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Manitoba 55+ Games gets ready to call Selkirk home

Event aims to bring seniors back to regular activities with safety in mind

By Katelyn Boulanger

After being delayed for two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic the time is now right for the Manitoba 55+ Games to take place in Selkirk. The games were originally scheduled for 2020 but will now be happening June 7, 8, and 9.

"I'm finding that there is enthusiasm that's out there. People are also saying, 'I'm getting ready to get back out into the community after two years of COVID isolation and this feels like a gentle way of reintroducing myself to the community'," said Deborah Vitt, 55+ Games host committee public relations co-chair.

Two years ago, when the games were originally planned, everything was in full swing, volunteers were volunteering, venues were being looked at, and plans were being made before COVID-19 regulations made hosting large events in our communi-

ties an impossibility. Now that regulations have been lifted, the planning is starting all over again.

One of the major hurdles that the 55+ Games host committee are facing with this round of games is getting back into contact with volunteers who wanted to volunteer in the past and also getting the word out that they are in need of additional volunteers.

"Our message to the community is if you registered before, we have that information, and our volunteer coordinators will have reached out to you in an email or through your contact information," said Melanie Shumilak, 55+ Games host committee public relations co-chair.

They also will need additional volunteers to sign up and help with games themselves and a few social evenings that will be taking place during the event.

Shumilak and Vitt say that volunteering at this event will be a great way to get out into our community.

"We are being as safe as possible. We are trying to be as inclusive as possible for all persons and abilities. And it is a good way to paint a smile on the front of your mask, and come on out and enjoy," said Vitt.

Volunteers don't need to be 55 or older though, if participants want, they can volunteer to help with the event.

Something that the group is taking into consideration with this round of the games is that COVID-19 is still present in our communities. With this in mind, they have decided that masks will be mandatory at the games for everyone. They will also require that everyone involved be vaccinated.

Vitt and Shumilak have no doubt that Selkirkians and residents who live in the area of the city will band together to make the 55+ Games a success.

"Selkirk is known for their volunteers. It's one of the reasons that Active Aging Manitoba came to Selkirk because we are known for all of the various events that have gone on – the curling, the golf events, and various other big activities. This is a community that loves to give back. We care about each other and we want to see each other do well," said Vitt.

To volunteer, you can contact the Gordon Howard Centre at 204-785-2092.

For those 55 or older who are keen to participate visit www.activeagingmb.ca and click on 55+ Games for more information.

Another place to keep up to date on the latest info from the games is their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/selkirk55games>.



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Melanie Shumilak and Deborah Vitt are two of the volunteers that are helping to make the Manitoba 55+ Games happen in our community. The event is run almost completely by volunteers.

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Patient appreciates the work that they do to help those in need

By Katelyn Boulanger

After having surgery at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg on Feb. 18, Virginia Parsons would like to thank all of the health care workers from the Selkirk Hospital who helped her recover after she encountered complications.

"I would say, the people that work there go above and beyond what is expected because they just do. I can't speak any better of them. That was the best treatment I've ever had," she said.

Parson's initial surgery required an abdominal incision which meant that she spent a few days at the hospital in Winnipeg before coming home to Selkirk.

Once she had recovered enough to be discharged she recovered at home for ten days before having to have her staples removed. When she went to see her local general practitioner for the removal they quickly discovered that she had not healed correctly and had to send her to the Selkirk Regional Health Centre's emergency room to

be checked out.

"It was just the GP at the office and [they] just took one look and went 'You ripped open, I have to call emergency you have to get to the hospital'," said Parsons.

When she went to the hospital, she had to go through the usual procedure of the COVID-19 test before checking into the ER and being seen almost immediately.

She says that the nurse who was with her at the time was very reassuring and helped her when she was quite scared.

After a few minutes the surgeon who was getting ready to end his shift, Dr. Kinsley came and also reassured her that he was going to take her into surgery and fix the complication that occurred.

Once she came out of surgery the healthcare staff around her were also wonderful.

"There were people in there constantly asking me if I was okay. If I needed anything, asking me if I had pain," said Parsons.

She was especially impressed by the consistency of care shown to her as the resident who was part of her

surgical team, Dr. Cho, came to check on her twice a day and continued to check up on her even on the weekend.

The nurses who helped her were also very attentive to the needs of their patients.

"They were very kind. They were concerned. They were eager to do whatever needed to be done," said Parsons.

She said that the experience of excellent patient care extended past the people that you would typically think of as healthcare workers to members of the housekeeping staff as well.

"They would ask how I was feeling today. And [I'd say] 'I feel a lot better than yesterday.' And they'd say 'Oh, that's good. Do you need any kleenex? Do you want your water changed? Should I open [or] close the blinds?'," said Parsons.

She feels that the environment created by the employees that she experienced as a patient helped her to heal and recover well.

"I would like to say thank you for the wonderful job that you do," said Parsons.



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New artist and returning favourites at Gwen Fox Gallery this May

Brenda Hedberg, Patricia Johnson, Kenneth Wauhkonen and Mia Fournier bring life to gallery

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Gwen Fox Gallery's May show will be open to the public on April 26. The show will run until May 21 and features 88 pieces of art by Brenda Hedberg, Patricia Johnson, Kenneth Wauhkonen and Mia Fournier.

Brenda Hedberg

Hedberg is an Interlake based artist who lives outside of Teulon, MB. Her art is very inspired by Manitoba's natural beauty with many of her paintings having their beginnings in photos that she's taken while travelling throughout the province.

In addition to being an artist, she is the Gwen Fox Gallery's volunteer coordinator and describes her style of art as loose realism.

"I don't want it to be photographic. I want it to be what it is — you recognize it easily. You know what it is, but it's loose, it doesn't have every blade of grass, but you have a little bit of detail," said Hedberg.

She's well known in the area for her acrylic paintings of clotheslines, as well as ditches, and lilies but has recently branched out into landscapes.

"Every time I do a landscape, there's that feeling of wellness. And so, if we can get that feeling looking at a painting indoors [why not try to bring that into inside spaces]," she said.

Hedberg believes that the bigger the painting is the bigger the impact that it has and so she has many larger pieces at the gallery in the May exhibit. She finds inspiration for these large pieces from the many photos that she's taken over the years of Manitoba as, before her retirement, her career involved some travel.

Her best tip for new artists that want to start making art is to pick up a paintbrush.

"Give it a try. Because it's fun. Just pushing paint around on paper is just fun. Don't worry about it," said Hedberg.

She hopes that everyone who comes into the gallery enjoys their trip this month.

"[Visitors are] always impressed because when you walk into the gallery, it's such a beautiful space. We hope that they will just keep coming because they enjoy seeing art and the range of shows every month," said Hedberg.

Patricia Johnson

Johnson is a Selkirk based artist whose work spans many mediums, from fabric art, to collages,

to painting. She is known for her beautiful angel woodcarvings as well as her role as show coordinator at the Gwen Fox Gallery. She finds inspiration for her pieces from her everyday life and the world around her.

"It could be I'm talking to somebody and look in their eyes, and then boom something like lightning goes off and I need to create something from that or it could be looking at the sky and just seeing a cloud drifting by and that gets me going," she said.

She attributes her experimenting with many different mediums to her urge to try different things all the time.

"I'm working on something constantly And I can't sit down and do a whole bunch of landscapes. That's just not me. I [paint] people. I do landscapes. I do collage — which is totally different. It's all imagination," Johnson said.

One particular piece, which was created before the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February of this year, is a walking stick that she created to help celebrate her Ukrainian heritage. This piece will likely be particularly interesting to residents because it contains many symbols with significance to Ukrainian culture as well as a key so that people can understand the meanings behind them.

One of the other artistic endeavours that Johnson does with her time is to volunteer teaching art at the Gordon Howard Centre in Selkirk. There she teaches seniors how to use acrylic paints.

Her best art advice to new or returning artists is to just try to do something creative.

"Don't be afraid to try. It's only paint. It can't talk back to you. It can't hurt you. You have to try it. Take a pencil and scribble and see what you can find in the scribble," said Johnson.

She hopes that visitors to the gallery this month find joy and happiness when they stop by and look at the artwork that's on display.

Mia Fournier

Fournier started her art journey as a young person in the Netherlands. Once she moved to Canada she took up a career as a teacher but now works on her art full-time.

Her inspiration comes from the travels that she's taken abroad and in Manitoba.

Much of her artwork concerns our local wildlife with her paintings on slate and wooden surfaces taking a place of prominence in the gallery this May.

Kenneth Wauhkonen

Wauhkonen is a newcomer to the Gwen Fox Gallery, having been a member for less than a year, however, his array of artwork includes



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Top: Brenda Hedberg with one of her recent landscape acrylic painting. Above: Patricia Johnson with her walking stick artpiece which celebrates Ukrainian heritage.

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pen and ink works, pencil drawings, pencil crayon pieces, watercolour and mixed media works that fit right in with the offerings in the May exhibit.

“Most of my work has water in it. Most of my work has some sort of sky in it, and I like to do dramatic skies and sunsets,” he said.

Though a newcomer to the gallery, he is not a newcomer to creating art as he was inspired as a child to draw birds, from there he expanded to landscapes and architectural renderings.

Most recently, with Wauhkonen’s retirement, he has started making more work and has ventured into watercolour but still comes back to pen and ink and pencil when he wants to recharge.

His works are inspired mostly by photos that he’s taken of the Manitoba landscape though there are a few in the gallery this May that have their origins in some of the photos that he took while travelling.

His advice for artists that are thinking of returning to making art or just starting in the art making is to go for it but also to find classes so that you can learn from others.

“Take lessons from somebody just

so that you get some sort of feel for what could be done with different media and also to find out exactly what media you’re actually interested in,” said Wauhkonen.

He encourages people who are interested in checking out some great art to make their way to the Gwen Fox Gallery to see some of their exhibits.

“Go and look, because there are beautiful pieces there in a lot of different techniques, a lot of different media, and very interesting people. If you go, there will always be artists there as volunteers. They may not be the ones that are being displayed, but there will always be artists there to talk to and get some information [so you can be] a little bit more comfortable with what you’re seeing,” said Wauhkonen.

The Gwen Fox Gallery is open every week from Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is free for all, however, masks are required in the building.

Volunteers needed to help with first graduation back after pandemic

Traditional graduation planned for students this year

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School is gearing up for an event that hasn't happened in the past two years, a traditional graduation ceremony. Though there have been drive-thru grad ceremonies in the meantime, the school hasn't had a graduation where the graduates can come together since 2019.

"We're happy for them to maybe have something of traditional," said Char Henrikson, a teacher at LSRCSS and member of the graduation committee.

Scott Gurney who is also on the grad committee and a teacher at the high school said that this is the feedback that they were hearing from students, "One of the things that came out fairly clearly when we talked to the kids about what their options were around grad and what they could be — because for a long time, things were really up in the air still. There were a lot of kids that had said that their high school life had been very untraditional. It just wasn't a usual high school [experience] so, they wanted something very structured and traditional for their graduation if it could happen."

