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History takes flight at St. Andrew's Airport 60th anniversary

By E Antonio

The St. Andrews Airport is commemorating its 60th anniversary on July 12.

In 1964, the regional airport welcomed its first visitors with two grass strips designated for landing air-

planes.

"St. Andrews was built as the satellite airport to the Winnipeg International Airport," explained St. Andrews Airport Executive Director Craig Skonberg.

Its purpose was to distinguish be-

tween less substantial and slower propellor aircrafts and the larger jets.

Throughout the course of the past six decades, the St. Andrews Airport has been the site of several noteworthy occurrences.

According to Skonberg, Runway 18-36 was the pioneer to be paved in 1967, followed by Runway 13-13 in 1970 alongside the addition of Runway 04-22.

In 1976, St. Andrews Airport boasted a network of five roads, seven taxiways, and four aprons.

As of April 1, 1999, the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews assumed ownership of the St. Andrews Airport from Transport Canada.

At the time of the transfer, St. Andrews Airport had a total of 42 hangars available for storing aircraft.

The St. Andrews Airport closed off 2021 with 104 hangars on their property.

Many businesses also proudly call St. Andrews Airport their home.

Skonberg reported that as of the close of 2018, there was a total of 359,612 square feet of business buildings.

He also noted that the number of businesses have doubled over the

past two decades.

The St. Andrews Airport continues to be a major contributor to the municipality's economy, following Mandak Industries.

The St. Andrew's Airport has always had a safety-virtue on their mind. However, in May 2013, they officially implemented an approved Safety Management System.

As of 2023, the St. Andrews Airport was 10th busiest airport in Canada seeing 13,1945 aircraft movements.

"More than the Winnipeg International Airport," added Skonberg.

The St. Andrews Airport also holds the prestige title of 'Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide'.

The Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide awarded the St. Andrews Airport the title in 2013.

Sixty years is no little celebration for the St. Andrews Airport.

On July 12, there will be a variety of fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

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The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum will have four historic World War II aircrafts onsite. Come enjoy live music, savor a free hot dog, and even experience the thrill of flying a World War II airplane. There will be plenty of activities for people of all ages to enjoy, making it a perfect day for the whole family.

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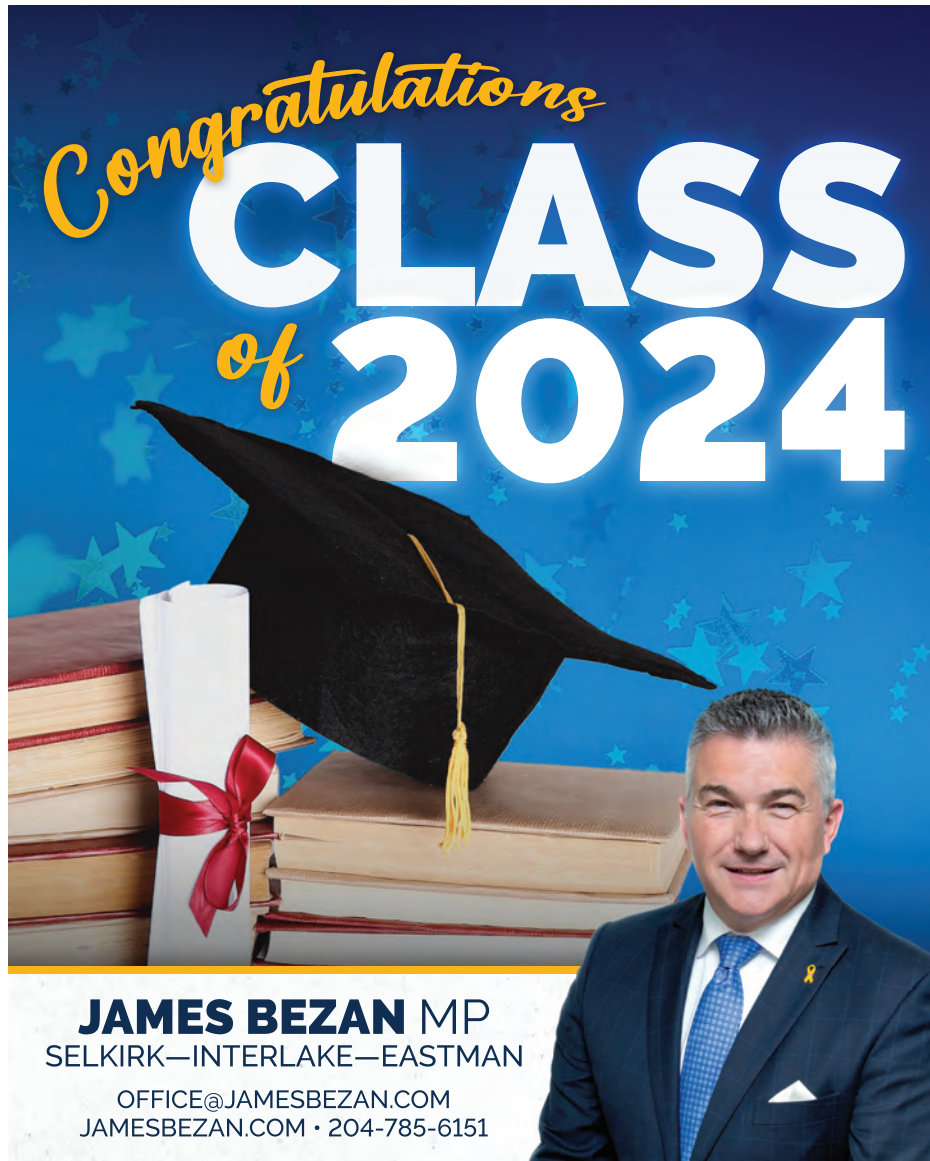


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> ST. ANDREWS AIRPORT, FROM PG. 3

cial anniversary event.

The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum will have four WWII airplanes on site.

They are offering flights for those interested in experiencing St. Andrews from a different perspective.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the historic WWII airplane rides will be available.

Aviators will have the choice between four different aircraft to hit the sky in.

"There are not many of these planes still flying around," said St. Andrews Airport Manager Zachary Holden.

The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum is the only museum dedicated to those who fought and train with the British Commonwealth in the Second World War.

The British Commonwealth Air Training facility brought together numerous individuals from all corners of Canada.

