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# City of Selkirk and province make using the bus easier for local youth

## Free youth transit pilot project NextStop started June 15

By Katelyn Boulanger

The wheels on the bus are going round and round for free for some local youth after the City of Selkirk and the Province of Manitoba came together to announce free transit programs. The City made their announcement early this year, starting a pilot program where students between 12 and 21 years old could obtain a free bus pass this summer. The province then followed up early last week when they announced that they will be making passes free for kids under the age of 18 starting this September.

The press event where the province announced that they would be providing bus passes took place outside of the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. Students from Robert Smith School, École Bonaventure, and École Selkirk Junior High were there to welcome Premier Wab Kinew, Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, MLA Matt Wiebe, and MLA Jelynn Dela Cruz as they made the announcement.

The emcees at the event were Grade 7 students Sophia Budge and Mia Palmer.

“We’re making transit free for you right across Mani-

toba, and we’re taking the first step right here in Selkirk. Selkirk has taken the first step by doing a summer pilot to make transit free for youth aged (12 to 21), and we’re going to work with them over the next few months to make sure that when you come back to school in the fall, no one under 18 has to pay for transit,” said Kinew at the announcement.

He explained that this means more independence for youth and is better for the environment, but he also explained that the hope is to instill good habits in students when they grow up.

Mayor Johannson thanked the provincial government for this invest-

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ment.  
 “Selkirk Council identified free public transit for Selkirk youth in our 2026 budget, and not long after that, the province of Manitoba announced the initiative in its budget where youth in Winnipeg, Selkirk, and other municipalities would ride transit for free. Today, we’re excited to launch Next-Stop, Selkirk’s Free Youth Transit Pass for students aged 12 to 21, supporting Selkirk youth as well as students from neighbouring communities who attend school in Selkirk. Over 1700 students from Selkirk, St. Clements, and St. Andrews now have access to free

Selkirk Transit. What does this mean? This means easier access to school, to jobs, to recreation, and to much more. Free youth transit is about more than just the rides. It’s about building a long-term vision where public transit is a natural, reliable choice for transportation. It’s about giving our youth more agency and more access to opportunity and making life more affordable for families,” said Johannson.  
 In addition, to make the process of riding a bus a little less intimidating for students who may be taking their first rides, the Selkirk pilot program will be bringing a bus to schools and

providing ridership training each year to help students get a feel for how the system works and to build their confidence.

“We know that youth who grow up using transit become adults who use transit either as an option or as a regular part of their transportation mix. Since its inception in 2011, Selkirk Transit has almost tripled its ridership. Increased ridership of Selkirk Transit, now and in the future, will help eliminate vehicle emissions. It will ease traffic congestion, and it will support our climate action goals,” said Johannson.

Johannson then presented the first NextStop pass to the Premier, who accepted despite being a little older than most riders who will be eligible for these passes.

Longtime Selkirk resident and mother of kids who will be eligible for passes, Ashley Henry, then spoke about how this would help her family.



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Wab Kinew announcing the free transit for youth under 18 in Selkirk starting in September.

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Premier Wab Kinew gave high fives to students at the announcement of free transit for kids under 18 in September.

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## Check out the Broken Binders at the Selkirk Waterfront on Canada Day



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The Broken Binders Band from Selkirk Jr. High. will be rocking the waterfront on Canada Day. Make sure to stop by to listen from 4:15 to 4:25 p.m., when they will be playing songs by Avril Lavigne, Katy Perry, The Ramones, and CCR. The students have been working on these songs since September and are ready to rock!

## > FREE TRANSIT FOR YOUTH, FROM PG. 4

“Saving the cost of transit this year is going to save a lot of families money. It’s also going to allow our youth, ages 12 to 21, to have the freedom to enjoy their summer. If you want to go to Selkirk Park, Selkirk Transit is free. If you want to go swimming at the swimming pool, Selkirk Transit is free. If you want to just get an ice cream at Dairy Queen, Selkirk Transit is free. It’s also good news for parents who don’t have to drive their kids everywhere,” she said.

For now, the City of Selkirk program will come into effect. The free transit

passes this summer will be available at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, École Selkirk Junior High and the City of Selkirk Civic Office with identification and proof of enrolment.

Johannson says that the City is still in discussion with the province about the details of enacting the provincial program this September.

For more information on how to get a free pass this summer, who is eligible, as well as all of the details of NextStop, visit <https://mysta.ca/nextstop/>.

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# Cruisers bring their cars to the Comp for barbecue



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On June 11, the Lily Pad Cruisers cruised on down to the Comp, hosting an end-of-year car show and barbecue for the students in the automotive technology program. The Cruisers also sponsor an annual scholarship for a student from the program pursuing post-secondary education.



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# National Indigenous Peoples Day 2026



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The Manitoba Métis Federation hosted a National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in Selkirk Park on June 21. The day included food, games, and a market with some pretty great entertainment on display, including: The Breeze, Morgan Grace, Art Gladu & Deputy Band, Norman Chief Memorial Dancers, and the Kinew Youth Dancers and Fiddlers.



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## Mantario Trail reopens following massive volunteer-led restoration effort

By Haley Cvar

One of Manitoba's premier backcountry hiking destinations is welcoming visitors once again after an extensive restoration effort following last year's devastating wildfires.

The 64-kilometre Mantario Trail in Whiteshell Provincial Park has officially reopened after volunteers and park staff completed months of recovery work to repair damage caused by a 2025 wildfire that spread from northwestern Ontario into the Mantario Wilderness Zone.

"The Mantario Trail offers a one-of-a-kind backcountry experience across the rugged granite ridges, lakes and forests of the Precambrian Shield," said Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes. "I am incredibly grateful to all the volunteers and organizations who helped restore Manitoba's signature backcountry trail after the devastating wildfires of last year."

The trail was closed in May 2025 after the wildfire burned through portions of the wilderness zone. A detailed assessment completed later that year helped guide a comprehensive restoration plan aimed at reopening the trail for the 2026 hiking season.

Working in partnership with the South Whiteshell Trail Association, Manitoba Parks coordinated an ambitious volunteer effort to restore the route.

In total, 23 volunteers travelled 1,885 kilometres by foot and paddle while carrying out critical repairs and safety upgrades along the trail.

Their work included clearing and brushing the entire 64-kilometre route, establishing a new 100-metre connector to the West Caribou Lake campsite, removing hazardous trees from campsites and creating 11 new emergency-access helipads. Volunteers also cleared nearly nine kilometres of portages, installed approximately 700 new trail markers, repurposed another 500 markers from fallen trees, built 12 log bridges and installed a new climbing rope at the challenging Rae Creek section.

"The Mantario Trail has been a special place to me for a long time," said Aaron Webb, a board member with the South Whiteshell Trail Association.

"While I was aware of a larger number of people and organizations who felt the same way, the silver lining to last year's devastating wildfire was to unite these partners in a shared goal to rehabilitate and reopen the trail."

Webb said the response from volunteers and partner organizations exceeded expectations.

"It has been truly inspiring to see these partnerships grow quickly and bring together dedicated volunteers who have a seemingly endless amount of energy to pursue this goal

in a surprisingly short timeframe," he said. "We look forward to continuing to grow these relationships in the future to maintain stewardship of the trail and help it realize its full potential as a world-class backcountry hiking experience."

The work completed this spring focused primarily on safety and navigation improvements to allow the trail to reopen as quickly as possible. Manitoba Parks is now planning additional upgrades, including enhanced campsite amenities, improved way-finding signage and updated mapping resources.

The province has also introduced a new free, voluntary online backcountry registration form for hikers using the trail and other backcountry areas. The registration system is designed to help officials locate trail users in the event of emergencies or unexpected closures.

Officials note the registration form does not replace the need for hikers to leave a trip plan with a trusted family member or friend before heading into the backcountry.

The Mantario Trail is widely regarded as Manitoba's most challenging hiking trail, attracting outdoor enthusiasts from across the province and beyond with its rugged terrain, remote campsites and scenic Canadian Shield landscape.

## Selkirk RCMP respond to fatal residential fire

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk RCMP responded to a residential fire on Clandeboye Ave. in Selkirk on June 20 at 10:15 p.m.

First responders from police, fire and EMS realized that a female resident was inside the building, and the

fire department made entry into the structure, which, at the time, was still in flames with heavy smoke.

They found the woman unresponsive and attempted to resuscitate her. She was brought to the hospital and was declared dead soon after.

RCMP report that at this time the fire appears to be accidental, though they and the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner continue to investigate.

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# Lower Fort Garry free again this summer and welcoming visitors

Check out some of the fun activities taking place this summer

By Katelyn Boulanger

Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site will once again have free admission thanks to the Canada Strong Pass. Free admission started on June 19 and will continue until Sept. 7, 2026, so residents can look forward to a whole summer of fun.

"Lower Fort Garry is a nostalgic field trip classic and a fond memory for many Manitobans, but beyond the stone walls, there's a wealth of history that exemplifies Canada's strength. There's more strength than just the physical, though the voyagers had that in spades. At Lower Fort Garry you can see the strength in the architecture of the walls, the resilience through harsh Manitoba winters, and the power found in community," said Lauren Wagn, Public Relations and Communications Officer, Manitoba Field Unit for Parks Canada.

