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Former Selkirk resident and artist, Charlie Johnston, puts the final touches on a hockey mural inside the Selkirk Rec Complex on Monday. Johnston said he decided to paint one of the hockey gloves in the mural green and yellow in honour of the Humboldt Broncos. Fifteen people died when the bus carrying the junior hockey team from Humboldt, Sask. collided with a semi truck in northeastern Saskatchewan last Friday. For a story, see Page 2.

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Hockey mural inside Selkirk arena pays homage to Humboldt

By Lindsey Enns

A hockey mural that sits high above the main front entrance inside the Selkirk Rec Complex is paying homage to the horrible tragedy in Humboldt, Sask.

Former Selkirk resident and artist Charlie Johnston said he was putting the final touches on his mural of two hockey players in a faceoff position when he found out about the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Fifteen people died when the bus carrying the Saskatchewan junior hockey team from Humboldt, Sask. collided with a semi truck in northeastern Saskatchewan last Friday.

For Johnston, the father of four children, the tragedy hit home so he de-

cided last minute to paint one of the hockey player's jersey and glove yellow and green in honour of the Humboldt Broncos.

"As a memorial and to pay homage to the Broncos and all the families affected," the 55-year-old said, referring to the 14 feet high by 60 feet wide mural. "There will be a stick out for the Humboldt boys forever now."

Johnston was born in Selkirk and grew up in the St. Andrews area. He says his connection this area is very significant. Being able to pay tribute to this tragedy in his hometown is also "very special," he said.

"If you ever put a kid on a bus, if you live anywhere in western Canada, if you're a kid involved with sports, it



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affects everybody," he said, adding Selkirk is very much a hockey town. "So to have an opportunity ... to pay tribute to these boys and their families and the tragedy that struck them it's huge. It's very meaningful."

The mural is part of an art project being spearheaded by a group of volunteer artists, the Interlake Art Board, who are hoping to paint more murals in Selkirk and across the region.

"It will be art that you'll never see anywhere else," said Joanie English, one of the project's co-ordinators. "It's kind of all about how we can improve our community, strengthen it through art." English said so far they have received lots of support from the community and the City of Selkirk.

Selkirk city council also observed a moment of silence on Monday evening during their council meeting in honour of the Humboldt Broncos.

"Words don't seem like enough, and they aren't, but myself, Selkirk council and administration, want to extend our thoughts and prayers to all who are devastated by this tragedy," Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said.

The city plans to unveil the hockey mural during a public event sometime later this month.



More info needed surrounding pot legalization, local leaders say

By Justin Luschinski

Cannabis is slated to be legalized in Manitoba this summer, but some local municipalities will either not allow pot to be sold in their communities or are undecided.

Last month, West St. Paul council passed resolutions to prohibit the sale of cannabis products while other municipalities, including St. Andrews and St. Clements, have yet to make a decision either way.

West St. Paul Mayor Bruce Henley said council felt there were too many unknown factors to allow the retail sale of pot in their community.

"There's unknowns from the revenue sharing aspect, enforcement, there's the difference between medical marijuana and other types of

products,"Henley said."Our residents are concerned about how the federal regulations will affect our community and we wanted to address the issue."

Henley said this doesn't mean that it won't be illegal to possess cannabis, or that there won't be other methods of obtaining it. There just won't be a retail store for the drug in West St.

Other municipalities in the Interlake are still discussing how they will approach cannabis in their communi-

St. Andrews Mayor George Pike says their council has not made a decision vet either way.

"We are still waiting on more information from the federal government, and our council is still having discussions about it," Pike said.

St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn said municipalities aren't getting enough information from the government.

"We're looking for more information before we decide anything. I think a lot of municipalities are just wondering what they will get out of the sale of cannabis," Fiebelkorn said. "There's no discussion on where the retail outlets will be. If there's going to be one 30 miles from us, how is that fair to

our residences? Why don't we have a shop that's closer?"

Fiebelkorn said from previous discussions, the council "would not say no" to a retail cannabis store opening in the area. At this time, no formal request has been made to open a shop in St. Clements.

The legislation to legalize cannabis was passed in November 2017. Pot was set to be legalized this summer, however, the liberals have delayed the process until at least August.



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'If no one speaks up, nothing will change'

Rural councillors seek better protection to put an end to bullying, harassment

By Lindsey Enns

At times, being an elected official in a rural municipality in Manitoba can feel like you're in the "wild west," one local councillor says.

"Based on what we've learned and after talking with councillors from across the province, rural municipalities are like the wild wild west," West St. Paul Coun. Cheryl Christian said. "There is no oversight, no account-

ability and in some cases complete lawlessness."

Christian says there is currently no provincial oversight to ensure rural councillors treat each other with respect or that they follow the law. With that in mind, Christian and St. Andrews Coun. Joy Sul are continuing their push for changes to the Municipal Act to properly safeguard other rural councillors and municipal staff.





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West St. Paul Coun. Cheryl Christian, pictured left, and St. Andrews Coun. Joy Sul are continuing to push for changes to the Municipal Act to properly safeguard other rural councillors and municipal staff.

Christian said her frustration inspired her to write a Workplace Safety and Health Anti-Harassment Resolution focused on a proper investigation process for harassment between elected officials last year. The resolution, which was co-sponsored by six municipalities, made its way to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) convention in Brandon last November and was endorsed by 91 per cent of AMM delegates, including mayors, CAOs and councillors from across Manitoba.

The resolution asks the AMM to lobby the province "to strengthen legislation regarding prevention, investigation and enforcement mechanisms available to municipalities in response to harassment and bullying in the workplace."

Christian and Sul say since the convention, they have received multiple calls, texts and emails from current and former council members wanting to speak openly about the abuse they have faced. Some examples include uttering threats, bullying and yelling matches as well as dead animals being left on decks and doorsteps.

AMM president Chris Goertzen says while he believes these types of instances are "rare," they are concern-

"We continue to work with the province to see if we can't find some good tools for municipalities to use to continue to function well," Goertzen said. "There aren't any quick fixes when it comes to finding tools that allow municipalities to function well ... one of the challenges is legislating good behaviour is tough to do."

He added the AMM has been made aware of instances of harassment amongst council members as well as

between councils and staff. He said they are also concerned about inappropriate interactions between council members and residents.

Goertzen said many municipalities record their council meetings, which he says "creates a higher level of decorum."

"Certainly that's something that some municipalities have experienced and have benefitted them in creating that respectful workplace,"

Christian and Sul both say they have requested their council meetings be recorded but said their requests were denied.

Sul said she would like to see an independent body established to investigate harassment complaints for municipal councils. She also believes it should be mandatory for those running for council to receive a proper overview of the Municipal Act and a council's code of conduct policy.

"When I got elected, we were told you've got drawers with your name on it in the back room," Sul said. "We didn't even know where the back room was. It was a complete learning curve."

Both Christian and Sul are first-term councillors and say when they first started out, they were optimistic and excited about being elected. However, both say they started to experience forms of harassment and discrimination"almost immediately."

"Never was this expected," Sul said. "If no one speaks up, nothing will change."

Both Sul and Christian say its the support from their residents that's kept them going.

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Low pressure system to blame for cold snap, expert says

By Justin Luschinski

A Manitoba meteorologist says colder temperatures could hover around the province until May.

The temperature in Selkirk fell below the double digits at the end of March, sometimes as low as -17C, and the province continues to be hit by cold weather and snow throughout April.

Natalie Hasell, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, says this isn't normal for Manitoba.

"I can tell you that the temperature is well below the average for this time of year," Hasell said. "Manitoba is un-

der a high pressure, which means that we've got mostly clear skies in the overnight period. When the skies are clear, the heat can escape out to space.

"We've also got a low pressure system in the north part of Hudson Bay ... I don't know when this cold spell will be over."

Hasell said since there's still snow on the ground, any heat that arrives in Manitoba will go towards melting it. She said that because of the low pressure system to the north, there's basically nothing stopping the cold wind from flowing into Manitoba.