Now, the history is on display with the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon at the Brandon Municipal Airport.

Advanced registration is required for the WWII flights and fees vary per aircraft.

To register, contact Jerry Roehr at

204-981-4239 or roehr@mymts.net.

The flights will last approximately 20 minutes each and community members of all ages are encouraged to register.

Ensure you register in advance as there will be a limited number of flights on the day of the event.

Following the flights, the aircrafts will be on display for aviation enthusiasts to see up close.

In addition, free Young Eagles Flights are being offered by St. Andrews Airport to aspiring pilots aged 8 to 17 beginning at 2 p.m.

Advanced registration is required for the Young Eagles Flights. For further details, contact the St. Andrews Airport at 204-336-3250.

At 3:30 p.m. pay a visit to the many open houses and aviation displays the St. Andrews Airport will have to offer.

Guests are also invited to have a bite to eat at St. Andrews Airport festivities.

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➤ **60TH, FROM PG. 4**

the esteemed special guests during your feast.

"We have invited the Manitoba Aviation Council, Transport Canada and different politicians," Holden added.

In addition, Chairman Russ Paradoski of St. Andrews Airport will also deliver a speech of gratitude during Friday's event.

Head over and tune in to the

live performance of band Tannis T and Diamondback.

Tannis T and Diamondback is a Winnipeg-based band and will be delivering a free performance during the event.

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St. Andrews Airport is grateful for the continuous support it has received throughout its 60 years of operation and anticipates numerous future flights to come.

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RCMP Underwater Recovery Team wants you to put them out of a job

By Lana Meier

On June 27, 2024, the RCMP Underwater Recovery Team (URT) visited Lac du Bonnet to highlight the factors contributing to drowning incidents. URT has been called out to four drownings already in 2024, and if previous years tell us anything it is that they can expect to be called out to more.

"When my team arrives on scene, it is not typically in a rescue capacity," said Corporal Kathryn Ternier, Head of the RCMP URT. "We are coming to recover someone from the water. I am asking you, the public, to put me

out of a job recovering drowning victims."

In addition to aiding other RCMP divisions in retrieving submerged evidence for investigations, URT is primarily occupied with the somber duty of recovering individuals who have drowned.

"We talk a lot about life jackets and personal flotation devices," said Corporal Ternier, "and they are so crucial to water safety. However, we also need to be talking about what happens that lands people in the water or makes them unable to survive in the water once they are in there."

Regardless of how strong a swimmer one feels they are,

there are obstacles in the water that can affect anybody's ability to stay afloat. Dams can be very dangerous. They create powerful currents and turbulence that can pull swimmers underwater or into the dam. Even de-commissioned dams or bridge structures can be dangerous due to hazards that accumulate underwater by these structures that can entangle a swimmer.

Fast-moving water is another concern. Many people like to hike by rapids or camp close to fast-moving water, but this may not be a wise choice when children are present.

Corporal Ternier cautioned against the dangers of hiking near fast-moving water, citing instances where family hikes have resulted in tragedy due

to a child slipping and falling into the water. She stressed the importance of maintaining a safe distance from the water if one is not equipped with a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD), suggesting a range of three metres or 10 feet as a suitable guideline.

The beach is another place things can go wrong quickly. "We have seen instances where parents look away from their child for an instant at the beach, as short a time as putting

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Rebate program helping Manitobans buy electric vehicles

Rebates will lower costs for families, help them make the switch to electric

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government has launched its new rebate program to get people revved up and thinking about buying an electric vehicle (EV) that will help more Manitobans lower their emissions and save money on gas, Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt and Finance Minister Adrien Sala announced last week.

According to Schmidt, it is clear that the citizens of Manitoba are committed to reducing emissions and preserving our environment. As a result, the provincial government is dedicated to assisting them in making the transition. This initiative not only aids in combatting the climate crisis, but also provides families with immediate cost savings through electric vehicle rebates and ongoing savings on their daily commutes. It truly is a win-win situation for our province.

The new \$25 million dollar Manitoba Electric Vehicle Rebate program will offer a \$4,000 incentive on new qualifying EV purchases and a \$2,500 incentive on used qualifying EV purchases, including EVs purchased on or after Aug. 1, 2023, and will run until March 2026.

"We are delivering on our campaign promise to help Manitoba families afford an electric vehicle," said Sala. "This is a significant rebate up front and it will help you save money in the long term – even with the lowest gas prices in Canada.

Vehicles meeting the eligibility requirements must be bought or leased from Manitoba dealerships with a maximum MSRP of \$70,000 for new vehicles or a maximum purchase price of \$70,000 for used vehicles. Each vehicle and owner is entitled to one rebate. The time period to qualify extends from Aug. 1, 2023 to May 2, 2024 and includes new Tesla vehicles



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with a maximum MSRP of \$70,000 purchased outside of Manitoba.

Shelley Kowalchuk, an electric vehicle owner, shared her positive experience with EVs. Being early adopters, she purchased their first one 12 years ago and a second one 5 years after. Even today, they still drive both of their EVs which have saved them money and reduced their reliance on

fossil fuels, benefiting the environment. Living in Manitoba has proven to be ideal for owning an EV due to the lower cost of electricity compared to other provinces and the vehicles' low maintenance. For instance, their 12-year-old EV only recently needed its first brake job this spring. Now

with the announcement of provincial rebates, they are excited for more people to make the switch to electric as prices continue to decrease each year.

The ministers further highlighted the availability of a financing program through Manitoba Hydro for residents to install Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at their homes.

"The members of Global Automakers of Canada wish to acknowledge and support the progressive efforts by the Manitoba government to make the transition to electric vehicles more affordable for Manitobans through the introduction of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Rebate program," said David Adams, president and CEO, Global Automakers of Canada.

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Manitobans who already bought an EV between Aug. 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, can apply for the incentive on the Manitoba Public Insurance website.

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Selkirk and Area RCMP remind homeowners to prepare for the summer holidays

Tips for making your home unattractive to potential burglars

Submitted by Selkirk RCMP

With Summer finally here, are you planning a little get-away? Before you pack the car with your beach towels and flip-flops to leave for a week or two, remember to prepare your residence before you leave. People who love to break into and steal items from houses are planning on you forgetting to lock a door to your house or shed. Break, enter and theft investigations spike at this time of year due to negligence by homeowners. With a little work before you leave, you can prevent crime before it happens.

