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Selkirk business owner Matt Evans hung up his wrestling shoes after last weekend's match. He ended his wrestling career on a high, winning against opponent Danny Duggan. Learn more inside.

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Provincial government helps library get ever closer to fundraising goals

Children's section library expansion receives boost from province

By Katelyn Boulanger

The latest contributor to the Gaynor Family Regional Library's children's section expansion project is the province of Manitoba. Premier Wab Kinew personally stopped by the library last week to make the announcement that \$600,000 will be given to the library to support the expansion.

The announcement started with Ken Kuryliw, the Director of Library Services for the Gaynor Family Regional Library, opening the event with a land acknowledgement before turning the podium over to the Premier.

"I'm very happy to be here today to stand with many great local and community leaders to announce \$600,000 to expand the Gaynor Family Library here in Selkirk. This is such a beautiful facility. I hope everybody in the region is very, very proud. Every time I come here, there is a wonderful cross-section of (the) community, and there's great events happening here. I was here for the dedication of the art in the back. We've held gatherings to do with literature, and Lake Winnipeg, and other events over here. And then today, of course, we've got the future generation having a little story time. To me, this facility just represents what libraries mean to communities right across Manitoba,"

said Kinew.

This \$600,000 investment comes from the province's Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) program and joins contributions from the City of Selkirk and the RMs of St. Andrews and St. Clements of just over \$400,000 each, the Gaynor family of \$300,000, the Harvey family of \$100,000, the Selkirk and District Community Foundation of \$150,000, the Rotary Club of Selkirk of \$150,000, and community fundraising of \$290,000 to total \$2.79 Million of the \$2.8 million needed to complete the project.

Kinew talked about how libraries have so much to offer.

"It's been amazing to see how libraries have kept up with the times, of course, the books, literature, and being able to research by reading is really, really important, but there's the community programming that libraries have really taken on, there's the access to computers, there's the access to other media that libraries have taken on, and that was a pretty good coffee shop. Libraries have done this remarkable job of keeping themselves relevant to what Manitobans need in your community and continue to be a gathering place. So, this investment is going to make the Gaynor Family

Library bigger, better, and going to have more amenities for kids and for community, but I think most of all, it's going to make sure that this facility stays relevant to the needs of Selkirk, St. Andrews, St. Clements, and everybody from surrounding communities who come to use the library," said Kinew.

The planned renovation for the Gaynor Family Regional Library will nearly double the regional library's fully usable space, to a total of 22,500 sq. ft., including a new children's

area, community meeting and study spaces, and shelving for 20,000 additional volumes.

The Gaynor Family Regional Library was looking to expand because, despite its proportionally smaller size, it packs a punch in our community. Library statistics show it to be one of the busiest libraries in the province, and with the demand for early learning and children's programming very high, this will allow the library staff to

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Left to Right- Premier Wab Kinew, Mayor Joy Sul, Councillor Darlene Swiderski, Mayor Larry Johannson, Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations Glen Simard and Mayor Richard Gamble at the province's announcement of \$600,000 to go to the Gaynor Family Regional Library's expansion.

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increase their offerings so that more kids can discover their love of the library at an early age.

The current plan for the renovation is for construction to start sometime in the beginning of April, and Kuryliw says that the idea is to see completion in October of this year.

“We are hoping interior work can be done by the end of summer, with exterior work in the early fall,” he said.

For patrons who don't want to give up grabbing a great read in the next few months, the plan is to keep the library operational during most of the construction.

“We are planning to keep the library functioning as much as possible and limit actual days closed to five or so. Obviously, since all areas of the library will see some changes, (it will be the) first time it's been painted in 12 years, disruptions will happen. We ask all staff and library users to be understanding that there will be issues when you have construction, from noise, dust, (and some) ease of access as areas will be closed off for safety,” said Kuryliw.

Despite some inconvenience, the finished product is going to help the library keep up with the demands of the community, from students studying during exam time to expanding their collection.

At the announcement, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations Glen Simard was glad to see a re-

gional project like this be submitted for consideration saying, “We're really, really excited that the leadership of this community got together collectively to make this significant ask, and we're really excited to get this past the finish line, because small communities can have great things too.”

Larry Johannson, the Mayor of Selkirk, talked about how this expansion is not just for current residents but also for future residents of the area.

“The province's financial support allows this regional library to grow and offer more services, expand its collection and programming and better serve citizens now and well into the future. It's a meaningful investment in community building and people building too over the coming decades, countless children will learn to read and learn to love books in this space, lifelong friendships and family memories will be formed through programming here, regardless of age, income, ability or background, people will come here to be inspired, to connect, to feel welcome, to share ideas and to learn and grow,” he said.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn, who formerly served as a long time library board member, spoke about how much the library means to us all.

“For so many of us, a place like this isn't just a building, it's where we brought our kids on rainy Saturday afternoons, it's where students came to study, where seniors found connection, where newcomers found resources to help them feel at home. The Gaynor Library has been part of the fabric of life in this region for generations, and that means some-



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Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson(left) with Premier Wab Kinew (right) and kids who were at the Gaynor Family Regional Library during the provincial funding announcement.

thing. Standing here today, I'm not just proud as a mayor, I'm proud as a neighbour. This announcement is a testament to what happens when communities stop thinking about their own boundaries and start thinking about the people they share this region with,” said Fiebelkorn.

St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul acknowledged the hard work of so many people who made this project possible.

“Many people have worked so hard to reach this moment, the Library Board, the staff, community supporters, the Rotary Club and our regional partners. This project reflects the belief that when we work together, great things can be accomplished,” she said.

After the mayors made their remarks, some local parents discussed the importance of the children's programming to their families, noting the library staff who put so much care and attention into what they do, the love of reading that going to the library has given to their kids, and the

connection to other parents that attending children's programming has given to them.

Kuryliw ended the presentation by expressing his thanks to everyone involved in investing in the community and supporting this library project.

“A board of volunteers run the library, but our library is also a partnership of the Province of Manitoba, four different municipalities, including the Village of Dunnottar, as well as the three that have spoken here today. Without that partnership, we wouldn't be around. It's critical for the operation of the library. We have both provincial and municipal support, and the thing that is growing is community support. The campaign that we did to afford the expansion, we received significant community donations (in addition to) what the province and the municipalities gave, so without that, we would never (have) been able to raise (the needed funds),” he said.

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Selkirk United Church celebrates and affirms all people are welcome with PIE Day

Church being public, intentional and explicit about LGBTQ2SIA+ affirmation

By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents in Selkirk were welcomed to attend the Selkirk United Church's Affirming PIE Day 2026 on March 12.

PIE day is an annual celebration of LGBTQ2SIA+ inclusion at the church and affirms that all people are welcome. It is celebrated on or near March 14, which is colloquially known as Pi day, for the first three decimals (3.14) in the mathematical number Pi. PIE is also an acronym for the words—public, intentional and explicit—which are important aspects of the church's inclusivity of the LGBTQ2SIA+ community. In addition, of course, pie refers to the dessert, or in the church's case, pizza pie, which they served as dinner before the presentation that followed.

Selkirk United Church Minister, Rev. Cole Grambo, explained that this is a day when the church celebrates and honours the full affirmation of LGBTQ2SIA+ people in faith communities and beyond.

"PIE equals public, intentional, explicit. Those are the standards we hold ourselves (to) and are welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, more inclusive communities. All can participate. You do not need to be part of an affirming ministry, but we are. You don't need to be a United Church, but we are," he said.

The Selkirk United Church became an affirming community in 2015 when they took on the process of becoming an affirming church.

Grambo explained that the day is

not just a celebration however, but a challenge to do more.

"PIE Day is a celebration. PIE Day is also for education. PIE Day is to acknowledge that we are an affirming congregation for us here at Selkirk United, but it's also a time to challenge ourselves to make sure that we are doing all we can to support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and to work for a more equal and more just society," he said.

An example of something that the church did to this end from a previous PIE Day event suggestion to be more public was adding a rainbow flag to the church building. The church did just that putting the flag near the peak of the building, right out front, and the flag continues to welcome people who use the building.

After opening the discussion, Grambo put on a video from the United Church of Canada's YouTube channel in which Right. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath discussed how last year's Pie Day highlighted the artistry of singers, songwriters and choirs through their PIE Day song contest. This created inspirational and inclusive music.

Heath explained that this year they were going to celebrate the work of crafters with their theme of Crafting Community, which celebrates all types of artisans who help to craft community.

"We also know that queer rights are under threat, and anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hatred is rising. That's why we must live into our faith boldly, showing up

with pride rallies, in worship, and in everyday acts of care. That's bearing justice. And when we speak out against hate, create spaces of belonging, and craft community with love that's bold discipleship," said Heath.

Grambo then shared with the group, 'May this Church be like a Tree', which is a hymn about the way that a tree is a gathering place and provides for and protects those around it, and so should a church. Though the PIE Day event wasn't a worship service, he thought that the words really spoke to what Selkirk United is working towards.

The next part of the discussion fo-

cused on the strides that have been made and also the challenges still facing 2SLGBTQIA+ people and those working for a more affirming world.

"We've seen a lot of bad news around the world in the fight for equality. I want to share just a few of those headlines not to depress us or demoralize us, but to remind us of how important it is for us to continue to work for equality and justice wherever and whenever we can," said Grambo.

He mentioned Hungary's parliament passed a law in March 2025, banning the promotion of homosexuality and gender transition, which

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Rev. Cole Grambo speaking at PIE Day 2026.

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Patients raise concerns about care, costs at Selkirk dialysis program

By E. Antonio

Patients of Selkirk's dialysis program are speaking out about concerns related to costs, access to specialists and aspects of patient care.

The Kidney Health Manitoba Local Renal Health Centre (LRHC) program is coordinated through Kidney Health Manitoba, a Shared Health service, and operates out of the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

Selkirk's dialysis unit is one of six operating programs within the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA). It includes doctors and nurses with specialized training in dialysis who have daily access to a

nephrologist, a Shared Health spokesperson said on behalf of Shared Health and IERHA. The unit is able to treat up to 48 patients.

Several patients and family members currently receiving care through the LRHC at Selkirk Regional Health Centre have shared their concerns with the *Selkirk Record*, calling for improvements to services provided by both healthcare teams and the facility. The *Record* has verified the identities of those interviewed but agreed to withhold their names due to privacy concerns related to their ongoing medical care.

They described financial pressures

and medical concerns they say affect those relying on the life-sustaining treatment.

Dialysis is a life-sustaining treatment required several times per week for people whose kidneys can no longer function properly. Patients typically spend several hours connected to dialysis machines during each visit.

Among the most common concerns raised was the cost of parking associated with frequent medical appointments.

"In our opinion parking for life saving health should not be paid for by patient," one patient wrote.

Patients say they often attend dialy-

sis three times per week in addition to other medical appointments, creating ongoing expenses that can be difficult to manage, particularly for those living on fixed incomes.

The parking fees offset costs associated with parking lot maintenance and services, the Shared Health spokesperson explained, adding that "the region has initiated a review of parking fees, recognizing the potential financial burden for dialysis patients, and is exploring options to reduce this impact."

Transportation costs were also men-

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effectively targets Pride marches. In September, the country of Burkina Faso passed a new law criminalizing homosexuality, and Uganda has continued to enforce its strict anti-homosexuality laws. Grambo also mentioned the United States' increase in

bills targeting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and how many companies have scaled back or eliminated pride initiatives in 2025 due to the government's aggressive policies against diversity, equity and inclusion. Closer to home, Grambo mentioned that Alberta is seeing legal challenges to laws that target rights.

"Good news overseas is that the country of Liechtenstein implemented marriage equality in 2025. Thailand legalized same sex marriage, and Greece continues to implement equality laws. In Canada, our federal government proposed in its 2025 budget, \$54.6 million over five years for 2SLGBTQIA+ community projects and

7.5 million for security at pride events to combat rising hate— sad that that money is necessary," said Grambo.

