was a power-play marker with 2:21 remaining in the opening period.

James Kulyk was perfect in goal to post the shutout.

"Kulyk played awesome in net," Buffie noted. "He came up with some really big saves and gave us confidence that we could shut them down."

CJS took a 1-0 series lead with a 5-3 home win on Feb. 19. The Olympiens outscored the Royals 3-1 in the third period, which included an empty-net goal.

Ryan Clapham and Christian Hince scored to give CJS a 2-0 first-period lead but Selkirk came back in the second with goals from Jordan Simko and Donohoe.

Julien Chenier and Luke Frederickson put the Olympiens up 4-2 before Simko made it a one-goal game with 1:20 remaining in the third.

Hince then added an insurance marker at 19:23.

Hopkins had two assists in the game.

Selkirk will lose several players from this year's team due to graduation, in-



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Royals' Easton Donohoe (4) scored a first-period goal to lead his club to a 3-0 home win over the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens during WHSHL playoff action last week.

cluding many of their top scorers and their two goaltenders.

But Buffie felt the Royals had a good

season and feels next year's club will continue to get better.

MJHL to host another U.S. player identification camp

From the MJHL website

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League and The Hockey Academy at Ralph Engelstad Arena have announced that the MJHL will once again hold a U.S. Player Identification Camp in Grand Forks, N.D. from April 5-7.

Representatives from the league office and all 11 MJHL franchises will be on site to scout United States' hockey players with birth dates in 2000, 2001, and 2002 that have the potential to play in the Canadian Junior Hockey League system.

"The 2019 MJHL Identification Camp at the Ralph Engelstad Arena will provide the next generation of

American MJHL players with the knowledge and resources to be successful both on, and off, the ice," said Kevin Saurette, the MJHL Director of Operations.

"(They will also get) an insight into what playing in the MJHL is all about and the platform to showcase themselves to coaches and scouts from all 11 MJHL organizations."

The on-ice program will consist of testing and competitive-game sessions. The off-ice portion will cover elements related to athleticism and mental skills, as well as identifying what is required to be a successful MJHL player.

The camp will begin Friday evening with a MJHL Prospects Information Seminar and on-ice combine testing utilizing the SportTesting Inc. technology platform. Testing results will be made available to all the athletes so they can comparably see where they stand and to allow for further player development benefits.

The players will also participate in three full-game sessions scouted by MJHL coaches and scouts and an informative Hot Stove session.

"This is a great opportunity for American players to get exposure to a top Junior 'A' hockey league so they can continue their playing careers

and, hopefully, make it to the next level," said Kyle Kosior, the Director of Hockey Operations at The Hockey Academy.

Many of the participants at the MJHL U.S. Player Identification Camp will come from North Dakota and Minnesota, but it is expected that players will also travel from other parts of the country.

The camp will be an invite-only event with registration opening last Friday. For more information about the MJHL and/or participation at the 2019 MJHL U.S. Player Identification Camp, visit www.mjhlhockey.ca or email kylek@theralph.com.

Fishermen wrap up regular season with loss to Satelites

By Brian Bowman

With nothing on the line to play for, the Selkirk Fishermen wrapped up their Capital Region Junior Hockey

League regular season with a 4-2 home loss to the North Winnipeg Satelites on Sunday evening.

Juliano Garcea and Travis Spratt

scored first-period goals for Selkirk but North Winnipeg roared back with goals from Elijah Caparros (two), Nathan Jones, and Derian Emes in the second.

The third period was scoreless.

On Saturday evening, the Fishermen defeated the Lundar Falcons 5-1 at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk, which held period leads of 3-1 and 5-1, scored two power-play goals and added a shorthanded marker.

Evan Bedard and Dane Derewianchuk each had a goal and an assist for Selkirk while Reece Tessier, Kyle

Melo, and Thomas Mironuk also tallied.

Fishermen forward Dawson Courchene had another strong game with four assists. Courchene finished tied for second in the league scoring race with St. Malo's Tyrel Bueckert, each with 43 points.

Arborg's Colton Davies was the league's top point producer with 45.

Elmer Maytwayshing replied for Lundar.

Austin Deboer made 32 saves for the win.

The league playoff schedule had not been released at press time.

*Cheer on the Fishermen
as they head to the Playoffs!*

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Sudoku Answer

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Please note that this does not include any ditches or drains located along provincial trunk highways or provincial roadways. These are under the jurisdiction of the provincial department: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.



