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The RM of St. Clements took part in a mock emergency situation last week in order to become more prepared should a real emergency take place in their municipality. The excercise saw members of the local fire department working with RM staff, and the area's RCMP branch to contain a chlorine spill, evacuate the area, and keep people safe. Learn more on page 3.

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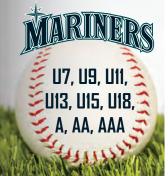
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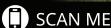
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St. Clements gets prepared for an emergency

Emergency drill shows planning has created good communication within RM's departments

By Katelyn Boulanger

The R.M. of St. Clements participated in a practice drill last week to put themselves to the test to see how well they would handle an emergency situation should it arise in the community.

The emergency scenario was put together by Napier Emergency Consulting (NEC).

Shelley Napier, managing director of NEC, started off the exercise by explaining the situation that the RM was going to be pretending was oc-

"There is a gentle breeze from the south and it's sunny and warm. It's 18 degrees Celsius. We have a westbound five-ton dump truck towing a John Deere 310 backhoe loader on a flatbed trailer on CIL road turning north on Highway 59. The tie-down chains on the passenger side are not secure and the backhoe starts to lean heavily. The whole trailer starts to wobble and the large cement hammer slides off the equipment rack. On its second bounce, the hammer strikes the underside of a passing semi tanker. This opens a 12-inch large hole in the tank and smashes the rear axle of the tanker. The semi comes to rest in the centre median on its side. The tanker cargo is marked UN1017. It's fully loaded," she said.

UN1017 means that the chemical in the tank was chlorine and so the challenge to the RM was how to keep residents safe while also coordinating the clean-up of a chemical that is toxic when concentrated.

Tyler Freeman, the RM of St. Clements emergency coordinator jumped

to action as soon as the situation was revealed, first communicating with members of the fire department as well as the RCMP to gain a handle on what was happening at the mock scene of the accident, then bringing all of that information to council so that they could make the best decisions for the RM.

"We're very fortunate to have had a sergeant with the RCMP in the room doing the exercise with us. Having the RCMP and your fire department and public works all there, who would be massive contributors in [a situation like that], that was super," said Free-

The RM also had community volunteers running phone lines outside of the main room pretending to be businesses, other municipalities, and people that the RM needed to contact about the emergency drill. One particular volunteer was even given the job to call members of council and harass them for information about the emergency which members of council said he did very well.

As for how the RM handled the emergency exercise, they coordinated with emergency services and very quickly closed roads to the area of the spill so that people were not able to drive into a dangerous area.

"The first thing that came into my mind was this is right in East Selkirk. We have so many residents and we have a school right here. The first thing that went into my mind was, 'Okay, figure out this chemical and where it's going to go and how fast it's going to go and then look at getting that evacuation order or shelter in place



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All members of council, the CAO, members of the local RCMP branch and fire department, and municipal staff all participated in the mock emergency in the RM of St. Clements last week.

plan implemented out instantly and

get that notification [to residents] right away," said Freeman.

The drill situation involved a rather large chlorine spill which meant Freeman consulted council and they felt they had to call a local state of emergency in order to get a handle on the situa-

This meant that **RCMP** officers

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Bringing a Ukrainian family to Selkirk

Bobrowich family is working to bring Ukrainian family out of war zone

By Katelyn Boulanger

St. Andrews Bobrowich family is trying to help a Ukrainian family that they have kept in touch with over the years to find their way from Ukraine to Canada.

"We first met this family when we travelled to Ukraine in 2013. Due to the challenges of travelling Ukraine, with not speaking the language, it can be difficult. We were advised by people who had experiences to hire a guide and an interpreter to tag along and help out," said Brad Bobrowich.

Their guide's name was Ihor and during their trip to Ukraine, he introduced the Bobrowiches to his family which then included his daughter Ilona and wife Ira. The families kept in touch over the years and so when the Russian military started to invade Ukraine last month the Bobrowiches were concerned for their friends' safety.

"We reached out to them just to find out how they were doing once the invasion of Ukraine occurred and offered whatever help we could," said Bobrowich.

Since their initial meeting in 2013, Ilona met and married her husband Andrew and they have two children, a son Demian who is five years old, and a daughter Milena who is four



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The two families when they initially met in Ukraine in 2013.

years old.

Before the invasion of Ukraine, the family worked together at a theatre. It's a family business with Ihor's brother owning the theatre, Ihor working in an administrator role and both Ilona and Ira working backstage to make the magic happen.

Initially, the family didn't think that they needed help but with the fighting in Ukraine moving to areas where there are nuclear power plants, they made the decision to accept the Bobrowiches' help.

Because of current restrictions in Ukraine which limit males between the ages of 18 and 60 from being able to leave the country, Ilona and the

children will be making the trip to Canada while Andrew stays behind. Ira and Ihor have also made the decision to stay in Ukraine.

"From there, we 've just been working through the process and the whole logistics of getting them over," said Bobrowich.

In addition to filing the paperwork to get the family to Canada, the Bobrowiches have set up a GoFundMe page so that Ilona will not have to find work immediately upon coming to Canada.

This page will also help with travel expenses for the family.

Ilona and her children, since accepting Bobrowiches' offer of help, have

made their way to Lithuania.

Once the family make their way here, they already have accommodations figured out as Bobrowich's parents recently purchased a property in Selkirk

"Instead of renting it out, we're just going to furnish it and supply it and then give her a space of her own, which I think will hopefully help her," said Bobrowich.

The initial goal of the GoFundMe page is \$35,000 as they don't know how long the crisis in Ukraine will continue and want to make sure that Ilona will be supported if her stay is longer than anticipated. Currently, they have raised just over \$13,000.

In the future when they know what items they might need the family will also put up a list of items they are looking for on the GoFundMe page so that people can also contribute in that way. They will also be keeping the GoFundMe page up to date with information about the family's travels.

"They're a family, just like all of us, who just want a normal happy life with their children and to be in a safe place. I think we all can relate to that and I know, if I was in that position, or we were in that position, we would all want as much help as we can," said Bobrowich.

The GoFundMe campaign is https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-bring-ukrainian-family-to-safety-in-manitoba?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer.



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Canadian talks about working in Ukraine and Russia

Jerry Jaroslaw Kozubal found friendly people in both countries

By Katelyn Boulanger

Jerry Jaroslaw Kozubal wrote a poem for our March 10 paper about Ukraine and some of his feelings about the difficulties that the country has had over the past few years as Russia invades the region. What residents may not have realized from his poem is that he has a unique perspective on the conflict having worked in both countries

"My parents were born in Ukraine. My mom was from near the city of Ternopil, in the Ternopil Oblast which basically means province, and my dad was from the Lviv Oblast, basically near the border of Poland," said Kozubal.

During the German invasion of Ukraine in the second world war, both of his parents were brought to a forced labour camp in Germany. They married in the camp and Kozubal was born in the camp in 1947.

"At the time, basically, the European countries decided that because we are now displaced persons different countries were accepting us," said Kozubal.

His parents took the opportunity to move their family to Canada in 1949.

"We spoke Ukrainian at home until I went to school, that was my first language and my parents would still keep in touch with family in Ukraine by sending letters back and forth," said Kozubal.

When he was an adult Kozubal first started his career at the City of Winnipeg before moving on to work for the federal government in the employment and immigration department. He also spent a year working on the immigration refugee board as the acting director.

In the mid 90s, this made him a great candidate for a program that was being run through the federal government at the time that had Canadians travel to Russia and Russians travel to Canada so that the Canadians could

help the Russians modernize their employment services after the fall of the USSR.

"I remember I was in Dauphin at the time and there was a group that came through. They basically were looking at how they could use computers, we had job boards and various techniques and programs that we could use to assist workers," said Kozubal.

His first assignment with this program was in Siberia.

"Basically, although the government officially maintained their unemployment rate was 20 per cent, from what I saw, it was probably more like 50 or 60 per cent. Especially men who were employed in the factories, you'd see them sitting in parks, playing chess, or just sitting there drinking in the open and stuff like that. It was pretty sad to see. But that was one of the things that we were trying to do was help the Russian employment service, help people," said Kozubal.

Later he took on a very similar role in Ukraine where he helped people in that region to set up employment services so that more people could get back into the workforce.

"I found when I was travelling throughout the countryside [of Ukraine, it] reminded me very much [of] the Dauphin area, rolling hills, plains and whatever. It's rich, as I mentioned in my poem, black and gold, meaning there's [rich soil]. It's called the breadbasket of Europe," said Kozubal.

In both countries, he found that the people were welcoming and friendly. He doesn't think that this conflict is an actual conflict between the people who live in Russia and Ukraine but instead has been created by politicians in the area.

Though Kozubal only has distant relatives in Ukraine at this point he still has friends from his time in both countries who he's kept in touch with.

"The best outcome would be a ne-

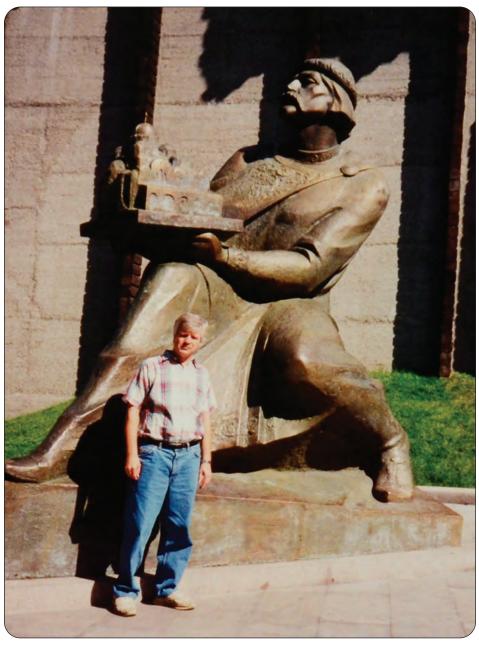


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Jerry Jaroslaw Kozubal in Kiev in 1997, with a statue of Yaroslav the Wise, Grand Prince of Kyiv (Kiev) from 1019 to 1054 AD. The background in the photo is part of the wall that surrounded Kiev at that time.

gotiated truce because it's terrible. I don't even want to watch the news," said Kozubal.





