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Crystal Rondeau of Selkirk, pictured centre, reads a speech she wrote off of her iPhone with help from her friends during the annual 4/20 gathering outside the Manitoba legislature last Thursday afternoon. Rondeau lives with Type 2 spinal muscular atrophy and is among a group of medical marijuana users who hope legalization in Canada will lead to some major changes. For a story, see Page 3.

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Planning board votes to halt new housing development

'We're not taking this lying down,' Selkirk mayor says

By Lindsey Enns

A group of Selkirk residents are breathing a sigh of relief after the Red River Planning District (RRPD) board voted to reject the city's second reading of a bylaw amendment that would pave the way for a multi-million dollar housing development on Taylor Avenue.

"We were very relieved," said John Mackay, who has lived on Taylor Avenue for 20 years.

Five Taylor Avenue residents spoke out against the proposed housing development project that would see 69 units, including a combination of apartments and town houses, built on nearly four acres of land at 209 Taylor Avenue near the Selkirk Slough. Residents were given the opportunity to speak during the RRPD's board meeting at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Wednesday evening.

"It means a lot when so many get up and speak," Mackay said. "We're all invested in this community."

Mackay said almost all of the home owners in the area are seniors and he believes a housing project of this magnitude wasn't a good fit for that particular piece of land.

"Development doesn't always equal progress," he added.

Ed Marchuk, who has lived on Taylor Avenue for more than 48 years, also spoke out against the project citing a



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number of issues with the developer's plan. A nearby railway, increased traffic, the plan's "incompatibility with the neighbourhood," and the impact it could have on wildlife in the area were just some of the concerns he listed off during his presentation to the board.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said he was "shocked" and "disappointed" to learn board members voted against the project despite the planning department's recommendation for approval.

"It's very, very disappointing. We're open for business and I don't want this to send a message that we're not," Johannson said, adding any concerns nearby residents had with the project could have been addressed during the development's planning process. "This is a multi-million dollar project that had thumbs up from every agency ... and it got voted down.

"I'm just stunned."

Following the vote, two representatives from the City of Selkirk walked out, which quickly put an end to the meeting. In order for a RRPD board meeting to continue, there must be a



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Selkirk resident John Mackay, pictured centre, speaks out against a proposed housing development planned for Taylor Avenue during a Red River Planning District board meeting at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Wednesday evening.

representative from each municipality present.

RRPD executive director Jennifer Ferguson said in the nearly 12 years she's been with the organization that was the first time she saw a board member walk out without previous notice during a meeting.

"That was emotions running high," Johannson said."We're not taking this lying down, we're going to do everything we can. We're not going to stop growing that's why this is so important."

Ferguson said once board members make a decision and vote, it is final and not subject to appeal.

"At this time we are not sure what the city's approach is going to be," RRPD board chair Debbie Fiebelkorn said on Monday.

Keith Thiessen, one of the owners of Stellar Capital Inc., told the *Record* in February during a public information session that his development company was looking to build a combination of town houses and apartments for rent. Nearby residents were invited to attend a public hearing before a regular city council meeting on Feb. 27. After five Selkirk residents spoke out against the project, city council gave second reading for the rezoning of the property from residential general and light industrial to residential multiple family dwelling.

"We've done this in different sites throughout southern Manitoba," Thiessen said during an earlier interview. "We pride ourselves on building properties that are attractive and really well maintained."

The *Record* reached out to Thiessen following last week's board meeting to see if they plan to reapply but he didn't respond by press deadline on Tuesday.

The next RRPD board meeting is scheduled for May 17.



Medical marijuana users hope legalization sparks change

By Scott Billeck

The laid-back, smoke-filled atmosphere surrounding 4/20 at Manitoba's legislature is the last place you would have found Crystal Rondeau a few years ago.

But last Thursday, the once selfproclaimed anti-marijuana advocate sat in her wheelchair just steps away from the province's parliament buildings, armed with a microphone and a prepared speech.

With tubes extending from her throat down to a portable ventilator, Rondeau shared her newfound and unconditional support for the contentious plant, hoping that this year will be the last she has to feel like a criminal instead of what she says she really is: a patient.

The 27-year-old Selkirk woman lives with Type 2 spinal muscular atrophy, a progressive neuromuscular disease that reminds her of its brutal symptoms at every movement, leaving her in chronic pain with little relief and mostly bedridden.

Three years ago, Rondeau obtained a license for medicinal marijuana. She refers to herself as a cannabis patient, one who has found a significant improvement in her quality of life from the drug that the federal government is aiming to make legal by July of 2018 through the Cannabis Act.

For her, "4/20" — the day that began as a protest years ago by marijuana advocates — has turned into pseudo-



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Crystal Rondeau of Selkirk speaks during the annual 4/20 gathering outside the Manitoba legislature last Thursday afternoon. Rondeau lives with type two spinal muscular atrophy and is among a group of medical marijuana users who hope legalization in Canada will lead to some changes in how they are perceived.

battleground for Rondeau. With legalization, Rondeau hopes the stigma she feels, even as a medicinal user, will go up in smoke.

"I hope so," she said. "We're looked down upon by the public. People automatically assume I do it other times and that I don't do anything with my life. Just because I do medicinal marijuana doesn't mean I'm doing any other criminal activity. It doesn't mean I'm doing other illicit drugs."

Rondeau said views on medicinal marijuana are changing, even if it isn't yet viewed in the same light as taking an Advil or a Tylenol.

"Some people say, 'you can't be in that much pain,'"she said."They don't know that if I don't use it, I can't live. But people think I use my medical condition as an excuse."

Like Rondeau, fellow Selkirk resident Amber Smith also uses cannabis to treat chronic pain. Despite her views of the city being conservative, she feels legislation will have a positive impact, even if it takes some time.

"I can see the legalization causing a bit of a separation among different age groups," said Smith, who attended her

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first 4/20 event in Winnipeg last week. "But I think this is something that can be easily remedied by helping teach the community about the positive effects marijuana can cause."

Health Ćanada's most recent yearend figures show nearly 130,000 Canadians have a medicinal license to obtain and use the drug legally, and that number keeps soaring.

Delta 9 Bio-Tech, Winnipeg's first medical marijuana producer which owns and runs a 80,000 sq. ft. facility in the city, says legalization could see that number rise into the millions.

"We're currently serving 1,500 patients across the country, we have patients in every single province and territory," said Delta 9 co-founder John Arbuthnot."If we look at some of the surveys from the government, we can see maybe one-in-five Canadians using medical cannabis, so that would be seven million.

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Selkirk RCMP investigating, seek suspect following armed break-in

Staff

RCMP are investigating after a man broke into a Selkirk home while the homeowner was still inside.

On April 18 at approximately 11:35 p.m., Selkirk RCMP were called to a residence located on North Dominique Drive for a report of a break and enter.

It was reported that a single male attacker entered the residence forcefully through the back door with a gun and a knife and attacked the owner by striking him. The suspect made demands to the homeowner and after a few minutes, left empty handed.

The homeowner was not seriously injured and at no time were the weap-

ons used.

The suspect is described as being male, Indigenous in appearance, 20 to 30 years of age, and dressed all in black with a blue bandana.

RCMP believe the public is not at risk.

The RCMP Major Crimes Unit along with the Selkirk Detachment continue

to investigate.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).



LSSD pushes for province-wide concussion protocol

By Lindsey Enns

The Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) is pushing for province-wide protocol to help Manitoba schools handle concussions.

During the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) annual convention in March, LSSD trustees successfully spearheaded a resolution asking the MSBA to lobby the provincial government to provide all Manitoba school divisions with guidelines based on expert opinion so that schools can establish policies and protocols to address the impact of concussions on their students.

"We've noticed that kids get head injuries on the playground ... concussions don't just come from sporting activities or athletic activities," LSSD Supt. Scott Kwasnitza said. "We want



to be able to recognize the symptoms and deal with it right away when it happens."

