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Gracing the stage

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East Selkirk's Morgan Grace had a jam-packed weekend entertaining crowds at multiple events, including the Credit Union Corral Stage at Dauphin's Countryfest and the Forks Canada Day celebrations. She concluded her busy weekend in Selkirk. Catch Morgan Grace and Andy Dutiaume for a toe-tapping good time at the Riel House on 330 River Road on Aug. 10 at 1 p.m.

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Centennial School students publish book about Lake Winnipeg

Students write book so other kids can learn more about our Lake

By Katelyn Boulanger

It's well-known that Lake Winnipeg has been having a rough go of it. Between invasive species and pollution, the Lake's natural habitat is being changed by the actions of people. The 19 students in Mrs. Alysha Beavis-Hickey's grade five/six class wanted to learn more about the Lake but found that books that taught kids about this issue were few and far between, so they decided to write their own. Saving Lake Winnipeg was the result and the students celebrated this achievement by presenting it to the Lord Selkirk School Division's board of trustees at the end of the school year.

Student Sophia Budge explained the mission of the project.

"We worked really hard on learning about Lake Winnipeg. For two months, we learned about how Lake Winnipeg is being polluted, interesting facts, how you can help Lake Winnipeg, and why it's important," she said.

The project was not just about finding out facts and writing them down. The class did their own research conducting science experiments, creating art of the Lake for the book, and learning note-taking and other writing strategies to condense their many ideas.

"[The first experiment we did] we got these two jars and we filled them both up with water and some mud in them. In one of them we put algae pellets in it and then we waited a couple of weeks and then we saw that the one with the algae pellets got all murky," said Student Jaxzon Hiebert.

This explained to the students how algae can affect waterways.

The students' second experiment involved understanding how runoff works by pouring water with a juice mix into a sandy basin. From there, the students were able to connect how the things we do on land can get into the Lake and affect lake health.

Once all of the information was gathered, the students used this project to



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Students Glen Guimone, Jaxzon Hiebert, Addison Zebinski, Sophia Budge, Owen Kemp, Lyla Cieszynski, and Kallie Dixon with teacher Alysha Beavis-Hickey (back left). Beavis-Hickey and her grade five/six class wrote the book *Saving Lake Winnipeg*.

learn about graphic design. Using a computer program, they designed the many pages of the book themselves.

As for publishing the book, the students were fortunate to have a connection to Metrie, a company in Winnipeg. They made a \$500 donation, which allowed the books to be

printed.

"When they came, they dropped off the check, read a story and that was pretty exciting," said Beavis-Hickey.

After all of this hard work, the stu-

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Comp's Valedictorian talks graduating in the class of 2024

By Katelyn Boulanger

After a high school experience that involved reconnecting after online learning, the class of 2024 knows the value of being together. Kyle Zorniak, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School's valedictorian, spoke to the *Record* about what it's like to graduate as part of the class of 2024.

"We kind of came out of COVID into grade nine. That was weird because the relationships between students and staff were just kind of separated at that point. Because they were just kind of distant and then they got more real which has been nice. It's been a good learning experience," said Zorniak.

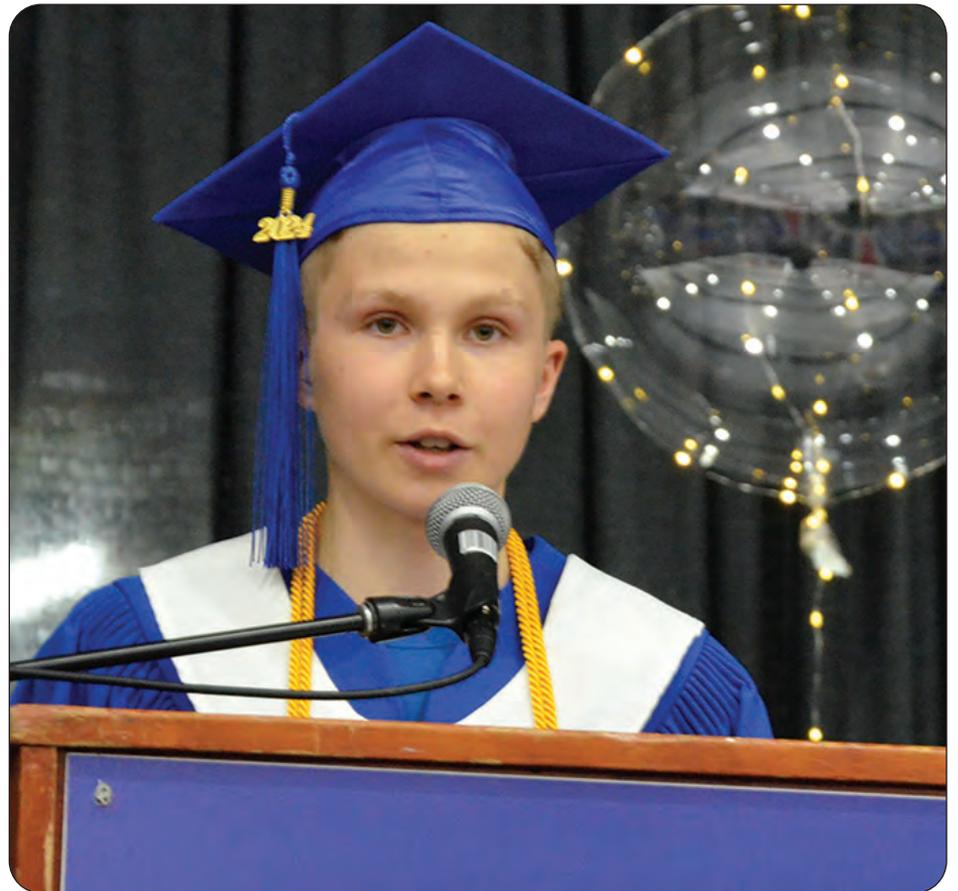
He describes grade ten as a time of reconnecting with civilization after video games and online learning were the norm. From there, the rest of the grades became more normal, with students hanging out.