Lower Fort Garry is located south of Selkirk. It was built starting in 1830 by the Hudson Bay Trading Company as a trading post. It has been preserved over the years and is now a location used for learning about local history as well as hosting events and workshops about local culture and heritage. It is also the location of the historic signing of Treaty 1.

The historic site isn't all history, however, you'll want to check out their website to see all of the different tours and opportunities that they have on offer and plan your visit, or even potentially multiple visits, ahead of time so that you can make sure to see everything.

"(Free) programming included with admissions is a self-guided tour around the grounds. We have costume interpreters along the way that you can ask questions to, engage with, and learn about the different structures and the history of the site. We also have paid programming, so that would be in addition to what you get just by coming down. We have things like Craft Smithing, which is using blacksmith techniques to make a souvenir to take home, (and) Bake a Bannock, which is learning how to make delicious bannock over a fire in a traditional way. There's Candle Making, which you do get to take home as well, another little souvenir. Those are all done on specific days, which is why we recommend signing up in advance," said Wagn.

Another thing to look out for is the upcoming Knowledge Sharing Series taking place in July and August. Ev-

ery Saturday, there will be a presentation by an Indigenous guest speaker who will share First Nations and Red River Metis culture, art, and history.

"It's hosted from 12 to 3 p.m., and the sessions are designed for guests to drop in and stay as long as they would like. They're not structured, so you really get a chance to learn from the seminars and talk to the speakers and get a one-on-one experience. The lineup this year includes demonstrations on the art of storytelling, beading, and the connection between food and culture," said Wagn.

Another few events to put on the calendar are Lower Fort Garry's Canada Day celebration, the commemoration of the signing of Treaty 1 on Aug. 3, and the Transpo Expo taking place on Aug. 15.

Wagn explained that Lower Fort Garry is a family-friendly venue that just about everyone will find something to enjoy.

"It has an appeal for all ages, and obviously, there is a lot of family-friendly things to do, and it's a great way to introduce kids to our varied history of Manitoba, but I also think it's a great day trip for anyone in the province," she said.

Wagn also feels it's important that we have places like this in our province so that we can preserve our history, but also let people experience it.

"I think our history really ties us all together, and it connects us. It's a great way for newcomers to Canada to learn how we've come to this point, especially when we start to talk about treaty history. It talks about the responsibilities that we all have as treaty people, and I think it kind of breaks up the monotony of reading 100 plaques, you get to have these one on one experiences, and you can engage with people, and you can have a back and forth dialog. I think it really helps solidify a lot of the information that can kind of feel like a lot all at once," she said.

She hopes that residents take this opportunity when the historic site is free and the weather is warm to experience what Lower Fort Garry has to offer.

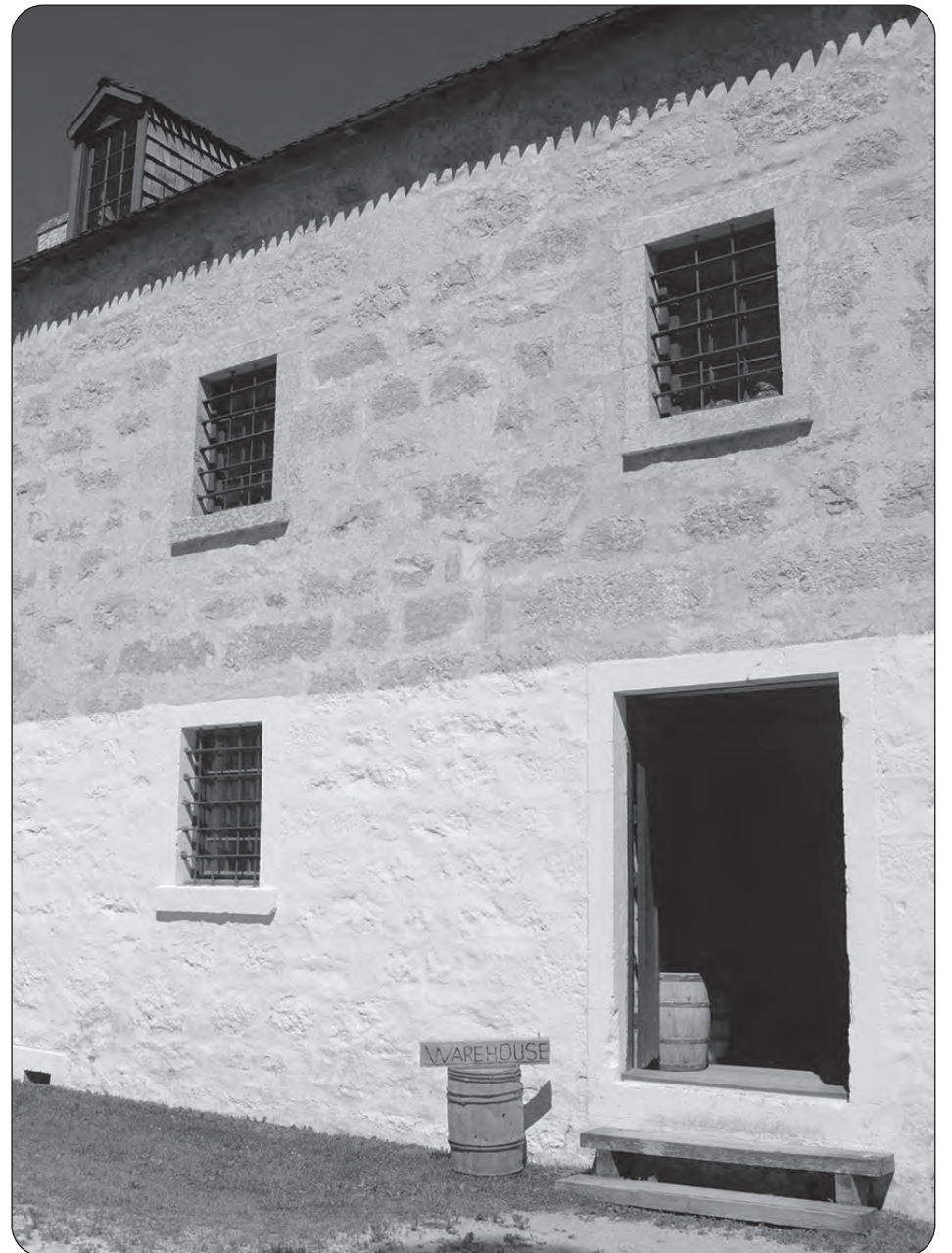
"It's a beautiful walk, it's a beautiful time to spend outside. You can learn a little bit of history, (and you) can grab a little snack. It's the perfect day trip," said Wagn.

Every day is a little bit different at Lower Fort Garry, so visitors are encouraged to plan ahead by visit-



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It's free to stop by Lower Fort Garry this summer.



ing the Lower Fort Garry website at [parks.canada/fortgarry](https://parks.canada/fortgarry). On the website, you'll find a daily schedule of the tours, workshops and free demonstrations that will be happening

that day, as well as information about paid programming, events and most anything else that you'll need to make sure you don't miss out on any of the excitement.

# LSRCSS awards celebration recipients 2025/26

By Katelyn Boulanger

Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School graduating students received awards, scholarship and bursaries at the recent awards celebration.

The winners are:

- 99 Years of Class Scholarship/Bursary was won by Selena Sardinha, Sieun Park, Megan Pellaers, and Ava Gerbrandt
- Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship was won by Elissa Marques
- ANAVET Scholarship was won by Jordan Tardi, and Aubrey Palsson
- Bob Jefferson Century 21 Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary was won by Colby Kurbis
- Captain Cecil "Cec" Lenton Bursary was won by Mia Evashenko, Sara Zorniak, and Kyra Lazaruk
- Centennial School Scholarship/Bursary was won by William Simpson
- Chapter "P" PEO Bursary was won by Sarina Longley
- Chesley Family Foundation Bursary was won by Anthony Bayle, Lexi Fletcher, Sarina Longley, Aubrey Palsson, Annika Merkel, Danelle Robson, and Skylar Whitford
- CUPE Local #1522 Bursary was won by Jasmine Vallenduuk, and Braxton Climie
- CWL Notre Dame Church Bursary was won by Laina Ostermann, Juliet Cyrenne, and Edwin Giju
- Daerwood School & Daerwood PAC Bursary was won by Paige Whiteside
- Don Sargent Memorial Scholarship/Bursary was won by Abigail Whitney, and Ashlyn McKay
- Dr. Alan Lagimodiere & Family Bursary was won by Savanna Ross
- Dr. Alan Lagimodiere & Family P.A.S.S. Bursary was won by Tehya-L'Wren Blackburde Moore
- DUC Gander Girls Conservation Bursary was won by Danelle Robson
- East Selkirk Middle School and Parent Advisory Council Scholarship was won by Noah Cooper
- École Bonaventure Scholarship was won by Lauren Lambrechts
- École Selkirk Junior High Scholarship was

