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### **St Andrews resident Allan Thompson** remembered for contributions to community

Family gives insight into life of the business owner who gave so much to Lockport

#### By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents in our region will likely know Allan Thompson as the owner of the Skinner's restaurants in Lockport. They will also recognize him as someone who volunteered in his community and might even remember him from his time as a local teacher. Thompson passed away in January and will be remembered for his commitment to bringing our community

Allan was born in Langruth, Man. and raised as one of 12 children on his family's farm.

"He came from very humble beginnings, but he was a very determined person," said his wife of 61 years Louise Thompson.

After graduating high school, Thompson went to teacher's college graduating in 1960. He spent a few

years teaching in various communities before making his way to teach in Selkirk in 1965.

He married Louise in 1963.

In his time as a teacher in our area, he taught at Ruth Hooker School, Robert Smith School and Happy Thought School before moving over to the Junior High.

Wanting to take on a new a new venture, Allan decided to get into busi-

"On March 1 of '79, we purchased Skinner's here in Lockport. He loved teaching. He really enjoyed the young people, and he loved the challenge, but he always wanted to go into business for himself," said Louise.

Allan was also very educated.

"From '65 through to when we came

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Allan Thompson at the water park.





#### > ALLAN THOMPSON, FROM PG. 4

here to Skinner's, he got his Bachelor of Arts Degree, his Bachelor of Education Degree, and he was his thesis short of his Masters of Education," said Louise.

Allan is also a father to his four children Brent Thompson, Lyle Thompson, Sandra Thompson and Corinne Thompson-Bobrowich.

In 1984, Allan decided to take on a new challenge, he and Louise teamed up with some local business partners and opened Skinner's Wet n Wild Waterslide Park, Pitchers Bar and Grill, ball diamonds, and Grand Slam Batting Cages.

"In 1989 he always wanted to expand Skinner's, and we opened a kiosk in Winnipeg at the Forks Market. We ran that for 30 years," said Louise.

She explained that Allan thrived on the challenge that, for him, was succeeding in business.

"He loved meetings and meeting with the suppliers and negotiating contracts and stuff like that. That was his thing. And, he once again, he was able to deal with young people, and that was kind of a passion of his, if he could help a young person out in any way he did it," said Louise.

With his experience in teaching and as a business owner, Allan had strong leadership skills.

"He was good at designating people to a position or a job and then expected results," said Louise.

She joked that she didn't think that he'd ever cooked a hotdog at Skinner's because he was always rallying the troops.

When they moved into the home above Skinner's in 1979, his children were between the ages of 7 and 14.

"The day we moved in here, I think the first Sunday, he probably had (Corinne) washing dishes and Sandra cleaning tables, and the boys hauling drinks into the coolers and cooking," said Louise.

She explained that it was always a family business and their children worked at both the restaurants and the waterslide.

"When we first came, I think it was exciting to own a restaurant, then you realized you had to work in the restaurant, but then every day, it was like having another party," said Lyle. Corinne said that working at the

Corinne said that working at the water park was also a great experience, "All our friends would be able to go. The whole community loved having this new water park at their back door, and tons of schools would go and bring the kids there for the June end of year party. I think it really brought a lot of people to Lockport,

and it kind of created a hub and a sort of a new tourist area. Lots of people came from all over the place."

Allan was also a very community minded person serving on the Lord Selkirk School Division School Board for 5 years, becoming a member of the Lockport Marketing Corporation, he was also part of the political scene in the area as a campaign manager for two candidates and was part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the bridge in Lockport.

One of Allan's projects that residents will likely remember fondly is the Lockport Children's Winter Festival. The festival showcased local children's entertainers and activities like outdoor rides, tube slides, face painting, a petting zoo, and pony rides. It took hundreds of volunteers every year to make happen and was an annual event in Lockport for more than 20 years.

His son Lyle thinks that he was passionate about leading these efforts because he wanted to give back.

"I think because he was a pillar in the community, he felt that he had to give back. So, the best way to give back is to volunteer and help out," he said.

Corinne agreed saying, "He had the ability to bring people together. He just kind of rallied people, and they loved it, and he made it all fun."

Lyle said that though his dad did many things in our community, he actually also worked on Lake Manitoba as a young person and enjoyed the outdoors.

"He liked fishing and hunting. He was actually a commercial fisher. He helped commercial fish for a while on Lake Manitoba when he was young with his dad," said Lyle.

When he was young, Allan played hardball and was passionate about the sport. As his children grew up, he supported them as they played many sports.

"The boys were involved with hockey, football, baseball; the girls were involved with baseball, gymnastics, figure skating, and volleyball. He coached to help where he could. And of course, followed them to all their events. And then, I think the highlight of his life was his grandchildren. He loved them dearly. We have nine, and they were his pride and joy, every one of them," said Louise.

Corinne explained that when his grandchildren were babies, he was the go to for getting them to go to sleep.

Louise shared that he would sit in his chair and sing to them You Are My Sunshine and she's pretty sure that all nine of his grandchildren knew the song by heart.

One of Allan's personal accomplishments that he succeeded in was to

bring every one of his grandchildren to Iceland which took three trips as he wanted them to connect with their family's Icelandic heritage.

Allan has left a lasting legacy in our community. All four of his children are business owners and his sons continue to run the Skinner's restaurants in Lockport with no plans to stop.

He will be missed by the many people who's lives were better for knowing him.

# Alan Campbell elected president of MSBA



Alan Campbell

#### By Jennifer McFee

Alan Campbell has been elected as the president of the Manitoba School Boards Association — for the second time.

Campbell served his first term as president from October 2018 to March 2023. After that, he served as past-president from March 2023 to March 2025.

Now he has been elected as president once again for the 2024-2026 term, and he also continues to serve as president of the Canadian School Boards Association since 2022 and a trustee for the Interlake School Division since 2010.

Campbell said his first term as president was largely monopolized by fighting the former provincial government's attempts to eliminate school boards through Bill 64.

"There is a sense of cautious optimism as we move forward in collaboration with the current provincial government, who has publicly stated a strong willingness to respect the autonomy of locally elected boards in the spirit of partnership, for the good of our public schools and the communities they serve," he said.

"In a world where there is so much instability right now, school boards are focused on ensuring that local public schools remain a source of safety and stability for all students, staff and families."



### Local Philanthropic Educational Organization chapter celebrates 50th anniversary

#### By Katelyn Boulanger

Our local Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter S celebrated a big milestone last week when the group got together with other local chapters, as well as representatives from Winnipeg to celebrate its 50th anniversary in our community.

PEO is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; provide educational scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

It was founded in 1869 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa and the first Selkirk Chapter started in 1926. Since then, 13 more chapters have opened in our province and four of them are from Selkirk.

"It's a women's club that supports women receiving education. All of our work is directed towards finding women who need our help, whether they be high school students or women returning to work so they can help support their families or foreign students who are going to finish their degrees and go back to their countries. That's our mission," said Brooke Kell one of the founding members of

Chapter S was brought together by another local PEO Chapter, Chapter P. They felt that there were some women in our community who might be interested in participating in PEO but, because PEO works best in small groups, and there were quite a few members who they wanted to join, the other chapter felt it was best to start a new group.

On March 20, 1975, fifty years to the day from the 50th anniversary event, that group of 15 new members plus two women who moved over from the existing group got together for the first time.

The group hit the ground running.

"We realized that we had to fundraise because that's our purpose. And so, we did some strange things in the beginning, because a lot of us knew nothing about PEO when we joined," said Kell.

Jan Begg, another founding member of Chapter S explained that they had every kind of sale that you can think of from book sales to plant sales as well as Horse Races, an Irish Pub Night and more.

Kell spoke about a fun fundraising event they hosted called Guess Who's

Coming to Dinner where someone would host a dinner and they didn't know who would be their guests until they showed up on their doorstep.

All of this fundraising went to a good cause with funds going to grants that have helped many people achieve their education goals. In fact, over the past 50 years, Chapter S alone has sponsored applicants who've received in total just shy of \$90,000.

Begg explained that they continue to fundraise.

"For the past 15 years or (so), we've

had a fashion show here at the golf course. It's our big fundraiser, and we have committees that work on it, and the whole chapter actually is very involved in it, and it's very successful," she said.

Diane Banash, a long-time member of PEO's Chapter S said it's not all fundraising and giving back, the members themselves also benefit from being involved.

"It's not just fundraising and focusing on the scholarships and grants, it

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Chapter S Charter Members organized March 20, 1975

Back row L-R: Myrtle Wianko, Jan Begg, Glennis Smith, Brooke Kell, Anne Kurbis, Helen Berhwim, June Minish, Gloria Kirkness, Audrey Zieroth, Amy Ridgeway

Front row L-R: Donna Hoye. Peggy Barrow, Eileen Pile, Lynne Bryll, Lyn Brady, Doreen Whitelam. Kay Tataryn

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The original 17 members who started PEO's Chapter S.





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also focuses on us and our continued development and growth. One thing that all PEO (members) do is we have programs after our chapter meetings, not all the time, but often, and we'll bring in speakers, or maybe we'll have an activity. I particularly like that," she said.

The members said that it has created friendships that will last a lifetime.

"You go through phases in your life, and I've seen women in our Chapter take a break because life has done different things. They've moved and they've come back, and that's okay," said Banash.

Kell spoke about an experience where her family moved out of the country for a couple of years and her PEO sisters got together Christmas decorations and sent them to her to cheer her up. This was a time before international calling was really an option so receiving that parcel was very meaningful to her and she put those decorations up even though she didn't get them until March.

These friendships have continued to last since the group's founding as eight of the original 17 members are still active members in PEO Chapter S.

To learn more about our local PEO Chapters as well as to find out more about the scholarship opportunities that residents can apply for visit https://peo-mb-nwo.org/.



RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

PEO's Chapter S has grown over the years but eight of the original 17 members are still active in the group.

### Pothole problem? Nominate a road for the CAA Worst Roads campaign

#### By E Antonio

The annual CAA Worst Roads campaign is back, and they are looking for your input in finding Manitoba's worst roads.

From now until April 11, you can nominate a road in your community that is in dire need of improvement.

"We do a lot of research here, and we have learned that 96 per cent of Manitobans are concerned or very concerned with the state of our roads," said Ewald Friesen, manager government relations at CAA Manitoba.

Now in its 14th year, CAA addresses the conditions of roads by releasing a top 10 list of worst roads, nominated by the public.

Through the campaign, you have the ability to nominate a road in poor condition either as a driver, a cyclist, or a pedestrian. If you can use the road, you have the opportunity for your voice to be heard

Whether it is a plethora of potholes, or faulty crossing signals; CAA wants to hear it all.

"We can't change our roadways without your help," said Friesen. He particularity addressed the concern in rural communities. "If you cannot access your road, you are going to be in a lot of trouble," he explained.

In the previous two campaigns, rural roads were voted as Manitoba's worst roads. 18th Street in Brandon and Highway 74 near Morris both reached

the top spot. Within months of the list being released, the government took action and made commitments to fixing both roads.



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Nominations are open for the CAA Worst Roads campaign. Have your voice be heard and nominate the worst road in your community for a chance to win free gas for a year.

"The government is responding to our lists. Every nomination submitted drives home the message to our government leaders: safer roads, better infrastructure, and attentive governance matter to us all."

You can nominate the worst road in your community once a day, until April 11. Voting takes place at www. caaworstroads.com, and every nomination you cast enters you into a draw to win free gas for a year.

CAA will release the roads with the most nominations in May, where they will also share regional lists to ensure that everyone's voices are heard.



### The Narol Fire Department is accepting applications for firefighters

#### **Applicants:**

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- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Must have NFPA Level 1 or 2 accreditation; or be able to complete all necessary training for Level 1.
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- Must have or be able to obtain a Manitoba class 4 driver's license with air brake endorsement.
- Must provide a drivers abstract; and a medical sign off from a doctor.
- Must provide a satisfactory criminal record and child abuse registry check.
- Must possess or be able to obtain Standard First AID & CPR.

#### How to Apply:

Applications/resumes can be dropped off at the RM of St Clements Municipal Office, 1043 Kittson Rd East Selkirk MB 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday

or emailed to: NFD@rmofstclements.com.

#### Deadline for applications is April 4 2025.

The Narol Fire Department would like to thank all who have applied, and advise that only those selected for an interview will be further notified.



### Host a musician in your community as part of the Home Routes tour

Welcome a musician into your home or community as a volunteer host for the Canada-wide Home Routes concert tours.

