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The future is in the hands of electric vehicles

First all-electric vehicle sold in Selkirk

By Nicole Buffie

When Justin Streich decided it was time for a vehicle upgrade, he didn't know he would be the first person in Selkirk to purchase an all-electric vehicle.

Equipped with all the bells and whistles of a traditional muscle car but with the efficiency of one on par with the ever-popular Tesla models, a vehicle gaining recognition for packing a punch on the road without the need for gasoline, the buy was a welcome addition to Streich's life.

"It's not quite as powerful as the gas counterpart, but it does have a very satisfying acceleration," he said of his purchase of the 2021 Mustang Mach E, a similar-yet-different purchase from the Dodge Charger he owned previously.

"It's still a very satisfying experience, you know, having that instant torque. It's still quite a lot of fun to drive."

However, the purchase of the car wasn't strictly for vanity or energy efficiency; it also serves as a way to test the products and technology Streich sells in his professional life.

Streich runs two businesses, Moweco a landscaping business that uses exclusively battery powered lawnmowers, and Fleet Profit Center a business dedicated to helping other businesses that operate 'fleets' of vehicles in tracking their data and helping them be more efficient while maintaining or raising profits. With the popularization of electric vehicles among business owners, Streich said his fleet management business is slowly pivoting to helping manage the needs of these vehicles as they present different problems than those



Shawn Trudeau from Steeltown Ford with the new Mustang Mach E.

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experienced by traditional ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles.

"When we humans have to break out of our normal processes to go figure out a problem, it slows everything down," he said. "But you don't have to waste a lot of time to do it if you have technology helping you along the way which is what we do."

The rise of EVs has been steady in recent years. According to Statistics Canada, in the third quarter of 2020, 3.7 per cent of all new vehicles registered across the country were zero-emission vehicles, totalling 18,771 ZEVs. In the same period, 67.1 per cent of new ZEVs registered were battery electric vehicles.

For Streich, that means his business will have to pivot towards catering towards these models; instead of his software tracking gas mileage and

what it costs a business, it will track things such as time spent charging an EV's battery.

"Once we transition to a more electrified fleet, then we're not necessarily worried so much about the vehicle idling and burning excess fuel and wasting gas, we don't care about that so much because the vehicle is not burning fuel, but what we do care about is — are we ensuring that those vehicles are charging when they are not being used, are they leaving with the correct state of charge, is somebody on a route where their vehicle has not been properly charged, and which vehicle should they take in order to complete the route they need to take? So, different sorts of logistical challenges are there," he said.

One way Streich is playing his own part in testing these theories is by

installing his own software in his recently-purchased EV, this way he can work out the kinks himself in preparation for when businesses will eventually turn to a more electric-based vehicle fleet model.

He also said he believes eventually electric vehicles will be the norm and the next big thing, such as self-driving vehicles, will be coming around the bend posing another challenge for his business.

"The sooner that vehicles are doing that on their own, the sooner human beings can be focusing on the bigger issues and being productive in other areas," Streich said.

"From a business standpoint for us, it becomes less about vehicle tracking and more about data management."

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Your opportunity to give feedback on regional plan

A draft of Plan 20-50 has been released to public

By Katelyn Boulanger

On April 9, a draft of Manitoba's first long term land use and servicing plan in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Plan 20-50, was released for public response.

The 135-page document was created by the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, as mandated by the provincial government in 2019, in order to coordinate economic development, reduce red tape and duplication, and develop a strategy to coordinate land use and servicing in the Metro Region. This region includes Winnipeg and 18 of its surrounding municipalities including the City of Selkirk and all of the surrounding RMs.

"[This] plan allows us to plan beyond election cycles and across boundaries. A regional plan is a long-term plan (30 years), it sets a shared vision for transportation, climate change, water management, and housing. It then allows us to monitor and adjust that vision periodically so we can ensure we are moving toward realizing our shared vision.

"Having a regional plan means that Winnipeg's metropolitan region steps into the 21st century and becomes an economic region that has a cohesive, collaborative plan for development that relies on standards that are transparent across the region. We don't have that now and that makes doing

business in the region difficult. Competitive regions across North America have consistent, coordinated processes and plans, they provide investors with the confidence that investments in the necessary infrastructure and modern services will be budgeted and planned for," Colleen Sklar the Executive Director for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region in an email to the Selkirk Record.

Because of the very different needs of rural communities in our region versus the core of the City of Winnipeg, the draft Plan 20-50 divides the municipalities into three tiers—the Metropolitan Core, Inner Metropolitan Area, and Outer Metropolitan Area.

As it stands West St. Paul and East St. Paul are classed as part of the Inner Metropolitan Area, and the region's other municipalities are part of the and Outer Metropolitan Area.

Sklar says that this type of structure is a fundamental part of almost all regional plans.

"The regional structure allows for each community with its unique characteristics to follow different policy. [It] recognizes the unique nature of each community related to its current built environment, its level of servicing, and the services available. This defines the structure, and the structure sets the policy direction," said Sklar.

The policy direction was also guided by initial research, which drew focus to the main policy areas of integrated communities and infrastructure,



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Board of municipal mayors meeting to discuss Plan 20-50 before the pandemic forced them to start meeting virtually.

one environment which plans for climate change and resiliency, resource management, investment and employment, and collaborative governance.

Though the plan touches on many different areas of life something that comes up often in the document is the concept of developing complete communities, which Sklar says, are communities where residents have everything that they need.

"You should be able to live in a community and stay within that community from the day you are born until you die without having to move out of it. Right now, the housing in our communities does not allow for young families to buy a starter home, or for seniors to move into something easy to take care of.

"We know our population is aging and we must plan better for people to age in place, to stay in their communities. If we don't plan for this we will have population declines, underutilized schools and community clubs and a lack of essential services," she said

Residents may wonder if this means that municipal governments will lose some of their ability to make their own planning decisions because of these changes but Sklar says that municipalities will continue to develop their own local plans while the regional plan will set high-level policy objectives.

She also reassures residents that this will not affect current planning or planning that has already happened as communities will have three years to bring their plans into compliance.

Sklar says that this plan is a culmination of years of hard work and that it felt great to be able to release it to the public.

"We know that this is just the beginning of the process. Now, we're waiting for input. And we really do want to hear from those interested in telling us what they think of this regional plan," she said.

The draft plan, the policy brief, frequently asked questions, and submitting feedback can all be found at <https://20to50.ca/> and any questions regarding the feedback process should be directed to plan2050@wm-region.ca or 204-989-2048 or 204-781-7346.

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Draught prediction good for some, not for others

Netley-Libau Marsh needs moisture to regenerate

By Nicole Buffie

While those living on riverbanks sighed a collective relief as the province announced dry conditions for spring and summer and the Red River Floodway would not be activated for 2021, many worried what the near-drought would mean for agriculture across the province, including the Red River Basin Commission and their efforts to restore the Netley-Libau Marsh.

Situated at the mouth of Lake Winnipeg, the Netley-Libau Marsh should look like a regular bog but years of climate change and rising water levels have turned it into more of a shallow lake.

The marsh acts as a filtration system for the Red River which flows into Lake Winnipeg. Due to high water levels, the vegetation in the marsh cannot properly grow and catch debris and chemicals floating in the water which has affected the health of Lake Winnipeg, causing increased phosphorous levels and the presence of algae blooms during summer months, something detrimental to the health of the lake.

So, given the prediction of low water levels, some would think it would be helpful for the regeneration of vegetation at the Netley-Libau Marsh.

However, Steve Strang would have to correct you.

Managing Director of the Red River Basin Commission's Manitoba chapter, a multi-national organization

dedicated to ensuring the health of the Red River Basin which spans from South Dakota to Lake Winnipeg, said in order for restoration of the marsh to be effective water levels must be maintained to their usual status. Even the recent spring snowstorm will not be much help.

"We haven't got all the amounts that are coming from the snowfall quite yet, and it's definitely going to create an improvement but it's certainly not going to be enough. And we're going to need everything we can get," he said.

The RRBC is currently in the process of getting the Netley-Libau Marsh Restoration Project off the ground with a hopeful start date of later this year. Nearly a decade in the making, the project will seek to use Amphibex machines — commonly used in Manitoba for breaking up the ice along our rivers for ice jam mitigation — to dredge soil and sediment from

the bottom of the marsh to create vegetation tables and encourage new growth of plants to play those key roles of filtering debris from going into Lake Winnipeg. Strang said with inconsistent water levels, the tables cannot be maintained.

"We have to dredge and build the tables to be one foot above current water levels. If they keep changing the tables won't stay where they are and plants can't grow, they'll just get washed away."

Despite the bleak outlook, the RRBC held a fundraiser for the restoration efforts and education on the marsh and its necessity for the health of Lake Winnipeg. The Community Raf-

fle sold tickets for prize baskets and a 50/50 in which the pot sat at over \$8,000. Strang said the funds raised are crucial to spreading the word of the importance behind the organization's revitalization efforts, even if the weather has other plans.

"Time will only tell," he said.

"Mother Nature has her way, she'll do whatever she wants."

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CMA calls for interjurisdictional sharing of healthcare resources

By Patricia Barrett

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is urging provinces and territories to share their medical resources with hard-hit areas of Canada where a third wave of COVID-19 infections is out of control and hospital capacity is at breaking point.

The advocacy organization has also called on the federal government to consider a new prioritization scheme for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and enhance paid sick leave to keep infected people at home.

The CMA issued a statement April 16 about pandemic crises unfolding in several provinces and called for restrictive public health measures, the marshalling of national resources and national collaboration.

"As the third wave of the pandemic wreaks havoc on the healthcare and public health systems, healthcare providers and patients, we are at a critical juncture where a truly national approach to combatting COVID-19 will make the difference between more or fewer lives saved," said CMA president Dr. Ann Collins in the statement. "This country must come together to help support provinces most severely impacted."

The most COVID infections and

deaths have been recorded in Ontario and Quebec.

Ontario broke records last week with thousands of daily new infections. Over 4,800 new COVID cases alone were reported last Friday, and health experts are predicting Ontario could see 30,000 new cases a day by June if drastic measures aren't taken.

People failing to follow the fundamentals (wearing a mask, physical distancing and avoiding social interactions) coupled with an eleventh-hour provincial stay-at-home order for six weeks have left Ontario hospitals at breaking point and scrambling for more intensive care unit (ICU) beds. Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto built a barracks-style tent hospital in its parking lot to free up space in its ICU as the number of COVID patients continued to climb and the virus's highly transmissible and more deadly variants gain traction.

British Columbia recorded over 1,200 new infections last Thursday and is experiencing record-high hospitalizations. Based on modelling, health experts warned the province could see 2,000 new cases a day if people refuse to reduce their social interactions.

Manitoba logged its first case of the Brazil variant (also called P1) of the vi-

rus, which is considered to be two and a half times more transmissible than the original strain of COVID. P1 was detected in a person from the Interlake-Eastern health region.

Variants now make up about 40 per cent of cases in Winnipeg, according to the province's acting deputy chief public health officer Dr. Jazz Atwal, who spoke to the media last Friday. Fifty-seven more cases of contagious variants – including B117 (U.K.) and B1351 (South Africa) – were announced in Manitoba that day and 127 new COVID cases, of which 12 were in the Interlake-Eastern health region. COVID cases increased at the weekend, with 183 on Saturday and 170 on Sunday.

The Manitoba government said last week it's considering deploying vaccines to high risk areas and hinted that new restrictions could be introduced if people continue to disregard public health orders.

The CMA said physicians may have to let some people infected with COVID die if they don't have enough resources, and recommends that medical resources from provinces/territories be deployed to where they are most needed "to save the most lives."

"We act as one country when crisis hits with wildfires, floods and other tragedies. This pandemic has reached a new level that requires a national response," said Dr. Collins. "We must do everything needed to avoid making unbearable choices as to who lives if resources are not available."

The CMA is also asking the federal government to distribute vaccine to areas of "urgent need" as opposed to its current per-capita distribution scheme. It also wants the government to implement enhanced paid sick leave that will allow infected workers to stay at home rather than go to their workplaces in order to earn a paycheck.