Although local residents are eager to embrace spring temperatures, they

"I was excited to go back to work, but it's so cold out. Kinda sucks to work outside now. I pulled out my coveralls again, it was nice to not have them for a couple of days," said Selkirk resident Graham Dunning who runs a landscaping business.

"It's really frustrating, because

around this time of year, (Graham) is looking into purchasing and getting ready for their landscaping business. We're doing reno-

are finding ways to cope with the cold. vations on our house too, and we can't do anything outside," said East Selkirk resident Charlene Dunning.

> Hasell said that the forecast can predict the general weather, but it can't tell what form the cold weather will take. It might only be cold for the first two weeks of April, or it might continue on after that, she said.



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Annual charity garage sale in St. Andrews accepting donations

Staff

An annual charity garage sale and family fun day in St. Andrews is now accepting donations.

This year's event will take place on June 1 and June 2 at the St. Andrews Community Club and will raise funds in honour of Gordon Anderson, a seven-year-old boy from St. Andrews who passed away in a car accident on his way to a piano lesson the night of his Christmas concert in 2012. Since then, the garage sale has helped St. Andrews School purchase musical instruments for their music program, and St. Andrews Community Club buy new equipment.

Over the last six years, the event has helped raise more than \$50,000. In 2017 alone it raised \$16,345.

This year, funds will be split between the community club, the school's music program and promoting music education at local junior high schools, because Gordon would have currently been in Grade 7.

"Gordon loved music and would be so thrilled at the impact this garage sale has made," Gordon's mom, Lisa Anderson, who is organizing the 2018 event, stated in a release on Monday. "It has become a beautiful community



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An annual charity garage sale and family fun day at the St. Andrews Community Club is now accepting donations. This year's event will take place on June 1 and June 2.

tradition, and it's so much more than just a garage sale. It brings the community together and raises money to stay right here in our community."

The Garage Sale and Family Fun Day will be held at St. Andrews Community Club, located at 28 St. Andrews Road, on Friday, June 1 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event continues to grow each

year and this year will again include hot dogs and pizza, face painting, a bouncy castle, tractor train rides, and a huge silent auction.

Donations of gently used clothes, toys, household items and anything that can be used by others are being accepted starting this weekend.

Anyone interested in contributing to the silent auction, or in volunteering before or after the sale, can contact

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Lisa at 204-661-4075, or GordonGarageSale@outlook.com.

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Andrews Community Club at these times: Saturdays: April 14, 21 and 28, and May 5, 12 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fridays: May 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 from 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Since 2014, Ana Herntier and her husband Tony have organized the massive charity garage sale and community event in their late grand-daughter Gracie's memory.

At age six, Gracie held the first garage sale and six weeks before she planned to hold her second, she was tragically mauled to death by two dogs while visiting friends.

Gracie's family and the community repeated the sale that year in her memory, and invited the Anderson family to join in memory of Gordon the next year.

The Herntier family have now passed the torch to the Anderson's to continue the garage sale. Anderson said the Herntier's plans to have a fundraising social in honour of Gracie sometime later this year.





St. Clements looks to borrow \$9M for upcoming infrastructure projects

By Justin Luschinski

St. Clements is looking for the authority to borrow roughly \$9 million to help pay for several major projects within the RM, but some residents say they aren't happy with how the funds will be used.

The RM held a public hearing on a proposed bylaw that would allow St. Clements to borrow between \$9 and \$10 million last week. The RM says the money would be used to fund the building of the community's new recreation facility, the Narol Fire Hall expansion as well as improve their water control works and drainage issues.

During last week's hearing, several residents said the recreation facility shouldn't be paid for with a loan.

St. Clements resident Emanual Carvalho said the RM faces a number of issues, and it should solve those first before building a new facility.

"I'm not against progress. But the community centre is in the middle of nowhere. How are you going to get people out there?" Carvalho said. "We avoid going out when we can because the roads are so bad. First, fix our roads, maybe then we can talk about building a hockey rink, or a soccer field, something we're actually going to use."

"I appreciate what you guys are trying to do, but I think we need solid growth first," St. Clements Marc Burnet said. "We're an aging population, and we have to accept that. Let's fix the roads first, let's do a bunch of much," Sigmundson said. "And as you other stuff, then we can maybe look at building this centre."

Other residents present agreed with Brunet and Carvalho's comments, choosing not to speak when they were called upon, or saying that they agree with another speaker. Other residents wanted the RM to seek out grants or community funding before taking out a loan, and worried that the loan would increase the RM's mill rate.

Following the presentations, St. Clements CAO DJ Sigmundson, was given an opportunity to respond.

"Mill rates won't be affected in 2018, and just because we're looking for authority for \$9 million, it doesn't mean we'll actually be borrowing that can see by the presentation, the RM is in a good position to take on this loan."

According to data provided by the RM, the new recreation facility is estimated to cost \$4,850,000, plus a contingency of \$485,000. The province is contributing \$250,000 to the project, and the RM plans to use money from the gas tax reserve fund, which cannot be used to fund road maintenance.

The RM will now take into the consideration they received during last week's public hearing and then whether or not to halt the bylaw process. If they vote to go forward, the bylaw will move to the municipal board, which will host a few public hearings before anything is finalized.

Selkirk to invest \$2 million on 14 infrastructure projects starting this spring

The City of Selkirk says a total of \$2 million will be spent on 14 infrastructure projects this year. The work is scheduled to begin in March and will continue through to September.

The city recently invited residents that will be impacted by construction this summer to council chambers to learn why their street was selected for improvements and how much the city is investing.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said the city is more informed about what streets should be repaired, thanks to Capital Asset Management Program (CAMP), and it wants to make sure the citizens know what to expect when their street is being repaired.

"I think it's important, and appreciated, that you're given the heads up when big machinery is going to show up and start work on your street," Johannson stated in a release last week. "I know that I would be happy if I knew ahead of time that my street was going to be worked on and I knew

More than 50 people came to council

"WE WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE SELECTED THEIR STREET ... "

chambers on March 28 to learn about the work that will be done on their streets this spring, summer and fall.

The city's CAO Duane Nicol said home and business owners who would be directly affected by the work were invited to come see the scope of the work and ask questions of city staff about what will be happening on their street. They were also given the opportunity to sign up for an email list that will keep them informed as the work date gets closer and about any potential changes.

"We invited them so we could give them a very specific understanding of how this is going to impact them, and encourage them to sign up and be on our email contact list so that as the project affecting them progresses

we can give them a heads up, and say 'hey, this is when it's going to happen, this is what it's going to look like," Nicol said.

Nicol said it's important for people to understand that CAMP helps the city determine what work gets done and when, and it's a strategic decision that puts city dollars to work in the most effective way.

"We want people to understand why we selected their street, so we're talking about capital asset management, and the processes that we're following to make better decisions. Our goal is best quality services with lower

long-term costs," he said. "We're helping people understand how much this work costs because a lot people are surprised by the costs. When we tell them we're putting new asphalt on their road, say Vaughan Ave. from Annie to Agnes and that one block costs over \$118,000, they're surprised by that number."

The city has significantly increased its infrastructure investments over the last four years, spending more than \$800,000 per year on roads alone compared to and average of about \$400,000 total in previous years.

Nicol said in 2018 the city is spending more than \$790,000 on road renewal and more than \$500,000 on water and sewer renewal.

"There's a lot more to be done, and CAMP is allowing us to do the right work at the right time," he added.



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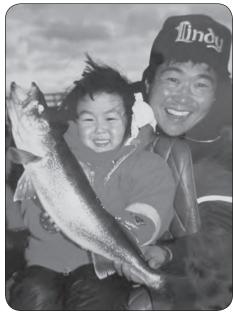
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Tough catch makes a fishing father proud

Hi gang.