Again, closer to home, there is also good news for those looking for affirming churches, as three churches— Forest United Church, Brookdale United Church, and Headingly United Church— became affirming.

Deborah Vitt, who is a retired Diaconal Minister for the United Church of Canada, a member of Selkirk United Church, and an ally to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community since the mid-80s, then discussed her work as an affirming consultant to people who are in congregations that are going through the affirming process. Recently, she was approached by Headingly United Church, which was looking for someone to discuss homosexuality in the Bible.

Vitt didn't give the entire presentation that she shared with Headingly United Church during the PIE Day discussion, but she talked about some of what she shared with them as well as her journey and the United Church's journey of embracing inclusion.

"People have unfortunately been trained to think that the biblical story began at the moment of creation, com-

plete with a recorder of events that would keep the truth intact for over 3000 years. And, what scholars have learned over decades of research, is that the Old Testament or Hebrew texts passed down their stories for about 900 years without writing anything down," she said.

Vitt explained that the Bible, which she described as an amazing book, came together through the gift of story telling.

She also discussed that there are many different versions of the bible with differing interpretations of words and phrases, as translation is not an exact science. An instance that she mentioned pertaining to inclusivity and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community is that the word homosexual wasn't even added to the RSV Bible until 1946.

After Vitt's conversation with the group, there was sharing, book recommendations for affirming texts, and discussion about steps that the group could take in the future to support a more affirming community beyond their church.

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Support our local cadets and grab a ticket to annual fundraising dinner

Don't miss out! The Annual Fundraising Dinner is on March 21

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Branch of the Navy League of Canada welcomes residents to pick up tickets to their Annual Fundraiser Dinner taking place on March 21. The dinner supports our local Navy League Cadets #96 Lord Selkirk and Royal Canadian Sea Cadets #77 Daerwood Corps.

"The annual fundraising dinner is our biggest fundraiser, and we basically sell tickets through our cadets. Essentially, the cadets have the first go (at selling tickets and) who they bring to the fundraiser dinner. We charge \$20 bucks a ticket, and we put on a meal at the Memorial Hall," said Brent Evashenko, President, Selkirk Branch of the Navy League of Canada.

The Annual Fundraising Dinner will take place on March 21 at Memorial Hall, 376 Jemima St. in Selkirk at 6 p.m.

"We promptly start serving. The Sea Cadets who attend will do the serving, and our organization, the branch people, we prepare the food. This year, we're getting a hog from Danny's Whole Hog. So, it's a locally sourced protein, so to speak. We rent the barbecue from them, and they supply the hog. We cook it. We bring it to the hall, and we cut it up. And, we have buns, we have baked potatoes, we make gravy, we make a great big coleslaw, and we have drinks," he explained.

In addition to the meal, there are items that are donated to the event, which are used in a silent auction. There's also a 50-50 draw that takes place.

Evashenko said that residents are typically quite generous in supporting the cadets as they fundraise about half of the funds from the meal and the other half from the auction and draw.

These funds are used locally in our community to support both opportunities for the two cadet groups, but also to keep up with the basics.

"For the Navy League, we provide the uniforms, and uniforms are fairly expensive. Also, any type of trips that they might do, extracurricular stuff outside of camps, like if they go bowling, or if they have a movie night, or if they do a Halloween party, or anything that is deemed a fun activity outside of what the Navy League says they must do in terms of training and camps," he explained.

Evashenko explained that they want

to support the cadet program because, though he can't speak for individual experiences, many cadets come out of the program having learned important life skills.

"Here with the cadet program, they learn to deal with people, with leaders, with peers, and they do it in an organized, structured manner that promotes equality and respect. (They learn) stuff that they may not get, in their home environment or school environment," he said.

He also explained that they receive quite a bit of positive feedback from parents who see the positive changes in the cadets, and that the cadets enjoy being rewarded for their learning with promotion and more responsibility.

If this is something that you'd like to support in the community, the best way to get tickets is to check in with a cadet you know.

"If you know a Navy League or Sea Cadet, they are really in control of the majority of the tickets. They're the ones who are selling them, or they're



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Our local cadets during a mess dinner (above) and one of the cadet's range days (below). These are some of the many activities that cadets engage to facilitate the learning of important skills.

buying them for their family. We do quite often have a number of tickets that are available at the door, or (people wanting tickets) can request them if they want to request them from me, that's fine, but the easiest way to get them is through the cadets," said Evashenko.

He welcomes

residents to grab a ticket and support this opportunity for kids in our community.

"If you do know a cadet who needs help, they're each responsible for selling four tickets, that doesn't mean that they will sell them. We just encourage them to find friends or family who want to attend. It's \$20 bucks, and you get a good meal, and it's a good time," said Evashenko.



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Notice of Environment Act Proposal

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This proposal can be viewed at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries

Anyone affected by the proposal who wishes to provide feedback should submit their comments using the online form at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries by April 18, 2026.

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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Man. government and MMF expand access to safe, supportive transitional housing in Interlake

Investment strengthens culturally rooted housing, healing and family wellness; supports for Indigenous women and gender-diverse relatives

Submitted by the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$4 million to create 10 additional housing spaces in the Interlake region for Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQIA+ relatives moving away from violence or leaving emergency shelters, Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine, minister responsible for women and gender equity, announced March 10.

“Our government is proud to partner with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) and Infinity Women Secretariat (IWS) on this important initiative, a piece of the web of province-wide supports which complement broader investments under the Mino’Ayaawag Ikwewag strategy,” said Fontaine. “This investment is part of \$20 million used this year to strengthen culturally rooted housing, healing and family wellness supports across Manitoba to create a better, brighter future for Indigenous women, two-spirit and gender-diverse relatives.”

“This transitional housing initiative builds on the MMF’s proven track record of creating infrastructure that is made to last for generations to come, and to be accessible to the communities they serve,” said David Chartrand, President of the Manitoba Métis Federation. “This is at the heart of what Indigenous government can accomplish when it is recognized and respected. It acts as a partner, creating cohesive approaches that properly reach the most vulnerable of commu-

nity members in ways that feel safe and culturally grounded. The MMF is building momentum not just for our own people, but for the benefit of all Manitobans.”

Building on the August 2025 announcement of support for 10 units at the Infinity Women Secretariat’s transitional housing facility, which are currently under development, this investment will fund 10 more furnished studio apartments to further support Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and their children leaving violence or emergency shelter facilities.

“IWS is deeply committed to the well-being of Red River Métis women and 2SLGBTQIA+ members,” said Anita Campbell, spokeswoman, Infinity Women Secretariat. “Expanding the facility to include supports for our First Nations and Inuit sisters and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals feels like a natural extension of what is in our hearts and minds. We are all connected through kinship ties, shared cultural values and a profound understanding of our roles in our respective communities. IWS is proud to extend the hand of sisterhood and solidarity to all our relatives who need to heal and regain the strength to stand as matriarchs and strong voices for our nations. Everything we will do in this transitional housing facility will be about empowering vulnerable women and their children. Quite simply, no community can be whole or healthy without all members being whole and healthy.”

The additional units will be an essential part of a therapeutic community of care, using an Indigenous approach of holistic healing based on Red River Métis traditions. Providing wraparound services in a safe environment enriched by cultural traditions, Indigenous women, 2SLGBTQIA+ relatives and their children will be able to connect to their own strengths and skills, developing confidence and self-worth while alleviating some of the long-term impacts of trauma caused by violence, the minister noted. Residents will have access to on-site wraparound services, resources and support tailored to their specific needs and off-site referrals for enhanced supports with community partners. Support staff, a communal kitchen, laundry, healing spaces, garden spaces, communal recreational areas and child care will promote holistic healing in a culturally familiar environment.

The Manitoba government is supporting the expansion through the Mino’Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well strategy, Manitoba’s whole-of-government strategy aimed at the empowerment, safety and protection of Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse people. The funding advances several pillars of the strategy, including:

- access to culture,
- healthy communities,
- housing, and
- justice and safety.

Phase 1 of the project is expected to be completed this spring, with Phase 2 slated to be completed in summer 2027.

To learn more about the Mino’Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well strategy, visit www.gov.mb.ca/wage/minoayaawag-ikwewag.html.

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Red River North Tourism invites everyone to Annual General Meeting, March 26

Stop by to learn what's going on in tourism

Submitted by Red River North Tourism

The public is invited to attend the 8th Annual General Meeting for Red River North Tourism (RRNT), taking place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at the Gynor Family Regional Library in Selkirk.

Presented by Red River North Tourism Inc. the event brings together a membership of individuals and regional businesses and operators active in the tourism industry. Admission is free and doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting will offer a review of tourism initiatives undertaken over the past year, and the results of those efforts to contribute to the local economy. This will include reporting on RRNT signature events such as Holiday Alley and the Garden & Art Tour.

The role and continuing participation in provincial tourism efforts will also be reviewed. Red River North Tourism is an active member on the Boards of both the Interlake Tourism Association (ITA) and Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba (TIAM). TIAM is the leading voice for industry advocacy in Manitoba, working directly with government, and collaborating with tourism stakeholders

in the province to foster a competitive and prosperous visitor economy. ITA focuses on collaborative marketing and promotion of all the visitor services, features, and attractions throughout the Interlake, bringing together a network of community efforts.

"The AGM offers an opportunity to meet those in the community who are active in tourism," explained RRNT President Lois Wales.

"It's a chance to learn more about the economic and cultural importance of tourism to our community and all the potential benefits," she added, "We'll discuss the role and accomplishments of Red River North Tourism, and plans for the future of tourism in the region".

Admission to the AGM is free, and attendees may enter to win an exciting door prize, such as tickets to the Garden & Art Tour in July or an exclusive guided Mural & History Tour for up to ten people.

To stay informed, sign up to receive the monthly RRNT e-newsletter, featuring events, workshops, and other activities at www.redrivernorthtourism.com/newsletter.

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Fuel prices surge in Teulon



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Gas prices in Teulon have spiked to 164.9 cents per litre, following a sharp jump at local service stations in recent days. Prices rose from 141.9 cents per litre on March 5 to 149.9 cents per litre in less than 24 hours, before climbing further on March 16. The increase reflects a broader surge seen across Manitoba and Canada, largely driven by rising global oil prices amid escalating conflict in the Middle East and concerns about potential disruptions to international oil supplies.

Access Credit Union named one of Manitoba's Top Employers for 12th year

By Haley Cvar

Access Credit Union has once again been recognized as one of Manitoba's Top Employers, marking the twelfth consecutive year the organization has received the designation.

The recognition was announced March 10 by the editors and organizers of the Canada's Top 100 Employers project. Access was also named among Canada's best employers for recent graduates in The Career Directory 2026.

The annual Manitoba's Top Employers competition highlights organizations that lead their industries in offering strong workplace environments and employee support programs.

Access Credit Union president and CEO Myrna Wiebe said the honour reflects the commitment of the credit union's workforce.

"The dedication, support and teamwork demonstrated daily by our employees are what supports the success and continued growth of the credit union," Wiebe said in a statement. "We're proud of our employees' dedication to providing exceptional service to our members and clients, and how well they represent Access both

inside and outside the workplace."

The credit union offers a range of employee benefits aimed at supporting staff development and well-being. These include paid training and continuing education opportunities, flexible work hours and locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, tuition subsidies and fully paid health and family coverage.

Access Credit Union also emphasizes community involvement and encourages employees to participate in volunteer and community initiatives.

Manitoba's Top Employers is published annually by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers and highlights organizations that offer progressive workplace policies and supportive work environments.

Access Credit Union is the largest credit union in Manitoba, with \$14.1 billion in assets and more than 208,000 members served through branches across the province.

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1. To control invasive plants and noxious weeds on Manitoba Provincial right of way.
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3. The proposed dates of application for this program will be from April 15, 2026 to October 31, 2026.