Home Routes is a non-profit organization that connects rising folk artists from around the world with rural communities through a shared passion for music. During each Home Routes tour, artists perform in various rural communities across Canada, with each show hosted by a local community member.

"It is about enriching your life with culture and sharing it with your community," said Leonard Podolak, Home Routes executive director.

Home Routes is currently seeking Manitobans to host a tour for the upcoming season starting in September. The last full tour in Manitoba took place in 2019 before being interrupted by the pandemic.

As a host, you will welcome six different artists into your home or community, providing them with a performance venue, overnight accommodations, and breakfast. The venue can be your home or a communal space such as a church or arena, as long as it can accommodate at least 30 audience members.

"You are contributing to the development of an artist's career," said Podolak. "It is an amazing opportunity to get together and share and uncover



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Canadian culture."

Shows are scheduled once a month in September, October, November, March, April, and May, featuring different performers each time. As a host, you will need to promote the concert in your community by creating posters and engaging the public. You will also be responsible for selling concert tickets and presenting the ticket proceeds to the artists.

Previous hosts from across the country have expressed the benefits of participating in the tour.

"We have had the privilege of meeting interesting and highly skilled musicians through Home Routes. Learning about how these musicians live and make a living is humbling. The beauty of music pulls us together as Canadians and as lovers of music across the globe," said a host from

Podolak encourages you to collaborate with others in the community if you wish to host only one artist. As long as a concert stop can be maintained, multiple hosts are welcome to participate.

"It is an exciting experience being a host because you are meeting somebody who has travelled around the world. So, take this opportunity to get involved and shape the face of a mu-

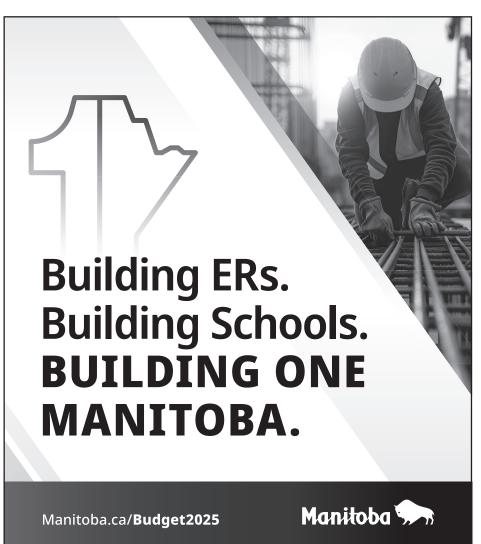
Applying to become a host is simple—just fill out a form online at www.homeroutes.ca, and a member of the Home Routes team will contact vou.

# Fiddling at Cloverdale



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Last Sunday, local fiddler Morgan Grace was accompanied by her dad Keith Ginther for a performance at the Cloverdale Church. The crowd enjoyed Métis dancing as well as family stories told by Ginther of the family home describing a close knit group and home filled with music.



### Selimb Regard



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### Men's Shed MB hopes to come to a community near you

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A program designed to give men a welcoming space to gather to share skills, learn, and support one another is hoping to come to a community near you.

Men's Sheds Manitoba already has branches in Winnipeg, Beausejour, Howden, Minnedosa, Neepawa, and Dauphin, and they're hoping to see even more community hubs pop up across the province.

"We are looking to grow," says Fred Bobrowski, provincial chair of the organization.

A Men's Shed is a group of men who come together on a regular basis to enjoy a range of activities.

"It's a casual place for men to connect and socialize and get together to work on projects that benefit themselves and the community," explains Bobrowski.

Some sheds revolve around wood or metalworking, others gardening, technology, card games, or any other interest (or multiple interests) that resonate with the group.

Bobrowski's group in Winnipeg started out making walking sticks and canes, though the activity itself is really secondary to the camaraderie.

"Any sort of thing where guys are sitting shoulder to shoulder doing their stuff and talking," he says. "It's a bottoms-up organization. It's whatever the guys want with respect to the activities."

Educational workshops and presentations are a staple of many Men's Sheds, welcoming guest speakers on a host of topics, including health, finances, and technology. Many also partner with local non-profits to tackle community projects.

"The aspect of giving back is key," says Bobrowski. "When we know we're helping our community, we really feel that sense of purpose that can be lost after retirement."

Bobrowski's involvement with the program began several years ago, when he was a member of the Transcona Council for Seniors.



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There are 10 Men's Shed groups across Manitoba right now, providing a welcoming space for men to come together to share skills, tackle projects, and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat.

The council welcomed Doug Mackey, the man who brought Men's Sheds to Canada in the early 2000s, as a guest speaker. By that point, Men's Sheds, which began in Australia in the '90s, had spread to more than 15 countries around the world. Today there are 150 sheds in Canada alone.

"He came and talked to a few men in our community about it and it really struck a nerve with me," Bobrowski recalls. "I know that there are many men who, when they retire, don't plan for it, or it may come unexpectedly to them. So they have too much time on their hands and not enough things to do."

Men's Sheds gives guys a place to get out of the house and together with other men of all ages (though seniors make up the bulk of the membership, sheds are not exclusive to that age group—any male 18+ is welcome to get involved).

"Being part of a shed provides a vital sense of belonging," says Bobrowski. "We often hear from shed members how their shed community has helped them feel valued, supported, and less lonely."

Anyone can start up a Men's Shed chapter—you'll just need to recruit a few members and find an affordable space in which to meet.

Men's Sheds Manitoba and Men's Sheds Canada have support for new sheds by way of startup funds and advice on how to get a one up and running successfully.

Bobrowski urges anyone interested in the idea to reach out to learn more.

"I think the impact you'll find of Men's Sheds to the men and to their families and by default to the community is probably quite profound," he says. "Friendships are made, skills are taught, skills are learned, and guys have a place to come that's safe, nonjudgemental. Everyone's accepted."

For more information on starting a Men's Shed in your community, head to mensshedmanitoba.ca or mensshedscanada.ca or send an email to menshedmanitoba@gmail.com.

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### East St. Paul's Legion hosts King Charles Coronation Medal presentations

### Nineteen people presented with prestigious medals

#### By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents in East St. Paul were joined by friends, family and local dignitaries as 19 people received King Charles Coronation Medals last weekend. The medals were presented by Manitoba Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Anita R. Neville, and 17 Wing Commander Colonel Jody Hanson.

"This ceremony provides us with the opportunity to formally recognize and celebrate the outstanding service, dedication and contributions of some truly remarkable individuals within our communities. Every recipient has made a meaningful difference through their selflessness, their leadership, and their commitment to service. Their actions have enriched not only our Legion family but also the communities, organizations and the veterans they have so passionately supported. The King's Coronation Medal is a symbol of our collective gratitude and a lasting reminder of the impact these recipients have had, not just here in Manitoba, but across Canada and beyond. On behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba and



**RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER** 

Nineteen people received King Charles Coronation Medals last weekend.



Northwestern Ontario Command, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to today's honourees. Your commitment to service embodies the very spirit of our organization, and we are proud to stand alongside you in celebration," said Ernie Tester, President of the Legion's Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Command.

Lieutenant Governor Neville then came to the podium talk about what an honour being presented with this medal is for its recipients.

"Winston Churchill once said, 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.' Today, we are honouring individuals whose exemplary contributions to our communities have not only brought honour to their own lives but have also enhanced the lives of those around them. As you know, the King Charles the Third Coronation Medal is a special recognition that reflects several principles that King Charles, personally, and Canadians collectively, have long cherished, including public service, environmental preservation, and sustainability and diversity. To ensure that a wide range of Canadians are recognized for good works, many different partner organizations have been invited to nominate people for these medals, and today, we are recognizing members of the Royal Canadian Legion of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service for the greater good. Each individual recognized today has a unique story of service to their community, their province, and their country. This prestigious honour reflects the pride of a grateful community that is better for your selfless efforts. I am sure all Manitobans would join me in thanking the medal recipients for their service to our country and extending congratulations on this very special recognition," said

The recipients of the King Charles













Coronation Medals are:

- Angela Nikolychuk
- Dennis Ronald Hunt
- Ernie Tester
- Gerald Fontaine
- Gordon Machei

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Still a few tickets available for upcoming shows in May.

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- Jacqueline Maudie Hampshire
- Marc Charles Pelletier
- Mark Andrew Pearson
- Nicholas Beavington
- Nicole Fanshaw
- L. Paul Dartnell
- Robert J Pigeau
- Roland Fisette
- Ronald Victor Anderson
- Shaun Mcintosh
- Stephane Guindon
- Pamela Heinrichs
- Barry Mitchell
- Carol Hadley

Of these recipients, five were from the #215 Henderson Legion in East St. Paul. They were:

L. Paul Dartnell, a Navy veteran and retired Winnipeg police officer. Dartnell leads remembrance efforts, organizes historical displays and supports veterans through fundraising. Dartnell has a special talent for helping families donate memorabilia to museums and has facilitated the return of medals to Belfast earning him notoriety as the 'military artifact whisperer'. This commitment has ensured that history is honoured for future generations.

Gordon Machej is a 20-year Legion member and has served on the executive in various positions for 13 years. Machej is currently the treasurer/ chairman and has been involved in many capital projects as well as fundraising and, of course, Remembrance Day Services. He also serves as Zone 64 Commander.

Shaun McIntosh joined the military in 1982 in Chilliwack B.C. After achieving educational goals, McIntosh posted to Winnipeg for air navigator training and then Trenton for



further training. He retired as a pilot after 41 years of service. He is also highly decorated.

Nicole Fanshaw is the owner of Lees Restaurant in the Legion #215 and is an active legion member who has served on the executive. In 2012 Fanshaw brought back snow golf and in 2014 the Canada Day Family Fun Day. Fanshaw has assisted with the Veterans Keepsake Calendar and honoured veterans' stories and sacri-

Stephane Guidon was a member of St. John's Ambulance and achieved success training and completing first aid competitions having won first



place in Canada in 1985.

Guidon was an Algonquin Regiment Infantry machine gunner and is a CIC Branch Supply Officer, Training Officer and CO. Guidon volunteers at many organizations as well as serving on the #215 Legion's executive and is working on a book about the military history of Manitoba.

Tester closed the ceremony saying, "Let us leave here inspired by the examples set by our honorees, recommit ourselves to upholding the values of service, sacrifice and remembrance that bind us all together as members of The Royal Canadian Legion."















### Selkirk RCMP make arrest after responding to intimate partner violence call

#### Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On March 19 at approximately 11:45 p.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a call involving intimate partner violence near a local business.

Officers responded immediately and located a 39-year-old female from Selkirk who was not injured.

She advised officers the male suspect was driving intoxicated, and attempted to run her over and had fled the scene.

Police patrolled the area and after locating the suspect vehicle, attempted to intercept it. The male driver who was known to police, rammed 2 police cruisers and sped off.

Officers continued efforts to locate but did not engage in a pursuit due to public safety.

Patrols later discovered the vehicle on Breezy Point Rd in Selkirk, and the 36-year-old driver from Selkirk was taken into custody without incident.

He is charged with Assault with a Weapon, Flight from Police, Assault on Police Officer with a Weapon x3, Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance and Mischief.

The suspect remains in custody. The Investigation continues.

# Red River North Tourism hosted its AGM and Tourism Expo

### Event combines comedy, local tourism and hope for future attraction

#### By Katelyn Boulanger

Red River North Tourism (RRNT) brought business-minded folks from all over the Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements area together for their Tourism Expo and AGM last week-

The event started out with the Tourism Expo where businesses from the region filled Selkirk's Memorial Hall with local offerings and information about all that our region has to offer. Then at 3 p.m., the AGM itself started with informative speakers who spoke about what a great place our region is to see and visit.

Lois Wales, President of RRNT started the event off by introducing Gordon Mackintosh the event's keynote speaker. She explained that Mackintosh was called to the bar in 1988 specializing in environmental issues. He worked for the Canadian Human Rights Commission. He decided to get into provincial politics in 1993 serving in positions like Minister of Justice and Attorney General in his time at the legislature. He retired from that line of work in 2016 and published a lighthearted memoir then went on to teach political science at the University of Winnipeg. He's now writing a travel column for the Winnipeg Free *Press* which brings a cheerful perspective of the value and importance of tourism.

Mackintosh's presentation was a celebration of local tourism and a comedy show all in one.

connection to Selkirk as his father and grandfather lived in the area.