I always take great pleasure in passing along fishing stories from our American brothers and sisters when they come here. Some weeks ago I met Ted Takasaki, a tournament fishing pro from South Dakota and his buddy Dick Manske from Iowa. Ted, a true champ, offered a wonderful story about his daughter instead of himself. We stood on the ice pack with the sun bearing down on us on the southwest side of Lake Winnipeg as Ted began a heartwarming portrayal of a fishing experience with his four year old daughter, Kristi, when fishing in Michigan. It was a cold overcast day with a harsh wind and tiny Kristi clutched her rod with its line in the water not far from their boat. The grey turbulent water jostled her about as she tried to hold her rod and breathe some warmth onto her fingers. Without warning a walleye two feet long hit her baited hook. Kristi squealed excitedly instantly oblivious to the cold. She pulled up on her rod then lowered and cranked in her line as her dad had taught her. Tears from the wind clouded her sight."Do you want help Kristi?" dad cried out. "No daddy, I can do it," she yelled. Ted was filled with love and pride watching his girl fight the fish with fingers that would not respond to her wishes. Concerned for her safety he moved close to her and put his arms around her waist as she bent over the side of the boat. When the fish stopped lashing about, she would reel in, her little hands fumbling with line and reel. It took time but eventually her prize played out and she brought it beside the boat. Her breath heavy, she looked up at dad as he took the rod from her cold cramped hands. Kristi immediately bent over, stuck her hands in her pockets and leaned against her



SUBMITTED PHOTO Kristi with her dad Ted Takasaki from South Dakota with her catch.

father. "You've got the never quit in you baby, I'm proud of you," dad murmured to his shivering daughter as he landed her fish.

Speaking of being happy about getting prizes, the Manitoba Ice Fishing Association (MIFA) held their raffle draw at Selkirk Smitty's. Alana Waite, Smitty's restaurant manager drew the winning tickets and we are proud to announce that Keith Poleschuk of Arborg won the portable ice shack and Wayne Michaluk of Komarno won the ice auger. Congratulations guys!

Two or three weeks ago I met this towering, gentle, brown stubblehaired bearded fun loving guy, Rick Los from Oakbank fishing on the Red River upstream of Selkirk. He gave us the story of his son, Evan, who used to guide at Atkins Lake up north, once took two first time eastern Canadian anglers, Bob and Peter (no last names)

boat fishing. On the water, Evan gave Bob one of his baited rigs. He cast out and immediately caught a three foot long jack. He and Peter were beside themselves! They had never seen a fish that big let alone catch one! Now, it was Peters' turn and just as his baited hook hit the water, he caught an even longer jack! Pete threw caution aside and stood hauling up on the rod then lowering it and swiftly reeling in. At the same time Evan was standing and with the motor in slow forward was using his leg to move the motors tiller directing the boat helping Pete to land his fish. Pete became so taken with his catch he pulled so hard on his rod it flew out of his grip. The fish loose now took the rig for deeper water. Pete and Evan reached over the side for the rod but Evans' leg hit the throttle and the boat took off at a leisurely pace spilling both men into the water. Off it went on its own little trip with Bob standing in it looking helplessly back at Pete and Evan. Evan could see his rod and the hooked fish down in the clear water so he dove down, grabbed the rod and as he broke surface couldn't help breaking into sputtering fits of laugher seeing the captain less boat now putting around in circles. They swam to the wayward craft and grabbed onto its side. They now found themselves being towed around with Evan hanging onto his trailing rod with its line and the angry fish following, still fighting. Evan screamed at Bob, "Hit the red button!" He did, the motor died and the boat slid to a stop. The boys climbed into the boat and as Pete regained his seat he looked his cup in the holder exclaiming bright eyed, "What do you know, my drink didn't get spilled!"

See you next week, bye now.

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Knights of Columbus donate nearly \$4K to Selkirk hospital



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Knights of Columbus members presented the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation and staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre with a cheque for \$3,900 at the local hospital last Friday morning.

Submitted

The Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation and staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre (SRHC) is celebrating the generous donation of \$3,900 from the Knights of Columbus for the purchase of a patient controlled analgesia pump.

A patient-controlled analgesia pump allows patients to self-administer their intravenous (IV) pain medicine as needed, most often after surgery.

Surgery unit staff members in particular welcome this new piece of equipment because it empowers patients to have some degree of control over their pain. This equipment allows immediate and effective pain relief post-operation, allows for improved quality of recovery and care, and creates a more positive experience during a patient's hospital stay.

Giving back to the community was a primary goal of this donation according to Mike Parkes, spokesperson for the Knights of Columbus.

"The funds raised through our many fundraising activities are returned with gratitude back to our community to support the programs and activities that serve the needs of our local community," Parkes said.

Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation executive director, Pamela Mc-Callum acknowledged the benefit of the donation for patients and staff.

"We are so grateful to the Knights for their generosity. Adding this pump to our surgery unit will not only benefit our patients' stay but will provide a positive impact on staff as well who want to ensure their patients are comfortable while under our care," said McCallum.

The pump has been ordered and will be on the unit working in the next few



> RURAL COUNCILLORS, FROM PG. 4

"If it wasn't for the strong support of the residents ... I would have quit within the first six months,"Sul said.

"The frustration that there is no way to address this, I think has propelled us to push for change," Christian added."I don't think anyone should have to experience this or worse."

Both Sul and Christian encourage their residents to attend more council meetings.

"It holds us accountable and that's what we need," Christian said.

Two local residents say they have witnessed bullying and discrimination at the local level.

Karen McKenzie and her husband Glen say they attend almost every St. Andrews council meeting. Karen said Sul is often the target of abuse.

"It's pretty constant at every meeting," Karen said, adding she has watched as Sul has been "yelled at" by fellow council members. "Because we're in the audience, I suspect that's a fraction of what goes on behind the scenes.

"It's really hard to take, but we sit there and we listen and we hope that just by being there it kind of tempers the behaviour in council if nothing else."

Gary Galawan, who often attends West St. Paul council meetings, says he's witnessed a local council member address Christian in a"belligerent and disrespectful manner."

"I attempted to interject but was told to sit down and shut up," Galawan stated in an email the Record regarding a council meeting in March."This bullying must stop."

Both Christian and Sul say they are undecided whether or not they will run in the upcoming election on Oct. 24.

"Election time or not, I think it's important that this is something that gets dealt with between the province and municipalities," Go-



Local women help bring Circles for Reconciliation to Selkirk

By Lindsey Enns

For the past 10 weeks, two Selkirk women have been helping local residents along on their healing journeys and paths to reconciliation.

Jeannie Red Eagle and Kay Boyd have been facilitating the first series of Circles for Reconciliation gatherings in Selkirk at the Selkirk United Church every Tuesday evening since early February.

Circles for Reconciliation is a grassroots project that brings together small groups of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to talk openly about issues including residential schools, the Sixties Scoop and aspects of reconciliation.

"I wanted to do something that would bring reconciliation forward into my community, into the community of Selkirk," Red Eagle said. "Along my healing journey, I have had to do my own reconciliation within and then as that progressed and as I move forward with that, I knew I needed to bring that into the community."

Red Eagle and Boyd said they felt Circles for Reconciliation was needed in their community.

"We've heard many stories," Boyd said."We're finding from these stories that it's only recently that some people have begun to learn about their heritage and embrace their culture.

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The Circles for Reconciliation group in Selkirk pose for a photo during their gathering at the Selkirk United Church last Tuesday.

"As apart of the circles, we really like to see people come out from behind that veil of shame and stand up and talk about their heritage. If people are hiding things in their background, they're not going to take those steps to move forward."

The circle in Selkirk was scheduled to wrap up this week, but Red Eagle said they plan to keep the group together in some shape or form. They will also be hosting a community blanket exercise at Selkirk United Church on Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

"That's an invitation to the community to come and join and to learn about how colonialism has affected and the impacts on the Indigenous people of Canada," Red Eagle said, adding the circle has helped give local residents a voice. "We're having the Indigenous gatherings, there's more events taking place, there's good positive focus and that's creating a better space for people to want to embrace their own identities and they're able to reconcile within themselves and move forward."