Lastly, the CMA said "better communication" is needed to get people to adhere to public health measures.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stepped up, asking premiers in Atlantic Canada to help Ontario by supplying ICU physicians and nurses and other healthcare workers. The federal government will cover the costs of those personnel.

Manitoba has had 955 deaths from COVID. Almost 3 million people worldwide have died (source: Johns Hopkins University, April 16).

Province launching COVID-19 rapid test asymptomatic screening strategy

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has launched a rapid testing screening program to support businesses and critical service providers by helping to limit the spread of COVID-19 through early detection, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced Monday.

"We are partnering with Manitoba businesses and critical services to make the best use of our rapid test supply with the goal of identifying asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in the workplace and other critical settings that would otherwise go undetected," said Stefanson.

This program builds on the current Fast Pass asymptomatic rapid testing in place for teachers and education workers. Rapid testing using an antigen-based test is already in place for asymptomatic staff at select personal care homes in Manitoba.

The expanded strategy will focus primarily on providing antigen-based rapid tests to targeted industries and critical service providers in non-health-care settings. It focuses on organizations that can self-administer a sustainable asymptomatic screening program and whose specific setting may benefit from routine testing be-

cause of their geographical location, potential supply chain, community or population impacts, transportation or living arrangements, or who have a workforce that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Partner organizations will be responsible for administering the tests and tracking, and reporting test results to the province.

The province has distributed a three-month supply of rapid tests to participating organizations and is providing training and other resources to support launch of the program. The majority of sites will use nasal swabs, which can be administered by non-health-care professionals, as they do not go as far into the nasal cavity as the nasopharyngeal swab that is used for a typical COVID-19 test. The initial

rollout includes a number of organizations from a cross-segment of Manitoba sectors including the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, Manitoba's Wildfire Service, a mid-size Manitoba-based agri-foods business (Winkler Meats), a mining operation in northern Manitoba (Alamos Gold Inc.), and a major airline (Air Canada).

Depending upon uptake and results, the program may expand to other industries such as construction or transportation or look to implement other delivery models, such as pop-up screening clinics at a later date. Manitoba also launched a second Fast Pass site in Winkler on April 12 that

expands access to rapid testing for school-based and child-care staff.

"As we continue to immunize and protect more Manitobans, this rapid testing program can help screen even those who have been immunized to provide assurances to workforces and their employees," said Stefanson.

For more information on Manitoba's rapid testing strategy, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/rapid-testing.html.

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MB tightens restrictions as third wave begins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials tightened restrictions this week in a bid to slow down the third wave of COVID-19 in Manitoba.

Starting this past Tuesday, households may only have two designated visitors indoors and outdoor gatherings on both public and private property are limited to 10 people, including members of a household.

Wedding and funerals are also reduced to 10 people, in addition to an officiant and photographer.

Faith-based gatherings are now capped at 25 per cent capacity or 50 people, whichever is lower, with indoor mask orders in place except while household groups are seated together, are appropriately distanced from other groups, and are not singing.

Starting this Wednesday, retail stores are limited to one-third capacity or up to 333 patrons, whichever is lower. Malls are limited to 33 per cent of the facility's capacity.

The new orders will remain in effect until May 12.

"Despite our best collective efforts, COVID is on the rise again due to in large part to the new variants of con-

cern," Premier Brian Pallister said at a news conference Monday. "Our cases are rising, our test positivity numbers are rising, hospitalization numbers are beginning to go back up.

"We'd been in this situation last year and we know that we don't want it to be recreated now," Pallister said. "We cannot stand by and wait for what happened once to happen once more."

Tightening restrictions will hopefully slow the third wave of the virus here in Manitoba, the premier said, and avoid the need for a full lockdown.

The province on Monday announced 108 new cases of the virus, bringing the tally to 36,267. The five-day test positivity rate was at 5.7 per cent both provincially and in Winnipeg.

As of press time, there were 1,685 active cases, 33,623 recoveries, and 132 people requiring hospitalization, including 30 in intensive care.

A total of 959 Manitobans have died due to COVID-19.

The Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority were reporting 72 active cases as of Monday. Gimli 18, Stonewall/Teulon 9, Beausejour 6, Fisher River/Peguis 4, Pinawa/Lacdu-Bonnet 3, Powerview/PineFalls 2, Sel-

kirk 6, Springfield 1, St. Clements 4, St. Laurent 1, Unknown 6 and Winnipeg Beach, St. Andrews 12.

Arborg/Riverton, Eriksdale/Ashern, Whiteshell and Northern Remote all reported no active cases.

To date IERHA has reported 2,559 cases with 2,449 recovered.

Vaccine eligibility broadens

This week also saw the province open up the AstraZeneca vaccine to all Manitobans aged 40 and over.

"Tens of thousands of doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine remain in clinics and pharmacies across the province, which is why we're expanding the eligibility criteria for the vaccine," explained Health Minister Heather Stefanson. The vaccine was previously only available to people 55 and older with certain health conditions.

The province also lowered the eligibility age for vaccination at a super site or pop-up clinic to Manitobans 54 or older and First Nations people 34 and older.

Head to protectmb.ca or call 1-844-626-8222 to book a vaccination appointment or find a clinic or pharmacy near you with available doses.

Ontario to implement travel restrictions, Manitobans advised to review travel plans to Ontario carefully

By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is aware of new travel restrictions into Ontario, starting Monday, April 19 at 12:01 a.m.

The Ontario government is introducing checkpoints at all of Ontario's interprovincial borders limiting access at Ontario's borders with Manitoba and Quebec.

Access will be limited to essential travel only including essential workers and anyone travelling for medical care, transportation of goods and ex-

ercising Indigenous treaty rights.

People without a valid reason for entering Ontario will be turned back.

The Ontario orders note that individuals can only travel to Ontario to visit a principal residence, or to respond to a critical incident including travel to prevent damage to property. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21293.

At this time, Manitobans are strongly discouraged from all non-essential travel. This includes within the prov-

ince and interprovincially due to the highly contagious variants of concern.

As per current provincial public health orders, 14 days of self-isolation is required for all individuals entering or returning to Manitoba. This includes all Manitoba and non-Manitoba residents. Consider travel plans carefully.

For more information on Manitoba's self-isolation requirements, visit:

<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/index.html>.



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SALP hosts second writing contest

Bringing competition and literacy together

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Adult Learning Program is once again hosting its Celebrate Adult Literacy Community Writing Contest.

The contest is open to all original works of unpublished materials with entries needing to be submitted before May 14.

The reason that the Adult Learning Program wanted to continue to host this contest in our community is to bring awareness to the fact that adult literacy isn't universal even in our own community.

"By the time we're adults, [people assume] we're fully educated but there are people who are really struggling [with literacy]. It keeps people back from employment, from advancing in employment. We have adults right now who come who want to study so that they can help their kids with homework," said Adele Plett Bartel, Coordinator/Instructor at the Selkirk Adult Learning Program.

This is the second year that the contest is being hosted in the community with last year's contest, which took place before the pandemic restricted gathering, seeing many entries.

"Last year was the first time we stepped out [of our comfort zone] and tried it and we were just blown away. There was a real positive response. A different range of people from the community participated in it [and now that people know more about it] we had people from the community this year, giving donations towards prizes, so there's community involvement there as well and it was just really neat," said Plett Bartel.

The winning submissions from this year will be published on the Selkirk Adult Learning Program's Facebook

page for residents to read through.

The contest is looking for submissions of all kinds from fiction, to non-fiction, to poetry.

"We love seeing a range of people from different places in the community, different ages, different backgrounds, different education levels. It's just a neat way to pull the community together, and people who love writing," said Plett Bartel.

Selkirk Adult Learning Program holds classes out of the Selkirk Friendship Centre and is designed to help residents achieve their learning goals, whether they are broad like learning to read more fluently or specific like studying for a test they will have to take to further their employment.

"We are free and we have classes in the morning, in the afternoon, and some of the evenings to accommodate adults with different schedules and responsibilities and it is very much it is pre-high school level learning," said Plett Bartel.

The program which in addition to literacy helps instill numeracy, and technology skills also works closely with the Lord Selkirk Education Center Adult Learning Center, which helps residents achieve high school level skills.

Plett Bartel wants residents to know that even though COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, the Selkirk Adult Learning Program is still open and willing to help residents in our community achieve their goals.

"You can join anytime, regardless of semesters or September, you can join us anytime," said Plett Bartel.

To learn more about the Selkirk Adult Learning Program or to get all the details about the writing contest including the entry form check out



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Above: A photo from the award ceremony for last year's contest. Left to right Adele Plett Bartel, Ruth Christie recipient of the first place prize, Joan from the Rotary Club, and Kathryn a Literacy Working Group member. Below: Plett Bartel with info about the SALP.



<https://selkirkadultlearning.wixsite.com/salp>. Questions can be directed to Plett Bartel at 204-482-7525 ext. 211 or aplettbartel@lssd.ca.

Habitat for Humanity appreciates volunteers

After a difficult year many residents in the community continue to give

By Katelyn Boulanger

It's National Volunteer Week and many organizations have amazing volunteers in our communities. One such organization that recently hit another milestone was the Selkirk Chapter of Habitat for Humanity who recently completed its build on the corner of Main St. and Taylor Ave. in

Selkirk.

"Because of COVID, this project was a little bit different. We had to use a smaller number of volunteers over a longer period of time and essentially that was what we did because of the restrictions that were placed on us by the province, but actually worked out pretty well," said Gary Warkentine

Chair of the Selkirk Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Warkentine says that he's always surprised by the number of people that are willing to volunteer and this year was no exception.

In addition to having to change volunteer schedules because of the pandemic, the cost of supplies, particularly lumber, have gone up significantly since they started the recently finished project.

"We were fortunate that we had

started the project and we had purchased most of the supplies prior to the increases in lumber and building materials that we've seen. So in terms of the cost, it wasn't really a major impact on us but there will be certainly going forward, but not in this one," said Warkentine.

As for the future of Habitat in our community, 2021 will be a year off in terms of construction while the gears

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Triple S Fair and Rodeo cancelled for second year

COVID-19
restrictions lead to
tough decisions

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Triple S Fair and Rodeo will be put on pause once again this year, as have many rodeos in the province, who are having to make the decision to put resident's health first.

"It was obvious that we weren't going to be able to have a rodeo regardless of what happened [with future restrictions]. We weren't going to be able to have full attendance and without a full attendance our costs would be the same, and our revenue would be significantly less," said Rea Pennington the president of the Triple S Fair and Rodeo.

This year would have marked the 55th annual event however mentions of the fair itself can be found in the Manitoba Archives as far back as the 1920s.

To have to make the decision to not host the fair again this year was concerning for Pennington as he does worry about losing the momentum that the fair has had with community members and businesses.

"We are worried about volunteers going away for two years. Sponsors having been away for two years. Worried also about the impact of people maybe not wanting to attend large events for several more years. [It may take time] before everybody's comfortable with standing shoulder to shoulder with 1000 people again," said Pennington.

One thing that was positive about the time away was the extra time that the group was able to put into maintenance tasks.

"We actually managed to repaint



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A competitor at the Manitoba Mounted Shooters competition last year which was one of the few events still able to happen at the fairgrounds due to COVID-19 restrictions.

our entire grandstand. All the metal-work, we had four summer students through the Manitoba Metis summer student grant, and that worked out great for us. We paid for the materials, and they covered the labour costs so it was awesome. [The students] spent probably four weeks, four people getting that done. It was a huge job," said Pennington.

He hopes that the grounds will continue to be able to host small groups, following all provincial restrictions, like they did last summer with

Wednesday evening barrel racing which had all transactions occurring online for added safety.

They also hope to be able to host the Manitoba Mounted Shooters who, though American contestants were not able to come, locals still come out and, following safety restrictions, were able to have a small competition in the community.

"We are somewhat looking at a competitors only rodeo at some point over the summer. There would be no spectators involved other than people

travelling with the competitors. That's totally up in the air as to what happens with provincial restrictions," said Pennington.

He understands residents will probably be missing this community event because he also misses having it.

"I'm just hoping that when this all blows over and clears off that people support us as they have for the past 55 years," said Pennington.

Fingers crossed for next year.

> HABITAT VOLUNTEERS, FROM PG. 9

start turning in preparation of another build.