The graduation ceremony is planned for June 29 this year.

The LSRCSS graduation before 2020 would normally have been held in the Selkirk Recreation Complex where family members can come to see all of the grads walk across the stage and the grads could celebrate the moment

with their peers. There is also traditionally a supper for grads and their families so that they can have some more time together.

"I think it's important, it's such a big community event that it's nice that people can actually participate. The drive-thru was fantastic. The kids really liked it as well but I think being able to [be with] peers, which we didn't have, having that piece back again, is going to be nice," said Henrikson.

To run such a large event the school requires that volunteers from the community step up to help out.

"We need a lot of people. It's got to be all hands on deck for decorating and security as well. We have everything from transportation. We need people — parents do pick up for guardians pick up their own grad — but they have to be signed out. You need people there all night long, basically ready to sign up to help with the signup process. Also, food services, we feed the students, the grads all night long," said Henrikson.

The grad committee members said that there are certain volunteer jobs that are easily done by parents, but there are also other jobs that they need other volunteers from the community for, portions of the event.

Volunteers need to be 18 years of age or older and past graduates and community members who don't have a direct connection to the graduating class are still welcome to volunteer.

"Neighbours, aunts [and uncles],

or grandparents that can't attend the dinner because we can only have so many people, they could be a security person up in the mezzanine, and they get to see the whole thing taking place," said Henrikson.

Ideally, volunteers would sign up by the end of May so that the grad committee will know how many people they will have available well before the event.

Other ways that you can support the graduation if you can't volunteer at the event could be contributing to the Selkirk Rotary Club's Lobster on the Run event on May 28, the Selkirk and District Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast on May 14, and the Grad Car-

wash on June 11. All of these events contribute to the graduation.

The grad committee members hope that the grads have a great time this year.

"I hope they forget about all that other stuff, and just enjoy themselves," said Gurney.

To sign up as a volunteer for grad check out the high school's website at <https://www.lssd.ca/schools/lssr/Pages/Default.aspx> under the graduation tab where you can find everything you need to become a part of this event.

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Critics give provincial budget the thumbs down

By Lorne Stelmach

The 2022 provincial budget unveiled earlier this month came up short of what is needed in the eyes of some critics and provincial organizations.

Premier Heather Stefanson's first budget fails to deliver the solutions families need, suggested Opposition NDP leader Wab Kinew.

"Rural families are looking for hope. With her first budget, Premier Stefanson had the chance to deliver it, but she failed to meet the moment," he said following the April 12 budget presentation by Finance Minister Cameron Friesen.

"We know this isn't the budget rural families wanted," Kinew said. "Instead of setting herself apart from Brian Pallister, she repeated his mistakes by continuing to under fund health care and schools. Instead of making life more affordable, she's raising hydro rates at the cabinet table and freezing funding to municipalities."

Manitoba Liberal leader Dougald Lamont described the budget as "flimsy" with over \$1 billion in promises that had been made before.

"They are passing off pouring concrete as investments in health and education, when we have nursing shortages and children going hungry," he said. "This is a lost opportunity to reinforce critical systems like health and education and making sure Manitobans can fulfill their potential through education."

He particularly noted that the PCs are extending the freeze on funding for municipalities across the province for a sixth straight year. And while the \$11 million increase in Manitoba Housing funding is desperately needed, due to the decades long maintenance deficit it is nowhere near enough given the dire state of many complexes.

"People are the economy, people are health care and people are our education system. The PCs promised a change in tone, but the problem was

substance, and there's no change there," said Lamont.

Frustration came from a number of other fronts as well.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business expressed its disappointment that the budget included few measures to really help small businesses' post-pandemic recovery and in fact excludes small businesses from some of the budget's only cost relief measures.

"Two years into the pandemic, many small businesses are still in survival mode. Only 41 per cent are back to normal sales, and many have accumulated tens of thousands of dollars in pandemic-related debt," noted Kathleen Cook, CFIB provincial affairs director. "The budget was a missed opportunity to help small firms facing massive cost increases on virtually every line of their own budgets."

"We were hoping to see cost relief measures introduced in the budget to help small businesses recover. The Manitoba government has missed an opportunity to help small businesses move beyond survival mode."

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, which is Canada's largest union representing more than 700,000 members, suggested the budget continues to put public services at risk.

"Manitobans expect to see a budget that protects the public services they rely on," says Gina McKay, president of CUPE Manitoba. "This government continues to cut taxes for ideological reasons rather than fully supporting our schools and health care facilities."

CUPE is concerned that the government's plan to reach a balanced budget by 2028 will come on the backs of Manitoba workers and public services families rely on, she further suggested.

"We are also deeply concerned the government will look to privatizing, contracting out and selling off public services in order to balance their bud-

get," McKay said. "We need a government that takes bold steps to support public services, especially during a pandemic that is not yet over. This budget doesn't do that."

Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Kristjan Thompson, meanwhile, was encouraged by some of the health care commitments from the province.

"From a financial perspective, the Manitoba budget has appropriately prioritized investing in health care, though the results will be measured not by dollars spent but by shortening wait times, clearing the pandemic backlog, and recruiting and retaining more nurses, doctors and other health care workers to ensure patients get the care they need."

"The significant investment in health care is an important step toward rebuilding a medical system that has been under tremendous pressure," Thompson added. "While this can't be undone with money alone, matching the government's financial investment with a meaningful partnership with physicians will help to ensure our medical system recovers and is better prepared for the next health crisis."

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You're not dreaming, Alice in Wonderland comes to the Comp

Spilling the tea on the high school's latest drama production

By Katelyn Boulanger

After two years of the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School's drama productions taking a pause, they are back with their recreation of the Alice in Wonderland story. It promises to be silly, fun, and bring back a little bit of the joy that they've been missing.

"We're really excited about the fact that we are having a show, right, two and a half years into pandemic crazy. We have had a real roller coaster and performing arts because performance has been axed completely. And it was one of the last things to kind of come back after the pandemic, so it is really exciting for us to be back into the theatre," said Alice in Wonderland director and Drama Teacher at LSRCSS Kris Diaz.

She chose to do Alice in Wonderland this year because its absurd and crazy nature is just what the students need right now.

"[Alice in Wonderland is] really something fun, exciting, and kooky, that we can just laugh at. We all need to laugh at this point in the game. Especially with our winter and everything about this year, we just need laughter, and we need joy," said Diaz.

The shows will take place May 9, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. at the Comp and feature work from over 50 students. There are almost 30 cast and crew members but students from the cosmetology class help with hair and makeup and students from the construction class also help with making the set so it's really a group effort.

"We started [preparing for this play] in December so it's been a little crazy because we've had a lot of snow days. We lost a lot of rehearsals here and there and had to be really like focusing and pushing ourselves," said Diaz.

Alexia Bedard who plays Alice in the performance is glad to be able to be part of this performance.

"I was really worried we wouldn't be able to [have an in-person performance] until I was out of high school. But hearing that we can finally have an indoor production with no limit on people is really exciting and kind of nerve-wracking," said Bedard.

She has found that her favourite part of the production has been finding a



point where they have a scene figured out and then they get to play around with it and have fun.

She encourages people who want to attend the performance to come out and support the students.

"It's always good to support anything local, and it helps. The more people are in the audience, the more we feel like professionals and it helps us do our stuff. It's really fun and there's some [audience] participation. They'll laugh we'll be laughing. It's just a lot of fun," she said.

Diaz says that people who choose to attend the performance will be treated to a fun time.

"They can expect the unexpected. That is really what we're going for. We have action in the audience. We have cartwheels in the audience. We have running in and out through the audience. So, they're going to be just as much a part of Wonderland, as [we are]. I think is going to be really nice, because we haven't had that opportunity to connect creatively as a community [in a long time]," said Diaz.

Tickets can be purchased from the main office of the high school during normal office hours and are \$15 for adults and \$10 for 12 and under and Comp students.

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LSRCSS students will be putting on an Alice in Wonderland performance at the Comp in May.



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Net yourself a tasty lobster dinner from the Selkirk Rotary Club

Rotarians bring back their Lobster on the Run event

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Rotary Club will be hosting their Lobster on the Run dinner. This event is a drive-thru lobster or steak dinner and is the Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"For the second straight year, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to conduct business differently. While we traditionally hold a lobster dinner in the Recreation Complex for about 500 people. [Out of] an abundance of caution, we've made the decision this year to go with an alternative dinner called Lobster on the Run. We've called it Lobster on the Run [because it's a] pick up dinner event. It's going to be held on Saturday, May 28 at the Gordon Howard Senior Centre," said David Thorne president of the Rotary Club of Selkirk.

This event, though it is a little different again this year, is the 29th year that the Rotary Club has hosted a lobster dinner event.

"[The Lobsterfest dinner] was fairly small [at the beginning] and then over time, it morphed into a much bigger event. It was about 540 people the last time we held it [at the Rec Complex] and that was 2019. So, it's certainly morphed over the years and gotten bigger and bigger. COVID really didn't do us any favours the last few years. But we've tried to overcome that," said Thorne.

The event is completely run by the Rotary Club and the funds generated go towards the club's efforts in the community.

Some of the past community efforts that they've helped contribute to are a senior's home in Selkirk, the swimming pool in Selkirk Park, spearheading the dialysis centre in the Selkirk hospital, helping to obtain specialized equipment for both the fire de-

partment and the regional ambulance service. More recently, the club organized and helped fund a \$1 million skateboard park as well as a couple of years ago donated over \$200,000 for an echocardiographic machine at the Selkirk hospital. Right now, the Nutrition on Weekends program is their biggest project with \$20,000 already being spent to help give kids in our region healthy snacks for the weekends.

"We strive to continue improving our community for everyone. Whatever challenges we may face," said Thorne.

Because the event is a drive-thru endeavour again this year, it is having to run quite differently than it used to when it was a sit-down occasion.

"We're going to do the same thing again this year [as last year]. You start off through the South Loop at the waterfront and you get greeted by our ticket people. You then go through 50/50 and Draw Prize alley where you can purchase tickets for those. Then you go over to the lobster table where the runners bring out your pickup dinner and put it in your car. So, you don't even have to get out of your car, all you have to do is just sit back and enjoy," said Thorne.

The cost is \$60 per plate but comes with all of the fixings to make a delicious meal.

"The meal is one lobster and it's approximately one and a half pounds. It's pre-cooked but cold. Lobster cooking instructions are provided in every bag. You can also get a New York steak that is uncooked that we can put together into a package. It's either or if lobster is not your preference. Every meal package comes with a baked potato which is cooked, sour cream, and coleslaw. There're lobster



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Get yourself a Lobster on the Run.

bibs and picks are provided and to top off the meal, a delicious dessert," said Thorne.

In addition to getting a meal to remember, residents who pick up their

meal will also have the opportunity to purchase draw and 50/50 tickets. First prize for the draw is a \$1200 gift certificate for Selkirk Home Hardware, second prize is a \$1000 gift certificate for Red Bomb Fireworks in Selkirk and third prize is a \$250 gift certificate for Papa Carlos Pizzeria & Gelati in Lockport. Draw prize tickets and 50/50 tickets are \$5 each.