"We got the grad fashion show going again this year. That was a fun fundraiser event that we got going because they didn't have that for years," he said.

Zorniak's personal experience is that he was involved in track and student council this last school year.

He plans to attend the University of Manitoba and study the sciences, but he hasn't yet made plans for what specific career he'll pursue.

"I'm not really sure what I want to



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Kyle Zorniak, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School's valedictorian.

do. I'll be running with the Bisons for track and field and cross country. That'll be fun and exciting," said Zorniak.

His favourite part of being a student at the Comp has been hanging out with his fellow students.

"[I enjoyed] being with people, meeting new people and finding a community to fit in with and enjoy people with similar interests," said Zorniak.

He says, for the class of 2024, all of their experiences have been important in shaping them.

"We're definitely leaving with lots of experiences, whether they're good or bad. We'll use the mistakes and [accomplishments] that we've earned to determine where we want to go because whether they're good or bad, they shape who you are," explained Zorniak.

His hopes for his classmates are that they will all be able to go out into the

world and be who they want to be.

"Enjoy everything that's available and explore your options, because there are so many options now, for jobs and hobbies, activities and advantages. Just get out there and enjoy what you're doing and find your place," he said.

Zorniak also has some sound advice for next year's grade nine students.

"Take a variety of classes, definitely join clubs and get involved. It may sound weird or odd because you're probably leaving friends because they don't want to join whatever it is you want to join but you'll meet new people there and you find a community. Especially as grade ten comes to an end, think about what you are enjoying and think about planning your semesters a little bit so you can fit things in and don't overload yourself," he said.

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Gordon Howard Centre gives building update to residents

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Gordon Howard Centre is a membership-based, multi-use centre in Selkirk that provides services to, not just residents in the city, but people from the RM of St. Andrews, and the RM of St. Clements. They host many group activities including classes, clubs, and workshops. In 2022, the centre's board put together a building committee to look at the various options they might have for improving or moving the centre. Last week, 140 people from our communities came to the centre to learn about the progress of the committee so far.

Shirley Muir, on behalf of the building committee, walked residents through the meeting's presentations. She started by tempering expectations as this meeting was not meant to be an announcement but an update for the community.

"The purpose of this meeting is to bring you up to speed on what's happened in the last year. We're going to talk about the results of the meeting that we held here in June [of 2023]. Many of you were here in June, and we're going to talk about what we learned at that meeting and the results and then what this building committee has been doing in the last year," she said.

Muir explained that the purpose of the previous meeting was to connect and improve communications with Gordon Howard members and the entire community about the future of the active living center. It was also meant to help guide the building committee towards a direction for this project.

That meeting saw 100 people in attendance, of which half were from the community and half were members of the Gordon Howard Centre, which Muir explained was an exceptional turnout.

For context, Muir then explained the history of active living centres in our region. In the 1970s older adults in our region met up at local churches but accessibility at the time was an issue. Then, in the 1980s, with the help of our local Rotary Club, they went into a building at Vaughn and Jemima. From there, in 1992, the Gordon Howard Centre moved into its current location.

Muir explained that this history is important because decisions about this centre are not just being made for current community members but for the people who come after us.

"When we gathered a year ago, this was the question, 'If we could create the best center for aging adults in Manitoba, what would it look like, what would it do, and who would it

serve?'," said Muir.

From that meeting, 39 ideas came forth and from those ideas votes were taken, discussions were had, and worksheets were filled out.

Muir also explained that many of the ideas were somewhat similar so they then organized those ideas into themes. They found the themes to be, in order of representation:

- Multipurpose and flexible
- Financial stability and flexible
- Programming and integration
- Physically accessible and ability-inclusive
- Central location
- Communication and modernizing the office
- Housing
- Staying where we are

"The building committee took all of that information that you shared, and they've been going through some steps," said Muir.

She explained that they haven't made any commitments yet.

Muir then addressed some of the more frequent questions that the building committee is getting.