So what can you do? Here are some tips to prevent an incident while you

are gone.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Tell someone to keep an eye on your place while you are away.
- Have those people turn on random lights in your house.
- Have your mail and newspapers picked up.
- Have someone mow your lawn if it gets long.
- Ensure all your exterior lights on your house are working.
- Install a good security system

with cameras and light controls.

- Do you have vehicles parked on your property? Make sure they are locked and nothing of value inside of them.

The goal is to make your place look lived in while you are not there. No one wants to come home to a kicked in door and no TV.

And, be a good neighbour. If it looks like or you know that your neighbour is away, report suspicious behaviour. Are there a lot of unknown people or vehicles at their place? Are their doors wide open? A quick call to Police can go a long way.

By following these quick tips, we can all do our part in Crime Prevention.

Selkirk and Area RCMP members hope you have a fantastic and safe Summer!

> RCMP UNDERWATER RECOVERY, FROM PG. 6

the camera down, and tragedy has struck," said Corporal Ternier.

"One of the keys to being safe in, on or around the water is being prepared. That means knowing what the weather will be like, having the right equipment such as a lifejacket, and being ready to enter the water even if you have no plans on going into the water," said Stacey Grocholski, Ex-

ecutive Director of Lifesaving Society Manitoba. "It is also imperative that children are always supervised. Manitoba is among the provinces with the highest number of drowning deaths per capita of children five and under."

Corporal Ternier emphasizes that she does not want people to be fearful of the water, but to respect it. Practice vigilance – know the body of water

you are swimming in, and if you are unfamiliar, ensure you are wearing a lifejacket or PFD as appropriate. Avoid obstacles. Don't swim alone. Stay away from fast-moving water. Always swim sober.

"Water is very unforgiving," Corporal Ternier said. "One slip of your foot and you could be fighting for your life."

letter to the editor

A natural Lower Fort Garry would enhance its quality

A few days ago, I drove by Lower Fort Garry and it struck me that this well-preserved historical monument is situated in a setting that is a far cry from what the area must have looked like 150 years ago.

Parks Canada spends a lot of time and effort (and money) to preserve

and restore buildings and artifacts but they seem to forget the surroundings.

A return to native Tall Prairie vegetation would enhance the historical quality of the fort.

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Last but not least, restoring ripar-

ian vegetation along the banks of the creek that flows through the property and along the Red River will improve the quality of the run off and ultimately the water quality of the river.

I sincerely hope Parks Canada will undertake this restoration project and that it will inspire others to follow suit.

- Fred Veldink
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Magical mermaid pod making waves in St. Andrews

By E Antonio

On July 4, reports emerged of mystical creatures sighted in St. Andrews. A pod of ten merfolk was seen swimming in an inground backyard pool just south of Larter's Golf Course.

Last Thursday, Michelle Wetton-Salo and Cassandra Bommersbach hosted the mermaid pod gathering.

This inclusive gathering of certified mermaids proudly displayed their tails, shells, and beloved accessories during their casual swim in Wetton-Salo's pool.

"We are a group of mermaids and mermen who are great swimmers and love the ocean," said Wetton-Salo.

We meet as a pod several times a year.

"We meet to visit and catch up, but also for exercise and to practise for scuba diving," said Wetton-Salo.

Mermaiding is a great workout as well. It is a good cardio workout and since you are weightless in water it is really good for your joints. Running and other exercises can be harmful in excess from the force put on your body when your feet hit the ground. You don't have that problem with swimming.

Mermaid swimming furthers the workout because you have to rely mainly on your core to swim through the water in a tail. You also work out your thighs, calves, arms, and glutes.

Mermaid swimming involves a move called the dolphin kick, which is also what swimmers use when they do the butterfly swim stroke.

Wetton-Salo and Bommersbach are internationally certified mermaid course instructors. They repeatedly stressed the importance of swimming with a buddy if and when trying a mermaid fin. This is because Mermaid tails can consist of a colourful fabric that is zipped over a neoprene monofin at your feet that goes around



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A pod of ten mermaids is making a splash in St. Andrews. The mermaids are all avid scuba divers and have all become friends while enjoying each others friendship after receiving lessons through Blue Oasis.

the legs and stretches from the waist. This fin can be quite heavy and can pull you down in the water over your head. If you are not a strong swimmer or panic it could be dangerous.

But Wetton-Salo and Bommersbach are here to help anyone wanting to learn with the Scuba Schools International (SSI) Mermaid training. Both are certified instructors and can help you obtain your international mermaid certification as well.

For the past six years, Wetton-Salo has been sharing the enchanting mysteries of the waters with fellow Manitobans. She and Bommersbach were among the first to become SSI certified mermaids when the program was introduced in 2019.

The dazzling duo were the first to teach an international mermaid

course in all of Canada and are the only certified program in Manitoba.

The popularity of being an SSI certified mermaid is increasing.

Blue Oasis Dive Centre in Winnipeg provides two mermaid courses for in-

dividuals seeking to embrace the water lifestyle.

The Try Mermaid is a one-time session designed for swimmers over the

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Cool off with a baseball inspired treat: Jacoby's Grand Slam Sammie

By E. Antonio

Meet Jacoby Zebinski, a 12-year-old baseball enthusiast from Selkirk who is hitting it out of the park with his love for the game and ice cream. Lucky for him, for the next two months, he gets to combine his love for both with the Fête Ice Cream & Coffee fundraiser.

Jacoby, who has cerebral palsy, will be starting Grade 7 at École Selkirk Junior High this fall, alongside his twin sister Addison.

"Jacoby loves all sports," explained his mom Vanessa Zebinski.

Living with cerebral palsy doesn't stop Jacoby from embracing all sports, but baseball holds a special place in his heart. His knowledge of players, rules, and teams is unmatched.

"Jacoby knows the ins and outs of all the players, the rules, the teams," added his mom.

The entire Zebinski family loves to play baseball. One of Jacoby's favourite activities is watching his Dad, Tyler, play senior hardball in Dugald.

Jacoby is very social and loves to be around people.

This year, he is the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation's (CRF) ambassador.

CRF is a non-profit organization based in Manitoba, dedicated to supporting young individuals with disabilities and their families. Through fundraising efforts, the foundation aims to provide these youth with necessary specialized equipment such as bikes, sports wheelchairs, communication devices, and other resources.