Kwasnitza said it's also important for school divisions to know how to

help a student coming that's back to school after suffering a concussion. He added although some school divisions have developed their own protocol when it comes to dealing with concussions. the LSSD believes there should be a consistent approach across the province.

province. "We thought that it was important to get the resolution on the floor," said Jack Bogaski, school board trustee and chair of the LSSD's policy and evaluation committee. "Other school divisions were amazed they didn't have a policy on this."

In 2014, the MSBA adopted a sportrelated concussions policy in conjunction with Sport Manitoba and the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers' Association. The protocol includes steps and a checklist of how staff and volunteers should respond to medical emergencies involving concussions or a suspected concussion. The protocols were published in the form of a brochure as well as a poster that were distributed to all Manitoba schools.

MSBA president Ken Cameron said although the policy is available to them, schools aren't mandated to adopt it.

"We make it available to them and for the most part I think divisions use what we develop," Cameron said.

Bogaski said studies show that concussions are three to six times more likely to be detected in an environment with some degree of concussion protocol in place.

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Happy Thought School students climb on the jungle gym outside their East Selkirk school in this September 2015 photo. The Lord Selkirk School Division is pushing for province-wide protocol to help Manitoba schools address sport and school related concussions.

"A lot of this concussion concern is in related to sport activities and we have a lot of sports teams in our schools ... so there's a good chance that a concussion could occur."

But Bogaski said after reviewing the LSSD's injury reports, not only were concussions occurring during sporting events but head injuries were also happening on the playground.

Within the last school year, 47 per cent of all serious injuries within the LSSD involved injuries to the head and half of those involved playground equipment, he said.

"Our reports indicated that there were quite a few concussions occurring on our playgrounds," he added. "Luckily for us they were handled in the correct way but we don't have a policy put in place and without that they might not be handled properly."

Bogaski said he would like to see something implemented for the next school year, but he admits it could take longer.

"You don't want school personnel taking decisions in their own hands and trying to diagnose what's happening," he said. "We want to take it

> out of the hands of non-medical people."

MSBA executive director Josh Watt said "recent correspondence from Manitoba Education and Training indicates that our own provincial efforts to address school related concussions may soon be supplemented by the development and adoption at the federal level of a national concussion protocol by the Council of Ministers of Education Canada."



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Habitat to host open house for potential homeowners on May 16

By Lindsey Enns

Habitat for Humanity Selkirk Chapter will host a family orientation meeting for potential homeowners next month.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Comp inside Room 142. During the meeting, volunteers with the local chapter will be explaining how Habitat works and the application process. This will also be the only time that applications will be available.

Gary Warkentine, chair of the Habitat for Humanity Selkirk Chapter, said those interested in more information or applying for their next home should attend.

"It's a life changing opportunity," Warkentine said. "Habitat is this awereal privilege to be a part of."

In Selkirk, a total of eight homes have been built to date, with the most recent family having moved into their new home in the fall of last year.

Local volunteers are hoping to select a family this year and build their next home in Selkirk sometime in 2018 or 2019.

"The site selection process is still ongoing,"Warkentine said.

He added each home costs anywhere from \$150,000 to \$160,000 to build, which doesn't include the lot, and they like to have all of that raised before they start the building process. Provincial funding combined with donations from community members and local busi-

some volunteer family and its been a nesses and fundraisers is how they raise the funds, he said.

> The family selection process considers the needs of the family, their ability to pay for the mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat.

> The advantage of a Habitat mortgage is that it is an interest-free mortgage for 15 years, with zero down payment. The monthly payments are set at 27 per cent of the family's income. Once the 15 year term is up, the homeowners will be required to obtain a conventional mortgage through a bank or credit union.

> The process of building a Habitat home is truly a community effort with many volunteers from the area helping build the house, alongside

the new homeowners. The homeowners are required to work 500 hours of 'sweat equity' before moving into their new home.

The proceeds from existing homeowner mortgages help fund future builds.

Warkentine said he's been involved with six builds in Selkirk.

"I really enjoy it, I love it," he said. "It's a great opportunity to be able to do something in the community and be involved wit an organization that's bigger than yourself."

He added they are always in need of volunteers. Those interested in helping out can contact Angel Fredericks via email at habitatangel@hotmail. com or by calling 204-330-7888.





RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Comedian Matthew DiSero had the crowd howling with the help of many willing participants from the audience during the annual dinner and a show in support of the Selkirk Judo Club last Saturday at the Selkirk Rec Complex banquet hall.





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'This is going to be a very strong base for our community'

West St. Paul receives funding for \$6M clean water, wastewater project

By Lindsey Enns

West St. Paul's mayor is crediting a new clean water and wastewater project for helping attract a long list of commercial development projects to the rural municipality.

"We're seeing a major amount of development that's happening on Kapelus Drive," said Bruce Henley. "Right now what you're seeing ... it's creating jobs, it's putting money into the economy and for years that land sat vacant.

"This is going to be a very strong base for our community."

Henley said the clean water and wastewater project, currently underway along Kapelus Drive near the RMs public works building, has helped bring commercial office spaces and a new cross fit and gymnastics centre to West St. Paul.

"Today they're coming to our community because we have sewer and



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Pictured from left to right: West St. Paul Deputy Mayor Stan Parag, Mayor Bruce Henley, St. Paul MLA Ron Schuler and West St. Paul Coun. Cheryl Christian and Detlef Hindemith gather where West St. Paul's new clean water and wastewater project is being built near the RMs public works building last Thursday.

water," he said. "Right now with the sewer and water infrastructure here it's becoming very attractive.

"It's an ideal location for development."

Henley said in the future, they hope to also add some housing units to that location.

"The area zoned will allow for housing options ... but right now the largest building you can build in West St. Paul is 45 feet high."

St. Paul MLA Ron Schuler was in West St. Paul last Thursday morning to announce the RM is receiving \$1.5 million in funding through the Clean

Water and Wastewater Fund for their project. The total cost of the project is roughly \$6 million and the federal government will provide up to 50 per cent of the funding while the balance will be coming from the province and the local municipality.

Henley said this project is paving the way for safe drinking water and will help increase the RMs firefighting capabilities.

"This is really turning a page, it's guaranteeing that future generations will have a quality water supply and it's going to help the economy in our community," Henley said, adding the project should be complete sometime in October or November of this year. "In 2017, fresh water isn't a luxury, it's a staple."

The Government of Canada is providing Manitoba with up to \$95,250,782 under the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, and will fund up to 50 per cent of the eligible project costs.

"We will continue to improve the municipal infrastructure funding process to make it simpler for municipalities to identify and fund the projects that are important to their communities," Schuler said.



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Activity Centre

Since the old Donald School recreation facility closed its doors in 2006, some community members have been working to develop a replacement for this gathering spot.

Council is reviewing community input gathered over the past few years through a recreation needs assessment and facility feasibility study and expects to have a design for a building and property development this fall.

Get details and much more in our full spring newsletter on our website at rmofstclements.com/newsletter or call us at 204-482-3300 to request a copy

South St. Clements Grand Marais Boat Launch

The RM is committed to working with the province to develop a boat launch in Grand Marais. We are looking for three community members to serve on this committee.

Public Health Orders Lifted

Two long-standing public health orders issued due to failing septic systems and contaminated ground water have recently been liftedone in East Selkirk and one in the Old River Road area- due to new wastewater systems and a new public water system in East Selkirk.

2017 Budget

This budget takes measures to improve quality of life, increase service levels for residents (as residents have requested) and to enhance protection of the environment.

The municipal tax rate is increasing by 5.6%, or 0.5 mills from 8.9 in 2016 to 9.4 in 2017. This translates into an increase of \$22 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of your property.



St. Clements to celebrate history of 8 country schools

By Maggie Wysocki

A committee of former students who attended school in Libau and the surrounding area from 1888 to 1967 are planning a reunion to "fill a gap in St. Clements history."

"Sure old girlfriends and boyfriends will be able to meet up again but this reunion is really about restoring the historic legacy of these schools," said Dennis Anderson, the reunion's cochair.

Following a dinner reception on July 15 at South Beach Casino, the focus will turn to commemorating the rural schools.