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and other emergency services were able to go on people's properties in order to deal with the emergent situation.

It also meant that they had to set up a mock evacuation site for residents who were in the area to go to.

There were also some unexpected situations that the RM's staff had to deal with during the drill such as people who did not want to evacuate from their homes but then needed to be rescued later and a completely separate incident where 40 head of cattle got loose north of the mock spill site and needed to be contained.

"I think honestly, they did really, really well. And that we communicated very openly. We did a minor debrief at the end of the training scenario and just about every person in the room that did comment or commented on how strong the communication has been built over the last few years," said Freeman.

Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn agreed saying, "As far as the exercise went, I think very well. . . [I'm very proud of] the staff, including the fire department, our public works, and our wastewater people. Everybody pitched in and helped and did their bit and I think it makes a big difference when everybody pitches in."

Freeman was also appreciative of the volunteers that came to the event and helped out.

The RM has a list of families that have agreed to be volunteers in an emergency situation and is accepting more volunteers if people want to come out and learn how they can be of help in an emergency.

"When we do training, we give them the opportunity to come in and have fun. We're not out to make volunteers go to work. We're just saying, hey, look, if something hits the fan, can I call you?" said Freeman.

Overall he said that he feels a boost in confidence in the RM's ability to handle an actual emergency in the future after participating in this drill.

"We live along the river and we deal with flooding, I wouldn't say all the time, but flooding is a big thing in our minds coming into this upcoming season. So council was very strong on let's get everybody trained to the best of our ability now because who knows what's coming in the next month or two?" said Freeman.

If you would like to volunteer to

If you would like to volunteer to help the RM in the event of a potential emergency scenario contact Freeman at tyler@rmofstclements.com or by phone at 204-482-3300.

Supporting Ukraine



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The City of Selkirk not only showed support for the people of Ukraine when they raised a Ukrainian flag at the Civic Centre last Monday but also for the large Ukrainian-Canadian population in our area who are also being affected by Russia's invasion of the country. In addition they have have lit up the city's iconic water tower at night in blue and yellow, the colours of the Ukrainian flag, to show support for the country.

Three surprises you never want with new dentures

BY BROCK VANDOR, DENTURIST

You know that look people with new dentures sometimes have? Those big fake white teeth... that's exactly what I don't want! I want to look natural, like the ones I have now, but not stained or worn-out." We hear this all the time and it's exactly what we like to hear because we believe in making dentures that are both beautiful and natural-looking! The worst thing that can happen is someone comes in to get new teeth because theirs are getting old and then leave with a new smile that looks totally different than what they, and everyone else, are used to; which is a big surprise for all.

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but that's a good surprise!

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Local knitting business collecting for Ukrainian relief

A way to show your support for the people of Ukraine

By Katelyn Boulanger

Have you been looking for a way to show your support for the people in Ukraine who were affected by the invasion of their country by Russia late last month? Just Knittin' Around in Selkirk is collecting donations and in exchange giving away small knitted items that people can wear to show their support.

"I figured I could contribute in some way and I could open it up to the community as well. I know there's a lot of crafters [in our community that] like to do things for a cause," said Erica Marchuk, owner of Just Knittin'

Marchuk started this drive to raise funds on March 11 and has since raised over \$600 for Ukraine.

With donations, residents can choose from a variety of small items like small scarves, headbands, and pins in the shape of ribbons all in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

Marchuk is also opening this opportunity up to crafters who would like to help her make the small items either by knitting or crocheting them. While supplies last she is willing to donate yarn and needles or hooks to these crafters so that they can make the items but she, of course, will also accept items that people have made in blue and yellow from yarn from their



Some of the knit items Marchuk has made in support of Ukraine.

own stashes.

She also says that these items don't have to be limited to the small items she has created so far.

"I'm thinking just like a little trinket or something somebody could wear to show their support like a keychain, or a fridge magnet. I've been doing some headbands but Spring is coming now so maybe bracelets or a little tie people could put on their purse or on their jacket [might be nice]. I've been making little zipper pulls as well. I don't want to tell somebody what to make," said Marchuk.

If you would like to make a donation or donate knit or crochet items, they are being accepted at Just Knittin' Around which is at 207 Manitoba Ave. and cash, debit, and credit options are all being accepted.

All donations will be going to the GlobalGiving Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund which supports not only Ukrainians in their country but also the refugees who have had to leave for other



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Marchuk celebrating the donations to date.

countries due to the fighting.

Marchuk encourages those who wish to donate and receive their trinket to wear them out in our community to show their support.

"It visually shows your support, just like it does when you wear a poppy,'

said Marchuk.

Any donation amount will be accepted at Just Knittin' Around during their business hours which are Friday and Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

Garson Hall hosting social for Ukraine

By Katelyn Boulanger

With COVID-19 restrictions allowing for a full capacity event, the Garson Centennial Community Centre will play host to a Ukrainian themed social which will be raising funds for the people of Ukraine.

On Feb. 24 Russia invaded further into Ukraine causing the need for humanitarian aid for the region's people as well as those who are fleeing the area as refugees.

"We have a lot of Ukrainian people in the community between Garson, Tyndall and Beausejour which are our surrounding areas and we thought, 'You know what, this is the least we could do'," said event coordinator Krystal Laferriere.

The event will be a typical Manitoba

social with a DJ, a 50/50 draw, a silent auction, and a dinner. It will take place on April 2 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The DJ for the event will be All Around Sound who agreed to donate their services to the cause and the dinner was partially donated by Brokenhead Sausage and Perfect Pierogies who will be contributing to the Ukrainian themed meal.

Laferriere said that the idea for the event came out of discussions about what we in Canada could do to help the people of Ukraine. Initially, the plan was to donate the proceeds to a program the Government of Canada was running which matched donations for Ukraine up to \$10,000,000, to make the community's money go further. The fund has since reached that maximum matching amount so Laferriere and the Garson Centennial Community Centre pivoted and will now be donating to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

"We've got support tickets and admission tickets, which are \$15 each," said Laferriere.

The difference in tickets is that admission tickets allow residents to attend the event while support tickets are meant for people who do not wish to attend the event but would still like to support the cause.

Laferriere believes that it's important to hold events like this in order to support the people of Ukraine but also to support people with Ukrainian heritage who live in our community.

"My family were Ukrainian-Polish and we've been probably in Canada for four or five generations and yet this touched home. It really was like, wow. It opens your eyes a little bit," she said.

Laferriere encourages anyone who has the ability, to purchase a ticket and help those in need.

"These are people who have literally run with whatever they could carry so they need all the help they can get," she said.

Tickets to the event will be available at Garson Grocery, during the day on weekdays at the Home Hardware in Selkirk and also by calling Val at 204-268-5787, Ed at 204-266-0194, Donna at 204-793-2479 or Angie at 204-294-

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Roussin delivers final regular COVID-19 briefing

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's top doc held his final regularly scheduled COVID-19 briefing last week.

Coming one day after the last of the province's public health orders expired, chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin emphasized at a virtual news conference March 16 that Manitoba is transitioning into the next phase of the pandemic—learning to live with the virus.

"We're certainly at a different place in this pandemic," he said. "We've been able to change our approach from strict public health measures to public health recommendations. That guidance is now available online to help support people in their own decision making to assess their level of risk when it comes to things like mask wearing, physical distancing, and how many people they're comfortable with gathering."

The past two years have been filled with loss and divisiveness, Roussin observed, and it's time to move forward

"We know that COVID-19 will very likely be part of our lives for years to come, so we can't wait for COVID-19 to be gone before we start our journey of healing."

Roussin called on Manitobans for understanding and compassion.

"We may not have agreed on the best approach on public health measures ... we may not all agree on the timing of the loosening of the restrictions, but I'm sure we can all agree that all Manitobans have been faced with tremendous challenges and difficulties during these last two years.

"We see businesses now, some choosing to keep the proof of vaccine, others leaving that in the past. Some people will continue to wear masks, others will give that up. For many, these choices aren't easy. But we sure can make it easier on each other if we show some respect, kindness, compassion for other people's decision as we navigate this transition period."

Even with restrictions gone, modelling suggests Manitoba will continue to see a downward trend overall in COVID-19 hospitalizations, Roussin

On Monday, the province's online COVID-19 dashboard had 388 people in hospital with the virus (down 26 from the Monday before) and 22 in ICU (up two). The death toll was at

Manitoba has already begun shutting down its pandemic infrastructure. Numerous testing sites were set to close this week and many vaccination supersites—including the one in Morden—are already closed, with more to follow in the weeks ahead. Roussin said embedded in these closure plans are plans to reopen testing and vaccination services again if needed in the future.

Vaccines will continue to be offered through clinics, pharmacies, and at the supersite at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, which will remain open for now.

Health officials will continue to actively monitor COVID-19 indicators



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Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer, appealed to Manitobans again for understanding and compassion as we move to a new phase of the pandemic.

here in Manitoba, nationally, and around the world, Roussin stressed.

"This is the last formal COVID-19 briefing, but I can assure Manitobans that our work on this virus is not stopping at this point."