He explained, "I'm here to celebrate the area's highlights and, from my travels, reflect on the impact of tourism and offer some ideas."

Mackintosh started by talking about Lockport. He talked about what a unique community it is. It has a little under 750 residents once you count both sides of the river but manages to have 10 local restaurants. A pretty impressive restaurant to resident ratio.

"In 2021, I declared that River Road was the greatest riverside route in this province," said Mackintosh.

Of course, it's not just the food that makes our region great but the attractions as well. Mackintosh mentioned the fishermen competing with the pelicans on the Red River in the summer and the fishing freeway that the Red River becomes in the Winter. Additionally, he called out the St. Andrews Heritage Centre, Lower Fort Garry and Selkirk's Little Lake Park's winter sliding hill as some great places to check out among others.

Selkirk was celebrated for its fun village vibe, art centre, trails and, of course, Holiday Alley which brightens the city annually at the beginning of the holiday season. Some other features that some people might not think of in a prairie province are Selkirk's lift bridge and Marine Museum.

Mackintosh also mentioned our many local businesses that celebrate our region by selling local products





**RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER** 

Red River North Tourism held their AGM and Tourism Expo last weekend.

without mentioning the wonderful beaches on Lake Winnipeg.

"People are looking for Canadian destinations. Manitobans, they want staycations. They want to explore Manitoba. I know that we just have to open the door. We have to let them

know what a fantastic place this is and tourism is a proven booster for small business," he said.

Mackintosh explained that, according to Travel Manitoba, there was \$1.8

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billion in visitor spending last year in the province not counting Manitoban's travelling within the province, which is harder to track, and that the tourism industry accounts for 25,000 jobs which is a huge part of our GDP.

"Manitoba, communities benefit more than I think we too often recognize from tourism. And sometimes we think of tourism as being something that only big companies can deliver by way of some big structure or something but no, I want to celebrate, really the volunteer backbone of tourism," he said.

Mackintosh then shared his tips as someone who visits a lot of destinations as a tourist.

He said that it's important that businesses keep their hours of service updated on all platforms including their websites so that people don't get disappointed stopping by and then learning that hours have changed.

He also suggested that we lean into the things that make us unique regionally and as a province. One suggestion is that anyone can dip their food in plum sauce but in Manitoba, we have the opportunity to have honey dill sauce on the menu.

"When people leave home for somewhere else. They seek something else. They want something different than what they get at home," said Mackintosh.

He also emphasized that our area is the home of the Red River Métis and Indigenous cultural experiences are something that people want to learn more about.



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Environment and Climate Environmental Approvals Branch 14 Fultz Boulevaard (Box 35) Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6 Finally, this area is a great spot for fishing. Our river is something that we might not realize is as amazing as it is but Mackintosh suggests that we lean into that more with our tourism efforts.

Mackintosh concluded by saying "People in this room are real leaders. You provide local jobs for families, build local pride, build the economy and I just hope you feel as enriched by your efforts as I know you've enriched the experience of others who have come to your destination."

Up next were Cesar Cazares and Melanie Gagnon of Republic Architecture Inc. who spoke about the work that's been going on at Captain Kennedy House. The project is still underway but progress is being made and there were some presentation slides that showed just how much has changed since the site was closed in 2015 due to structural issues.

Cazares took to the podium first and explained that they were going to take residents through what has been going on and where they are in the process.

As residents in our region know, Captain Kennedy House is a historic building in St. Andrews. In 1866, stonemason Duncan McRae began quarrying stone from the Red River to erect "Maple Grove" – the structure we see today. It was owned by William and Eleanor Kennedy, who are prominent figures in both Manitoban and Canadian history.

The process of Captain Kennedy House becoming the historical attraction that it is today started in 1968 when Dr. Edward Shaw, being passionate about preserving our history, purchased the property to be opened as a museum. It was purchased by the province in the 1980s and the Maple Grove Tea Room opened in 2003. In 2015 structural issues closed the space but luckily very soon after the Kennedy House Renewal Committee was formed and advocacy for its renewal started. In 2021, the province announced funding for the project and it's been underway since. Initially, phase one of the project saw structural reinforcement take place and then phase two is currently underway where accessibility and life safety upgrades are taking place so that the space can be functional for all to see. The slide in the presentation indicated that this phase is likely to be completed sometime this year.

Gagnon then took on the speaker role discussing the upgrades that needed to be made in order to make the house accessible. This meant conforming to modern safety codes

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RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER Gordon Mackintosh, Cesar Cazares, and Melanie Gagnon presented at the AGM.





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which meant some changes to the kitchen and bathroom spaces as well as widening doorways.

Gagnon explained that though they did have to make some changes they tried to keep as many aspects of the original structure as possible and where they had to modernize they worked to respect the original structure of the house as well as honour William and Eleanor Kennedy.

This meant moving the bathroom into what was the study as well as expanding the kitchen into the previous bathroom space.

Wales explained that in the future, once construction is complete, it's hoped that the Tea Room will reopen, they will have room to honour the history of the space, there will be a gift shop and events might be able to be hosted in the space.

Wales then called the official Annual General Meeting to order.

In her President's message, Wales said she felt that last year was a year of growth. This year, she acknowledged, is currently experiencing economic upheaval but like we learned in 2020, upheaval can also lead to opportunities for growth.

She suggested following industry

leaders like Destination Canada who have already updated their webpage appealing to Canadians to experience your country like never before. Wales then suggested that we build on our strengths.

"Red River North has much to offer as a gateway to the Lakes, with a river brimming with fish, an unforgettable and unique history, and proximity to Winnipeg," said Wales.

Wales's third point was to empha-

size the need to seek out new opportunities and focus on emerging trends such as hometown tourism.

Next came a brief financial report by Jim Pelletier.

The AGM ended when Wales asked if anyone would like to speak and The Cozy Fox owner Ken Kovalik came to the podium to encourage residents to take part in RRNT.

"If you are a business, and you're not a member, well you should be, because they do great promotion for you. You've got to work together and if you work together, you grow together. It's a valuable asset. I just want to say, 'Hey, be a member of Red River North Tourism.' You'll be happy you did," he said.



**RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER** 

Vendors came from all over the region for the Tourism Expo.



# Red River North RCMP respond to a school bus collision

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On March 21, at approximately 8:25 a.m., Red River North RCMP received

involving a school bus. It is believed that the collision occurred between 7:20 and 8:20 a.m. on Dunning Road, located in the RM of St Clements.

The school bus was carrying 19 stu-

a report of a single-vehicle collision dents, from kindergarten to grade 12, when it veered off the road. The driver was able to regain control of the bus and continued its route.

> Two students were reported to have suffered minor injuries. The age of

these two students is unknown.

Alcohol is not a factor in this colli-

Red River North RCMP continue to investigate.

### **Selkirk RCMP** respond to a fatal single motor vehicle collision

#### **Submitted by Manitoba RCMP**

On March 19, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision on Highway 8 and Road 85 North in the RM of St Andrews.

Officers responded immediately and when they arrived, discovered a vehicle in the west ditch of Highway 8 with a lone male occupant.

Clandeboye Fire Department and EMS also responded to the scene, and a short time later a 44-year-old male from Fraserwood, Man., was pronounced deceased. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt.

Selkirk RCMP along with a Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

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# Provincial government unveils 2025 budget

By Lorne Stelmach

A financial plan for the province billed as "Trump-proofing" Manitoba was introduced by the Manitoba government last week.

Finance Minister Adrien Sala hailed the \$3.7 billion capital spending program as the largest ever to help spur economic growth and create jobs in the face of such uncertainty.

The budget includes a forecast for a baseline deficit of \$794 million, but it could increase to nearly \$1.9 billion in the event of U.S. and Chinese tariffs.

The budget includes two financial plans—one without tariffs and one if U.S. President Donald Trump imposes sweeping 25 per cent tariffs April 2.

A \$1.1 billion tariff relief plan would include up to \$200 million to help businesses, up to \$100 million for farmers and \$100 million for families. It also includes \$85 million to train workers or students, and the province had already announced payroll and retail sales tax deferrals for businesses.

"This budget is ready to take on the big challenges and build the services Manitobans depend on," Sala said in a news conference following the release of the budget last Thursday.

"We didn't start this fight, but we are not backing down. We are building up our province ... we're 'Trump proofing' our economy and our country with a historic \$3.7 billion investment in capital projects like schools, hospitals in every part of Manitoba," said Sala. "This is the largest capital spend in Manitoba's history. We're doing it to put Manitobans to work and protect our economy.

"From the moment Trump threat-

ened his tariff tax, our government has been responding," he continued. "We took these threats seriously, and we delivered a response that was measured but strong ... this budget is a clear examination of the impact Trump's unjustified tariffs may have on our economy, our revenues, and our communities.

"We're going to keep communities thriving with our historic new funding model," Sala continued. "Our One Manitoba Growth Fund gives municipalities four per cent of our gas tax revenue to build hockey rinks, playgrounds and community centres ... to rebuild hometown pride all across our province."

Sala emphasized the NDP government's commitment to grow the economy, protect jobs, rebuild health care, and lower costs for Manitobans.

The \$3.7 billion in capital projects include new schools, emergency rooms and personal care homes and other critical infrastructure.

A strong economy needs a strong health care system, stressed Sala, and he suggested the budget continues to make progress on improving access for Manitobans. It includes putting shovels in the ground this year on the new emergency room and mature women's centre at Victoria Hospital and a new health-care centre of excellence in downtown Winnipeg as well as renovations at the Health Sciences Centre children's hospital emergency

"We're continuing to rebuild rural health care ... today, there are 1,255 new health care workers on the front lines of Manitoba's health care system," said Sala, citing the need to not only have more physicians and more nurses, but also boost training with more spaces for nurses and paramedics.

He went on to also cite an 11 per cent increase in spending for roads, highways, and infrastructure with a budget of more than \$800 million.

"Our budget helps rural communities be more climate resilient with funding for big flood mitigation projects," said Sala, noting as well the \$881 million committed for Manitoba Hydro upgrades and improvements to help keep rates low across the province. "We're making a generational change in hydro to keep rates low by eliminating the capital tax and cutting their debt guarantee fees. These are big changes that will allow Hydro to keep Manitoban's bills affordable while building and repairing the infrastructure we need into the future."

The budget aims to lower costs for families and businesses with an increase to the homeowners affordability tax credit, more access to free birth control, a reduction in payroll taxes, an extension of \$10-a-day child care into the summer, a new business security rebate program and making provincial park entry free for an entire year.

It also includes a contingency with hundreds of millions of dollars in support to help businesses pivot to new markets, help workers skill up and find good jobs, and support Manitoba's canola farmers and pork producers facing tariff threats from the U.S. and China, noted the finance minister

"Budget 2025 includes strategic investments in the things we need to strengthen our trade corridors and protect northern sovereignty," Sala said. "Budget 2025 delivers lower costs for working families where they need it most—permanent gas tax relief, a hydro rate freeze, and more savings on child care fees.

"And as uncertainty impacts Manitoba's farmers and producers, our budget offers direct supports with over \$140 million in business risk management programming," he noted. "Budget 2025 helps small and medium businesses grow and compete by reducing the payroll tax."

**BUDGET REACTIONS** 

The Progressive Conservatives slammed the NDP for having such a tax-and-spend budget, noting Manitobans are struggling to pay their bills and worrying about job losses.

"The premier and his finance minister have had months to get this right

and prepare a budget that gives Manitobans immediate and substantial relief," said interim leader Wayne Ewasko. "Instead, they brought forward a reckless plan that raises income taxes, expands the PST and slaps double-digit increases on education property taxes"

The Tories cited a few examples of how the budget hits Manitobans hard, including \$182 million more in education property taxes, \$82 million more in income taxes by freezing inflation indexing, and \$16 million more from a new PST on software subscriptions and cloud storage.

All told, the government will rake in over \$1 billion more in taxes and other revenues from Manitoba families and businesses in 2025, Ewasko said. This comes, he added, as budget projections show new U.S. and Chinese tariffs, along with retaliatory tariffs, will slash Manitoba's GDP by \$3.6 billion, reduce incomes by \$1,420 per capita, and cause a recession comparable to 2009

Midland MLA Lauren Stone, PC critic for finance, added that the budget contains no actions to remove interprovincial trade barriers, no comprehensive strategy to expand trade, and no meaningful relief for Manitobans during these uncertain times.