She said that there have been questions about incorporating senior housing into the project but that the current building committee is not recommending the Gordon Howard become a landlord because it's not in accordance with the centre's mission.

Questions about whether the Gordon Howard Centre will remain on the same site were addressed with Muir explaining that it's uncertain at this time.

She also explained that no one has put an offer on the current site and that though the idea of selling the site has been brought to the building committee that path is also unknown.

The final question that the committee has been getting is how long is this going to take. Muir said that this is unclear because costs and funding sources are not clear. Muir said at the beginning of the meeting, this project is in its very beginning stages.

Muir did also bring up that an important thought was voiced in the previous year's meeting. That idea was that a new building isn't needed to make many of the suggested changes.

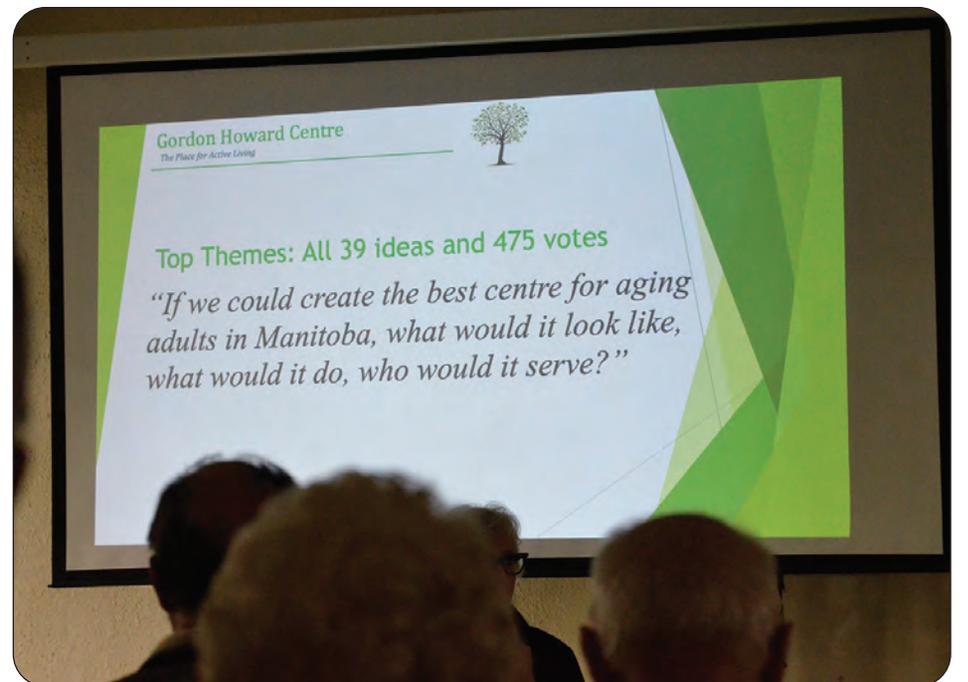
"There are three important things that the Gordon Howard Centre needs help with immediately," said Muir.

The three ways that residents can give back to this local group are – being part of their communications committee which includes helping with ideas to modernize their office, signing up as part of their fundraising committee because they know that fi-



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Above: Shirley Muir leading the meeting. Below: A slide from the meeting.



financial stability is important to residents, and signing up as a member.

"If you're not yet a member, for \$30, you can become a member today," said Muir.

The meeting ended with a short question and answer session and a thank you to everyone who came out to learn more.

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Bring on the haggis at the Highland Gathering



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It was a weekend of haggis, highland cows, history and traditions as the 56th Manitoba Highland Festival came to St. Clements. Attendees were able to learn more about local Scottish culture and customs from reenactors and booths see athletes perform feats of strength at the highland games, purchase crafted items and food and who could miss the West Highland Terriers strutting around in their traditional garb.



Christmas in July event raises funds for holiday hampers

Tickets available now for bud, spud, steak fundraiser on July 17

By Kaitlin Vitt

Santa Claus is coming to town a bit early this year, with a Christmas in July bud, spud, and steak event later this month to raise money for a local holiday hamper initiative.

Launched in 2019, the Big Hearts Hamper Drive puts together hampers for people in the area during the holiday season. Organizers anticipate a higher need for hampers due to increasing food costs. To get a head start on fundraising efforts to help put together the hampers, the Big Hearts Hamper Drive is hosting an event on July 17 at the Selkirk Legion.

"If we can focus on doing hampers, for that one time — the holiday season — the food banks can focus more

on the day-to-day, and it might take a little strain off them as well," said Wendy Meger, general manager at Selkirk Home Hardware, which is one of the partners of the Big Hearts Hamper Drive.

In addition to the meal, there will be door prizes, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or an unwrapped toy that will go into the hampers later this year. For the items they bring in, they will receive extra ballots for prize draws at the fundraising dinner.

Businesses are invited to donate prizes for the silent auction and door prizes. They can also contribute monetary donations to the event, which will go toward creating the hampers later this year.