Lobster on the Run tickets can be purchased through Selkirk Rotarians, by messaging the Rotary Club of Selkirk's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Rotary-Club-of-Selkirk-Manitoba-105148141359803/> or by shooting them an email at rotaryclubofselkirkmanitoba@gmail.com.

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Recreation master plan available online

Snowstorm won't interfere with residents having their say

By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents in St. Andrews were not able to attend the planned Recreation Master Plan Open House events on April 13 and 14 because of the snowstorm that hit the region two weeks ago. Even with this delay, residents in St. Andrews are being given a way to get their feedback to the RM as they pivoted to accepting digital information from residents on their website.

Feedback from the public is very important in creating the finalized version of the recreation master plan because it will be a document used to direct recreation in the RM by councils for many years to come.

"Once complete this will allow the municipality to plan for future recreation, culture, and tourism initiatives in the community for the next 20+ years. With the help of resident input through surveys, community group meetings, and public engagements, the final plan will provide the municipality with guiding principles to move recreation matters forward based on what the residents want in their municipality," said Teresa Howell, recreation director for the R.M. of St. Andrews.

The RM has been working on this document since Sept. of 2021 and the plan is to have the plan finalized by Sept. of this year.

The information that was going to be presented at this event and is now available online was created directly from the results that the RM obtained through a survey created by

Scatliff+Miller+Murray, the firm contracted the help create the plan.

"[One thing] we heard from survey respondents that many don't feel adequately informed about all the recreation opportunities in the entire municipality. In response to this, we are recommending a guiding principle of efficiency and effectiveness that is focused on creating streamlined processes and enacting an effective communications system. To help support this, we're also asking open house participants to share their ideas for how they'd like to see recreation communication happen in their community," said a spokesperson from Scatliff+Miller+Murray.

From the open house and now the online boards the RM is also hoping to learn more about the results of the first survey.

"For example, respondents noted that they were spending a significant amount of time participating in recreation activities outside of the RM – we want to know more specifically about what those activities are, and how far residents are willing to drive to reach the activities they're seeking," said the spokesperson from Scatliff+Miller+Murray.

Both Scatliff+Miller+Murray and the RM encourage residents to have their say and participate in giving feedback about the proposed Recreation Master Plan.

"For this plan to succeed it needs to be rooted in community ideas and



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St. Andrews is working on a Recreation Master Plan and they are hoping residents will give them feedback to direct future recreation goals in the RM for years to come.

We need to hear from the community about what they want for recreation so that we can create a plan with recommendations and an implementation strategy that meets their specific needs. As well, participating in the online open house, reading the boards, and offering feedback, is an opportunity to contribute to the future and development of the community; you'll be helping to make St. Andrews a place where you, your children, and many others will want to live, play, and work," said the Scatliff+Miller+Murray spokesperson.

Though the in-person event wasn't able to happen as planned, the RM still plan to have an in-person open house event in the future.

"We feel that in-person sessions are important and we want to ensure that all residents are able to review the material, not just those that have access to review online. New dates will be planned and communicated to residents on the RM website, in the May issue of our electronic Recreation Newsletter, as well as through our CONNECT communication system," said Howell.

Another way to learn more about recreation in the RM of St. Andrews is to sign up for their recreation newsletter which is available on the RM's website at <https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/recreation-newsletter>.

RCMP arrest male after responding to a break and enter

Submitted by the Manitoba RCMP

On April 24 at approximately 6:50 a.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a break and enter at a residence on Highway 9, in the RM of St. Andrews.

A homeowner reported that a male suspect had attempted to gain entry

into his home, however he was unsuccessful. The suspect subsequently broke into a detached garage on the property. A short time later he fled on foot.

When officers arrived, it was determined that the male may be at a busi-

ness across the street from the residence.

Officers attended the business and located the male suspect inside the bathroom. He was subsequently arrested.

Jordan Blahitka, 26, from Selkirk

has been charged with Breaking and Entering with Intent, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Fail to Comply x3. He was remanded into custody.

Selkirk and Red River North RCMP, continue to investigate.

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Learn more about the Interlake through self-guided tours

By Nicole Brownlee

Over 60 virtual tours of the Interlake region will be available through a mobile app partnered with the Interlake Tourism Association (ITA).

"With the financial assistance from the Tourism Relief Fund, we will be able to accomplish our goal of creating our Digital Travel Guide through the Driftscape app and continue to entice visitors," said the ITA in a statement.

The ITA received \$46,400 from the federal government as a part of the Tourism Relief Fund. The fund was created to support tourism businesses and organizations to meet public health requirements and invest in changes that encourage growth.

The federal government's most recent donation raises the budget for the ITA's digital tourism project to \$319,100. Community Futures contributed \$246,900.

The additional funding enables ITA to create 19 new jobs to help develop content for the 40 virtual

tours.

Tours include navigational maps, photos and interesting facts about destinations and features.

Photography, art galleries, camping and shopping are a few focuses for upcoming tours, said Melissa Van Soelen, ITA manager.

The new tours will be added to the app by the end of June and will be available with American Sign Language interpretations, captions in English and French and transcripts in English and French.

Virtual tours like the Secrets of 17, which highlights features along Highway 17; 10 tasty take-out spots, which showcase hidden eateries throughout the region; and Fishing Hot Spots are already available for people to follow and explore.

To follow a virtual tour, visit interlaketourism.com or download the Driftscape app through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store on a mobile device.

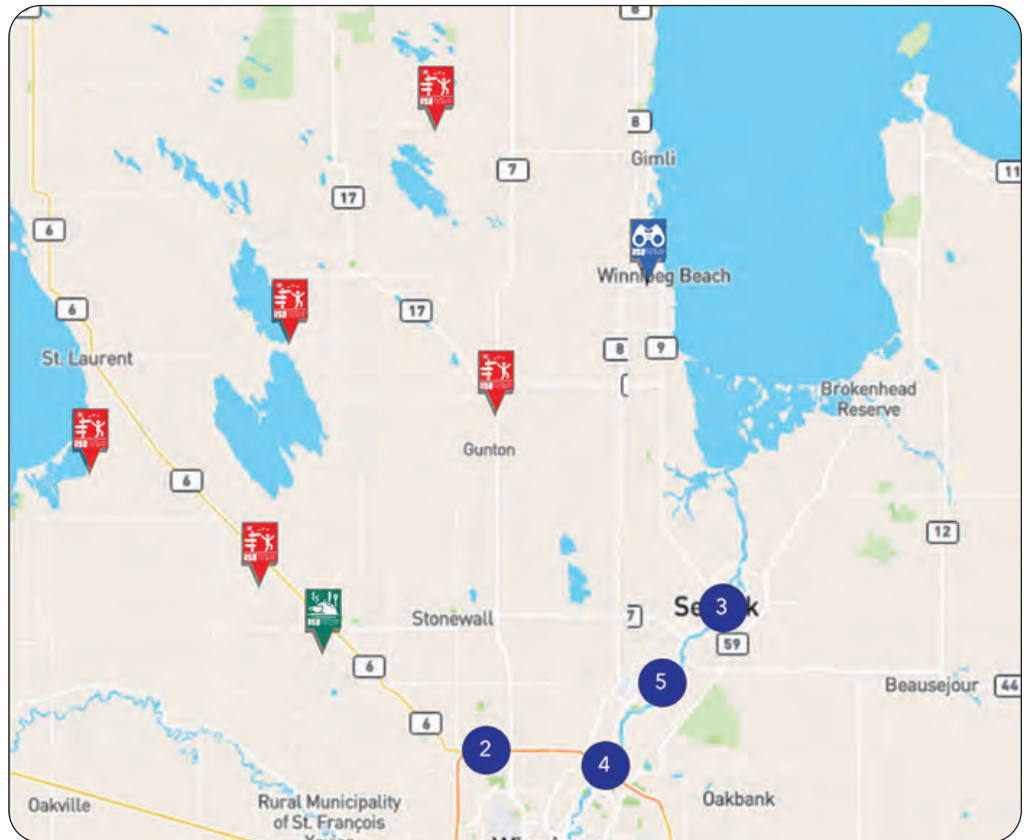


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The Interlake Tourism Association has 25 virtual tours available through their interactive map on their website and through the Driftscape app.

Noventis Credit Union Evening of History is back

Submitted by the City of Selkirk

The sixth annual Noventis Credit Union Evening of History, a City of Selkirk initiative, and fundraiser for the Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund (SHEF), will be held this year on May 11 at Memorial Hall.

"The event is growing and we're in a time of respecting our distances, so it was fitting to hold this year's event at Memorial Hall," said Ellie Longbottom, the city's Culture Coordinator.

"The hall was built on fundraising efforts from the community so we couldn't think of a more appropriate location."

The evening that pays tribute to Selkirk's history and raises money for the endowment fund, will include heritage displays, an art auction, refreshments, entertainment by Bran-

di Vezina, and a presentation titled "What does home mean to you?" by the Honourable Murray Sinclair.

The Honourable Murray Sinclair was born just north of Selkirk, Manitoba, at what used to be St. Peters Reserve. His Ojibway name Mizanay Gheezhik, means "the One Who Speaks of Pictures in the Sky," and Sinclair has spent his life creating a new image of justice for Indigenous people.

He was the first Indigenous Judge appointed in Manitoba and Canada's second. He served as Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba and as Chief Commissioner of Canada's Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He retired from the Bench and was appointed to the Senate in 2016.

After retiring from the Senate in early 2021, he returned to the practice of law and mentoring young lawyers at Cochrane Saxberg LLP.

Chair of the Selkirk Heritage Advisory Committee

Barb Lavalley said she is "thrilled" to see The Honourable Murray Sinclair as the speaker. "We couldn't be more excited to host such an inspiring guest who has shown tremendous dedication to the Indigenous community."

The Evening of History aims to educate and enlighten people, while they enjoy a little bit of fun and friendship. And of course, the money raised from ticket sales, the auction, and donations ensure generations to come will have municipal heritage museums to visit one day.

SHEF was established in 2012 by the City of Selkirk as a perpetual endowment fund. In 2015, the fund paid out its first grant of \$5,422 to the Marine Museum. In total, SHEF has paid \$86,380 in grants since then.

The SHEF has a fair market value of \$781,171. The Selkirk and District Community Foundation manages SHEF.

"The power of endowments at work to continue in perpetuity," said Beverley Clegg, executive director of SDCF, "Thank you to the City of Selkirk along with donors, for continuing to support all of the funds. Together we will be here for good."

"Keeping history alive in our community is essential, and easy because

there seems to be a lot of interest," said Longbottom. "The value of educating people on our local history can't be measured."

The event is put on with the help of the Selkirk Heritage Committee whose members volunteer to make the event a success.

Tickets to the fundraiser are now on sale and are available for \$25 or \$50 for a gold ticket.