"The Habitat model involves the homeowner purchasing the home and then they essentially take a mortgage with Habitat. Habitat effectively becomes a bank and that money gets paid back [interest-free]. There then is a pot of money from all the homes that goes into [the next home] and we're constantly looking for the next home. We expect that we will be building another home in Selkirk probably not this summer. Probably the next summer as we target every two years," said Warkentine.

Right now they do not need volun-

teers but donations do mean that they will be able to build the next home sooner and unfortunately like many other groups in our community they are unable to host events due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Warkentine would like to thank all of the volunteers and organizations as well as the City of Selkirk who donated their time and resources to the recently completed build.

"I'd like to thank them for all of the [help]. The contractor and everyone who, who has been part of that wheel has made a contribution. And to all the volunteers, in particular, there's been a core base of volunteers who've

done a lot of that work and certainly, I'd like to thank them," said Warkentine.

Residents can still donate towards the next home at <https://www.habitat.mb.ca/chapters/selkirk/>.

Correction

By Staff

The images of the SALD bridge in the April 8 edition of the paper were of ongoing SALD maintenance program.

In the article in the April 15 edition it was incorrectly stated that the combined Interlake School Division and Lord Selkirk School Division consisted of 247 schools and 100,368 students. This should have stated

that the Winnipeg School Division will have that many students and schools.

The Provincial Advisory Council on Education was incorrectly referred to as the Parent Advisory Council on Education.

The Manitoba Benefits Administration Corporation is responsible for non-teacher pensions.

Endangered Species Art



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The Interlake Art Board and the Selkirk Community Arts centre announced the winners of their Endangered Species Art competition. Kadan Waldner took home first place in the 1 to 6 year old category for a mule deer picture while second place went to Stella Meakin for a plains bison picture. Nyah Dyck claimed first place in the 7-12 bracket for a snapping turtle with the Piping Plover from Wirael Weston receiving the second spot. Cielo Darato's mule deer took home first for the 13-17 year olds and Jynelle Giesbrecht received second place for her grey fox. Leslie Franklin won first place in the 18+ category for her Bison painting while Joshua Pearlman took home the second place prize for his Bobolinks. The art board are also raising funds for a Endangered Species Mural by undertaking a raffle which will also support our local food bank. The prize will be a Celebration Dinner for Ten. If you would like to help support this project or purchase a ticket please call 204-738-2543 or text 204-485-4558. Clockwise from above: Waldner's mule deer, Meakin's plains bison, Dyck's snapping turtle, Darato's mule deer, and Franklin's bison.



Next step in leaving RRPD made by Selkirk

Application for Selkirk's removal from the Red River Planning District submitted to the Minister

By Staff

Selkirk Council has submitted a formal application to the Minister of Municipal Relations Derek Johnson requesting that the City of Selkirk be removed from the Red River Planning District (RRPD) boundaries and jurisdiction.

The decision came following a public hearing held by the City on March 23 in which an independent consultant from Way To Go Consulting presented findings suggesting that the change could help improve service.

The hearing also allowed council to gauge the level of support from citizens and stakeholders for this move.

Mayor Larry Johannson said that council did not take this step lightly nor without due consideration to the short and long-term impacts on the community.

Selkirk councils over the past several years have debated the benefits and losses of leaving the RRPD and have

now decided that it is a move that makes sense for the city.

"It's time for Selkirk to provide its own planning and permitting services in alignment with our sustainable economic development vision. The feasibility study proved that by establishing a new, inhouse city planning office, we would save our citizen's tax dollars and we could set the standards for service delivery and that's really important to us," said Johannson.

Council believes that should the withdrawal be approved, the result would be a more timely, affordable, efficient, and supportive service for the citizens and prospective community investors of Selkirk.

CAO Duane Nicol said that this is the right decision and in the best interest of the citizens of Selkirk today and into the future.

"Selkirk has the organizational and administrative capacity to take on what's required to deliver these ser-



RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

The City of Selkirk has submitted its application to be removed from the RRPD.

vices.

"We are committed to responsible and sustainable community development. We demonstrate that commitment with our provincial and national leadership in the areas of asset management and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Social, economic and environmental sustainability is at the core of our Community Strategic Plan. Bringing these services back inhouse will help us achieve our community vision," said Nicol.

Nicol also assured residents that this does not mean that Selkirk will cease planning with a regional interest in mind.

Johannson agrees, saying that if the Minister approves the application,

the city will be committed to implementing the withdrawal in collaboration with RRPD and all the remaining member municipalities.

"We want Selkirk to be successful, and we want our municipal neighbours to be successful as well. We truly think that this decision frees up the RRPD to focus on the development and service needs of the region's rural municipalities and allows us to focus on our urban needs. We want to see a strong St. Andrews, a strong St Clements, a strong and successful region and even though we may not be a part of the RRPD in the future - we will continue to work together," said Johannson.

Supporting sick kids



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From April 19 to 25 the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba is participating in the annual #ChildrensHospitalsWeek. This week encourages support for our local children's hospital. You can show your support by wearing a bandage and sharing it on social media, add the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba #ChildrensHospitalsWeek profile screen to your personal or business Facebook profile, or starting a local fundraiser. Help raise critical funds for Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. Learn more at goodbear.ca. Above: St. Andrews resident Brady Bobrowich the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba 2020-2021 Champion Child.

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Indigenous mural finds home in Selkirk

Mashkawigaabawid Abinoojiiyag to be debuted this summer

By Nicole Buffie

260 Superior Ave. in Selkirk will soon have a new mural adorning its walls, dedicated to the lives of children who went through the residential school system and the legacy it left.

Mashkawigaabawid Abinoojiiyag - Stand Strong Children, the product of one year and nearly 10 artists will be up soon after struggling to find a home. The massive four-panel, 20 feet high by 160 feet long piece of art tells the stories of life pre-colonization and post-residential school.

The culmination of ideas that turned into a real-life piece of work came from local artists Jordan Stranger, Jeannie Red Eagle and Charlie Johnston. Red Eagle, also a member of the Interlake Art Board, said not only is the project important for educating local residents about the heinous acts against Indigenous people over time but it serves as a piece in her own healing journey.

"I was part of the 60s Scoop: the way I like to present it is, I was part of the federal and provincial policy of forced removals of Indigenous children from their families, communities, which resulted in loss of culture, heritage and language," she said.

"But along the way and along that healing part of my journey, being educated about the impacts of the residential schools was important for me to understand for myself, and so it's important that I turn around and I help educate the community."

Between Red Eagle, Stranger and Johnston the three engaged in consultation with Indigenous Elders and got to work on designing the project. From there, they enlisted the help of young and emerging artists to help with the painting of it, including Sierra Anderson.



RECORD PHOTOS BY NICOLE BUFFIE

A group of nearly 10 artists came together to paint the massive 160-foot mural that will be displayed on Superior Ave. in Selkirk in the coming months. Below: Jeannie Red Eagle, one of the designers and contributors to the piece said the mural will be a healing and learning opportunity for residents in the community.

Anderson said she hopes the mural will help with the healing of others like it has with her. Anderson's great-grandmother was a victim of the residential school system and took her own life as a result of the painful, lasting memories.

"It's something that's reverberated through my family for quite some time now. It's very gratifying to get to work on something that goes towards the healing for everybody involved," she said.

"The more we learn about it, the more we learn about ourselves and where we come from, the better off we'll be."

Joan English, president of the Interlake Art Board, said the mural fits in with the board's goal of providing commemorative, community-minded and pieces of positive awareness for Selkirk.

"We want to support and strengthen our community through the arts. And, we do it through our education," she said.


The mural will become one of many included in Red River North Tourism's mural tour, an interactive event displaying the many murals painted or installed on the sides of buildings throughout the city.

The Mashkawigaabawid Abinoojiiyag - Stand Strong Children mural full of colour, history and stories will be on display in the coming months.



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High-profile hairdresser making his way home

Peguis First Nation member bringing talents to home community

By Nicole Buffie

Cutting hair may just be a monthly activity for many, a way to stay presentable and feel good. But for Tyrone McCorrister-Choken, picking up the shears is an art form.

The owner of the newest soon-to-be-open barbershop in Selkirk and a member of Peguis First Nation will be bringing his talents back to the community where he spent a lot of time and learned his craft while hoping to bring some faithful clients to the new space, including players of the Winnipeg Jets.

As a young boy, McCorrister-Choken remembers receiving haircuts from his grandfather and uncles in his home community of Peguis. As he grew up he took over the shears and started giving the cuts himself while inserting his own flair into the styles.

"In junior high everybody had these crazy hair designs in their hair. Everybody had some crazy art, or pieces in their hair and I wanted to know who was doing them because I was always into art and drawing growing up," he said.

When he was only making his way through middle school McCorrister-Choken, now 29, became acquainted with the artist behind the designs, Scott Ramos, and would eventually become his apprentice and eventually an employee of his barbershop in Winnipeg, Saint.

Though the young barber's journey was seemingly a full-circle experience, it was not as easy as it sounds. After losing touch with his passion for cutting hair and working construction jobs as an adult, it was only after becoming injured in a work-related accident and looking for some extra income that he began an amateur barbershop in his basement slinging cuts for cash. The experience inspired him to go back to the profession and

attend hair school.

Once done with his academics, he landed a job at a salon and got to work. It was one day, however, that he says changed everything for him: he received a booking from Winnipeg Jet Mark Stuart.

"I was super nervous like, 'man, if this is the guy that's a huge stepping stone for me, that's gonna look good,'" he said.

After the appointment was a success and Stuart became a regular client, McCorrister-Choken bounced around shops until he found a home at Saint where his old friend Ramos owns and operates the place, a popular spot in Winnipeg that sees many high-profile clients sitting in their chairs.

With the move came more Jets players looking for cuts and McCorrister-Choken increasingly thinking about opening his own space, a thought he's had since he was a young man.

"It was always been in the back of my head. It's always been in my heart. I knew that one day I wanted to own a business and it was something that was gonna happen," he said.

Quoting Wayne Gretzky's famous line, 'you miss 100 per cent of the shots you don't take' McCorrister-Choken looks forward to the grand opening of First and Originals Barbershop in the first weeks of May despite COVID-19 affecting hairstylists and their salons to a great extent.

He also hopes to serve as a role model for Indigenous youth in the area.

"The generation that's coming up behind me, as a young Indigenous man or a businessman now, I need to really motivate the people that feel like there's doubt and that they feel like they can't do it, but really you can because I've had that doubt for years



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Tyrone McCorrister-Choken will be bringing his talents to the city of Selkirk with his own barber shop and hopes some of his faithful clients such as Winnipeg Jet Dylan DeMelo will follow him there.

and I finally broke through that doubt and broke those barriers and I'm finally doing it now."

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Your Health

Vaccination roll out delayed by supply chain

Telephone townhall hears concerns of rural residents

By Nicole Buffie

Rural Manitobans had the chance to ask the province's top doctor and public health officials questions about the province's COVID-19 vaccination rollout plan during a recent telephone town hall, citing issues with who's eligible to receive the vaccine and how supply chain disruptions will affect their ability to be inoculated in a timely manner.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer, Dr. Joss Reimer and Johana Botha from the vaccine implementation task force took questions from callers via the public forum on Apr. 13 to quell concerns and dispel misinformation regarding the recent suspension of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine and the availability of the AstraZeneca shot for certain age groups.

On April 13 the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was suspended from being offered to those wanting to be inoculated in the US after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Con-

trol (CDC) jointly recommended the temporary halt as a small percentage of women who received it formed blood clots as a result. The news came on the tail end of reports the AstraZeneca vaccine found similar results in those under the age of 65 who received their jab.

During the question period, callers also asked if there would be a way for those wishing to be vaccinated to choose the brand they receive, especially if they have underlying health conditions which would put them at greater risk of severe outcomes.

Dr. Joss Reimer said the province is putting the health and safety of residents at the forefront of the vaccination campaign.

"We would never offer any vaccine that we didn't think was safe," she told one caller.

Reimer also mentioned to one resident who asked about the availability of vaccines to high-risk individuals now that some shots are not deemed safe for said population that she hopes the disruption is a mere pause before the province can once

again administer jabs to those most at risk.