Raymond Currie, one of the organizers behind the movement which began in May 2016, said the aim of Circles For Reconciliation is to establish trusting, meaningful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as part of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

"Building relationships is our contribution to reconciliation," the 84-yearold Winnipeg resident said."We try to

"BUILDING **RELATIONSHIPS IS OUR CONTRIBUTION** TO RECONCILIATION."

do everything in equal partnership."

So far roughly 700 people have participated in 3,400 individual circle discussions in Manitoba, including Winnipeg and Selkirk, Currie said. Other circles are being planned to take place in Steinbach, Flin Flon, Hendingly and Carman. For more information about Circles for Reconciliation, visit circlesforreconciliation.ca.

The circles are funded by The Winnipeg Foundation and are ran solely on a volunteer basis. So far they have more than 55 trained facilitators. Currie said they are planning to expand the initiative to Toronto and other cities across Canada.

"It's quite exciting to think that this very small project can move forward," he said.

Currie said he wanted to help launch this project because many years ago he and his wife adopted their son Vincent, who is First Nations, and their daughter Catherine, who is Métis.

"They're part of what is called the Sixties Scoop. We didn't know much about that at all. We didn't realize what was happening at the time but we just wanted to provide a good home," the retired University of Manitoba professor of sociology said. "We've always tried to help our children understand their Indigenous roots."

Currie said although Canada is making progress in regards to its path to reconciliation, "there's a long way

"I just think it's one of the most important issues facing Canadian society," he said.





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Pallister stops in Selkirk to rally support before municipal election

By Justin Luschinski

Premiere Brian Pallister made a stop in Selkirk to rally his Interlake supporters last week.

The premiere spoke to a crowd of roughly 50 people, ranging from party supporters to Interlake MLA's like Jeff Wharton and Alan Lagimodiere inside the Smitty's banquet hall last Thursday. The event aimed to rally support in the tory-controlled Interlake, and solicit donations to fund the PC's as the province heads into the 2018 municipal elections.

During his address to the crowd, Pallister said he wanted to dispel some myths about his policies. Namely, that he "loves cuts" and that his government is harming the healthcare sys-

"If you say to some people in a coffee shop 'the more emergency rooms the better,' people will agree with you. (They'll) nod their heads and say 'yeah, of course, the more emergency rooms the better," Pallister said. "No ... you're spreading your assets around ... say someone goes to Seven Oaks, but they don't have diagnostic equipment there, so they throw them in an ambulance and ship them to the

"That's not how you help people, that's how you kill people."

Pallister also reaffirmed his promise to help working and middle-class families who "are living paycheque to paycheque." The PC government

RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI Premiere Pallister speaks to a crowd of nearly inside Smitty's banquet hall in Selkirk Thursday morning.

plans to increase the basic personal tax exemption by \$2,020 in 2020. Pallister also mentioned how Manitoba is prospering under the Tories, saying that Manitoba is now ranked "second or third in many categories."

Wab Kinew, the leader for the Manitoba NDP, said that the Tories' health care cuts will only harm Manitobans.

"I've been talking to a lot of people, and nobody understands how wait times will get better with less emergency rooms," Kinew said. "What about all those people who come in from the Interlake to be seen at Seven Oaks? Are they going to have to drive

all the way to the HSC? I think they're making a big mess of the healthcare system, and it will take a long time to fix it."

Kinew also said Pallister's claims that Manitoba is growing its economy are not based on current data. A recent report from Deloitte predicts that Manitoba's GDP could slow to 0.3 per cent, citing slow downs in mining, agriculture, and construction. According to Statistics Canada, Manitoba's economy grew 2.4 per cent in 2016, and 2.8 per cent in 2017.

Last Thursday, Kinew announced that the NDP will delay the PC's proposed carbon tax bill, which is slated to take effect Sept. 1. Kinew said that this plan "is just taking money from the average family, and there are no new programs to help these families





Selkirk PC Association **Annual General Meeting**

Where: Gaynor Family Regional Library

806 Manitoba Ave. Selkirk

When: Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm



Gordon Howard Centre to host fundraising Gala Dinner on May 5

By Justin Luschinski

The Gordon Howard Centre is gearing up to host its first ever fundraising banquet next month.

The Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 5

in the Banquet Hall underneath the centre beginning centre hopes will become an annual event.

at 5 p.m. The event will include a semi-formal dress code and it's a professionally catered dinner that the

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Lee Hanson, the centre's executive director, said he hopes the community will support the dinner.

"I'm really excited. This is our first go around, our first time doing something like this, and I really hope the community supports us," Hanson said. "The centre is vital to Selkirk, and if everyone has a good time, they'll come back for next year's event."

Hanson said the big thing they're looking for is event sponsors, companies who are willing to sponsor a table at the dinner. A table sponsor costs \$400, and the business would receive a \$240 tax receipt.

Typically, a fundraiser at the centre would be supported by the volunteers, who would cook the food and set up the banquet hall. This time, the dinner is being catered by Blue Water Whole Hog Catering, and it will feature entertainment from comedian Matt Falk.

Hanson said there are a lot of plans for the centre and he's hoping the banquet will help fund those improvements.

"It costs about \$60,000 a year to maintain the building. We're always looking for ways to fundraise for the centre," Hanson said. "Our next big project is purchasing a digital sign out front, something we can change from inside the building.

"With our new commercial kitchen, we're also hoping to rent it out more."

For more information, or to sponsor a table, contact the Gordon Howard Centre at 204-785-2092 or via email at info@gordonhoward.ca.

Charity drive helps collect donations for women in need

By Justin Luschinski

A local charity drive has helped donate more than 50 bags filled with feminine products for women in need.

The Kookums Winter Care Totes drive collected more than 50 totes and purses filled with things such as soap, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. The bags were donated to women in need living in the Selkirk community as well as organizations such as Nova House and Siloam Mission.

Melinda-Rae Brooker, one of the organizers, said the Selkirk community was very generous.

"We were able to donate to community members and Nova House. Selkirk and the surrounding areas generosity were so great that we were also able to reach out to some women in Winnipeg," Brooker said. "A representative from Siloam mission came to collect the remainder of the totes."

Local students from the Comp, Daerwood and Robert Smith schools also contributed their time to the drive. People were able to drop off bags at any one of these schools, but the organizers specified that they really wanted feminine hygiene

The drive kicked off in January and the donations were made earlier this year.

Pair of orphaned bear cubs first to arrive at rehab centre

Two orphaned cubs are the first to arrive at Manitoba's first and only black bear cub rehabilitation

Located in the RM of Rockwood, the Manitoba Bear Rehabilitation Centre is set up on the 10-acre property of Judy and Roger Stearns. The mission is to provide the highest level of care for orphaned bear cubs and, once rehabilitated, to return them to their natural environment.

On Sunday, April 1, two black bear cubs were brought to their temporary abode from Southwest-

Julie Woodyer, campaign director for Zoocheck, said that their mother was found dead.

"A very kind gentleman who found the deceased mother went in and rescued the cubs and then contacted our facility. Then a conservation officer went out and picked them up and brought them to our facility. They'll be there until the fall," Woodyer explained. "Right now, they're only two months old so they're still drinking milk from a bottle. It's a formula that's designed to essentially replicate the mother's milk and provide them with the best possible nutrition. They'll be on that perhaps for another month or so and then they'll be moved over onto solid food and be moved out into the larger enclosure.

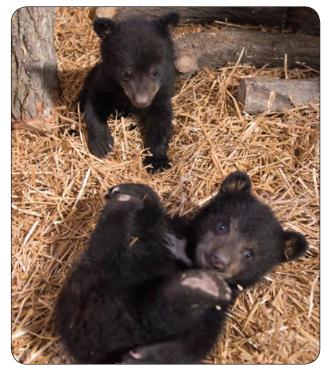
"At that time, the human interaction with them will be significantly reduced. They will spend the time foraging in the enclosure to find natural foods in order to develop the muscles and skills that they need to survive in the wild."

Currently, the bears weigh only eight pounds and they will be released when they're about 75 or 80 pounds.