Each ticket entitles you to admission, including entry into a draw for a door prize, two glasses of wine or two beer and hor d'oeuvres. Those who opt for the \$50 ticket make a greater contribution to the fund, get their name on the 'gold guest list' that will be displayed near the bar, and they receive a \$25 tax receipt. \$50 ticket holders will also have their names published on the donor wall of the Selkirk Museum's website at SelkirkMuseum.ca/DonorWall.

Tickets are available at the Selkirk Civic Centre (200 Eaton Avenue), and online at shop.myselkirk.ca/shef.

To donate to the fund without buying a ticket, contact the Selkirk and District Community Foundation today at (204) 785-9755 or visit www.Myselkirk.ca/Endowments.



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Multiple cases of avian flu confirmed in Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Avian influenza has officially arrived in Manitoba, with samples from a snow goose near Waskada and a bald eagle in the Dauphin area testing positive for the illness last week and a case confirmed in a commercial poultry flock on Sunday.

All three birds tested positive for the highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype known as H5N1. Poultry and water fowl are most susceptible for contracting the virus.

Manitoba Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Scott Zaari stressed at a media briefing last Wednesday that the risk of avian flu to human health is low.

"There are no known cases of transmission of this strain of the virus from birds to humans in North America," he said, adding this strain of the flu does not pose a food safety risk. "Manitoba poultry and eggs are safe to eat, when proper handling and of course cooking takes place."

Zaari expressed confidence in the

province's protections at the commercial poultry farm level, which includes samples being sent regularly to the provincial lab for testing and precautions when it come to farm visitors.

"Really it's a matter of maintaining our existing structure and following the biosecurity protocols that our producers already have in place," he said.

Small flock or hobby farm owners are being advised to take precautions as well, as birds in such settings often have access to outdoor pens or are free range, putting them at greater risk for coming in contact with wild birds carrying the virus.

If possible, small flock owners are encouraged to confine their birds indoors during this high-risk period of wild bird migration, the province has said. Small flock owners can also submit samples through their vet for testing at the provincial lab at no cost.

Zaari noted there are currently no

plans to issue any regulatory orders on this matter.

It's expected more cases of avian flu will be identified and reported in bird samples throughout the summer.

"This is an evolving situation," noted Maria Arlt, acting director of the Fish and Wildlife branch of Manitoba Agriculture. "Manitoba is constantly monitoring the latest guidance and advice from our partners and we will be adjusting accordingly."

"It is important to note that the overall impact of avian influenza on the wild bird population is expected to be low."

Monitoring wide-ranging wild bird populations across Manitoba is a challenge, Arlt said, which is why the province is asking the public for their help.

Manitobans are asked to contact the toll-free TIP Line at 1-800-782-0076 if they find any of the following:

- clusters of six or more dead wild waterfowl (e.g., ducks, geese) or other

water birds;

- any number of dead raptors or avian scavengers (e.g., ravens, crows, gulls); or

- large groups of dead birds, such as more than 20 of any species.

While the transmission risk to humans is low, people should not touch any dead birds or other wildlife they come across with their bare hands.

If you have to handle a dead bird, wear gloves, Arlt urged. Protective eyewear and masks are also advised as additional precautions, and hands should be cleaned thoroughly afterwards.

When it comes to backyard bird feeders and baths, the province is not currently recommending people put them away.

"If you have a property without domestic poultry, backyard bird feeders are okay as long as they're regularly cleaned and sanitized," Arlt said.

Dozens of Manitoba projects to receive funding

Submitted by Manitoba government

More than 40 projects will receive a total of \$704,000 in targeted financial assistance through the Agricultural Crown Lands Forage Productivity Pilot Program under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, federal Ag-

riculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced today.

"Manitoba's producers are stewards of this land and are helping to ensure it continues to thrive," said Bibeau.

"With this investment to the pilot program, the Government of Canada is helping to provide Manitoba producers with the resources they need to adopt climate-friendly practices that improve pasture productivity and further protect the environment."

In all, 42 projects have been approved for the one-year pilot project, the ministers noted. These projects will receive up to \$30,000 with a cost share ratio of 75 per cent government and 25 per cent applicant, and must be completed by December 2022.

"The funds committed through this project will enable Manitoba agricultural Crown lands forage lease holders to increase productivity and sustainability by adopting beneficial practices that support comprehensive forage management," said Johnson. "Pilot programs such as this help make much-needed improvements that have long-term benefits for producers and industry."

Forage lease holders in good standing with the agricultural Crown lands program were eligible to apply for funding for planning, infrastructure or rejuvenation activities related to forage management techniques that would improve productivity and sustainability. Recipients were required to complete an environmental farm plan.

Eligible projects include the development of grazing management plans, the targeted placement of key infrastructure components such as cross-fencing, wells or dugouts, and the rejuvenation of forage lands through measures such as seeding



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\$5.1 Million in 15 organizations to support settlement services for newcomers announced

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing \$5.1 million through the Newcomer Community Integration Support program in 15 organizations to assist in the integration of newcomers to Manitoba, Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Monday.

"As refugees from Ukraine begin to arrive in Manitoba, this investment will help build a network of services and a community of care supports for all newcomers right across the province," said Reyes. "This investment also aligns with the Economic Growth Action Plan and the Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy to ensure newcomers are able to participate fully in the community and contribute to a growing economy."

Earlier this year, the Manitoba government issued a call for applications to service delivery organizations that directly support newcomers, drive

labour market attachment and contribute to the economic growth in the province. This funding process ensures a range of settlement providers can apply for government support for their projects, noted Reyes.

Manitoba Start will receive \$3 million in funding to provide services that connect newcomers to settlement, orientation, language and employment services. The province is providing the other \$2.1 million to 14 organizations for settlement projects across the province including:

Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities;
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Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba Inc.;
Immigrant Centre Manitoba Inc.;
Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc.;
Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network Incorporated;
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Supporting Employment and Economic Development Winnipeg Inc. (SEED) was approved for their Recognition Counts program, which provides supports to skilled immigrants wishing to work in their fields of expertise or alternative career in Manitoba.

Approximately 6,000 newcomers along with their families and communities are expected to benefit from these projects, which help support newcomers as they settle into the

community, enhance their ability to participate in the labour market and accelerate their overall integration and settlement in Manitoba.

The minister noted these projects provide integration services for all newcomers, including skilled workers with temporary work permits and international students with study permits who are normally ineligible for federal settlement supports.

"The Manitoba government recognizes that immigration is a key priority for the province, particularly as we recover from the pandemic," said Reyes. "Settlement services that support the meaningful integration of newcomers help drive our economy by supporting stronger and longer-term economic attachment and newcomer retention."

For more information on immigration to Manitoba, visit:

<https://immigratemanitoba.com/>.

\$10 million for Canada-Manitoba job grant to address workforce training needs committed

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has opened the first of two intake periods for the 2022-23 Canada-Manitoba Job Grant, with a total budget of \$10 million, to support Manitoba's workforce training needs, Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week.

"Our government recognizes the increased need for employers to hire and train new workers, retrain returning workers and upgrade the skills of existing workers, as businesses con-

tinue their post-COVID-19 economic recovery," said Cullen. "This year's investment provides an additional \$2 million in funding over the 2021-22 grant allocation."

The Canada-Manitoba Job Grant provides funding to address an employer's workforce training needs. Employers can apply for up to \$10,000 per employee, with an overall maximum of \$100,000. Employers with 100 or fewer employees can receive 75 per cent of eligible training costs and employers with more than 100 employ-

ees can receive 50 per cent of eligible training costs. To qualify, the training must be delivered by a third-party trainer.

Eligible training costs include:

tuition fees; mandatory student fees; textbooks, software and other required materials; exam fees; and travel costs for the training of individuals in northern and remote communities.

The minister noted this investment, for which funding was received from the Government of Canada through Labour Market Transfer Agreements,

will contribute to the development of a modern, agile and technologically proficient workforce.

The application process has been streamlined to make it easier for applicants to apply. The second intake period will open in August 2022.

For more information on the Canada-Manitoba Job Grant and to access the application form, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/jec/busdev/financial/cmjg/index.html>.

Lieutenant Governor looking for outstanding volunteers

Submitted

Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon is inviting nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Leadership Awards, to be presented to three deserving individuals from across the province as part of the 39th Annual Volunteer Awards, hosted by Volunteer Manitoba. This year's ceremony will take place virtually during the last week of September 2022.

The Lieutenant Governor Community Leadership awards will recognize individuals who embody the spirit of volunteerism by identifying

a need in the community, initiating creative and meaningful ways to fill that need, and by motivating others to join them in service for the greater good.

This award was originally established by former lieutenant-governor Peter M. Liba in 2000 and has been supported by all lieutenant-governors who followed.

"Our province is blessed to be rich with the spirit of volunteerism. In every community large and small, Manitobans give so much of their time, talent and creativity to impact and enrich the lives of others,

and make a difference in their communities and around the world," said Filmon. "I encourage you to recognize a worthy volunteer by nominating them for this award."

To nominate an outstanding volunteer go to www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards. Nominations must be received by Monday, May 30.



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Truckers learn the signs of human trafficking

By Nicole Brownlee

An international organization is training truck drivers to recognize signs of human trafficking with the help of survivors.

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) launched its Canadian programming in 2019, the same year Canada created their Human Trafficking Hotline.

"It's been a pretty amazing journey to see where Canada has come," said Liz Williamson, training specialist and survivor leader with TAT.

"From maybe not being able to identify human trafficking to now have so many different companies willing to come on board and say that this issue matters."

The non-profit targets trucking organizations because they travel major roads and highways that traffickers use to move their victims. Traffickers often relocate between cities to isolate their victims and make them rely on the trafficker.

"(Truckers) are already the eyes and the ears of the road," said Williamson.

If drivers can recognize the signs of exploitation, they can call the Trafficking Hotline and potentially save someone's life.

TAT uses online programs, in-person presentations and mobile exhibits to spread information about human trafficking.

The organization's Freedom Drivers Project uses first-person stories and artifacts from human trafficking survivors to give people a glimpse into human trafficking and the guidance to safely intervene.

"I'm actually a survivor on staff at TAT, so I use my story very often to highlight what the issue of sex trafficking is all about," said Williamson, who was trafficked for 17 years.

"If you're dealing with the issue of human trafficking, who better to hear from than somebody who lived it?"

Williamson was sold into human



Doug Tingley, COO of Day & Ross Canada, said truckers are the eyes and the ears of the road.

trafficking by her mother when she was six years old.

"We never think that a mom or a parent figure is capable of something like that and the vast majority, at least a third of trafficking survivors, know their trafficker intimately. It's someone they trusted."

Sharing her story and other survivors' stories during presentations to transportation companies humanizes human trafficking, she said.

"I've had tremendous response and feedback because they're like, 'Oh, I finally get it.'"

Williamson's story also proves that survivors can have a life after escaping human trafficking.

"We're so much more than what we've lived through," said Williamson.