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Provincial Road Restrictions are available by contacting the Road Information Line at 1-204-945-3704, or 1-877-MBRoads (1-877-627-6237) for a verbal description of road restrictions or online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/srr/index.html>

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R.M. of Alexander Administration Office

Attn: Jason Green

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March 6, 2018

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-Your sister, Sandra Hohne

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OBITUARY

Ruth Parker

Ruth Parker, dear mother of Margaret (Garry) Streich, passed away on February 20, 2019 at Tuxedo Villa P.C.H.

A celebration of her life will take place on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Charleswood United Church.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Donny Anthony Cunningham (Blue Thunderbird)

Suddenly, on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at the Health Sciences Centre, Donny Cunningham aged 41 years, of Winnipeg, MB, beloved husband of Jennifer and father of Vitina and Saria, passed away. A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

Condolences, pictures and videos may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Sandra May Poponick (nee Bruzell)



On Sunday, February 24, 2019, Sandra May Poponick (nee Bruzell), loving wife, mother, and Grammy passed away peacefully at the age of 76 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sandy was born on September 20, 1942 in Winnipeg, MB to Ingie and Nelly Bruzell. Sandy moved to Selkirk to become a psychiatric nurse, graduating in 1962 and enjoyed 35 years working at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. On August 1, 1964 she married John Poponick and a few years later built a house in Selkirk where they raised their two sons and a daughter. Sandy was an absolute loving mother, wife and grandmother. She adored her four grandchildren and always had time and hugs galore for them. She loved reading, crosswords, cards and baking. You could always find a cookie or two when you visited. Sandy always had a door open to sit and have coffee or a drink with friends. It was

probably one of the things she enjoyed most along with a good joke or story.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father Ingie and her mother Nelly. She is survived by her loving husband John; her sons Chris (Lisa) and Michael (Adele and Tanner) and her daughter Kara (Chad) Lemay. And her four cherished grandchildren, McKyla and Josh Poponick, and Adria and Kenzie Lemay. She also leaves her only brother Chuck (Dale) Bruzell, and her sisters-in-law Juelle (George) West, Irene (George) Pike and Jean (Barry) Tweed along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Selkirk Regional Health Centre (Palliative Care Unit) and St. Boniface Hospital, along with the many doctors, nurses and aides that helped her over the last seven months.

A celebration of life will be held in the Gilbart Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Ovarian Cancer Canada, <https://ovariancanada.org>.

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

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OBITUARY

Irene Christine Stefanyshyn (née Nahirney)

July 25, 1936 – February 21, 2019



On February 21, 2019, Irene suddenly left this earth to join her beloved husband, Eddie, whom she loved and missed dearly. Surrounded by her family at Seven Oaks Hospital, she peacefully passed away. Irene was predeceased by her loving husband Eddie in 2015; her two daughters, Sharon and Gale; and parents Fred and Bernice Nahirney. Remaining to cherish her memory and her love, her son Donald, wife Wendy and her precious "Kaylee Girl", the light of her life, granddaughter Kayla Stefanyshyn; "Granny's little helper" Montana Loutit, Sabrina Castel, Quentin and Carmen Loutit, Desmond and Jackie Loutit, and Lloyd Castel. Also left to mourn her passing, brother-in-law Stan and Connie Stefanyshyn, sisters-in-law Stella Pilat, Maureen Bihun and Kathy Stefanyshyn, plus numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and Irene's many close friends from St Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Irene was born on July 25, 1936 in St. Boniface, Manitoba. She took piano lessons, Ukrainian dancing, and attended St Mary's Academy while growing up there. Upon graduation, she secured a position at Great West Life, where she worked until birth of her first child. Irene then became a homemaker and piano teacher, and a very active member of St Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Betula Lake was the summer escape from hectic city life for 28 years with family and the close friends she made at the lake. She was extremely proud when granddaughter Kayla entered the Ukrainian program at school and learned to speak, read and write the language Irene had grown up with at home. Irene and her husband Eddie were lifelong members of their church and made many close, dear friends through the years. From visiting the sick, singing in Ukrainian choir, making perogies, going on day trips to eventually becoming members of St. Anne's Seniors Horizon Club, church was a very important part of Irene's life as was her language and heritage.

Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Alan Wizinsky at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28th at St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 35 Marcie St. A luncheon will follow, and private family interment will take place at a later date. Active pallbearers are Dennis Stefanyshyn, Corey Stefanyshyn, Kimbell Lamb, Gerry Bidou, Justin Stefanyshyn, and Tyler Mortimer. Honorary pallbearers are Todd Stefanyshyn, Derek Stefanyshyn, Dale Stefanyshyn, Mike Fotiuk, and Tyler Lamb.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff at Seven Oaks Hospital for all your hard work and kind words. Dr. Johnson and the staff at Holy Family Nursing Home, who made her stay one of being spoiled and pampered daily - she loved you all.

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