The hampers will be delivered to people in the St. Clements, St. Andrews, and Selkirk areas in December. Closer to the holiday season, people

who require a hamper can contact the Big Hearts Hamper Drive organizers to let them know they need assistance, and their names will be added to a list.

Last year, the Big Hearts Hamper Drive distributed nearly 400 hampers. This year, the drive's goal is to collect more than 450.

People who receive the hampers get the chance to choose a gift for their child, which gives it a personal touch, Meger said.

"Here at Home Hardware, we're very community-oriented, and we feel it's important to give back, and that's one place we feel we can make a real difference," Meger said. "We don't want to see anybody go without."

Meger said a very special guest will attend the fundraising dinner—Santa is taking time out of his vacation to make an appearance at the event.

Tickets for the Selkirk in July event are \$30 and are available at Selkirk

Home Hardware and by contacting Meger at 204-785-0113 or wendy.shh-bc@mts.net. Because tickets are limited, people are encouraged to purchase them as soon as possible.

Those unable to attend the event can donate cash at the till at Selkirk Home Hardware.

Meger also said that if people have any remaining money on Selkirk Biz Bucks, prepaid Visa, or MasterCard, they can donate it at Home Hardware. The money will go toward the Big Hearts Hamper Drive.

"A lot of people have cards with cents or dollars on [them]. We want to encourage everyone if they do have those lying around to bring those in store, and we will put those through our tills as a donation," Meger said. "Those pennies and maybe a dollar or two really add up."

> BOOK, FROM PG. 2

dents shared their work with their fellow schoolmates, and a copy of the book is now in each LSSD elementary school's library.

"We published our book, and we all got a copy to read and we decided to read our book to every single class," said Sophia.

Throughout this project, the students learned all about Lake Winnipeg, and Owen Kemp shared one of the major things that they took away from it.

"There's still a lot of people that rely on Lake Winnipeg, and if the fish die. They're sort of gone," he said.

The student also learned the importance of taking action to protect the Lake.

"If we don't try and do something about it, eventually, it'll just be like a ginormous bathtub of, like, algae and dead fish and probably fishing rods, because they'd probably get stuck in it," said Jaxson.

Addison Zebinski explained that she knew about the algae blooms on the Lake before the project but didn't understand how big they could be.

The grade five and six students say there are many ways we can change our lives to help the Lake.

Some of them are:

Spread the word about the importance of Lake health

Reduce the use of phosphorus

Use less plastic

Pick up litter before it ends up in the Lake

And put effort into finding ways to

clean the Lake

Beavis-Hickey said that the presentation to the school board went very well, and the students received many compliments from them.

"When [the students] finally got to show it to the board and show it to our superintendent and assistant superintendent, what they'd been working on, to see how excited they were as well. Really made it all worth it," she said.

She is very proud of the students' work on this project.

"They all worked hard and were so excited. They're the most passionate group of students I've ever met," she said.

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MWF supports the big game hunt for licensed hunters

By Carly Deacon, MWF Managing Director

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) applauds the government's decision to proceed with the big game hunt for licensed hunters in the north this year.

We are responding to Grand Chief Garrison Settee's recent correspondence from Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), aiming to clarify the proposal they advanced to the government to withdraw all licensed big game hunting tag allocations in Northern Manitoba.

Firstly, the MWF acknowledges the shared objectives between our organization and MKO, particularly in safeguarding the moose populations of Northern Manitoba. We recognize and respect MKO's persistent advocacy for government engagement in habitat and population management, crucial actions to avoid what has resulted in closures in the south, and the potential extirpation of moose populations in Manitoba if trends continue. Like MKO, MWF holds conservation, protection of natural resources, and the promotion of game and fish species and their habitats in the highest regard. However, MWF highlights a

critical gap: there is a lack of data in the North on population estimates, and rights-based harvesters are not required to report their harvest. How can we expect the province to manage big game populations while only obtaining harvest records from licensed hunters? This information is an essential prerequisite to determine sustainable harvest rates, by First Nation harvesters and tag allocations for licensed hunters.

MWF recognizes and respects the constitutional rights of First Nation harvesters to hunt for sustenance, but these rights must be reconciled with the rights of all Manitobans to access and enjoy our outdoor public spaces. MWF will always take any steps necessary to defend our outdoor heritage and legally enshrined right to hunt in this province.

The Manitoban hunters we represent are deeply invested in conservation, management, and outdoor traditions, and have always been at the table in discussions on big game management. It is deeply concerning to MWF that details on these proposed changes have not been shared or discussed with licensed hunters in

the province.

Recognizing alignment in our shared objectives, MWF sees substantial value in fostering meaningful conversations and collaboration to achieve these goals. We firmly believe that collaborative management based on sound science represents the last opportunity to ensure the survival of moose in Manitoba, extending to all shared resources involving multiple stakeholders. Whether concerning rights, traditions, cultures, lifestyles, or livelihoods, all parties are deeply invested. MWF will continue to actively advocate for comprehensive government consultation with all stakeholders, informed decision-making grounded in science and conservation, and the development of a sustainable, inclusive management plan for all harvesters in the North.