"I have an ordinary life, and a job and a husband and life is good. If you had met me 11 years ago when I was just getting out of trafficking, you couldn't have pictured any of that."

Within six months of launching the



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Visitors looked through the Freedom Drivers Project exhibit at the Edmonton Day & Ross location.

Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline, the centre received over 1,000 messages, but Statistics Canada states that between 2009 to 2018, Canadian police reported 1,708 incidents of human trafficking.

Measuring the prevalence of human trafficking is difficult because people who are being trafficked may not know they're being exploited, feel distrustful of police or may face threats from their traffickers.

"It starts with someone who strikes up a conversation with you, and you think that they're genuinely interested in you or genuinely wants to be your friend," said Williamson.

Over 70 per cent of reported human trafficking victims in Canada are under the age of 25 and 97 per cent of victims are women and girls. Human trafficking can take various forms, but often involved forced labour or sexual exploitation.

"It's easier to say stranger danger and look out for someone and look out for someone you can't trust... You

have to realize that it happens in your own community, and most of us don't want to look at trafficking that way."

Across North America, 26 companies have partnered with TAT, including FedEx, Atlas Canada and Walmart.

Day & Ross, one of Canada's largest transportation companies, has donated \$200,000 since 2021 to help TAT expand its educational programs.

"Human trafficking really is dependent upon the highway systems," said Doug Tingley, Day & Ross chief operating officer.

Around half of Day & Ross' 8,000 employees have completed TAT's training to combat human trafficking.

"If we give them the tools to recognize and they know what to do... We thought, by virtue of our scope and size, that we could be helpful."

To learn more about Truckers Against Trafficking, visit truckers-againsttrafficking.org.

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The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion

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For more information on the Agricultural Crown Lands Forage Productivity Pilot Program, visit www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/canadian-agricultural-partnership/ag-action-manitoba-program/for-farmers.html.

IERHA volunteers are the heart behind the hands



Submitted

National Volunteer Week falls April 23-30 and the theme is Volunteers: The heart behind the hands. In years past, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority has hosted a series of teas during the month of April to celebrate the invaluable support volunteers provide to health care. With this year's teas being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IERHA's regional recreation manager, Lori Martin is using the week of national recognition to thank volunteers for their contributions to health care in the region.

"Over the last two years, we have had to adapt to new ways of doing things, to help keep residents healthy, safe and happy. Although we have not seen as many volunteers in our facilities, we have seen some and we thank them for their valuable support during these last few years," says Martin. "They have adapted to the new way of delivering care and been an incredible support to our staff. We look forward to welcoming more volunteers back this upcoming year."

The region is seeking volunteers to fill support positions in facilities once again. If you or someone you know is available to volunteer, please visit www.ierha.ca

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National Volunteer Week is April 23-30. Past and present volunteers in Interlake-Eastern RHA hospitals, personal care homes and other health care facilities received this magnet as a thank you for their service.

Spots still available for Camp Stepping Stones



Submitted by IERHA

Spots are still available for campers at Camp Stepping Stones, which will be back in person from June 3 to 5.

This camp is geared for kids aged seven to 17 who have recently lost a parent or somebody close to them. Volunteers create a safe environment for kids to explore their grief alongside other youth who are also grieving.

A registration form is available

on the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority website at www.ierha.ca by clicking "Care in Your Community," then "Palliative Care" and "Camp Stepping Stones."

Completed applications must be received by May 1.

For more information, contact Crystal Behrends at cbehrends@ierha.ca, 1-855-494-7369 or 204-785-7542.

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Johnny-O: Behind the scenes in the book biz

By Jennifer McFee

There's little in life more satisfying than curling up with a true page-turner — except maybe listening to a lifelong bibliophile share stories from behind the literary scenes.

John Oleksiuk spent a lifetime immersed in Canada's independent book industry, rubbing shoulders with renowned Canadians like wordsmith Margaret Atwood, communications theorist Marshall McLuhan and musician Neil Young. At the same time, he enjoyed recommending a good book to anyone who walked into the bookstore.

Oleksiuk first stepped foot in the Canadian book business in Toronto in the 1960s and later carved a career in Winnipeg at Mary Scorer Books, which he eventually took over as the shop's owner in 1973.

As described by poet Patrick Friesen, "Johnny-O, with mischief in his eye and a finger in a book," Oleksiuk made his mark nationally as an award-winning Canadian bookseller.

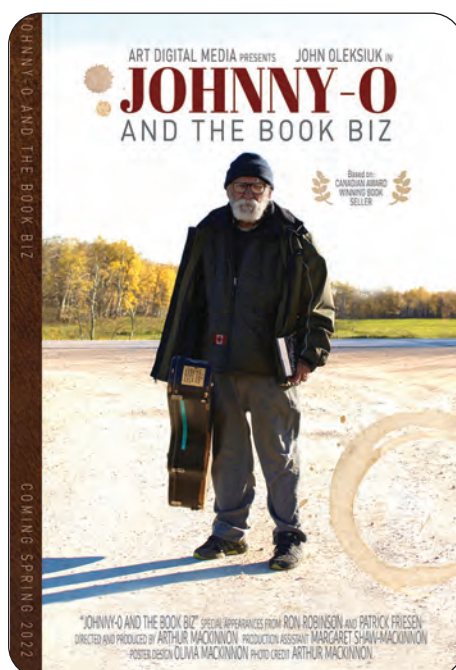
Then, nearly three decades ago, Oleksiuk moved to the Interlake near Teulon with his wife Irene Shaw and worked at Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market in Gunton for 15 years.

In late 2020, his nephew Arthur MacKinnon, a Canadian filmmaker and actor (*The Good Doctor*, *The Magicians*) had an idea to interview his Uncle John for a short episode-length video project, using the antique store as an eye-catching backdrop.

"He said he was on board and he loved the idea. So we started meeting in Gunton at the antique shop and filming some interviews about his experiences working in the Canadian book business from the '60s to the '90s, and all the interesting personalities and characters he met through the years," MacKinnon said.

"As we continued filming, we ended up with so much great material that it turned into a feature documentary. It's been a really neat experience."

The two-hour film, entitled *Johnny-O and the Book Biz*, features first-hand stories told by Oleksiuk about his meandering journey through the local



The film *Johnny-O and the Book Biz* is available for viewing by donation.

and national literary world.

The videography also showcases the beauty of the Interlake area, which became close to Oleksiuk's heart.

"My Uncle John and Aunt Irene have just loved living in the Interlake in the country," MacKinnon said.

"There's a nice segment at the end of the movie where he talks about just how beautiful it is in the country and the sense of community that's there."

Oleksiuk's boisterous personality and enthusiasm for the arts shine through in the film, which features a guest appearance by Ron Robinson, co-founder of McNally Robinson Booksellers.

"My Uncle John said the film was a really good experience and a milestone for him. He was excited about it and hoped more people can see it," MacKinnon said.

"It's an important story to get out there because there are a lot of local authors, Canadian authors and famous personalities that he talks about."

Now these reflections seem even more poignant since 77-year-old Oleksiuk passed away peacefully on April 21 at Stonewall and District Health Centre due to a lengthy battle with illness.

The day prior, he took the time to share a few musings with the *Tribune*, facilitated by MacKinnon and other family members.

At the same



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John Oleksiuk was an award-winning Canadian bookseller — and he was also a familiar face at Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market in Gunton.

time, Oleksiuk shared his thoughts about living in the Interlake.

"The Interlake is a magical place with all the wildlife and everything around it," he said.

Oleksiuk remained an avid reader through all his days. The last books he read were *Trails of an Alaska Trapper* by his former customer Ray Tremblay and *Trapline Twins* by Miki and Julie Collins.

He recalled how he used to have many customers in Alaska who would write him letters to request books since they didn't have phones. Oleksiuk would package the books up and send them through the mail.

"I would just throw it in an envelope. And that's the way it worked, and they would get a book," he said. "And if I got the money, great."

If Oleksiuk happened to start reading a book that he didn't find captivating, he would just forge forward to the end.

"I will finish it," he said. "And I will not say anything bad about it. It's not right to the author."

When it comes to movies based on books, Oleksiuk recommended to always read the book first.

The best part about being an independent bookseller, he shared with the *Tribune*, was being able to choose the books for his store and proudly offer them to his customers. And Mary Scorer did the same thing, he added.

And Oleksiuk felt the best part of his nephew's film was watching himself "walking around like a wizened old crone" followed by his animated excitement when discussing different Canadian writers and personalities.



Arthur MacKinnon (right) created a feature-length film about his Uncle John Oleksiuk.

"That's when my face brightens up. That was the best part," Oleksiuk shared with *Tribune* readers. "And the cinematography was awesome."

Johnny-O and the Book Biz, produced and directed by Arthur MacKinnon with production assistance and artwork by Margaret Shaw-MacKinnon, premiered March 27 and is available for viewing via video link throughout April and May. MacKinnon extends special thanks to Irene Shaw, Rachel Oleksiuk, and Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market.

Access to the link is available by donation at gofundme.com/f/tickets-for-digital-premiere-by-donation. Half the funds raised have been given to Oleksiuk and his wife Irene Shaw (and will continue to go to Irene), while the other half is being used to cover MacKinnon's costs to create the film and for festival submissions.

To view a trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/X-pZHkVOCQI>.



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Province unveils its new plans for education reform

By Lorne Stelmach

The province hit the reset button last week on education reform with a new strategy that leaves out at least one key controversial piece that led to the government scrapping its previous proposal.

The new Manitoba K to 12 Education Action Plan is in response to 75 recommendations from the Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education.

It's the sequel to Bill 64, which was otherwise known as the Education Modernization Act—a widely unpopular piece of legislation that among other things aimed to replace school divisions with a centralized education authority run by government appointees.

The new plan puts aside the plan to consolidate the province's public school boards into six to eight regional boards consisting of five to seven trustees, the majority of whom would have been appointed.

"We heard loud and clear from Manitobans that they didn't want us to change the governance structure," Education Minister Wayne Ewasko said in announcing the new plan that will be implemented over the next five years.

He touted the strategy as "a vision where all Manitoba students succeed no matter where they live, their backgrounds or their individual circumstances."

"All children deserve a high-quality education, and our government is committed to strengthening and improving education in the province," said Ewasko. "This action plan redefines our focus on actions that improve educational outcomes with student achievement and well-being at the centre of all planning and decisions."

The action plan is focused on ensuring access to high-quality, equitable education, preparing students for their future, supporting excellence in teaching and leadership and strengthening the public education system.

As part of the strategy, an education council will be established to provide strategic guidance and advice on the implementation of the action plan, which has four pillars for student success:

- High quality learning - to improve learning and outcomes for students through responsive and relevant curriculum and learning experiences in safe and inclusive learning environments.
- Student engagement and well-being - to respond to diverse life experiences, engage students, promote well-

being, support successful transitions and leverage partnerships.