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

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Authors team up with new book publishing company to create anthology

By Katelyn Boulanger

Tania Stephanson is an author and the owner of Sable BooKnight, a publishing company that she recently opened in our area. While a new publishing company in the area is exciting enough, she is also announcing the launch of a book with authors from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the US who have teamed up, each contributing their own stories, to create a book for readers to enjoy. *Portals* is the first anthology in what Stephanson hopes to be a long line of Sable Booknight anthologies.

"Sable BooKnight is an independent publishing company located in Selkirk. It offers author services like beta reading, line editing and book formatting. I started to put together anthologies, and submissions are open basically worldwide. I have published under my own author name and a couple of pen names under the Sable BooKnight name, but now I'm looking to help other writers reach more readers, find an audience and network," said Stephanson.

She explained that she felt that this service was needed in our region because a previous non-profit group, the Lake Winnipeg Writers Group, unfortunately made the decision to close up shop after many years of serving the local writing community. That group previously published a twice-yearly publication, *Voices*, which allowed local authors to publish their work and without that resource, Stephanson hoped to provide an option for local writers.

Stephanson is open to working with authors writing work in many different genres who would like to publish their books, and writers can contact her for more information about the details.

As for this first anthology, *Portals*, it includes the work of 11 authors and 14 to 15 stories, depending on how you count multi-part works.

The authors are: Denise Fenez, Eric McKinnon, Greg Shedden, Lasalina Tess, Rebecca Hunnie, Scarlett Kol, Sianyn Leigh, T. M. Heinrichs, Tania Stephanson, Trynda Adair, and Whitney R. Holp, and many of them are local authors.

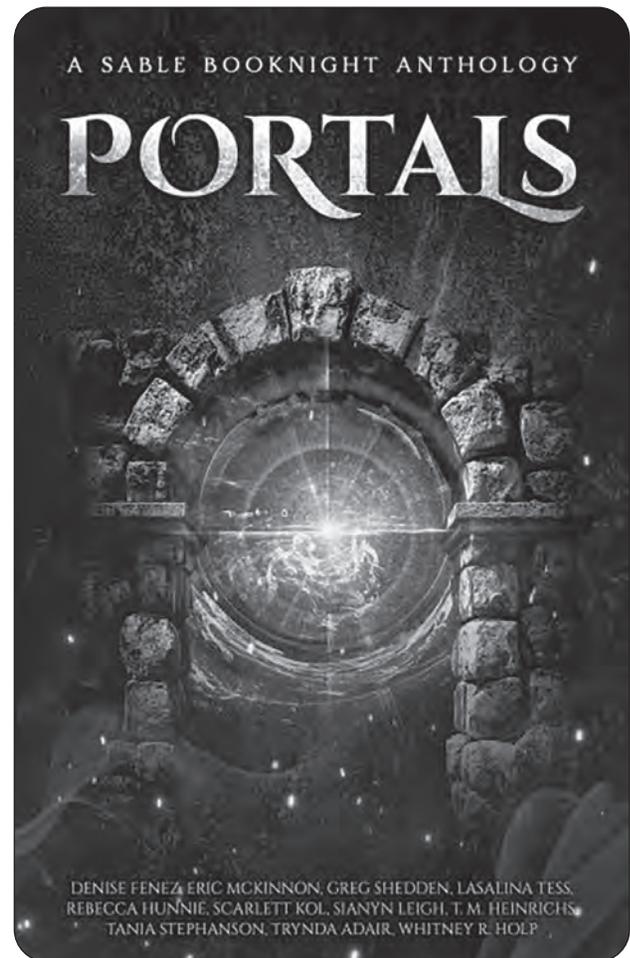
Portals, as the name suggests, has readers diving into the different worlds of the authors. From alternate dimensions, to magical worlds, the *Portals* anthology will take the reader on exciting journeys with unique characters and new places to explore.

Stephanson hopes that by bringing authors together to create anthologies in this way, she can help them feel the amazing feeling of having their work published.

"When you finally hit publish, and you hold that book in your hand, it's such an amazing feeling. I want to be able to help other writers get that feeling and to help them jump start their publishing career. I fell in love with the actual publishing process, the book formatting, hitting publish, and that anticipation of waiting for somebody to read your story and get their feedback. I think it's really important for a writer to get that experience," said Stephanson.

As for the stories themselves, Stephanson doesn't want to spoil too much, but she has given us some hints as to what you might find in *Portals*.

"One of them is *Oath Bound*, where a woman's favourite book is destroyed, and she wants to buy another one. And, I guess, because this book is destroyed, it opens up a portal to bring the storybook characters into her reality. Then in another one, *The Multiverse Theory*, shares different realities with the same characters, and how one of those characters gets the sensation that these conversations have happened before, and how it



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Portals is a new anthology book with contributions by local authors and published by local publisher Sable BooKnight.

impacts her," she said.

The official release date for *Portals* is April 11, and residents can join in the fun as the book launch is taking place at the Gaynor Family Regional Library at 3 p.m. Many of the authors will be there.

If you'd like to purchase *Portals*, there will be copies for sale at the launch, and it's an excellent opportunity to get your copy signed, but if you can't make it that day, the books are also available both online and locally.

"*Portals* will be available for purchase on all major online retail platforms like Amazon, Apple Books, and Kobo. You can get print copies through Amazon, also, it will be sold at The Cozy Fox in Selkirk," said Stephanson.

She hopes that the bibliophiles in our community will come out to support this group of authors.

"Come out and support local writers and help them kickstart their publishing career and meet these writers in person," she said.

If you would like to contact Stephanson or learn more you can visit her website at <https://sable-booknight.ca/tania-stephanson/>.



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tioned. While transportation options exist in larger centres, patients say rural residents often have fewer alternatives and must cover fuel costs themselves. Patients noted that financial assistance programs for travel typically apply only to those who live more than 35 kilometres from a dialysis unit, leaving some patients responsible for fuel costs despite frequent travel to treatments.

Access to specialists was another issue raised by several patients. Some reported they have not seen a kidney specialist in person since beginning dialysis at the unit, saying nephrologists rarely attend the facility directly.

The Shared Health spokesperson said nephrologists maintain weekly communication and reviews with the Selkirk dialysis team involved in each patient's care.

"Patients receive comprehensive annual assessments, either virtually or in person, involving the nephrologist, dietitian, social worker, pharmacist and the HSC (Health Sciences Centre) Local Centre nurse," the spokesperson said. "In addition, the HSC Local Centre team completes in-person site visits to the unit twice annually to assess patients directly. Family physicians from the local community also attend the unit on a regular basis and liaise with nephrologists to address patient care concerns as needed."

Patients also described experiencing a range of medical issues during treatments, including severe reactions, high blood pressure, headaches and other symptoms. Some said they believed certain issues could have been addressed sooner if their concerns had been acted on earlier.

In one case, a family member said repeated reactions during dialysis improved only after a filter on the machine was changed.

One patient said they sometimes feel reluctant to attend dialysis sessions because of how unwell they feel during treatments.

"I want to be there for my family," the patient said. "But since starting dialysis I feel like my health has gone downhill."

The Shared Health spokesperson noted that protocols for adverse reactions vary depending on the severity and may include the local medical team assessing patients while consulting with the nephrologist covering the unit. In some cases, patients may also be transferred to the Selkirk emergency department or to Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg for more serious matters.

Nurses working in dialysis are required to complete specialized nephrology training, which includes the Manitoba Nephrology Nursing

Course (MNNC) with 10 weeks of dedicated dialysis training in addition to acute care experience. Ongoing onsite training is also provided as practices and technologies evolve.

Patients also raised concerns about communication regarding treatment decisions. Some reported instances where medications prescribed by other physicians were cancelled by renal specialists without prior discussion.

According to the Shared Health spokesperson, "nephrologists will only make medication changes in relation to appropriate dosing for a patient with end-stage renal disease. Treatments prescribed by other physicians would not be changed unless determined to be an unsafe dose."

They added that any medication changes are reviewed by HSC Local Centre pharmacy staff and communicated between Selkirk and HSC teams. When a new prescription is issued, the patient is verbally notified of the change.

Some patients also reported concerns about treatment settings during dialysis sessions, including occasions where they believed dialysis machines were set to remove more fluid than their bodies could tolerate.

A number of accounts also described procedural difficulties during treatments, including repeated needle insertions or treatment adjustments they believed were uncomfortable or difficult to tolerate.

One patient said they were poked 14 times during a single session.

In addition to medical concerns, patients pointed to environmental factors within the unit, including cold temperatures and a lack of reclining chairs for those who struggle to lie in beds for extended periods.

Some patients also expressed discomfort about being asked to leave the unit during a smudging ceremony.

"We come to a health facility for health issues not to be forced to leave for a smudging ceremony," one patient wrote.

Shared Health said IERHA supports smudging ceremonies in hospitals and care homes in accordance with its policies in an effort to respect cultural practices and advance reconciliation. Staff work with patients and their families to accommodate requests and provide safe spiritual care spaces when available and appropriate. The Indigenous Health team, Waabishki Bineshiins, also supports Indigenous patients in navigating care and accessing cultural supports.

While patients voiced frustration about certain experiences, many emphasized their appreciation for the

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Manitoba government breaks ground on new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in West St. Paul

Submitted by the government of Manitoba

Construction has begun on a new kindergarten to Grade 8 school in the Meadowlands development in the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Tracy Schmidt announced March 10.

"Kids in this community deserve to start their education in an environment that sets them up for success: with modern classrooms, on-site child care and a school they can walk to," said Schmidt. "This investment is about giving every student in West St. Paul the foundation they need to thrive."

The school will be built to an initial capacity of 675 students, with a core

design accommodating up to 800 to support future enrolment growth. The facility will exceed 82,000 sq. ft. and include classroom spaces, a gymnasium, a multipurpose room and specialized learning areas, including human ecology and applied technology. An integrated child-care facility will provide up to 104 infant and pre-school spaces for children aged zero to six, with 30 school-age, shared-use spaces for before- and after-school care, for a total of 134 new child-care spaces.

"Schools are the heart of our neighbourhoods, places where people come together and where learning, growth, and opportunity take root," said Tony Kreml, superintendent, Seven Oaks

School Division. "This new addition will strengthen the West St. Paul community by ensuring students have access to the resources, spaces and supports they need now and for years to come."

The building will incorporate a geothermal system to reduce operating costs and support long-term energy efficiency.

"The Seven Oaks School Division's board of trustees is proud to celebrate the upcoming construction of a new K-8 school to serve the growing community of West St. Paul. This much needed facility represents a meaningful investment in children, families and the long-term vitality of our community. As West St. Paul continues to grow, this new school will ensure that students have access to welcoming, modern learning spaces close to home," said Ed Ploszay, chairperson, Seven Oaks School Division board of trustees. "We extend our sincere appreciation to Education Minister Tracy Schmidt and MLA J.D. Devgan for their collaboration, leadership and steadfast support in bringing this project forward. Their commitment to working with our division and our community was instrumental in securing approval for a school that will benefit students for generations."

The new school is the first to be built under the Manitoba Jobs Agreement, which ensures contractors prioritize Manitoba workers and sets standards for wages, benefits and working conditions, the minister noted. The new policy will apply to large construction projects funded by the Manitoba government, including three other new schools starting construction in the coming months, ensuring that these major construction projects are built with good, family-supporting jobs in the trades, the minister noted.

This West St. Paul school is one of four new K-8 schools being constructed under the Manitoba government's bundled construction management delivery model, in which schools are designed and constructed with a fixed fee and a standardized layout.

"A standard school design allows us to move faster and spend smarter," said Schmidt. "Every dollar we save on design and procurement is a dollar we can put toward more schools, more child-care spaces and better outcomes for kids across Manitoba."

Manitoba Budget 2025 committed to constructing 11 new schools across the province, prioritizing the use of local labour to reduce costs and support Manitoba's workforce.