Flooding conditions improve a bit in March outlook

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Things are looking a little better when it comes to potential flooding along the Red River this spring.

In its second 2022 spring flood outlook last week, Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre put the worst-case-scenario for spring flooding at the levels seen along the Red in 2011.

That high risk of flooding is with unfavourable weather conditions—lots of rain or snow over the next few weeks.

With favourable conditions, the risk of flooding is still considered major,

though more like the peak levels seen in 2019 from Emerson to the Red River Floodway Inlet.

"Normal" weather over the coming weeks would put the expected flood-

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COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites winding down in Interlake-Eastern RHA

Last day for Selkirk vaccination site is March 26

Submitted by Interlake-Eastern RHA

Interlake-Eastern RHA's COVID-19 testing sites in Powerview-Pine Falls and Eriksdale are now closed. The Selkirk COVID-19 testing site at the old hospital located at 100 Easton Dr. remains open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. In addition, there are five sites in Winnipeg that still offer testing service:

- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Testing Site (445 King St.)
- Walk in Clinic Garrick Cen-

tre (330 Garry St.)

- Testing Centre (604 St. Mary's Rd.)
- Dakota Medical Centre (17-845 Dakota St.)
- Minor Illness and Injury Clinic Drive-Thru Testing Site (2055 Notre Dame Ave.)

PCR tests will continue to be available at these sites to eligible people, which includes pre-operative patients and those at high risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19 who may be eligible for treatment. For up-to-date information about hours and locations, as well as information on rapid antigen tests, visit: www.manitoba. ca/covid19/testing.

Rapid antigen tests are available for

all Manitobans for use if they become symptomatic in the future. Tests can be accessed free of charge through a variety of locations, including provincial testing sites and retail establishments and Winnipeg public libraries, among others. Please visit one of the following retail locations to pick up tests. One five test pack per person or two per household. Note: stock may be delayed to some retailers as distribution continues.

- Co-ops (42 locations)
- Loblaw/Shoppers Drug Mart (59 locations)
- London Drugs (1 location)
- Northern, NorthMart and Solo (29 Locations)
 - Rexall (18 locations)

- Save On Foods (5 locations)
- Safeway, Sobeys and IGA (40 locations)
- Walmart (16 locations)

The last day of operation for Selkirk's COVID-19 vaccination site at 100 Easton Drive will be March 26 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vaccines continue to be available at medical clinics and pharmacies throughout the province. The vaccine site at RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg will remain open to offer vaccines. For additional updates on vaccine locations and hours or to use the vaccine finder, visit www.manitoba.ca/vaccine.

Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine approved for children aged 6 to 11

Bv Patricia Barrett

Health Canada has approved Moderna's Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for use in children aged 6 to 11.

Moderna joins Pfizer-BioNTech as the second vaccine authorized by Canada's health agency for children in this age group.

Moderna submitted data to the agency after carrying out a trial to assess the effects of the vaccine in the six-to-11 age group.

"After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the department has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between 6 and 11 years of age outweigh the risks. Health Canada has authorized a primary two-dose regimen of 50 micrograms per dose to be

administered four weeks apart. This is half of the 100 micrograms primary two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older," said the agency in a March 17 statement. "The clinical trial showed that the immune response in children 6 to 11 years of age was comparable to the immune response in people 18 to 25 years of age, supporting the vaccine efficacy in this younger age group."

It added that no "serious" adverse events were observed during the trial. Moderna said its mRNA vaccine was

found to be "generally well tolerated" in a KidCOVE study it carried out to evaluate safety, tolerability and effectiveness. Over 400 children in Canada took part in the study, which had over 4,000 child participants.

"Health Canada was the first regulator to fully approve our COVID-19 vaccine, and we are pleased they have taken this important step to expand this authorization to children aged 6 to 11 years," said Moderna chief executive officer Stephane Bancel in a March 17 statement.

On the same day, Moderna announced it had asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for approval to offer a fourth dose – an additional booster dose – of its vaccine to adults aged 18 and older.

Research has shown that the vaccine's protection wanes within months of receiving a third dose. A similar loss of protection against COVID was also found with Pfizer's mRNA vaccine.

Moderna's vaccine carries an increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis, particularly in males 18 to 24 years of age, the company advises.

Health Canada authorized Moderna's vaccine for adults in December 2020 and for children aged 12 to 17 in August 2021.

Moderna is working on an omicronspecific vaccine booster and is in the process of carrying out research with participants.

"Our goal has been to remain ahead of the virus and we are committed to generating and sharing data with public health authorities as they prepare for the fall booster season," said Bancel in a March 10 statement.

> FLOOD OUTLOOK, FROM PG. 8

ing levels close to that seen in 2020.

Red River tributaries, including the Roseau, Rat, and Pembina rivers are also at a high risk of moderate to major flooding, depending on what the next few weeks of weather brings us.

Due to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and normal to well above normal winter precipitation, there is high risk of moderate flooding in the Assiniboine River and its tributar-

ies, including Souris River basin, and in the eastern region, including the Whiteshell Lakes area, the report notes.

The risk of spring flooding is low for Interlake and northern Manitoba regions. The risk of flooding for most Manitoba lakes is also low.

The province notes the predicted peak levels of flooding across Manitoba right now are expected to remain below the dikes and community flood protection levels, which have been raised significantly since the Flood of the Century in 1997.

"The magnitude of the spring runoff on Manitoba's rivers is still very dependent on weather conditions from now till the spring melt and during the spring melt period," the report stresses. "A late thaw and spring rainstorms could result in a rapid snow melt that increases overland flooding and the flows on tributary streams and the larger rivers.

"A single precipitation event similar to the rainstorm that occurred in the summer of 2014 could change the flood outlook significantly.'

The complete March Outlook Report can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/ floodinfo/pdf/2022/march_2022_ flood_outlook_report.pdf.



Remarkable bench up for raffle to support refugees

By Nicole Brownlee

Multicoloured flowers like a vinok, a traditional Ukrainian flower crown, line the bench Robert Unik carved honouring Ukrainians.

Vibrant orange and yellow pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, join the benches legs and arms and clean white cloth with red embroidery on its edges covers the seat inscribed with a clear message written in Ukrainian, "Peace for Ukraine."

The county's blue and yellow flag appears to be shifting in the wind on a flagpole on the backrest of the bench and protected by sunflowers, Ukraine's national flower and a symbol of resistance since Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

"When I was carving, I got a lot of tears," said Unik, whose family is from Ukraine.

"Looking at it and seeing the babas and the mothers and the children while their husbands are going to fight the war."

Unik has been carving for almost four decades and is known for molding benches, cottage signs and pelicans out of wood.

Carving the intricate bench for three weeks was an outlet for Unik to express Ukrainian culture and pride while also creating the focus of a fundraiser.

Unik has partnered with the Selkirk Rotary Club to offer the bench as a raffle prize, with all proceeds going





RECORD PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY ROBERT UNIK

Robert Unik, a carver from Selkirk, is raffling off a hand-carved bench to raise money for Ukrainian refugees fleeing to

towards Ukrainian refugees settling in Manitoba.

Supporters will be able to buy raffle tickets for \$20 in a few weeks and the final draw will be held on Canada Day

Unik chose to dedicate the money raised from the bench's raffle to newcomers because of the outpouring of support for people living in Ukraine. He also wants to take his time raising as much money as he can.

"I don't want to donate (the bench) or just sell it because I can make a lot more money with a raffle," said Unik. "I'm in no rush."

The raffle also gives people living in the Interlake the chance to donate and participate in welcoming Ukrainians into the province.

"I wanted something for us in this area," said Unik, who lives in Selkirk.

"This is how I donate."

Ticket buyers also have the chance to win other hand-carved sculptures by Unik like a pelican, owl, 1.5-metretall peacock, and personalized signs.

Robert Unik will release more information about the bench raffle on Facebook in a few weeks as the fundraiser is finalized. To view Unik's work, visit the Our Unikque Creations Facebook page.

LSSD passes budget which reduces mill rate by 1.34 per cent

Budget includes funding for mental health, vocational programs and tech support

Submitted by the LSSD

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2022-2023 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$61,866,644 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$0. The budget represents a 4.17% increase in expenditures al-

lowing the Division to reduce the Property Tax Mill rate by 1.34%.

The Board of Trustees was very mindful of the budgetary impact on local taxation, and worked diligently to find cost savings, balancing the educational needs of our students with reduced provincial operating support.

217 Clandeboye Ave., Selkirk Proof Deadline Fridays at 4 p.m. Booking Deadline Mondays at 4 p.m. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00

Funding Sources and Impact on Taxpayers

Provincial funding is a key component of total operational revenue. For the fifth consecutive year, Provincial operating support granted to the Division decreased by 2%. For the 2022-2023 budget, this is a reduction of \$434,054 in revenue. The Provincial Government did commit to an additional funding of \$116,346 for Special Needs outside of their operating support. As well, they provided a onetime Property Tax Offset Grant in the amount of \$1,374,502 and a one-time grant to offset cost pressures in the amount of \$1,846,400. Both amounts will help reduce the burden on local property tax payers.

Local property taxation represents 44.16% of the remaining revenue budget. The Division's mill rate for 2021 will be set at 14.4475. This represents a mill rate decrease of 0.1969 mills or 1.34% to the taxpayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The average homeowner with a house valued at \$288,327 will see a decrease of \$25.54 annually.

This Budget includes:

- Funding for staffing to maintain the quality of educational programming
- Additional support for mental health and support services for students and staff
- Technological support for both inclass and remote learning
- Specific early years focus on smaller class sizes and support for Reading Recovery
- Continued support for vocational programs and school-based work experience.