Anderson and the other 14 board members plan to have plaques installed on the sites of each school which include: Libau West, Libau East, Sheffield, Poplar Park, Brookside, Hoey West, Hoey East, and Arnhold.

"Most of these sites are only farmer's fields, so imagine another 50 years. The history will be lost if we don't leave anything behind," said board member Larry Sopko.

Sheffield School is the only building still standing today, explains Sopko, adding that the other seven schools were either demolished or burnt down.

The board members hope commemorating the sites will show future generations the foundation that existed for education and how it has evolved.

The plaques are being funded by the RM of St. Clements, who Anderson says has allowed them to "celebrate the life and contribution of small country schools."

"It's about representing the people who went to these rural schools and giving them the opportunity to relive those days," Sopko said.

Anderson estimates about 200 former students and teachers will attend the reunion, saying that students from as far as Lethbridge, Alberta have already bought tickets.

"People are coming with their spouses, grandkids, friends ... they're really excited to see people they haven't seen in over 40 years," he said.

Both those who can and can't attend the reunion are encouraged to contribute a memorable story or photo to the reunion book.

Submissions can be emailed to libau. book@gmail.com.

Anderson and Sopko recall memories of their own, like double dating with girls from the Libau area and get-





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ABOVE: Reunion co-chair, Dennis Anderson and board member, Larry Sopko hold a St. Clements Heritage book, saying they hope an upcoming reunion celebrating eight country schools will add to the area's history. BELOW: Sheffield School, which was built in 1919, is the only building of the eight area schools that is still standing.

ting the strap.

"When us board members get together we all start sharing stories and it's really a lot of fun," Anderson said.

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> ARNIE WEIDL

As the memories of winter fishing experiences fade away, let me take you back for a moment to a still sun-drenched afternoon on the hard glass-like ice just outside of the Gimli Harbor.

I had pulled up to a long narrow hard wall ice shack and after knocking on the door was invited in by a young gals' voice. After a bit, Amanda Poulin, a petite red haired girl told me something new about mounting fish.

She said Americans don't have to take a trophy fish home for mounting anymore because they can measure and take photos to a company stateside who can replicate it perfectly. Boy, there goes the old stuffing and mounting process.

Back in February I was running around Sugar Island shooting the breeze with ice anglers and eventually came to a very big blue portable ice shack. A white truck stood beside it and as I got out of my truck a thin well conditioned chap with short white hair came out of the zipper door.

He shook my hand saying, "hello, I'm Jan" When I asked for a story he bent over looking into the shack asking,"would you have a story Penny?"

"Yes I think I do," came a soft throaty woman's voice from inside. I was invited inside and asked to sit. Jan went out to his truck for something and Penny Gardiner of Clandeboye began a long deep observation of the joy she has gotten from angling.

To her the Red River is a place of magic. These surroundings calmed her she said, like nothing else she has ever known. She told of an incident that happened a few summers ago that kind of shows what an enlightened person she is. She was bank fishing on the Red south of the "blue bridge" that had a 10' drop off when she caught a big carp. As she reeled



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RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Penny Gardiner with a pickerel she caught from the Red River last fall.

it in it slipped the hook stranding it in the mud at the water's edge. Given to releasing catches she resolved to return the fish to the water and cautiously slid down the muddy bank hanging onto tree roots and weeds as best she could. By the water, with her shoes sinking into the goo, she managed to push the fish back to its watery home with a stick. She felt warm satisfaction as she climbed back up to her fishing gear.

Settling into her chair, a nearby angler pointed out that carp are an invasive trash fish. She sat silent, to her, all fish were beautiful.

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The tent was quiet for a moment, and then she offered, "Jan and I met because of fishing," said Gardiner. She was fishing off the Selkirk pier

when he pulled up beside her in his truck. He got out, set his folding chair and fishing gear next to her and they proceeded to get to know and like each other very much, very quickly. At the end of the day Penny gave Jan her phone number but he never called. The sad truth was he had lost her number so he drove around to different fishing spots looking for her. Finally, on a cold fall day Penny sitting in her car fishing on the pier saw Jan's truck pulling up. He parked beside her looking straight ahead, pulled out a newspaper and began reading. Penny's shock changed to determination. She got out of her car and walked to the back trying to catch his attention. Nothing. Then as she walked back to her drivers' door he looked up. Their eyes locked and they haven't been apart since, which just goes to show you there are some really great benefits to being an angler.

(Thanks Penny and Jan for ok'aying your stories before I passed them along.)

How about one more winter fishing story? I was on Lake Winnipeg ice a couple of miles off Lakeshore Beach and stopped at the portable shack of Quint Lasky and his son Haden. They looked a lot alike, slim, brown haired and bright eyed and they liked to tease each other. They told how before I showed up, because it was dark and warm inside the tent, Haden kept on falling asleep. He also kept catching small pickerel while dad who was having no luck would have to wake Haden up and tell him to land his fish. Repeatedly Haden would slip the fish off his hook and with a superior smile offer it to his dad.

Quint, not be bested, remarked," catch a decent sized one and I might take it home."

Bye for now friends.





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Push for Change to end youth homelessness stops in Selkirk

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Joe Roberts knows what it is like to be a teenager, fighting addiction, with nowhere to call home but a space under a bridge.

After many difficult years, Joe was able to persevere and forge a career as a successful businessman. Realizing he was one of the lucky ones, he was not content sitting by, doing nothing, as youth homelessness remains a growing concern across Canada. Instead, he helped create The Push for Change; a 9,000-kilometre, 517-day trek across the country to raise awareness and funds, and advocate for the 35,000 Canadian youth who are still living on the streets.

"I'm inspired by Canadians like Rick Hansen and Terry Fox and the proud Canadian legacy of bringing an important message directly to local communities with a cross-country adventure," said Joe, founder of The Push for Change."I am blown away by the support I've received so far. It's incredible RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Push for Change to end youth homelessness in Canada co-founder Joe Roberts, pictured left, stopped in at École Selkirk Junior High last Tuesday.

to see people come together to help." Pushing a shopping cart as symbol of homelessness, Joe began his trek May 1, 2016 in St. John's, Newfoundland and will end Sept. 30 in Vancouver. From April 11 to May 8, he is travelling across Manitoba to share his personal story of struggle and success with youth from across the province.

Joe brought his Push for Change tour to École Selkirk Junior High last Tuesday. For a full schedule and planned route, visit thepushforchange.com.

The Push for Change walk will include more than 400 community events in all 10 provinces and three territories. It is slated to wrap up in Vancouver on Sept. 30th, 2017.

> MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION, FROM PG. 3

"It's a huge opportunity."

In a Nanos poll conducted last July by *CTV News*, one in seven Canadians supported marijuana legalization. It means producers like Delta 9 stand to gain much. But so do the consumers.

Arbuthnot said that with legalization, ultimately, new products such as pills, gel caps, oils, extracts and creams, for example will be introduced and there will be a shift away from the dried product. That, Arbuthnot postulates, would likely swing doctors and pharmacists to being more comfortable when it comes to marijuana.

"Long term, I think it will be like any other drug or pharmacy product, prescribed by your doctor and sold by your pharmacy," he said.

Delta 9 will be opening a retail location in Winnipeg's Osborne Village later this spring. Along with being able to buy drug delivery systems and other paraphernalia for the time being, Delta 9 will have doctors onlocation to help individuals with the application process.

"We'll have all the education and support services for patients, support staff on-site who can help you pick a producer or a strain, we'll do all the forms and all the paperwork," Arbuthnot said.

More education, according to Sylvie, who asked that her last name not be used, will ultimately pave the way

for less stigmatization, even with the prospects of recreational legalization across the country.

Sylvie, who says she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, runs the PTSD Alliance of Manitoba, a Facebook group that aims to provide a safe location for those suffering with PTSD to share stories and share information while breaking down the walls stigma brings.

"I'd like to be able to use marijuana when I need it, not just while I'm hiding," Sylvie said. "With my PTSD, if I had to use it in public, let's say, and a cop came to question me, it could be a trigger and I'd freeze up. I wouldn't be able to explain why I'm using it, or that I have a license to do so."