NOTICE OF Annual General Meeting

April 14, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the 67th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Cambrian Credit Union will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held virtually, via webcast, with no physical meeting location. Cambrian's head office, located at 225 Broadway in Winnipeg, Manitoba, will be deemed the Annual General Meeting location for record-keeping purposes.

Business of the Meeting

1. Receive and consider the financial statements of Cambrian for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the report of the Directors, management and auditors thereon;
2. Receive a report of Cambrian's call for Director Nominations and announce the results of the Election of Directors;
3. Appoint the auditors of Cambrian for the 2026 year; and
4. Transact such other business as may properly come before the last meeting.

Accessing the Meeting

Access to the Annual General Meeting webcast will be open to each member of Cambrian entitled to vote at the meeting. In order to gain access, eligible voting members are required to pre-register. Pre-registration opened at 9:00 am Monday, March 9 and closes Tuesday, April 7 at midnight. *To pre-register, and for more information about the virtual Annual General Meeting, members are encouraged to visit www.cambrian.mb.ca/2026AGM.*

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 19th day of March, 2026.
By order of the Board of Directors

Marilyn Brennan
Corporate Secretary



Celebrating 9 years!



RECORD PHOTO BY LAURA PLATT

It's been nine years since the Mighty Kiwi opened its doors in Selkirk and the business has seen some great success spreading to an additional location in Winnipeg. Owners Jocelyn Kreml and Miranda Kinney would like to thank the community for their support. Pictured: Kreml(left) and Kinney celebrating at the Mighty Kiwi.

Easter Bunny craft sale to support Ethan Cruz Fiddler Memorial Scholarship

By E. Antonio

Out with the old and in with the new — community members can get a head start on their spring refresh at the Easter Bunny Craft, Rummage and Vintage Sale, taking place Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at St. Clements Anglican Church Hall, 1178 River Road in St. Andrews.

The two-day event will raise funds for the Ethan Cruz Fiddler Memorial Scholarship Fund, created in honour of St. Andrews teen Ethan Fiddler, 17, who tragically passed away in October after being struck by a vehicle in Selkirk.

“Ethan was a real outgoing person who loved his family, his community and sports,” said his Nan, Lorie Fiddler. “He was a really good kid who was super proud of his Métis background and always looking for ways to support his community.”

The scholarship fund was established by Ethan’s aunts, Nola Fiddler and Kat Marsh, as a way to carry forward his dreams and ease some of the financial pressure that comes with pursuing post-secondary education.

This year, the fund will award two scholarships to graduates of Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School — the Class of 2026, the group Ethan would have graduated with. One scholarship will support a Promoting Aboriginal Student Success (P.A.S.S.) student, while the other will contribute to a general scholarship.

“All the students at the Comp have been working so hard, and we know that Ethan would be proud of this support for them,” Fiddler added.

To date, approximately \$13,000 has been raised. Now, Selkirk and area’s Grandparent Squad — a collective of more than 25 community members dedicated to improving the lives of local families — are once again joining forces to boost that total.

The group, who have banded together for more than a decade, is organizing the Easter Bunny Craft, Rummage and Vintage Sale as its latest community-driven initiative.

The sale will run March 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. and March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twenty vendors will offer handmade goods, vintage finds and second-hand treasures. Shoppers can also browse a wide selection of silent auction prizes, purchase 50/50 tickets, try their luck at a booze draw, and enjoy hotdogs, cookies and beverages at the concession.

Linda Rosser said the group is excited to welcome spring by bringing people together for a meaningful cause. Inkster added that the response from businesses and residents has al-

ready been overwhelmingly positive.

“This positivity brings a lot of heart, which I can feel in my whole body,” she said. “Seeing the community come together proves to us this initiative is worth our effort.”

Several local businesses have stepped up in support. McDonald’s Selkirk will supply coffee and cookies for the concession, while the Selkirk Friendship Centre is donating hotdogs and cold beverages. South Beach Casino and Canalta Hotel have each contributed an overnight stay, and Larters and Selkirk Golf Clubs have donated multiple rounds of golf — just a few examples of the many contributions helping keep Ethan’s memory alive.

Additionally, until March 31 The Mighty Kiwi in Selkirk will have a featured smoothie called the “#12: The Scholar-sip Smoothie” in honour of Ethan who played in jersey 12 on the Royal’s basketball team. \$1 from every smoothie sold will be donated to the Ethan Cruz Fiddler Memorial Scholarship Fund and the smoothie is a blend of almond milk, blueberry, mango, banana and vanilla yoghurt topped with whipped cream to mimic one of Ethan’s favourite treats— blueberry milkshakes.

“Our hope for this month is to not only raise money for his scholarship fund but to share the love and memory of him with our community,” The Mighty Kiwi owners shared in their monthly newsletter. “He has been and will continue to be missed and remembered everyday by all of those who were lucky enough to know and love him.”

Fiddler said the generosity has been one of the most meaningful parts of the planning process.

“People coming together and offering their support makes this experience feel whole,” she said. “I hope people feel good about helping the future generation.”

Among the vendors is local artist Bev Hart, who will be selling original prints and paintings. Working primarily in acrylic and watercolour, Hart describes her pieces as “not perfect, but unique.”

As a self-taught artist with decades of experience, Hart began sewing with her grandmother before turning to painting about 30 years ago.

“From there, it just morphed,” she said. “The flair was thriving.”

Drawing inspiration from her imagination, Hart creates a wide range of pieces designed to appeal to many tastes. She said she’s looking forward to taking part in the sale, both to support the scholarship fund and to encourage others to bring more art into



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Members of the Grandparent Squad are organizing the upcoming Easter Bunny Craft, Rummage and Vintage Sale fundraiser in support of the Ethan Cruz Fiddler Memorial Scholarship Fund. The event will take place March 27 and 28 at the St. Clements Anglican Church Hall, 1178 River Rd. in St. Andrews. Pictured are squad members, left to right, back row: Maureen Petersen, Glen Inkster, Jeannie Inkster, Phoebe Thomas and Rose Mayo; front row, Brenda McRae, Murielle Bouchard, Lorie Fiddler, Bev Hart and Linda Rosser.

their lives.

“I have a lot of pieces and I like to share them,” she said. “It’s good for people to have the chance to admire art — it’s fulfilling both to them and the artist.”

Monetary donations and silent auction prizes are also being accepted. Silent auction contributions close March 20, while monetary donations will continue to be accepted on an ongoing basis. For donation arrangements, contact Jeannie Inkster at 204-793-2674.

Looking ahead, the Grandparent Squad hopes to continue growing the Ethan Cruz Fiddler Memorial Scholarship Fund in the years to come.

“It’s been so healing having the community support,” Rosser said. “Come

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Ethan, 17, passed away in October after being struck by a vehicle in Selkirk. He was passionate about sports and supporting his community.



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West St. Paul Medical Clinic celebrates first year of success

By E. Antonio

West St. Paul Medical Clinic is celebrating its one-year anniversary, a milestone that reflects community growth, fulfilment and satisfaction, says medical director and family physician Dr. Temitope Ajayi.

The clinic officially opened its doors on March 10, 2025, as West St. Paul's first medical clinic and was immediately well received by community members. In its first year alone, the clinic welcomed more than 2,500 patients, with 11,000 scheduled appointments and roughly 1,500 walk-ins. The clinic has also hosted three medical students, further establishing itself within the community.

"From what started as an idea, I can see it blossom into a big project that not only serves the people of West St. Paul and its environs, but also confirms the saying from a quote by Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, in 1774: 'Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well,'" Dr. Ajayi said.

Over the past year, Dr. Ajayi added he is especially proud of the feedback he has received from patients, particularly regarding the clinic's efforts to digitize services and improve

the overall patient experience. That feedback has also helped shape his growth as both a medical director and physician.

"To be honest, I had a fair share of imposter syndrome during the first week of operation," he said. "I doubted whether I could oversee the clinic and still provide care for my patients. I had projected that it might take about two additional years before the clinic could be stabilized enough to get additional physicians, but thankfully we have two additional physicians within a year of operation."

Dr. Ajayi said he and his staff understand that patients want to feel both seen and heard, and to have a medical team that remains professional while also empathizing with their concerns. Those values have helped shape the clinic into what he describes as a safe, welcoming and accepting space for both patients and staff.

"I will continue to ensure that our individualized, personalized, patient-centred approach is not watered down," he said. "This is what makes us unique, and we are proud of this."

To mark the clinic's first anniversary, West St. Paul Medical Clinic hosted an open house on March 10, offering



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West St. Paul Medical Clinic staff celebrate their first anniversary. Pictured left to right, back row: Dr. Femi Faluyi (family physician), Megan Good (clinic manager), and Kianna Brown (University of Manitoba medical student); Front row, Manjot Kaur (clinical assistant), Darla Doerksen (medical office assistant), Dr. Temitope Ajayi, Dr. Ajayi's wife Tinu Ajayi, Dr. Jenny Wilson (family physician), Atefe Shabankare (clinical assistant) and Gabrielle Balacko (medical office assistant).

hot drinks and snacks to visitors who stopped by.

Dr. Ajayi added that connecting with residents — whether as a physician or simply as a neighbour — continues to motivate him each day. Even when he sees patients outside of the office, he takes the opportunity to greet them, noting it gives him a strong sense of "communal spirit."

As the clinic continues to grow, it has also expanded services to better meet the needs of local residents. Saturday walk-in appointments are now available, along with weekly extended evening hours to accommodate patients with demanding work schedules.

The clinic has also partnered with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and AWC Group 2023 Ltd. to enhance the clinic's facilities. An expansion project, expected to open in April 2026, will add a pharmacy, a wellness centre and additional clinic rooms.

"[The builders] have done a remarkable job with the space, and many of our patients testify to this," Dr. Ajayi said.

Additional partnerships include Shared Health through the My Health Teams network for the Seven Oaks Division. Through this collaboration, patients can access several specialists, including a social worker, income protection worker, chronic disease management worker and a brief treatment counsellor to help address physical, social and mental health needs.

Over the past year, the clinic has also focused on strengthening its brand



Dr. Ajayi, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Faluyi.

and visibility by staying active on social media and regularly posting updates and health information on its website blog at www.wspclinic.ca.

Looking ahead, Dr. Ajayi added his goal is to remain community-focused while continuing to provide high-quality care. He hopes to organize a community food drive and a healthy living fair in the coming months.

His long-term vision for the clinic, he said, is simple: to manage "a clinic that provides qualitative, personalized and holistic healthcare in fostering a healthier, responsible community."

West St. Paul Medical Clinic is located at 1A-1051 Kapelus Dr. and is currently accepting new patients. To book an appointment, call 204-800-4652 during clinic hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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Customer data hacked from Loblaw and Telus

By Patricia Barrett

Canadian companies Loblaw grocery giant and telecom company Telus were the targets of cyber attacks that resulted in the loss of customer data.

Loblaw posted a press release dated March 10 on its website about the data breach.

The company characterized the cyber-attack as a “low-level data breach” with only “basic” information exposed, and said it’s notifying its customers.

“After identifying suspicious activity on a contained, non-critical part of its IT network, the Company has determined that a criminal third-party accessed some basic customer information such as names, phone numbers, and email addresses,” said the company in the news release.

It did not specify when the cyber-attack occurred.

Loblaw went on to say that its current investigation has indicated that customers’ passwords, health information and credit card data “were not

compromised” nor was PC Financial.

Loblaw Companies Ltd. operates thousands of stores across Canada, including grocery stores such as the Real Canadian Superstore, No Frills, Extra Foods, and Dominion, as well as Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacy.

Telus was also subjected to a cyber attack that resulted in customer data being accessed, but it’s unclear when it happened and how serious it was.

No mention of the cyber attack in Telus’ Newsroom site (back to July 2025) could not be found.

In an interview with the *Canadian Press* posted on March 13, Telus said it’s investigating a cyber attack on a “limited number” of its digital systems.