Let's change the narrative going forward and bridge diverse stakeholder interests, foster sustainable practices, and pool collective expertise and knowledge. This approach would unite rather than divide Manitobans, ensuring the preservation of wildlife resources while nurturing our shared hunting and angling traditions.

letter to the editor

We want to inform our community that we've had concerns raised regarding dogs being in the high school track and field area.

Moving forward, dogs will not be permitted in this space.

The primary purpose of the track is to provide a safe and clean environment for our students. This field is regularly accessed for physical edu-

cation classes, track and field events, and by the community. An additional concern is that dog waste can damage the track surface. This can lead to increased maintenance costs and could potentially reduce the lifespan of the track. With this in mind, signage is posted at the entrance to the track area indicating that dogs are not permitted.

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*Submitted on behalf of the
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Local Doctor recognized at Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

Dr. Anthony Anozie acknowledged for contributions to community

By Katelyn Boulanger

After Dr. Anthony Anozie visited our community years ago, he decided that he wanted to stay. After learning more about the community and the needs of our residents while working as a medical doctor, he wanted people in Selkirk and the surrounding area to have access to more healthcare options close to home. After a great deal of work, Anozie succeeded in opening Easton Place creating a one-stop-shop for basic medical needs in our community. Because of the amazing contributions that Anozie has made local MLA Richard Perchotte recently recognized him in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

Perchotte said that he's always been impressed by and honoured to know Anozie.

"His vision, dedication, and tireless energy have provided for every citizen seeking medical treatment in Selkirk. What we don't see is the personal sacrifice that he has given to our community. Like all health care workers who give so much of themselves — the countless hours on call, the emergency cases that go beyond normal hours of work, the sleepless nights and most importantly the time away from the family that they will not get back. I do not take for granted the tremendous efforts that all health care workers give of themselves each and every day," said Perchotte.

In his member's statement, Perchotte specifically mentioned the journey of recruitment, design, planning and perseverance in overcoming regulatory and physical obstacles that Anozie had to go on to get to the opening of Easton Place.

Anozie's journey has always been an interesting one, however, originally from Nigeria, he moved to Manitoba in 2000 after completing his training as a physician in the United Kingdom.

"I trained in the UK in general surgery. I came to the Interlake in 1997 and then I went to Australia for three years [and I later] started working as a general surgeon at the Selkirk hospital," said Anozie.

He said that he chose to come to the Interlake because he had some friends who lived in the area. After coming for a visit he liked our region and decided that there were a lot of opportunities here.

He says it was about ten years ago that he first got the idea for Easton Place.

"The idea for Easton Place was to have a one-stop-shop facility for folks to access medical care," said Anozie.

He felt that a facility like this would not only benefit those in the city of Selkirk but also was something the people in our surrounding area needed.

"We have a very rural population with long distances and it's always very trying for folks to get to different places for different things. It can be very tiring and frustrating for patients to go somewhere to see their specialist, somewhere to see their family doctor, and somewhere to see a pharmacist. It just gets very frustrating," said Anozie.

Easton Place is a facility that Anozie feels compliments what the local health authority is doing in the region but also gives people options closer to home. As our population is living longer, having options that allow residents to go to one place that is close to home is something that helps to keep people in our communities longer.

He was happy to be acknowledged by Perchotte.

"It's a real honour. I wasn't expecting this, honestly but it's very, very rewarding to know that your efforts



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Dr. Anthony Anozie (left) and MLA Richard Perchotte at the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba where Perchotte acknowledged Anozie on the house floor.

haven't gone unnoticed," said Anozie.

Looking back he didn't realize what he was creating when he first had the idea for Easton Place.

"The best part has been the reaction from the population. They appreciate what I'm doing and they like the facility. With the doctors here, I hope that we can have more doctors and have more services," said Anozie.

As for the future, Anozie is hoping that his efforts in our region can help to support healthcare not just locally but that this can translate to also sup-

porting people's health care needs in Africa.

"I look forward to having this as a foundation so that it goes forward for years to come we can support various charities and healthcare both here and abroad," he said.

Anozie also wants to thank the many community members who have supported the facility.

"Thank you, folks, for supporting the facility and hopefully, it'll carry on for many years," he said.

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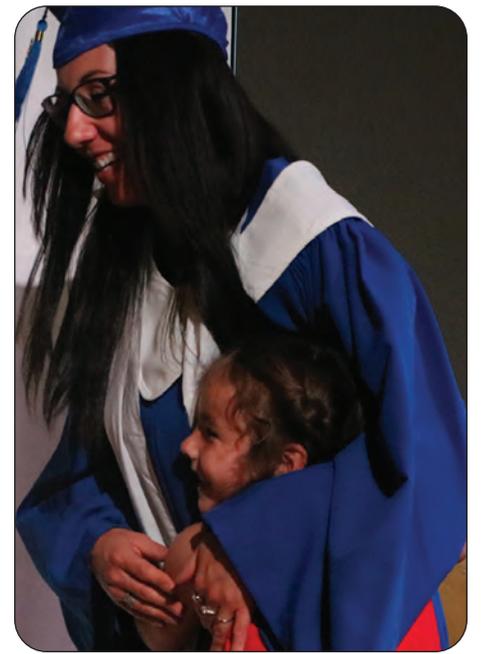
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The Lord Selkirk Education Centre is a great resource in our community helping students that otherwise wouldn't be able to, to get their high school diplomas. High school challenges combined with adult responsibilities may seem like a daunting prospect but this year's group of graduates were up to the task. The students received their diplomas at a graduation celebration last week.