Sylvie said her license has been a life-line that's allowed her to begin recovering. With legalization, she hopes to see a number of improvements when it comes to access, including cheaper prices and the ability for medicinal users to find financial relief, be it through health insurance or other means.

"My license producer has special prices, but it's still more than I can afford," said Sylvie, who is unable to work because of her PTSD. "It has to be for everybody, because sometimes people with PTSD or other ailments can't work. It has to change. We have to live."







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Easter basket blessings



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Students in the English Ukrainian Bilingual Program program at Happy Thought School and East Selkirk Middle School lined up to fill up their baskets before having them blessed during a special gathering at East Selkirk Hall last Wednesday morning.

Manitoba to make DFA available for those impacted by spring flood

Submitted

The Emergency Management and Public Safety Division of Manitoba Infrastructure has announced Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) will be available for eligible municipalities, homeowners, farms and small business with impacts from flooding this spring.

Officials are still assessing the overall impact of the spring run-off so it is too early to put a precise value on the costs of responding and recovering from this year's flooding.

A growing number of insurance companies offer overland flood insurance. Home and business owners affected by the spring run-off should contact their insurer to discuss their existing coverage.

Disaster financial assistance is generally available for the costs of responding to the disaster, repairs to damaged infrastructure, and noninsurable damage to principal residences and buildings essential to the operation of eligible farms and small businesses. Individuals are required to first seek assistance through private insurance claims.

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Driver damages 7 parked vehicles before stopping in Selkirk parking lot

Staff

Selkirk RCMP are investigating after a man driving a pickup truck damaged seven vehicles before abruptly stopping in the Tim Hortons parking lot on Main Street last week.

Witnesses say the man was backing out of the parking lot when he hit seven vehicles, all of which were parked in the Tim Hortons parking lot, last Thursday afternoon around 4 p.m.

A driver seated in their parked vehicle was pinned during the collision and had to be extracted by firefigthers and then transported by STARS ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver also damaged a concrete garbage bin.

Selkirk RCMP say there were no major injuries but the driver, who is from Selkirk, was sent to hospital as a precaution.

Selkirk RCMP added alcohol is be-



RCMP are investigating after a Selkirk man driving a silver pickup trick, pictured left, hit seven vehicles, one of which is pictured right, in the Tim Hortons parking lot on Main Street before coming to a complete stop last Thursday afternoon. RCMP say alcohol is being considered a factor but they are still investigating.

ing considered a factor but their investigation is ongoing.

RCMP is asking anyone with information is asked to contact the Selkirk RCMP at 204-482-1222 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at manitobacrimestoppers.

com or text"TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

East St. Paul earns Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award

Staff

East St. Paul was among three communities to receive a Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award recently.

The awards recognizing communities with programs meeting or exceeding standards were also presented to the Town of Snow Lake and the City of Steinbach by Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen, minister responsible for emergency measures.

"These communities have demonstrated excellence in developing and maintaining their emergency preparedness programs," said Pedersen. "We applaud the efforts of the emergency management teams in these municipalities, with the support of elected leaders who clearly understand the importance of reducing the risk of disaster impacts on their communities through effective emergency

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preparedness."

Preparedness includes detailed hazard and risk assessment, preparation and maintenance of emergency plans, public education programs, use of social media to communicate with the public and excellent emergency management and response training programs. The Emergency Measures Act requires communities to have emergency preparedness programs. This award recognizes four levels of achievement in community preparedness, modeled on Canadian and international best practices and standards.

"Emergencies can happen at any time and without warning, so prepa-

ration is key," said Joe Masi, executive director, Association of Manitoba Municipalities. "While most communities do have an emergency plan in place, these three municipalities have gone above and beyond to ensure they, and their citizens, will be in the best position to handle any emergency that may arise."

The award is presented annually and includes public recognition by the Manitoba government, a framed certificate and road signs stating, 'We are a Prepared Community', to be placed at the municipality's discretion.

We are pleased to present these awards in partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to recognize Manitoba's most prepared communities," said Pedersen. "Pre-

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LSSD celebrates 50 years of learning





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Past and present Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) students and staff members came together last week to celebrate the LSSD's 50th anniversary. Celebrations officially kicked off at Walter Whyte School in Grand Marais with a special gathering last Wednesday evening. Events continued throughout the day last Saturday with a pancake breakfast prepared by culinary arts students at the Comp, followed by greetings from the LSSD and then various student entertainment. Those interested were then led through an open doors tour of LSSD school buildings and the day-long event wrapped up at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club with a wine and cheese.



Planning district unveils streamlining changes at open house

By Maggie Wysocki

During their open house on Monday, the Red River Planning District (RRPD) shared the changes they've made to help improve customer service.

Hosted at Selkirk's Gaynor Family Regional Library, the open house explained to residents how the organization's updated website will help save time.

The website now allows residents to fill out application forms, submit inspection photos, and find property information, which executive director, Jennifer Ferguson says will allow the RRPD to issue permits faster.

"10,000 customers came into the office last year and we want to serve them all," Ferguson said.

The RRPD provides planning and development services for six rural municipalities — St. Clements, St. Andrews, East St. Paul, West St. Paul, the City of Selkirk, and the Village of Dunnottar.

"Whether it's opening your own business on your property or subdividing your land — we have people coming to us for all different things and we want to give the best service we can," Ferguson said.

Other new strategies the RRPD spoke of included "fast tracks" for permits that don't require an engineer, like pools and decks.

"Fast tracks" allow applications that once had a 20-day turnaround to only



RECORD PHOTO BY MAGGIE WYSOCKI

Red River Planning District staff members pictured from left to right: Derek Eno, Jennifer Ferguson and Ryan Nickel greeted residents during the organization's open house inside the Gaynor Family Regional Library on Monday.

take seven to 10 days now, Ferguson explained.

Further changes discussed during the open house included several new features to their website, like an interactive zoning map that allows residents to see the size and permit requirements for their property.

"Because we cover such a large geographic area we want it to be easy for people to see what they are and aren't allowed to build on their property," Ferguson said.

The mapping will become even more interactive in the future, Ferguson says, adding that homeowners will eventually be able to map out projects such as building a shed.

As for the next steps, Ferguson says even more changes are to come. One of many future initiatives is to create an updated development plan that adopts all six municipalities rather than each district having a standalone plan.

"We need to reflect the changes that are happening as these municipalities grow," she said. "We've made a significant amount of changes and we want people to know how it will help them."

All the information discussed at the open house is available online by visiting redriverplanning.com.

West St. Paul looks to raise awareness during Rail Safety Week

Submitted

RM of West St. Paul council has passed a resolution declaring April 24 to April 30 Rail Safety Week.

During that time, representatives from Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Pacific Police Service (CPPS) will educate the public about rail safety and, along with local police agencies, will conduct rail safety blitzes in West St. Paul and other communities in Canada.

"When people use railway property or tracks as walking paths, they are risking their lives," said Laird Pitz, CP's Vice President and Chief Risk Officer."Rail safety requires vigilance 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We are asking everyone to consider their own safety around railroad property. The impact of an incident can have tragic consequences for all concerned, including family, friends and community." CP has been recognized as the safest railway in North America, with the fewest reportable train accidents per million train miles among all Class 1 railroads, for 11 years straight.



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Métis author shares stories with local students

By Jennifer McFee

Everyone has a story to tell, and David Bouchard is no exception.

But the well-known Métis speaker and author didn't know he had a gift for telling tales until he was in his mid-40s.

"Life is an ongoing story, yours and mine. Life creates such amazing stories that I cannot only share them with people but I also get my own sense of being from it," he said during a telephone interview last week.

"I was a school principal in the wrong job. I quit my job at 46 years old, and now I've been on the road for 17 years."

That journey brought him to Selkirk and Stonewall last week for Manitoba's only two stops on his current stint of speaking engagements.

On Wednesday, April 19, Bouchard spoke to Selkirk students at École Bonaventure followed by a professional development session with teachers.

The following day, he spent the morning engaging with students at École R.W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall, with another stop at École Stonewall Centennial School in the afternoon.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Bouchard is now based in Victoria, although he spends most of his time giving presentations in other places.