Telus spokesperson Richard Gilhooley said the

company will notify any customers who may have been affected.

The story did specify how many customers were or might have been impacted in the data breach nor what type of data were accessed and stolen.

In addition to cyber forensic experts, the company said it’s working with law enforcement.

A group calling itself ShinyHunters contacted an American media outlet last week, claiming it was planning to release a large amount of data that

it claimed to have stolen from Telus in August [2025?], and that the group had sent Telus a ransom note in February demanding a payment [unspecified] in Bitcoin.

The group also shared with *Reuters* news service samples of the alleged data including information about two dozen or so companies, personal data, call data, and FBI background check information. Reuters has not verified its authenticity.

> ETHAN CRUZ FIDDLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, FROM PG. 13

out to the event and support a great cause — there will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

Admission to the sale is free, with food items available by donation. For more information, residents are encouraged to contact any member of the Grandparent Squad.

> DIALYSIS, FROM PG. 11

majority of nursing staff.

Several said some nurses provide compassionate and attentive care despite what they believe are system-level challenges.

Patients say they are sharing their experiences in the hope that improvements can be made to the program and that their concerns will be acknowledged.

They say dialysis patients depend on the treatment to survive and want to ensure the care environment supports their health and well-being.

Shared Health and IERHA

encourage patients with concerns to speak with the unit manager or contact patient relations for further escalation.

“Concerns are reviewed through established processes, and feedback is used to support continuous improvement in care,” the spokesperson said, adding incidents are reviewed by IERHA staff and shared with Shared Health as required.

Since October 2023, four formal complaints have been made regarding the Selkirk dialysis unit.

Correction

In the March 5 edition of the *Selkirk Record* Steve Renn was incorrectly identified as Steve Renni. We regret this error.

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Welcoming spring into your home: a how-to guide

Are you tired of staying indoors to escape the winter cold? Is the grey landscape getting you down? Hang in there, because spring is just around the corner! While you wait for the warm weather to return, why not add a few springtime touches to your interior decor? Here's a hand-

ful of ideas to inspire you.

Trendy colours

According to interior design experts, the following colours will be everywhere in homes in spring 2026:

- Peach pink
- Powder pink
- Mint green
- Sage green
- Soft blue-grey
- Blue-green
- Chocolate brown

That said, a host of other colours are also ideal for the season of renewal, including soft beiges and pastels. Use these shades on accent walls, textiles, decorative items and furniture to refresh your home from floor to ceiling.

Spring textiles

Swap your winter duvets, curtains, throws, cushion covers and other wintry items for lighter textiles. Choose fabrics with soft colours and springtime patterns like florals or playful motifs like woodland animals. A breath of fresh air, guaranteed!

Fragrant ambiance

Say "see you next year" to indoor spaces scented with notes of cinnamon, pine and cran-



berry. Time to switch to fruity and floral scents for your room sprays, reed diffusers and scented candles. Welcome scents of lemon, pear, lilac, lily of the valley and rose. It's starting to smell like spring!

Woven materials

Rattan, wicker and water hyacinth add texture and natural charm to any room. Choose baskets, trays or planters made of these organic materials to effortlessly enhance your decor.

Greenery galore

Plants are more than decorative; they also help bring the outdoors in. Give your home that springtime feel by adding lots of plants in planters, colourful pots or even terrariums throughout your home.

When you think of spring, you likely envision flowers. Choose real flowers, if they're available, but artificial ones will also do the job. Display them in pretty vases on your dining room table, kitchen island, mantelpiece or entryway table. Spring classics, such as tulips, lilacs, lilies, peonies, hyacinths, daisies and apple blossoms, bring instant spring vibes.

Do you have a green thumb? If you love gardening, you can start dreaming of your well-stocked vegetable garden as you plant your seedlings. Watching them sprout is a sure sign of the arrival of warmer days.

As you can see, it's not hard to invite spring into your home. Visit your local home decor, furniture and paint retailers to find everything you need to make your decorating project a success.

36 Donald Road, St. Andrews
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101 Calder Road, St. Andrews
- \$489,900 (SOLD) Situated on a spacious .55-acre lot in St. Andrews, this 1,625 sq. ft. home offers functional living space, and excellent potential. The main level features three well-sized bedrooms and two bathrooms, while the finished basement adds valuable additional living space—ideal for a family room, home office, or recreation area. A double attached garage provides everyday convenience and extra storage. While the interior reflects a more traditional style, the home has been well maintained, making it a great opportunity for buyers looking to update and add value over time at their own pace. With plenty of room both inside and out, this property is ideal for those seeking a comfortable home with future potential in a quiet, established setting in St. Andrews.

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- \$999,990 (COMING SOON) Welcome to this custom-built 2240 sqft 2 storey residence set on a 2.75-acre riverfront estate in St. Andrews, perfectly located across from Larters Golf Course and just minutes from the Perimeter. This elegant centre hall plan welcomes you to an inviting living room and private home office, creating refined yet comfortable living spaces. The chef-inspired kitchen showcases extensive cabinetry and generous workspace, seamlessly connecting to a sun-filled family and dining area with access to the elevated deck overlooking the grounds. The main floor primary suite is a true retreat, complete with walk-in closet, private deck access, and a spa-like 4-piece ensuite. Main floor laundry and a 3-piece bath lead to the oversized 26x26 insulated double attached garage. The upper level features three spacious bedrooms and a 4-piece bath, each offering picturesque views of the river and surrounding landscape. Outdoors, the beautifully treed grounds offer an exceptional atmosphere and stunning riverfront views, highlighted by a charming gazebo and gently tiered terrain leading to the water's edge, perfect for enjoying the peaceful riverfront setting.

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69041 PR 212, Cooks Creek
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How to style your coffee table like it's in a magazine

Do you want to dress your coffee table for a contemporary look? These ideas, inspired by leading interior design publications, will help you give your ornamental tables more wow.

- **Play with height.** Arrange objects of differing heights to create a sense of movement. For example, combine a tall vase, an art book and a candle for an interesting look. Additionally, mix contrasting materials, such as wood, glass, ceramic and fabric to add personality to the overall look.

- **Add a touch of greenery.** Whether your coffee table is made of wood, glass, ceramic, metal or marble, plants will infuse it with freshness and softness. Try a bouquet of flowers, a leafy plant or even a few dried branches.

- **Pay attention to colour.** Stick to two or three complementary shades. Neutral tones accented with a bright colour will create an elegant, modern look.

- **Leave room to breathe.** Avoid overcrowding the surface. Leave a little empty space to provide a more effective showcase for your most beautiful objects.

- **Style a decorative tray.** A tray can help frame your decorative items, structure the space and keep everything tidy. It's perfect for creating a harmonious display, especially on a larger coffee table.

Wood, glass, ceramic, metal or marble—whatever material your coffee table is made of, these tried and true tips are sure to make it the star of your living room.



4 things to consider when choosing a garage door

Are you shopping for a garage door? To make the right choice, keep these factors in mind.

1. MATERIAL

Steel, aluminum and wood—each garage door material has its advantages. Steel is durable and low maintenance, and aluminum is lightweight and rust resistant. Wood adds a certain warmth and authenticity but requires a little more upkeep.

2. PANELS

The configuration and panel style can greatly influence the look of your garage door. You can choose from a wide variety of panel styles, including smooth, embossed, patterned or wood-look. Consider incorporat-

ing windows to modernize the design while letting natural light in.

3. COLOURS

The colour of your garage door should complement your home's exterior, including the cladding, window frames and roof. Neutral shades, such as white, grey, brown and black, are always a safe bet. Bold or two-tone finishes are also popular.

4. INSULATION

Garage doors insulated with polystyrene or polyurethane will improve your home's energy efficiency. Check the R-value. The higher the value, the better the insulation. For example, an R-17 door insulates more effectively than an R-12 door.

Work with a specialty company in your area to find the perfect garage door.



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58th annual Lundar Bull Sale set for April 4

By E. Antonio

The Lundar Bull Sale has long been a tradition for cattle producers in Manitoba's Interlake and beyond. Now entering its 58th year, the annual sale returns to the Lundar Agri-Ed Centre on Saturday, April 4, bringing together breeders, buyers and community members for another year of livestock and fellowship.

Lundar Bull Sale president Jack Cruise said he is looking forward to welcoming producers back for the long-running event, which features a variety of breeds.

Cruise recalls attending some of the earliest sales with his father, who was among the event's founders. For him, the sale's longevity speaks to the strength of the region's cattle community.

"We have a good reputation and we strive to maintain that," Cruise said. "We have managed to be successful year after year, and people come from all over the province to buy our cattle — it's a good place to be."

Over the years, the sale has become more than just a marketplace. Cruise said it has also become an annual opportunity for producers to reconnect with friends and neighbours.

"There are several generations of repeat buyers," he added. "It always

brings back memories of those who have come and gone. There are people who have been involved with the sale since it started — whether as a buyer, contributor or organizer — and while the sale itself is a big component, the chance to reconnect and reminisce is another important part of the day."

Cruise said he is proud of the reputation the sale has built and hopes producers will continue to support the event for years to come.

While the core of the sale has remained largely unchanged over the decades, the range of breeds available



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Lundar All Breeds Bull Sale starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, in the Lundar Agri-Ed Centre. 2024 highest-selling bull, Level Up.

has expanded. In the early years, the sale primarily featured Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn cattle. Today, buyers can choose from a wider selection of breeds that have been introduced to Manitoba over time.

This year's lineup includes 13 Her-

ford bulls, 13 Simmental bulls, seven Charolais bulls, four Angus bulls, three Limousin bulls and one Shorthorn bull. In addition, two Hereford heifers, two Charolais heifers and five pens of three commercial heifers will be available.

Cruise said keeping the sale local is important for Interlake producers.

"A lot of people like that they can come close to home and still find good cattle," he noted.

Behind the scenes, he added, a great deal of work goes into organizing the event each year. Cruise said the sale would not be possible without the support of the board of directors and the community.

Viewing of the cattle will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 3, both in person at the Lundar Agri-Ed Centre and online at www.buyagro.com.

Admission to the sale is free and everyone is welcome to attend. A pre-sale lunch will be available starting at noon on sale day, offering a light and social lead-in to the one-hour sale beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information about the Lundar Bull Sale, contact Cruise at 204-739-3645.

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Selkirk RCMP investigate break-in, 13 firearms stolen

By Haley Cvar

Selkirk RCMP are investigating a break-in and theft at a home along Highway 44 in the RM of St. Clements where several firearms were stolen.

Police say officers responded to the report on March 8 at approximately 1:10 p.m. The break-in is believed to have occurred sometime in the previ-

ous 48 hours while the homeowners were away.

Various household and personal items were taken from the residence, including snowmobile gear and tools. Police said a gun safe inside the home had been left unlocked and 13 long guns were stolen.

The stolen firearms include two

Remington .270 pump-action shotguns, three 12-gauge pump-action shotguns, one 20-gauge pump-action shotgun, three .22 bolt-action rifles, two .22 semi-automatic rifles and one .50-calibre muzzleloader.

Ammunition was also taken from another area of the home.

Selkirk RCMP continue to investi-

gate and are working to identify a suspect or suspects.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at manitobacrimestoppers.com.

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Railer Express jump ahead in series against Raiders

By Annaliese Meier

The Transcona Railer Express have taken a commanding early lead in their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League playoff series against the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club, winning the opening two games in decisive fashion.

Transcona opened the series with a 5-0 victory on March 13 at Ed Golding Arena in Winnipeg. The Railer Express struck twice in the first period and never looked back, outshooting the Raiders 57-28 in the contest.

Roan Coe opened the scoring at 8:49 of the first period, finishing a play set up by Noah St. Laurent and Carter Johannesson. Kyle Todoruk doubled the lead less than two minutes later with help from Nathan Turner and Matthew McCorrister.