Walter Whyte School says Farewell to Gr. 9s



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Family and friends visited Walter Whyte School's Grade 9 Student Farewell last week. Students celebrated their success with an awards ceremony and dinner. The school's principal Gloria Juvonen recognized their achievements saying, "Congratulations to our WWS Gr. 9 Farewell students. We wish you all the best as you continue your high school journey at LSRCSS. You will always be part of our WWS family, so come back and visit often!"





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Happy Birthday Canada



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A steady downpour of rain on Monday forced the Canada Day festivities indoors for Selkirk and West St. Paul, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who took part in the festivities.



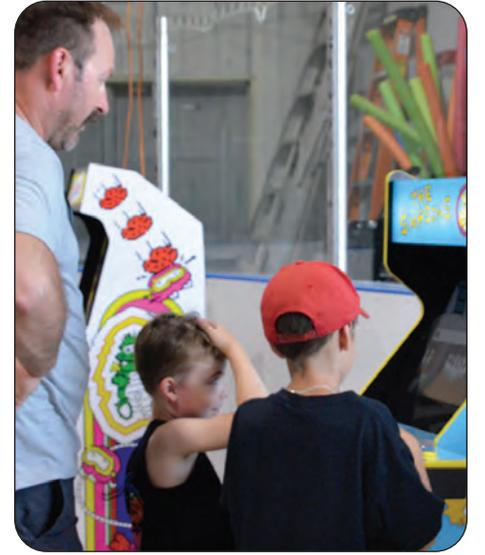


ESP celebrates first East St. Paul Day



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East St. Paul celebrated its first East St. Paul Day. Residents started the day with a parade before having the chance to have some fun with games, bouncers, bicycle decorating and more.





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Citrus Spring Mix Salad

Salad:
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 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
 To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk orange juice, orange zest, white wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, sugar and salt. Set aside.
 To make salad: In large bowl, toss spring mix with salad dressing. Divide salad evenly among two plates. Top with oranges, grapefruit, avocado and onion.

Prep time: 5 minutes
 Total time: 10 minutes
 Servings: 2
 Dressing:
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 1/8 teaspoon salt



Grilled Red Potato Skewers

1/2 smoked sausage rope
 4 skewers (12 inches each)
 1/2 cup Italian dressing
 Preheat grill to medium heat. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage same width as potatoes. Skewer potatoes, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.
 Place skewers in dish and cover with Italian dressing. Marinate 5 minutes.
 Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes on each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.

Recipe courtesy of the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
 Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 20 minutes
 Servings: 4
 2 medium russet or Yukon gold Wisconsin potatoes or 6 red Wisconsin potatoes
 2 medium zucchini

Taco Mac and Cheese



1 yellow bell pepper, diced
 1 orange bell pepper, diced
 1 onion, diced
 2 teaspoons taco seasoning
 Prepare boxed mac and cheese with milk and butter according to package instructions.
 In skillet, brown ground turkey over medium heat. Add bell peppers and onion. Add taco seasoning.
 Stir turkey mixture with mac and cheese to combine.

1 box macaroni and cheese
 1/4 cup milk
 4 tablespoons butter
 1 pound ground turkey
 1 red bell pepper, diced

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

If you've been to see a doctor more than once, I bet there's a chance you felt like a number or disease instead of a person with all the human needs and emotions. I've been there, too. But sometimes, I think we dehumanize our doctors as well.

What are you talking about, Susie? Sometimes, we see doctors as robots in white coats who should never make mistakes. Since the stakes are high, yes, in a perfect world, they wouldn't. But, alas, their humanness gets in the way of perfection.

Recently, I received a text from a doctor at our local clinic saying, "Congrats! Your recent bloodwork shows that since starting the statin, your cholesterol is in normal range. I suggest you continue taking this medication to keep it behaving."

Here's the thing: I hadn't just had bloodwork done, and I am not on a statin. This text was not meant for me. As much as I wanted to, I couldn't borrow this good result and celebrate. Someone out there needed to get this message.

I called the clinic and explained what had happened. They thanked me and said they'd notify the sending doctor.

I could have felt put out by the hassle and freaked out by the mistake. My hubs was not impressed, and I get it.

But... mistakes happen, and I

hadn't just been told I had cancer when I didn't, so I felt I could help correct the situation and move on. Maybe the doctor's dog had just died. Or his wife had filed for divorce. Or he had a migraine. Doctors live the human condition like the rest of us; sometimes, that works in our favour. I've had doctors hug me in celebration after a good test result, and console me with compassion after a bad one. If they didn't feel the highs and lows of life, they wouldn't be able to relate to us as patients. (Think: robot. Or June bug. Or shrimp.)