"They're not full-grown bears and they cause no risk at all to the public. The facility is built with security and safety in mind for the public and for the bears, and it is not open to the public. We have security set up and also video cameras to monitor the property to make sure no one's breaking in,"Woodyer said. "It's a very safe facility. In fact, there are similar facilities that are actually operated right in the middle of cities in the United States, so security is not a particular issue."

Internationally renowned bear expert Dr. John Beecham developed the protocols for the facility, she added.

"Those protocols have been developed having looked at successful bear rehabilitation programs all around the world and various species of bears. They're designed with the ultimate goal for success and for the bears to be released in the wild. There are great success rates in other jurisdictions. Manitoba was one of the last provinces to actually have bear rehabilitation, so we're happy to be able



to help facilitate that," she said. "It's really great to have the opportunity. Of course, it's always sad when a cub is orphaned because their best possible outcome is to grow up with their mom. But in lieu of that, certainly this is a very good option for them and they have every chance of success to live out their lives as wild bears."

The project has been well supported by the general public, including the neighbours of the property, Woodver added.

"The municipality of Rockwood helped us get through the zoning issues, and a lot of materials have been donated by Manitoba construction industry for the building enclosure," she said. "As well, Bob Barker made a significant donation, so it's heavily supported locally but also beyond Manitoba borders."

For the Stearns, they're sleepy from all the bottle feedings, but are still able to grin and bear it.

"I'm a little bit tired and sleep deprived, but it's all paying off now. The dream has come true. Right now, because they're so young and they're not weaned, we're having to bottle-feed them. We were at every two hours, then three hours and now we're trying to do every fours hours and we're also increasing the quantity of their milk. I have my alarm set, and Roger and I have been taking turns," said Judy Stearns. "You want to feed them 20 per cent of their body weight every day, so we're working it out. Sometimes they're not too fussy at certain times of the day, although the last few days they've been pretty well hungry every time. We're just trying to get them on a schedule."

Although the bears won't remember this early



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The first orphaned cubs have arrived at Manitoba's first and only black bear cub rehabilitation last week located in the RM of Rockwood.

stage of their lives, the Stearns still try to keep human contact with them to a minimum. After they're weaned, it will be essential to minimize those inter-

Soon the little cubs will transition to baby cereal and then eventually to dog kibble.

"They are physiologically similar to dogs so they eat the same foods. Dog chow is apparently one of their favourite foods. That's the mainstay of their diet once they get weaned and then you supplement that with produce and berries," Stearns said. "I'm enjoying this now because soon we won't have any contact with them. Once we get into the bowl feeding, we're just going to be putting the food down and walk away. We'll have to clean in their enclosure a little bit, but it will be minimal contact with them physically."

The bears look cute and cuddly, but looks can definitely be deceiving.

"They look like little toy teddy bears but they're definitely wild animals. They don't want to be petted anyways. They're definitely not a cuddly little animal," Stearns said. "You can respect that they're wild animals because they'll get angry and hiss a bit and bite if they don't like you reaching for them with the bottle. They're really thinking for themselves already."

To keep up to date on the bear cubs, visit the Facebook page entitled "Manitoba Bear Rehabilitation Centre" or visit the website at http://manitobabear-

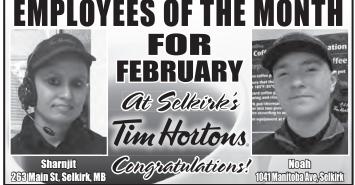
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Players pay tribute

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Selkirk Steelers players pictured from left to right: Bronson Kelly, Hayden Dola, Ryan Piwniuk, Carter Barley and Colby Dudek paid tribute to the tragedy in Humboldt, Sask. by wearing green on Tuesday morning.



Lundar Bull Sale marks half century milestone

By Jeff Ward

Approximately 250 people packed into the Lundar Agri-Ed Centre last Saturday for a fast-paced bull sale that saw some of Manitoba's best beef come through the chute.

The sale marks a half century milestone that is very important for bull sale committee members who spend hours organizing the event annually. The auction was lead by Lorne (Buddy) Bergner whose hypnotizing chant creates a sense of urgency on each sale. During several bidding wars Bergner could be heard egging on potential buyers for that extra \$50 or \$100 while his team on the floor shouted "one time" to encourage those on the edge of bidding.

Bull sale president Jim Beachell said that its still exciting to be apart of and when it's your turn to parade your animal in front of the crowd it's a mixture of excitement and nervous-

"I think everyone gets the same feeling when it's their time to get in," said Beachell.

"Before the sale you'll have lots of people go to your stall and ask you about the bulls, and they seem interested. But you never know what you're going to get. The market has changed over the last two years and that plays into the price."

Beachell said that committee directors worked hard to understand how best to structure the sale over the years. They sell two year olds first in an effort to encourage buyers to stick around to have a shot at a yearling if they don't get one. The structure of how pens are auctioned could have natural peaks and valleys as well. Beachell said the team thinks about that every year but at the end of the day, if someone wants to buy your animal, they will.

Grandmothers group looks to set up shop in Selkirk

By Justin Luschinski

Grands 'n' More, a charity group that aims to help grandmothers in Africa, is looking to set up shop in Selkirk.

The organization's Winnipeg chapter was formed around 2008, and aims to educate and support grandmothers in Africa, who have lost an entire generation of loved ones to the AIDS virus.

Kay Boyd, the organizer behind the Selkirk Grands 'n' More chapter, said the Selkirk community is very sup-

"This is a fun group, and I know that Selkirk has some wonderful people," Boyd said. "I'm also involved with bringing a refugee family to Selkirk. The response I saw from the community stunned me. I was absolutely amazed at how Selkirk embraced that new family.

"I think this will be a wonderful time."

Boyd said that grandmothers are central to the community in Africa. The AIDS epidemic in Africa killed millions of people, and almost erased an entire generation of African citizens. With their children gone, the grandmothers step up to raise the grandchildren, with 80 or 90-year-old Africans raising 10-year-old children.

"Imagine that," Boyd said. "Imagine an entire generation, almost everybody you know, just dying off. We're a grassroots organization, and we need your support to help these grandmothers."

Boyd said the group is open to anybody, you don't have to be a grandmother to participate. She added 90 per cent of the funds raised will go towards assisting affected African communities with education, healthcare, and nutrition. The organization is supported by the Stephen Lewis Foundation, who brought 100 grandmothers from Africa over to Canada in 2006, which influenced the creation of Grands 'n' More.

An information session for the Selkirk Grands 'n' More chapter will take place on Wednesday, April 25 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Selkirk United Church.

For more information, visit grandmotherscampaign.org.



Enjoying the water

RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Five-year-old Sawyer Legrane from Oakbank learns how to swim at the final SwimAbility session of the season at the Selkirk Community Pool. program aims to teach special needs children how to swim, and encourages relaxed learning environment for the kids.



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Farmers Hall near Gimli to showcase vintage wedding dresses

Bv Patricia Barrett

The owners of the Farmers Hall just west of Gimli will be holding a vintage wedding dress show next month to showcase the age-old charms of the hall and bring to life the fashions of the last century.

Elaine and Darrell Klym acquired Farmers Hall in 2006, renovated it and began renting it out about four years ago for weddings, concerts, old-time country dances and private events.

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ther donated, the hall was once known as the United Farmer's Community Hall (UFCH). Over the decades, area residents attended dozens of events, such as weddings, wedding socials, dances, bingos and live bands. The hall fell into disrepair in the 1980s and was acquired by the Klyms from the UFCH commit-

"Because the hall has been in existence for 80 years,

Thank you to all who participated

in making this a successful event.

people walking through the hall, we thought we'd do a vintage wedding dress fashion show. We're featuring wedding dresses from eight decades - actually it will be over 100 years of wedding dresses."

People who got married in the hall many years ago are among those donating the dresses to the show. Others who inherited their great-grandmothers' wedding dresses will also be donating

"We're not keeping the dresses," said Klym. "They're either providing someone from the family to model their grandmother's wedding dress, or we have a few young girls from Gimli and the area who will do some modelling for us. We're just borrowing the dress and retuning it to its original owner."