As part of CRF's community connections, the team at CRF wanted to partner with a local business to create an ambassador-inspired treat.



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Children's Rehabilitation Foundation has teamed up with Fête Ice Cream & Coffee this summer to bring you Jacoby's Grand Slam Sammie. This Dunkaroo-inspired ice cream treat was created in honour of 12-year-old CRF ambassador Jacoby Zebinski of Selkirk, who lives with Cerebral Palsy.

"We approached Fête, and they jumped at the opportunity to collaborate," said Marketing and Communications Specialist Simone Dowhanik.

Dowhanik explained that Fête, a local ice cream shop in Winnipeg, is community-driven and that they have had outstanding experiences in past collaborations.

"We think the work they are doing is inspiring and helpful to so many families," said Fête owner Teri-Lynn Friesen, who said CRF's work is magical and life-changing.

"It's really cool

the things they do to help make kid's lives as full as they can," added Friesen.

Fête and CRF first collaborated in 2023 when they created the successful Braelynn's Unicorn Extravaganza.

"We nearly raised \$3,600 last year and are hoping to meet or exceed this amount this year," said Dowhanik.

Fête Ice Cream created a unique ice cream in honour of Jacoby.

During the months of July and August, Fête Ice Cream will be featuring Jacoby's Grand Slam Sammie on their menu, with 20 per cent of the proceeds returning to CRF.

Jacoby's Grand Slam Sammie is vanilla frosting-flavored ice cream with

sprinkles between two honey-graham cookies. This Dunkaroo-inspired sandwich is a sweet treat the whole family can enjoy.

When Fête Ice Cream presented the ice cream sandwich to Jacoby, he was immediately on board.

"It's really awesome that families can enjoy a sandwich that is kid driven," said Vanessa Zebinski.

The ice cream sandwich perfectly "captures Jacoby's spirited personality and love of baseball." Dowhanik added.

Anyone interested in trying Jacoby's Grand Slam Sammie can visit Fête Ice Cream & Coffee, located at Unit B, 300 Assiniboine Ave. in Winnipeg.

The sandwiches are priced at \$5 each and will be offered until Aug. 31.

Friesen encourages businesses, sports teams or large groups to book an ice cream party.

CRF offers complimentary delivery of orders with 25 or more sandwiches within Winnipeg. Parties must be arranged in advance through www.crf.mb.ca/event/fete-ice-cream-coffee/.

Smaller parties may be arranged through Fête Ice Cream & Coffee.

For more ways to support CRF, visit their webpage to donate directly.

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All Welcome! - Ask about Member Specials

Inclusion Selkirk looking for golfers to tee up on Aug. 22

By E Antonio

Grab your golf clubs and polo shirts and get ready for Inclusion Selkirk's 4th Annual Golf Tournament.

The tournament will take place on Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club. Sign yourself up with three other team members for an afternoon of golf in support of Inclusion Selkirk.

Inclusion Selkirk provides supports to adults living with intellectual disabilities. They assist with supportive living, day programs, respite and more. Inclusion Selkirk also provides general support to family members.

Maria Freeman, Executive Director at Inclusion Selkirk is looking forward to this year's golf tournament.

She explained that the funds raised help cover programming costs that are not including in general funding.

"This year in specific, we are fundraising for our new building on Eveline," said Freeman.

Inclusion Selkirk is building a new programming centre which will be named the Gaynor Family Inclusive Centre in honour of a generous grant made by the Gaynor family. The new centre will include multiuse apartments for their clients to facilitate more inclusive living options in our community.

Past tournaments have raised around \$10,000 each. Freeman is hoping to exceed that amount this year. To do this, Inclusion Selkirk is looking for golfers of all ages and abilities to join them in August.

"We have golfers that golf all the time and ones that only golf for the tournament," explained Freeman.

Registration is \$600 per team, or \$150 per golfer. Registration includes a game of golf, motorized cart, a gift bag and dinner.

Players can expect an action-packed afternoon of golf. There will be special activities such as games and free sam-



Karlee Liljegren, Liz Fey and Megan Zarichney selling 50/50.

ples from different event sponsors at the holes. Inclusion Selkirk will also offer a yummy snack to participants at registration.

"There will be a variety of things that will happen on the course to make it exciting for everyone," Freeman exclaimed.

Inclusion Selkirk's Golf Tournament happens rain or shine so be sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

Team registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start for players at noon.

A silent auction, team prizes and fun games will also be available throughout the course of the afternoon.

After their game, golfers can join Inclusion Selkirk at Selkirk Golf and Country Club's restaurant. A meal will be served and special golf awards and prize winners will be announced.

There is room for 36 teams at this year's event, team registration closes mid-August so it's best to sign up early.

To register, email info@inclusionselkirk.ca for registration forms.

Want to support Inclusion Selkirk but do not play? You can join the staff and people supporting Inclusion Selkirk by volunteering for the event. Get in touch with the Inclusion Selkirk office if interested.

Inclusion Selkirk also has many fun-



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Inclusion Selkirk is hosting their annual golf tournament this August. Register yourself and three other team members for a fun afternoon while raising funds for Inclusion Selkirk's new building.



Michael Singleton, supported by Inclusion Selkirk and Board Chairperson and golfer Richard Hodges before the games begin at Inclusion Selkirk's 2023 tournament.

draisers to lookout for throughout the year.

"In September we have our Bud, Spud, and Steak event and in May we have our social," explained Freeman.

Inclusion Selkirk also accepts donations though the Selkirk District and Community Foundation which helps build new homes in our community.



Karlee Liljegren and David from Little Pizza Heaven handing out lunch at Inclusion Selkirk's 2023 Golf Tournament.

You can also support local business and Inclusion Selkirk by shopping at their store Wishme on Eveline.

"There are lots of opportunities to support our services," said Freeman.

Tee up and support Inclusion Selkirk today.

> MERMAIDS, FROM PG. 9

age of seven.

Experience the best of mermaid life with Try Mermaid, perfect for those eager to dip their toes and explore the waters.

For more committed swimmers, the full SSI Certified Mermaid Course is available for anyone aged ten and up.

The certification course includes online lessons, on-land and in-water training for those aspiring to become mermaids.

Blue Oasis' webpage features a list of upcoming courses. You can also schedule an on-demand mermaid

course by reaching out to Blue Oasis Dive Centre through their website, www.blueoasis.ca.