- won by Ellie Tolpa
- Ellena's H.E.A.R.T Memorial Scholarship was won by Kaya Leveille
- Elizabeth Neskar Bursary was won by Brayden Bodnar-Waytiuk
- Ellen and Walter Whyte Scholarship was won by Mersadies Quinn
- English Ukrainian Bilingual Program Scholarship was won by Lily Baschuk
- Ernest and Helga Kromrei Memorial Bursary was won by Gavin Palmer
- Ethan Cruz Fiddler Scholarship Fund was won by Braxton Climie, Easton Parisian-Nault, Chelsea Couture, McKenna Stewart, Tehya-L'Wren Blackburde Moore, and William Simpson
- Evolution Dance Company Scholarship was won by Ava Barr, Kalista Vaughan
- Fort Distributors Ltd. Scholarship/Bursary was won by Dietrich Redekopp
- Frederick Poulter Memorial Scholarship was won by Danelle Robson
- Gail Bagnall Scholarship was won by Kaitlyn Calisto
- Gaynor Family Education Fund was won by Mia Evashenko, Lauren Lambrechts, Kaitlin Vanwart, Kaylin Lambrechts, Joshua Shedden, Mason Bodz, Ellie Tolpa, Rowan Maxwell, Rylee Sain, Roka McGregor, Ania Rothwell, Georgia Beck, Annika Bilous, Talon Seymour, Chelsey Morin, Ross Bannish, Salonee Hartwig, Maelyn Larter, Sofiia Kabanova, Gillian Sharples, McKenna Stewart, Brooke Augst, Kalista Vaughan, Izabela Braz, Vivien Prochorow, and Ishwanpreet Kaur Bal
- Geller's Bursary was won by Katie Clouston, Ashlyn McKay, Gavin Palmer, and Jordan Tardi
- Gilhuly Family Bursary was won by Nolan Dear
- Graeme H. Lowden Memorial Bursary was won by Alexis Christie
- Gus Protopapas Scholarship was won by Lauren Lambrechts
- Happy Thought School Scholarship was won by Alysha Schofield
- Happy Thought School Bursary was won by Mason Liebrecht
- Heather Cunningham Memorial Scholarship was won by Jessica Cole
- House of Economy Community Group Bursary was won by Kaylin Lambrechts, Annika Merkel, Lauren Lambrechts, and Rylee Sain
- James Campbell Memorial Bursary was won by Brooke Augst
- Ella Sandercock Memorial Bursary was won by Ellie Tolpa
- Jeff Wharton Citizenship Scholarship was won by Anthony Bayle
- John E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship/Bursary was won by Delainey Kiteley
- Knights of Columbus Community Bursary was won by Juliet Cyrenne
- Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council 6150 Education Fund was won by Laina Ostermann
- Lenny Railton Compassion Bursary was won by William Hordyski, Nolan Edmonds, Lyla Francis



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William Simpson received the Centennial School Scholarship/Bursary.



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The Daerwood School & Daerwood PAC Bursary was won by Paige Whiteside.

- Lifetouch Canada Scholarship was won by Skylar Whitford, Sarina Longley
- Lily Pad Cruisers Bursary was won by William Waterman, Brayden Bodnar-Waytiuk
- Lisgar Lodge #2 A.F & A.M Bursary was won by Aliya Gusberti, Emma Carpenter
- Lockport School and Parent Advisory Council Scholarship was won by Kennedy Korell
- Lord Selkirk Teachers' Association Scholarship was won by Madison Lavoie, Liam Vinck
- LSRCSS Parents for Safe Grad Bursary/Scholarship was won by Taylor Rehirschuk, Kyle Cromie
- LSSD Board of Trustees Bursary was won by Mason Bodz
- Manitoba Nurses' Union Site#16 Bursary in honour of Eleanor Chomiak was won by Emma Carpenter
- Manitoba Nurses' Union Site#16 Bursary was won by Kaitlin Vanwart, Ava Gerbrandt
- Mapleton School Bursary was won by Parker Balson
- Mary Elizabeth Bayer Award was won by Megan Pellaers
- Maude Elizabeth Gordon Fund was won by Mersadies Quinn
- Michael Vickers Memorial Scholarship/Bursary was won by Kaylin Lambrechts
- Micky Hannesson Scholarship was won by Natalie Nazimek
- MLA Selkirk Future Leaders was won by Tehya-L'Wren Blackburde Moore, Paige Whiteside, and Kaylee Richard
- Murray Hamm Memorial Bursary was won

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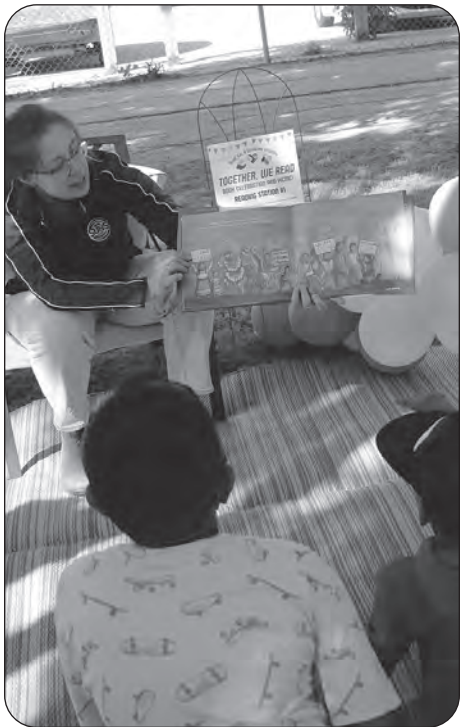
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# Together We Read, Book Celebration and BBQ



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The Lord Selkirk School Division recently hosted a multi-school event at Robert Smith School, celebrating literacy. The Together We Read, Book Celebration and BBQ featured fun, games, and reading.

## > LSRCSS AWARDS CELEBRATION, FROM PG. 10

- by Easton Parisian-Nault
- North Red Community Futures Environmental Industries Scholarship was won by Lily Baschuk, Skylar Whitford, and Sara Zorniak
- North Red Community Futures Peter Unik Memorial Scholarship was won by Gillian Sharples, and Kaitlin Vanwart
- ONE Insurance/Wawanesa Insurance Bursary was won by Selina Kermani Koosheh
- Our Daily Bread Award was won by Dominik Dainard
- P.A.S.S. (Promoting Aboriginal Student Success) Award was won by Sophia Loane, and Kaylee Richard
- Pauline H. McKay Bursary was won by Madison Lavoie
- P.E.O. Chapter 5 Bursary was won by Raeanne Domaradzki
- Pepsi Bottling Group Scholarship was won by Kaya Leveille
- Pratt's Food Service Bursary was won by Emily Boulette
- Reid Family Scholarship was won by Quinn Fyfe, and Sarah Grauman
- RM of St. Andrews Scholarship was won by Joshua Shedden, Kaya Leveille, and Danika Irwin
- RM of St. Clements Scholarship was won by Keira Emmers, Tyra Woods, and Rowan Maxwell
- Robert John Jefferson Education Fund was won by Ava Barr
- Robert Smith School Scholarship was won by Savanna Ross
- Rotary Award, Selkirk Rotary Club was won by Anthony Bayle
- School Bus Drivers – Unifor Local 191 Bursary was won by Raeanne Domaradzki
- Selkirk Centennial School Reunion Scholarship/Bursary was won by Mason Liebrecht

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# Red River Rendezvous rolls into Selkirk



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The Red River Rendezvous Charity Car Show was in Selkirk from June 11 to 13. The show brought together classic cars from many different car groups as well as activities including valve car racing. The proceeds from the show supported our local 96 Lord Selkirk Navy League Cadet Corps and the 77 Daerwood Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps.



## Man charged after indecent act reports in St. Andrews and Selkirk

By Haley Cvar

A 21-year-old man from the RM of St. Andrews is facing charges after two women reported separate incidents of indecent exposure earlier this month.

According to the Selkirk RCMP, officers first received a report on June 15 regarding an incident that had occurred the previous evening along River Road in the RM of St. Andrews.

A female complainant told police that at approximately 9:30 p.m. on

June 14, an unknown man driving a white vehicle stopped in front of her and exposed himself.

The following day, at approximately 4:43 p.m., the same woman spotted the same individual parked in a church parking lot in the RM of St. Andrews. She was able to provide police with a description of the suspect, along with details about the vehicle and its licence plate.

Later that evening, at 8:24 p.m., Selkirk RCMP received a second com-

plaint from another woman involving the same white vehicle at a car wash in Selkirk.

Police said the suspect exited one of the wash bays before leaving the building and then returning to park in a bay beside the complainant. The man allegedly exposed himself several times while watching the woman wash her vehicle.

Following the reports, Selkirk RCMP, the Selkirk RCMP General Investigation Section and the Manitoba

Integrated High Risk Sex Offender Unit launched an investigation to locate the suspect.

On June 18, officers arrested a 21-year-old man from the RM of St. Andrews. He has been charged with two counts of committing an indecent act.

The accused was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in court in Selkirk on Aug. 7.

The investigation remains ongoing.