The event will include a champagne lunch and a number of wedding-themed vendors, including DJs, a limo service, hairdressers, videographers, florists and caterers.

The vintage wedding dress show takes place Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Tergesen's General Store, Johnson's clothing store in Gimli or by calling Elaine Klym at (204) 296-0450.

"We're only selling a maximum of 150 tickets so it's really important that people get advance tickets," she said.

Farmers Hall is located on PR 231 at the junction of Road 17 East, about two miles west of Highway 8. Organizers are still looking for vintage wedding dresses. Call Mona at (204) 641-1715 or Janice at (204) 612-8073.

Visit the Farmers Hall website at www.farmershallgimli.com or its Facebook page for more

Steeltown Ford earns national president's award

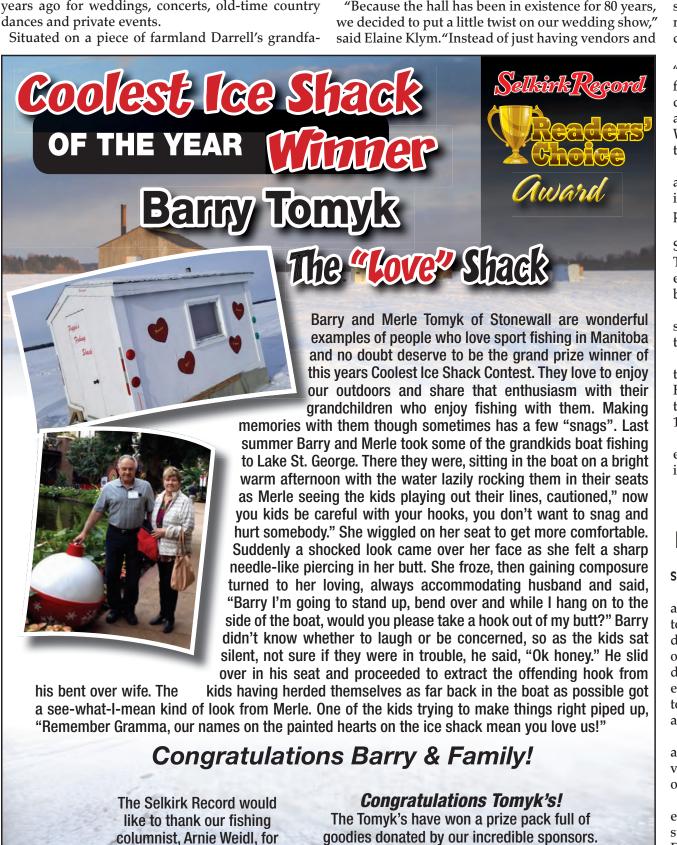
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In large saucepan or Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and onion. Cook 5-6 minutes, or until chicken is browned and onions are soft, stirring occasionally. Add garlic; cook 1 minute, until fragrant.

Stir in enchilada sauce, chicken stock, tomatoes and bean salad. Bring to boil.

Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

diced avocado (optional)





Chicken Enchilada Soup

Recipe courtesy of Dinner, Dishes and Desserts on behalf of READ Salads

Servings: 6

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 pound chicken breast cut into 1/2inch cubes
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

- 1 can (10 ounces) enchilada sauce
- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken stock
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes with green chilis
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ Southwestern Bean Salad salt, to taste pepper, to taste



Servings: 12

- 6 slices (6 ounces each) thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, diced
- 1 bag (16 ounces, about 3 1/3 cups) frozen corn kernels
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 pound unpeeled or peeled Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1/4-1/2-inch
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus

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additional, to taste

1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
- 2-3 green onions, sliced (optional)
- 1 tablespoon heavy cream or half-andhalf (optional)

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chopped bacon and cook until crispy. Using a slotted spoon, transfer cooked bacon to paper towel-lined plate and pour off all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat.

Return skillet to stove. Add onion and garlic; saute 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Add diced chicken and frozen corn; saute for an additional 3 minutes, stirring often.

Remove skillet from heat and transfer contents to pressure cooker. Add chicken broth, potatoes, salt and pepper. Close and seal pressure cooker, making sure the vent is in the sealed position. Cook on high 8 minutes.

While the chowder cooks, make a slurry by whisking cornstarch (or flour) into milk. Set aside.

When done, remove pressure cooker from heat. Allow pressure to release on its own or carefully quick-release pressure after a few minutes. Stir in the cornstarch-milk slurry. Cover and allow chowder to thicken for 10-15 minutes before serving.

Portion soup into bowls and generously top with bacon. Garnish with green onion and cream or halfand-half, if desired. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste.









Prep time: 20 minutes Servings: 8

- 1 bunch kale, stems removed
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus 3 tablespoons, divided
- 2 small pears, sliced
- 3/4 cup fresh pecan halves
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar

Pecan, Pear, **Pomegranate Kale Salad**

2 tablespoons course grain mustard pinch of kosher salt pinch of cracked black pepper

Chop or shred kale into small pieces and transfer to large bowl. Drizzle 3 tablespoons olive oil on kale. Massage kale about 3-5 minutes, or until kale becomes glossy, deep green and begins to tenderize.

Add pear slices, pecan halves and pomegranate seeds; toss with kale.

Add remaining olive oil, apple cider

vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper to canning jar and secure lid. Shake for several seconds until dressing comes together. Drizzle over salad and toss to coat.

Serve immediately, or allow salad to marinate in dressing up to 30 minutes before serving.

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Condolences, prayers pour in for Humboldt Broncos after crash

By Brian Bowman

Condolences and prayers poured in from across the world – including right here in the Interlake - for fami-lies of the Humboldt Broncos' junior hockey team that was involved in a tragic crash last Friday that left 15 people dead and 14 others injured.

The accident occurred Friday when a semitrailer collided with the Broncos' bus while on its way to a semifinal playoff game against the Nipawin Hawks in Saskatchewan.

Nipawin's roster includes defenceman Wayde Johannesson of Arnes. Johannesson previously played in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

One of the survivors of the crash, meanwhile, was Winnipeg's Matthieu Gomercic. Gomercic, a former forward with the MJHL's Steinbach Pistons, suffered several lacerations and a shoulder injury.

The 20 year old's father, Rob, played minor hockey in the Seven Oaks Raiders' organization.

Twitter was abuzz among the hockey fraternity following the horrific accident.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the Humboldt Broncos' organization and their families in this difficult time," said the Selkirk Fishermen.

The Selkirk Steelers also had several tweets from both current and former players on their Twitter



page

"Tragedies like this are some you wish you never have to hear about," said Steelers' forward Connor Barley, who lives in St. Andrews."My thoughts are with everyone involved in the accident."

Winnipeg Beach's Hayden Dola, who recently graduated from junior hockey after playing four seasons with the Steelers, offered his thoughts and prayers.

"As someone who's spent countless hours on a hockey bus, this news is absolutely horrific," he said.

Another former Steeler goalie, Cody Didychuk, was with Selkirk back in 2006-07 when they won the Turnbull Cup.

"I can't believe what happened to the Humboldt Broncos," Didychuk wrote. "Having played against that team I know how much that team means to the community there. I can't imagine what the families of the players and staff are going through right now.

"(It) makes me sick to my stomach. It's a tragedy."
The Manitoba Junior Hockey League had this to say on its website.

"This is devastating news and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the Broncos," said MJHL commissioner Kim Davis. "We are in shock. The hockey community is absolutely heart broken." Hockey teams and players from leagues across

North America tweeted messages of support.
Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy said he

rormer NHL player Sheldon Kennedy said he understood the "state of shock and confusion" that people are feeling after the Broncos' accident. He was involved in a crash in 1986 when a bus carrying his Swift Current Broncos' team crashed while on its way to Regina to play the Pats.

The crash killed four Broncos' players.

A GoFundMe page has been setup for the families and victims of the 15 people killed in the Broncos' accident.