Being a mermaid requires strong swimming skills and Blue Oasis Dive Centre recommends the course to swimmers who have completed Level 4 of Red Cross Swim Kids program.

At Blue Oasis' retail shop, you can find mermaid tails in a wide variety of colours to make your swim truly fin-tastic.

Utilizing your newfound mermaid abilities, you will have the ability to gracefully glide with your enchanting

tail through various bodies of water across the globe.

Wetton-Salo explained that she has swum in several lakes and oceans as a mermaid.

One of her most cherished memories was swimming at Grand Cayman Island.

"The mermaid statue, Amphitrite, is right off the coast of the coral reef where I got to wear my mermaid tail and swim around,"

Ever since she first saw Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, Wetton-Salo had always dreamed of becoming a mermaid.

Being a redhead herself, "I felt kin-

ship with Ariel," she added.

Wetton-Salo's two daughters, 9-year-old Coral and 6-year-old Finley, are following in their mother's waves and becoming rising mermaids.

For all your mermaid needs, visit Blue Oasis Dive Centre at 400 Watt St. in Winnipeg and dive into new waters to learn the enchanting art of swimming like a mermaid.

It is important to remember always have companions while swimming and to always offer a helping fin to fellow mermaids.

Rocking out at the Rec Complex

Orvis Thomas
releases new single,
performs across
Manitoba

By Kaitlin Vitt

Orvis and His Higher Guns brought the energy to Selkirk this Canada Day.

The country band is just one of bandleader Orvis Thomas's musical projects. He also performs under Orvis, a rock band.

The name of Orvis and His Higher Guns came from a bit of misunderstanding.

"I worked with a singer previously. I think he wanted to be insulting, and he said, 'If you act like a higher gun, I'll pay like a higher gun.' And my first instinct was that he didn't realize that the term was hired gun, and it just kind of stuck with me, and I thought that would be a great name for a band."

Thomas's first love of music came from the band Collective Soul.

"Ed Roland from Collective Soul, he's a really prolific songwriter. He always wrote really great songs, and that was always my aspiration, was to be a songwriter first and a performer second."

When he was 10, he started playing guitar. This came shortly after discovering Collective Soul and his favourite bands, like Foo Fighters and Van Halen.

Thomas was born in Selkirk and was



Orvis and His Higher Guns playing at the Selkirk Recreation Complex on Canada Day.

raised in Pimicikamak Cree Nation. After graduating, he returned to Selkirk and played in his first band.

"It was a really good kind of training ground to develop skills and kind of figure out where I wanted to go with music," Thomas said.

Thomas's approach to songwriting is relatively free-flowing; he doesn't force it. Maybe a song title will come to him that he'll write down and go back to later, or maybe he will start playing a melody and words happen with it.

"There's no real better feeling than when it all comes together, whether it's on a recording or on stage. It's a really kind of intense feeling where everything should be happening where it's happening, and it all flows seamlessly. I love songwriting, I love playing, I love performing."

Many of his songs focus on relationships, though he said that with

the rock band project coming up, he thinks songs will focus more on social topics and philosophies.

In June, Orvis and His Higher Guns released a new single titled "Rich White Woman," which is available on Spotify and iTunes.

His relationship inspired it with his partner and their different cultural backgrounds.

"We have quite a few laughs and inside jokes about our differences, as well as we sometimes poke fun at each other over certain things."

Orvis is Cree and Ojibwa.

"My father lived in Selkirk when he was a child, as well as a young man. He was originally from Black Bear Island. Matheson Island would be the closest community, and his parents, himself, and his brothers moved to Selkirk when he was a young boy. He is Ojibwa, as well as some other things, like English, Irish, and French,



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but the majority of his background is Ojibwa," Thomas said. "My mother is Cree from Cross Lake and Norway House as well as Scottish."

He said his cultural background has shaped his philosophies, such as being kind to people and the Earth.

Thomas also has his record label, Broken Cloud Entertainment, named after his spirit name.

"It's a name I heard a lot when I was younger. It's supposed to be the name how I'll be identified in the spirit world later on," he said. "It's significant to me."

Under the label, he puts out his music and produces his concerts.

Orvis and His Higher Guns will perform on July 13 at the Triple S Fair and Rodeo, and July 26 and 27 at South Beach Casino.

Thomas posts all upcoming concerts on his website, orvismusic.com.

letter to the editor

School Division's concerns regarding active transportation plan for Mercy Street

Lord Selkirk School Division has concerns regarding the proposed bike lane construction.

Visibility and Safety Concerns: The proposed bike lane on the west side of Mercy Street runs in front of the LSSD board office, where buses access and exit the bus compound. Trees currently planted along the boulevard, along with additional trees planned by the City in front of the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School (Comp), impact visibility for vehicles (staff, students, and school buses) access-

ing or exiting the board office parking area, bus compound, the loop in front of the Comp, and the staff and student parking lots. This reduced visibility poses a significant risk to the safety of cyclists using this lane, which directly crosses these entrance and exit points.

Speed Limit Concerns: The speed limit in the "tri-school area" (Board Office, Comp, École Selkirk Junior High, École Bonaventure, and Robert Smith Schools) is 30 km/h only Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., from September to June. This decreased

speed area does not include the stretch of road in front of the Comp or the board office. We are concerned about the speed limit in these areas outside of these times.

Access and Crossing Safety: With the increasing residential construction west of Mercy St., we anticipate more students will need to cross Mercy St. to access the schools. With the construction of the bike lane, we strongly urge the City of Selkirk to take responsibility and enhance street crossing safety with measures such as illuminated crosswalks, improved visibility, and better lighting for crossing Mercy Street, benefiting all citizens of Selkirk.

School Bus Navigation: While

measurements indicate that "two buses can pass each other" with a bike lane in place, we are concerned about navigation issues, especially with buses turning and other traffic. It's crucial that adequate space is ensured to accommodate these large vehicles.

In conclusion, we would like to formally record our concerns regarding the construction of a bike lane on Mercy St. that passes by our Board Office, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, École Selkirk Junior High, École Bonaventure, and Robert Smith School.

*Submitted by Lena Kublick
Chair of the Board of Trustees for the
Lord Selkirk School Division*

Un-baa-lievable journey to getting Frankie back on her feet

Go Fund Me page set up to get prosthetic for lamb

By E Antonio

Frankie the Lamb has captured hearts with her resilience and spirit. Despite facing challenges due to a missing part of her hoof, she remains full of life, and her owner needs financial support to help her to get moving.