# Local author to showcase fantasy novels at inaugural Canada Fiction Fest

By Jessica Eblie

A Matlock-area fantasy author is set to join more than 100 writers from across the country at the inaugural Canada Fiction Fest, a two-week virtual event celebrating Canadian fiction and connecting authors with readers nationwide.

Interlake native Trinity Cunningham will be among the 121 authors featured during the online festival, running from June 21 to July 4. The event will include panel discussions, author readings and a virtual bookstore showcasing works from independent, traditionally published and hybrid-published Canadian writers. Readers can attend the free online event through the Canada Fiction Fest website, where registration and the full schedule are available.

Two of Cunningham's novels, *Blood Bound* and *Inherent Bound*, will be featured during the virtual festival. Both books are part of her fantasy trilogy

series, *The Guardians of the Weldafire Stone*.

The book series centres on a magical stone that serves as a source of magic in the land, with each novel following a different guardian appointed to protect it from falling into the wrong hands.

Geared primarily toward adult readers, though suitable for readers aged 16 and older, the series combines quests, battles between good and evil and action-driven storytelling. Cunningham said the books also explore themes of fear, forgiveness, healing and hope.

"*The Guardians of the Weldafire Stone* is an easy introduction into fantasy if readers are newer to the genre," she said.

For Cunningham, being selected to participate in the inaugural Canada Fiction Fest is an opportunity to connect with fellow writers and readers from coast to coast.



Cunningham's book series *The Guardians of the Weldafire Stone*.

Cunningham learned about the fes-

tival through an online Discord community that includes festival founder N.P. Thomson, an Ottawa-based fantasy author. After seeing a call for Canadian writers to participate, she completed the registration process and was accepted into the event.

"It's really cool to be part of something so big and across the entire country," she said. "It feels very uniting of the author community we have in Canada and getting to be part of that is really an honour."

Cunningham's path to becoming an author began long before her first novel was published. Raised in a musical household, she grew up surrounded by storytelling. Her parents are both musicians and songwriters, and her mother wrote children's stories, rhymes and poems.

"I've always loved writing," she said. "It's such a great way to express ourselves."

Initially, Cunningham studied

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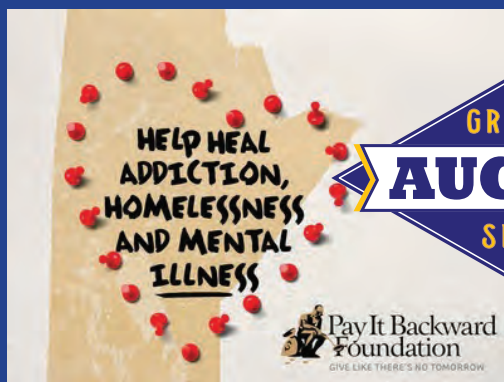
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> TRINITY CUNNINGHAM, FROM PG. 14

screenwriting because she wanted to tell stories through film. However, she found the format limited the level of detail and character development she wanted to explore, leading her to pursue novel writing instead.

"I love world-building. I love diving deep into these worlds and bringing them to life," she said.

In 2020, Cunningham decided to take her writing more seriously and began working on what would become *Blood Bound*. About halfway through the first draft, she realized she wanted to pursue publication



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Local Author Trinity Cunningham will be participating in the inaugural Canada Fiction Fest, beginning June 21.

rather than leave the manuscript unpublished.

She began her publishing journey through hybrid publishing before moving into independent publishing, a process she says taught her valuable lessons about the industry.

Despite participating in a national event, Cunningham said her roots in Manitoba remain an important part of her identity as a writer.

While many aspiring authors picture literary careers unfolding in major city centres such as Toronto, New York or London, Cunningham said living in a smaller community has never felt like a disadvantage.

"I've had so much support around me from friends and family and everybody within this community," she said. "I've found a really great support system, and I don't think I would have that if I was in a big city."

Cunningham said Manitoba has also influenced aspects of her writing. In *Unbound*, the third novel in *The Guardians of the Weldafire Stone* trilogy, she loosely based the climate of one of the story's countries on Manitoba's long summer days and harsh winters.

"I'm proudly Manitoban, and I love that our province has such beauty to draw inspiration from," she said.

The virtual nature of events such as Canada Fiction Fest also helps level the playing field for writers living outside major urban centres.

Cunningham will participate in a panel discussion titled Diversity in

Fiction: Seeing Ourselves and Others in Our Writing on June 27. She will also take part in a fantasy author reading on July 4.

She said she is particularly looking forward to exchanging ideas with other writers and discovering new Canadian authors.

"I think events like this are fantastic because they really give us an opportunity to network with the reading community and the writing community," she said.

Beyond entertaining readers, Cunningham hopes her books leave audiences with a sense of optimism.

"I hope to leave readers with hope," she said. "Life is a series of choices and consequences and actions, and I hope people come away willing to step forward and take chances."

Locally, Cunningham's books are available at Chapters Polo Park, Wishme and The Cozy Fox in Selkirk, and Only Local in Altona. Her books are also available through the Selkirk Library, while e-books can be purchased through her website and through Amazon.

Looking ahead, Cunningham will make several local appearances, including The Marketplace at Pineridge Hollow on June 28 and the Gimli Christmas Market on Dec. 5.

She is also contributing a short story to *The Rings of Adventure*, an international anthology featuring more than 30 independent fantasy, science-fiction, horror and romantasy authors that is scheduled for publication later this year.



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9AM - 2PM	MOPAR CAR CLUB •Show & Shine
9AM	TENNIS MB CANADA CUP
12PM - 12:30PM	RIDE THE VIBE STUNT SHOW
12:45PM	SLEEPY THE CLOWN
1PM - 5PM	FRONTIER EVENTS NERF BATTLE
1PM - 3PM	KIDS' ARCADE
1PM - 5PM	MINI GOLF
1PM - 5PM	BUBBLE LAB
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1PM - 8PM	PENNY'S ALL BREED ANIMAL RESCUE
1:30PM - 7PM	PHOTOBOOTH •Access Centre gym
1:30PM	LINE DANCING •With Tiffany Parada and Curtis Dooma
2PM - 6PM	INTERACTIVE ROBOT WARS
3:30PM - 4PM	RIDE THE VIBE STUNT SHOW
3PM - 5:30PM	WORLD CUP FAN ZONE •with UDM Soccer School
5:15PM	KIDS' CANDY SCRAMBLE •For Kids 10 and under
5:45PM	DIGNITARY SPEECHES
6:30PM - 7PM	RIDE THE VIBE STUNT SHOW
7PM - 8:15PM	LIVE WRESTLING
8:15PM - 8:45PM	RIDE THE VIBE STUNT SHOW
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# Canadian history quiz

A lot has happened since Canada officially became a country in 1867. Do you know as much about Canadian history as you think you do? Test your knowledge by answering these questions that explore the nation's past.

1. Why was the O Canada anthem originally created in 1880?
- a) To officially mark the re-naming of "Confederation Day" to "Dominion Day" on July 1
  - b) To commemorate the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day festivities held in Quebec City that year
  - c) To commemorate soldiers who died during the War of 1812, who would be honoured during a royal visit

2. Who originally designated July 1 as Canada Day?

- a) Queen Victoria
- b) Prime Minister John A. Macdonald
- c) Governor General Charles Stanley Monck

3. Which symbol, now official, appeared on Canada's first postage stamp in 1851?

- a) The beaver
- b) The maple leaf
- c) The woodland caribou

4. In what year was the current Canadian flag adopted?

- a) In 1867
- b) In 1914
- c) In 1965



5. What was the original name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1873?

- a) Her Majesty's Mounted Guard
- b) The Loyalist Mounted Police of the North
- c) The North-West Mounted Police

6. In what year was the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) founded?

- a) 1949
- b) 1936
- c) 1954

ANSWERS  
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# CANADA DAY Itinerary

## United for Literacy's Tales & Trails Storybook Walk

TIME: 12-8PM

LOCATION: Next to the Selkirk Park Pool

DESCRIPTION: This Canada Day, experience a new kind of storytelling with United for Literacy's Tales & Trails storybook walk. Stroll along and enjoy pages from the children's story Raven's Ribbons by Cree and Trinidadian author Tasha Spillett, brought to life by Ojibwe fine artist Daniel Ramirez. The display will be set up near the Selkirk Park Pool entrance.



## Makers Market Hosted by Bud & Bloom

TIME: 4-10PM

LOCATION: Manitoba Avenue East

DESCRIPTION: Bud & Bloom are returning with their fifth annual Canada Day Market. This 100% HANDMADE market features amazing local makers who sell honey, soap, jewellery, candy and so much more!



## Kids Zone

TIME: 4-8PM

LOCATION: Selkirk Waterfront

DESCRIPTION: Head to the Kids Zone for hands-on fun and activities for all ages, including glitter tattoos, hula hooping, the Bubble Barn, Mister Squiggly and his animal balloons, and more.



## BAND: Broken Binders 4:15PM

The Broken Binders are a rock band formed at École Selkirk Junior High during lunch hour practices. Audiences have been wowed by their musical range of covers from CCR, Avril Lavigne, Katy Perry, and the Ramones.