- Excellence in teaching and leadership - to ensure teachers, school staff and leaders have the knowledge, skills and tools to support student achievement and well-being.
- Responsive systems - to ensure an equitable, aligned and effective public education system that focuses on engagement, inclusion and planning for provincial and local needs.

"Despite everyone's best efforts, there continues to be inequities in our education system," said Ewasko. "There's work to be done to advance truth and reconciliation, to ensure personal and social circumstances aren't a barrier to education and to create safe, welcoming and respectful learning environments."

"We need to undertake this work in a co-ordinated, systematic way to better support young Manitobans and to

ensure all children can receive a high quality education," he continued. "By working together, we can realize our vision where all Manitoba students succeed, no matter where they live, their backgrounds or their individual circumstances."

The minister emphasized an open and collaborative approach moving forward with the plan, which he

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Breaking down the action plan

The provincial government's new action plan on education reform released last week is built around four key pillars.

While perhaps short on specifics in some places, the plan does cover a lot of ground, so here is a selection of some highlights including measures already underway or in the plans:

High-quality learning

- Implement Indigenous Education Policy Framework in partnership with the Indigenous Inclusion Directorate Advisory Council.
- Establishment of a curriculum advisory panel.
- Establish a minister's advisory council on inclusive education.
- Strengthen Français and French Immersion curriculum policy.
- Implement a curriculum renewal process with an initial focus on physical education, health education and science.
- Shift the provincial assessment program to include Manitoba curriculum-based assessments in early years, middle years, and Grade 10.
- Update the provincial report card to ensure it is inclusive for all learners.
- Introduce consistent early years assessments, focusing on children entering Kindergarten and students who have experienced disrupted learning.

Student engagement

- Establish a student advisory council to provide advice and perspectives to the minister.
- Launch an elder and knowledge keeper in schools initiative in 33 schools across Manitoba, with the program expanding in the 2022/23.
- Establish a poverty and education task force to remove barriers to participation and engagement in learning.
- Launch a mental health in schools strategy.
- Develop a provincial remote learning strategy including an online high school to enhance access to programming across the province
- Undertake a needs assessment and program review for technical vocational learning.
- Develop a strategic plan to enhance access to adult education.
- Explore approaches to expand access to the arts, including music, visual arts, dance, drama and other value-added community activities.

Excellence in teaching and leadership

- Consult on options for a regulatory body to guide teacher practice and certification.
- Create a workforce planning framework focused on recruitment/retention of school staff in rural and northern communities and increasing French, Indigenous and Indigenous language educators.
- Assess and plan for professional learning needs including the exploration of a provincial consortium model
- Ensure every principal takes concrete actions to improve the achievement of Indigenous students and includes improvements as part of their annual school plans.
- Explore options for preparation and deployment of literacy and numeracy coaches.
- Review requirements and processes to streamline certification for internationally educated teachers.

Responsive systems

- Launch a review of the education funding model.
- Measure system-wide progress towards the achievement of the truth and reconciliation calls to action.
- Launch an education council with representatives from the education system, youth-serving organizations and partners to support provincial planning and alignment across divisions and schools.
- Develop a provincial data and performance measurement strategy that will measure and report on all students' achievement and wellbeing at the provincial, school division and school levels.
- Launch a provincial survey for students, parents, staff and leaders to inform provincial, divisional and school-level plans and broader decision making.
- Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of those responsible for an effective, efficient and accountable public education system and develop a strategy to assess effectiveness.
- Build and promote a user-friendly public platform with access to information, data and policies about the public education system.
- Explore shared-services opportunities to promote equitable access to programming, learning supports and information technology systems and to enhance efficiencies within the K to 12 system.
- Consult on strategies to enhance school, family and community partnerships and engagement.

Gimli Lakeside Flight School graduate earns his commercial pilot stripes

By Patricia Barrett

The sky is literally the limit for an international student who enrolled in Gimli's Lakeside Flight School and earned his commercial pilot license (CPL) last week.

Metha Khatissuk, who's from Thailand and uses his nickname, Aladdin, completed Transport Canada's commercial pilot tests with flying colours after about a year of ground school and 200 hours of flying instruction and practise.

He had already earned his private pilot license, which allowed him to wear two gold stripes on the epaulettes of his pilot uniform. A CPL entitles him to wear three stripes, which he received last Thursday at the school.

"It was a big relief for me to graduate. I completed the flight test in one attempt. Some people find that hard. I'm proud of myself for doing that, and I can now make money to support myself," said Aladdin, whose family gave him the affectionate nickname at birth, never suspecting he'd be flying one day. "This is what I like to do every day; I get up and say, 'I can go flying' and the view is amazing."

Aladdin had earned a university degree as an aircraft maintenance engineer in Thailand and worked for about six months before discovering he would rather be in the sky than on the ground.

"It was in my mind. Whenever I went to the airport, I saw the pilots and I thought, 'I want to be one of them,'" he said.

When he told his family he wanted to be a pilot, they supported his decision. He applied to Lakeside and got a Canadian study/work permit for international students. He chose to train in Canada for a number of

reasons, including the country's high standard of aviation training and the relative affordability of the program at Lakeside.

"It was difficult to envision myself a pilot in my country because the training is very expensive – about two to three times more than here – and if you don't have that kind of budget, you have to be a prodigy to get a scholarship," said Aladdin. "I saw the Facebook page of a flight instructor here – he is also from Thailand – posting about his life in Canada. I talked to him about the course and found out it was challenging because it has very high standards and written exams. They won't let you fly if you're not competent."

The CPL tests (written exam and flying test) are provided by Transport Canada at a certified school. The school that trains pilots isn't allowed to administer the tests. Aladdin took his test at a school in St. Andrews.

Lakeside Flight School is a Transport Canada-designated flight school that offers a number of pilot training programs that enable people to earn a recreational pilot permit, a private pilot license, a commercial pilot license, a multi-engine rating (certificate to fly a plane with two or more engines) and a float (seaplane) rating. The school has accommodations on-site for students so that they don't have to find an apartment or stay in hotels. It trains Canadians and students from all over the world, including South Asia, the Middle East and China.

Aladdin took 80 hours of ground school in which he learned about air law, navigation, meteorology and aeronautics, 65 hours of flight training in a Cessna aircraft and 30 hours of solo flying including cross-country trips – he flew to Lindsay, Ont. – and night flights. He said he was a little bit

scared the first time he took the yoke.

"Once you get the hang of it, the most fun part is landing. Every time, you try to make the landing more efficient and smoother so the customer will be satisfied with your flight," he said.

Planes land into the wind, but if the wind is coming at an angle to the runway, pilots have to compensate so that the plane doesn't "drift off the runway," he said. They turn the nose slightly into the wind. To passengers, it might feel that the plane is braking at a slightly sideways angle and is not a "good" landing, but the pilot is "doing the right thing."

Aladdin said he took a number of jobs to help pay for his tuition, including as a cook and server at the Smile Thai Restaurant in Gimli. His flying time was interrupted by Manitoba's extreme and extended cold snaps this winter. Minus 25 Celsius is the limit for a Cessna aircraft, he said, so in the interim he took jobs in Winnipeg in the hospitality industry and at a grocery store.

Now that he has earned his commercial pilot license, he can choose from a number of different career options.

"There are so many choices here in Canada. That's partly why I decided to study here because there are lots of jobs," said Aladdin. "You can work as a crop duster, spraying a farm, or you can fly for a charter service to take passengers up north or do sightseeing charters or fly for a skydiving company."

Lakeside might be taking him on as a pilot to fly charters through its sister business, Lakeside Aviation Services, which hauls passengers and cargo and has a fly-in wilderness lodge at Bennett Lake that's popular with hunters, anglers and canoers. Because the aviation industry is starting to



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Aladdin passed his commercial pilot license tests last week and received his third stripe from one of his flight instructor Twitch from Thailand.

recover from COVID, there may be other jobs available to people who've earned a CPL.

"The school might have a job for me flying a charter for sightseeing and flying passengers up north," said Aladdin. "I feel I'm really lucky that Lakeside would consider me to fly for them right after I graduated."

Aladdin's ultimate goal is to fly a jet for a major airline, he said. To do that, he'd have to complete a multi-engine rating course first then earn several hundred more hours of flying time.

"I want to be able to fly for an airline. That's my dream. I'd like to work for a big airline such as Air Canada, WestJet or Perimeter Aviation," said Aladdin.

Lakeside Flight School is located at 311 Anson St. in the Gimli Industrial Park. For more information about pilot training for Canadian and international students, call (204) 651-1402 or email: admission@lakesideflight-school.ca.

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added can continue to evolve.

"There are going to be some things that we're going to learn throughout this whole process," said Ewasko, who noted the lessons learned during the pandemic also means they are

"trying to make sure that we're nimble and flexible to be able to provide those different learning opportunities for our students ... I think, moving forward, we learnt a lot from the pandemic."

Manitoba NDP leader Wab Kinew saw very little of what he was looking for in the plan.

"We know parents and educators want smaller class sizes, more learning supports for their kids to help them recover from the pandemic and more community involvement in their schools," he said. "Premier Stefanson had the chance to meet the needs of students, but she chose to stick with Pallister's failed road map instead."

"We know there are fewer teachers working in Manitoba classrooms this year because of PC cuts, and unfortunately, under Premier Stefanson, nothing has changed."

A representative of the Manitoba Teacher Society suggested the plan does represent a distinct and wel-

come departure in tone and focus and is perhaps better rooted in the heart of the K-12 commission recommendations.

"It's gratifying to see that the extensive consultation undertaken by the commission is finally reflected in the government's planning," said president James Bedford. "It's clear that MTS, along with other education stakeholders and indeed thousands of private citizens committed to public education have been heard."

"We are cautiously optimistic today, however we will continue to speak out in the interests of teachers and an effective, inclusive and appropriately funded public education system for all Manitoba students."

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1/2 cup cilantro leaves
Preheat oven to 450 F.

Blend miso, chili paste and honey; spread onto Alaska sablefish portions. Place portions on nonstick cooking spray-coated, foil-lined baking sheet. Roast 5-7 minutes, or until fish is opaque throughout and deep golden brown; cool slightly.

In mixing bowl, combine avocado, rice or quinoa, cucumber, radishes and ginger; pour in dressing. Toss to coat.

To serve, place about 1/3 cup vegetable-rice mixture in each lettuce leaf. Top with one sablefish portion. Sprinkle each lettuce cup with 1 tablespoon cilantro leaves.

Recipe courtesy of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4 (2 lettuce cups each)

1/4 cup yellow or white miso

1 tablespoon Korean chili paste

1 tablespoon honey

1 pound Alaska sablefish (black cod), cut into 2-ounce portions

nonstick cooking spray

1 small avocado, pitted, peeled and chopped

1-1 1/4 cups cooked sushi rice or quinoa

1/2 cup chopped English cucumber

1/4 cup thinly sliced halved radish

Blackened Alaska Cod Tacos

Recipe courtesy of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and Sari Diskin

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 2-3

2 cups slaw mix

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 teaspoon hot sauce, plus additional for serving

1 lime, divided

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

nonstick cooking spray

1/2 pound Alaska cod

olive oil

blackening seasoning,

to taste, plus additional,

divided

sea salt, to taste

4 small flour tortillas

1 avocado, sliced

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix slaw with mayonnaise, hot sauce, juice from 1/2 lime and salt and pepper, to taste; set aside.