Transcona continued to apply pressure in the second period. Kaden Bruchanski scored on the power play early in the frame, assisted by Nolan Van Den Bussche and Turner, before Van Den Bussche added a shorthanded marker late in the period to make it 4-0.

Declan Whiteman completed the scoring with a power-play goal midway through the third period.

Despite the lopsided score, Raiders goaltender Owen Savoie delivered a strong performance under heavy pressure, making 52 saves on 57 shots.

The Railer Express carried that momentum into Game 2 on March 15 at Seven Oaks SportsPlex, skating to a 7-1 victory to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Transcona struck quickly with two power-play goals in the opening minutes. Van Den Bussche opened the scoring at 3:14 before Turner added another power-play tally just over two minutes later. Van Den Bussche scored again later in the first period,

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Caprese Skewers

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 In small bowl, whisk olive oil, Italian seasoning, cracked red pepper flakes, garlic powder and salt.
 Add mozzarella balls. Gently toss to coat. For best flavor, marinate in fridge overnight.
 To assemble skewers: Thread tomato, folded basil leaf, marinated mozzarella ball, another folded basil leaf and another tomato. Repeat to make 12 skewers. Place on serving platter. If desired, drizzle balsamic glaze over skewers on serving platter.

Recipe courtesy of The Produce Moms
 Prep time: 15 minutes
 Yield: 12 skewers
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
 1/3 teaspoon cracked red pepper flakes
 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
 12 mozzarella balls, drained and patted dry
 24 ounces NatureSweet Constellation



Bruschetta Bagels

In separate large bowl, place flour and add yeast mixture, remaining lukewarm water and salt. Mix thoroughly with hands until homogenous mixture is obtained. Transfer to greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let rise 1 hour.

Once dough rises, place on flat surface and divide into eight equal parts. Form small dough balls and, using finger, make hole in center of each to form bagels. Place on baking sheet, cover with kitchen towel and let rise 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 390 F.
 In pot of hot water over medium heat, cook each bagel 5 seconds, making sure they do not stick to each other. Remove from water and drain thoroughly. Place on parchment paper-lined plate, sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake 25 minutes.

To make bruschetta: On cutting board, use knife to cut tomatoes in half. Transfer to bowl; add olive oil, garlic and basil then mix. Set aside.

To make topping and serve: Cut bagels in half, place on cutting board and use knife to spread goat cheese on each bagel half. Add bruschetta and drops of balsamic vinegar then sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste.

Prep time: 1 hour, 20 minutes
 Yield: 8 bagels
 Bagels:
 1 packet dry yeast
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 1/4 cups lukewarm water, divided
 3 1/2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 sesame seeds
 Bruschetta:
 2 cups NatureSweet Glorys cherry tomatoes
 1/4 cup olive oil
 2 cloves garlic
 1/2 cup basil
 Topping:
 1 cup goat cheese
 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste
 To make bagels: In bowl, mix yeast, sugar and 1/2 cup lukewarm water; let rest 5 minutes.

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Some of us have multi-layered chronic health issues, while others face complicated acute problems such as rare diseases or lesser-understood cancers. These conditions are exhausting. But if you can — or if you have a friend or family member who can help — try not to give up on doing your own research.

Our healthcare systems are broken. That's why we have to do everything we can to help ourselves. So what am I saying?

There is hope. Sometimes, though, we have to find the answers for ourselves. Maybe there's a treatment out there that isn't widely known and won't be suggested, but if we ask for it, our doctors may try it. Or maybe our symptoms seem random and no one is connecting the dots. Do they even connect? Sometimes, through our own research, we can find out and make changes that matter.

I follow Kate C. Bowler online. She is a New York Times bestselling author (from Winnipeg!) living in the U.S. If I remember correctly, when she was diagnosed with cancer and given a short timeline to live, she — along with some friends — started researching. She found out that the trial the doctors had offered her was more about gathering information to benefit the sponsoring pharmaceutical company and less about actually saving her life. Through her research and discussions with her doctors, they found a different path, and she is still alive years later (and has written three or four books since).

On a more personal front, both Don and I are always searching for answers to the puzzle of my body. Some of it leads nowhere, but because of our research I now know I have gluten, dairy and histamine intolerances, and that a high-FOD-MAP diet contributes to my symptoms. Because I kept pushing to find out if MS was at play (it's not — but Myalgic Encephalomyelitis is, and the two are very similar), we discovered my spinal stenosis, and surgery radically helped some of my symptoms. Right now, we're considering buying an infrared system because many people find it helps with pain. We'll see if it helps, but it's worth trying.

Staying on top of our own research has helped us discover what is newly available, what hasn't been widely studied but people find helpful, and it also keeps us in the loop about upcoming technologies and medications that may help. Sometimes we've heard of treatments before my doctors have, and they are eager to prescribe them when asked.

Yes, there's hope. But we have to be our own detectives.

Now go... get researching. I believe in you!

Less health stress, yes?

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Provincial figure skating championships coming to Stonewall

By Lana Meier

More than 500 skaters from across Manitoba will gather in Stonewall next weekend as Skate Stony Mountain hosts the 2026 Manitoba Figure Skating Provincial Championships.

The three-day competition, held March 20–22 at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex (VMSC), is one of the province’s largest figure skating events and will feature athletes ranging in age from five years old to adult.

Skaters will compete in a variety of disciplines including singles, pairs and synchronized skating, with events scheduled throughout the weekend in both arenas at the complex.

The event is being organized by Skate Stony Mountain in partnership with Skate Manitoba. Shannon Roy and Nicole Shymko are serving as co-chairs of the local organizing committee.

Shymko said the club is proud to have been selected by Skate Canada to host the provincial championship.

“We’re excited to welcome skaters and families from across the province to our community,” she said. “It’s a tremendous honour for our club.”

Along with the more than 500 skaters expected to compete, organizers anticipate over 40 coaches and officials will attend the event. Over the course of the three-day competition, well over 2,500 people are expected to pass through the doors of the arena.

The host club will also have a strong

presence on the ice, with approximately 28 skaters from the Stony Mountain Skating Club competing throughout the weekend.

The athletes, ranging in age from five to adult, include several STAR 5 and higher level skaters who will be competing for medal placements while striving for personal best performances.

An event of this size relies heavily on community support. Shymko said approximately 35 volunteers will be assisting throughout the weekend to help ensure the competition runs smoothly and provides a positive experience for athletes, families and spectators.

“We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to celebrating the talent, commitment and passion of all the skaters, coaches, officials and volunteers taking part,” she said.

In addition to the on-ice competition, the weekend will include several off-ice activities, including seven on-site vendors, a silent auction and a 50/50 draw.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, March 20 at 11:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

A full competition schedule will be available online at mbskates.com.



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Skaters from across Manitoba will compete in the 2026 Manitoba Figure Skating Provincial Championships March 20–22 at the VMSC in Stonewall.

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this time shorthanded, to give the Railer Express a 3–0 lead after 20 minutes.

Bruchanski added another power-play goal early in the second period before St. Laurent extended the lead to 5–0.

The Raiders finally broke through in the third period when Carter Anderson scored at 6:09, assisted by Ashton Henry and Noah Banera.

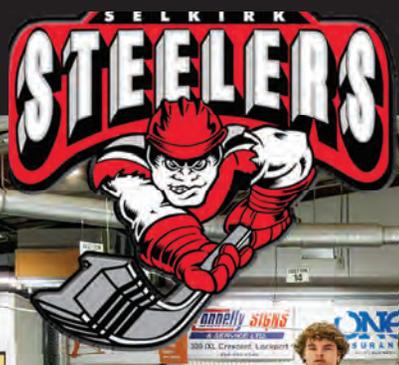
Transcona answered with two more goals from Todoruk and Coe to secure the 7–1 win.

Savoie once again faced a heavy workload in the Raiders’ net, making 38 saves on 45 shots, while Transcona goaltender Sage Delaronde stopped 20 of 21 shots.

Special teams proved to be a key factor in the series so far, with the Railer Express scoring six power-play goals and adding two shorthanded markers through the first two games.

Game 3 of the series is scheduled for March 17 in Transcona, with the Raiders looking to get back into the series. Game 4 will be played March 20 at Seven Oaks SportsPlex.

The series continues March 22 in Transcona and March 24 back in Winnipeg if necessary, with a potential Game 6 set for March 27.



Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Selkirk Steelers for a great season!







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Fishermen take stranglehold in semifinals, look to close out

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Fishermen will look to close out their semifinal series this week.

Selkirk and the Beausejour Comets squared off in games two through four of their best-of-seven Capital Region Junior Hockey League semifinal series last week after Selkirk took Game 1 back on March 8.

Thursday's Game 2 featured a Fishermen five-goal third period to propel them to a 7-2 victory at the Selkirk Recreation Complex, putting them up 2-0 in the series.

Connor Bruyere scored a pair of Fishermen goals in the first period to match the pair from Beausejour's Tyler Nault, as the teams sat tied 2-2 after one.

Ryan Cromie and Theo Courchene then joined them on the scoresheet with two goals each in the third period, while Izzy Aime rounded out the scoring in the five-goal frame for Selkirk.

Meanwhile in net, Selkirk's Marcus Sharpe made 43 saves while Beausejour's Alex Cavanagh totaled 40.

Selkirk then took a 3-0 stranglehold on the series the following evening with a 3-1 win at the Beausejour Sportsplex in Friday's Game 3.

Beausejour's Jaedys Dancyt and Selkirk's Deacon Kemp traded first-period goals. The game sat tied 1-1 until the final minute of the third period when Selkirk's Drake Vermeulen beat netminder Sawyer Abraham with 52 seconds remaining to give the Fishermen the lead.

Aime added an empty-netter in the final seconds to complete the Selkirk victory.

Netminder Johnny Enns-Demchuk finished with 33 saves in the Fishermen crease while Abraham made 24 at the other end.

The win gave Selkirk its first chance to close out the series on home ice in Sunday's Game 4.

Beausejour, however, stayed alive with a 5-4 win at Selkirk Recreation Complex, drawing first blood in the series.

Selkirk's Ryland Schroeder and Beausejour's Owen Lourenco both scored in the opening frame.

The Fishermen then trailed 3-1 after a pair of second-period goals by the Comets before Kemp cut it to 3-2 with a tally late in the middle frame.

Bruyere tied the game early in the third before Beausejour took advantage of a couple of power plays, scoring twice to restore a two-goal lead at 5-3.

Selkirk made a late push but only cut the lead to one after Ashton Schroeder scored with one second left on the clock.

Abraham was credited with 36 saves and the win while Sharpe finished with 32 saves in the Fishermen crease.

With Beausejour taking Game 4, the series shifts back to the Beausejour Sportsplex for Game 5, with Selkirk still leading 3-1.

The Fishermen will look to close out the series with a win in Game 5 on Monday night to punch their ticket to the CRJHL championship for the first time since the 2022-23 season.



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Selkirk Fishermen goaltender Marcus Sharpe turned aside 32 shots in his team's 5-4 loss to the Beausejour Comets in Selkirk on March 15.



The winner of the series will move on to play the victor of the other semifinal between the St. Malo Warriors and La Broquerie Habs, which St. Malo currently leads 2-1.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Game 5 — Monday, March 16, 8

p.m., at Beausejour Sportsplex
Game 6 — Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., at Selkirk Recreation Complex (if necessary)
Game 7 — Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m., at Beausejour Sportsplex (if necessary)



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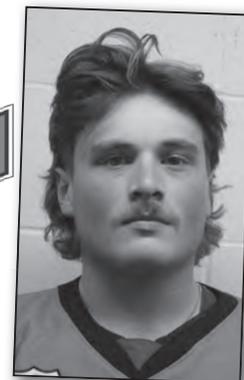
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Selkirk's Evans 'brings the pain' one last time a year after heart attack

By Kieran Reimer

It was one final hurrah in the career of longtime wrestler Matt Evans at Selkirk Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 7.