## Darren Lavallee 4:50PM

From St. Ambroise, Darren Lavallee has been dubbed the "Marvelous Métis." He was raised surrounded by music, dance, and the Michif language and is strongly traditional when it comes to his Métis roots. Darren has over 25 years of performance experience and has five CDs to his credit.



## Band: Hold on Surely 6PM

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## Band: Al Simmons | 7:15PM

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## BAND: Mach 10 8:30PM

Mach 10 is a popular Winnipeg-based cover band, known as the "Official House Band of the Winnipeg Jets" often performing high-energy rock, country, pop and party hits.



## BAND: Les Barn Boys | 10PM

The best meeting place for a jam session is in a shop on a farm in La Broquerie. That's what happened, and the group "Les Barn Boys" was born. The interbreeding of traditional folk and country brought together these young musicians to create a kitchen party sound that had led them to stages at Festival du Voyageur, Fire and Water Music Festival, Manitoba Moose hockey games, the Grey Cup Festival, and other local music festivals, to name a few.



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## How to celebrate Canada Day

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Must-sees


Canada Day wouldn't be complete without these two key events:

- **National noon ceremony.** This large gathering officially kicks off the festivities. Featuring inspiring tributes and Canadian icons and artists, the event takes place in Ottawa and is broadcast across the country.
- **National evening show.** Like the noon ceremony, this must-see concert also takes place in the nation's capital and is broadcast live on multiple channels. It also includes segments filmed in other regions.

Regional options

Want to get out and have some fun between the two events? To find activities near you, check your local newspaper or visit the Government of Canada website (canada.ca), which offers a dedicated Canada Day section with a useful search tool. Parades, fairs, food tastings and more take place in communities across the country. There's something for everybody.

Finally, don't forget to show your national pride by downloading official graphics to share on social media. Let the party begin!



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- Selkirk & District Breast Cancer Support Group Scholarship / Bursary funded through the McLeary Family Education Fund was won by Ava Gerbrandt
- Selkirk & District Community Foundation Bursary was won by Brooke Lesyshen
- Selkirk Fair & Rodeo Bursary was won by Laina Ostermann
- Selkirk Home Hardware "Building the Trades" Bursary was won by William Simpson, and Easton Parisian-Nault
- Selkirk Kinsmen Bursary was won by Ariana Calisto
- Selkirk Legion Bursaries was won by Alexis Christie, and Fia Thibodeau
- Selkirk Legion Poppy Fund Bursary was won by Emma Carpen-
- Selkirk Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Bursary was won by Lexi Fletcher
- Selkirk Nursery School Award was won by Kyra Lazaruk
- Selkirk Rotary Anns Education Fund was won by Jasmine Vallenduuk, and Brooke Lesyshen
- Selkirk Sportsmen's Dinner Association Award was won by Emily Boulette
- Selkirk Youth Hockey Association Education Fund Bursary was won by Matthew Michaleski, and Delainey Kiteley
- Sharon Chanas Memorial Scholarship was won by Chelsea Coulture
- St. Andrews School Scholarship was won by Taylor Rehirchuk
- Steelcity Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre Scholarship/Bursary was won by Megan Pellaers

- Steeltown Automotive Technology Award was won by Matthew Pangilinan
- Selkirk Chevrolet Buick GMC Automotive Technology Award was won by William Waterman
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- Thomas Sill Scholarship was won by Selena Sardinha
- Thor & Olga Anderson Memorial Award was won by Noah Cooper
- Tim Horton's Scholarship was won by Elissa Marques
- University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Scholarship was won by Mia Evashenko
- USW Local 5442 Brother Don Posnick Memorial Scholarship was won by Mersadies Quinn
- Van Hartevelt Scholarship was won by Matthew Michaleski
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The Happy Thought School Bursary was taken home by Mason Liebrecht.

- morial Bursary P.E.O. Chapter G was won by Mackenzie Henry
- Vicki Cielen Memorial Bursary was won by Sieun Park, Paige Whiteside, Selina Kermani Koosheh
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> MEAL IDEAS



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Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute  
 Servings: 8  
 Dressing:  
 1/3 cup sour cream  
 1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar  
 2 teaspoons sugar  
 Salad:  
 1 package (20 ounces) green peas, frozen  
 1 cup celery, chopped  
 1/3 cup red onions, chopped  
 1 cup dry roasted peanuts  
 6 slices thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled  
 1 pinch salt, or to taste

1 pinch freshly ground black pepper, or to taste  
 To make dressing: In small mixing bowl, whisk sour cream, mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar and sugar.  
 To make salad: In large mixing bowl, combine frozen green peas, celery and onion. Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.  
 Before serving, stir in roasted peanuts and crumbled bacon. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.  
 Nutritional information per serving: 230 calories, 17 g carbohydrates, 12 mg cholesterol, 3 g saturated fat, 9 g unsaturated fat, 5 g fiber, 11 g protein, 249 mg sodium, 6 g sugar, 1 g added sugar.



## Flourless Blueberry Muffins

Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute  
 Servings: 12  
 2 bananas  
 1 cup creamy peanut butter  
 2 eggs  
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease muffin pan.  
 In blender or food processor, combine bananas, peanut butter, eggs and baking powder; blend until smooth. Fold in blueberries by hand.  
 Pour mixture into muffin tin. Bake 12-15 minutes.  
 Store in airtight container up to 3 days.  
 Nutritional information per serving: 155 calories, 10 g carbohydrates, 31 mg cholesterol, 2 g saturated fat, 9 g unsaturated fat, 2 g fiber, 6 g protein, 98 mg sodium, 5 g sugar.



## Protein Balls

Recipe courtesy of The Peanut Institute  
 Servings: 24  
 1 cup chunky peanut butter  
 1 tablespoon vanilla  
 1/4 cup honey  
 2 cups quick oats  
 2 tablespoons ground flaxseed

1/2 cup shredded coconut  
 1/2 cup dried, chopped cranberries  
 1/8 teaspoon iodized salt  
 1/4 cup water  
 Using stand mixer, combine peanut butter, vanilla, honey, quick oats, flaxseed, coconut, cranberries, salt and water; mix until well combined.  
 Form dough into 1-ounce portions and refrigerate 30 minutes before serving.  
 Nutritional information per serving: 130 calories, 7 g fat, 14 g carbohydrates, 3 g protein, 2 g fiber, 60 mg sodium.

## The one reason you're not getting hired

By Nick Kossovan

Many job seekers believe employers hire people based on effort, potential or credentials alone. In reality, employers hire people who can help them make money, save money or solve problems.

Employment is a financial transaction. An employer pays wages in exchange for a return on investment. If you're sending out resumes, networking and attending interviews without receiving offers, you may not be communicating your value in terms employers understand.

Too many candidates treat their resume like a history lesson, listing duties and responsibilities in chronological order. Employers are less interested in what you did than in the results you achieved. In business, an employee's value is measured by their impact on the organization's success.

Ask yourself one question: What value will an employer gain by hiring me?

A more effective approach is to think of yourself as a business of one. Rather than presenting yourself as a job seeker looking for work, position yourself as someone offering solutions to business problems. Your resume, LinkedIn profile and interview responses should clearly demonstrate how your work creates measurable results.

Your resume: Focus on achievements, not duties. Replace statements such as "Responsible for managing a team" with results-based accomplishments. Quantify improvements whenever possible, whether through revenue growth, cost savings, efficiency gains or customer retention.

Your LinkedIn profile: Treat it as a marketing tool rather than

an online résumé. Your headline should communicate the value you provide. Instead of "Experienced Operations Professional," explain how you help organizations improve performance, reduce costs or increase revenue.

Networking: Avoid asking people if they know of any job openings. Instead, learn about the challenges facing their company or industry. Discuss examples of how you've solved similar problems and delivered results.

Interviews: Don't rely on generic answers about being a hard worker or team player. Connect your strengths directly to business outcomes. Explain how your skills improve efficiency, increase productivity or reduce waste.

When meeting someone for the first time, ask yourself: How can I help this person?

If employers aren't calling, interviewing or hiring you, consider whether you're making a compelling business case. Employers aren't buying your biography; they're investing in a solution.

Review your resume, LinkedIn profile and interview talking points. Remove anything that doesn't clearly demonstrate value. When you shift the conversation from what you cost an employer to what you contribute, you give hiring managers a much stronger reason to hire you.

Nick Kossovan, a well-seasoned corporate veteran, offers "unsweetened" job search advice. Send Nick your job search questions to [artoffindingwork@gmail.com](mailto:artoffindingwork@gmail.com).

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# Province expands surgical capacity, adding 200 more hip and knee surgeries, 7 arthroplasty surgeons

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba completed a record number of hip and knee replacement surgeries last year, thanks to provincial investments, the dedication of surgeons and other health-care professionals, and a surgical partnership with the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara visited the Selkirk Regional Health Centre on June 19 to announce the addition of 200 more hip and knee replacement surgeries this year.

Selkirk's surgical program completed more than 800 hip and knee replacements last year, accounting for a significant share of the provincial total of 7,056 procedures.