Fishermen donate \$1,000 to Humboldt Broncos

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen have done a lot of very good things on the ice over the years.

But this time they did something great off of it.

Fishermen players decided to donate team funds to the Humboldt Broncos in wake of the devastating crash last Friday that killed 10 players and five others.

The Fishermen organization is donating \$1,000 to the Broncos GoFund-

Me account, which had reached over \$6.2 million as of early Monday evening.

The players took it upon themselves to put forward the money, which usually goes towards a year-end windup.

"When I found out about this, I told them that that's unreal and I would match that from the coaches and then the team stepped up and said they would match it from the team and then the alumni stepped up and said they would match it," explained Fishermen head coach Chris Poponick Monday evening.

The Fishermen always pride themselves in developing good hockey players. In this case, it appears that they have also developed good people.

"Our goal is to raise fine, young men and turn them to understand the whole hockey world," Poponick said. "The Band of Brothers, I have heard that come out so many times this last weekend. These are guys that you are going to battle with and you have that connection with you for the rest of your life.

"You hope that you are teaching them all of these morals and values... and this kind of sportsmanship and camaraderie shines through and its examples like this.

"Win or lose, an act like this shows that our season was a success.

MJHL postpones Game 2 of final in wake of Humboldt crash

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League postponed its league final playoff game scheduled for Sunday in Virden between the Steinbach Pistons and Oil Capitals.

The MJHL office, its member clubs, players and team staffs are profoundly saddened by the devastating bus/truck accident involving the Hum-

boldt Broncos that occurred on April 6 near Nipawin, read a state-ment on the league website.

"Out of the deepest respect to the Humboldt Broncos' organization, its players and parents, the SJHL and its member clubs, we do not believe that Sunday's MJHL playoff game should be played as scheduled," said MJHL commissioner Kim Davis.

"The MJHL playoff season will resume, but the next few days will be focused on mourning, supporting the SJHL and reflecting on the loss of life that we can't compre-hend at this time."

The Oil Capitals took a 1-0 series lead after edging the Pistons 2-1 in Steinbach last Friday evening.

Rylee Zimmer gave Virden a 1-0 lead

with a goal mid-way in the second period. Hunter Cloutier made it 2-0 at 5:10 of the third but Steinbach's Mark Taraschuk replied with a goal just 1:30 later

Riley McVeigh made 37 saves for the win.

It was not known at press time when the MJHL best-of-seven final series would resume.



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Kubic, Schioler have lengthy wait before Memorial Cup

It's not very often that a team loses a Game 7 in the playoffs and their season isn't over.

But that's the case with the Regina Pats after they were defeated 3-2 by the Swift Current Broncos in Game 7 of their first-round Western Hockey League series on April 2.

Pats' goaltender Ryan Kubic of St. Andrews made 18 saves in the Game 7 loss while defenceman Liam Schioler, a West St. Paul product, had a firstperiod assist.

Kubic started all seven playoff games in the series, posting a 3.08

goals-against average and .891 save percentage.

In the regular season, Kubic won 13 games while splitting time with the Saskatoon Blades and Regina.

Schioler, meanwhile, had nine assists and 65 penalty minutes in 65 regular-season games. He had one assist in the playoffs.

With the series win, Swift Current advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinal against the Moose Jaw Warriors while the Pats will wait six-plus weeks before they host the 2018 Memorial Cup in Regina.



Liam Schioler



Ryan Kubic

Lubimiv returns as Steelers' head coach for next season

Bv Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers have turned their head coaching duties over to a familiar face for the 2018-19 Manitoba Junior Hockey League season.

Selkirk announced last Thursday that they will be removing the interim label from head coach Nick Lubimiv for next season.

Lubimiv went from a Steelers' assistant coach to the head guy after Dustin Hughes was removed from his duties late this past season.

He also assumes the title of manager of hockey operations.

It will be Lubimiv's first crack at an MJHL head coaching job. He does have coaching experience at the Midget and Bantam levels.

"It's been a lifelong goal of my mine," said Lubimiv last week. "You work your way up and this is a really good opportunity. I think I was just at the right place at the right time."

Lubimiv has had a good rapport with the players and appears like he will be a great fit in Selkirk.

"The last two years as an assistant coach, I've learned a lot in terms of what needs to be done and finding the right method to get through to the players and get the right results that you want," he said.

His assistant coach next season will be Hudson Friesen while Teagan Sacher will be the goalie coach.

Both held the same positions with the club this past season.

Lubimiv would like to be part of the Steelers' program for several years. The team has done through a few different coaches since Ryan Smith left the organization.

"That would be my hope," he said. "But to do that, you have to win in the playoffs. This is a result-oriented business and if you want to stick around, you have to win games and get the players moving on to university hockey or pro or minor pro, whatever the case may be."

Lubimiv will have his work cut out for him, however. The team just recently found out that general manager Ken Petrash had resigned from his duties.

It won't be easy to make the Steelers a championship-calibre team in the near future.

"There's certainly a lot of work to do,"Lubimiv admitted."I am thankful that I got a couple of games at the end of the year to let the guys know what to expect from me. From a managerial standpoint, there's lots to do.

"But you get the work done and we will be caught up in no time."



Railer Express derail Raiders in Game 1 of MMJHL final

Staff

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club lost just three games in regulation time during their 45-game Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season.

And they kept up their winning ways by going 8-1 in their first two playoff series - losing just once in double overtime to the Stonewall Jets.

But the Raiders suffered a rare 2-1 regulation loss in Game 1 of the MMJHL final against the Transcona Railer Express on Sunday afternoon.

Devin Matsumoto scored the game winner at 19:40 of the third period.

The Raiders had tied the score at 1-1

just 6:41 earlier when Kruz Listmayer tallied, assisted by Devin Manness.

Transcona took a 1-0 lead on a power-play goal by Nicolas Gravel at 19:06 of the first period.

The Raiders outshot Transcona 30-

Game 2 of the series was played this

past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Game 3 is set for Saturday (8:15 p.m.) at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex while Game 4 will go Sunday (7:30 p.m.) at East End Arena.

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Locals lead Bison to women's soccer tournament title

Staff

The University of Manitoba Bison women's soccer team won the 2018 Spring Tournament the club hosted on March 23-25.

Manitoba defeated the University of Saskatchewan Huskies 2-1 and then the Junior Bisons 5-1.

The Bisons capped off the weekend by edging the University of Regina Cougars 2-1 in a penalty shootout.

"One of our biggest goals coming into this tournament was consistency," said Bison head coach Vanessa Martinez Lagunas on the team's website.

"Our team has shown that they can beat any team at any given moment, our problem was not keeping a consistent level."

In the win over Regina, Manitoba trailed 1-0 in the contest before East St. Paul's Rebecca Martin scored to pull the Bisons even.

"We got the win after being down by



Sara Schur

one goal,"Martinez Lagunas noted."It was another thing, mental toughness, no matter if we're down we can still



Hayley Ward



Rebecca Martin

change the result. They believe in that and we pushed and pushed."

Other local players on the Bisons in-

clude Narol's Sara Schur and West St. Paul's Hayley Ward.

Kurz wins Manitoba mixed curling title

Staff

Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club's Colin Kurz defeated Gimli's Justin Richter 8-4 in the final of the 2018 Chicken Chef Manitoba Mixed Curling Championship on Sunday in East St. Paul.

Both teams were tied at 3-3 after four ends but Kurz broke the game wide open with four in the fifth. Both rinks then traded singles in the next two ends to close out the game.

Team Kurz reached the final after edging Deer Lodge's Sean Grassie 5-4 in a semifinal matchup, scoring one in the eighth end with the hammer.

Kurz's rink features third Meghan Walter, second Brendan Bilawka, lead Sara Oliver of Marquette and alternates Hailey Ryan and Hugh McFarlane.

Richter, meanwhile, scored four in the eighth and final end to nip Miami's Corey Chambers 5-4 in the other semifinal game.