Frankie is a two-year-old lamb missing about two inches off her front leg, which causes a unique challenge.

Irene Wallace, her owner explained Frankie needs a prosthetic limb so she can walk freely on the farm and keep up with her siblings, Purrsephanie and Meowlody.

"Their former owner's daughter named them (the lambs) after Monster High characters," said Wallace.

When Frankie was with her original owner, she injured her leg in an accident, which required part of it to be amputated.

Frankie's little limb impacts the quality of her life.

"When the other lambs go roam around the pasture, Frankie gets left behind," Wallace said.

Wallace often sees Frankie lying down to eat instead of grazing around the yard.

"She really can't weight bear on the stump,"

Wallace and Frankie's veterinary staff at the Beausejour Animal Hospital are concerned about Frankie's well-being if she continues to walk off balance.

"Her left leg is going to give out," added Wallace.

Since Frankie's left leg is bearing all her weight, there are future concerns for stress fractures or sprains in her healthy limb.

Veterinarian Dr. Brittney Derksen made a cast, but it is difficult to create a cast that will withstand outdoor use. Frankie needs a permanent solution to improve her quality of life.

Having a prosthetic limb would be a long-term solution to preventing future injuries.

"I've never seen an animal with a prosthetic limb before," said Wallace.

She did not know where to look for an animal prosthetic or how to begin the process.

Wallace called several veterinary clinics in Manitoba but was unsuccessful until speaking with North Forge Technology Exchange and Winnipeg Orthotics.

The two companies are trying to col-



Frankie's vet, Dr. Brittney Derksen created a cast for Frankie's leg, but the cast quickly fell off. Frankie needs a long-term solution to help her live her life to the fullest.

laborate to create a prosthetic limb for Frankie.

Neither of the companies has experience with working with animals, especially sheep.

Wallace eventually found Animal Orthotics and Prosthetics specialist Dr. Susan Calverley.

Dr. Calverley practices in British Columbia but grew up in Winnipeg and has created prosthetics for over 500 animals. She has experience with pets and farm animals including a llama.

Wallace explained that Dr. Calverley is working with a new prosthetic material that is soft and pliable, allowing for maximum comfort for the animal.

Dr. Calverley is very good at what she does, added Wallace.

A mould of Frankie's leg needs to be made to produce the prosthetic.

Dr. Derksen and Dr. Calverley collaborated to obtain a mould of Frankie's leg.

The total cost is estimated to be \$2,500, and Wallace is seeking donations to help cover the fees.

"Frankie is such a sweet girl and I want to make her life so much better," said Wallace.

You can help Frankie get a step up in life by donating to her GoFundMe page at Help Frankie the Sheep Walk Again!.

Wallace is also accepting on-hand cash donations.

"I have raised almost \$1,000 for my girl," added Wallace.

Any extra funds received will be donated to the local horse rescue, Blackbird Ranch.



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Frankie is a two-year-old lamb that had part of her hoof removed in an accident. Frankie needs a prosthetic leg to help her walk. Without the leg, Frankie risks injuring her other legs.



Health-care education opportunities close to home

By Jennifer McFee

Local communities benefit from a healthy supply of options for pursuing health-care education close to home.

And with graduation season wrapping up, it's an ideal time to start thinking ahead to next steps to reach career goals.

Julene Sawatzky, regional lead for human resources for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA), said strong connections with education institutes are crucial to stabilize staffing.

"Working in health care has to become more accessible, so expanding the number of ways that people can enter the health workforce is critical," she said.

"Since many health careers require training by certifying bodies — including registered nurse, practical nurse and certified health-care aide — we have cultivated strong working relationships with post-secondary institutions working in the region. Currently, we're working with Assiniboine College and Red River College Polytechnic. University of Manitoba is also a major partner for registered nurses, where a key focus is increasing practicum placements in the region."

In addition, community-based organizations like Fieldstone Ventures education and training centre are working to connect communities to local post-secondary training.

"The partnership between Fieldstone Ventures and the community of Arborg would be a key example that has successfully brought licensed practical nursing and certified health-care aide training to the northwest part of the region. This training is part of rural rotating education outreach designed to bring training closer to home for rural Manitobans," Sawatzky said.

"Similarly, the community of Beausejour and surrounding municipalities have secured a space to host practical nursing training starting in their community in January 2025 through Assiniboine College's rotating training programs. This IERHA-dedicated training has wrapped up in Arborg for now after graduating two consecutive classes of practical nurses, the majority of which are now working in facilities across the region."

Sawatzky added that training programs intentionally rotate throughout the region to ensure there are enough students in the area to meet class size requirements and to ensure that training is offered in a variety of geo-

graphic areas. While these programs focus on reducing barriers to access training, Sawatzky said more needs to be done across the region to help connect people with employment in health care.

"Travel to a different community may not be an option and taking any time off from paid employment may not be feasible for some people. For this reason, in June of last year, we piloted a locally offered, community-based health-care aide micro-credential that provided on-the-job training opportunities in five communities as a way of removing barriers that many face in joining the health workforce," she said.

"This pilot project brought training and employment opportunities to the communities of Fisher Branch, Selkirk, Lake Manitoba First Nation, Lac du Bonnet and, as one group, Manigotagan, Aghaming, Seymourville and Hollow Water First Nation. Among those five training offerings, 34 individuals graduated and received offers to work in their community in a personal care home or in home care."

With the success of the pilot project, the program is continuing to run, recently graduating eight individuals in Fisher Branch and another eight in Selkirk to work in home care. The next session starts in Selkirk on July 2, followed by Lac du Bonnet on Aug. 26 and Eriksdale/Ashern area on Sept. 30. For more information, visit <https://www.ierha.ca/careers/educational-opportunities/>.

For those interested in health-care education, here are a few options close to home provided by some of the training institutions that are currently working in collaboration with IERHA.

FIELDSTONE VENTURES

Fieldstone Ventures facilitates skills development and training opportunities for adults in the northwest Interlake region. For more than two decades, Fieldstone Ventures has worked with communities all the way from St. Laurent to Dauphin River.

"We travel to all the communities within our region and the five First Nations. In the last six years, we have moved over to the Arborg area with the intentions of offering the same services there as what is offered here along Highway 6," Fieldstone Ventures manager Julie Bergner said.