A few days later, I received another text from the doctor: "Dear Mrs Schwartz, Thank you for your kind message at reception. The issue lies with human error and coordinating multiple different software systems that work in tandem. Apologies for the embarrassing error and any inconvenience. Regards, Dr S."

What a humble and sincere apology! (See? Doctors do, sometimes at least, say they are sorry.) And he'll now remember me as the patient who helped rather than made a fuss.

So let's all try to see past the white coat and recognise our doctors are people, just like us. I promise this will make for a stronger relationship and better teamwork!

Less health stress, yes?

Susie, a published author and musician, currently lives in the UK. Find her on Instagram @medicalmiss_stress, and at www.lesshealthstress.com If you like her writing, find more on her Substack page: *The Quest For Less Health Stress*



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Local athletes dominate LSSD track and field meet and provincials

By Kieran Reimer

The Lord Selkirk School Division Track and Field meet on May 28 showcased the exceptional athletic talent from around the division with numerous standout performances.

Lockport School's Ryan Boch stood out in the grade seven boys division with victories in the 800 metre and 1200m events. Maya Korell, also from Lockport, demonstrated her versatility in the grade seven girls category by winning the 100m, 300m, and shot put events. Her schoolmate, Anna

Wiebe, matched this feat with first-place finishes in long jump, discus, and triple jump.

Ecole Selkirk's Carson Salmon impressed in the sprinting category of the grade eight boys division, winning gold in the 100m, 200m, and hurdles. Lockport's Kaden Pierre showed well in the middle-distance runs, winning the 800m and 1200m.

In the grade eight girls' division, Jordan Lemire of Ecole Selkirk dominated the sprints. She won both the 100m and 200m, while Lockport's Carys Krut won the 1200m and 2000m races.

In the grade nine boys category, Lockport's Dixon Hartwich won triple gold in the 100m, 200m, and 300m races. His schoolmate Elliot Romans showed well in the field events, win-



Anna Wiebe competed in long jump winning gold at the LSSD track and field meet.



Alexis Morris won silver with this throw.



Lockport School's Samuel Wiebe threw 35.8m in discus to win gold at provincials.



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Lockport School's Nick Edbom, Reid Sardo, Elliot Romans, and Dixon Hartwich won the gold medal in the grade nine boys 800 metre medley relay during 2024 Provincials at University of Manitoba.

ning the triple jump and javelin. Ecole Selkirk's Erik Evason also won three events: the 800, long jump, and high jump.

Emily Beattie of East Selkirk dominated events on the track and in the field in the grade nine girls division. She won the 100m, hurdles, and high jump. Walter Whyte's Puya Amin won both the triple jump and discus while her schoolmate Sarah Feakes won both shot put and javelin.

Athletes who advanced beyond the event competed in the Manitoba Ju-

nior High Track and Field Provincials on June 13 at the University of Manitoba.

Lockport School won 25 medals at provincials, including five students winning gold medals.

Their gold medalists included:

Samuel Wiebe in grade nine boys discus with a 35.8m heave, Dixon Hartwich in the 300m with a time of 40.03, and Nick Edbom, Reid Sardo, Elliot Romans, and Hartwich as the boys 800m medley relay winners.

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Six teams accept pre-qualification invitations to 2025 curling nationals

By Lana Meier

Excitement is growing for next season's Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Montana's Brier, with six teams already accepting pre-qualification invitations. This provides curling fans with a preview of the top teams they can anticipate watching in action.

For the first time, both the Canadian women's and men's curling championships will have three pre-qualified teams each (excluding reigning champions). In April 2023, Curling Canada updated the pre-qualification methods to include teams from the Canadian Team Rankings System (CTRS), increasing the number of pre-qualified teams from two last season to three this upcoming season.

2025 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

The province of Manitoba will have a strong presence at the start of the 2025 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, Ont., on Feb. 14. All three CTRS teams hail from the Keystone Province after securing the top spots in the Canadian standings.

Skip Chelsea Carey is taking the reins of Jennifer Jones's team, which has been a dominant presence at the Scotties in recent years. The Winnipeg/Altona squad, consisting of Karlee Burgess, Emily Zacharias and Lauren Lenentine, has secured back-to-back silver medals at the national championships, leading them to claim the top spot on the CTRS with an impressive 316.125 points. Throughout the season, they also achieved success with a victory at one Grand Slam of Curling event, the Tour Challenge Tier 1, and a semifinal appearance at the WFG Masters. In total,

their record for the season stands at 44 wins and 29 losses.

In 2024, Team Kerri Einarson's winning streak at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts came to an end. However, the Gimli, team had a commendable season with a record of 34-23 and accumulated 251.250 CTRS points, securing them the second CTRS spot. With members Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, and Briane Harris, they achieved two semifinal appearances on the GSoC tour and made it to the playoffs at the Scotties in 2024. They were also runners-up at the PointsBet Invitational in 2023.