Richter's rink features third Kerri Einarson, second Kyle Einarson and lead Jennifer Clark-Rouire.

Sixteen teams competed for the provincial title while East St Paul was well represented by Team Cripps (host team) and Team Dunstone (reigning 2017 Manitoba Mixed Provincial champions).

Team Kurz will now represent Manitoba at the 56th edition of the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship to be held Nov. 5-10 at the Fort Rouge Curling Club in Winnipeg.

Ignagi having a ball



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Julia Ignagi will be representing the Selkirk Royals' varsity girls' basket-ball team at Basketball Manitoba's Graduating Girls' AAAA All-Star Game this Saturday at St. Paul's High School. The AAAA girls' game will begin at 5:45 p.m.

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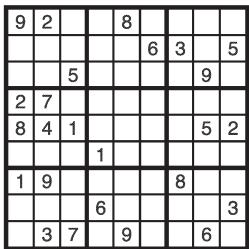
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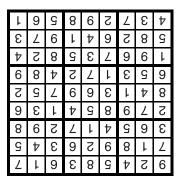


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- 5. Dropsy
- 10. Type of music
- 12. One who is deliberately cruel
- 16. Rhode Island
- 18. Follows sigma
- 19. Baked dessert
- 22. Austrian river
- 23. Distributed
- 25. Close
- 26. Midway between east and southeast
- 27. Thunderstorm code
- 28. Where wrestlers work
- 30. Away from (prefix)
- 31. Canadian law enforcers
- 33. Shade
- 35. Sir Samuel ___, Brit. statesman
- 37. Della ___, singer

- 41. Reunifying Chinese dynasty
- 44. Angry
- 45. Photomultiplier tube

- 53. What actors deliver
- 55. Campaigned
- 58. Animal that eats insects
- **British**
- 65. Loved
- 66. A pair of people who live together
- 67. Work tools

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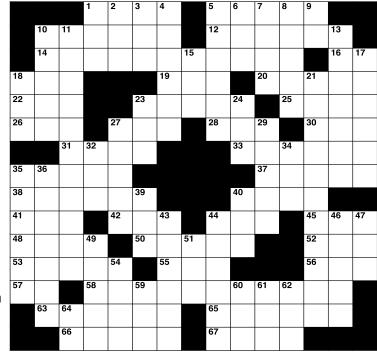
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- 38. Existing in fact
- 40. Tennis matches have at least
- 42. Not just "play"

- 48. Slovenly person
- 50. __ and Diu
- 52. Cologne
- 56. Cash machine
- 57. Spanish be
- 63. Colonists who supported the

- 1. Kilogram force (abbr.)



- 2. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 3. Score
- 4. A way to modify
- 5. Respect
- 6. Midwife
- 7. Region near the Dead Sea 8. __ Gerais: gold-rich state of
- Brazil 9. Equally
- 10. Monetary units
- 11. The mentioning of things one
- 13. Traveling entertainers
- 15. Small island
- 17. A way to sing
- 18. __-bo: form of exercise
- 21. "The Bard"
- 23. The best player 24. Male parent
- 27. Harm the reputation of

- 29. Allow for the tare of
- 32. Grand : wine classification
- 34. Soak
- 35. Bother 36. Ophthalmologist
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- 40. __ Francisco, California 43. Touch gently
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In the matter of the Estate of HAROLD OLI-VER SCRAMSTAD. LATE OF Selkirk, Manitoba. Deceased.

All claims against the above estate, supported by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the attention of: Marlene Klimchuk, Estates Administration, at 155 Carlton St. Suite 500, Winnipeg MB, R3C 5R9 on or before the 16th day of May, 2018. Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 4th day of April, 2018. DOUGLAS R. BROWN, Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba

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Copies of the financial plan will be available for review after 4:00 p.m. May 1, 2018 and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, Manitoba or on our website at www.rmofstandrews.com.

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-David and Doris Magnusson.

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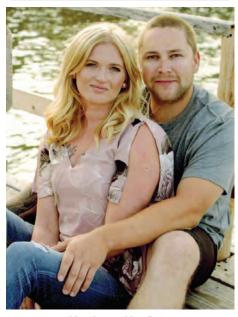
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Your friendship, your acts of loving kindness, caring and sharing have softened our sorrow and encourage us with love and hope as we adventure forth. Thank you!

-With our sincerest appreciation, Lois Lindblom; Donna and Kim Henderson; Carling, Anthony, Axel and Quinn Trotter; Kayla, Jonallan, Annalise, Daniel and Brynn Lindley-Scott

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-Love Kim

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IN MEMORIAM

Walter Zelych September 6, 1926 - April 15, 2006 Down the path of memories, We gently tread today: Our loving thoughts are with you, As life goes on its way. We always think about you. With love and sad regrets; For we who loved you dearly, Never will forget.

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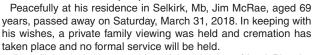


Clive Brooks April 17, 2013 In loving memory of husband, father, and grandad who left us 5 years ago

It isn't what we write or say, It's what we feel in our hearts As we think of you today and every day. To some you may be forgotten, To others a part of the past; But to those who loved you and lost you, Your memory will always last. We miss you and love you dearly Love you, miss you, till we meet again.

-Judv

James (Jim) Richardson McRae



Jim will be lovingly remembered by his dear friend Blanche Harper and her family Danny Harper, Clarice Draper including his adopted grandchildren Tyler, Ethan, Connor and Leland and his mother Maxine. Jim leaves behind his hunting buddy Dwight.

He enjoyed puttering around in his garden, fishing and going for walks with the boys. Jim was a kind man who enjoyed spending his time in Balder, MB whom will be missed by the many friends he made there. He was a proud member of the Selkirk Metis Local and he enjoyed participating in the local meetings and events. He enjoyed playing cards at the Army and Navy and the community

will miss him. We will all miss him very much...until we meet again.

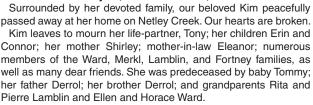
-He lived, he loved, he laughed...Forever in our hearts-

Condolences, photos and videos may be left on Jim's tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home. Selkirk in care of arrangements.



Kimberly Ellen Ward-Merkl July 14, 1956 - March 28, 2018



Kim was a remarkable spirit whose loving heart touched all who knew her. Her passionate love of nature, which began in her youth during summers at the family cabin at Wallace Lake, inspired her to pursue education and work in natural resources. It was during her first job working at Lake Nutimik, that she met Tony and later

went on to earn her B.A. in Environmental Studies. Kim's life-long passion was fishing, and she loved being out on a boat or the ice, spending time with her friends and family. Kim's love of flowers as well as her incredible artistic talents blossomed into opening a floral decorating business, Balloon Send-say-tions, with her brother David, Her next adventure was motherhood, which Kim embraced wholeheartedly, becoming a devoted parent to Erin and Connor, encouraging and nurturing them in all that they did. Kim was so proud of her household and family, and created a welcoming "Home Sweet Home" filled with beloved pets and country antiques that she adored collecting. Kim had a special connection with the elderly, and while raising her children she completed her diploma to become a Support Service Coordinator in Group Living, working to bring enrichment and happiness to many Interlake seniors. Kim's motto was "Live, Love, and Laugh" and that is how she lived her life, facing all challenges with joy, compassion, and an invincible spirit. Kim's laughter, her gentle nature, tender heart, generous soul, creativity, warmth, and love will be missed by so many.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to Allison Cass, Tony's sister and Erin and Connor's beloved aunt, for her tender nursing of Kim at the end of her courageous journey, helping to bring her peace during our final goodbyes.

As per Kim's wishes there will be no formal funeral, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations to CancerCare Manitoba will be accepted at the Celebration of Life which will be held on Thursday, April 19th at the Selkirk Recreational Complex in the Banquet Hall. Doors open at 3:00 p.m., service to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Don't cry for me, I'm not gone. My soul is at rest, My heart lives on. Light a candle for me to see, and hold onto my memory, but save your tears for I'm still here, by your side through the years.

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