The Board has kept expenditure increases to a minimum. As directed by the Minister of Education, Lord Selkirk School Division is compliant with respect to the special requirement guidelines and the administration expenditure cap.



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Like a canary in a coal mine

By Nicole Brownlee

Dragonflies flitting over softly rippling lakes and ripening golden fields are a sign of summer hitting the prairies, but their presence also indicates the health of wetlands.

Ducks Unlimited Canada highlights dragonflies' integral role in the environment through Project Dragonfly.

Dragonflies are sensitive to changes in the environment, and their welfare is an indicator of the overall health of wetland ecosystems where they live and breed, said Larry Kaumeyer, CEO of DUC, in a news release.

"These amazing insects are sending us a clear message about the fate that could potentially befall hundreds of other species that depend on wetlands during their life cycles."

Wetlands store carbon, protect from floods and are habitats for up to 40 per cent of the world's known species. Around a quarter of the world's wetlands are in Canada.

"Dragonflies are more fortunate than some species because they migrate," said Janine Massey, DUC's chief marketing and communications officer.

"We could be seeing species from the U.S. coming to Canada that usually haven't... Just like we've seen the patterns changing with migratory birds as a result of changes in climate and warming temperatures."

While Canada's dragonfly populations are seemingly unchanged, Europe, South America, South Asia and Southeast Asia are noting declines because of habitat loss, water quality decline and climate change.

Wetlands globally are disappearing three times faster than forests, said Dr. Bruno Oberle, International Union for Conservation of Nature's director general, in a news release in December 2021.

It's hard to tell how Canada is truly impacted by wetland loss because there is no comprehensive wetland inventory and monitoring system in Canada. Most industrialized nations, including the U.S., have a full wetland inventory to track changes.

DUC warns that if Canada continues to lose wetlands and doesn't effectively monitor habitat loss, the world might lose more than dragonflies.

The Green Budget Coalition, which consists of 23 of Canada's leading environmental organizations, has appealed to the federal government to commit to creating an inventory and monitoring system.

"We need to be investing in watching our at-risk species and ensuring that their populations are in a healthy



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Ducks Unlimited Canada launched Project Dragonfly to preserve Canada's wetlands, which are home to thousands of species.

state," said Massey.

In addition to donating to DUC and signing up for a monthly newsletter about the organization's conservation efforts, DUC is offering the public a chance to help track dragonfly populations.

DUC is hosting a webinar in May to kick off the citizen science project on iNaturalist, a social network that maps and shares biodiversity observations.

Participants can join the team on Biodiversity Day on May 22 to document dragonfly sightings in Canada.

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To add information to iNaturalist

about dragonfly populations, participants can add the free iNaturalist application to their phone, take a photo of a dragonfly and share it through the app.

"This also gets people interested and engaged with nature, which is really quite important for all of us," said Massey.

"Hopefully people will be much more motivated to help conserve natural spaces once they understand the beauty and intricacy of our wildlife that exists there."

For more information, visit ducks. ca/project-dragonfly.

So you want to be a firefighter in Selkirk?

Submitted by the City of Selkirk

The Selkirk Fire Department turns 125 years old this year, and it's come a long way since it was established with a 12-15 man crew and a horse drawn chemical engine.

It's now one of the province's best on-call fire departments whose members are trained as firefighters and first responders.

The Selkirk Department is currently looking for up to six new men and women to join its crew. Applications are being accepted until April 4.

Fire Chief Dave Milner says being a member of the Department is a rewarding experience but those who apply need to be prepared to put in their time.

"Being a Selkirk Firefighter is a commitment and it's a position that requires dedication from the member and understanding from the member's family, especially in the first couple of years when you're taking your Fire Fighting Level 1," Milner said.

"It can be kind of tough the first few years but after that it's really good. You need strong family support to get through this. They have to understand you have to go to school, you're still trying to answer fire calls and it can be very busy. We talk to new recruits before they start and tell them you need your family support. It's huge."

The Level 1 course is 200 hours and is taught in-house by Selkirk's Training Officer Sean Lewis, who is a National Fire Protection (NFP) certified instructor. Exams are taken in

Winnipeg and physical tests are done in Brandon.

Lewis has been with the Selkirk Fire Department for 22 years, and recently became the Training Officer. This group of new recruits will be the first he is teaching.

"I am excited to welcome the new recruits to our fire department. As the new safety and training officer I look forward to being a part of their journey to serving our great community as emergency personnel," Lewis said.

The department is busy, often responding to more than 200 calls every year within the city and in neighbouring communities as part of the South Interlake Mutual Aid District. Calls include not only fires but motor vehicle accidents, residential alarms, ice and water rescue, confined space, high angle rope rescue to name a few.

Milner said training is ongoing and members can eventually tailor their careers to specific areas of interest, such as water rescue or public education.

Applicants must live in the City of Selkirk and it's preferred they work here too. You must be able to get a Class 4 Licence with air brakes for Emergency Services Vehicles including the required medical exam. Additional requirements can be found on the application form.

Applications to join the fire department are available online at www.selkirkfire.org

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Province's proposal to lift pesticide ban raises health and environment concerns; Bill 22

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government's proposal last week to lift restrictions on the use of pesticides is not sitting well with some Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers and independent scien-

Robert T. Kristjanson, who lives in Gimli and has fished his entire life on a lake that's already overburdened with agricultural and wastewater pollutants and is deemed eutrophic, said he's exasperated by the further potential for more toxic waste to degrade the lake and the waterways that flow in and out of it.

"We can't look after our own water in Manitoba. It's absolutely criminal what we've done to our water and to ourselves," said Kristjanson last week. "With the sewage and the farming, we're destroying our water and life. How long do we have to pound this out until people understand? When are the people of Manitoba going to realize the jewel [Lake Winnipeg] they have here and what they're doing to it?"

Kristjanson has long fought for the health and protection of Lake Winnipeg, earning the Order of Manitoba in 2018 for calling attention to the rise of algal blooms on the lake and the deleterious effects they have on fish and other aquatic life.

"We mustn't give up on this; we have to oppose this [bill] and these culprits. Are there no brains around their table?" said Kristjanson, referring to the provincial government. "People are going to be putting hundreds of railway cars' worth of pesticide on the ground and it's going to flow into Lake Winnipeg."

He said he's also worried about the toxic effects of pesticides on children - and on pets and other wildlife - saying there's "no value anymore to children's lives."

Pesticide is an umbrella term for compounds that kill, and they include herbicides, fungicides and insecti-

Provincial environment, climate and parks minister Jeff Wharton introduced Bill 22, the Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions), on March 14. If passed the bill will lift the current ban on "cosmetic" pesticides while at the same time expanding areas where they cannot be applied, including playgrounds.

Wharton said he's not concerned about runoff carrying pesticides into Lake Winnipeg because pesticides are approved by Health Canada.

"Health Canada uses quite stringent [standards]. They're looking at this constantly; they don't dive into a pesticide once then say, 'OK, approved.'

They're constantly reviewing what products are acceptable under their standards. Some of the strictest rules come out of Health Canada. We need to support that. Other jurisdictions have," said Wharton last Friday. 'We're adding more protective zones that won't be on the spray list ... playgrounds, dog parks and picnic areas and provincial parks."

When asked why - if Health Canada assesses the safety of pesticides and approves them - there would be a need to ban them from spaces such as playgrounds and dog parks, Wharton said the government wants to provide enhanced safety measures.

"We felt that in addition to what was in the current bill introduced by the former government in 2014, we added these areas - playgrounds, dog parks and picnic areas - to ensure that we're providing more coverage," he said. "Obviously, it's about safety. We want to make sure we respect Health Canada's view on this, but we feel we wanted to take it a step farther to protect Manitobans and their pets."

Wharton said the government listened to Manitobans' concerns during a public feedback process a number of years ago and decided to add into the bill the "additional areas" where pesticides will be banned.

In 2016 the Conservative government asked for public feedback on the former NDP's pesticide ban, which had come into effect in 2015, according to a backgrounder appended to a March 14 news release announcing the new bill. Over 2,100 comments had been submitted by businesses, municipalities, organizations and the public. Over 60 per cent indicated the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides were "too strict."

The overall consensus among scientists is that pesticides are toxic and are killing life on land and in aquatic environments. But rather than reduce the use of pesticides, the world is ramping up their use in the face of climate-related food crop losses.

In an overview on the use of pesticides worldwide, researchers from China, Australia and India said agriculture-based chemicals often "induce calamitous effects on the environment." The chemicals, along with other organic pollutants, are persistent, ubiquitous and toxic.

"These pesticides are known to hinder the normal functioning of endocrine and reproductive systems in living organisms," they wrote in a 2019 issue of the journal SN [Springer Nature] Applied Sciences.

Canada is among the top ten "pesticide-consuming" countries in the world, along with the U.S., China, India, Argentina, Italy and France, they said, citing other scientific findings. In Canada, 35 million kilograms of pesticides are used annually in agricultural fields in order to boost crop productivity. Manitoba uses two million kilograms of herbicide annually, according to provincial crop insurance records.

When asked whether the provincial government might consider moving to a more environmentally friendly way of dealing with plants and /or insects considered to be pests, Wharton said we "need to rely on the science coming out of Health Canada with respect to pesticides."

'Farmers, producers have been using pesticides even post-2014 [NDP] legislation," he said. "The biggest threat to Lake Winnipeg and our tributaries and our waterways is the city of Winnipeg's North End wastewater treatment plant. That's what we need to focus on. We are committed to that as a province. We're hopeful the city will get on board and move forward."