Line baking dish with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Place Alaska cod on top and coat lightly with olive oil. Generously season with blackening seasoning and sea salt, to taste.

Bake 5 minutes, set oven to broil and broil 3-5 minutes. When fish is done (when it flakes easily with fork and is opaque throughout), remove from oven and break into small chunks with fork.

In flour tortillas, add avocado and slaw. Top with chunks of cod and drizzle with additional hot sauce, squeeze of lime juice from remaining 1/2 lime and additional blackening seasoning.

Photo courtesy of Sari Diskin (Blackened Alaska Cod Tacos)



Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Life can be painful, and it seems especially so these days. Personal struggles, health woes, a pandemic, and now a war in Ukraine, thanks to Russia. I'm overwhelmed, you?

I had to avoid the news leading up to the first bombings of Ukraine. I tend to soak in the pain of others (Hmm... a contributing health factor?) and I felt powerless to do anything but worry. I'm sure I'm not the only one. When our fears became reality and Russia struck, I forced myself to open my eyes and heart to the truth – whether this turns into another world war or not, people are dying and need help.

But how?

For me, that answer slammed me in the face as I opened social media on day two of the bombings.

We all know that money is needed in times such as these, but we don't always know where to send it (if we have some to send at all.) I saw an Instagram post saying something like, 'Where there are people, there are people with Type 1 Diabetes, and they need our help.' It went on to describe

how there were not only shortages of insulin, but power outages for refrigeration for insulin. And a need for batteries. And pump housing. And insulin pens. It hit me hard: People were

not only desperate to get to safety from the bombs and gunfire, but also might die from a lack of medical supplies. I had my answer of what to do. I could send extra supplies and/or money to the Ukrainian people towards diabetes supplies specifically.

This column is not about just Diabetes though, as there are so many needs. It is about helping where we can, and even better in an area we are passionate towards. You see, this will better keep us motivated to do our part, but also can be a gift of perspective and take us out of our own problems. Self-focus can be our worst enemy sometimes. (Although, sometimes necessary.)

Even if unable to help with the needs of Ukraine, you can still apply this principal. Phone a friend going through a hard time; donate unwanted goods to charity; send a 'just because' card to your grandmother. I promise you, it will lift your spirits as well as the beneficiaries.

And we could all use our spirits lifted, I'd say.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suscha, and lesshealthstress.com

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Junior Royals post 1-2 record at home tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Junior Royals' Basketball Club finished with a 1-2 record at a boys' U18 spring tournament at the Comp last weekend.

"Process-wise it was fantastic," said Royals' head coach Dean Goodbrandson. "We had three good teams come in here and we're really pushing the development angle. We have lots of young guys. I have a big team of 15 players left over from last year and some new from the JV team."

Selkirk's lone win was against the Winnipeg Storm and the Royals lost to a team from the Dauphin area (no scores were available).

The Royals were also defeated 93-64 by the Hawks. Liam Sheddson had a great game for Selkirk with a team-high 26 points while Milan Tomberli added 12.

Goodbrandson said his players got a lot out of the tournament. Everyone had equal playing time in the three games.

"Calibre-wise it was good for our kids to see," said Goodbrandson, noting the players are in the weight room three times a week and scrimmaging once a week. "We just have to keep

putting in the time. It's all positive."

The Royals will be competing in the club provincials next month. Before that, Selkirk hopes to get in a few exhibition games.

In other basketball news, Selkirk Royals' varsity girls' head coach Amanda Hallson was named the winner of the 2022 Jim Bulloch Coaching Award.

The family, friends, and colleagues of Bulloch established a fund to provide awards for coaches, which are awarded by Basketball Manitoba and the University of Manitoba.

Bulloch was very active as a high school coach, Jr. Men's, Sr. Men's coach, and U of M coach. He also helped found the Winnipeg Paraplegic Sports League.

The intent of the award is to allow a Manitoba coach(es) to upgrade his or her knowledge and expertise in basketball which will directly impact on player and program development (i.e. sponsorship to a major coaching clinic outside of Manitoba).

Coaches with little experience and strong potential received full consideration.

Meanwhile, the Royals' Katelynn



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Selkirk Junior Royals Basketball Club's Milan Tomberli looks to make a play during U18 tournament action.

Visser and Sarah Boitson were part of Team Wilson that defeated Team Rogers 66-62 in the AAAA Graduating All-Star Game last Saturday.

Kings advance to MJHL final

Staff

The Dauphin Kings have advanced to the MJHL final for the first time since 2014 after defeating the Winkler Flyers 5-1 on Saturday evening.

Dauphin won the best-of-seven semifinal series in five games.

The Kings snapped a 1-1 second-period tie with three goals in the middle frame and then added another in the third.

Kaden Bryant (two), Mathew Rathbone, Cordell Coleman, and Nakodan Greyeyes

scored for Dauphin.

Trent Sambrook replied for Winkler.

Carson Cherepak made 27 saves for the win.

Dauphin took a 3-1 series lead after a 5-2 win over the Flyers last Thursday in Winkler.

Logan Calder and Klim Georgiev, on the power play, gave the Kings a 2-0 lead 11:36 into the game.

Winkler's Trent Penner responded with a goal 50 seconds later but Kings' defenceman Coly Jacquet, a former Selkirk Steeler, tallied a power-play goal at 18:10 of the second period.

The Flyers' Troy Hamilton made it a one-goal game early in the third but Dauphin's Jayden Jubenvil scored a short-handed goal midway in the third to put the Kings up 4-1.

Georgiev sealed the win with an empty-net goal at 18:56 of the third.

Cherepak made 33 saves for the win.

In the other semifinal series, the Steinbach Pistons lead the Virden Oil Capitals 3-2 after a dominating 8-2 home win on Saturday.

Steinbach goals were scored by Braden Birnie (two), Ty Paisley (two), Travis Hensrud (two), Cooper Rice and Hunter Degelman.

Narol's Nathan Driver and Braden Fischer tallied for Virden. Driver now has five goals in this season's playoffs. Simon Harkness made 22 saves for the victory.

Last Thursday, Virden defeated Steinbach 2-1 as Logan Rands scored the game winner on the power play at 6:59 of the third period.

Driver opened the scoring at 5:41 of the first period.

Steinbach's Quinton Pepper tallied at 19:07 of the first period to tie the score at 1-1.

Oil Capitals' goaltender Bailey Monteith stopped 24 Steinbach shots for the win.

Game 6 of the series was played Monday in Virden but no score was available.

If necessary, Game 7 is set for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) in Steinbach.

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MJHL schedule set for 2022 Centennial Cup

Submitted by Hockey Canada

Hockey Canada has announced the official tournament schedule for the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, set for May 19-29 in Estevan, Sask., marking the 11th time the prairie province has hosted Canada's National Junior A Championship.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League champion will see action against the champions of the CCHL, MHL, SJHL and NOJHL.

The event is a partnership between Hockey Canada, the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL), Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL), Hockey Saskatchewan and the City of Estevan. The 2022 tournament, the 50th edition, will be a 10-team tournament, with the host Estevan Bruins welcoming the champions of the nine CJHL leagues.

"On behalf of the local tournament organizing committee, the City of Es-

tevan and the Estevan Bruins, we are looking forward to hosting Canada's National Junior A Championship in our community," said tournament co-chair Cory Prokop. "We are preparing to host a 10-team field for the first time in the event's long history, and know this will be 11 days of exciting hockey. We invite the entire country to come and cheer for your favourite team and to experience the hospitality of our community."

Twenty games highlight preliminary-round play at the Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, beginning May 19 when the champions of the Ontario Junior Hockey League and Superior International Junior Hockey League face off at noon MT. That game is followed by the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League and SJHL at 4 p.m. MT, with the champions from the Ligue de hockey junior AAA du Québec and Alberta

Junior Hockey League wrapping up the opening day at 7:30 p.m. MT.

"We are looking forward to the entire nation being focused on this year's championship as a result of the participation of all nine leagues in the event, as well as our initial undertaking with Tim Hortons in the awarding of the Centennial Cup," said CJHL president Brent Ladds.

The host Bruins begin their quest for their first national championship on May 20 when they face off against the LHJAAAQ in their tournament opener. The quarterfinals and semifinals are set for May 27 and 28, followed by the championship game at 7:30 p.m. MT on May 29. TSN and RDS, Hockey Canada's official broadcast partners will broadcast the final, with all preliminary- and playoff-round games live streamed at HockeyCanada.ca.

"The Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, is one of Canada's most

prestigious national championships, and fans have the opportunity to experience the best Junior A hockey in the country," said Dean McIntosh, vice-president of events and properties for Hockey Canada. "It is an exciting time to announce the schedule and finally be one step closer to this year's tournament, a unique event with hockey fans being able to watch each of the CJHL's league champions in this competition."

Tickets are on sale for the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons; fans can purchase a 25-game full-tournament package for \$210 at HockeyCanada.ca/Tickets.

For more information on the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, please visit HockeyCanada.ca, or follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Canucks lead Twisters 3-1 in MMJHL final

Staff

The St. James Jr. Canucks are one win away from winning a MMJHL title.

St. James defeated the Pembina Valley Twisters 5-2 on Saturday to take a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Kale Price, Rory Neill, Trent Halfdanson, Kurtis Luke and Ethan Unruh scored for the Canucks. Four of

those goals came on the power play.

Mike Heppner and Jacob Carels, on the power play, replied for the Twisters.

Noah Gilbert made 27 saves for the win.

St. James took a 2-1 series lead with a 2-1 home win last Thursday.

Griffin Haight scored the game win-

ner at 17:27 of the third period.

Pembina Valley's Nathan Ayotte opened the game's scoring with a goal midway in the first period but St. James' Brady Whitely answered with a power-play goal at 12:51 of the middle frame.

Gilbert stopped 31 Twisters' shots for the win.

Game 5 of the series was played Monday at the Bell MTS Iceplex but no score was available.

If necessary, a Game 6 is set for the Morris Multiplex on Thursday. Puck drop is 8 p.m.

A series-deciding Game 7 would be played on Saturday (7 p.m.) in Winnipeg.

Steelers accepting applications for marketing/business manager

Staff

The Selkirk Steelers are now accepting applications for the position of Marketing/ Business Manager.

The Steelers' Marketing/Business Manager is responsible for managing and developing the team's strategic marketing plan, partnerships, fundraising, promotions, game-day operations, advertising, and events on behalf of the franchise.

The Marketing/Business Manag-

er will report directly to the Director of Marketing of the board and work closely with upper management and the coaching staff to ensure the team is being promoted to an optimal level.

It is very important the Marketing/Business Manager creates opportunities for the team to work with other organizations in Selkirk and the nearby regions to build strong partnerships within these communities.