The province invested in 1,000 net new surgeries last year. The remaining 200 surgeries will be distributed to centres across Manitoba that have the capacity to perform them.

Selkirk's contribution to the hip and knee replacement program was lauded by the health minister, who called the made-in-Manitoba capacity-building effort "awesome" and thanked Selkirk for "delivering real results for Manitobans." Selkirk helped reduce provincial wait times for people suffering from pain and decreased mobility.

"That is going to make a huge difference for Manitobans who need this care every single day. And I want to thank all of you for making that a reality in this province," said Asagwara, who was joined by the IERHA's chief executive officer, surgeons from Selkirk and Concordia hospitals, nurses, Shared Health's surgical lead, a knee replacement recipient and Justice Minister Matt Wiebe.

"This additional investment of over 1,000 new hip and knee surgeries in Manitoba contributes to our province setting a record. Our province last year was able to do 7,056 hip and knee replacement surgeries. That is the largest number we have ever been able to do, and I'm looking right at you folks on the team. You know how



Knee replacement recipient Melanie Shumilak from Selkirk with Dr. Thomas Turgeon, who performed her surgery at the Selkirk hospital.

hard you worked to get that done. That is a record for Manitoba."

Asagwara said they met with Dr. Edward Buchel, Shared Health's provincial surgery specialty lead, a few years ago to discuss what the government needed to do to ensure Manitobans could receive hip and knee surgeries in Manitoba "so that we're not sending people out of the province, out of the country to get this essential health care."

Out of the country is exactly where Selkirk resident and knee replacement recipient Melanie Shumilak wants to go — after she receives her second new knee — to climb waterfalls.

Shumilak said she suffered from arthritic knee pain for 10 years and had to be "talked into" getting a knee replacement after hearing reports of people experiencing difficulties after surgery.

She loved to walk and hike, but those activities declined as her condition worsened, and she found herself "unable to climb any waterfalls when I travelled to Iceland two years ago."

She had a consultation with orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Thomas Turgeon, who works out of Concordia and Selkirk hospitals, and she was scheduled



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Manitoba health minister Uzoma Asagwara and justice minister Matt Wiebe with Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority doctors and nurses, and CEO Marion Ellis, along with orthopaedic surgeons and knee surgery recipient Melanie Shumilak (centre), who had a knee replaced in the morning and was walking out of Selkirk hospital by afternoon. The province has added 200 more hip and knee surgeries, with a whopping 800 completed last year, and recruited seven new arthroplasty doctors.

for surgery in Selkirk six months later.

"I was working out with two braces for over 10 years, using walking sticks and, of course, taking pain medication daily," said Shumilak. "After I was referred, I started hearing more and more happy stories, successful stories, and my trepidation subsided somewhat. One friend had both knees done eight months apart and was back Ukrainian dancing. So I agreed."

She underwent outpatient surgery in April. By about 3:30 p.m. on the day she received her new knee, she walked out of Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

"I have a new appreciation for the importance of mobility. Through my recovery, I've graduated from a walker and crutches to minimal use of a cane, and now I'm preparing for round two. I'm 68 years old and I want my mobility back in both knees, so I'm looking at having my second knee done in Selkirk in September. Thanks to the expansion of the hip and knee program, the wait time is reduced," said Shumilak. "I'm not a Ukrainian dancer, but there are still many waterfalls I want to climb."

Shumilak's surgeon, Dr. Thomas Turgeon, said developing Selkirk into a successful hip and knee surgical centre was a "team sport" that has reduced surgical wait times and changed lives "one joint at a time."

"The creation of the hip and knee replacement program here in Selkirk has been a significant undertaking. To take a facility that had no orthopaedic procedures being performed at it and convert it into a high-volume arthroplasty centre providing world-class service and outcomes in just over a

year is no small feat," said Turgeon, who briefly left Manitoba for specialized training in the United States and was nearly recruited to a position in a desirable coastal city before deciding to return home.

"And it was no accident. This required coordination and commitment from surgeons and anesthesiologists, nurses, rehabilitation professionals, administrative staff, support services and the leadership team all working together toward a common goal. The expansion here in Selkirk demonstrates what can be achieved when health-care professionals across disciplines collaborate to improve access to care. Health care is a team sport, and I'm so proud of what this team has accomplished and continues to accomplish."

When asked whether diagnostic wait times have affected hip and knee replacement surgery wait times, Turgeon said surgeons do not require CT scans or MRIs for the vast majority of cases. An X-ray is generally all that is needed.

Buchel said it was "amazing" that Selkirk exceeded its surgical targets while staying on budget and was "one of the few places in our province" to do so for high-acuity, highly complex surgeries in such a short period of time.

That success has helped Manitoba lead the country in the number of hip and knee replacement procedures completed on an outpatient basis.

"This change has allowed us to deliver care here and free up space in our main trauma centre so that we



# Jurassic Walk for Alzheimer's at Red River Place



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Extendicare Red River Place held a Community Walk for Alzheimer's disease with a fun flair this year. The theme was Jurassic Park, and the dinosaurs led the way as the group walked to bring awareness and support for those with dementia in our community.



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can do acute care in those areas and continue to provide the care that's desperately needed," said Buchel. "What does this do? It improves our wait times. In March 2025, our median wait time for hip replacement surgery was 39 weeks. A year later, that has dropped to 22 weeks. That means half of our patients are waiting 22 weeks or less, with the Canadian Institute for Health Information standard being 26 weeks."

Fewer than four years ago, the province was completing about 3,500 arthroplasty surgeries annually. That number has now doubled to more than 7,000, he added.

With hip and knee surgical wait

times reduced, the province has also recruited more than seven new arthroplasty surgeons.

"Recruitment of surgeons is very difficult. It takes many years," said Buchel. "But I can tell you that right now we have recruited more than seven arthroplasty surgeons over the last two years."

The 200 additional hip and knee surgeries will be distributed among surgical centres including Concordia Hospital, Health Sciences Centre, Selkirk Regional Health Centre and Brandon Regional Health Centre, he said.

Showing medical residents that Manitoba has the capacity to support

their careers will help recruit those who leave the province for specialized training, Buchel added.

"When they go away for one or two years, other people can poach them from us. We want them back. The number is seven who have come back, and four residents are going away for training — and we want them back. We're telling them we want them back. We're giving them commitment letters to come back, and we're building the capacity so they can come back and do something."

IERHA president and chief executive officer Marion Ellis thanked everyone involved in the health-care system — from surgeons and registration staff to rehabilitation and allied health professionals — for contribut-

ing to Selkirk's success as a hip and knee surgical centre.

"When we were asked to be part of the provincial surgery initiative — every year we get an opportunity to develop a plan and we submit it to government — we're sometimes cautious and sometimes ambitious. But this time it was government that came to us," said Ellis.

"And we wanted to make sure we didn't disappoint patients and didn't disappoint those who were putting confidence in all of you, the team, whose everyday efforts make this happen. So we thank you for that as well. Sincerely."

# sports & recreation

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## Selkirk-born Dillabough letting love for the sport fuel boxing career

By Kieran Reimer

Almost four years after getting into sparring, Kaylee Dillabough is loving her decision to pursue boxing.

She grew up in Selkirk watching boxing and other combat sports with her father, which led to her briefly trying kickboxing.

Combat sports were then put on the back burner during her teenage years and into her 20s. She said she was self-conscious about participating in a combat sport and found herself being overly critical.

When she was 26, the passing of her father brought a sudden change to her everyday life.

She strapped on the gloves for the first time in years, hoping to find a way to cope with her emotions.

Despite moving to Winnipeg, she decided to give Eastman Boxing Club in Beausejour a try, where she connected with coaches Kirk Fleming and Sidney Meisner.

The two helped her begin her boxing career, which led to her first amateur bouts.

Since then, she has reached the eight-fight mark of her boxing career, most recently competing at Eastman Boxing Club's June 13 card in St. Andrews.

"When I was younger, it was kind of like mine and my dad's thing, watching it on TV, all the combat sports," said Dillabough. "I tried kickboxing when I was younger, I was probably 12 or something around that age, and I ended up quitting because I just was self-conscious, like teenager, and just thinking that everything you take so



Selkirk-born Kaylee Dillabough competed in the eighth bout of her amateur boxing career during Eastman Boxing Club's June 13 card in St. Andrews. The 29-year-old returned to combat sports three years ago after stepping away for more than a decade.

critically. I quit because I was just so hard on myself and then I came back to it when I was 26. My dad passed away when I was 26, and so shortly after that, to cope with dealing with all those emotions I came back to working out and boxing specifically was such just a super good stress relief. I ended up falling in love with it again and getting past that awkward stage. It took me a while, and then here we are. They were asking me if I wanted to spar, and then as soon as I started sparring, it was a domino effect since then."

The now 29-year-old turned that experience into one of the most action-packed fights of the night in St. Andrews.



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Barbot Boxing's Madi Lovaas (right) defeated Eastman Boxing Club's Kaylee Dillabough (left) during Eastman Boxing Club's June 13 card in St. Andrews.

Although she lost to the more experienced Madi Lovaas of Barbot Boxing in Fargo, N.D., she said she was happy with how things played out.