"At a time when government needs to be making life more affordable, the NDP are hiking taxes across the board, making life more expensive for everyone," Stone said. "Instead of giving back to Manitobans, the NDP are taking more, spending more, and giving themselves raises. Our province is going to be poorer for it."

Other reactions to the budget offered mixed reviews.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) welcomed Manitoba's commitment to business growth but suggested more may be needed to help increase business confidence during these turbulent times.

"Small business owners in Manitoba are feeling extremely pessimistic about their future. Ongoing trade uncertainty, rising costs and lack of demand make it nearly impossible to plan for the months ahead," said Tyler Slobogian, CFIB's senior policy analyst for the prairies and the north. "No one knows when the tariff war will end, and businesses are deeply concerned that the worst is yet to come.

"We are pleased to see the Manitoba government recognize the challenges that small businesses are facing, especially in light of ongoing trade dis-

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# Yes I Can program open for nominations

**By Lorne Stelmach** 

An annual initiative of the Nellie McClung Foundation that aims to inspire confidence and empowerment among girls is again in search of candidates to support.

The Yes I Can program highlights and celebrates achievements and accomplishments in a variety of fields like science, business, politics, and more. Nominations are open until

As one of the 2022 recipients, Divya Sharma is a testament to the impact it can have on a young woman like

"The Nellie McClung Yes I Can video and leadership series strengthened my belief in the power of women empowering women," she shared. "It opened doors, connected me with inspiring leaders in the community and

gave me the confidence to lead on a bigger stage.

The mentorship, support and connection I received with women from all walks of life played a major role in shaping my path to becoming the youngest and 100th president of the University of Manitoba students' union."

The Yes I Can leadership awards celebrate five outstanding young women aged 16 to 25 by showcasing their achievements in a video profile series It provides a platform to share their unique personal and professional stories and celebrate their journey toward becoming future leaders.

Now in its fourth year, the program has featured remarkable women who have excelled in areas including sports, culture, education, arts,

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## Rock solid fundraiser to end global hunger March 29

By E Antonio

Mark your calendars for March 29 at 7 p.m. and come to the Ecco Choir Rock Solid Fundraiser at Stonewall's New Life Church. This event aims to address one of the most pressing issues facing our world today—global hunger.

This is an opportunity to hear inspiring stories from Dan and Hertha Penner, two Manitoban farmers who dedicated their time to teaching sustainable farming practices in Africa. Their efforts are part of the Rock Solid Growing Project, which has already contributed over \$100,000 to the Canada Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

"It is not just about giving people in third world countries to feed themselves; it is about teaching people how to feed themselves," said Andrew Harris, one of Stonewall's three farmers who are involved in the Rock Solid Growing Project for CFGB.

Harris works alongside Nick Matheson and Nathan Tollenaar, who all volunteer their time, equipment and resources to maintain and sell a crop. Once the crop has been harvested, they donate 100 per cent of the proceeds to CGFB.

CFGB is a nationwide initiative that works with communities in third world countries to combat the food insecurity crisis. In membership with 15 different church organizations, proceeds are put towards creating, improving and maintaining sustainable farms that can assist in generating income for impoverished communities. Certain funds are also created to supply emergency food assistance and food rations.

Dale Friesen, Manitoba's spokesperson from CFGB explained in their last fiscal year, 123 different CFGB projects supported 35 different countries, totaling \$18.8 million worth of donations.

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are on the rise around the world, and these are real people with real needs that we are helping," said Friesen.

He advocates for community involvement, addressing the matter that we all are working towards one common goal of ending the hunger crisis.

"Through each project's support, this is a whole community saying this is unacceptable."

The Rock Solid Growing Project specifically donates to the Tearfund within the CFGB. This fund targets food insecurity by training farmers to offer low-cost, resilient farming practices.

The trio of farmers are looking to raise \$7,000 at their first fundraiser on March 29 to help cover costs for the upcoming growing season. This includes seeds, maintenance supplies, and other farming equipment. At the event, the Penners will share how they witnessed first-hand the impacts created by the CFGB. The pair visited Malawi, Africa in November 2023, and engaged in a learning tour with CFGB. They will share their experience, and the importance of CFGB's contributions to third world countries.

Locally, Harris, Matheson and Tollenaar rent 45 acres of land located a half mile south of Stonewall, where they plant, maintain and harvest a crop to sell and donate its proceeds.

Their project first began in 2019 north of Balmoral, but later relocated to their current Stonewall location in 2021.

"We have the ex-



**RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED** 

Stonewall farmers, left to right, Nathan Tollenaar, Andrew Harris and Nick Matheson, are hosting a Rock Solid Project fundraiser at the New Life Church on March 29 in support of Canada Foodgrains Bank.



perience and expertise to make an impact, so we all figured it was a good way to give back to the community," Harris explained.

All proceeds are donated to the CFGB, and the federal government matches the donations 4:1 up to \$25 million.

Matheson noted the federal government's commitment as "remarkable" and condones their dedication.

You can kick-off the growing season by showing your support for the Rock Solid Growing Project with their fundraiser at the New Life Church, 6106E Hwy 67 on March 29. The event is free to attend, and cash and cheque donations will be accepted throughout the evening. Entertainment from the Ecco Choir and light refreshments will also be provided for all patrons.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ecco Singers, a Winnipeg-based community choir that bonds over their admiration of music. They strive to use music as a way to advocate for change, and frequently are invited to perform at fundraisers.

Twelve of their singers will perform at the Rock Solid Fundraiser, creating a 20-minute-long musical program.

"Some pieces the audience will know and others that will be new," said Ecco Singers artistic director Roberta Velarde, who was born and raised in Stonewall and is Matheson's sister. She is looking forward to performing in Stonewall, as several members of the choir are from the area.

"It is a nice opportunity to showcase and celebrate Stonewall with our singers, and showcase the talents of the local singers at home."

For more information, or to get involved with the CGFB you can contact Dale Friesen at DFriesen@foodgrainsbank.ca.



# **Exemplary citizen**



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St. Andrews' Randy Antonio received the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award (EMESA) for his long-time volunteer contributions to local, provincial, national, and international Search and Rescue organizations, EMESA's are awarded to Canadians who have dedicated their lives to emergency management and made outstanding contributions in their field. Antonio accepted his medal in Ottawa, Ont. on Feb. 26. Pictured is Antonio (centre) with Jeffery Hutchison, Associate Deputy Minster of Public Safety Canada and Sherry Romanado, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness.

### **Johnson honoured with King Charles Medal**



**RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LISA CLEMENT** 

St. Andrews resident Leonard Johnson was honoured with a King Charles Coronation Medal presented ny Manitoba's Lt. Governor the Hon. Anita Neville on March 14. Johnson is a member of the Queens Own Cameron Highlander Assoc. & Camerons Assoc. in Canada. Also attending were members of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and Air Cadet League of Canada & Oueen Own Cameron Highlanders.



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# Young people's theatre spreads joy of Métis culture











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The Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) is on the move. "Blue Beads and Blueberries" hit the road on March 3, stopping in Selkirk on March 18, bringing a unique blend of laughter and cultural celebration to schools across the province. By the time this tour wraps up in May, over 20,000 Manitobans will have experienced this heartwarming tale that transforms an ancient fairy tale into a vibrant ode to Métis culture.

The story begins with a heartfelt question from a father to his daughters: how much do they love him? This innocent inquiry quickly spirals into conflict when he feels slighted by the eldest daughter's response. In a moment of hurt, he sends her away, catapulting her into an unexpected journey. What follows is not just an adventure but a rich exploration of identity. As she navigates this world, beaded earrings and woven sashes come alive, symbolizing connection to heritage. Traditional jigs add rhythm to her quest for self-discovery.

MTYP proves that theatre has the power not only to entertain but also to educate. With their commitment to bringing impactful stories to children and youth, they are paving the way for future generations where young minds can explore the richness of theatre tailored specifically for them.



### MPI and 'Professor Popsicle' talk ice road safety as spring thaw begins

By Tara Seel, MPI

Driving the ice roads in Manitoba's north, hopping in your vehicle to head out to your ice fishing shack, or driving a well-known route on a frozen lake all carry a risk of going through the ice. With warmer weather on the way, that risk only increases as ice begins to soften and melt.

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) received 22 claims in 2024 for vehicles that went through the ice, and there have been four claims reported so far in 2025. Going through the ice into cold water is potentially fatal as it can lead to hypothermia or drowning. In fact, one third of all drownings in Manitoba occur during the winter months - between October and April.

Recommended ice thickness for walking is 10 centimetres; to support one ATV or snowmobile, the ice should be 12 centimetres thick; for a car, the ice should be 20-30 centimetres thick; and for a truck, it should be 30-38 centimetres thick. How-

ever, even thick ice has the potential to be weak and crack. Temperatures can also vary widely throughout the province and while ice may be thick enough to travel on in one area, it could be extremely dangerous else-

"Drivers need to consider whether it is reasonable and safe to head out onto the ice," said Maria Campos, Vice President & Chief Customer and Product Officer. "Understand the rules when traveling on ice roads and be prepared in case an emergency occurs. Manitobans should take special care when driving on surfaces that are slippery and can change without warning.

Preparation is the key to keeping safe on ice roads – whether those are maintained ice roads in Manitoba's

north or a worn path on a local



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Pictured left to right, Lynne Stefanchuk, Executive Director of Lifesaving Society Manitoba, Maria Campos, Vice President & Chief Customer and Product Officer, MPI, Winnipeg Police Service River Patrol, Manitoba RCMP Marine Unit.

### > YES I CAN, FROM PG. 15 science, community, entrepreneurship, and other profes-

sional environments. Their compelling narratives, captured on video, have not

only celebrated personal success but also inspired countless girls across Manitoba to pursue their dreams with confidence, said Myrna Driedger, founder of the Nellie McClung Foundation and Yes I Can program.

"Programs like Yes I Can are essential in helping girls confidently navigate the challenges of their teen years," said Driedger, who emphasized the transformative impact of the program. "By showcasing these stories, we empower girls and young women to embrace their potential and confidently become leaders at any age."

Ibukun Okunnu, who is a spokesperson for the program, said being part of it has given her an incredible opportunity not only to inspire young women and girls but also to be inspired by them.

"Year after year, I am in awe of the remarkable young women in Manitoba who are quietly paving the way for themselves and others," she said.

"I have grown in ways I never imagined—learning to be confident, to turn my ideas into action and to embrace the power of saying Yes I Can. This mindset has made me bolder, more daring and more confident, and I hope that through this program, even more young women and girls will feel empowered to embrace their own potential"

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## Provincial government unanimously backs bail reform



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Lakeside MLA Trevor King, Kellie Verwey's mom, Meechele Best and MLA Portage la Prairie Jeff Bereza at the Manitoba Legislative Building on March 10..

#### By Jennifer McFee

Provincial politicians banded together to unanimously pass a motion demanding bail reform after a muchloved woman died in a collision that involved a repeat offender.

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In the morning of Jan. 15, 28-yearold Kellie Verwey was killed in a three-vehicle collision on Highway 26, about three kilometres east of Portage la Prairie.

A stolen pickup truck veered over the centre line, causing another truck to swerve into an SUV driven by Verwey. She died at the scene.

Headingley RCMP arrested 24-yearold James Lorne Hilton from the RM of St. Andrews. He was charged with multiple offences including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, operation while impaired and failure to stop after an accident resulting in death. At the time, had a warrant out for his arrest.

On Monday, March 10, Progressive Conservative MLA Jeff Bereza introduced a motion calling for the provincial government to enhance bail enforcement and protect Manitobans from people who violate the conditions of their release. Lakeside MLA Trevor King supported the motion, which is close to his heart through a personal connection with Verwey.

"Kellie meant so much to so many

that on March 10 on what would have been Kellie's 29th birthday, her family, friends and communities gathered in the gallery of the legislature with a shared hope to push for change in our justice system so that no other family has to endure such a tragic and preventable loss," he said.

"May Kellie's memory serve as a call to action, inspiring us to fight for a system that truly protects the innocent. Kellie attended high school with our oldest son Colton. We had the opportunity to learn what a remarkable young woman that she was and what she would have been. She most definitely made her mark on our communities and many lives, and she will be sadly missed."

King said the catch-and-release justice system needs to be reformed, and

he plans to continue working every day to make that happen.

"No family should have to experience what the Verweys have gone through," King said.