Winnipeg's Team Kaitlyn Lawes (39-31) earned 207.375 CTRS points for the third CTRS berth. Team Lawes qualified for the playoffs at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and one GSoC event, along with playoff qualification at tour events in Dundas, Ont., and Red Deer, Alta.

Those three teams join the 2024 Scotties Tournament of Hearts champions, Team Rachel Homan (67-7) of Ottawa, which will compete as Team Canada in Thunder Bay. Team Homan's season included winning the BKT Tires World Women's Curling Championship, the PointsBet Invitational, Co-op Canadian Open, WFG Masters, Saville Shootout and Red Deer Curling Classic. Team Homan finished the season first in the CTRS with 498.750 points.

Full-event, weekend and weekday ticket packages are now available for the 2025 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, starting from \$60. Take advantage of seeing the best of the best compete in the return of the Scotties to Thunder Bay. Click here for ticket package details.

2025 MONTANA'S BRIER

Prospera Place in Kelowna, B.C., will be the pinnacle of curling when it hosts the 2025 Montana's Brier starting Feb.

28. This season's pre-qualified CTRS teams span the three prairie provinces, meaning it is a short trip due west to see some of the best men's curling teams compete in British Columbia.

Skip Brad Jacobs takes over Brendan Bottcher's Calgary-based team as the first pre-qualified CTRS team after earning 366.750 points. The team's 53-21 record included a bronze-medal finish at the 2024 Montana's Brier, two runner-up finishes at GSoC events and victories at tour events in Dundas and Okotoks, Alta.

Team Mike McEwen of Saskatoon (58-27) secured the second pre-qualification spot with a strong second-half performance. They also snagged the silver medal at the 2024 Montana's Brier in Regina and continued their success by reaching the semifinals at the final GSoC event of the season. Their impressive 236.875 CTRS points propelled them ahead of other competitors for pre-qualification spots.

Winnipeg's Team Matt Dunstone (41-19), consisting of BJ Neufeld, Colton Lott, and Ryan Harnden, secured the last CTRS spot with 224.250 points accumulated in the 2023-24 season. Notable highlights from their season include a win at the Soo Curlers Fall Classic in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., a second-place finish at the PointsBet Invitational, and playoff appearances at the Montana's Brier and three GSoC events. As Dunstone hails from nearby Kamloops, B.C., he can surely expect support from the home crowd at the Kelowna event.

Those three teams join the three-time reigning national champions, Canada's Team Brad Gushue (St. John's, N.L.). In addition to winning the 2024 Montana's Brier, Team Gushue's 44-16 win-loss record from last season includes a silver-medal finish at the 2024 LGT World Men's Curling Championship, victory at the Players' Championship and Pan Continental Championship and playoff appearances at three GSoC events. Team Gushue led the CTRS with 381.750 points.

Tickets for the 2025 Montana's Brier are now on sale, with options for full-event, weekend, and weekday packages starting at just \$72. Tickets are for sale on line by visitng curling.ca

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December 24, 1931 – February 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved aunt, Mary Kropelnicki (Chocha), on February 27 at the age of 92.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Selkirk, MB with Fr. Walter Dudych officiating. A light lunch will be served after the service.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Richard (Rick) William Campbell
February 2, 1952 - June 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Rick. In keeping with his requests, he will be cremated and a get together will be held at a later date.

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Daniel Douglas Dauphinee

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Dan was born November 8, 1949 in Halifax, NS.

Predeceased by his father Douglas Dauphinee and mother Helen Kean.

Left to mourn is his son Jared (Breann); daughter Danielle Crivea; brother David; grandsons, Alexander and Myles; ex-wife and friend Kathy Walker.

Dan had a 25 year career with the RCMP and was stationed for most of it in Manitoba. He spent a short time in the RCMP Musical Ride, but was injured in training and had to return to regular duty in MB. After Dan retired, he got his scuba diving license to train and teach people how to scuba dive on cruise ships. He also lived in the Philippines for a short time, but returned to Canada to help a family member. He then moved back to Halifax to live out his retirement years.

He loved his dogs and horses, he enjoyed watching combat sports and he also loved to go deep sea fishing and scuba diving for lobsters.

Daniel had an extensive list of life ambitions and hobbies too numerous to mention all of them. Any donation can be made to CMHA National.



OBITUARY

Leona Mazur

March 15, 1951 – June 23, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Leona Mazur, aged 73, passed away in Selkirk, MB. She was the widow of Ron Graff.

Born in Selkirk, MB she was the daughter of Harry and Katherine Mazur.

She is survived by her son Kevyn, brothers Laurence (Jeannette) and Ted (Marlene).

Leona was predeceased by her parents Harry and Katherine Mazur, brothers Richard and Melvyn, sisters Evelyn and Carrie.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, July 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

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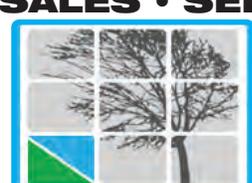
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