"It was a good exchange," said Dillabough. "I was honestly just happy to have the chance to get in the ring with her. She has I think 18 fights now, and that was my eighth fight, so I was just happy to even go up against someone who is that experienced. Even though I lost, I was still okay with it. Good experience, good lessons, and she was so nice afterwards too."

Dillabough had both Fleming and Meisner supporting her through the fight and throughout her pre-fight training despite the demands of their own boxing and coaching careers.

Their influence has helped grow her love for the sport to the point where she now hopes to turn professional.

"Just because I'm getting older in the game, I want to show others that no matter how old you are, you can still follow your dreams," said Dillabough.

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# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Royals win MHSFLL title in historic return season

By Kierann Reimer

It didn't take long for the Lord Selkirk Royals to find success as the new kids on the block in the Manitoba High School Field Lacrosse League.

It was the first time in several years the Royals had fielded a boys team. In their previous season of play, they captured a Division 2 championship.

The Royals made their long-awaited return this year with former players stepping into coaching roles while nearly the entire roster picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time.

There was a learning curve early on as the Royals lost their first three regular-season games in the MHSFLL's Division 3. They quickly turned things around, however, winning two of their final five games to finish seventh in the nine-team league.

They then advanced to the playoffs, where the experience gained during the regular season paid off.

Their three players with previous experience — Brody Desjardins, Max Ojala and goalkeeper Mason Grant — helped steer the ship as the Royals shocked second-seeded Leo Remillard 3-2 in the opening round.

They carried that momentum into the semifinals, upsetting third-ranked Transcona 6-2 to earn an unexpected championship berth.

There, they faced top-ranked Murdoch MacKay, which had not lost a game all season.

Murdoch came out strong and built a 5-2 lead midway through the third quarter before the Royals mounted the comeback of a lifetime, scoring four consecutive goals. The rally was capped by the eventual game-winner from Desjardins as Selkirk knocked off the regular-season champions 6-5 to claim the Division 3 title.

"They just got more comfortable," said head coach Josh Poponick, a former Royals player.

"It became more of them not worrying about passing and catching. They were more worried about, 'Okay, this defender is on me. I've got to do this. I've got to move this way.'"

Poponick credited Grant's ability to make key saves as a major factor in the team's turnaround.

Grant allowed just nine goals in three playoff games and came up with several critical stops in the championship game against Murdoch's high-



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Lord Selkirk Royals defeated Murdoch MacKay 6-5 on June 14 at Shaughnessy Park Field to capture the Manitoba High School Field Lacrosse League Division 3 championship. The victory capped a remarkable playoff run for the seventh-seeded Royals, who defeated each of the league's top three teams en route to the title. Pictured left to right, back row: Josh Poponick (coach), Tyndall Fontaine (coach), Gavyn Henry, Elia Gerritzen, Colton Corbel, Liam Vinck, Mason Grant, Sawyer Yarych, Louis Brodeo, Landon Eagle, Trey Smallwood, Kageon Carver, Trevin Smith, Nate Vinck, Jacob Schellenberg, Hudson Kennelly, Eric Evason, Jaxon Beasley and Trayton Smith (coach); Front row: Brody Desjardins, Max Ojala and Kyle Cromie.

powered offence.

Other key contributions came from players embracing team-first roles in close games, allowing top scorers such as Ojala and Desjardins to remain on the field for much of the playoff run while others stepped in when called upon.

"Max Ojala might have come off the field twice in that championship game," said Poponick. "He started as a d-pole earlier in the game and then we needed a couple more goals. He even scored a couple as a d-pole with a long stick.

"We moved him to midfield near the end, and he and Brody just kind of ran with their two-man game. The biggest thing that helped us through that whole playoff run was Mason. In my opinion, even though we're in Division 3, he's one of the best goalies in that league. Hands down, one of the top goalies in this province.

"For a kid who just started playing field lacrosse goalie, I think last year was his first taste of it. The way he stepped up in the playoffs was incred-

ible. One kid from Murdoch whom I'd coached this summer came off the field and said, 'We cannot get this ball past Mason. He is too good.'

"He was the backbone of our team and definitely kept us in it."

The strong return season also sets up a bright future for the Royals.

With many players eligible to return next year and now armed with championship experience, the Royals could eventually seek promotion to higher divisions.

They also benefit from a strong coaching staff that includes Poponick,

Tyndall Fontaine, Trayton Smith, Allison Savoie and Courtnee Scobie-Schulthorp.

The Royals are also thriving on the women's side of the MHSFLL, where they once again competed in the top division under head coach Regina Kiteley.

Kiteley originally approached Poponick about coaching the boys team after the two coached respective boys and girls box lacrosse teams at last summer's Canada Games.

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[peter@rmofstandrews.com](mailto:peter@rmofstandrews.com)

## Lord Selkirk School Division

### Notice of Upcoming Election for School Trustee

To Be Held on October 28, 2026  
Between the Hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The Lord Selkirk School Division is comprised of 5 Wards which shall be comprised as follows:

**Ward I** That portion of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews that falls within the boundaries of Lord Selkirk School Division south of, (not including) Cloverdale Road.

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**Ward III** That portion of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach, the Rural Municipality of St. Clements, the Rural Municipality of Alexander that falls within the boundaries of Lord Selkirk School Division, including the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation No. 4.

**Ward IV** That portion of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements and the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead that falls within the boundaries of Lord Selkirk School Division south of the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation No. 4.

**Ward V** The City of Selkirk.

The number of trustees elected in the said Division will be as follows:

<b>Ward I</b>	2 Trustees
<b>Ward II</b>	1 Trustee
<b>Ward III</b>	1 Trustee
<b>Ward IV</b>	2 Trustees
<b>Ward V</b>	3 Trustees

Please note that the Candidate Information Package will be available on the Lord Selkirk School Division website, or you can also pick up a copy at the School Board Office beginning on June 30, 2026.

Nominations will be accepted at the Board Office by appointment from September 16 - 22, 2026.

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## RM OF WEST ST. PAUL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Regarding the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul withdrawing from the Red River Planning District

The Council of the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in person on:

Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
At Council Chambers located at 3550 Main Street,  
West St. Paul, Manitoba.

The Public Hearing is to receive representations, questions and register support or objection from any persons who wish to make them in relation to the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul withdrawing from the Red River Planning District and establishing an independent department to deliver planning services such as development and secondary plans, zoning by-laws and building permits.

Following the Public Hearing, Council will consider the matter and will determine whether to make a formal application to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations to be removed from the Red River Planning District.

**Any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register support or objection to Council during the Public Hearing must register by email or by mail prior to 3:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026, at [info@weststpaul.com](mailto:info@weststpaul.com), or RM of West St. Paul, 3550 Main Street, West St. Paul, MB R4A 5A3.**

Please note that all registrants will be given a 10 minute time slot in which they may present. Written statements can also be submitted in advance of the Public Hearing and must also be received by email or by mail prior to 3:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026, at [info@weststpaul.com](mailto:info@weststpaul.com), or RM of West St. Paul, 3550 Main Street, West St. Paul, MB R4A 5A3.

For more information on how to register for the Public Hearing please contact the Rural Municipality at 204-338-0306.

Dated at the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul this 25th day of June, 2026 and issued pursuant to Section 27(2) of *The Planning Act*.

Jeffrey J. A. Simpson  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of West St. Paul

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION  
Red River Planning District

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Wednesday  
July 15th, 2026  
5:30 PM

Council Chambers  
3021 Birds Hill Road  
RM of East St. Paul, MB

Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Application File:** DPA 294-25  
**Applicant:** BlueStem Development  
**Property Location:** PTH 44 North Service Road, RM of St. Clements. Roll # 252200, 252250, 252350



**Application Purpose:**  
The applicant proposes to re-designate the properties to "General Development," to facilitate future development of a multi-use complete community.

Current Designation	Designation Proposed by Applicant
Resource and Agriculture	Re-Designating to: General Development

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



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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATION  
RM of East St. Paul

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Tuesday  
July 21st, 2026  
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RM of East St. Paul, MB

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**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Application File:** BL 2026-11 + S26-3141  
**Applicant:** MRA Planning and Development  
**Property Location:** 2511 McGregor Farm Road + unaddressed property Roll #: 98900, 99000 Legal: OT113-PA-0 and PKG-PA  
**Application Purpose:**



To amend the R.M. of East St. Paul Zoning By-law No. 2009-04 by rezoning the subject properties multi-zoned as "PR" Parks and Recreation and "RR5" Rural Residential into the proposed "RMX" Meadows Zone.

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## OBITUARY



**Skromeda, Harry Steven**  
October 15, 1951 – June 12, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harry Steven Skromeda, who died on June 12, 2026, at the age of 74. Born and raised in Selkirk, Manitoba, Harry grew up on a family farm alongside his four siblings. Those years provided him with a lifetime of stories, many involving youthful mischief, adventures with his siblings and, of course, plenty of good-natured complaints about farm work, especially picking cucumbers. In his early adult years, Harry studied and worked in nursing in Manitoba, a chapter of his life he spoke about often and remembered affectionately. He later held a long career with Nav Canada that took him across the country, including the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Halifax and eventually Ottawa, where he spent the final years of his career and made his home.