University of Winnipeg retired biology professor Eva Pip, who has published over 100 scientific studies, primarily on water quality, said she's disappointed with the provincial government's proposal to lift pesticide restrictions.

"We do not seem to be progressing to a more responsible way of living, or to be more aware and considerate of our impact on our environment. Rather, our selfishness and petty convenience seems to override our moral duties to the planet that is the only life-support option we have," said Dr. Pip. "We do not think, and even more disappointingly, we do not act. Perhaps one day we will learn to see the value of the things that are no longer there."

Dr. Pip offered a lengthy list of reasons why pesticides shouldn't be used.

They include residential applications that are "more intense" per unit area

than applications agricultural land, collateral damage to "nontarget" species that are important for diversity and beneficial for bees and birds, the persistence of the chemicals in the environment, and the inability of sewage treatment plants to handle pesticides, which will be flushed into rivers and



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER Manitoba uses two million kilograms of herbicide annually, according to provincial crop insurance records.

"In the environment, many pesticides and their formulation components may be very harmful to fish and aquatic communities," said Dr. Pip. "Many of these chemicals may persist for a long time in the environment, and when they do degrade, they may sometimes degrade into compounds that are more toxic than the original chemical."

Pesticide manufacturers don't have to list all the ingredients they use, she said, making it impossible for independent scientists to evaluate a product's safety.

"According to the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, formulations are proprietary information and all the ingredients do not need to be listed on the label. Therefore, the consumer has no way to get this information and make an informed decision," said Dr. Pip. "The data on which federal approval

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Stonewall girl ready to return to Thailand for second stem cell therapy

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall girl hopes to return to Thailand for her second round of stem cell therapy, and the community is once again raising funds to help support her journey.

Two years ago, young Amaya Dawson's spinal cord was damaged in a car accident, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down. In November, she underwent stem cell treatment at the Verita Neuro facility in Bangkok, Thailand, through a process that isn't available in Canada.

She will be eligible to return to Thailand for the same treatment every six months as long as there's progress, and plans are in place to take her back in June for another round of stem cells

Amaya, who is nearly 10 years old, has noticed some changes since her first treatment. She's starting to have unintentional reflex spasms in her legs and she's also feeling sensations in her feet, thighs and stomach internally. At the same time, she's regaining some control of her personal functions, with the hopes of further improvements.

"She can't feel the touch but the inside of her foot will tingle. She knows something's there, but she doesn't know what it is," explained her mom, Alycia.

"They say it's a good sign that things are reconnecting or rejuvenating. Potentially with more months or possibly more stem cells, she might actually get the sensation of feeling back — and this is the first step."

The cost of the hospital stay in Thailand is \$32,000 Canadian, which includes the stem cell treatment, seven nights of accommodation for Amaya and Alycia and possibly another helper. For the first trip, Alycia's friend, who is also a registered nurse, accompanied them to help, particularly since many places weren't accessible for Amaya's wheelchair. The cost also covers all of Amaya's meals throughout her stay, and she will also get physiotherapy twice per day and electrotherapy once per day.

On top of that, they will also need to buy plane tickets.

For Alycia, it's more important that Amaya regain some personal independence than regain the ability to walk.

"Amaya is still Amaya. Her attitude, her personality haven't changed one bit. She still has all her friends and her family. She is totally supported by the community, and the school is incredible with her," Alycia said.

"The fact of her not being able to walk was heartbreaking initially, but it's not such a huge thing anymore. It's just part of our life now, and now she has so much strength that she's able to sit up on her own. She has so much support and everybody still loves her, which is exactly what I want for her as her mom."





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Ten-year-old Amaya Dawson is hoping to return to Thailand for a second round of stem cell therapy.

Fundraising for the upcoming Thailand trip is underway, and the community is once again stepping forward with support.

A bustling online garage sale is taking place through a Facebook group called "Amaya Takes Flight," which also lists other fundraisers on an ongoing basis.

With spring now here, Alycia also plans to host another plant sale, likely within the next month.

"They say the second round of stem

cells is when you see the most results, so we are grateful for every dollar because it all adds up," Alycia said.

"If it wasn't for all of the people that did the fundraisers last year and the people that participated, we wouldn't have gone to Thailand the first time. I'm trying to work my butt off to put in my own money, and the support of everyone else would be amazing."

> WILL PESTICIDES HARM LOCAL LAKE, FROM PG. 13



of a product are based are confidential and provided by the company itself. There is no way for outside agencies to review and evaluate the data."

Other ingredients in pesticides may also be dangerous to both humans and animals.

"The active ingredient is only one part of the product formulation. There are many other components for example surfactants, extenders, adjuvants, emulsifiers, etc. Some of these components may be more toxic to

humans and animals than the active ingredient itself," said Dr. Pip.

Toxicity testing is carried out on animals and the results are generalized to humans. The problem is humans and animals aren't the same species; one may be able to tolerate certain chemicals without adverse consequences while the other cannot.

'Toxicity testing is carried out by the company using certain test organisms and for a relatively short period of time. The results are extrapolated to humans, but different species can respond differently to the same chemical," she said. "For example, onions, grapes and chocolate are toxic for dogs, but not humans. These tests identify obvious acute effects (e.g., incapacitation, reproductive problems, birth defects), but not many other effects. We can't ask a rat, 'Do you have a headache?' These tests do not identify long-term chronic effects (longer than two years) or issues such as cancer that take many years to develop."

Pesticides that get the stamp of approval today may get yanked later when adverse effects start to pile up.

"Many products that do get ap-

proved may be taken off the shelves later when there are more data and more documented cases of adverse effects," said Dr. Pip. "There is a backlog of older products that are waiting to be retested because they were approved under older rules. Meanwhile, they are still on the shelves."

And it's the appearance of pesticide products on store shelves that may lead consumers into thinking they're "harmless," said Dr. Pip. Consumers may be unaware that they should use personal protective equipment and keep children and pets off freshly treated areas.

There are much less harmful options for dealing with insect pests, she said by way of example. Spraying diluted liquid dish soap is a better option than using pesticide.

"We are already overwhelmed by so many chemicals of all kinds in everything we touch, consume, wear and use," she said. "There are almost no data on how these chemicals work together to affect our health. Why not limit exposure in the places where we can actually do so?"

Hazardous chemicals in RATs result in uptick of calls to poison centres

Health Canada is advising Canadians to handle rapid antigen test kit components carefully after being made aware of an increase in calls to poison centres.

Rapid antigen tests, or RATs as they're called, contain buffer solutions that are needed to carry out the test, which determines whether a person is infected with COVID-19.

There have been reports of accidental ingestion or contact with the skin. Children and pets could be at heightened risk.

"Health Canada is aware of approximately 50 calls made to poison centres in Canada related to accidental exposure, which have resulted in minor health outcomes," said the agency in an advisory dated Feb. 24. "Health Canada is advising Canadians on a precautionary basis to help mitigate the risks associated with misuse, accidental ingestion or skin exposure."

The agency did not identify the RATs associated with the calls to poison centres.

When used as intended, the agency said RATs are safe and effective. But the liquid solutions in many test kits contain chemical preservatives, such as sodium azide and proclin. These can be "poisonous if swallowed or ab-

sorbed through the skin, particularly in children and pets," said the agency.

Small doses of sodium azide can lower blood pressure and larger doses may cause more serious health effects, it said. Proclin, which is found in many kits, contains chemicals that can cause skin and eye irritation, as well as allergic reactions.

"Accidental ingestion or skin exposure to very small quantities of liquid solutions would not be expected to cause the serious effects associated with larger doses," said the agency. "However, even small quantities may cause effects in small children and pets."

The risks associated with a test kit may not appear on the label and the instructions.

RATs have been made available in schools, workplaces and other set-

Health Canada advises the public to:

- Keep rapid antigen test kits and solutions out of the reach of children and pets
- Do not swallow the solutions. and avoid eye and skin contact
- Wash hands thoroughly after
- Contact your local Poison Information Centre in cases of acciden-



RECORD PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

An example of a rapid antigen test kit, with buffer solution, that's being distributed in Manitoba. The buffer contains sodium azide, according to the test kit's safety data sheet from BTNX, the biotechnology company that makes it. The data sheet states that the kit has no hazardous components. It also states that sodium azide is rated as hazardous, but the chemical does not need to be "declared" as hazardous because of its "low concentration" in the buffer and on the test strip. The data sheet provides first-aid advice.

tal ingestion or direct skin exposure to test kit solutions.

- If spillage occurs, rinse well with water
- Follow all instructions for proper disposal
 - Report any health product-

related side effects or complaints to Health Canada

The Manitoba Poison Centre is available 24 hours a day. Call toll-free 1-855-776-4766.

Canada's farmland market remains resilient despite adversity

Submitted by FCC

Canada's farmland values climbed in spite of impacts from pandemic supply chain disruptions and adverse weather that affected parts of the country, as Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) Farmland Values Report showed an 8.3-per-cent national average increase in 2021.

The report, which describes changes in Canada's farmland values from Jan.1 to Dec. 31, 2021, covers an entire year of disruptions caused by the pandemic, as well as drought that reduced yields across much of the prai-

FCC reported a 5.4-per-cent national average increase in 2020.

In Manitoba, average farmland values increased by 9.9 per cent in 2021, following gains of 3.6 per cent in 2020 and four per cent in 2019.

"The low interest rate environment and favourable commodity prices seem to have offset some of the many challenges that could have been expected to restrain the demand for farmland and the price producers

are willing to pay for land," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist. "It's a testament to the resilience and business confidence of farm operators who are largely driving this strong Canadian farmland market."