"We're working with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization as well as our European counterparts to look at the data as quickly as we can. And, I hope it's certain that we'll be able to start using it in the other populations, again, once we have that reassurance," she said.

On April 19, the province announced that all Manitobans aged 40 and over will be eligible to receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine at a medical clinics or pharmacies.

Those at high risk was a popular topic during the virtual forum, with questions regarding the inoculation of teachers and essential workers. Reimer reiterated prioritizing those most likely to have severe outcomes if they contracted COVID-19 was the province's prime concern, while research and contact tracing has found the former populations were not seeing high rates of transmission.

"This is something that we are continuing to look at."

With supply chain disruptions affecting planned pop-up vaccine clinics across the province and widely cancelling appointments for those eager to receive their first doses, res-

idents raised concerns with the accessibility to super sites. Botha said while pop up clinics are an asset to the provincial government to vaccinate residents, due to supply delays super sites will be prioritized.

The provincial government announced on Apr. 15 they will be partnering with United Way's 211 Manitoba to provide transportation for seniors and people with mobility issues living in rural settings to super sites in order to receive their doses in an effort to vaccinate as many eligible residents as possible and to return to normal. Roussin said if Manitoba can achieve a 70 per cent vaccination of Manitobans restrictions will likely be lifted to pre-pandemic levels.

"We need to continue with these fundamentals a little bit longer. And I know people are tired of hearing that, but we're looking at a really good summer if we can get many Manitobans vaccinated and keep this third wave at bay," he said.

Manitobans eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine can find their nearest clinic or pharmacy with available doses by visiting:
<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/finder.html>.

Pfizer vaccine shows up to six-month immunity

By Patricia Barrett

Research carried out by Pfizer-BioNTech shows their COVID-19 vaccine to be 91.3 per cent effective for up to six months.

The findings were announced this month after the two companies updated their initial analysis of the vaccine in a Phase 3 study. The results are based on two doses of the vaccine administered three weeks apart.

An analysis of 927 symptomatic people with COVID-19 demonstrated that BNT162b2 [the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine] is 91.3 per cent effective against COVID-19, measured seven days and up to six months after the second dose, states an April 1 news release on Pfizer's website.

The vaccine also showed high efficacy against the South Africa variant (B1351) of COVID after researchers enrolled 800 participants in a study. Nine cases of COVID, including the South Africa variant, were detected in the placebo group and none in the group inoculated with BNT162b2.

"It is an important step to further confirm the strong efficacy and good safety data we have seen so far, especially in a longer-term follow-up," said BioNTech's CEO and co-founder Ugur Sahin in the release. "These data also provide the first clinical results that a vaccine can effectively protect against currently circulating variants, a critical factor to reach herd immunity and end this pandemic for the global population."

The efficacy was generally consistent across different age, gender and ethnic groups as well as among participants with underlying conditions.

It's unclear whether or how fast immunity wanes after six months; further research is needed. Health experts have postulated that COVID vaccinations may be necessary every year.



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Manitoban shown getting their COVID-19 vaccine shot at one of the province's supersites.

Safety data from Pfizer-BioNTech's Phase 3 study was also collected from over 12,000 vaccinated participants at least six months after their second dose, and demonstrated a "favourable safety and tolerability profile."

The safety of the vaccine has now been evaluated in over 44,000 participants aged 16 and older.

The vaccine is based on BioNTech proprietary mRNA technology and was developed by both BioNTech and Pfizer. It is authorized for emergency use in the United States. In Canada, the federal government authorized its use under an interim order, taking into consideration "urgent public health needs."

Pfizer-BioNTech plan to submit their latest findings for peer-review by other researchers and for potential publication, according to the release. The results will also be submitted to regulatory health agencies around the world.

As of April 10, 949 Manitobans have died from COVID, and 135 new cases were identified that day, according to provincial data. The provincial test positivity rate has risen to 5.7 per cent. Health experts say Manitoba is on its way to a third wave of infections after public health restrictions were loosened and families gathered for Easter.

More contagious variants – the South Africa and the British – are spreading rapidly in the province, notably among younger people. The variants are also causing more severe illness. As of April 10, 376 variant cases have been identified.

Worldwide, almost 135 million people have been infected with COVID and over 2.9 million have died (data: Johns Hopkins University, April 10).

Public health experts and governments are urging people to continue practising physical distancing, wearing masks and avoiding gatherings, indoor and outdoor.

Manitoba Pork holds AGM, names new chair

By Joey Dearborn, Manitoba Pork

Manitoba Pork held its Annual General Meeting virtually for the second year in a row on April 14, 2021. The meeting was attended by approximately 100 producers and guests who heard greetings and updates from Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pederesen, as well as presentations from key trading partners in Iowa and Minnesota.

After 24 years of service, including 15 years as a director and seven years as chair, George Matheson stepped

down from his role with the organization. Rick Préjet, a producer from Notre Dame de Lourdes, has been elected as the new chair of Manitoba Pork. Joining Préjet on the executive are Rick Bergmann (vice-chair), Scott Peters, and Margaret Rempel. The organization recognized Matheson's contribution, along with retiring director Edward Stahl's 10 years of service during the meeting.

"I am deeply honoured to have been elected to be the chair of Manitoba Pork," Rick Préjet said today. "I look forward to lending my voice to sup-

port producers across our province to ensure that our sector remains a key contributor to the provincial economy and will continue to greatly enhance the lives of all Manitobans."

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Presentations empower students to stay safe from human trafficking

By Jennifer McFee

Local parents, teachers and youth are now armed with more tools to help identify and prevent human trafficking.

The Joy Smith Foundation has been providing virtual presentations to schools throughout the Interlake about human trafficking and gender equality. There is no charge to the school division for these presentations, thanks to the Equity Fund provided by the Interlake Community Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation of Canada.

Last week, Joy Smith, a former MLA and MP, presented to Stony Mountain School and Warren Collegiate. More presentations are scheduled throughout the Interlake this month.

These presentations, geared for students in grades 5 to 12, are particularly timely since human trafficking has surged during the pandemic due to increased internet use.

According to the Joy Smith Foundation, human trafficking victims are primarily girls (97 per cent) and close to three-quarters (74 per cent) of victims are under the age of 18. The goal of the program is to empower all youth, particularly girls, to prevent their own victimization through education.

Smith has been working hard to fight human trafficking, not only in Manitoba but also across Canada, for the past two decades. She launched her foundation in 2011 with a mission to ensure that every Canadian man, woman and child is safe from manipulation, force or abuse of power designed to lure and exploit them into the sex trade or forced labour.

"Parents and teachers should know the signs. They should be aware if there's a sudden interest in a boy or man who's several years older or if there's new clothing, jewelry or gifts without having money to purchase these items," said Smith in a phone interview.

"Sometimes in a school setting, the trafficker will lure several girls from the same place. So if there are frequent sleepovers, always see if it really is a sleepover. Sometimes the traffickers use that idea and it's not a sleepover at all."

Other warning signs could be a sudden change in style of dress or makeup.

"If there's a new group of friends in isolation from their old group of friends, that's a real red flag. If there's a change in attitude towards school, regular activities, friends and family, if their grades are

dropping or there's unexplained cuts or bruises on them, those are also red flags," said Smith, who was a teacher for 23 years.

"And the real red flag is using two cell phones. They might all of a sudden show up with a second cell phone because the perpetrator always wants power and control over their victim."

For parents, Smith suggests keeping a recent photo of their child, as well as their fingerprints, in an accessible location.

"Never leave your child alone in a vehicle or sitting alone at a public place such as a mall or public washroom. And always take note of anyone who's giving undue attention or noticing your child," she said.

"Children need to be valued in order for fear and manipulation tactics used by traffickers to be effective, so parents should always tell their child they are valued and loved. Talking to your child in a loving way often equips them with a very strong connection to the parents and it empowers them to be safe."

For kids, she advises them to always tell someone they trust — such as a parent, teacher, coach or friend — where they're going. A common trafficking ploy is to invite kids to a party or another location away from where they're supposed to be.

"Sometimes it's a setup. So if they do leave where they were originally going, they need to tell someone they trust so everyone knows," she said.

"I've had many cases when a kid has disappeared and there's no way that you could find them. You didn't know where they went. So kids should always tell someone where you're going."

Smith also tells kids to say no immediately to any inappropriate touching or interaction that makes them feel uncomfortable.

"Kids have an intrinsic sense of what should be done," she said. "If there's something that makes them uncomfortable, just say no immediately. It doesn't matter if they know the person or not."

Another safety tool is for parents or teachers to create a three-digit secret code with the youth.

"Often traffickers will take their own phone away from them before too long. So if you're in trouble, you text that secret code to a person you trust and they know you're in trouble. I also tell them don't go with a uniformed person unless they know your secret code. Sometimes we've had cases where people have dressed up as police officers in unmarked cars," Smith explained.

"They say, 'Something is happening at your home and your parents want you home right away. I told them I'd pick you up and take you.' Kids should ask that uniformed person for their secret code. If it's a real police officer and they don't know the secret code, they'll phone the parents and ask what it is so the kid will know it's safe to go with them."

If an unknown adult asks for directions or help, kids should say no and leave immediately, Smith added.

"If you're in a mall or community centre or park, they shouldn't be asking young people for directions. Often this is a ploy that traffickers use to get their victims out of public view. Don't approach people in cars who are asking for directions. Walk away. Don't get near their car," she said.



Joy Smith

"I also tell my students don't ever take dares and get into a stranger's car, even if you're with your peers. There could be someone planted who's a peer that's actually affiliated with a gang member."

For older youth, Smith advises them to avoid accepting online job offers that seem too good to be true.

"Don't let strangers or even acquaintances take your photograph and offer you a job if they're promising to make you rich and famous," she said. "That's a line traffickers always use."

In addition, she warns youth not to run away from home.

"If there are some problems at home, share it with someone you trust and problem-solve it. Sometimes kids are placed in foster homes, but if they know all these tips, they'll be safe in those homes if anybody approaches them inappropriately," Smith said.

"If you're in danger or anyone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, you have to know it's not your fault. Often they feel guilt and don't want to tell anybody, especially if traffickers tell them it's their fault. That's not right. The blame is solely on the shoulders of the perpetrator — not the child or parents or teachers."

If an inappropriate or dangerous situation takes place, Smith says to report it right away to the police.

"Often traffickers tell them they can't report to the police or they'll be put in jail. That's not true," she said.

"With these presentations, it's going to save a life. It's all about keeping them safe."

For more information about the Joy Smith Foundation, visit www.joysmithfoundation.com or call 204-691-2455.

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Pallister says budget a “road map to a safer and healthier Manitoba”

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget may be resulting in one of Manitoba's highest ever deficits, but Premier Brian Pallister suggested it is a financial plan that strikes a balance in setting out “the road map to a safer and healthier Manitoba going forward.”

Both Pallister and Finance Minister Scott Fielding trumpeted *Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba* as a sound plan to protect Manitobans and their services through COVID-19 while also advancing the provincial economy past the pandemic.

And despite the deficit level, they defended the range of tax relief measures set out in the budget as necessary at this challenging time and as a means of fulfilling their promises to Manitobans.

“We have to address that [deficit] ... we have created that deficit as a consequence of the fact that we will not stop addressing the health care needs, the support programs of Manitobans who are vulnerable,” said Pallister.

He said the government is “moving our provincial budget back into a situation that we had, where we’ve tried to get it to, where it’s more sustainable and balanced over the next few years. It’s going to take time to clean up this pandemic mess, and we’re facing that today with this budget.”

“We made a vow to Manitobans that we would focus on fixing our finances, repairing our services, rebuilding the economy. We kept our word, and now we’re going to have to do it again.”

Pallister maintained it was vital to deliver on tax relief for Manitobans amidst the pandemic.

“We believe now, more than ever before, that Manitobans deserve a break, quite frankly. They deserve to keep a little bit more of their hard earned money,” he said. “I think this is the right time to give Manitobans a little bit of a break.”

“We know Manitobans deserve a break, especially during this pandemic,” said Fielding. “That’s why we will take even more steps to protect your incomes by reducing the taxes you pay and helping you keep more of your hard-earned money with you, where it belongs.”