"In Kellie's memory, brought forward a motion in the legislature demanding immediate action to crack down on repeat offenders, keep them behind bars and enforce bail before more innocent lives are lost. The system failed Kellie, and it's failing too many other Manitobans."

Sharilyn Knox, mayor of the City of Portage la Prairie, spoke out on the need for bail reform, calling on leaders to step up and make meaningful changes.

"I'm pleased to see the Manitoba legislature unanimously pass a motion to advance bail reform in our province. The province recently announced their five-point bail reform plan, and this is another step in addressing the concerns of communities across Manitoba," Knox said.

"Our communities' call for bail reform has been loud and clear, and while this progress is encouraging, the focus must now shift to the federal government to take meaningful action. Community safety should not be a partisan issue — this is about protecting Manitobans and all Canadians, and all levels of government must work together to ensure a justice system that prioritizes safety while ensuring accountability."

#### ery day to make Kris Lobay Honoured with King Charles Medal



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Kris Lobay, the dedicated SADI Youth Program Coordinator and Facilitator at Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre was honoured with a King Charles Coronation Medal on March 21. Lobay was presented this award by the Canadian Women's Foundation for empowering youth, advocating for human rights, and their outstanding contributions to gender justice. Lobay started their journey as a SARAH volunteer for Survivor's Hope and in addition to joining their staff in 2019 is a trusted ambassador for youth in the Interlake-Eastern Region of Manitoba. They've created safe spaces where young people can thrive.



# Old time dancers welcomed at Matlock Hall on April 23

By Tiago Resko

Local music has a way of bringing communities together, and few know that better than Selkirk's Edward Chrapchynski.

At 74, he's not just strumming the guitar or pulling on fiddle strings; he's orchestrating change for his com-

With the windows leaking, the floors torn up, the bathrooms outdated, and the kitchen cabinets falling apart, something had to be done to save the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall.

Chrapchynski was president of the board for the hall at the time, and feared if repairs weren't made, the halls lively spirit would be silenced

In 2011, Chrapchynski started doing monthly shows playing old time music for seniors with his band - It's Group Four- to raise money to renovate the hall.

After playing shows for three years, the band raised \$8,500, and helped the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall with the purchase of 200 chairs, 35 tables, new flooring, windows, and renovations to the kitchen and bathrooms.

What started as monthly shows for seniors has blossomed and continued into a decade-long endeavor, raising over \$14,000 for various organizations.

Chrapchynski and his It's Group Four band are currently planning their next fundraiser from 1-5 p.m. on April 23 at the Matlock Hall. The afternoon will include live music and lunch and a 50/50 draw. This is his first fundraiser since COVID-19 shut

"I'm starting all over again with zero dollars. My wife and I are putting out \$2,000 to get this thing started" said Chrapchynski.

He said costs include \$50 an hour for renting the hall, \$175 for the damage deposit, and \$150 for cleaning.

He says he relies on the seniors, who

pay \$20 per person, at the door, to attend with hopes to make his money back and a little for a community organization in need.

This year, Chrapchynski hopes to secure a monetary donation from the government, and plans to invite a Member of Parliament from each party to attend the event.

The donation would allow Chrapchynski to save his personal money and put it towards the next show in

Even without the donation, Chrapchynski says he's confident he'll make his money back.

"We're excited to get there and get started, I already have about 80 people that are interested in coming and it's still over a month away," said Chrapchynski.

Once he had finished raising money for the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall in 2014, Chrapchynski moved his next show to the Gordon Howard Senior

He continued playing monthly with his band and this time - one hundred per cent of the money went back to the Gordon Howard Senior Centre.

"The seniors are the number one priority," said Chrapchynski.

If there is extra money from a previous show, he won't charge the seniors for the next show, instead he uses the money from his profits instead.

In 2016, Chrapchynski decided to move again to Clandeboye Community Hall, which had better hard wood floors for dancing.

At Clandeboye Community Hall, Chrapchynski and his band raised \$3,500 with \$500 each given to HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital, and Pellaatt United Firefighters in Ont.

The rest of the money was given back to Clandeboye Community Hall.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing something to give back in my life... growing up there was always someone older than me to help me out,"



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It's Group Four band including Len Oaskrit (guitar) Zenon Prystapa (drums) Edward Chrapchynski (fiddle) and Steve Ambrose (accordian) will be playing at the Matlock Hall on April 23.

said Chrapchynski.

Chrapchynski has been playing the fiddle and guitar for over 60 years.

He said his father's side of the family was very musical and made fiddles, so naturally he took up the instrument at a young age.

He is entirely self-taught and would learn to play and sing songs by ear.

"I copied down the words and pretended I was Hank Williams" said Chrapchynski with a laugh.

Chrapchynski's band, It's Group

Four, formed in 1974 and has been performing ever since.

Members have varied throughout the years, but the line up on April 23 will include John Lewitski (accordian) Wayne Wasney (guitar) Brian Houle (drums) and Chrapchynski singing and playing the fiddle.

The band has three shows upcoming for April, May, and June, before taking a break for the summer, with hopes of starting up again in September.

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putes and significant economic uncertainty," Slobogian added. "But further tax cuts may be necessary to promote growth and expansion and to help small businesses remain competitive should we find ourselves in a prolonged trade war."

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation criticized the government for hiking taxes by bringing back bracket creep. They pointed out that the government will stop indexing income tax brackets and the basic personal amount by inflation—a sneaky way, they said, of increasing taxes. Because of bracket creep, inflation can automatically bump taxpayers into a higher tax bracket and raise their taxes even though they can't actually afford to buy more because prices

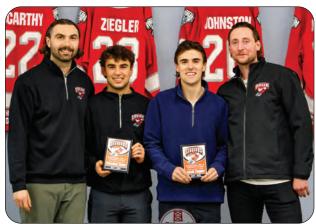
"The government shouldn't be punishing taxpayers with a tax hike just for getting a cost-of-living pay raise," said prairie director Gage Haubrich. "Failing to adjust tax brackets to inflation is a stealth tax hike on Manitobans that will increase their tax bills every single year."

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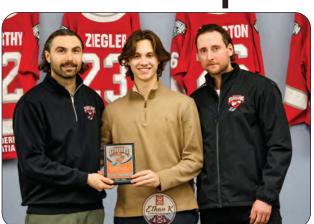
# Hardware handed out at annual Steelers awards banquet



Defenceman Jacob Ziegler and forward Dawson Dear were co-recipients of the Most Valuable Player Award. In 2024-25, Ziegler, the Steelers captain scored two goals and 22 assists in 54 games, Dear scored seven goals and 14 assists in 47 games.



Freshmen forwards Rohan Guevarra and Remy Hlady were co-recipients of the Rookie of the Year Award. In 2024-25. Guevarra had 26 goals and 29 assists over 56 games, Hlady had 20 goals and 30 assists in 56



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Forward Owen Warnick was the recipient of the Most Gentlemanly Player Award and the co-recipient of the Top Scorer Award alongside Luke McCarthy. Warnick was second on the Steelers in points in 2024-25 with 22 goals and 40 assists over 57 games

#### By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Steelers closed out the 2024-25 season with their annual awards banquet, celebrating the accomplishments of their players in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

A total of nine awards were presented as the Steelers officially wrapped up the campaign.

#### Most Valuable Player Awards

Defenceman Jacob Ziegler and forward Dawson Dear shared the Most Valuable Player

Award. Ziegler, the Steelers' captain, had a standout season, scoring two goals and providing 22 assists in 54 games during his final year with the team.

He also received the Top Defenceman Award. He finished his MJHL career with seven goals, 61 assists, and 170 penalty minutes over 155 games played across three seasons with both the Steelers and Portage Terriers. Dawson Dear, in his second full season with the Steelers, recorded seven goals and 14 assists in 47 games. He was also honoured with the Top Defensive Player Award.

#### **Top Scorers**

Forwards Luke McCarthy and Owen Warnick were recognized as co-recipients of the Top Scorer Award after finishing first and second in points among Steelers players in the 2024-25 season. McCarthy led the team with 26 goals and 38 assists over 56 games during his final season, concluding his MJHL career with 31 goals, 50 assists, and 162 penalty minutes in 82 games played over two seasons with the Steelers and Waywayseecappo Wolverines. Meanwhile, Warnick finished the season with 22 goals and 40 assists over 57 games in his second year in the MJHL. He also received the Most Gentlemanly Player Award.

#### Rookies of the Year

Freshman forwards Rohan Guevarra and Remy Hlady were named co-recipients of the Rookie of the Year Award. Both 2007-born players finished in the top five in points among MJHL rookies in the 2024-25 season, with Guevarra leading the pack with 26 goals and 29 assists over 56 games, while Hlady tied for third with 20 goals and 30 assists in the same number of games. \*\*Unsung Player of the Year\*\* Another rookie, Owen Branson, received the Unsung Player of the Year Award, registering 13 goals and 23 assists in 50 games during his first season with the Steelers.

#### Most Improved Player

Second-year defenceman Lincoln Ponce was awarded the Most Improved Player Award. The 2007-born Ponce achieved a goal and seven assists in 2024-25 after splitting the previous season between the Steelers and the Winnipeg Blues.

#### Most Inspirational Player

Graduating defenceman Owen Johnston was also recognized, receiving the Most Inspirational Player Award. Appearing in 44 games during the 2024-25 season, Johnston set career highs with 14 goals, 21 assists, and 108 penalty minutes. He finishes his Steelers career with 25 goals, 40 assists, and 225 penalty minutes over 135 games played in three seasons.





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Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina **Sweetpotato Commission** 

Servings: 4

- 4 medium North Carolina sweetpotatoes (about 2 pounds), divided
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, olive oil, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper kosher salt, to taste

freshly ground black pepper, to taste all-purpose flour, for rolling out dough

- 1 pound whole-wheat pizza dough at room temperature, divided into four equal portions (4 ounces each)
- 1 cup freshly shredded Gouda cheese 4 large eggs

1/4 cup diced chives

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place 1 pound sweetpotatoes directly on rack and bake until soft, about 1 hour. Remove from oven and let cool 5-10 minutes. Peel and puree flesh until smooth; reserve 1 cup.

Increase oven heat to 450 F. Peel remaining sweetpotatoes and dice into 1/2-inch pieces. Toss 2 cups diced

### **Individual Sweetpotato Breakfast Pizzas**

sweetpotatoes with 1 tablespoon olive oil, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, cayenne and salt and pepper, to taste; place in even layer on baking sheet. Roast until softened but not crisp, 15-20 minutes, stirring halfway. Remove from oven.

Lightly flour clean, flat work surface. Roll each ball of dough out to about 1/4-inch thickness (about 7 inches diameter).

With remaining oil, lightly coat rimless baking sheet. Transfer rolled out dough to baking sheet.

Spread pureed sweetpotato over surface of each dough round, about 1/4 cup each, leaving about 1/2-inch border. Top each with 1/4 cup shredded Gouda. Add 1/2 cup roasted sweetpotato cubes, leaving open space in center of pizzas.

Carefully crack one egg into center of each pizza; bake 15 minutes until crusts are golden brown on bottom, cheese is melted and egg whites are fully set. Carefully remove pizzas from oven.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top each pizza with 1 tablespoon diced

While aesthetic reasons are often behind one's goal to lose excess fat from around the midsection, leaning up in this area is critical for optimal health. Belly fat is a precursor for many serious conditions, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes. So, though I do very much agree that washboard abs are cute and all, it's more important to focus on avoiding obesity and reducing the risk of developing health complications that are associated with

Where your body carries excess weight has a huge impact on your health. You may not even have to be overweight to be included in those at risk for high blood pressure and high cholesterol – if your waist measures over 35 inches (for females) and exceeding 40 inches (for males), your doctor would likely warn you of these elevated risks and encourage you to make some lifestyle changes to reduce that stored adipose tissue.

Don't feel badly—as we age, it's natural to gain weight around our bellies. Research is still being conducted on the link between waist circumference and heart conditions and the speed at which your body processes blood sugars. But the physical changes are often to blame on hormonal fluctuations and can cause increased inflammation throughout the body, which can lead to cardiovascular disease down the

The good news is that when you take up a new exercise program and make small adjustments to your diet over time, belly and lower back fat often melt away first! As spring blooms



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

here in Manitoba, it's a great opportunity to get outside and go for walks in your neighbourhood or hikes in a park, to start building that 'summer body' while you're covered up for warmth and have the nice cool breeze to help you be comfortable. If it's still a bit icy out there for you, try enrolling in a yoga class, or a spin class to kickstart your fitness routine and blast away belly fat surrounded with some friends.