The 46-year-old Selkirk native, known in the ring as "Bring The Pain" Matt Fairlane, returned to the sport after an eight-year hiatus for the final match of his career, taking on "Hotshot" Danny Duggan in a Canadian Wrestling's Elite bout.

Evans' road back to wrestling began a year ago when he was lying in a hospital bed after suffering a heart attack. He had spent the past few years bodybuilding at Iron Image Barbell Club, the gym he owns and operates in Selkirk.

Following a bodybuilding show, Evans suffered the heart attack, with doctors discovering a 95 per cent artery blockage.

After recovering, Evans received the opportunity to wrestle once again in the town where he made his name when Duggan, who also promoted the event, asked if he wanted to be part of the card.

Evans jumped at the chance, insisting on a one-on-one match against Duggan for old times' sake.

"I didn't want any what ifs left on the table in my life," said Evans. "Wrestling was a big part of my life for over 20 years. I started wrestling when I was 16, got trained by the same guy that trained Roddy Piper how to wrestle, and I wrestled some of the greats, and with some of the greats over the years from the '80s, '90s, early 2000s — guys that are in WWE now and AEW. I had a really terrible match in my last match that I ever wrestled, and I wasn't happy with it. It just felt like it was something I wanted to check off my bucket list."

When Saturday arrived, Evans and Duggan were the main event of the evening, which featured six earlier CWE bouts.

Having fought previously in their careers when Evans played the villain, he and Duggan reversed roles in Selkirk, with Evans getting to play the hero in front of the 350 fans in attendance.

Despite next to no preparation, Evans delivered a performance for the ages, pulling out signature spine buster and Widow Maker moves.

He then claimed victory with a fly-



Following a bodybuilding show last year, Evans suffered a heart attack, with doctors discovering a 95 per cent artery blockage in his body.

ing top-ropes elbow drop — the finishing move that will go down as the last of his career.

"After the match was done it was just one of those things where it's like I remember, I just tapped him on the chest really quick and said, 'thank you,'" said Evans. "Just hearing the crowd, seeing the crowd, and everybody coming up to me afterwards, and then the ring being surrounded by all the wrestlers from the back to have a send off for me was nice as well."

Evans was seen giving a "goodbye kiss" to the mat at the conclusion of the match, signifying the end of his career. Afterwards, he mingled with fans — including those who grew up watching him wrestle and others who were seeing him perform for the first time.

Many in attendance had followed his career since his days as champion of Steeltown Pro Wrestling, where he held the title for an extended period before suffering a sudden defeat in one of his bouts.

He recalled that moment as one of the most memorable of his career.

"It was like as if Hulk Hogan lost the belt," said Evans. "It was just like all the kids that loved me and thought I was unbeatable — I finally got beat by a cheat, and a bad guy. The crowd went completely dead silent to the point where I was laying in the ring thinking, 'oh crap, what happened? What happened to the crowd, did



RECORD PHOTO BY CAMERON EVANS

Matt Evans aka "Bring the Pain" Matt Fairlane def. "Hotshot" Danny Duggan in the main event of Canadian Wrestling's Elite Matt Fairlane Retirement Match card on Saturday, March 7 at Selkirk Memorial Hall.

something happen really bad?' Then I realized they were just upset that I lost."

The crowd's reaction was a prime example of their support for Evans, and his win on Saturday received an even louder and more enthusiastic response.

"It means a lot. With the gym that I run now, a lot of the kids that grew up watching me are now members," said Evans. "Some of them are in the boxing club that's run out of there and they still look at me and finding out that they're still deep down fans of me as a wrestler, it's one of those things where you've got to take a step back and realize you made an impact on people."

Evans now looks ahead to the next stage of his life, beginning with recovery from his retirement match. He hopes to soon earn his professional bodybuilding card and continue helping clients at Iron Image.

As for wrestling, Evans says the curtain has now closed on his career.



Evans combined signature spine buster, widow maker, and flying top rope elbow drop moves in his defeat of "Hotshot" Danny Duggan.

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Steelers conclude season with East Division slate

By Kieran Reimer

The 2025-26 season came to an end last week for the five Manitoba Junior Hockey League clubs that failed to qualify for the Turnbull Cup playoffs.

Among them were the Selkirk Steelers, who finished the campaign 20-35-2-1 for 43 points, placing fifth in the MGEU East Division.

Last week they rounded out their 58-game schedule with a trio of games against divisional opponents.

On Tuesday they fell 4-2 to the league-leading Niverville Nighthawks at Selkirk Recreation Complex.

The Steelers outshot Niverville 54-50 in the contest. However, the Nighthawks found the timely goals when they needed them late in the third.

Wyatt Witham and Landon Pue scored for Selkirk, which had things tied at two early in the third period until Niverville's Ryken Arran scored the game-winner 8:45 into the final frame.

Niverville's Marlen Edwards added an empty-netter in the dying seconds as the Nighthawks claimed victory on the road.

Steelers netminder Ethan Sawyer finished with 46 saves in the loss, while Niverville's Ben Chornomydz made 52 in the win.

The Steelers then shifted their focus to their final home game of the regular season on Friday against the Winkler Flyers.

A crowd of 685 came out to Selkirk Recreation Complex for the divisional meeting, which saw the Flyers skate to a 6-2 victory.

Selkirk trailed 1-0 through 20 min-

utes before the Flyers got five more past netminder Hudson Hunnie in the second period.

Jules Delepouille got Selkirk on the board amid the Flyers' onslaught, making it 3-1 at the time.

Owen Branson later netted the Steelers' second goal of the game, which stood as the lone tally of the third period.

Hunnie finished with 24 saves, while Winkler's Liam Russell stopped 25 at the other end.

Selkirk then played its final game of the season Saturday in Steinbach, resulting in a 6-2 loss to the hometown Pistons in front of 2,377 at Southeast Event Centre.

Selkirk trailed 3-0 early in the second before Isaac Sousa got one back to cut into the lead.

Steinbach then scored twice more before Witham tallied what proved to be Selkirk's final goal of the season late in the second period.

The Pistons led 5-2 entering the third before extending the lead midway through the frame.

Sawyer finished with 28 saves, while Steinbach's Chris Quizi made 17 in the win.

The game concluded the MJHL careers of Steelers 2005-born players Branson, Witham, Delepouille, Nolan Wytrykusz, Evan Mayer, Carter Zalischuk and Dawson Madden.

Both Branson and Wytrykusz were previously committed to play college hockey next season before Delepouille joined them, with the Steelers announcing his commitment to Plattsburgh State University (NCAA Division III) on March 7.

The Montreal-born defender will take his talents to Plattsburgh, N.Y., fresh



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Selkirk Steelers goaltender Hudson Hunnie stopped 24 shots in the 6-2 loss to the Winkler Flyers last Friday night in Selkirk.



Steelers' forward Jules Delepouille scored in the second period and was named the game's first star despite Selkirk's 6-2 loss to the Winkler Flyers last Friday night in Selkirk.

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Seeking redemption: Selkirk boxing duo ready for one-two punch

By Kieran Reimer

A hard-hitting combination is emerging out of Steeltown.

Devin Tomko and Damir Kudusov share a coach-and-student relationship at Maulers Boxing Club in Selkirk, but both will be stepping into the ring in the coming weeks.

First up is a trip to Calgary for the Boxing Canada 2026 Junior, Youth and U23 Nationals from March 18 to 22 at the Genesis Centre.

There, 17-year-old Kudusov will be seeking his first national gold after earning back-to-back bronze medals the previous two years.

Originally from Ukraine, Kudusov has gone all-in on boxing since making the switch from Muay Thai two years ago. Tomko will once again be ringside to coach him at nationals, where he believes Kudusov is the odds-on favourite to win the 45-kilogram weight class.

"He's definitely the favourite going in, but he has tough fights in front of him, so we've got to make sure we put in the good work," said Tomko on Thursday.

Kudusov is now one of the older boxers in his age group, having been an underdog in his previous appearances.

He will need to win a series of bouts over the five-day competition to claim gold. The compressed schedule means he will need to recover quickly after each fight — a challenge he has grown accustomed to.

He has spent the weeks leading up to nationals training more than two hours a day, with plenty of sparring and technical work mixed in. He also enters the competition fresh off a trip to a Team Canada camp in British Columbia, where he gained exposure in front of some of the country's best.

Nationals will be one of his final tournaments in his age group before he pursues professional status as an adult.

"Everything that we've been working on is finally settling in, so I'm very excited for him just to go show what he's capable of," said Tomko.

For the 33-year-old Maulers coach, the coming weeks will also mark his long-awaited return to the ring following a two-year hiatus from professional boxing.

Now fighting again in the light-heavyweight division, Tomko be-



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IMG_2081: Selkirk's Damir Kudusov (right) will compete at Boxing Canada 2026 Junior, Youth, U23 Nationals from March 18-22 at the Genesis Centre in Calgary. The 17-year-old is search of his first national gold medal after back-to-back bronze finishes the previous two years.

lieves he has taken the right steps to prepare — something he admits he did not do in his previous bout.

"I had a bad turnout in my last fight," said Tomko. "It was my fault. I wasn't doing everything properly, wasn't training properly. I only sparred four times before I took a 10-round title fight."

"Just by nature I'm a fighter, so I don't like saying no to opportunities, and I probably should have. I had a bad outing the last time, so now it's my redemption year. I'm here to make some statements."

At his age, Tomko believes his window to make noise in professional boxing remains wide open and that this return is just the beginning of a renewed multi-year run.

His return fight is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 against Abraham Gomez at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Ottawa, where he looks forward to representing the Maulers name.

He will be coached by Pan Am Boxing Club's Dylan Martin — a man he once fought earlier in his career.

"I'm just getting started. I feel like I haven't even really shown my potential in the sport, and I've got good people around me now," said Tomko.

He added that his time coaching in Selkirk helped spark his decision to

lace up the gloves again.

His last two years working with Kudusov have particularly reignited his hunger for boxing, with trips around Canada to coach his young protégé at the highest level for his age group.

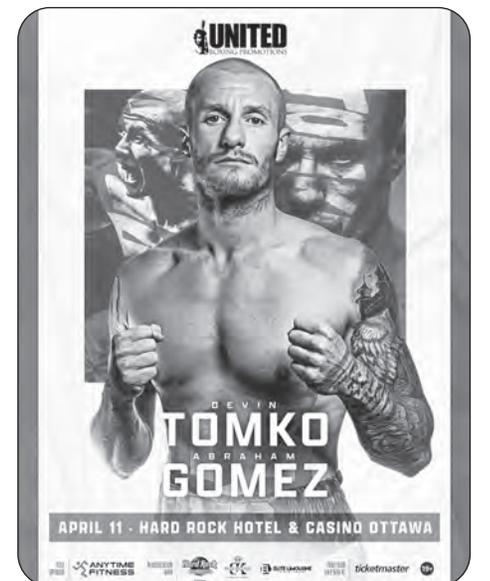
"Just seeing Damir, seeing how he works, seeing him progress and seeing him at a high level — it's just kind of pushed me to get myself back in gear," said Tomko. "Obviously with the fight it helps me push myself even more. I just like being at a high level and knowing what I'm capable of. I want to see where I can still take it."

Tomko's return will also involve trips to California to train with his former Los Angeles-based coach. Though it will make for a busier schedule, he is not letting it take priority over the boxing program he is building in Selkirk.

This summer, he and the Maulers will bring an international Team Canada vs. Team El Salvador card to town.

The event will continue the Maulers' Fight Night series, which has drawn thousands of spectators over the past two years.

Kudusov has been one of the regular fighters on those cards and is once again expected to compete in the event's early bouts.



Maulers Boxing Club coach, Devin Tomko, makes his return to boxing next month when he takes on Abraham Gomez in a light heavyweight bout on April 11 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Ottawa.

Tomko has dubbed it the series' biggest card to date, with fighters from the two national teams set to square off in front of what he hopes will be their largest crowd yet.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

Thursday, April 9, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews
500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, MB.