"I always enjoy my time in Manitoba. It's kind of like coming home. The

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RECORD PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Métis speaker and author David Bouchard was serenading students and shared stories at École R. W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall last Thursday. Bouchard also made a stop in Selkirk at École Bonaventure.

people here are prairie people, and it's great. When I come to Manitoba, the presence of Indigenous communities and people are so strong that I tend to move in that direction," he said.

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"My major expertise is reading and literacy, and I really do take a Métis point of view. There's nowhere in the world where that perspective is as wanted or needed as Manitoba. That's also important because if you don't have your culture behind you, you don't have the confidence or the willpower to read." When he works

with kids, he aims to instill how literacy applies to their own lives.

"I make sure they know how our ancestors would've wanted this for us," Bouchard said. "We can use read-

"LIFE CREATES SUCH AMAZING STORIES THAT I CANNOT ONLY SHARE THEM WITH PEOPLE BUT I ALSO GET MY OWN SENSE OF BEING FROM IT."

ing and writing to not only record our own sense of history but to also pave the way for future generations."

For Bouchard, it's important for people to feel a personal connection to the books they read by seeing a little piece of themselves reflected in the words.

"Manitoba has such a diversity of people. The Scots, the Irish, the English were such a big part of this land, and these kids love to hear about that and deserve to hear about that. They should know about the history of their province and their people. If you don't see yourself in a book, you won't want to read it," he said.

"So I've written a number of books on Métis culture, on First Nations traditions and values. Most of the kids in your communities know of First Nations issues as well."

With the wee ones, Bouchard tells them it's not the reading that's important; rather, it's the story. "You don't get your best stories from books or from teachers or from school," he said. "You get them from grandma and grandpa."

With the older kids, he stresses that they need to know how to read if they want to succeed in society.

"The good news is that anyone can read," he often tells students. "All it takes is one book. Your teacher's job is to put you into that book and my job is to write it for Indigenous kids who otherwise might not see themselves in a book."

For adult audiences, Bouchard has a completely different message.

"I always say to parents and to teachers that you need to know, you deserve to know and you should know what it takes to make your children and your students readers," he said.

Bouchard also noted the difference in education between the United States and Canada comes down to two words: accountability and trust.

In America, the buzzwords are all about holding teachers accountable. In Canada, teachers can thrive in a system centred on trust, which includes educators right here in Manitoba.

"Manitoba has always been on the forefront of the right way of thinking," he added.

"You've always been a mecca of common sense, so you're one of the few strongholds that needs to keep the focus on trust."

Local Stars fan receives signed jersey after chance meeting

By Scott Billeck

A chance encounter with a travelling Dallas Stars fan turned a joke into something a teenager from East Selkirk will likely remember for the rest of his life.

Sitting four rows behind the Stars bench in a 4-1 loss to the Winnipeg Jets on Oct. 27, 2016, 13-year-old Dain Leach had brought a sign with him in lieu of the Stars jersey he would have liked to be wearing.

As soon as his dad, Kevin, told him about the tickets for the game, Dain had been protesting to get a jersey. His mother, Denise, couldn't find one in town and with his attempts falling on deaf ears with his dad, Dain did the next best thing, grabbing some poster paper, a Sharpie and in large block letters, writing, "Dad wouldn't let me get a Stars Jersey."

"It was a joke, really," Dain said during a phone interview last week.

Also in the crowd that night was travelling Stars fan, Kimberly Matthews, who noticed the sign from her seats just a few rows in front.

"I never thought I would see many other Stars fans," said Matthews, who has managed to get to 16 different NHL arenas over the past few seasons. "Dain and his father were sitting a few rows behind me, so walking down to my seat I was pleasantly surprised. During an intermission I commented on his sign, said hello and such, but after the game we took pictures together.

"We talked for a while discussing why he liked the Stars and how he plays hockey himself. I teased his father about not getting him a jersey, as his sign had stated. I told him not to worry about it and promised I would get one for him and send it to him." Dain didn't think too much of it.

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"We thought she maybe had a few too many to drink," Dain said with a laugh.

Instead, Matthews and Dain's parents connected over Facebook.

Five months later, a Tyler Seguin jersey showed up in the mail. On the back, Seguin's No. 91 in white numbering was littered with the signatures of every Stars player.

"I can't explain why, but he pulled at my heart strings and I knew no matter what I had to make sure to keep that promise," Matthews said. "He was such a sweet kid with a love for my team, how could I not help him out?" Dain could hardly believe it.

"It was awesome, it was something I never expected," Dain said. "Seguin is my favourite player (he likes fellow forward Jamie Benn as well). "I like the Jets, but when the Jets are playing the Stars, I'm cheering for the Stars."

Dain said she wasn't sure how Matthews was able to get the jersey signed. Matthews, a long-time season ticket holder, got players to sign it over the course of time at practices and team events. Finally, her season ticket representative got the last few signatures she needed.

"I know with it being signed by the team it will go in a frame and a keepsake," Matthews said, adding another jersey is on its way to Dain. "I promised him before the season starts again, I will send him one he could wear to the games."



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Dain Leach of East Selkirk holds up the signed Dallas Stars jersey a fellow Stars fan mailed him after a chance meeting when the Winnipeg Jets played the Stars in October 2016.

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RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS A pair of ducks take a dip in a creek under sunny skies along Pearson Parkway in Selkirk last Wednesday afternoon.

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1 teaspoon salt, plus additional for

Yield: 8

- Prep time: 5 minutes
- Cook time: 30 minutes
- 5 small yellow potatoes
- 5 small red potatoes or potato of your choice 1 pint sweet mini peppers (red,
- orange and yellow)
- cooking spray

salting water

1/2 cup milk

2 large eggs, beaten

Heat oven to 400 F.

and allow to cool.

1 tablespoon fresh thyme

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

paper. Bake 10-15 minutes until

4 tablespoons fat-free sour cream or fat-free Greek yogurt (optional) 8 sprigs cilantro, picked from stems salt, to taste

1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Line baking sheet with parchment paper and evenly lay prosciutto on

prosciutto is crispy. Remove from oven

Peel and cube potatoes. Place in pot

high heat. Once boiling, reduce heat to

rapid simmer and cook until potatoes

are fork tender, about 10 minutes.

of salted water and bring to boil over

chili powder, to taste freshly ground pepper, to taste Place whole potatoes into microwave-safe, covered dish. Microwave on high 3-4 minutes. While potatoes are cooking, cut mini peppers into 1/4-inch slices. Spray nonstick pan with cooking spray and heat to medium. Add peppers and saute until they start to brown. Remove from pan and set aside. Remove potatoes from microwave and with layer of paper towels covering each potato, smash on cutting board until 1 3/4-inch thick.

Spray saute pan with cooking spray, heat on high and add smashed potatoes. Cook 1-2 minutes until potatoes start to brown.

On plate, place potatoes and layer with sour cream or yogurt, if desired, peppers and cilantro. Dust with salt, chili powder and pepper, to taste. Serve warm.

Strain potatoes from water and transfer to large bowl. Mash potatoes with fork or potato masher.

Add milk, butter, eggs, cheese and thyme to potatoes. Stir to combine. In separate bowl, combine flour,

baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Add to potato mixture and stir until just combined. Crumble prosciutto and fold it into batter.

Heat waffle iron. If required, grease with cooking spray.

Spoon about 1 cup batter onto waffle iron and cook according to iron's instructions until waffles are golden, about 4 minutes. Keep waffles warm in 200 F oven until all waffles are cooked and ready to serve.

Serve with touch of butter, sour cream or poached or fried egg.





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- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh

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rosemary, crushed 2 tsp (10 mL) grated lemon rind 2 tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice

1/2 tsp (2 mL) paprika ¹/₄ tsp (1 mL) freshly ground

black pepper 2 tsp (10 mL) extra virgin olive

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Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and place in large bowl.

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Roasted lemon and rosemary potatoes

Sunova dogs a hit with clients, a stress release for staff

By Lindsey Enns

For Selkirk-based Sunova Credit Union, having a friendly furry face wandering around the office isn't just for their clients, it also benefits their employees.