Some reaction to the budget included Manitoba Liberal leader Dougald Lamont raising concern about what he suggested would be \$2 billion in new debt over the next eight years, while Green Party of Manitoba leader James Beddome said the net result will be increasing inequality in Manitoba.

“This government talks about returning money to the kitchen table of

Manitobans, but in the midst of a pandemic, whose kitchen table is seeing the returns? Tax cuts are delayed, and they are unlikely to get to those that need it most,” noted Beddome.

“Now, in the midst of a global pandemic, is the perfect time to invest in poverty reduction, future generations will thank us for these smart and strategic investments,” he added. “We believe implementing a basic income as the Greens have called on for decades is a logical starting point.”

“We need to see more urgency from the Pallister government—public health and our economy depend on it,” said Kevin Rebeck, president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour. “Government should be leading the recovery through forward looking plans to protect our economic future, with the goal of maintaining employment and getting thousands of Manitobans back to work in fairly paid, family supporting jobs.”

Record investments: Fielding

“Despite the ongoing financial and economic challenges posed by the pandemic, this budget continues to make record investments in the priority public services that Manitobans rely on,” Fielding maintained. “We will grow our way out of deficit and back into balance by investing in more jobs, tax relief and economic growth.”

Fielding acknowledged that COVID-19 has created a significant deficit due to unanticipated health-care costs and support programs as well as unprecedented drop in revenues from the economic shutdown. The province projects a deficit of \$1.597 billion for 2021-22, which is however an improvement from the third quarter projection for 2020-21 of \$2.08 billion.

He said the first priority of the budget is to continue to protect Manitobans through the ongoing pandemic. This includes \$1.18 billion in 2021-22 for COVID-19 costs including personal protective equipment, vaccine deployment, education supports and future needs.

Health care funding increases by \$156 million to the highest level in Manitoba history at \$6.98 billion, and Fielding said it builds a stronger health care system with better care sooner.

Commitments include \$812 million in capital for rural and northern health care, \$50 million to reduce wait times for hip, knee and cataract procedures and surgeries and services delayed by the pandemic. There is also an additional \$23 million for cancer treatments, \$2.7 million to expand dialysis and \$9.3 million to add more than 120 personal care home beds.

The budget also includes an initial \$342 million for programming and services within the new Department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery plus an additional \$1.7 million for the mental health and addictions strategy and \$1.8 million more for housing supports for Manitobans with diagnosed mental health conditions.

A nearly \$34 million increase to the Department of Families includes money for early learning and child care, a rent control guideline frozen through 2023, an increase for Community Living and disABILITY Services, funds to address homelessness and new workforce training and support programs for Employment Income Assistance clients.

The budget makes a record investment above \$3 billion in the public school system including more than \$78 million for COVID-19 costs, \$5.5 million for special needs funding, \$5 million for the strategy to improve the education system plus a funding guarantee of at least \$1.6 billion over four years and nearly \$4 million to support online, distance and remote learning. There is also an increase of \$100 million in school capital project funding.

The budget delivers the \$2,020 tax rollback guarantee one year earlier than planned and phases out education property taxes by 50 per cent over the next two years (25 per cent per year) for residential and farm properties and 10 per cent for other types of property.

The province is removing the retail sales tax on personal services including haircuts and salon services as of December and reducing vehicle registration fees a further 10 per cent in July.

Environmental investments include \$1.2 million to the climate and green plan implementation office, \$1 million for conservation and climate fund projects and a \$20 million endowment fund for provincial parks.

The budget includes more than \$62 million to help businesses retrain employees and develop e-commerce platforms and \$25 million for youth

job programs while also providing additional tax relief for small businesses includes lowering payroll tax thresholds.

It helps advance post-secondary students with nearly \$700 million to post secondary institutions plus an additional \$4 million in bursaries and \$1.4 million in interest-free student loans.

The province also cited what it called a record \$2.1 billion investment in strategic infrastructure, including almost \$630 million for road construction and maintenance, \$415 million for Kindergarten to Grade 12 and post-secondary infrastructure.

The budget as well sets aside \$100 million for potential emergencies such as floods, forest fires and drought, and there is flexible funding to municipalities with \$172.6 million in operating costs and \$137 million in capital costs with advanced operating grants again this year as well as \$5.6 million more for the Building Sustainable Communities Program to fund more than 10 larger-scale community capital projects.

Third quarter results

A day before the introduction of the budget last Wednesday, the government released its third quarter financial results for the 2020-21 fiscal year, and there is an increase in the deficit forecast for 2020-21 compared to December's mid-year financial report to \$2.08 billion from \$2.05 billion because of additional COVID-19 spending.

“The unforeseen impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our finances and economy have greatly affected the revenue and expenditure projections we made last March in Budget 2020,” said Fielding. “The rising costs of our pandemic response, combined with the economic shutdown in the final months of 2020, certainly impacted our third-quarter financials and contributed to our deficit.”

Pallister concluded that he sees much reason for hope on the horizon.

“Manitobans are resilient people, and we’re projected to come out of this better than most.”



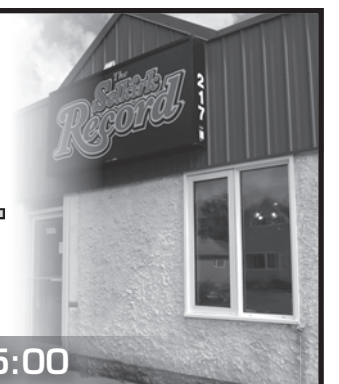
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Orange Shrimp Quinoa Bowls

1 cucumber, sliced into half moons
 5 green onions, sliced
 1 avocado, sliced
 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
 Cook quinoa according to package instructions. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk orange juice, hot sauce, honey, soy sauce, vegetable oil, lime juice and miso until combined. Pour one-quarter of liquid into separate bowl. Set aside.

Add shrimp to remaining mixture and marinate 15 minutes.

Heat large skillet over medium heat with butter. Add shrimp, salt and pepper. Cook 2 minutes on each side until pink. Add mushrooms and cook until tender.

In two serving bowls, divide quinoa, bell pepper, cucumber, onions, avocado and shrimp. Sprinkle sesame seeds and cilantro over both bowls.

Drizzle with reserved dressing.

Serves: 2
 1 cup quinoa
 1 cup orange juice
 1 tablespoon hot sauce
 1 tablespoon honey
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 tablespoon lime juice
 1 tablespoon white miso
 1/4 cup butter
 1 1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
 1 red bell pepper, diced



Orange Juice Shrimp Quinoa Bowls

3 scallions, sliced
 1 avocado, sliced
 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
 In pot, bring water to boil.

Add quinoa, reduce to simmer, cover and cook 15 minutes. Fluff with fork.

In bowl, whisk orange juice, hot sauce, honey, soy sauce, 4 tablespoons vegetable oil, lime juice and miso. Remove half and set aside.

Add shrimp to remaining half and marinate 15 minutes.

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat and add remaining oil.

Season shrimp with salt and pepper then add shrimp to wok and saute, cooking approximately 2 minutes per side until pink and cooked through.

Place 1/2 cup quinoa in bowl and top with bell pepper, cucumber, scallions, avocado and shrimp.

Drizzle with dressing that was set aside and garnish with sesame seeds and cilantro.

Servings: 2
 2 cups water
 1 cup quinoa
 1 cup Florida Orange Juice
 1 tablespoon hot sauce
 1 tablespoon honey
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 6 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
 2 tablespoons lime juice
 1 tablespoon white miso
 1 1/2 pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 bell pepper, diced
 1 English cucumber, sliced into half moons

Expert patient here to help!

By Susie Schwartz

In honour of my birthday and the concept of 'born naked,' here's an 'exposé' into the sometimes awkward and revealing nature of being a patient. What to do?

Laugh and laugh some more.

Let me throw out a couple of terms here: 'Alert colonoscopy', 'Standing Bladder Stress Test' and 'Defecating Proctogram'. If you are brave, look up the last two and then picture me in a room filled with a medical cheerleading squad. 'You're doing great! You've got this! Keep going!' I tell you this so that you know I know – I get it. Being a patient can be em.bar.rass.ing.

I won't lie. That proctogram was rock bottom for me in this department. And okay, I was in such shock, I didn't laugh immediately, but I sure have whilst telling the story ever since. (It's grrreat for parties.) I'm learning there is a difference between feeling vulnerable and being vulnerable. One speaks to having a sense of choice and the other, not. Laughter has saved me when feeling exposed or vulnerable.

A side perk to this? No matter what shape or size, this sure helps one become comfortable with their body. (Maybe a little too comfortable? Think: Pulling an insulin pump out of my bra whilst eating dinner at a wedding reception. Oops!) Seriously though, we are all human and there are few variations on our 'parts'. And the medical professionals that see it all, really do see it all. What is more than awkward to us is normal to them. They don't really care what we look like with our clothes off. Bellies are bellies are bellies. (Caveat: I recog-



Susie Schwartz

nize there can be cases of abuse in a medical setting, and this is not to minimize the impact on those who have been exploited. I'm terribly sorry if this has happened to you.)

I just want you to know it is okay to laugh – if not in the moment (which I recommend as being the best - chuckling with the nurse whose job is to walk you down the aisle to your colonoscopy) - then laugh later, when you can verbally share your 'I had my gown on backwards and it wouldn't stay fastened' quandary, with a trusted friend. You'll feel better about it, obsess less about the embarrassment, and I almost guarantee the belly laugh will make your friend's day!

Happy Birthday (Suit)!

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and motivational speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. She welcomes feedback and questions. Find her on FB @ medicalmissstress, Instagram @ medicalmiss_stress and her website lesshealthstress.com



Florida Sunshine Grapefruit Smoothie

Servings: 1
 1 cup Florida Orange Juice
 1/2 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice
 1 ripe banana
 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In blender, blend orange juice, grapefruit juice, banana, yogurt and vanilla extract until smooth. Serve immediately. Photo courtesy of Getty Images (smoothie)

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IERHA's new CEO charting the course for transformation

By Patricia Barrett

It has only been a few months since he took the helm at the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, but David Matear is on his way to aligning healthcare services to healthcare needs within the region.

Matear will be bringing together municipal leaders, Indigenous health leaders, politicians and physicians in May to chart a course for the next five years. A new strategic plan will be developed to determine the region's healthcare priorities in keeping with the provincial government's ongoing transformation of the entire healthcare system.

The central idea is to look at ways to deliver healthcare differently from the way it is currently in the IERHA. Some of the changes coming may entail less emphasis on hospital-based care, with fewer or no days spent in hospital after certain surgeries such as hip replacements (evidence says community care has better outcomes), an expansion of surgical care, meeting the needs of the region's population "closer to home," and Indigenous health.

Matear said the provincial government is spending half its budget on healthcare and seeing poorer outcomes compared to other Canadian jurisdictions. It needs to make sure it's "getting the best return on that investment."

"We have to be more progressive in the way we look at [healthcare delivery], certainly look at clinical evidence-based practices. There's no reason for us to be as far behind as we are. I say that not critically, but as an opportunity to look at how we can improve our healthcare system," said Matear April 14 during a conference call with media.

After holding senior healthcare leadership positions in the U.S. and in Canadian provinces such as Alberta where he helped transform its healthcare system, Matear said his passion for population health management and an opportunity to deliver healthcare services appropriate to population needs brought him to the Interlake-Eastern RHA.

Other IERHA news:

-With the pandemic's ceaseless demands on healthcare workers, a growing disenchantment with the profession has arisen across the world and many are leaving the profession.

Physicians, nurses and healthcare support workers are opting out because of COVID-19, according to ongoing reports from countries such as Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. They're burnt-out, fear death or fear transmitting the virus to family members, lack proper protective gear or have to re-use gear on COVID frontlines, lost pay (those who can no longer work at multiple facilities) and are unhappy with their government's handling of public health measures.

After surveying over 130 national nursing associations, the International Council of Nurses identified a "COVID-19 Effect" that is causing mass trauma, including fear of death, physical exhaustion, burn-out from the unrelenting care of COVID patients, psychological distress and abuse from COVID deniers. Over 2,220 nurses have already died from COVID, and the ICN is predicting an exodus from the nursing profession.