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#### **Puerto Nuevo-Style Lobster**



Recipe courtesy of Marisel Salazar, on behalf of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

Seafood seasoning, to taste 1 bottle Mexican beer

2 Maine Lobsters (about 3 pounds) black pepper, to taste

2/3 cup lard, vegetable shortening or olive oil

1/4 cup unsalted butter flour or corn tortillas

2 cups red rice

1 cup refried black or pinto beans

1 cup pico de gallo

1 cup salsa verde

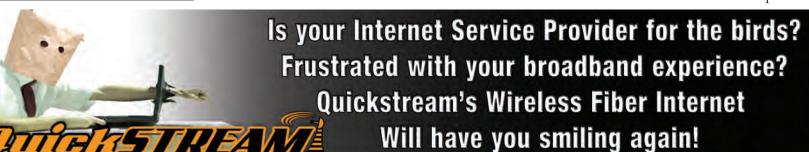
6 lemon wedges Bring large pot of water to boil. Season with seafood seasoning, to taste, and a few splashes of Mexican beer. Boil lobsters 3 minutes.

Remove and split lobsters in half down middle. Thoroughly rinse shell and lobster meat, discarding green intestines and black vein running down

Lightly season lobster halves with seafood seasoning and black pepper, to

In deep-frying pan, heat lard. Fry each lobster half 5 minutes on each side. Set aside to drain on paper towel-lined

To serve, scoop lobster meat onto tortilla with rice, beans, pico de gallo, salsa verde and squeeze of lemon.



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# Royals incredible season ends with finalists banner

By Kieran Reimer

The Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League Division 2 Championship saw the league's top two teams battle to the end at Seven Oaks SportsPlex on March 21.

The best-of-three series between the Lord Selkirk Royals and Sanford Sabres went three games after the first two were split.

In Game 3, Royals' Airianna Kordalchuk scored first to give them a 1-0 lead in the first. Sabres' Mikalah Grant then responded with back-to-back first-period goals as the Sabres went on top 2-1 through 20.

After Halle Penner made it 3-1 for the Sabres in the second, Selkirk's Emily Beattie cut the lead to one on the power play. Then just 30 seconds after, Kordalchuk scored her second of the game for the Royals to even things up at three.

Things stayed that way through 40 minutes. Midway through the final frame, the Sabres' power play got their chance and Penner capitalized, scoring her second of the game to give the Sabres a 4-3 lead.

Down one with six minutes remaining, Royals' Serena Reeb scored a crucial game-tying goal to make it a 4-4 game.

With the game trending toward overtime in the dying minutes, the Sabres got one last chance on the power play.

They went to work with 2:43 remaining, and with 1:50 left, it was Mikalah Grant scoring a dagger to put the Sabres back up one, and cap off a hat trick.

Grant's power play marker proved to be the winner as the Sabres took it 5-4 in the final for their second straight championship.

The Royals played an incredible playoff run that resulted in a hard-earned finalists banner.

After a 15-6-1, second place regular season, they lost just three games all postseason.

In Game 1 of the finals, the Royals defeated the Sabres 5-0 with a goal from Serena Reeb and two-goal per-



Royals' Serena Reeb captained the Lord Selkirk Roys Varsity Girls Hockey Team to the MWHSHL Div. 2 finals in 2024-25. Reeb led Div. 2 in points in the regular season with 21 goals and 19 assists in 22 games played.

formances from Liberty Aime and Elara Nazimek. Goaltender Megan Pellaers recorded a 19-save shutout.

In Game 2, it was tied 2-2 midway through the second. Liberty Aime and Mindy Smith scored for the Royals but the Sabres won the game 4-2 after going ahead 3-2 with 6:17 left in the third. The Sabres scored another with



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Graduating Selkirk Royals captains, left to right, Jayme Edmonds, Serena Reeb and Cora Kelly helped their team reach the MWHSHL Division 2 finals where they were defeated two games to one by the Sanford Sabres.

5:53 remaining.

The Royals will have 12 players eligible to return next season while graduating players Liberty Aime, Jayme Edmonds, Cora Kelly, Alexis

Kwiatkowski, Elara Nazimek, Jayden Payne, and Serena Reeb closed out their high school hockey careers last Friday.



The Lord Selkirk Royals are the 2024-25 MWHSHL Division 2 finalists after losing game three of the championship series, 5-4 at Seven Oaks SportsPlex on March 21. The Royals also finished second in regular season play with a 15-6-1 record.

## Fishermen eliminated from CRJHL semi-finals

By Kieran Reime

The Selkirk Fishermen were eliminated from the Capital Region Junior Hockey League title race on Monday night after a narrow 1-0 loss to the St. Malo Warriors in game five of the semi-finals.

Despite outshooting the Warriors

28-27 over three periods, the Fishermen were unable to find the back of the net. Teagan Fillion of the Warriors scored the only goal of the game with just over five minutes remaining, securing the Warriors' spot in the CRJHL finals.

The Warriors will advance to face

the Beausejour Comets in a best-ofseven series for the championship, while the Comets also triumphed in their semi-final series, defeating the Lundar Falcons in five games.

The Fishermen had a rocky start to the series, losing the first two games. However, they bounced back with a commanding 5-0 victory in game three on March 9, narrowing the series deficit to 2-1. Following a loss in game four on March 14, the Fishermen entered game five under significant pressure and ultimately fell short, marking their second consecutive elimination in the semi-finals.

### Allen medals again at 2025 U Sports Track & Field Championships

University of Manitoba track star Keenan Allen picked up some more hardware at the 2025 U Sports Track & Field Championships in Windsor, Ont. from March 6-8.

The 20-year-old St. Andrews native led the Bisons Men's 4x400 metre relay team off the blocks at Dennis Fairall Fieldhouse.

After fighting for silver early in the race, the Bisons finished third with a 3:18.66 run time and claimed the bronze medal.

The victory also earned the Bisons six points toward their overall score. The Bisons finished third in overall points, which meant Allen and the team each earned a bronze medal, Allen's second of the competition.

Allen's two bronze medals can be added to his collection of university medals he's accumulated over his three years as a Bison.

In February at the 2025 Canada West Track & Field Championships, Allen also picked up silver medals in the men's 4x400m and a gold in over-

all team points, finishing fifth in the men's 600m.

Happy to have won medals, Allen still believes he could've done even more this indoor track season.

"I would say I didn't hit my individual goals just for the 600m," said Allen on Friday. "I haven't ran faster before this, this is my fastest year, but it still doesn't feel it was enough, but relay wise I was again the fastest I've ran so I can't really complain about it. We still got a medal."

Allen, who studies psychology at the U of M is still eligible to return for two more seasons with the Bisons.

This year was the first time he competed at the university level without his oldest brother Tristan, a former Men's 600m gold medalist at U Sports and teammate of Keenan's on the 2023-24 U Sports silver medal-winning Men's 4x400m relay squad.

Allen said that seeing his brother win gold in the men's 600m at U Sports last year inspired him to want to win one as well.

He also wants to win a Men's

4x400m gold at U Sports before the end of his Bisons career.

"There's always something to chase," said Allen. "I do look up to him, he's done well with his life and I'd like to do the same but at the same time as the little brother I kind of want to beat him at everything but no it was awesome having him for the first two years, really kind of helped me find my groove in the team."

And now, with the 2025 Canada Summer Games just around the corner, Allen wants to be one of the Manitobans hitting the rubber when things get going in St. John's, Nfld., from Aug. 8-25.

Between school, baseball, and work, he hopes to get in enough training over the next few months to get his times down and crack Team Mani-

"I've just got to work on my block starts. I closed really well in the races but getting out that first 100, 150m is really a bit of a struggle. I think I kind of sit back a little too much but it's just kind of continue with the consistency



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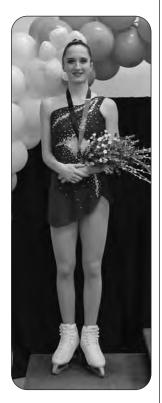
Keenan Allen and the Bisons Men's 4x400m relay team won bronze at the 2025 U Sports Track & Field Championships. The 20-year-old St. Andrews native led the Bisons off the blocks as the team finished with a time of 3:18.66.

in training and fix the beginning of the race and the ending will do itself."

# **Provincial medalists**







Sixteen skaters from the East St. Paul Skating Club (ESPSC) competed in the Skate Manitoba Provincial Championships in Portage la Prairie from March 7-9. Skaters participated in STAR 1-9 and Gold levels events as well as adult events. ESPSC is proud of their newly crowned provincial champions in Adult Bronze level - Emily Chan, and Adult Masters level - Ashley McIntosh. Coach Jade Pilat, took to the ice after a three year break from competing, and earned three silver medals, in STAR 9 Free Skate, Gold Free Skate and Gold Artistic, after long days coaching club skaters through their events. Pictured, left to right, Ashley McIntosh, Emily Chan and Jade Pilat.

### **Cooper Nemeth Memorial Hockey Day returns on March 29**

**By Kieran Reimer** 

Gateway Recreation Centre is set to host the sixth annual Cooper Nemeth Memorial Hockey Day on Saturday, March 29. This event honors the life of former River East Marauders hockey player Cooper Nemeth, who was tragically murdered in 2016 at the age of 17.

Originally starting in 2018 as a fundraiser for the Bear Clan Patrol Inc., which assisted in the search for Cooper, the event now raises funds for the Cooper Nemeth Memorial Player Assistance Fund. This fund helps families with children at the AA level in Hockey Winnipeg cover the costs of participating in the sport. Over the years, the day has raised nearly \$90,000 in total for this cause.

This year's event will feature four games showcasing all-star players from various AA Hockey Winnipeg teams at the U13, U15, and U18 levels, along with an alumni game featuring Cooper's friends.

"For anyone who has ever been involved in organized hockey, the term 'hockey family' holds a special significance," said event director Angie Beaque. "A connection that goes beyond the rink, a special bond, and lifelong friendships, I count the Nemeth family, each member of this board,

and every volunteer, who dedicates their time and energy, as a part of my hockey family. Year after year, they all spend long hours in the rink to ensure everything runs smoothly. It's an honor to work alongside this group.

Beague's connection to Cooper and his parents, Brent and Gaylene Nemeth, stems from their shared experiences in hockey. His son Charlie played on the same team as Cooper's sister, Kiana, a year after Cooper's passing. This connection inspired them to hold the first Cooper Nemeth Memorial Hockey Day, which featured a 50/50 draw to raise funds for the Bear Clan Patrol Inc. That first year, they raised \$13,364.

Currently, the funds raised from the event support the Cooper Nemeth Memorial Player Assistance Fund. This year, they have secured a total of 23 sponsors. Attendees can look forward to a 50/50 draw, silent auctions, mini stick rinks, and face painting throughout the day.

The games will commence with the U13 teams at 11 a.m. in the Blue rink at Gateway Recreation Centre, followed by the U15s at 1 p.m., the U18s at 3 p.m., and the alumni game at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5, and kids aged 12 and under can enter for free.

### Allen recalls Wesmen victory at Canada West Championship

By Kieran Reimei

The University of Winnipeg Wesmen's Liam Allen of St. Andrews is one of the volleyball players headed to the 2025 USports Men's Volleyball Championship at the Healthy Living Centre on the campus of Brandon University from March 21-23.

The Wesmen won the Canada West title with a sweep of the defending national champions Alberta Golden Bears on March 8.

The Wesmen beat the Alberta Golden Bears in straight sets – 25-20, 25-20, 25-21 – to secure the championship in front of a crowd of 1,467 at the Duckworth Centre in downtown Winnipeg, claiming the first Canada West title in program history.

With the victory, the Wesmen surpassed the Golden Bears and will head to the men's national volleyball championship ranked number one seed.

"That was insane," said Wesmen middle Liam Allen on Friday morning. "I don't know if I've ever seen that gym that loud and by the first point before the guy could even serve for Alberta, the whole gym was ballistic with how loud they were, I've never heard a stadium or a gym that loud in my life. It was very insane. A little nerve wracking to begin with but that was honestly a bit calming by the end of the time that we knew everyone was there for us which was the big part of it."

The Wesmen also edged out the Golden Bears in kills, aces, assists, and digs in the straight sets win

The Wesmen men's volleyball team beat the UofM Bisons in the quarter finals, and staved

off a resilient Saskatchewan Huskies squad Friday in a 3-1 (25-22, 26-24, 22-25, 28-26) win in the conference semifinal.