Night of Champions



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Narol's David Simpson (rugby), left, was honoured with the Manitoba Dental Association Active for Life Award at last Thursday's Night of Champions. Selkirk's Kyle Prystupa (hockey) was named the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council's Male Coach of the Year. Meanwhile, St. Andrews' Garry Ruff (not pictured) was recognized with a Years of Service Award for coaches with 25 years or more of service.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will be receiving candidate registrations:

FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews Office, 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, MB, during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form, please contact Margaret Davidson, Senior Election Official (SEO) at one of the following numbers to make an appointment:

SEO Contact - Phone: (204) 738-2264
- Cell: (204) 785-0174
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Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor:

Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS BY-LAW 4359 PUBLIC HEARING

Closing of an Undeveloped Road Allowance off Ostermann Road

The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews hereby give notice pursuant to Section 290 of The Municipal Act (Manitoba) regarding a Public Hearing to receive public representation on a proposed by-law to close a portion of a public road allowance.

**An in-person Public Hearing will be held at the Council Chambers,
500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, Manitoba
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

On-line attendance will also be available via a zoom link

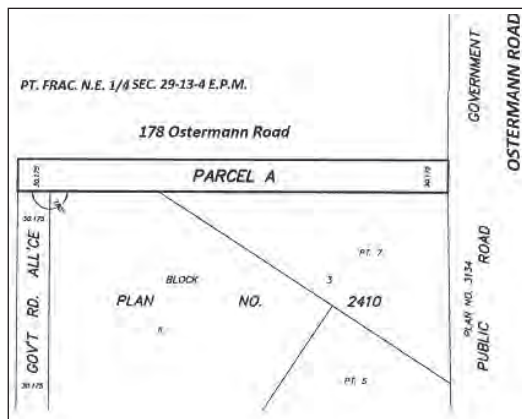
The intent of the proposed By-law is to close an undeveloped road allowance off Ostermann Road legally described as ALL THAT PORTION OF PUBLIC ROAD PLAN TO BE CLOSED SHOWN AS PARCEL A ON A PLAN ON FILE IN THE WLTO AS DEPOSIT NO. 395/2019 ACROSS THE FRAC. NE ¼ 29-13-4 EPM.

A sketch identifying a portion of the PLAN OF GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE TO BE CLOSED BETWEEN LOT 6 AND PART LOT 7, BLOCK 2, PLAN 2410 AND FRAC. N.E. ¼ SEC. 29-13-4 E.P.M., as shown is intended to be closed and consolidated with the adjoining property described as PT. FRAC. N.E. ¼ 29-13-4 E.P.M.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection on the matter. **Submissions or requests to register can be sent to the contact below.**

Any information and documents concerning this matter and the procedures to be followed at the hearing are available for review during regular business hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the RM of St. Andrews Office, 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, Manitoba, or by contacting:

Lisa McLean, Economic Development Officer
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS BY-LAW 4370 PUBLIC HEARING

Closing of Undeveloped Part of Palmer Road

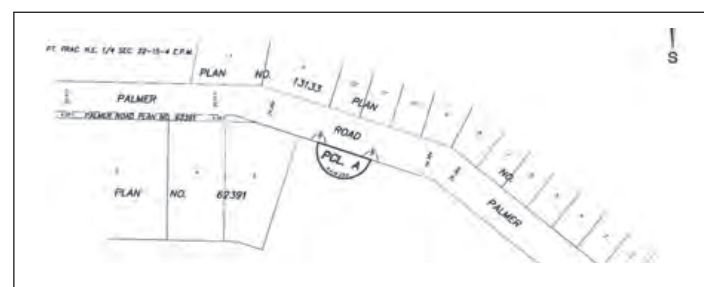
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**An in-person Public Hearing will be held at the Council Chambers,
500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, Manitoba
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

On-line attendance will also be available via a zoom link

The intent of the proposed By-law is to close a portion of an undeveloped cul de sac along Palmer Road legally described as ALL THAT PORTION OF PUBLIC ROAD PLAN TO BE CLOSED SHOWN AS PARCEL A ON A PLAN ON FILE IN THE WLTO AS DEPOSIT NO. 50/2022 ACROSS THE FRAC. NE ¼ 22-15-4 EPM.

A sketch identifying the Public Lane as shown below is intended to be consolidated with the adjoining property described as PT. FRAC. NE ¼ 22-15-4 EPM.



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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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Garbage cannot be put out prior to the weekend before collection.

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- NO EXCEPTIONS**

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

This information and more available at www.myselkirk.ca/springcleanup.

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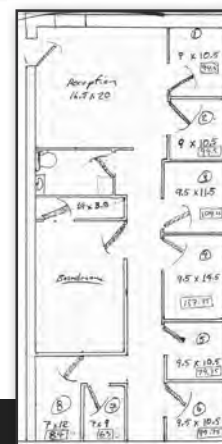
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OBITUARY



**Nancy Jean Bogaski
(nee Waite)**

With heartfelt regret, we announce the passing of Nancy Jean (Waite) Bogaski, age 74, on April 19, 2022, at Selkirk Regional Health Centre with her husband Jack and daughter Jackie by her side.

The family would like to thank the hospital staff for the excellent care they provided in her final weeks.

Nancy was predeceased by her father Tom Waite, mother Sylvia Hall, stepmother Mable Orchard, her grandparents, her Tante Gert, and Uncle Jean-Paul Marchand (godparents to daughter Jackie) as well as other aunts and uncles. She was also predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law Gus and Olga Bogaski, and brother-in-law Douglas Bogaski.

She is survived by her husband Jack, daughter Jackie Palmer (Sean), grandchildren Gavin and Mia Palmer, brother Don Waite (Anne) of Regina, sister Jean Zariski (Tom) of Drumheller, sister-in-law Sandy Smith, sister-in-law Donna Panasis (Doug) of Markham, sister-in-law Lynn Bogaski of Steinbach, and former sister-in-law Elaine Grymonpre. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Nancy was born in Montréal, Québec on January 31, 1948. She lost her mother at an early age and spent two years being cared for by her paternal grandparents. Shortly after her father married Mable, he accepted a transfer to Winnipeg when she was a teenager and she attended River Heights School and then Grant Park High School. After graduating, she enrolled at the St. Boniface Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1969 and worked at the hospital the following year.

She met her husband Jack in 1968 while he was attending university and helped him get through his final year. After he received his certificate in education, they were married August 22, 1970, and enjoyed what was approaching 52 years of marriage. After a short honeymoon in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, they moved to Powerview, Manitoba where Jack taught and Nancy worked as a nurse at the Pine Falls Hospital for the next four years. With Nancy's encouragement and support, they moved back to Winnipeg so Jack could continue his education while Nancy worked for two years at Victoria Hospital in Intensive then Critical Care. They then moved to Selkirk, Manitoba where Jack taught, and Nancy worked at the old Selkirk Hospital on Eveline Street, which in later years became apartments. In 1979, her daughter Jackie was born at this hospital. Due to Jackie's health concerns, Nancy and Jack decided that she would stop working and devote herself to their daughter's care. Here she did an astonishing job lovingly taking care of Jackie and ensuring that she would receive an excellent education. She volunteered at Jackie's elementary school, Centennial School, for a number of years and served on the parent council. When Jackie went on to the junior high, she served on the executive of the school's Band Parent Association.

Unfortunately, it was at this time that she began to experience health problems and was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. After facing numerous tests and seeing many doctors, it was determined that she would have to try and live with these conditions to the best of her ability. For over 20 years, she developed coping strategies, and, with the support of her family, this allowed her to live her life as well as she could.

Even though she faced many health challenges, she found ways to enjoy life. She was supportive, thoughtful, encouraging, considerate and was everyone's cheerleader. She was very personable, made friends easily, and had the ability to talk and connect with anyone. She was kind and loving and had a special relationship with her grandchildren Gavin and Mia. She was their Nana, and she took an interest in all aspects of their lives. She loved to spoil them with after school snacks and enjoyed hearing about their days.

She will be missed and remembered by all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held at Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, in Selkirk, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29. It will also be live streamed and a link will be provided on her obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations will be gratefully accepted in memory of Nancy at the Selkirk & District Community Foundation (200 Eaton Ave., Selkirk MB, R1A 0W6 or online at [DONATE \(sdcf.ca\)](http://DONATE(sdcf.ca))). These thoughtful donations will support creating the Nancy Bogaski Memorial Bursary for a student pursuing a career in nursing.

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

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Gordon Charles Patton

Gordon Charles Patton, born April 6, 1947, in Selkirk, MB, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Winnipeg. Those who knew of his appreciation for precision may find it noteworthy that he passed exactly 75 years from his date of birth.

In his younger years, Dad worked for Manitoba Hydro and later joined Canada Post. In his 30's, he went back to school and attended the University of Manitoba, where he earned his teaching degree. No matter where he lived, Dad was sure to have a good book and some sort of cigar or pipe close at hand. A quiet, intellectual man, he was quick with his characteristic half-smile when something amused him.

Dad was predeceased by his brother Raymond and sister Darlene (Ray Molinski).

He is survived by his children Shawn (Angel) Patton, Kim (Rick) Hart, and Ginette Demaere, as well as his seven grandchildren: Sebastian, Talia, Madeline, Ethan, Julien, Chantal, and Justine. Dad also leaves behind two brothers, James and David, brother-in-law Ray, nieces Brenda and Marla (Justin), and nephews James, Daryl, and Trevor (Shelley).

Dad will be deeply missed.

No formal service will be held.

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OBITUARY



Brandon Joseph Brust

Our beloved son, brother, and friend Brandon Brust was tragically taken before his time in February of 2022.

Brandon was born March 26th, 1995, to Wally and Lori Brust. He spent his childhood in Selkirk, later moving to East Selkirk with his sisters Dianna and Dawn Brust.

Growing up you could always find Brandon outside with his friends frog hunting, raiding gardens, or building tree forts in the summer. The winter months never slowed him down either, outside skating or snowboarding. When not outside he spent his time playing Nintendo 64 or bugging his sisters to hang out with him.

Later in life he took to hockey where he made a lot of great friends and found a love for the sport. Sometimes grumbling about having to go, but he always ended up having fun.

By high school his passions shifted to vehicles, always ready to take his friends for a rip in the mustang. He loved anything with wheels starting with his dune buggy then onto his dirt bike until he could get his driver's license. He eventually got a few project cars like his Civic that he spent time working on. And once in awhile borrowing his dad's truck to sneak off for some mudding.

Brandon was also very passionate about the people he spent time with. Even though he was the youngest of three he was always protective of his sisters, ready to stick up for them in a moment. He was one the best friends you could ask for, ready to lend you a place to stay, a meal or a ride, whatever you needed. Once his friend, there was nothing he wouldn't do for you.

Brandon is incredibly missed by everyone who knew him, and we are deeply saddened that we won't get the chance to know who he would have become in his later years. He was taken from us far too soon.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his Life will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, Manitoba.

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