Matear said healthcare workers normally work in a stressful environment but agrees that there are signs of extreme stress in workers dealing with

large volumes of COVID patients, working excessive hours and having to wear personal protective equipment (PPE).

He himself worked at a federal medical station in Santa Clara, Calif., during the first wave of COVID, he said, and found it physically "draining" having to wear PPE, which is hot, difficult to breathe in and dulls the senses.

"I know there have been instances of ... folks in emergency services, emergency preparedness and management who have taken early retirement as a result of the initial phases of COVID or others who've decided to step away. I think that's understandable but regrettable," said Matear.

Although it's difficult during emergency response periods to provide all the supports necessary, Matear said it's possible to build in supports during such times and for a considerable period afterwards.

"We have discussed that here. And at a provincial level, we have looked at resilience to the stresses that are placed on healthcare professionals in the system and the need for resiliency and an ability to survive these very stressful times," he said. "We're looking at what would be the best approach for the healthcare system to take providing those supports for workers. That discussion is ongoing. From my perspective, we should look at options we've had experience with or at evidence-based approaches to develop resiliency in the healthcare workforce."

-There are no plans as yet to wind down the number of pop-ups clinics in the Interlake-Eastern health region. The provincial government indicated last week it might shift vaccine resources to areas experiencing COVID outbreaks in the province, and that may mean a reduction in pop-up clinics in rural areas.

"We have schedules already planned for pop-up clinics throughout the region. The only limiting factor currently has been supply of the vaccine," said Matear. "The province is looking at efficiencies and the best way to deliver vaccine to the population. We haven't curtailed our schedule as far as I'm aware. That may come when we look at efficiencies and provincial direction and discussions. But at this point in time, we haven't lost any."

-Canada has not yet received shipments of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID vaccine, which has been put on hold in the U.S. because of rare blood-clotting events. But AstraZeneca, which health experts have also linked to clotting events, is currently being used in Manitoba.

Matear said issues with vaccines – which Canada has yet to receive – in other countries may give public health experts here an advantage as regards the best course to take.

"Unfortunately, or fortunately, Canada is down the line in terms of getting vaccine supplies; we're not first in the queue," he said. "But we can benefit from any issues identified internationally. If vaccines are paused internationally, it's unlikely ... unless there's strong evidence otherwise that Canada would go forward with them."

-In terms of vaccine hesitancy in the Interlake-Eastern region, Matear said he has not heard "too much" from within the region – he sits on all the committees – but he's aware of reports of hesitancy in other areas of Manitoba.

"We are certainly taking the opportunity to edu-



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David Matear became CEO of the IERHA Feb. 8 and is leading a new approach to healthcare service delivery.

cate people and there's a provincial education campaign. We're also educating communities, including First Nations, ensuring they have all the information and facts necessary to make informed decisions so that people feel more comfortable."

-A Regina, Sask., woman and her husband thought earlier this month they'd be getting the Pfizer COVID vaccine at a site she thought, based on health authority information, was offering it. But a nurse informed her at the site they'd be instead getting AstraZeneca, a vaccine they didn't want. She thought the switch was "underhanded." The Saskatchewan health ministry said the province had to "accelerate" vaccinations because of COVID variants.

When asked whether he knew of any similar plan in Manitoba – offering vaccines other than Pfizer at supersites in the province, including the one in Selkirk – Matear said he believes supersites exist because of Pfizer's requirement for cold storage that can't be accommodated at small sites.

"I've never heard Moderna mentioned at a supersite. Pfizer is the only one at the supersite," he said. "As for consent, a person has an opportunity to decline. It should be informed consent, that this is the vaccine we intend to give you and [people] should have the opportunity to decline."

Incredible Creatures: Migration of the Tundra Swans

By John Gavloski

It is always exciting to see migratory birds and insects returning in the spring. There are some species that we only get to see for short periods in the spring or fall when they migrate through on their way to their summer or winter homes. One such species is the tundra swan. A large flock of these was present on the lake at Stephenfield Provincial Park recently, along with an assortment of migratory ducks. The assortment of waterfowl that we observed on the lake April 5th included tundra swans, and ducks such as ring-necked, northern shovelers, canvasbacks, mallards, common mergansers and scaups. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore the tundra swan, a bird with a long migration, and interesting breeding rituals.

There are seven species of swans in the world. Two of these, the tundra swan and the trumpeter swan, are native to North America. Any swan seen in Manitoba will either be a tundra or trumpeter swan. One non-native species, the mute swan, is also found in some eastern parts of North America. People brought mute swans from Europe and Asia for ornamental display in parks and zoos, and now this species is found in the wild in certain areas.

Telling tundra swans and trumpeter swans apart can be tricky. Trumpeter swans are slightly larger than tundra swans. At close range, a small yellow mark at the base of the bill, close to the eye, can be seen on the tundra swan. There is no such mark on the trumpeter swan.

Twice a year, tundra swans migrate up to about 6,000 kms between the areas where they spend the winter, and the Canadian Arctic and Alaska where they spend the summer. They fly in a v-shaped formation. Tundra swans used to be called the whistling swan, which referred to the sound made by the slow, powerful beating of their wings in flight.

The courtship and pairing of young adult birds is in full swing in late winter and continues through the spring migration. Adults already paired reinforce their bond by vocal and visual displays. The most spectacular of these is the so-called victory display, where male and female face each other, extend and wave the wings slowly, bow the head and neck forward and backward, and, in duet, produce



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Tundra swans mate for four or five years before breeding.

a formalized sequence of loud, melodious sounds. Swans and geese generally mate for life. By contrast, most ducks pair for only one season.

Tundra Swans usually do not breed until their fourth or fifth year. A year before breeding, pairs normally "go steady" and select and defend a territory without actually nesting. At breeding age, they begin to nest in late May or early June before the snow is off the tundra, while many of the lakes are still frozen.

In the summer, tundra swans feed mainly on the seeds, stems, roots and tubers of aquatic plants, as well as a few small invertebrates. They plunge their

long necks into shallow water and pull out vegetation from the bottom. Adults may paddle their feet to bring submerged food to surface for the young. In other seasons, they will eat grain in harvested fields of crops such as corn, barley and soybeans.

Observing the return of birds, butterflies and some of the creatures that we have not seen in awhile is an exciting part of spring. It's exciting to think about what will be returning or flying through that waits to be seen.

Trespassing and biosecurity for farmers in Manitoba

By Bill Campbell, Keystone Agricultural Producers

Bill Campbell, president, Keystone Agricultural Producers reminds Manitobans to be confident about where their food comes from. Farmers take biosecurity and food safety seriously because they know that the food they produce should meet the highest standards.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency creates and enforces stringent national biosecurity standards aimed at keeping livestock and the food supply safe. The livestock industry also creates on-farm food safety programs and develops biosecurity protocols through consultation. These stan-

dards and programs are mandatory, universal, enforceable and include third-party independent auditing and verification.

An ongoing issue in Manitoba is the growing trend of rural crime and trespassing on farmyards and livestock operations. This trend is alarming and intimidating for farmers, who work hard to develop and adhere to biosecurity protocols to protect their farms and livestock from the spread of disease. A breakdown in these protocols jeopardizes food security and often necessitates drastic action to prevent disease breakouts.

KAP has lobbied the provincial government for stronger legislation,

with tougher penalties to deter rural crime and trespassing. Many farmers live and raise their families near their farming operations and are concerned that they may be threatened. Farm families should feel safe, secure and at ease living and working in rural communities.

We are pleased that the Government of Manitoba has introduced legislative amendments to protect farmyards and Canada's food system. Our industry and the farmers in this province have high standards for themselves and stringent requirements they must meet when it comes to the food on your plate."



KAP president Bill Campbell

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Goodbrandson wins Lena Wenke Courage Award

Staff

The Selkirk Royals' Annika Goodbrandson won the Lena Wenke Courage Award from Basketball Manitoba last Saturday.

The award, in the amount of \$500, is donated to a charity chosen by the recipient. Goodbrandson chose Central Speech.

The award recognizes a Grade 12 basketball player who has faced and overcome obstacles or challenges in their life while staying involved in the sport of basketball.

"Many individuals face challenges in their lifetime, which can force one to become more resilient," said Goodbrandson. "My every day challenge is being able to hear and communicate with everyone around me. I was born profoundly deaf, and I was given an implanted cochlear hearing device when I was a baby. Therefore, one of my very first challenges in life was to learn how to learn and to communicate without any hearing."

Once implanted, Goodbrandson then had to learn that the world actually had sound and she needed to learn to listen, hear and speak.

"Eventually I caught up developmentally and cognitively to my peers," she said. "I first started playing basketball with the Steve Nash League on an all-boys team at the age of four and I immediately fell in love with basketball. Since then, I have never stopped playing basketball and have been on community, club, and school basketball teams."

Goodbrandson said her disability did not hold her back from playing sports in any way.

But she did have a major setback.

"During my Grade 9 year, the internal components of my cochlear implant had failed, rendering me back into my two year old self, deaf and completely without any access to sound as my device needed surgical replacement," Goodbrandson explained. "Once reimplanted, I was faced with the further challenge of relearning how my new device processed sound as it was completely different from my original device."

Goodbrandson will be attending school and playing basketball for the CMU Blazers next season.



Curl ESP looking forward to Scotties 2023

Submitted by RM of East St. Paul

What a difference a year makes.

Around this time one year ago, the East St. Paul Curling Club was looking forward to announcing it would host the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Instead, they went on a rollercoaster ride of emotions as they, along with Curl Manitoba, community volunteers and members of the East St. Paul council, did all they could to save the prestigious event from falling victim to COVID-19. Of course, they couldn't.

But now, Kim Link, who was Co-Chair of the 2021 East St. Paul host committee, along with Deb Palson, has good news.

"Curl ESP is very excited to be confirmed as the host for the 2023 Scotties to be held the last weekend of January in 2023," Link said.

"We are also excited to have the extra time to refocus and re-energize our efforts to put forth an exciting event for the East St. Paul community!"

News of the Scotties return is uplifting, but Link acknowledged how difficult the past year has been.

"The past months have been very trying in all ways for everyone," Link said.

"Looking back it was inevitable that this year's Scotties would not be held."

At the time, however, the ESP club showed its mettle, and its flexibility, by adapting and being willing to do whatever it took to host the women's championship.

Originally set to be held in the East St. Paul Arena, the announcing of East St. Paul as the host community was delayed from spring of 2020 until late in 2021.



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED
Team Fleury, left to right, Tracy Fleury - Skip, Selena Njegovan - Third, Liz Fyfe - Second and Kristin MacCuish - Lead

that year. And the event was moved to the curling club, with the realization that crowds would not be part of

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Einarson defeated in the Humpty's Champions Cup semifinals

Staff

Kerri Einarson's run at the Humpty's Champions Cup ended Sunday evening.

Team Rachel Homan avenged earlier losses to Gimli's Einarson with a 5-3 victory during a semifinal matchup at Calgary's WinSport Arena.

Homan played defending champions Team Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland in Monday's final but no score was available at press time.

Einarson started with the hammer and converted for a deuce in the second to open the scoring. But Homan answered with three in the next end for a 3-2 lead.

The two teams blanked the next three ends before Einarson scored one in the seventh to tie the score at 3-3.

Homan countered with a pair in the eighth for the hard-fought victory.

Einarson earned a bye into the semifinals after finishing with a 4-0 record in pool play.

Last Friday, it was officially announced that Team Einarson was named Sport Manitoba Night of Champions Top Team.

Her rink includes Petersfield's Briane Meilleur, Winnipeg's Shannon Birchard, and Edmonton's Val Sweeting.

Here's a team biography written by

Sport Manitoba:

The 2019-20 season was one to remember for Team Einarson winning two monumental events, the 2020 Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the 2020 Canadian Scotties Tournament of Hearts. At the 2020 Canadian Scotties Tournament of Hearts Championship, both Val and Shannon were named to the First All-Star team at their respective positions. Kerri was named to the Second All-Star Team as skip. By winning the national event, the team also secured a spot as Team Canada at the upcoming 2021 Canadian Scotties Tournament of Hearts along with a berth to the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Olympic Curling Trials. It is at this event that the Canadian four-player team reps for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing were to be determined.