"Dogs become part of your family and it's something we've become known for," said Vanessa Foster, Sunova's director of marketing. "It's become a source of stress release, comedy sometimes depending on what the dog is doing, but we found that it's just a really nice opportunity for people to come in and see the dogs.

"It's a neat thing to have that presence at your office."

Sunova currently has two St. Bernard greeters — six-year-old Gallagher, who has been visiting branches and making appearances at special events for about five years, and sevenmonth-old Lily, who is currently in training. Both dogs are in the care of Laurie Keith, a full-time trainer who brings them to work, supervises their visits to Sunova's 12 branches, and then takes them home each day.

Foster said they chose the St. Bernard breed because they are "loveable, laid back and not too aggressive."

"Most people are animal lovers and part of the reason why they love a St. Bernard is because they are very calm and gentle dogs," she said.





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ABOVE LEFT: Laurie Keith is pictured with seven-month-old Lily, pictured left, and six-year-old Gallagher. The St. Bernards both serve as Sunova Credit Union's canine greeters. ABOVE RIGHT: Lily and Gallagher share a moment during a recent photoshoot.

Foster said the idea behind hiring a "director of greetings," or D.O.Gs, came to fruition following a conference her and another employee attended where a speaker talked about the benefits of dogs in the workplace.

"We thought that concept would work really well at our organization," she said."So we ended up starting the program here at our Selkirk location." What started out as a pilot project has now become something unique the bank is known for.

"It's opened our world," Foster said. "It's definitely evolved over the years and its grown into a really big part of our brand."

Foster said they are currently in the process of expanding the program due to its success over the years.

"We'll probably bring on another puppy either later this year or early next year depending on availability," she said.

Foster said one of the dogs is usually at their Selkirk branch every seven to 10 days and their schedules are shared via social media as well as their inbranch and outdoor digital screens.

Steeltown Ford test-drive event raises \$6K for Dream Factory

Submitted

Selkirk Steeltown Ford brought Ford's innovative Drive One 4 UR Community program to Beausejour to help raise \$6,000 for The Dream Factory recently.

For every person who test-drove a Ford vehicle at Edward Schreyer School on April 13, Steeltown Ford and Ford of Canada donated \$20 to help a sick child's dream come true.

The Dream Factory is a charitable organization that fulfills dreams for kids who are battling life-threatening illnesses. They identified that the money is going to the Garcia family, who have a two-year-old son named Meinard with cancer. His dream is to visit his grandparents and family in the Philippines for the first time.

"The family lives in Winnipeg, and they visited the school with their son so the students could connect with their story and understand where the money was going," said Angie Chamberlin, a teacher at Edward Schreyer School.

The event featured the Ford F-150, Escape, Focus and other available models.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Steeltown Ford, Edward Schreyer School, and the community of Beausejour came together and testdrove Ford vehicles to help raise \$6,000 for The Dream Factory Manitoba during a Drive One 4 UR Community event last Thursday.



Spontes upside Down

Royals reach bronze-medal game at ringette tourney

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals were impressive on so many levels at the recent Manitoba High School Ringette Tournament.

Selkirk played some outstanding ringette on their way to losing 4-3 to St. Mary's in a shootout in the bronzemedal game Sunday of the 19-team tournament.

The Royals had a goal disallowed in the closely-contested game.

"It was an amazing (game)," said Laura Cameron, whose daughter Madison plays on the team. "In the five years that we have been in ringette, I have never seen a team this good out of Selkirk that is not 'AA'. Our girls did amazing all weekend."

Cameron was impressed with the teamwork exhibited by the Royals throughout the tournament.

"They worked together as a team and they played together as a team," she said. "They brought their game when they came – they had the school spirit."

The Royals gelled together and played some stellar defence, said Cameron, noting Selkirk also enjoyed some outstanding goaltending from Rebecca Zdrill.

"We had all ringette players except one hockey player," Cameron explained, noting the Royals had three Grade 9 players on this year's team. "And we had two girls that didn't play ringette at all this year but they played in the past."

Selkirk was 3-1-1 in pool play, with

many of those games decided by just a goal. The Royals started the tournament with a 4-3 victory over Garden City on April 18 and then edged Portage 3-2 the following day.

After playing to a 2-2 tie with Stonewall, the Royals lost 6-0 to a very good Lorette Scorpions' team, who later won the silver medal after an overtime loss to Leo Remillard in the goldmedal game.

Selkirk then slipped past Pierre Elliot Trudeau 5-4 to earn a spot in the bronze-medal game.

For the Royals, the season-ending high school tournament was a great way to end the winter sports season.

"It's a fun tournament," Cameron said. "It's one of the best tournaments that I have ever watched and that the girls have ever played. Our girls did an amazing job. They played hard and we couldn't have asked for anything better."

The Royals' roster included Rebecca Zdrill, Robyn Grahame, Emily Lambert, Madison Cameron, Sierra Rolof, Renee Partyka, Sarah McCarthy, Julia Ignagni, Charlotte Wilmott, Natalia Johnson, Brittany Scramstad, Cassidy McKenzie, Robyn Partyka, Kristina Slobodian and Madison McIvor.

The coaches were Danika Romaniw and Amy Saluk while the teacher representative was Steve Grahame.

"Without our coaches and teacher rep, who all volunteered their time, we could have not made this tournament a success," said Laura Cameron.



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The Royals were bronze-medal finalists at the Manitoba High School Ringette Tournament last Sunday. Selkirk was defeated 4-3 by St. Mary's in a shootout.



game Friday afternoon.

RECORD PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER Goaltender Rebecca Zdrill makes a save against a Rams player in the 2-2

Royals to begin baseball season

By Brian Bowman

If Mother Nature allows it, the Selkirk Royals will see their first baseball game action this week.

The Royals have a mini three-team exhibition scheduled today against Stonewall and Lundar in Grosse Isle.

Selkirk expects to field a very competitive club this spring with eight returning players from last year's KPAC-championship team.

The Royals also have eight new players on this year's team, but they are loaded with "AAA" experience.

"We're looking pretty good," said Royals' assistant coach/manager Trevor Churchill Tuesday afternoon."Our (head) coach Ed Freeman feels that we are going to be strong."

The Royals, blessed with a plethora of strong pitching, hope to earn a spot at the MHSAA provincials, which will be held June 1-3 in Altona.

Brittney Langlais, Troy Kozun, Reece Tessier, and Kevin Burnett are expected to be key contributors to the Royals this season.

Selkirk will begin KPAC play May 10 (2 p.m.) against Maples Collegiate at St. James Optimist Park before they head to Altona for a tournament May 11-13.

KPAC action continues until May 24 when the seven-inning league final will be played at Shaw Park in Win-Continued on page 20

Raiders win MMJHL championship

By Brian Bowman

For the second time in four seasons, the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club are the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League champions.

The Raiders clinched the title after a 5-1 win over the Stonewall Jets last Friday at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex.

"It's pretty special because championships don't come around too often," said Lockport's Brandon Paradoski, 20. "You really want to saviour moments like this and it was pretty good to do it alongside Jared (Nielsen), a local guy from the community who happens to be my (defensive) partner."

The Raiders won the best-of-seven series in six games.

"The guys really came together after the rollercoaster year that we had going into the playoffs," said Nielsen, who lives in St. Andrews. "We have some guys that have won in the past so we had some experience on the team and we had a coaching staff that knew what they were doing."

After a scoreless first period in Game 6, Carson Rybuck needed just 31 seconds to put the Raiders on the board in the second.

Chase Faulkner tied the score at 1-1 about five minutes later with his league-leading 19th playoff goal but the Raiders responded with goals from Nicholas Mathews and Matt Zolinski.

The Raiders then put the game out of reach with goals by Dawson Anderson and Tanner Magalas just 26 seconds apart midway in the third.

The Raiders outshot the Jets 29-16 as Ryan Brown earned the win in goal. Brown was later deservedly named the MMJHL Playoff MVP.

The Jets had staved off elimination in the series after a 4-0 shutout win over the Raiders on April 18 in Stonewall.