The largest increases were recorded in Ontario and British Columbia (22.2 and 18.1 per cent, respectively), followed by Prince Edward Island (15.2 per cent), Nova Scotia (12.3 per cent) and Quebec (10 per cent).

Other provinces showed more moderate average increases, ranging from Alberta at 3.6 per cent to Manitoba at 9.9 per cent. Saskatchewan recorded an average increase of 7.4 per cent, while New Brunswick showed a 5.2 per cent average increase.

There was an insufficient number of publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador to fully assess farmland values in that province. That was also the case in Yukon. Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Gervais notes that Canada's agricul-

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Peak of the Market Growers invest \$50,000 in Agriculture in the Classroom

Submitted by Peak of the Market

Peak of the Market is proud to announce a significant partnership with Agriculture in the Classroom.

"Peak of the Market believes in the significance of Agriculture education and looks forward to sharing the benefits of the industry and the importance of eating both potatoes and other vegetables with Manitoba students," said Pamela Kolochuk, CEO, Peak of the Market. "We are very pleased to support a well-established organization like AITC-M that connects with over 56,000 students and more than 1000 teachers in balanced and meaningful ways."

As part of the partnership, Peak of the Market will be the presenting sponsor of the Foundations of Manitoba Agriculture Virtual Resource - a hub on the AITC-M website where all major crop and livestock commodities in Manitoba will be highlighted specifically for educators and students across the grade K-12 audience. In addition, potato and vegetable farming will be highlighted by AITC-M through other digital and in-classroom materials including the new Amazing Veggies Race.

"We are so excited about this incredible partnership with Peak of the Market," said Sue Clayton, Executive Director of AITC-M. "The Foundations of Manitoba Agriculture is a much anticipated resource that will be used



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Pictured left to right, Brooke, Paige and Pamela Kolochuk, CEO, Peak of the Market, Peter Loewen, Chair, Peak of the Market, Sue Clayton, Executive Director, Agriculture in the Classroom.

by Manitoba teachers and students for many years to come."

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ture industry is still facing uncertainty, since labour shortages, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical tensions, farm input inflation and incremental interest rate increases are expected this year. At the same time, FCC is forecasting that receipts of grains, oilseeds and pulses in Canada will increase in 2022, fueled by strong de-

mand and tight global supply.

Increases in farmland values reported across the country are as wide and varied as the factors that may have influenced them. Average farmland values have increased every year since 1993, however, increases were more pronounced from 2011 to 2015 in many different regions. Since then,

Canada has seen more moderate single-digit increases in average farmland values.

Ontario reported the sharpest overall increase, more than quadrupling its 2020 average farmland value increase of 4.7 per cent, while B.C. more than doubled its average increase form the previous year. With a much smaller farmland market, PEI's average increase was more pronounced from one year to the next.

Land markets in Prairie provinces were somewhat tempered by adverse growing conditions, while farmland values in several regions of B.C. were bolstered by limited supplies of available land and proximity to urban areas.

"Sharp increases are often a result of local market conditions coupled with relatively favourable economic conditions," Gervais said. "For areas that reported significant increases, strong demand for a limited supply of land played a key role in bumping up values."

Producers in many regions were buying or selling land to gain operational efficiencies and to support family farm succession plans, which contributed to a strong farmland market in Canada.

Relatively good growing conditions in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick contributed to the farmland value increases in those provinces.

Gervais reminds producers to have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes, ensuring their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift. They also need to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years.

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Servings: 2 1 cup spinach 1/2 cup water 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar blend 1 tablespoon almond butter 1/2 cup bananas, frozen



Blueberry Banana Smoothie

1/2 cup blueberries, frozen 1 tablespoon chia seeds 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon minced ginger 1/2 cup berry yogurt

fresh blueberries, for garnish (optional) In blender, blend spinach, water, apple cider vinegar, almond butter, frozen bananas, frozen blueberries, chia seeds, cinnamon, ginger and yogurt until

Pour into two glasses and garnish with fresh blueberries, if desired.



Yield: about 6 waffles (4 inches each) **Browned Butter:**

2 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/2 cup chopped pecans

1 cup Pearl Milling Company Original Pancake & Waffle Mix

3/4 cup milk, plus additional if necessary, divided

Butter Pecan Waffles

1 egg Pearl Milling Company Syrup, for top-

toasted pecans, for topping (optional) To make browned butter: In small skillet over low heat, place butter. Increase heat to medium-low, stirring butter with heat-proof spatula. Cook and stir until butter reaches desired brown color. Re-

move from heat and stir in pecans. Place pancake mix in large bowl. Add 3/4 cup milk, egg and browned butter. Stir until large clumps of batter disappear. If batter seems too thick, add additional milk 1 tablespoon at a time to reach desired thickness. Let batter stand 4-5 minutes before cooking.

Pour batter into lightly greased waffle iron. Bake until steam stops or as directed by waffle iron instructions. Top with syrup and toasted pecans, if desired.

Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, could you write about reverse mortgages – I am not sure if I should consider one. Alma

Dear Alma – that is a great idea and I know others would like to know too. Thank you.

I love the latest TV commercial with actor Tom Sellick about reverse mortgages. It must be his fabulous mustache and soothing voice. Okay, all joking aside, it is almost impossible to escape the cadre of aging male actors and athletes who've found a second career as pitch-men for reverse mortgages. Kurt Browning is the front man for Canada's CHIP reverse mortgage product. So, it is not surprising that Alma is consider it.

Reverse mortgages have their place as a viable equity product and there are only two lenders in Canada that offer them: Home Equity Bank and Equitable Bank. Most of the time this product is sold through a mortgage broker and is designed to meet the need from aging homeowners that cannot qualify for a traditional home equity loan or line of credit because they no longer work or can't make the monthly payments. This type of equity-take-out loan allows someone to access a portion of the value of their primary residence without selling it or making monthly payments to repay the debt. Now before you get too excited, let's discuss the pros and cons of this product.

To be eligible for a reverse mortgage you must be 55 or older and own your home. The matrix for qualification is based on three criteria: your age, home value, and location. Of course, the amount provided by the lender will be higher if you live in an urban center as opposed to rurally, and you can choose to get a lump sum payout or have a scheduled payment setup. There are many different types of reverse mortgage products with some that are fully open and others that are locked in. The interest rates range from 4.5 per cent to 7 per cent compounded annually and repayment is due upon your death, when you sell the home, or if you decide to end the contract and pay back the loan in full.

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The setup and cessation fees are quite high and of course you will need to do this through a real estate lawyer because a lien will be placed on your property for the loan. Some additional fees could involve prepayment penalties if you pay off the mortgage before it's due and independent legal advice requirements. Some initial start-up fees can be added to the balance of your loan, (which will incur additional interest over the life of the product) but others may need to be paid up front, to be deducted from your payout.

Obviously, the pros to reverse mortgages are that you don't have to make regular loan payments and you can turn the value of your home into cash without having to sell it. The cons would be that it is quite costly to do so, with interest rates so much higher than most other types of mortgages and secured lines of credit. The biggest drawback I see with this product is that the equity you hold in your home may go down over time as you accumulate more and more interest on your loan. The other problem is that when you die, your estate must repay the loan + interest + fees within a set period of time, regardless of how long it takes to settle your estate, leaving the onus on your beneficiaries.

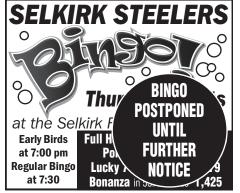
I know there are many retirees that have considered this option, even my mother talked about it. It is definitely an option to "stay and play," but I must caution you on the compounded interest component. Interest is continually added to your loan each month and tacked on to the principal balance. Each month, interest accrues on a larger balance, meaning you are basically paying interest upon interest. If you are looking to this product to shore up your financial resources so you can stop working, pay off credit card debt or travel and enjoy life, I would suggest you either sell and right-size your home or look to a conventional lender with lower lending rates. Think of a reverse mortgage not as an added benefit to owning a home, but as a tool of last resort to be considered in your older years, when every other resource or option has been exhausted.

Good Luck & Best Wishes, ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, National Radio Host and Author of 3 finance books plus the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

Banana Walnut Pancakes





Yield: about 20 pancakes

2 cups Pearl Milling Company Original Pancake Mix

11/2 cups milk

2 eggs

tablespoons oil

2 bananas, mashed

Homemade Whipped Cream:

cup heavy cream

2 tablespoons sugar

Toppings:

1 banana, sliced, for topping

2 jars (5 ounces each) walnuts in syrup 24 ounces Pearl Milling Company Syrup Place skillet over medium heat.

In large bowl, stir pancake mix, milk, eggs, oil and mashed bananas.

Spread 1/4 cup pancake batter on skillet. When pancake begins to bubble, use spatula to flip. Cook until golden brown on each side. Repeat with remaining bat-

To make whipped cream: In small bowl, whip heavy cream and sugar until thickened.

Top pancakes with homemade whipped cream, banana slices, walnuts and syrup.

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Steelers to meet Steinbach in MJHL playoffs

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers should send the Virden Oil Capitals a thank you note. Virden did Selkirk a huge favour last Saturday, defeating the Portage Terriers 3-2 to secure the Steelers' the fourth and final playoff spot in the East Division.

Selkirk finished the regular season with 54 points, one ahead of Portage.

"We were watching closely and obviously holding our breath," said Steelers' head coach Hudson Friesen. "Based on the situation we put ourselves in, we were forced to watch for help and thankfully Virden came through for us. We couldn't be more excited. We're elated to be in the playoff picture and definitely excited to bring playoff hockey back to Selkirk - it's been a few years."