"The services we provide are not available north of Selkirk, so we felt it fit to join in with Arborg when approached on the opportunity to bring

LPN (licensed practical nurse) training to the area."

Over the past four years, Fieldstone Ventures, Assiniboine College, community representatives and IERHA have partnered on the LPN program locally. Since the Central Interlake Training Facility opened in Arborg, two LPN training programs have concluded. Of the 25 graduates from the first course offering, 16 took positions with IERHA. In the second offering, 12 of 15 graduates gained employment with IERHA and the remaining three took positions in health care elsewhere in Manitoba.

"We work back and forth on identifying what positions need to be filled and constantly work on bringing training to the region locally. The staff at IERHA have been amazing to work with," Bergner said.

"We also ran a successful health-care aide program in 2016-17, which saw 16 students graduate and all 16 obtaining work in the area. The training facility is within a 100-kilometre radius of the areas we serve so it can be accessed by people within our catchment area."

When it comes to community partnerships, Bergner said they're all working towards the same goal — to bring training and employed personnel to the area.

"Having a diversified board of directors helps get the message out. Our board of directors is comprised of different organizations, including IERHA and one member from each of the municipal councils, as well as the Lakeshore School Division," she said.

"We are funded through Manitoba Jobs & Skills Development Centre to provide the employment assistance services to the regions, so we follow their guidelines when it comes to training and employment."

Fieldstone Ventures is always seeking new board members, and all board meetings are open to the public.

"Most of the members now are from the Ashern area. We would welcome new members from surrounding communities. This, we feel, would benefit their groups as well. We are not limited to only training in Ashern or Arborg," she said. "If we can find suitable facilities in other locations, we would entertain bringing training there also."

Fieldstone Ventures tries to offer courses that are in demand, including those to train nursing and health-care aides.

"We offered a paramedic training course in 2010 and this is something we are looking at again. In most cas-

es, the training we offer through the colleges and universities must meet the labour market demand," Bergner said.

"If the jobs are not available at the end of training, we will not bring it forward. We work with IERHA and Manitoba Jobs & Skills Development Centre from Selkirk to determine the needs and go from there."

Anyone looking for information on training through Fieldstone Ventures can call their office at 204-768-3797. Bergner said they're always open to training suggestions.

ASSINIBOINE COLLEGE

Similarly, Assiniboine College aims to transform lives and strengthen Manitoba through applied education and research — including opportunities in local communities.

"Assiniboine College is very much about bringing education closer to home in all rural Manitoba communities and, as such, works in partnership with industry to meet labour market demand," said Suzanne Nicolas, dean of nursing at Assiniboine College.

Community partnerships pave the way to determine if education programs meet industry needs and offer evolving opportunities. At the same time, Assiniboine College maintains a collaborative relationship with IERHA so it can respond to the region's needs and bring education closer to home.

Assiniboine College has offered a comprehensive health-care aide program and practical nursing program in the Interlake-Eastern region. The practical nursing program is coming up in Beausejour with training beginning in January.

"When students can stay in their home communities to study, they typically will stay and work in their community. This certainly builds capacity in the region, is good for economic growth and responds to the labour shortage and demand," Nicolas said.

"We are always looking for partnerships with communities and regional health authorities. Currently, the School of Nursing meets regularly with regional health authorities to connect with communities. We continue to have conversations with IERHA to meet the educational needs of potential students closer to home to meet the labour market demand."

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RRC Polytech is committed to a con-

> HEALTH-CARE EDUCATION, FROM PG. 14

tinuous transformation of its learning model to meet emerging needs. Education options are flexible with a blend of virtual and course-based delivery models, including in-community training.

"Virtual and blended learning models allow students to study in the community or from home with hands-on skills assessments either on campus or at a centralized location," said Darlene Bouvier, regional campus manager.

"Our course-based registration model allows for part-time, full-time, day or evening learning opportunities to meet the needs of learners who may be moving into a new career, underemployed or unemployed and may need alternate dates and times to complete their learning."

Community partnerships are critical since students can learn directly and complete hands-on practicums locally, she added. From there, they can transition smoothly from practicum into jobs to support local employment needs.

"The college provides flexible wrap-around supports including students services, tutoring, study sessions, counselling, accessibility services and access to mentors and Elders," Bouvier said.

"For example, in Sagkeeng First Nation, we delivered a health-care aide program

where students studied with the support of the community and family. The opportunity for local training removes barriers related to access to childcare, transportation and the challenges and costs of moving outside of the community to receive an education where the learner may not otherwise have this opportunity."

Partnerships within industries, such as health authorities, are essential, she added.

"IERHA is one of the region's largest employers, and our partnership ensures collaboration on employment needs, supports training throughout the region and supports students with

work experience that leads directly to job offers — and often times multiple job offers due to the extensive need for health-care professionals throughout the region," Bouvier said.

"Our partnerships are the core of our success. They enable us to extend our resources, leverage our partners' strengths, accelerate progress in innovation and research, and expand our reach."

Looking ahead, RRC Polytech is committed to the continued development and expansion of community partnerships to

reach all learners. Part-time virtual and blended options will be available this fall through Interlake and Peguis Fisher River campuses. Evening and weekend options are available through continuing education.

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Bell time for both events is 7:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM). The events, named "Summer Smash," promise to be unforgettable nights of action.

Tony expressed his excitement: "The people of Grand Beach, Grand Marais, and surrounding communities were so good to us last year, I just had to come back. The demand for professional wrestling is huge, so I scheduled a second event in Victoria Beach!"

Tony started his promoting wrestling career in the 1970s and has been active ever since. He's worked with AWA, AEW, WWE, and many other promotions. Tony will be starring in a new documentary, "The Death Tour," Executive Producer Chris Jericho, covering his grueling Northern Tour trips. The film crew will be at both events to capture footage.

"We're going to have some great matches," Tony says. "I'm still finalizing the cards, but it will be great for all fans!"

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A rip-roaring good time planned for Triple S Fair & Rodeo

Agricultural pride, carnival rides and more in Selkirk July 12-14

By E Antonio

Get ready to saddle up for a wild ride at the Triple S Fair & Rodeo! The annual event is back July 12 to 14 at Selkirk Park, promising a jam-packed weekend of agricultural excitement, thrilling rodeo events, live music, midway rides, and family fun activities. Whether you're a bull riding or barrel racing fan, this year's lineup will keep you on the edge of your seat.