"Our heads really weren't in that one," Paradoski



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED Jared Nielsen, left, and Brandon Paradoski led the Raiders to the MMJHL championship.

admitted."We really didn't come out to play at all." Devin Muir scored twice while Hunter Ploszay was perfect in goal, making 32 saves.

Muir opened the game's scoring at 5:01 of the first period and then Adam Blight made it 2-0 early in the middle frame.

Muir then tallied a key shorthanded goal at 15:40 of the second period to stake the Jets to a 3-0 lead and then scored in the third. Kyle Doak finished the game with two assists while Branden Meier also had a helper.

Defence, though, was the key for the Raiders in the league final. They limited Stonewall to just 11 goals in six games. The Raiders also held the Jets to just 16 shots in Game 6, according to the league website. Many of the Jets' shots during the final were from the outside, said Nielsen.

"Defence wins championships," said Paradoski, who spent time last season with the MJHL's Swan Valley Stampeders. "From me and Jared's perspective, we really shut down our end and really kept it clean and let our offence do the scoring."

The Raiders, whose roster also includes West St. Paul's Kyle Jur, finished the regular season in sixth place with a 23-17-5 record. But they came out flying in the playoffs, sweeping third-place St. James before knocking off the first-place Charleswood Hawks to reach the final.

"We had a perfect system for the type of team that we had," Paradoski explained. "We really just shut them down from our end and we would get scoring opportunities by turning the puck over. I think that really helped our forwards out."

Nielsen said the key for the Raiders was their play without the puck.

"Everyone just seemed to buy in at the end," Nielsen, 19, said. "Everyone was playing their best in the playoffs and we just came together as a group and put the pedal to the floor

Both local players have really enjoyed their time playing for the Raiders in the very competitive MMJHL.

"It's a great organization," Nielsen stressed."Neddie (Saunders) knows how to run a hockey team – it's a great organization.

Paradoski echoed Nielsen's sentiments.

"The Raiders are a great team to play for," he added. They're a great organization and it was a phenomenal year. It was a lot of fun.

Volleyball Manitoba hosts provincial championships

Submitted by Volleyball Manitoba

The first weekend of the 2017 Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships took place last weekend with four events held in Winnipeg and Brandon.

Those championships involved 44 teams and the 2017 provincials will continue the next two weekends with nine more championships being played, involving another 146 teams.

Here are the final placings and all-star/MVP selections from April 22-23.

13U Boys Provincials (St. Paul's High School)

First - 204 Gold, second - WinMan Wave, third -WinMan Tide, fourth - 204 Cardinal, fifth - Selkirk Royals, sixth – Tsunami and seventh – BVC. 13U Girls Provincials (MBCI)

First - Vision Rage, second - Dynamo Red, third - Vision Panthers, fourth - Prairie Fire Black, fifth -Vision Velocity, sixth - Cats Gold, seventh - Cats Blue, eighth - Fury, ninth - Dynamo Grey, 10th - Big Sand Storm, 11th - Vics Volley, 12th - Selkirk Royals White, 13th -Jr. Pilots, 14th - Vision 12U, 15th - Prairie Fire Orange, 16th - Selkirk Royals Grey and 17th Dynamo 12U.

17U Girls Provincials (Brandon)

First - Jr. Bisons, second – Shock, third - Westman Wave, fourth – Dynamo, fifth - WinMan Inferno, sixth – Cats, seventh – Storm, eighth – Mavericks, ninth –

Fury and 10th Killarney Raiders.

All-stars: Janet Clegg (Dynamo), Sophia King (Westman Wave), Sumathi Santiago (Shock), Melonie Einarson (Shock), Justice Bryson (Jr. Bisons) and Jana Laing (Jr. Bisons).

MVP: Jayda Nault (Jr. Bisons)

18U Girls Provincials (BU HLC & Neelin HS, Brandon)

First - Jr. Bisons, second – Cobras, third - Jr. Wesmen, fourth – Cats, fifth – Mavericks, sixth – Rebels, seventh - Manitoba Ice, eighth - Big Sand Force, ninth – Alliance and 10th – Predators.

All-stars: Sami Love (Cats), Emma Parker (Jr. Wesmen), Tori Isfjord (Cobras), Laura Hill (Cobras), Ayiya Ottogo (Jr. Bison) and Paige Morris (Jr. Bison). MVP: Julia Tays (Jr. Bison)

The next two weekends will feature the following championship events:

April 29- 30: 14U Girls – MBCI, Red River College, 14U Girls Tier 2 – Shamrock School, Winnipeg, 14U Boys – John Taylor Collegiate, Hedges Jr High, Lincoln Jr. High, Winnipeg, 17U Boys –Steinbach and 18U Boys –Steinbach.

May 6-7: 15U Girls – MBCI and Maples Collegiate, Winnipeg, 15U Boys – Brandon University, 16U Girls – Red River College and 16U Boys – Steinbach.



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Royals win final rookie tournament game

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals had a nice victory to wrap up their Winnipeg High School Hockey League rookie tournament last Sunday.

After a pair of lopsided losses, Selkirk capped off the tournament with a hard-fought 4-3 win over Miles Mac on Sunday.

"Overall, I'm glad that we ended off with a win like that," said Royals' head coach Brad Hrymak. "The third game was pretty intense. We were down and then we were up and then we were tied and then ended up scoring with less than two minutes left in the game.

"It was pretty exciting for the boys." This season-ending tournament often brings out players from varying skill levels and hockey backgrounds. It is meant to introduce players to the high school game.

"You just never know what to expect

at these tournaments," Hrymak said. "You don't know what schools are going to have what players come out."

The Royals started the tournament with an 8-1 loss to J.H. Bruns and then were defeated 11-1 by the Westwood Warriors.

"In those games that we were losing, they were trying," Hrymak said. "There was no give up and that was the main thing that we noticed out there."

Selkirk, which had 16 skaters and two goalies, obviously had some tough competition at the tournament. "I think we were caught between Di-

vision 1 and Division 2," Hrymak said. "But I think (the tournament) was good for them. We had one boy from the (Winnipeg) Thrashers and one boy that didn't even play this year.

"I'm glad the guys came out to see what high school hockey is all about."



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Royals' Jordan Simko scored the lone goal against the Westwood Warriors from the slot during Winnipeg High School Hockey action last Saturday.

1920 Selkirk Fishermen to be inducted into Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame

Staff

The 1920 Selkirk Fishermen are part of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame's Class of 2017.

The Fishermen are the longest running junior hockey team in Canada. The franchise was founded in 1917 and joined the Winnipeg and District Junior League's inaugural season in 1918. The league changed its name to the Manitoba Junior Hockey League in 1931.

In its first year, the WDJL had nine teams in two divisions and each team played six games with the Fishermen taking the first league title in 1918.

In 1920, Selkirk won the league title again, claiming the new Turnbull Memorial Trophy. The Fishermen advanced to the Western Canada playdowns in Regina where they defeated the hometown Vics to claim the Manitoba/Saskatchewan title.

Knocking off the Alberta/B.C. champion Calgary Monarchs earned Selkirk the Abbot Cup and the junior hockey championship of Western Canada. This earned the Fishermen a crack at the Memorial Cup against the Eastern champion, the Toronto Canoe Club Paddlers. The popular Fishermen were small and success for them came from a fast, skilled offence. The Paddlers, however, were an all-star contingent comprised of players from across the country and their size would prove to be too much for the Fishermen. Selkirk lost the two-game total goal Memorial Cup series 15-5.

The veteran's selection committee also elected to induct Barney Holden. Meanwhile, another Interlake connection to enter the hall is former NHL official Rob Martell.

Born in Winnipeg, Martell had an amateur playing career in the Stonewall area, winning two provincial championships.

He played one season in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with the Selkirk Steelers and the 1982-83 season with the Stonewall Jets in the South Interlake Hockey League (winning the league and provincial titles in 1983).