This was a really strong performance for a Wesmen squad that also placed first in the Canada West regular season with a 17-3 record.

Allen, 23, chalks their success down to their play as a team.

"We play definitely the most as a team. We have lots of guys that have gone in in different parts of the game, everybody on the bench can be used in a game, and we trust everyone to do their job and play at the best that we can be and that's what we really rely on as a team. We are working together always, we're talking about the game within the game all the time. Chris (Voth) and Cam (Johnson) our coaches always bring up the game within the game and how pressure is a good thing, us going toward the pressure not shying away from it. Just how we've grown not as a team the whole year getting better and better every step of the year, it's been our key to success."

Allen is currently in his first season as a Wesmen, though he's well acquainted with university-level sports.

After graduating from Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School in 2019 as a multi-sport athlete, Allen went on to play college baseball at Mayville State and Marshalltown Community College.

Due to knee surgery, Allen had to cut his college ball career short and returned to Manitoba where he eventually started playing volleyball again, with his friends from Selkirk, while also coaching.



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

St. Andrews' Liam Allen and the University of Winnipeg Wesmen defeated the Alberta Golden Bears for their first Canada West title in program history on March. 8.

Allen enrolled at the U of W, tried out for the men's volleyball team, and cracked the roster.

Now, after completing a volleyball comeback, Allen's first season as a Wesmen will see him competing at the pinnacle of competition for university volleyball in Canada at the nationals.

"It's been awesome. I thoroughly enjoy playing volley-ball again," said Allen. "I think I missed it quite a bit from playing in high school where I was on a very successful Selkirk high school team and I enjoyed it quite a bit. I'm enjoying it now. I'm playing with a bunch of guys that I grew up playing volleyball with in high school and also a couple guys that played with my little brother, it's been a blast. The guys are great, the atmosphere is awesome, and having a great year definitely is the cherry on top."

The Wesmen will open Nationals against the host Brandon Bobcats in the quarterfinals at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at Healthy Living Centre.

The last time the Wesmen appeared at Nationals was back in 2009 with their most recent national title coming in 2007, the 10th in program history.





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### Gimli's Lotts repeat as Canadian Mixed Doubles Champions

By Kieran Reimer with files from Curl Canada

Team Lott/Lott defeat Team Nova Scotia 9-8 to repeat as Canadian Mixed Doubles Champions

The Gimli tandem of Kadriana Lott and Colton Lott added another chapter to its storied mixed doubles history Friday afternoon, winning the 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship with a 9-8 extra-end victory over Team Nova Scotia's Marlee Powers and Luke Saunders (8-3; Halifax) at the Gerard "Turk" Gallant Arena in Summerside, P.E.I.

The duo will now go on to represent Canada at the 2026 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship at a location to be named later.

The historic win marks the first ever back-to-back Canadian championship victories for any Canadian mixed doubles curling team, with Team Lott/Lott having won in 2024 at Fredericton.

"The feeling you get of winning a national championship; there's no words to really describe it," said Colton Lott. "İt's an unbelievable feeling and just for us to have that opportunity to do it back-to-back is phenomenal. We're going to be great at worlds next year."

Team Lott/Lott posted a near-perfect 10-1 record on its way to the 2025 Canadian mixed doubles crown, with its only one loss in pool play.

The Lotts began this year's tournament with six consecutive wins defeating Team Bouchard/Charest 11-2, Team Powers/Saunders 7-3, Team Gagne Morissette 7-4, Team Westlund-Stewart/Stewart 12-3, Team Jackson/McCrady 11-3, and Team Papley/Van Amsterdam 8-2, before falling 6-4 to Team Jones/Laing in their Pool D finale last Wednesday.

with a 6-1 record, qualified the Lotts for the playoff round where they played Team Papley / Van Amsterdam on Thursday afternoon.

The Lotts won the rematch 10-4 and moved on to play Team Martin/Laycock in the evening where they won 9-4 and earned a spot in Friday morning's semi-final against Team Brunton/Horgan.

They then won the semi-final game 6-5 after a three point eighth end by the Lotts that erased a 5-3 deficit and sent them through to the gold medal game Friday afternoon.

The Manitobans opened the goldmedal final with a score of three that set the tone early for the match, proving to be the game's biggest score. It was enough to outpace Team Nova Scotia, who managed to pull even in the sixth and eighth ends, but never once lead.

"They played a great game," said Kadriana Lott. "They kept us on our toes. We knew we had to make those key big shots which I think we executed really well. We keep pitching away at every shot and, fingers crossed, that you come out win the win."

Three shots defined the outcome of the final for Team Lott/Lott; the first being a clutch draw for a second point in the second end, where Kadriana Lott had little more than a third-of-arock sized piece of the button to sneak an extra point on the board.

The second was an extremely thin double takeout to pick two Nova Scotia stones off the four-foot, both of which were nearly fully buried behind a corner-frozen Lott/Lott stone, to leave a single Lott/Lott counter around to score in the fifth end.

It was a shot so difficult that it was barely there, but the successful outcome changed the complexion of the final for Kadriana Lott.





RECORD PHOTO BY CURLING CANADA/MIKE BERNARD

Team Manitoba's Colton Lott and Kadriana Lott of Gimli won the 2025 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championships defeating Team Nova Scotia 9-8 in an extra end on March 21. The duo will represent Canada at the 2026 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship.

"I'm a lot more comfortable throwing those draws," said Kadriana Lott. "That pick? From my eyes, you couldn't really see much down there. It was definitely a momentum swing for myself. It made me feel more confident in making my next shots."

The third came in the extra end, where Colton Lott managed a heavydraw-bump around two guards to remove a Team Nova Scotia stone off the tee-line in the four-foot. Lott was perfect on the execution, forcing Marlee Powers to attack on Team Nova Scotia's final stone, but the offering hung wide, giving the national title to Team Lott/Lott.

"With doubles you can have a bit of a gameplan but it's kind of hard because with just how crazy the ends can get and some things do come up unexpectedly as well to," said Colton

It's the third time that Team Lott/ Lott will wear the Maple Leaf at a World mixed doubles event; the first at the 2024 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship at Östersund, Sweden and, the second, at the 2018-19 World Curling Cup at Jönköping, Sweden.

At 2024 Worlds they finished fifth place, bowing out to the eventual finalists Estonia in the Qualification Games.

They'll now make their return to Worlds with some unfinished business on their minds.

"It means everything to wear the Maple Leaf on our back and represent our nation," said Colton Lott. "We don't take any of that for granted and I almost feel like we have some unfinished business to do at that World Championship. We feel like the last World Championship we played really good and just had lost the wrong games at the wrong time. That kind of sealed the deal for that for last year's Worlds so yeah we've got a little bit of redemption and we'll feel quite a bit more comfortable going into Worlds as well to since we've already been there."

The Canadian mixed doubles title also ties Colton and Kadriana Lott with Team Jocelyn Peterman/Brett Gallant (Chestermere, Alta.) for most all-time with two since the event's inception in 2013.

The date and location for 2026 Worlds is still to be determined.



### Selkirk's Collins wins three medals at Winter World Games

By E Antonio

Dylan Collins, a Selkirk Special Olympics athlete, struck gold at the Special Olympics Winter World Games in Turin, Italy, held from March 8 to 15. Collins competed against 80 skiers from 39 countries, winning two gold medals and one silver in Intermediate Alpine Skiing. He earned a medal in each of his races and made countless memories during his time in Italy.

The highlight of his adventures was winning the gold medal in his first race, the Giant Slalom.

"It helped me keep trying harder and harder throughout the week," he said.

Collins' journey to the World Games began on March 3, when he participated in a staging camp in Toronto. This was followed by a dinner and dance party to celebrate and send off Team Canada before arriving in Italy on March 6.

Over 1,500 athletes from about 100 countries competed in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Italy from March 8 to 15. The sporting event honours the skills and abilities of people with intellectual challenges. There were eight winter sporting events this year – alpine skiing, crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding, dance sport, figure skating, floorball, and short-track speed skating – that were held in Turin, Sestriere, Pragelato and Bardoneccchia.

Ninety athletes represented Team Canada across five different sports, with nine from Manitoba.

Once everyone arrived in Italy, it took a few days to adjust to the six-hour time difference, but they were ready to compete when the opening ceremonies took place on the 8th

"They were spectacular," said Collins. His alpine skiing coach, Ron Struch had an extra special role at the ceremonies, as he had the privi-



Collins with his coach, Ron Struch

lege of delivering the Special Olympics Coach's Oath on behalf of all the coaches represented at the games.

The following day, the alpine skiing team took a bus to Sestriere, Italy, where the races would be held. Collins competed in three races over the four days of competition and was extremely pleased with his performance. In addition to his initial gold medal, he won a silver medal in the Super G race and another gold in the Slalom. During his final race, he faced harsh weather conditions.

"There were whiteout conditions with blowing snow, so we only did one run instead of two," said Collins

Despite this, it did not diminish his experience, and he loved skiing in Italy, calling it a beautiful experience.

Team Canada won 116 medals, with Manitobans earning 17. Regardless of the medals, the athletes returned to



**RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED** 

Selkirk's Dylan Collins competed at the Special Olympics Winter World Games in Turin, Italy March 8-15. He medalled in each of his three Intermediate Alpine Skiing Races, bringing home two gold and one silver medal.



Collins enjoying authentic Italian pizza.

Canada proud, as competing at the games is a significant honour.

With little downtime during competition week, Collins mostly spent his time around the athlete village. He enjoyed souvenir shopping and chatting with friends whenever he had a spare moment. He found a t-shirt, baseball cap, fridge magnets, and sunglasses to commemorate his time at the games.

Collins also received a lot of support from family and friends. Nine family members were present in the crowds for his races, and many more tuned in from home.

"It was sure nice to have them all support me," he added.



Collins with his Mom, Rachel Perry.

He wrapped up his adventures by sightseeing and exploring the streets of Italy, enjoying many delicious pizza and pasta plates along the way.

As the competition season comes to an end with the melting of the snow, Collins aims to compete in the advanced division for alpine skiing next year and hopes to participate in the next Special Olympics Winter World Games in Switzerland in 2029.



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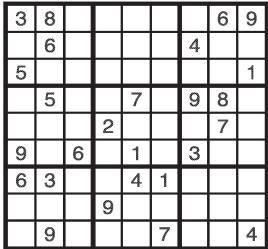
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**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION** 

Village of Dunnottar

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Wednesday April 23rd, 2025 10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Village of Dunnottar, 44 Whytewold Rd. Matlock, MB

Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

ZBA 2025-03 **Application File:** 

municipality at 204 338-0306.

2290 Wenzel Street **Property Location:** 

Roll# 101200

Derek Dewitt

Tuesday

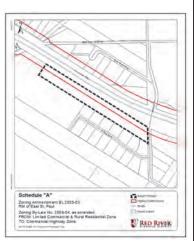
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#### **Application Purpose:**

Applicant:

The applicant proposes to rezone the property to a "CH" Highway Commercial Zone, in order to establish commercial businesses



A copy of the above-noted proposal and supporting material is available on the Red River Planning District website at https://www.redriverplanning.com/hearings.php or by contacting the Red River Planning District in person during normal business hours Monday to Friday at 2978 Birds Hill Road, East St. Paul, by phone at 204 669-8880, or by email at info@rrpd.ca



#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Application File:** BL 982/2025

Applicant: Village of Dunnottar

**Property Location:** 

\*No properties are being rezoned as part of this application.

#### **Application Purpose:**

Text amendment of the building heights for storey definition to a numeric value.



Current Zoning	Zoning Proposed by Applicant			
" ½, 1½ and 2 storey" definitions	numeric values (maximum height to tallest			
	point)			

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#### **CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Fred Trapp wish to extend our sincere gratitude for the love and support we have received from the community. Your support means a great deal to us. Thank you for the baking, flowers, visits, phone calls and cards

A special thank you to John Giroux and Allison Deneweth for officiating at the memorial service and to the readers, Fran Domitruk and Nancy Kovachik.

Thank you also to the staff at Gilbart Funeral Home for all their assistance with the memorial arrangements and to Don Little for the lunch.