They were unable to compete as Team Canada at the 2020 World Championship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Team Einarson finished the 2019-20 season ranked second in the world for a second year in a row. Einarson and her team were in Prince George, B.C., ready to play in the 2020 Women's World Curling Championship and two days before the opening draw, news on social media confirmed the event was cancelled. It was definitely hard news to take, but they



RECORD PHOTO COURTESY GRAND SLAM OF CURLING

Team Einarson, which includes from left to right, skip Kerri Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, and lead Briane Meilleur, were officially honoured at Sport Manitoba's Night of Champions last Friday.

agree that it was the correct thing to do. The team was able to practice for about six weeks from September to November all while overcoming sponsorship concerns, travel restrictions, and health restrictions - one team member works in a health-care facility with elderly patients. The players increased their visibility on their social platforms by sharing selfie

videos with greetings during special occasions, they ran contests for their fans and friends, and did holiday giveaways in partnership with their sponsors. Without being able to be on the ice, the team has focused on the off-ice aspects of the game and have been working on their physical fitness, mental toughness, and tactics.

Minot State reaches semifinals of the ACHA Division men's hockey nationals

Staff

The Minot State Beavers advanced to the semifinals of the ACHA Division I men's hockey nationals in St. Louis, MO.

The No. 6-ranked Beavers faced the fourth-ranked Liberty University Flames in the national semifinals on Monday evening but no score was available at press time.

Minot State reached the semifinals after a thrilling 2-1 quarter-final victory over the No. 3-ranked Lindenwood Lions on Sunday afternoon.

All three goals were scored in the third period as the Beavers built a

2-0 lead.

Minot State, the defending ACHA Division I national champion, opened play with a 2-1 win last Saturday over No. 11-ranked Calvin University.

St. Andrews' Carter Barley assisted on Nick Doyle's goal early in the second period.

The two other Interlake players on the Beavers' roster include Brayden Pawluk and Wayde Johannesson.

If the Beavers won Monday, they would then advance to the championship game against either Indiana Tech or Liberty College on Tuesday.

> CURL ESP, FROM PG. 23

the championship. It was moved one more time, to Selkirk to share the ice with the men's championship, before being cancelled outright in January of this year.

Craig Baker, Executive Director with Curl Manitoba, praised the ESP club members for their dedication to the Scotties and consulted with them on when they would like to host next. Ultimately, Carberry will host the next Scotties at an earlier date due to it being an Olympic year. Selkirk, the planned host city for the men's 2021 championship, has agreed to host the men in January 2022.

"Although they understood and were supportive, we know that the Selkirk and East St. Paul committees were disappointed by the need to cancel this year's championships," Baker said.

"It was appropriate for us to consult with them both on their wishes going forward." Link said she's proud of all who stepped up to try and make the 2021 Scotties happen and looking forward to hosting the women in 2023.

"I'm proud of the effort by our committee to forge ahead with alternative plans that were always changing, but it was a relief when Curl Manitoba made their decision early in December," Link said.

"Our plan now reverts to the original one, to host this event in the arena and make it a great celebration. We would also like to thank the Mayor and councillors for being so supportive and flexible with all of these plans."

A call for volunteers will go out next winter.

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The students will work as a team and be responsible for performing community service requests on behalf of the municipality related to: Recreation Facilities - helping not-for-profit organizations with tasks associated to maintenance and upkeep of buildings and outdoor green space; and Special Projects - public education on recycling programs, community volunteer clean-up initiatives and goodwill/volunteer promotions. A valid driver's license and vehicle are required to get to job locations.

This opportunity is available through a Manitoba Metis Federation grant and is open to any applicants of Metis, Non-Status or Inuit decent. Grant requirements specify that applicants must be students between the ages of 15-30 who attended school full-time during the preceding year and who intend to return to school on a full-time basis in fall 2021 (part-time and distance education students do not qualify).

Applications will be accepted until **Friday April 23rd, 2021 by 4:30 pm.** Those interested should apply as soon as possible with a cover letter and resume to recreation@rmofstandrews.com or fax to 204-738-2500. Thank you to all who apply, however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*, that the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2021 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements on **Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Seating at the financial plan will be limited to accommodate social distancing. We ask that you contact our office to register your attendance so that we can ensure adequate physical distancing seating. Alternatively, we will be live streaming the public hearing with interactive chat. A link to the hearing will be made available on our website.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

If you wish to do one of the above, please submit in writing prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021. Your written submissions can either be emailed to info@rmofstclements.com, dropped off at our office by using the mail slot at the south door of our building or mailed to our office if time permits.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information, either prior to or following the hearing, is encouraged to contact Shannon Plischke, Finance Officer at 204-482-3300.

Copies of the 2021 Financial Plan will be available for review after April 27, 2021 at the Municipal Office located at 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk or on our website at www.rmofstclements.com

Dated this 9th day of April, 2021.

Deepak Joshi
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The public may send written submission within 15 days of the publication of this notice to the department below.

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**R.M. OF ST. ANDREWS
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Office Clerk**

The RM of St. Andrews www.rmofstandrews.com will be accepting applications from post-secondary students for a summer position located at the Municipal Office in Clandeboye, MB from May 3 – September 3, 2021. The work term is for 18-weeks at 35 hrs/wk.

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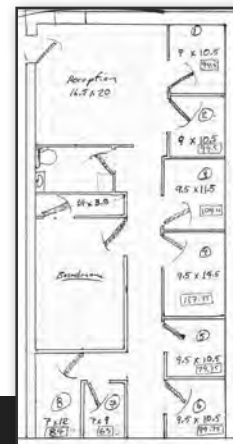
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OBITUARY



Annemarie Peukert (nee Willud)
September 13, 1935 - April 11, 2021

The family of Annemarie Peukert are sad to announce that on April 11, 2021, she passed away after a short illness.

Annemarie is survived by her daughter, Petra (Tim); her grandson, Blair (Samantha); her granddaughter, Sasha (Ted); and her great-grandchildren, Eli, Lila, Sophie and William. Annemarie is also survived by her eldest sister Traute. Annemarie was predeceased her husband, Fritz, her parents, her sister Hildegard and brother Manfred.

Anne was the third of four children born to Frans and Martha Willud, and she spent her early years in East Prussia. The family was transient throughout WWII, eventually settling in Bremen, Germany. It was in Bremen that Anne met Fritz at a dance. The couple married on New Year's Eve 1955, and they welcomed

their daughter, Petra in June 1956. The family left Germany in 1960, to reunite with family who had already settled in Canada. After a brief stint in Winnipeg, the family settled permanently in Selkirk, Manitoba. Anne worked as a housekeeper for several places in Selkirk, and then she worked at the Selkirk Mental Hospital in the laundry and the kitchen. Anne's favourite job was serving coffee at the Manitoba Rolling Mills, as she was able to interact with everyone there. Once her first grandchild was born in 1979, she became a full-time Oma. Anne supported Fritz when he embarked on new work ventures, and provided a meticulous home for her family.

Anne will be remembered for many things, but most of all, she will be remembered for her large personality. Anne loved being around people, and when she was at an event, everyone knew that she was there. Anne loved to celebrate every occasion with a big party, and those parties were epic when she and Fritz were young. Anne valued family above everything else, and that family included all of the German cousins who were as close as siblings. Anne loved spending time at the cottage in Hillside Beach, and she and Fritz were able to travel the world. Anne's flower gardens were absolutely breath-taking.

A celebration of Anne's life was held on April 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Gilbert Funeral Home, and due to COVID-19, it was by invitation only.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

The family would like to thank the staff at Woodland Courts, Selkirk Home Care, the Selkirk Regional Health Centre and Dr. Cynthia Czajka-Fedirchuk for their exceptional care of Anne during her illness. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbertfuneralhome.com

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Paul Douglas Duncan
February 24, 1958 - April 12, 2021

It is with great sadness we regret to announce the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather "Bubba". With fond memories, he leaves his wife Margaret (nee Broek); sons Cameron (Katrina) and Burton (Kate); grandsons Austin, Tavis, and Bennett; mother Margaret "Betty"; brother David (Elizabeth); niece Megan (Mike). He is also survived by in-laws John and Gisela Broek; brothers-in-law Herb (Sandra), Helmut (Peggy), John (Bridget), and David; sisters-in-law Rose (Al) Barton, Karen (Cory), Kelly, and families. He is predeceased by his father Robert "Bert", brother Robert "Bob" and brother-in-law Walter Broek.

Paul was born and raised in Winnipeg and spent most of his early life in West Hawk, at the cottage his grandparents built in 1942. Most of his adult life was spent living in Falcon Lake fulfilling

a lifelong dream of living at the lake. Paul was always an industrious man, starting work at a very young age. After high school, he became a milkman for Cambridge Dairies, servicing the Whiteshell. In 1977 Paul met the love of his life in Whitemouth and she literally ran away with the milkman. In 1979 they got married and lived outside Whitemouth where Paul worked for one year delivering bulk fuel for the Shell Station in Whitemouth, after which he went to work for Natural Resources at Nutimik Lake as a Trades Helper. In 1986, Paul and Marg moved to Falcon Lake to buy the Shell Station, which they ran for six years. In 1993, Paul started his Real Estate career in the Whiteshell, and for 28 years he made a lot of dreams come true. He was heavily involved in the community and sat on the boards of the School Committee, Community Club, Fire Department, Medical Centre, and Chamber of Commerce.

One of Paul's greatest passions was music. He often used his garage as a venue for music sessions with Cam, Burton, Bert and Dave plus many friends. Said garage doubled as a car wash. If you were visiting the Duncan household, you were guaranteed a clean car upon leaving. He loved taking care of things - "anything could be fixed with WD-40, zip ties, and duct tape". Paul had a wonderful sense of humour, always finding a way to put a smile on anyone's face. His greatest joy was spending time with his sons and grandsons, the latter of which could not fall asleep without a spooky story told by Bubba.

The family really appreciates the kind words, all the meals, the gifts, the birthday parade, the help given, and the notice from the city of Las Vegas, Nevada that they now have to file bankruptcy. They no longer got a little change in their pocket, going jing a ling a ling.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Claire Jaeger for her caring and compassion, Dr. Richard Duval, Dr. Dawe (Cancer Care), Dr. Saranchuk (HSC), all the wonderful staff at Cancer Care, all the Palliative Care staff from Steinbach and St. Anne for their care and support.

A private family interment will take place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Paul to Cancer Care Manitoba, 675 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9, is welcome.

Condolences may be left on Paul's memorial page at: www.interlakecremation.ca

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OBITUARY



Lucille (Luch) Rebeck
(nee: Eschun)

It is not how long the flower blooms, but how beautifully.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beautiful Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt and friend. She passed peacefully on April 1, 2021 with family by her side. Lucille was the youngest of three children, born to George (Ewan) and Tennie (Tekla) Eschun on March 31, 1937 in Dryden, Ontario.

Upon moving to Winnipeg, Lucille attended St. Alphonsus R.C. School and Miles Macdonell High School. After school, she worked at The Met[™] Metropolitan Theatre. She spoke fondly of this experience working with the popcorn machine and serving patrons from the candy bar. I can only imagine how fun that would be in such a "Grand" building in the 1950's.

In 1955 she married Leonard (Len) Rebeck and they were blessed with 64 years of love and laughter until his passing in May, 2020. Lucille was heartbroken with the loss of Lenny's constant companionship. They had a child-like playfulness between them and it was enjoyable to watch them chase and tease each other. Being together since they were 18 and 20 years old and still holding hands when Lucille was first hospitalized after suffering a stroke in 2015. Staff mentioned how cute they were together, sitting side by side. They loved attending work and hockey parties and were often to be the last ones on the dance floor. Pretty Woman by Roy Orbison was one of her favorite songs to dance her feet off to!

Other interests included traveling with friends and family to Las Vegas, Mexico and Hawaii. In the later years she enjoyed playing the VLT's and playing "Larry" as she called it. She was actually a very lucky person and had won a brand new car in 1978!

Lucille made a home for her family in the Elmwood/East Kildonan area. Living on Kimberly, Martin and the last 50 plus years on Johnson Avenue West. She treasured the friendships she made with her neighbors.