Harry will be lovingly remembered by his two daughters, Lindsey (Andrew) Webster and Kelsey Skromeda, and his three granddaughters, Morgan, Vivian, and Ruby, all of whom brought him immense pride and joy. He is also survived by his siblings, Marilyn Woloshyn, Bill Skromeda, and Colleen Rydz, and was predeceased by his brother, Don Skromeda.

Those who knew Harry will remember his easy-going nature and ever-present sense of humour. Jolly, kind-hearted and optimistic, Harry had a gift for bringing warmth and lightness to the people around him. He was always ready with a joke and took great pleasure in making people laugh, even if his sense of humour was occasionally a little unfiltered.

Harry loved spending time with family, following his favourite sports and cheering on the Blue Jays. He rarely missed Canadian football or a good curling match. He was an enthusiastic collector of recipes and a talented cook who enjoyed sharing good food with others, especially Ukrainian dishes, and he took great pride in his Ukrainian heritage. He was also the family's designated turkey chef, famous for making the best stuffing ever.

For the past four years, Harry lived with lymphoma. Throughout his illness, he faced each challenge with positivity and determination. Even in difficult moments, he remained hopeful, grateful and focused on the good around him. His optimism never left him and those who loved him believe it helped keep him with us for as long as it did.

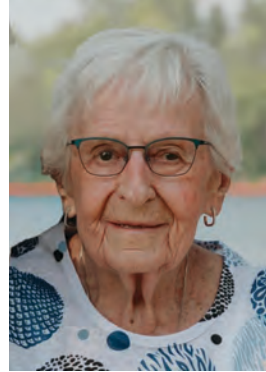
Though our hearts are heavy with his loss, we take comfort in remembering his laughter, his resilience and the love he shared so freely. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held in Manitoba in August, with details to be shared with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Harry's memory may be made to a lymphoma or cancer charity of your choice.

Kelly Funeral Home - Kanata Chapel  
580 Eagleson Road  
Kanata, Ontario K2M1H4

## OBITUARY



**Florence Marion Haluk (nee Stefaniuk)**  
December 20th, 1932 – June 15th 2026

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Florence Haluk on June 15, 2026, at the age of 93.

Florence was predeceased by the love of her life and devoted husband, Ben; her parents, Dymetro and Anastasia Stefaniuk; and her sisters, Stella Stefaniuk, Olga (Bill) Kulpak, and Stella (Bill) Sempovitch.

She leaves behind and will be forever cherished by her son Geoff (Darlene); grandson, Derek (Jordyn); granddaughter, Meagan (Tyler) Cormier; her niece Carlotta Kulpak; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Florence was born in Prudhomme, Saskatchewan. After completing her schooling, she moved to Selkirk, Manitoba, where she met Ben and they built a wonderful life and family.

Florence found great joy in spending time with family and friends, reading, and traveling. One of her favorite destinations was Mazatlan, Mexico where she and Ben spent many winters. There, they volunteered teaching English at a local school, enjoyed long walks on the beach, shared countless laughs with friends and escaped the cold Canadian winters. She also loved organizing and participating in gambling trips with her close-knit group of friends affectionately known as the "Happy Gang". Above all else, Florence treasured time spent with her family.

Following Ben's passing, Florence moved into the Kiwanis on the Red, where she embraced a new chapter in her life. She formed many meaningful friendships and rekindling some old ones, enjoying the companionship and support of those around her. Florence remained self-sufficient and determined until her illness. While she was a private person by nature, she always appreciated visits and time shared with family and close friends.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses and health care aides at Selkirk Regional Health Center for their care and compassion. A special thank you is extended to her daughter-in-law, Darlene, whose dedication, nursing expertise, and loving support provided Florence with comfort, dignity, and exceptional care during her final weeks. We would also like to acknowledge Fr. Gerald for his pastoral support shown to Florence and the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Florence's memory may be made to the Selkirk District Community Foundation or CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

Cremation has taken place.

A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church, 269 Jemima Street, Selkirk, Manitoba. The service was livestreamed and can be viewed at any time via the link on her obituary on Gilbert's website. A private interment to follow. Forever loved, forever remembered.

Tributes: [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Jeffrey Edward Decock**  
December 27, 1962- June 6, 2026

It is with great sadness that our family shares the unexpected passing of Jeff on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

He was a loving father, papa, brother, uncle and a friend to many. His time here with us was taken away much too soon, at the age of 63

Jeff was born in Ste. Anne, Manitoba, the third of four children born to Ralph and Mabel Decock. He lived and grew up in Selkirk and he was the kind of guy who could go anywhere and always knew someone. Jeff worked at the Rolling Mills as a welder for 35+ years where he made so many life long friends, and that continued well after his retirement in November 2020.

He was a devoted dad to his two children Samantha and Blair, and in recent years he was more often referred to as Papa. Jeff

loved to chat with his grandchildren and always brought them chocolate bars when he popped in for a visit.

Jeff's passions in life were farming, hunting, fishing, camping and above all - spending time with friends and family. If there was a party, he had the meatballs rolled before you knew it. He was an excellent cook and never missed an opportunity to be a social butterfly.

Jeff leaves to mourn his passing, his daughter Samantha (Jon) Duch, son Blair (Jessica); brother Ron (Ronna); sisters Susan (Allan) Stutsky and Sandra (Paul) Starodub; his beautiful grandchildren: Madison, Daniel, Valerie and Zack; nieces Tracy and Celeste, and nephews, Brad (Tracy) and David. Special friend Shannon, as well as many cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his loving niece Roberta.

The family would like to thank the passerby who tried to help him, Stars Ambulance and Dr. Simon and staff at the Beausejour Hospital.

Service to be held at Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline St., Selkirk on Saturday June 27, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Star's Ambulance, Alberta or Manitoba, where one day they may save your life, or the life of a loved one.

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## OBITUARY



**William (Bill) Eckford**  
Passed away peacefully June 18th, 2026.

Bill was predeceased by Ann, his wife of 50 years; parents Allan and Mary; and his daughter, Kelly Zeiss (Pablo).

Bill will be sorely missed by his daughter Kyla; beloved granddaughter Rae Zeiss; brother Bob (Ellen) and niece Pamela; as well as other family and friends.

Bill was born in Cobden, Ontario in 1946 and spent his adult life in Manitoba as a 35 year member of the RCMP, protecting and caring for every community he served in. Bill loved hunting and fishing, spending time volunteering, and watching all hockey but especially the Selkirk Steelers and the Jets.

Bill's family would like to thank the amazing staff at Calvary Place Personal Care Home for the unbelievable care and love provided to Bill over the last five years. Their dedication to Bill's wellbeing

will never be forgotten.

In memory of Bill, donations can be made to Wounded Warriors, The Royal Canadian Legion, or your favourite charity.

Cremation has already taken place, and a family service will follow.

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**OBITUARY**



**Beverley Purvis (Dick, Jefferson)**  
April 27, 1936 - June 21, 2026

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother on June 21, 2026 at Tudor House at the age of 90.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Bill (2015) and granddaughter Nicole (2013).

Left to cherish her memory are her children Billy (Christine), Robin, Colleen, Darren (Tyler); grandchildren Gordie, Michelle (Tyler), Kayla (Buddy), Brandi Lee, Wyatt, Shane, Payton, and Jason. Mom had 13 great-grandchildren.

Mom was born and raised in Selkirk and had a very fulfilled life with raising four children while Dad worked up in the arctic for many years. Mom was very active in the choir at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for numerous years. Mom worked at

MTS, the old hospital pharmacy, and then in home care until her retirement. She was the rock of the family with her children and grandchildren and will be lovingly missed by all who knew her.

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

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Marine Museum of Manitoba.

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Today, tomorrow, our whole life through,  
We will always love and remember you...

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**OBITUARY**



**Thelma Doreen McDougall**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Thelma, at the Health Sciences Centre on Wednesday, June 17th at the age of 97 years.

Thelma was born on June 28, 1928 in Homewood, MB and spent her early years on the farm. She later moved to Winnipeg and worked at Rick and Rice Knitting factories before marrying Russ McDougall in 1954. Russ brought three children into the marriage, followed by another seven.

Her greatest association was as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star where she served in several capacities for over 50 years. She also worked at the Selkirk General Hospital for over 20 years where she brought humour and compassion to her patients who adored her.

Thelma was predeceased by her parents, Jenny and Frederick Nelson; her sisters, Vera, Winnie, Beatrice, Jean and her brother, Wilfred; her son, Donald and her stepdaughter, Rosemary Taverner and her son-in-law Gilbert Belanger.

She is survived by her children Cheryl McDougall, Richard McDougall, Norma McDougall, Alice McDougall, Beverly Belanger, Duncan McDougall (Janis), Suzanna Kalman (John) and Joanne Hawkins (Jim). She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Thelma was a terrific strength to her family and community and will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace Mom - we love you.

A private family memorial service will be held in the future.

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