-Gerry, Karie, Jeff and families

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### IN MEMORIAM

Nick Hnatiuk
August 25, 1978 - March 29, 2024
Some things will remind me,
I never know just when;
It might be something someone says,
And it all comes back again.
The times we spent together,
The happiness, the fun;
Once again I feel the pain,
Of life without my son.
It's said that time is a healer,
I'm not sure this is true;
There's not a day that goes by Nick,
That I don't think of you.
I miss you so much.

-Love Mom

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Nick Hnatiuk August 25, 1978 - March 29, 2024

The loss of a brother is not small, Unimportant or invisible. Sibling loss equals "The loss of a lifetime" Because who else do we expect to have a relationship with that stretch our entire lives. Of all the special gifts in life,

however great or small, To have you as my brother

was the greatest gift of all. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear,

"I love and miss you and wish that you were here".

With tears in my eyes and heart-felt sorrow

I hold onto the memories of the great times we had.

I grieve what I lost, but am grateful

for what I had. I will Miss You Always

I will Love You Always And because of those two truths I will Grieve You Always.

-Holly XOXO

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **CARD OF THANKS**

It is with a full and warm heart that I thank Dr. Kristin Lemon, her family and my family for organizing such a beautiful retirement party. I would like to thank everyone for the cards, well wishes, gifts and flowers. It truly was one "exciting day"! I love you all.

-Shawna

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **IN MEMORIAM**



Duke Cameron January 10, 1969 – March 28, 2024

I can't believe a year has passed since you left. It still feels so fresh. I never thought I would crave your touch and you wouldn't be here. You were always only an arm's length away. We lived together, grew together, laughed and cried together. Once you were my good morning and good night kiss. Now I am alone. My heart is still broken. I will always love you and miss you until we are together again in Heaven.

-Love your pumpkin

ANNOUNCEMENT

#### IN MEMORIAM

Nicholas Ralph Hnatiuk in Loving Memory of my dear Grandson Nick

I watched you suffer, I watched you sigh, But all I could do was just stand by. When the time came, I suffered too, For you never deserved what you went

God took your hand and we had to part, He eased your pain, but broke my heart.

-Love and miss you forever, Grandma Clara and family

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

#### OBITUARY



#### Maureen Ingibjorg White (née Doll) September 2, 1942 – March 19, 2025

With deep love and sorrow, we announce the passing of Maureen Ingibjorg White, who peacefully left us on March 19, 2025, surrounded by her cherished family. After an evening filled with laughter, heartfelt tears, and treasured memories, Mom gently said her goodbyes. With her two sons by her side, she peacefully fell asleep, only to awaken in the loving arms of her devoted husband Jim once more.

Mom's warmth, grace, and love touched the lives of all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed.

A full obituary will follow.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### Dirk (Dick) Cornelis Baker February 19,1936 – March 14,2025

It is with great sadness that our family announces Dick's passing at the age 89.

Dick was born in Blaricum, Holland and immigrated to Canada in 1957. He was a carpenter by trade and spent his early years working for the Great West Development Company.

Dick and his wife Lenore loved spending their summers with family and friends in Petersfield. Following Dick's retirement, they made Petersfield their permanent home.

Dick loved waterskiing and took the time to teach anyone how to ski. He would spend hours every weekend making sure that everyone had a chance to ski around the bay. He was passionate about sports and often woke up early for a good European soccer match. He followed the Jets since their 1972

WHA inception and was a diehard fan. Even in the hospital, Dick watched every game and enjoyed a good post-game analysis.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 62 years, Lenore; his children Dirk (Kori), Melody (Greg), Peter (Cynthia), Charlotta (Howard), Philip (Sarah); his siblings Kees, Hilde and Henk; and grandchildren Justin, Colin, Grace, Gabriel, Thea and Ada.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the care provided by Interlake Home Care and the Selkirk Hospital.

A service will be held in early May at St George's Wakefield Anglican Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Dick's memory.

We will always remember his endless energy, his ability to fix anything and his kindness. Thanks for building us so many amazing memories.

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### A. Robert Baird

Peacefully, Andrew Robert Baird passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 90 years of age, in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Born October 26, 1934 to parents Charles Baird and Lillian Beck, Bob grew up in Northern Manitoba. He spoke fondly of the area, particularly Sherridon, Lynn Lake, and Laurie River. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts from Bemidji State University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba.

Bob taught for 34 years in the Seven Oaks School Division; the last several years as the coordinator for technology and applied arts. He was so proud of "his" teachers and the many students he was privileged to teach.

Left to mourn Bob's passing are his wife, and best friend, Julie (Riese); son Darren, and his children; close grandson Kirk

Calder (Nicole McIntosh); and sister Joyce (Brook) Adams.

Bob was predeceased by his first wife Patricia (Bailey); daughter Andrea; and brothers Bill,

Walter, and Gordon.

Bob loved his five acres in the bush! Not one to travel far (although he did visit all the provinces,

except PEI), he preferred to stay close to home. In retirement, Bob frequented the local coffee shops, checked out the crops, and dropped in on neighbours. Always one to voice his opinion, Bob carved out his own path in life.

Special thanks to the staff at Betel Personal Care Home for the loving and compassionate care they gave to Bob in the past three and a half years – truly wonderful caregivers!

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba.

In lieu of flowers, donations gratefully accepted to Bob's favourite charity, the Salvation Army, 203 – 290 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, R3B 2N8, or a charity of choice.

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### **Rock Poulin**

Peacefully on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at the Health Science Centre, Rock Poulin, aged 85 years of Selkirk, beloved husband of Eileen passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com



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#### **OBITUARY**



#### Cheryl Lynn Youzwa

After a short but courageous battle, Mom passed away with her family by her side on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. She let us know she was sorry to leave us too soon, but we reassured her we would stick together and, in time, we would be okay.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 44 years, Doug; her children, Nicole, Dalyce, and Paolo; and the apple of her eye, her grandson Jared.

Mom was predeceased by her son Jared (Ngan); her parents, Anton (Tony) and Laura Birg; her father-in-law, Nick Youzwa; and her grandparents, Mathias and Apolonia Birg and Francis and Luella Coleman. Cheryl will be deeply missed by her siblings, Lois (Wayne), Matt (Lorraine), Bryon (Irelva), Doug (Elsie), and Donald; her bonus sister, Kathy (Roger); her nieces and nephews, who held such a special place in her heart; her

mother-in-law, Stephanie Youzwa; and her sister-in-law, Tracy (Robert) Ullmann.

Mom was born in Regina, SK, and grew up on the family farm in Ogema, SK, where she learned the value of hard work. She excelled in sports throughout her school years, cherishing those memories as highlights of her youth. After graduating, Cheryl moved to the "big" city of Regina in 1978, where she proudly joined the Navy's summer reserve program.

It was while working as a cashier at IGA in Regina that she met Doug, and their workplace romance began. They were married in Bengough, SK, in 1980, celebrating with a second wedding reception that fall in East Selkirk, MB. The following year, they moved to East Selkirk, where they built a life together and were blessed with three children.

Mom quickly became an active member of the community, fundraising for the East Selkirk Rec Center, volunteering at our schools and sports teams, and supporting the Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance. She formed many friendships throughout the years, especially with her beloved "Peeps."

Mom and Dad started by cutting meat in the garage before turning their business dreams into reality with the opening of New Frontier Meats. Mom stayed home with us until Dalyce was in school, then joined Dad at work. In 2004, they started a new venture by opening Custom One Cycle. They worked side by side for most of their lives - a partnership that was admired by their children, friends, family, and customers.

Cheryl took immense pride in caring for her family, always ensuring there was a homemade meal, cakes for special occasions, and an overflowing pot of soup-no matter how big the stock pot was. Sometimes, the occasion was simply that it was Saturday. Mom loved spending all day in the kitchen. By 10 a.m., she would often have a batch of perogy dough and filling prepared, pie crusts ready, and a pot of soup simmering. There were always scones or cinnamon buns to enjoy while out back cutting wood together. Cheryl could often be found on her John Deere or tending to her garden, where she found peace and joy.

In 2013, we lost Jared and Ngan. Through this tragedy, Mom showed remarkable resilience and grace, never wavering in her love and care for our family. In 2017, she was blessed with her grandson Jared-no one was meant to be a Grandma more than Mom.

Our home was always filled with laughter and playful teasing, a tradition we tried to continue at the hospital in her final weeks. Paolo has lost his main supporter and backup-he's truly outnumbered now. Mom always said all she needed was her family with her, and that's exactly who she was-she never wished for material things, only time together. She led by example, showing us how to be grateful for the life she and Dad built for us and to never sweat the small stuff.

Thank you, Mom.

And thank you to all of the wonderful nurses, health care aids, and rehab therapists at Selkirk Regional Health Center. You were all truly remarkable, showing us such care and compassion.

Should you wish to make a donation in Cheryl's name please consider the Selkirk and District Community Foundation's Palliative Care Fund.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Cheryl's life will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba. A private family interment of Mom's ashes will be held at a later date at East Selkirk Cemetery. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



#### **OBITUARY**

#### **Graeme Merle Bennett**



Graeme Merle Bennett passed away on the morning of March 16th, 2025, entering into the presence of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Left to grieve his earthly departure are his wife Donna; his children, Ronnie (Andrea), and their children: Audrey, Wade, Emma and Russell, Andrew (Kirsten), and Dwight (Jenna); as well as his siblings, Albin, Elouise, Kathleen, Austin, Wendell and Gladys.

Graeme was born on May 7th, 1953. He was the youngest of nine children to his parents Reginald and Irma in Compass, SK. Graeme loved the farm. His dad made a full-size hockey rink in the vard and thus began Graeme's hockey career, Graeme played junior hockey until an injury caused him to change gears and go to Bible school. After his time there, Graeme moved to

Winnipeg and ended up meeting the love of his life. Graeme was a brick-layer for his career, and was beloved by many of his coworkers. Graeme eventually retired and spent his last years spending time with his family and in his garden.

He was previously deceased by his parents and his siblings, Arleigh and Esther.

Graeme loved the Lord above all else, but his family was his greatest treasure. Graeme is now forever with Jesus in Heaven, no longer feeling pain.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, March 24, 2025, at Eastview Community Church, 315 Maxwell King Drive, East St. Paul, MB.



In care of arrangements



Ronald Larry Girling (Ducky) October 26, 1946 - March 17, 2025

It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of Ronald Larry Girling (78) of East Selkirk, on March 17, 2025. Ron was known to many as "Ducky" a nickname that stayed with him his entire life. Ron was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Ron was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Lena Girling (Tio); brother Kenny Girling; sisters Marilyn Coumont (Gordon) and Irene Gunderson (Don); step father-in-law Leonard Jackson.

Left to go on without him, Debbie Jackson, also son Chris Girling (Erin); two daughters Tracey Girling and Lisa Mowat; brothers Ralph Girling (Colleen), Martin Girling (Deborah), and Anthony Girling; sister Betty Donald (Doug); sister-in-law Audrey Girling; step daughter-in-law Melissa (Greg) of Kenora

and their three children. Cooper, Quentin and Makenah; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ron was a loving grandfather to his grandchildren, Cali, Grayson, Lexie, Carter, Mackenzie, Maya, Hudson, Preston and Aniston. Ron never missed an opportunity to attend a soccer, hockey, volleyball, baseball game or school event. His grandchildren loved spending time with him and will truly miss him.

Ron married Linda (Pawluk) in 1972 and they raised their three children together in Selkirk. Many fun times were spent over the years on road trips and camping. He worked hard at Amsco for 40 plus years as an Electrician and was always willing to help others, Ron wired for many of his family and friends over the years, right up until his death.

Ron loved to curl in his early adult years, later in life watching curling was one of his favorite past times. After retirement, summers were spent doing yard work on his 1.5 acre yard, he took pride in keeping his yard looking like a park.

Ron was passionate about fishing and could be found at the river at every opportunity, casting a rod without a care in the world.

More recently Ron bought an electric bike and put on many miles last summer. He could be found riding up town connecting with friends he hadn't seen in a long time. He loved to ride his bike and only once driving into the ditch (that we know of).

Ron had many friends, some of which are from childhood, whom he kept in touch with over the years, he always had a smile on his face and simply loved people. He was a kind, fun loving, generous man. Quick to laugh and slow to anger.

Ron leaves a void in everyone's heart who had the pleasure to know him.

Say not in grief, 'he is no more' but in thankfulness, 'that he was'.

Memorial Services will be held at Gilbart Funeral Home, in Selkirk on Friday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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