She was a strong, loving, inspirational woman whose mothering skills extended to the next generation and beyond. Lucille raised her four girls almost as a single parent as Len worked out of town all summer and in the winter he played, watched and coached hockey. She did it all and didn't drive. Many long bus rides for groceries, cooking, cleaning and parenting four hormonal moody daughters. Yes! She deserved a medal!

Sadly, her beloved daughter Cheryl left us in 2003 after a year long battle with Cancer. Cheryl took part of Mom's heart with her and Lucille's life was forever changed. She is survived by three daughters: Susan, Sandi and Liana. Grandchildren: Ryan, Jessica, Jestine, Jordan, Chase, Jenna, Julien and Sarah plus five great-grandchildren.

Lucille was immensely proud of her family and leaves nothing behind but beautiful memories.

She was a devoted wife and mother. Len was truly treated like a King and Lucille's home was her castle. She loved cooking and then watching with pride as her family enjoyed her amazing feasts. Her passion was in gardening and keeping her house and yard immaculate. Once the work was done, she would lay in the sun and enjoy a Club Beer.

When canning season began, she would make pickles, relish, salsa, you name it. She canned or froze it! It was all superb and shared by many.

She loved her flower beds and apple trees. She would give bags of delicious apples away to everyone she knew. She shared with me once that she gave so generously, her apples, pickles, perogies, baked goods because she grew up with parents that came to Canada from "the Old Country", Ukraine and they lived through the Depression. She told me of the year she received a banana for Christmas. She made sure that everyone that came to the house left with something in their belly or a bag to go.

Everyone that is reading this, that met Lucille was touched by her kindness and generosity in some small way.

Lucille loved her pets as if they were her children. Losing Rocky and Mikey in the last few years was devastating for her and Len. Since August she formed a special bond with Storm (Liana's dog) and he'd sleep by her side and follow her around because she always had treats and a hug for him. He brought her so much joy in her last few weeks.

She loved all animals especially the frequent visitors to her yard. The birds, squirrels and bunnies enjoyed being fed by her daily. She liked when she could watch them from her kitchen window as they frolicked in the apple trees.

Lucille gave her grandson Julien the Robert Munsch book, "Love You Forever" when he was first born. He loved that book and Gramma and him would share it often. Their relationship was as beautiful as the one in the book because he truly cared for his gramma up to her last days and along with his girlfriend Sophie, Mom, Liana and Rob. They were able to make her feel loved and cared for now and forever. Every time Julien would see his Gramma, he'd say, "You look beautiful today Gramma" and a huge hug. She always smiled and she was always beautiful to us, inside and out!

From Liana
Your Hug Meant The World
Nobody else held me so tight
Or made me feel so right
No one's eyes shined so bright with love
As my Mom, who is now high above
- Tamsen Butler -

Special thanks for all the support and advice to nephew Dr. Gregg Eschun. For always being there for Liana during some tough caregiving decisions: Aunt Fran Rebeck, Robert Bilodeau, Sophie Halwachs and Ruth-Anne Craig.

Thank you to nephew Barry Rebeck and Rick Kotaska (Interlake Cremation & Memorial Services) for taking care of Mom and all the arrangements with such class and dignity.

Condolences may be left on Lucille's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca
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OBITUARY



Lydia Hummelt

Our Mother and Oma passed away in the early morning of April 17, 2021.

She was born June 8, 1936 in the family home in Pabianice, Poland and enjoyed a happy childhood until war forced her family to flee. As a young teen Lydia Lange immigrated to Saskatchewan and in her late teens she found work in Winnipeg. There, she met and married Arnold at 18 and by 20 began raising a family. Her children, Monika (Richard), Bob (Cathy) and Ron (Adele) blessed her with nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren to knit for and to dote upon.

Mom always worked outside the home. She shared plenty of stories as a waitress at Moore's and The Paddock restaurants, and honed exceptional skills in Winnipeg's needle trade, specializing in upholstery sewing. In time, Mom and Dad established Continental

Upholstery in Selkirk, a source of immense pride and satisfaction. They enjoyed camping with friends and later welcomed friends and family to fish and swim at their Lac du Bonnet cottage until Dad's passing in 2006. Mom returned to Germany several times to visit relatives, and in 2008 embarked on a successful quest to find her birth home, finding it still intact after the war. A later trip to the Holy Land was a highlight in her faith journey.

Mom could and would talk unpretentiously to anybody, sharing her warmth, compassion and humour freely. Her family was central in her life and she reveled in table conversations at epic Christmas dinners, brunches and barbecues. Her resilience in life was only matched by her love for her family, leaving us with many fond memories to share.

Interment has occurred, with her immediate family present.

The family is deeply grateful for the tender care Mom received on the 5th floor of the Victoria Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made on her behalf to Manitoba Heart and Stoke Foundation or The House of Economy in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Family and friends may sign a Book of Condolence at www.glenedenmemorial.ca



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OBITUARY

Donna Mae Brown

Peacefully on April 10, 2021 at the Pine Falls Hospital, Donna Brown, beloved wife of Barry passed away. Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Condolences may be left on Donna's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca

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OBITUARY

**Thomas (Tommy) Bauder Harcus
November 25, 1949 - April 11, 2021**

It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of their brother, uncle, and friend Tommy, also known as 'Candy Man' at the age of 71 years. Following a courageous battle with cancer, he left us peacefully with his nieces Sandi, Tracy, and good friend Michelle by his side on April 11, 2021 at Deer Lodge Center in Winnipeg, MB.

Tommy will be especially missed by his nephews and nieces who he spent many holidays and family gatherings with; Randy Harcus (Jeanette), Sandi Harcus (Maurice), Steven, Mathew, Wesley (Kristy), and Ethan; Tracy Frost (Stanley), Tim (Roxi), Ryker, Charity (Anthony), and Layla. He will be deeply missed by his brother Oswald Harcus, sisters Linda Harcus, Laura (Bob) Herda, Iris (John) Harper; his special friend Banjo the cat; along

with many family and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother Margaret and father John; brothers Willie, Ernest, Wesley, and George; sister Jacqueline, Geraldine and Holly.

Tommy was born in Selkirk, MB. and lived in Lockport, MB where he attended Lockport School. During his younger years, he enjoyed playing many sports, but his most fond and cherished memory was as a football halfback when he got five touchdowns at his high school football game. Two of his favourite sports teams were the Dallas Cowboys and Montreal Canadiens. Not only did Tommy pride himself with football, he was proud of his Metis Heritage, where a flag hung proud on his property. Tommy provided numerous hours of volunteer work with the Manitoba Metis Federation, and Lockport Festivals in addition to his 25 year career with Amsco Industries in Selkirk, MB.

Some may remember Tommy scootin' from Lockport to Selkirk and back on his Harley aka scooter or sitting at the local LPI enjoying company as he was a social butterfly. Tommy was so social that he would jump on any opportunity to venture out of the province or country even if not invited and no passport in hand. He would have his bags packed and meet you at the airport. Most of his travels were alongside his special friends, the Millers and family, where they travelled to numerous destinations. While at home, Friends on Friday was the common theme in the Stevens Avenue garage where he also enjoyed playing crib, NCI and Kinsmen Jackpot Bingo. The garage was a place of enjoyment where Tommy was always sure to be the life of the party, with his unique and witty sense of humour, even if he happened to roll his eyes at you.

A special thank you to Deer Lodge Center - Lodge 5 West staff and management, long-time friends and neighbours on the Ave. Bucky Anderson for the drive by's with the Metis van; Freddy and Mavis from Interlake Healthcare Products; Greg Storozuk; Michelle Miller and all the special people who have called and FaceTimed over his stay at Deer Lodge Center.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cheers to all that have crossed paths with this fun and charismatic man.

"THE PARTY DOESN'T START UNTIL I WALK IN"

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

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OBITUARY



**Leonard James (Jim) Smiley
April 10, 1935 - April 6, 2021**

We mourn Jim's passing after a courageous battle with cancer, four days short of his 86th birthday. Jim leaves to mourn his partner of 41 years Betty Zubeck; her son Gary (Caroline); brother Roy; sister-in-law Eleanor; and nieces and nephews David (Louise), Doug (Debbie), Cathy (Bev), Cheryl (Fred), Nancy, Judy (Terry), John (Nancy), Cindy (Merv), Brian (Linda), Gordon (Jennifer), Shauna (Sean), Donna (Bernie), Wendy, many great nieces and nephews and extended family, John, Kreesta, and boys Callum (8 years) and Aven (5 years old). He was predeceased by his parents John and Lily Smiley and brothers Alvin, Jake and Ross; and sisters-in-law Dorothy, Anita and Claire.

Jim grew up in East Selkirk with dreams of moving to the beaches, this dream came true 36 years ago with his loving partner Betty.

Jim's career was selling heavy equipment and spent many years selling trucks for Wilton Ford. His last 10 working years were enjoyed at the R.M of Alexander, he loved working with the big John Deere tractor there. Jim and Betty loved their life in their Traverse Bay home, it was Jim's pride and joy. They took care of each other and Betty was strong by his side to the end and beyond.

The family would like to express a thank you for the special care Jim received at the Pine Falls Hospital, as well as to the doctors and nurses of CancerCare Manitoba, and his homecare team.

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

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OBITUARY

**Dorothy G. Simpson
August 22, 1933 - April 12, 2021**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy at the age of 87.

She is survived by her daughter Marlene (Jim) Martin, son Alex (Sandy) and ex-daughter-in-law Tammi Smith; grandchildren Gregory Kargus, Brittany Kargus and Cori and Tom Norquay; great-grandchildren Alexa-Lilly and Jaymi; along with many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents Bob and Gertrude Cosens; husband Tom; sisters Mayme (Nick) Lesko and Eleanor (Courtney) Hamaberg.

Dorothy loved teaching. She started teaching at Hartley School from 1953 - 1956, then taught at Petersfield School from 1957 - 1966 when she retired. During that time, she married Tom

Simpson on August 4, 1956 and they lived in Petersfield; they moved to the family farm in the mid 60's where she gave birth to their son Sandy (Alexander). Her hobbies included baking (especially around Christmas), gardening and going for drives with Tom. She helped on the farm and later in life enjoyed tutoring and watching Tom and Sandy play hockey and curling. Her greatest joys in life were her son, grandkids and husband. Friends and family meant the world to her and she will be deeply missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Cremation has taken place, there will be a small family service at a later date. She will be laid to rest with Tom at Wakefield Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Forever loved, Forever missed and Forever in our hearts

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OBITUARY

Gertrude Lorraine Samborski

After a long hard fought illness Gertrude Lorraine (nee Buffie) Samborski passed away peacefully at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the age of 87 years.

Gertrude was "small but mighty" and through her we know what persistence and acceptance looks like.

Gertrude will be greatly missed by her whole family and "friends like family". Grieving her immense loss are her children Tim (Connie), Doug, Mark, Joy (Peter); cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren Corey, Jennifer, Brayden, Mitchell and Brayden, Tyler and Emmalee. Gertrude leaves behind to mourn her loss her Buffie sisters Ruthie, Rosemarie, Joyce and Marlene; her many adored nieces and nephews and special friends including all those that called her Auntie and G-Nanny.

Gertrude loved being surrounded by family and friends and was

always "just so generous".

Gertrude was predeceased by her parents Mary and John; her husband Bill after 49 years of marriage as well as siblings Ernie, Charlie, Dorothy, Margaret, Ann, Hilda, Irene, Ede, Lena, Rudy, Johnnie and Albert all to greet her with a loving embrace in her heavenly home.

Family wishes to impart their heartfelt gratitude for all of mom's care at Woodland Court where she resided for five years. It was possible for her to keep her independence thanks to the diligent and caring support by Selkirk-Interlake Homecare workers as well as the professional and compassionate care received by staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Palliative Care in Gertrude's memory at Interlake Eastern Health Region (IEHF.ca) or Palliative Care, Box 5000, 120 Easton Dr., Selkirk, MB, R1A 2M2.

A private funeral service will be held for immediate family members. The funeral and video tribute can be viewed on her obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com anytime after April 25.

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