The Steelers' reward for making the playoffs is a best-of-seven series with the Steinbach Pistons. Steinbach finished the regular season with the MJHL's best record at 42-9-2-1.

"Steinbach is definitely a good team and they finished first for a reason," Friesen said. "We had our struggles with them this year as a group but playoffs are a whole new season. It's a best-of-seven series and we have an opportunity here to rewrite our story from the beginning of the year and go in there with an open book."

The Pistons are very good at both ends of the ice. Steinbach finished second in goals scored (239) and allowed the fewest (122) during the regular season.

The Steelers are going to have to be at their best to pull off the upset.

"We're going to have to play a very structured game. Every line and every single player on our team will have to buy in to play the right way," Friesen said. "We're really going to have to take away their speed and play a defensive-minded game. When we have opportunities on the power play, off the rush, and with turnovers, we have to capitalize."



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The Selkirk Steelers, from left to right, Sheldin Howard, Connor Tyhy, Dante Ballarin, and Quinton Hill are in their final season of junior eligibility.

Game 1 of the series will be played Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Steinbach while

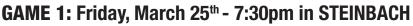
Game 2 is set for Sunday (6 p.m.) in Selkirk

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Fishermen destroy Ice Dawgs in Game 1 of CRJHL final

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen took it to the Arborg Ice Dawgs in Game 1 of the Capital Region Junior Hockey League best-of-seven final series on Sunday.

After surrendering a goal early in the second period to Arborg's Austin Adair, Selkirk flashed its brilliance by scoring six unanswered goals in a 6-1 victory.

The Fishermen's Kyle Folhoffer, Travis Spratt, and Jordan Donald scored second-period goals and then Reece Tessier, Josh Poponick and Donald tallied in the third.

Tessier and Donald each had three points in the game.

It was a great start to the series for

"It was definitely a good win," Donald said. "I think we came out in the first period a little shaky, a little nervous, but once we got into the flow of things...and the nerves under our belts we kind of picked it up in the second and third and ended up playing pretty good."

Brendon Hocaluk was very good in goal, making 26 saves for the win.

The Fishermen did a great job shutting down Jack Einarson, the league's leading scorer during the regular sea-



Jordan Donald

"That was huge," Donald said. "We wanted to get checks in on him as much as we could to let him feel our presence. We shut his whole line down, too, which was great."

Selkirk has been outstanding defensively during the playoffs, allowing just four goals in five games.

"We're a very good defensive team when we want to be," Donald said. "It's just making sure that we're bearing down and picking up the loose pucks and taking the body, working hard, and we should do well."



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Fishermen's Reece Tessier scored a goal and had two assists to lead his club to a 6-1 home win over the Arborg Ice Dawgs in Game 1 of the CRJHL final series on Sunday.

Game 2 of the series is set for Thursday (8 p.m.) in Arborg while Game 3 is scheduled for Saturday (7:30 p.m.) borg on Sunday (5 p.m.).

in Selkirk.

Game 4 of the series returns to Ar-

U13 Rebels Black team enjoys a successful season

By Brian Bowman

A great season for the Lord Selkirk/ Seven Oaks Rebels U13 Black team came to an end on March 13.

The Rebels were defeated 3-0 by Eastman South in a best-of-five semifinal series. Eastman won the final game by a 4-2 score.

"That was definitely the best game that we played," said Rebels' head coach Troy Slater. "They outshot us big time but we kept battling and made it close and had a few opportunities late in the game to potentially tie the game but couldn't finish."

Eastman earlier won games in the series 9-1 and 8-4.

"They're a very high level, elite, deep team," Slater said of Eastman. "They're going to be the favourite to win the whole thing. They only lost three games all season long and we beat them once early in the season."

The Rebels' regular-season record was a solid 16-9-2. Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks beat Brandon in a play-in series 2-1. The Rebels won Game 1 4-2, lost the second 5-4, and then won the series-deciding game 4-2.

"That was definitely a tooth-andnail type of series," Slater recalled. "Both teams came out of the gate hard and fast. Every game was close right to the end and we were fortunate to take that one in three games."

The Rebels also defeated the Railcats Black 2-0 in the quarter-finals.

The Rebels played in a St. Vital Victorias tournament earlier in the season and finished with a perfect 5-0

Overall, it was a very good season

for this team.

"Coming into this season, the knock on the Rebels is that they don't finish very high in the standings and they struggle in the early part of the PeeWee season," Slater said. "But we put together a team that had a lot of talent and kids that were willing to work hard and they basically bought into what the coaching staff wanted to do. We went through one or two rough stretches but we just stayed the course and, in the end, we were able to be successful."

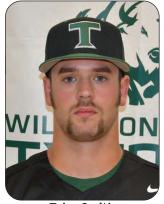
Smith strikes out 16 in Williston win

Tyler Smith struck out 16 North Dakota College of Science batters to lead the Williston State College Tetons to a 9-1 victory on March 15 in Tucson, Arizona.

Smith, a St. Andrews' product, allowed just two hits and one run in seven innings.

The former North Winnipeg Pirate and current Elmwood Giant is now 6-0 with a 1.71 earned-run average in his freshman

Smith has 38 strikeouts in 21 innings this season.



Tyler Smith

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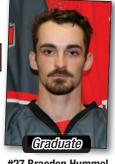
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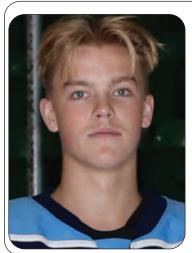
The Selkirk Royals were well represented at the WHSHL all-star game on Sunday. Selkirk's Brendan Berrington, Devon Whiteside, Nathan Burzynski and Ethan Geard were members of Team Gray. Burzynski was named Team Gray's most valuable player.

Stingers win bronze



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The Selkirk Stingers U16B team defeated the BVRA Blaze 5-4 in overtime last Saturday to win the bronze at the Provincial Ringette Championship at the Seven Oaks Arena in Winnipeg. Pictured, left to right, Taryn Whitehall, Julia Gidilewich, Addy Walker, Sophia Bennett, Amelia Rudolph, Elizabeth Hladun, Abagail Gaboreau, Payton Collins, and Ashley Gidilewich. Goalie is Jordyn Jackson. Missing from the photo are Rachel Mickall, Natalie Hladun and Addison Enns-Demchuk.



Provincial all star

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The Selkirk Royals' Clint Thomas was selected as an all star at the MHSAA AAAA hockey provincials which wrapped up March 14 in Selkirk. The Royals reached the provincial semifinals where they lost to Westwood.

Raiders lead Victories in MMJHL quarter-final series

Staff

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club lost 4-1 to the St. Vital Victorias in Game 5 of their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League best-of-seven quarter-final series on Sunday.

Jack Oleksiuk scored the Raiders' lone goal in the first period.

Tyler Rubigney, with a pair, Devin Bulloch (on the power play), and Kyle Melo scored for St. Vital.

The Raiders lead the series 3-2.

Game 6 of the series was played this past Tuesday. If necessary, Game 7 is set for Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders took a 3-1 series lead with a thrilling 5-4 overtime victory last Thursday.

Matthew Smith scored the game winner in OT.

St. Vital's Ryland Nechwediuk had tied the score at 4-4 at 15:39 of the third period. It was his third goal of

the game.

His third goal came just 24 seconds after Kobe Campbell gave the Raiders the lead.

The Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a goal from Smith and a pair from Oleksiuk.

Nechwediuk scored two in the second period and then Ben Coppinger tied the score at 3-3 early in the third.

On March 15, the Raiders defeated the Victorias 3-2.

Riley Barroso gave the Raiders a 1-0 first-period lead before Oleksiuk made it 2-0 early in the second.

St. Vital's Braden Clarke and Campbell (shorthanded) traded goals midway in the middle frame and then the Victorias' Parker Janz closed out the scoring at 15:23 of the second period.

In off-ce news, Barroso was named a MMJHL second team all star.

League champions



RECORD PHOTO ERIN WILSON

Selkirk's Team Salmon won the Junior Interlake Interclub League championship after defeating Selkirk's Team Preun 10-5 on Sunday. Pictured back row, left to right, Aidan Thomas, Liam Salmon, Brady Szydlik, and coach Scott Szydlik. Front row is Carson Salmon.

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The family of the late June Bedard Oig would like to thank friends and family for the donations of food and flowers for the funeral luncheon. We would also like to thank Robert Hermanson and Lesley Scramstad for their assistance officiating the service. June would have been proud of her nephews Rob Hermanson, Dan Scramstad and Kingsley Walker, who sang for her at the service. We would like to thank Charmaine McIvor, Lori Cooke, Darlene Harris and Tammy Michaud for the wonderful job they did with the luncheon and Rob Hermanson for preparing the video of June's life. It was perfect. June would have been so grateful for all the support and for all who have offered their sympathy to John and Mom. Thank you

-Bedard and Oig Family

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The Selkirk Fire Department would like to thank all who have applied but only applicants selected for interviews will receive further notice.



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Dorothy Marion Massey (nee Barlow) 1926 - 2022

After a short hospital stay, Dorothy passed away on March 17, 2022 with her granddaughter Olivia at her side.

Dorothy is survived by her children Dianne (Dennis), Darren (Treena) and Darwin along with her four grandchildren, Evan, Ben, Kayla and Olivia. She is also survived by her sister Sylvia

Dorothy was predeceased by her son Darryl Glenn, parents Marshall and Gladys Barlow as well as her sisters Elsie Moffatt and Bernice Lee.

Dorothy was born on July 3, 1926 on the farm in the Lundar area where she began her love of gardening and bird watching. She worked for many years at Selkirk Linen Services retiring at age 65.