At this time Council will present the proposed 2026 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Written submissions can be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer at cao@rmofstandrews.com or dropped off at the R.M. office. A Zoom link to the public hearing will be available for anyone who has provided a submission and would like to participate virtually.

A copy of the 2026 Financial Plan will be available for review on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the Municipal Office and on the municipal website at www.rmofstandrews.com.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification, or requires further information either prior to or following the hearing, is encouraged to contact Carrie Osabutey BA., BComm(hons), CPA, CMA, Director of Finance at dir.finance@rmofstandrews.com.

The public hearing can be viewed live through the R.M. of St. Andrews YOUTUBE Channel.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2026 and issued in accordance with Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*.

Brent Olynyk
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of St. Andrews

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

Classifieds



RM OF WEST ST. PAUL PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 194 of *The Municipal Act*, the Auditor's Report together with the related Financial Statements of the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul for the year ended December 31, 2024, have been deposited in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer at the Municipal Office, 3550 Main Street, West St. Paul, Manitoba.

Persons wishing to view the Municipality's financial statements may access the documents on the Municipality's website at www.weststpaul.com, or may contact the Municipal Office at 204-338-0306 to make arrangements to view the documents in person.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026.

Jeffrey J.A. Simpson, B. Comm, MBA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of West St. Paul



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

GREEN TEAM SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

Flexible dates may be as early as May 1 and ending as late as September 30, 2026

Applicants must be able to perform a variety of Public Works duties which will require physical labour and working outdoors. A valid Class 5 driver's license is required. These positions are open to full time students between the ages of 16 and 29 who are returning to school in the fall of 2026. See www.rmalexander.com for complete information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act, the Rural Municipality of Alexander Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Rural Municipality of Alexander may have his or her name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List. A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advanced voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, by email or mail to:

Kathy Steele, SEO
Rural Municipality of Alexander
1 Sentier Bouvier Trail, Box 100, St. Georges, MB R0E 1V0
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Kathy Steele, Senior Election Official
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March 9, 2026

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<https://aem-dev.granddesignrv.com/fifth-wheels/reflection/28bh> - visit this link for further specifications and features



RM OF WEST ST. PAUL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP 2026-04 Recreation Centre Concession Operation

The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul invites proposals from qualified Proponents for the operation of a seasonal canteen concession at the Access Centre Recreation Site.

Specifications are available online at www.weststpaul.com.

Sealed submissions clearly marked "RFP 2026-04 Recreation Centre Concession Operation" will be received by the undersigned at the address below until 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2026.

The Municipality retains the right to reject the lowest or any bid if it does not meet the needs of the Municipality.

All inquiries related to the quotation should be directed to Martin Miller, Director of Community Services by email at Martin.Miller@weststpaul.com.

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IN MEMORIAM



Garry Cain
1942 - 2025

A year has passed, seems like yesterday you left us
And let the winds of love blow softly
And whisper so you can hear,
I'll forever love and miss you and wish you were here.
You have left us all with wonderful memories and love of the days we had with you.

-Florence and family
Pam, Mark, Kiera and Nolan
Shannon, Dave, Kaemon, Dakota and Andrei

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IN MEMORIAM



Brian Armstrong
March 17, 2023

Three years and your memory forever lives in our heart.

We miss you in every moment Opa!

-Love
Shannon, Tim and kids

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IN MEMORIAM



David Vernon Calder
January 1st, 1954 - March 21st, 2025

Dear Dad (Papa),
A year without you has felt like an eternity.
Memories of you we treasure.
You are forever in our hearts.

-Love you always,
Jacqueline (Tick), Matthew and Veronica

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



A legacy of love
Cheryl Youzwa

If Lilacs grow in Heaven Lord,
Please pick a bunch for me;
Place them in my Mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile;
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day;
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.
365 days spend missing you here with us.

-Love always
Nicole, Dalyce, Paolo, Jared and Collins

ANNOUNCEMENT

FIVE GENERATIONS



Mary Kowalchuk, at the age of 103 7/8 is pleased to be able to celebrate five generations in our family.

Left to right behind her are her grandson Curtis Shupenia, her daughter Rosalie Shupenia, and her great-granddaughter Larysa Epp holding her daughter Winter Rose Epp, 14 months.
Thank you Lord. We are so blessed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM

Darwin Hnatiuk
September 17, 1954 - March 18, 2020

You should be here.
You shouldn't be missing all of this.
My hope is...
That you have the best view of it all.
I look for you in all of the things you loved...
That is where I find you.
Love and miss you Dad.

-Holly

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IN MEMORIAM

Darwin Hnatiuk
September 17, 1954 - March 18, 2020

Losing someone as special as you,
Has left my heart aching.
It's broken in two.
No words can describe,
All the grief and the pain;
I'd give all I have
Just to see you again.
Love and miss you.

-Toots

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IN MEMORIAM



Tara Lamb (Wachal)
July 4, 1973 - March 24, 2005

As time unfolds yet another year,
Special memories of you Tara keep you ever near,
Silent thoughts of times together,
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-Hugs and love
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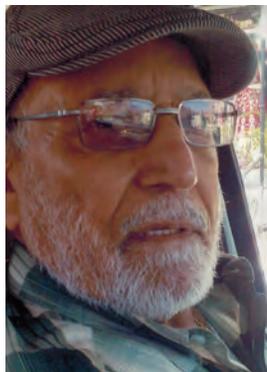
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OBITUARY



Charan Bahara

We are sad to announce the passing of Charan Bahara, who passed away peacefully on March 4th, 2026. Funeral Services & Cremation will be held at Thompson in the Park Funeral Home on Monday, March 23rd, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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

OBITUARY



Kimberly Dawn Bartman
July 21, 1963 - March 5, 2026

With great sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our daughter Kim at the Selkirk Hospital.

Kim was predeceased by grandparents Mike and Rose Bartman, Peter and Katie Stasiuk, sister Ronda and uncle Richard Stasiuk.

Left to cherish her memory are parents, James and Carol Bartman, brother Michael and wife Mary, nephew Daniel, niece Brittany and husband Travis and their boys Hudson and Noah, sister Cayla, niece Jami and daughter Navy, as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Thanks to Selkirk Hospital for her care and a very special thank you to her Hearthstone family for their compassion and care they showed Kim.

A celebration of her life and burial to follow later.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Gary Jim Chrusch
January 10, 1951 - March 12, 2026

Gary Jim Chrusch, 75, of Garson, Manitoba, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Selkirk Hospital on March 12, 2026.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Gracia (nee Parisien) of 53 years; his children, daughters, Lea (Tyler), Amanda (Darryl) and son, Scott (Muriel), and his beloved grandchildren, Brandon, William, Samuel, Benjamin, Elliot and Arthur; and great-grandson, Wesley. He leaves his two sisters Julie and Emily, and brother Frank and in-laws.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was loved by all and will not be forgotten.

A Celebration of life will happen at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Gary's memory to CancerCare Manitoba or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Please visit his online tribute page at Cropro Funeral Chapel Website.

OBITUARY



Lorraine Smith

Lorraine Cecile Bernadette Smith (Latour) passed away peacefully on March 13, 2026 at Tudor House in Selkirk, MB at the age of 101 years.

She is survived by her son Keith Raskob-Smith (Debra Goossen) and daughter Lynn Luining as well as grandchildren Cassidy (Simran), Delaney, Braden (Aly), Brook, Dylan (Aderonke), Jess (Catarina) and great-grandchildren Ameer, Jade and James; nieces Lorena, Louise and Catherine; nephews Dan, Robert and Marshall.

Lorraine was predeceased by her parents Kathleen and Joseph Latour, brother Eugene Latour and sister Lucille Gourlay (Latour) as well as nephew Noel.

Lorraine was born in Deloraine, MB but lived in many small towns in rural Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario, as her dad was a CP Rail station manager. She loved to climb trees and play baseball. When she was bored, Lorraine would catch flies and paint their wings before releasing them. Lorraine was a talented painter and did both landscape and professional portraits. After graduating high school, Lorraine went to nursing school in Port Arthur, ON. On returning to Manitoba, Lorraine worked a full career as a registered nurse until she retired from Selkirk & District General Hospital in 1983. After retiring, Lorraine provided childcare and welcomed foster children and boarders into her home for many years. She loved to play piano and was an active gardener her whole life. She was very proud of all her fruit trees and concord grapes. Lorraine loved animals and always had several dogs. She would fill bird feeders and sit in front of her window watching the birds and squirrels.

Lorraine's faith in God was very important to her and she was an active member of New Life Community Church which later became Springs Church (Selkirk location). She cleaned the church, played piano with the church band, led bible studies in her home, provided lunches and cold drinks during church building construction and spent many Friday evenings on the street corner in front of the Merchant's Hotel with Pastor Cam Fontaine singing gospel music and sharing with anyone in hearing distance.

In the last few years, Lorraine talked daily about how much she looked forward to her home in heaven where she would no longer be confined by her body that was finally wearing out after 101 years. She is now rejoicing in the presence of God. We'll miss her dearly!

Thank you to the staff of Selkirk Home Care, Tudor House Personal Care Home and Selkirk Regional Health Centre Emergency Room staff for their excellent care.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB, with viewing one hour prior to the service.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Wesley Richard Pearce
January 16, 1941 - March 14, 2026

Peacefully, on March 14, 2026 surrounded by his family, Wes passed away at the age of 85 years.

Wes leaves behind a legacy of LOVE to be forever cherished. His greatest joy was the 54 years he shared with his beloved wife Merle, the absolute love of his life and their children Sian (Eric), Brian (Sue), Lynne, Greg (Colleen), Michele (Philip), 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Dad was predeceased by his parents Ed and Barb Pearce, his grandson Grant, and his loyal sidekick "Dr Sparky Henderson."

Dad worked hard all his life and was not afraid to try anything new. He could do and fix anything. He knew the value of a dollar and the strength of a handshake. Dad made friends wherever he went! He was a BIG man with a BIG heart and an even bigger sense of humor right up to the very end. Dad was a real "Man's Man" who loved life, people and pranks. A man of faith which grew stronger in his later years.

We will hold you forever in our hearts until we meet again. You will be missed. With love, love and more love, Your family.

Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held at this time.

Friends and family are invited to visit Wesley's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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Is that a WHISKEY JACK? Well, it could be! This 1735 SqFt MID-CENTURY MASTERPIECE, the WHISKEY JACK, is ready to be built on this 2.26 acre FULLY TREED lot. What isn't there to love about this future home?! Would it be the vaulted ceilings, open concept entertaining spaces with the right amount of separation in between, the main floor laundry, or the double attached garage (maybe upgrade to a triple with tandem door!). One of the truly UNIQUE & AMAZING features of the Whiskey Jack is its almost full wall of windows in the living & dining rooms with the option for patio doors. PLUS, the living room would face southwest on this lot, it'll be your SUN-SOAKED paradise! The amazingness of course isn't limited to just that. There is the large primary bedroom with 3 piece ensuite & walk-in closet (also southwest facing). The 2 additional bedrooms with 4 piece bath in between. Also, the large mudroom / laundry room with 2 piece powder room. This home may have it all but if mid-century isn't your thing, we have plenty of plans to choose from. Plus, Gateway Projects is a CUSTOM HOME BUILDER, so the sky really can be the limit!

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• 1,711 sq ft
• 4 bedrooms
• 2.5 baths

BLUE HERON
• 1,484 sq ft
• 3 bedrooms
• 2 baths

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4	LOT 5	LOT 6	LOT 7	LOT 8	LOT 9	LOT 10	LOT 11	LOT 12	LOT 13	LOT 16	LOT 17	LOT 18	LOT 19	LOT 20	LOT 21	LOT 22	LOT 23	LOT 24	LOT 25	LOT 26	LOT 27	LOT 28	LOT 29	LOT 30	LOT 31	LOT 32
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