During this time, Martell was a minor league official under the guidance of Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame member Perry Allan, working games in Stonewall, the Interlake, and then "AA" and "AAA" games in Winnipeg. He later officiated in Junior "B", MMJHL, MJHL, CASH and other senior leagues. At the same time, Martell was a linesman for the WHL when the Warriors played in Winnipeg.

In 1984, Martell received a break when an NHL linesman was unable to work and called on him to work the game. Three years later, he was called to the NHL summer camp and hired in their trainee program, officiating junior hockey across Canada and the U.S. in the WHL, OHL, QMJHL, and the CCHA Division 1.

The following year, Martell worked 50 games in the IHL and AHL. In 1992, he was hired full time as an NHL referee but continued to work in the minor leagues.

On Easter Sunday in 1996, Martell refereed his first NHL game, and in 2000 he had his first full season in the NHL. He last officiated an NHL game Jan. 2, 2016 in Tampa Bay.

Martell will be joined in the 2017 Class along with former players Murray Bannerman, James 'Jim' Benzelock, Laurie Boschman, Jennifer Botterill, Pat Falloon, Lew Morrison and Ross Parke.

Entering the Hall in the builders' cat-

egory are Barry Bonni, Gary Cribbs, Michael Gobuty and Barry Trotz while Vic Grant is the lone media member inducted this year.

The two teams to be inducted will be the 1951-52 Dauphin Kings and 1960-64 Assiniboia Residential School.

The official induction Dinner and Ceremony is set for Oct. 7 at Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg.

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nipeg. KPAC has added two new teams – Murdoch Mackay and River East – for this season.

"We'll be just fine in KPAC this year," Churchill said confidently. "Garden City will be strong again as they had a young team last year and they have a lot of returning players."

That Altona tournament, meanwhile, traditionally attracts the top high school teams in the province.

"It's going to be an exciting time and we're looking forward to it," Churchill said. "Altona is also hosting provincials this year so it will be a good test for us." CINSSINCE Sellank Regor

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-01 - BY-LAW NO. 4286 FOR THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT – PHASE 2

The Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews has scheduled a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday**, **May 11, 2017** at the **St. Andrews Community Club**, **28A St. Andrews Road**, St. Andrews, Manitoba to present the following local improvement plan:

Description of the proposed Local Improvement:

The local improvement plan proposed herein involves the provision of authority to construct and borrow funds for the completion of a new regional wastewater collection system to service the southern portion of the R.M. of St. Andrews (Phase 2). The wastewater will be conveyed via the Main Street Trunk Sewer in West St. Paul for treatment at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre in Winnipeg.

Part 1 of the project is the construction of low-pressure lines throughout the Phase 2 service area. Part 2 of the project is the construction of a regional wastewater forcemain from River Road to Donald Road and a Lift Station and Odour Control System at Donald Road.

The project has been initiated by the Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews to provide a cost-effective means of treating wastewater while protecting the health of the community located within the Manitoba Conservation Red River Corridor Designated Area that was established in 2009 by Provincial Regulation. This Regulation prohibits the replacement or modification of existing septic fields and construction of new septic fields in the Corridor.

As a result, property owners in Phase 2 will be required to physically connect existing residences and businesses to the wastewater sewer within 5 years of completion of the system. With system completion anticipated in 2018, that would mean a required connection time in 2023.

At the time of connection, all work on private property is the responsibility of the property owner and the connection cost to the City of Winnipeg (approximately \$2,300) will be paid directly by the property owner at the time of connection.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$15,600,000 with funding of \$4,500,000 secured from the Canada/Manitoba New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, funding of \$2,750,000 secured from the Manitoba Water Services Board and a contribution from the R.M. of St. Andrews Gas Tax Reserve of \$1,034,111. The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews is proposing to borrow their portion of Phase 2 of the project of \$7,315,889. over a period of Twenty (20) years. The proposed cost to each parcel of land will be to a maximum of \$618.37 per annum for the Twenty (20) year period or a one-time pre-payment amount of \$7,390.00.

A written objection may be filed with the CAO at 500 Railway Avenue, Box 130, Clandeboye, MB ROC OPO prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the Municipal Office at 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye and on the municipal website at: www.rmofstandrews.com.

Dated at the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews this 19th day of April, A.D. 2017 and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

> Andrew Weremy, CAO Rural Municipality of St. Andrews Phone: (204) 738-2264 or Toll Free: 1-866-738-2264 Fax: 204-738-2500

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Bryan Bowser Happy 65th Birthday

May 1, 1952 As a husband, dad, and grandpa, You have always seen your role As striving to reach one very clear goal; To ensure, as best as you are able, That our lives are filled with love and joy, And our world is safe and stable. You are, without doubt, A man of boundless expertise; A hockey rink, a tree house, our personal trapeze.

Story teller, Lego builder, toy fixer supreme, A reassuring voice when we wake from a bad dream.

You are our lifelong coach through all the storms of life.

A sturdy hand to hold onto in times of stress and strife

And if, by chance, our course in life ever veers astrav.

Your love gives us strength as we search to find our way.

You always back us up, no matter what the stakes.

You are our hero who never stops doing what it takes.

To see us happy; it is your constant endeavor, Thank you, Bryan, Dad, Grandpa,

Our love for you will last beyond forever! -Love all your family

Let your family and loved ones know that you are thinking of them at their time of celebration with a message in the Record



Happy Sweet 16th Amber April 25, 2017 Todays the day I've waited for, Because you're not a baby anymore. You've turned into the prettiest girl I've ever

seen, Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen. What happened to that funny face? My little tomboy now wears satin and lace. I can't believe my eyes you're just a teenage

dream, Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen.

If I should smile with sweet surprise, It's just that you've grown up before my very eyes.

You've turned into the prettiest girl I've ever seen,

Happy Birthday, sweet sixteen.

-Love, all of us XO

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Stamm – I would like to thank my family for my Surprise 90th Birthday party, and for my brother and his wife; Roy and Ferne for coming from Kingston, Ontario. Thank you Larry Johannson for your kind words and Doug Poirier for representing the council and for being a good friend. I would like to thank everyone who came out for their friendship and wishes, the phone calls and cards. Thank you to Roxie for the lovely supper on Saturday for all my family. -Blessings

Kristine



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OBITUARY

Linda Anne Gerbrandt (nee Zabogruski)

Peacefully on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Selkirk General Hospital, Linda Gerbrandt, age 63 years of Gimli, MB, passed away. Linda was born on October 24, 1953 in Selkirk, MB.

She leaves to mourn her husband Ben; sons Justin (Sherri) and Steven (Vanessa); grandchildren Hannah, Raine and Maverick; brothers Dennis (Darlene) Zabogruski and Rick Zabogruski; and many nieces and nephews. Linda was predeceased by her parents Nettie and Steve Zabogruski; and brother Wayne Zabogruski.

Linda grew up in Selkirk, MB. As the only daughter in her family, her three brothers looked up to her. Linda graduated from nursing at Red River College. Later in life, she enjoyed having her home daycare. She loved spending time baking, cooking, making crafts and doing crosswords.

Linda was a kind, loving lady with a big heart. She welcomed everyone into her home with open arms. Family meant everything to Linda. Linda and Ben shared 40 years of marriage together. They were inseparable and were always by each other's side. Linda was also very proud of her sons. Her three grandchildren were her greatest joy. Hannah, Raine and Maverick could always bring a smile to Nana's face and brighten up her day.

Special thank you to Donna Wishnowski and the staff at Gimli Hospital, Selkirk General Hospital, Betel Home Gimli, Gimli Home Care, local ambulance attendants, Gimli Fire Department and Gimli Handi-Van who cared for Linda. Thank you to all. We will miss you Nana.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held at the East Selkirk Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

> Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements. www.gilbartfuneralhome.com



Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

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Thanks to Mike, Cindy, Chris and Brenda for the celebration for our 60th Wedding Anniversary. Thanks to Wendy for bringing Eunice (our bridesmaid) from England to surprise us. Thanks to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren for their great gift. To Brackendale Catering for the wonderful meal, Marilyn for doing the flowers, and Lorraine for working the bar. Thank you for your gifts, cards and to everyone that came. It was a wonderful celebration.

-Brian and Deanna Harris



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