After her retirement. Mom enjoyed her drives with Maude. Doreen or Iris. She always enjoyed the bantering with her nephews while playing cards, especially with Barry. Every spring we would have to make the rounds of all the greenhouses, whether buying or just looking. She could never say no to one more plant for her gardens.

Mom was always a hard worker and was never happier when she was out in the garden or cooking a meal for family. One of her greatest joys was having all the grandkids over for the weekend where she would cook for them, play cards and games. She was never happier than when Evan, Ben, Kayla

After her move to the apartment Mom adopted a rescue cat named Evie, who was her constant companion until she moved into Tudor House in 2020. Many thanks to the staff at Tudor House for the excellent care Mom received. Special thanks to Olive Inman for her excellent care and for always

Although we were lucky to have Mom with us until the age of 95, it is never enough time.

Cremation has taken place with interment to take place at later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting one of Mom's charities Covenant House, Canadian Cancer Society, MS Society or Craig Street Cats Rescue.

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

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Audrey Viola Philpott (nee Cline) Centenarian 1922-2022

It is with great sadness that the Philpott family announces the passing of Viola on March 13, 2022. Viola had a spirit to live. She was so happy on her 100th birthday. Her most precious loves were her family and children. Viola's pleasant smile and laugh will always be remembered.

She was predeceased by her husband, George; sons-in-law, Bob and Cecil; daughter-in-law Bunny; and her grandchild, Kerri; sister Lavina (Gordon); sisters-in-law Hannah (Phil); Ellen (Blake); Lil (George).

Left to mourn are her son, Fred (Barb); and her daughters, Marlene and Karen; grandchildren, Morene, Kimberly (Sean), Kammy (Kelsey), Korey (Tiana), Keith (Tamsyn); greatgrandchildren, Maya and Kallan; and numerous nephews, nieces,

cousins and friends.

Viola grew up in the Belmont community to her parents, Clifford and Gladys Cline. Due to her love of children she moved to Eriksdale to permit teach and continued to teach for ten years at Hartley School, Cloverdale, Clandeboye and Selkirk. She was also the first woman to be secretary-treasurer at Hartley School in the 1960's.

Her husband, George, lit the fire at Hartley School and Mom's heart. They were married on August 21, 1943. She helped George on the farm by driving the tractor and three ton truck, hauling grain, milking cows, and feeding the pigs, chickens, turkeys, geese and cows. She gardened a huge plot of land, canned, cooked and picked berries especially raspberries.

When the children left the farm, Viola was on various committees in the community such as the MSOS-Petersfield Senior Club and Interlake Regional, and Petersfield Curling Club. She travelled attending World and Canadian curling events. Viola was a honourary life member of the Manitoba Curling Association, having curled and volunteered for so many years. She won a zone championship, too. Viola knitted for the Cheer Board for most of her life, and loved playing cards winning many cribbage and whist tournaments throughout the Interlake. She loved mathematics and would be able to calculate the answers in her head. The health care aides were in awe! She also loved playing Skip-Bo with the nurses, health care aides and her children until her last days.

From 2001-2015 Viola lived in Selkirk at the Kiwanis on the Red. She volunteered in school reading programs at Ecole James Nisbet and at Ruth Hooker while in her 80's (years old). She was a member of the Kiwanis and Gordon Howard in Selkirk organizing and participating in activities from 79-93 years of age. She moved to Riverwood Square and Concordia Place in Winnipeg until the end of her

Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma - when we see gladiolus, knitting needles and cinnamon buns we will think of you. You were a precious gift! All our love! We will miss you dearly!

Cremation has taken place. Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, Manitoba at 1:00 p.m.

Donations may be sent to The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4G2 or a charity of your choosing.

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OBITUARY

Lawrence H. Gauthier



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our father Lawrence (Larry) at the age of 89. After a short but valiant fight with cancer our dad was reunited with the love of his life. Annette on March 2, 2022.

He will be dearly missed by their three children, Keith (Huguette) Gauthier, Kathy (Dwight) Dietrich and Phil (Pearl) Gauthier; grandchildren, Danielle (Justin) Pichor, Dylan and Lucas Dietrich, Tessa Gauthier (Steph); great-grandchildren, Ella and Jack.

Dad was predeceased by his parents William and Annie; his brothers George, Alfred, Maurice and his youngest brother Dominic, who passed only days before he did.

Dad was born in Fitzroy Harbour, near Ottawa, Ontario, and was the oldest of five brothers. He grew up in Wolf Lake, Quebec with his parents and grandparents close by. Like many in those days he

was exposed to hard work at an early age and developed a work ethic that stayed with him throughout his life. He worked numerous construction and mining jobs in his early years and met our mom, Annette while working in Niagara Falls in 1956. Three children came along shortly afterwards, and like many young couples in those days, they had their struggles and had to fight hard for permanent work and a good place to bring up us kids. One of our favourite stories will always be how he did get that first break. After jumping onto a staff bus, driven by his brother George, and slipping through security, he presented himself to the lady in HR at AECL in Chalk River, ON. He asked that his resume be considered for the upcoming job in operations. Dad said she nodded, smiled and dug through the huge pile of resumes until she finally found his and placed it on the top of the pile. We're not sure if it was his charm, good looks or both, but it paid off, as he was hired by AECL shortly after in January, 1960.

Dad was part of a group of AECL employees that were given the opportunity for a new life in a brandnew town. He took that opportunity and moved the family to Pinawa, Manitoba in 1964, where he and Mom stayed until Mom's illness forced them from their home of nearly 50 years. Dad's next love after Mom was simply being outdoors. He hunted, fished, and taught us what "real" camping was, which meant taking nasty back roads miles back in the bush where we camped on beautiful, secluded lakes without amenities or another human for miles. These childhood memories were the absolute best and will stay with us forever. Dad (and Mom) were the epitome of a Canadian hockey parent, constantly traveling to games, practices, and figure skating events. Dad was a great fixer and carpenter, he built his own boat, a BIG boat! More great memories, we had some great family times in that boat. Dad worked tirelessly on the Trans Canada Trail system and Pinawa's cross country ski trails, grooming, clearing, maintaining and helped build the two cabins still in use on these trails. He was presented with a number of outstanding volunteer awards over the years for his hard work and dedication. Dad was also a true motorcycle enthusiast, he loved to go for rides with his boys and went on numerous cross-country trips. He continued to ride into his mid 80's before he finally parked the motorcycle for good. And even though we all agreed that it was time, Dad missed his motorcycle right to the end. Dad not only helped maintain the local ski trails for years but was an avid cross-country skier himself. He entered and won numerous senior ski races throughout the province in his sixties and could still "kick butt" (and he did) on the ski trails even at 80 years of age. Dad became an avid golfer in his late 40's, and like everything else he set out to accomplish, became very good at it. He and Mom very much enjoyed the game and went on numerous golf excursions. After the move to Selkirk Dad continued to play 2 or 3 times every week with his sons and was quite proud of the fact that even at the age of 89, he could still shoot a score that matched his age. He loved the game so much that he would sometimes play 2 or 3 days in a row. And if the boys were unavailable for an outing, he would go by himself. We were amazed at his drive and the ability to do some of the things he did at his age, and apparently, we weren't alone. Shortly after Dad passed, the manager at Dad's apartment block said that Dad was a bit of a legend to the folks there. Apparently, they were intrigued by this impressive 85+ fellow, driving around in his spotless Cadillac, playing golf, still driving a motorcycle and out and about more evenings than he was home. Dad rarely turned down a dinner invitation with family and he never sat around for any longer than it took to watch the last round of a golf major or Jets game. We learned quickly that even insinuating that he should consider slowing down a bit went absolutely nowhere. He would just smile and say, I'll let you know when I'm ready to slow down.

Dad was a great father and a great husband, and most importantly, he was a good man. He was loved and he will be dearly missed.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the incredible staff at Selkirk Hospital. Cory, Jess, Danielle, Jody and others. We're sorry that we can't name you all, but please know how much we appreciated the kindness, and compassion you showed for Dad and us through this difficult time.

As per Dad's wishes, his ashes will join Mom's at Pinawa Cemetery and there will be family service at a later date.

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Mary 'Jean' Zibroski (nee Bazan)

Peacefully on Wednesday, March 16th, 2022, Mary 'Jean' Zibroski passed away at the age of 95.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Rudolph (Rudy) in 1997. Jean will be sadly missed by her two sons, Lawrence and Gerald (Adriana); two grandchildren Nicholas (Dana), Kristina (Micheal) and two great-grandchildren Carter and Chelsea. She will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held at Gilbart Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB on Thursday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Evan Maximiuk officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's memory to the St. Nicholas Church of Gonor or a charity of one's choice. VICHNAYA PAM'YAT

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

Gilbart Funeral Home. Selkirk in care of arrangements.



Marilyn Kathleen Gibson-Sinclair

It is with deepest heartfelt sorrow we announce the passing of Marilyn Kathleen Gibson-Sinclair at the age of 42. She was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and soon to be grandmother.

Kath leaves to mourn her husband and best friend Farl; sons Tristan (Brianna) and Eric: mother Carol: father Darvll: mother-inlaw Darall; sisters Jaimie and Jennifer and brother Michael. She had numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a wealth of friends.

She was predeceased by her infant son Earl James and both grandparents.

Kathleen had a heart of gold, she loved everyone and every animal. She would give anyone anything she had if needed. Kath will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Funeral service took place in Selkirk, Manitoba at Gilbart Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with viewing from 10:00 -

11:00 a.m. and funeral at 11:00 a.m. Reception followed. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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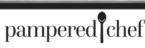
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