St. Andrews - St. Clements Agricultural Society held the first fair in October 1883. Two locals sponsored the event, contributing \$600 worth of prizes to be given away at the fair.

After the initial success of the fair, following fairs saw increases in sponsorships, prize amounts and attendees.

In the early years of the fair, the popularity of agriculture was booming. Prizes were awarded to the best cattle, sheep, poultry, horse, agricultural products, needlework, soap, and harness makers.

Pigs were added to the categories by

1895.

For over 150 years, the St. Andrews - St. Clements Agricultural Society has hosted many community-wide agricultural events at the fair.

Many favourite events are returning this year from bull riding to barrel racing and pole bending. There will be no shortage of adrenaline-pumping action at the rodeo.

The Bulls and Broncs competitions are back, but this year, they will be held on separate nights to allow for more intense and engaging rides.

The Manitoba Team Roping Association's competition has returned after its thrilling debut in 2023.

Ropers will compete in two different categories on Saturday and Sunday.

"Team Roping was a great success last year and we are looking forward to hosting it again," added Triple S Fair & Rodeo Secretary Gail Hiebert.

Competitors will be vying for a jackpot of at least \$3,000 each day.

The roping office opens at 9 a.m. daily, and roping starts at 10 a.m.

Watch equestrians weave and maneuver through obstacles in the horse show arena for the Pole Bending event starting at 8 p.m. Friday.

Come see bull riders get bucked around and try to guess who will stay on the longest for this year's Bull Bash on Saturday night.

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The Kids Wild Pony Racing is a fun event that allows kids, 13 and under, from the audience to become a part of the show and show off their riding skills

ditions like Wild Pony Racing and the Barrel Racing Showdown that promise excitement for everyone.

The Showdown will feature 10 barrel racers, and whoever has the cleanest and fastest run will take home \$500.

The Kids Wild Pony Racing is a fun event that allows kids, 13 and under, from the audience to become a part of the show and show off their riding skills explained Hiebert.

The youth will work in teams of three, roping, haltering, and riding the pony for at least two seconds.

Be sure to arrive early for the KB Clydesdale six-horse hitch demonstration ahead of Friday and Saturday's rodeo entertainment.

Demonstrations start at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, both featuring the exhilarating 4D Barrel Racing competitions.

Head on over to the Horse Arena to watch competitors of all ages try to ride around the ring in the fastest time.

This year's 4D Barrel Racing is Western Fortunes Inc. approved.

"Western Fortunes is a lifetime added money side pot for offspring of nominated stallions," Hiebert explained.

If competitors are eligible for the pot, they will compete for the extra money the fund raises.

Dual day competitors have a chance at winning a handmade clock by Wayne Lenfesty.

Hiebert anticipates over 100 entries each day of the competition with a minimum of \$10,000 added to the prize fund from entry fees.

"Competitors running both days also qualify for aggregate prizes, which combine their two runs," Hiebert added.

The 1D Average winner in the Open

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Rachelle Boyes, 2023 winner of the handmade Wayne Lenfesty clock.



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category will also receive a cash prize and the unique clock.

Select Shows Midway is returning with adrenaline-rushing rides and carnival games. Soar to new heights on their Ferris wheel or test your luck and win a prize with one of their midway games.

Finish off your carnival activities with a classic fair treat like a mini donuts or an ice-cold, refreshing lemonade.

Selkirk Biz will also be hosting their annual parade on Saturday morning. The parade will make its way down Main St. starting at 10 a.m.

See floats of all shapes and sizes and give a wave to the friendly-people of Selkirk.

The Triple S Fair & Rodeo is expanding some of their popular events for 2024.

This year, the Children's Festival is growing. Both Friday and Saturday will be filled with family-friendly events.

"The Children's Festival is bigger and better than ever," Hiebert exclaimed.

From magic shows to crafts and games, the Kidzone tent will have lots of activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

"Some special guests are going to be visiting the Children's Festival as well," said Hiebert.

Fraser Reptiles, Wild Dogs and Bubble Soccer Winnipeg will all provide

exciting entertainment for the family.

Tiny Treasures Petting Zoo will also bring their furry friends along for a weekend of fun.

For a full schedule of Children's Festival activities, see the official Triple S Fair & Rodeo event schedule.

For the older attendees, the Beer Gardens are also seeing an expansion in 2024.

"The Beer Garden's hours are being extended an extra three hours each night," Hiebert said.

There will also be more live entertainment for the garden's this year. Two bands are expected to play each night.

"Having the extra hours and bands will make things more exciting for people," added Hiebert.

A complete list of entertainment is available at selkirkfairandrodeo.com/entertainment.

If you are feeling hungry, food vendors and trucks will be available throughout the weekend.

4-H will have a canteen set up at the rodeo with all proceeds returning to the club.

"There will be many other food truck and midway options," added Hiebert.

Come out and try something new, or stick to your classic fair weekend favourites.

After a bite to eat, wonder around the antique tractor and equipment display. Have the chance to see some historic agricultural equipment and have a chat with one of the owners.



Triple S Fair & Rodeo is returning July 12-14 for a weekend of thrilling events and family-fun activities. Make your way down to Selkirk Park and enjoy carnival rides at Select Shows Midway.



Wild Dogs will be bringing their furry-friends to Selkirk this weekend. See the highly skilled dogs but on their wildest performance.



Karyssa Hiebert riding Smokes Legacy in the barrel racing.

Or, do some shopping in the Vendor Trade Show Arena. Local vendors will be selling their goods for all to enjoy. Come check out what they have to offer all weekend long.

The Triple S Fair & Rodeo would not be possible without the numerous volunteers. Each weekend needs the help of over 100 volunteers.

Volunteers help make the Triple S Fair & Rodeo the fair fun for everyone.

"Some of our volunteers have been working with us for many years and we appreciate each and every one of them," said Hiebert.

Triple S Fair & Rodeo is always look-

ing for new faces to join their volunteer team.

If you have a few hours to spend on the weekend, consider volunteering.

There are many volunteer positions available. For more information about volunteering at the Triple S Fair & Rodeo call (204) 485-4854 or visit their website.

Be sure to stop by Selkirk Park this weekend to see what fun is to be had.

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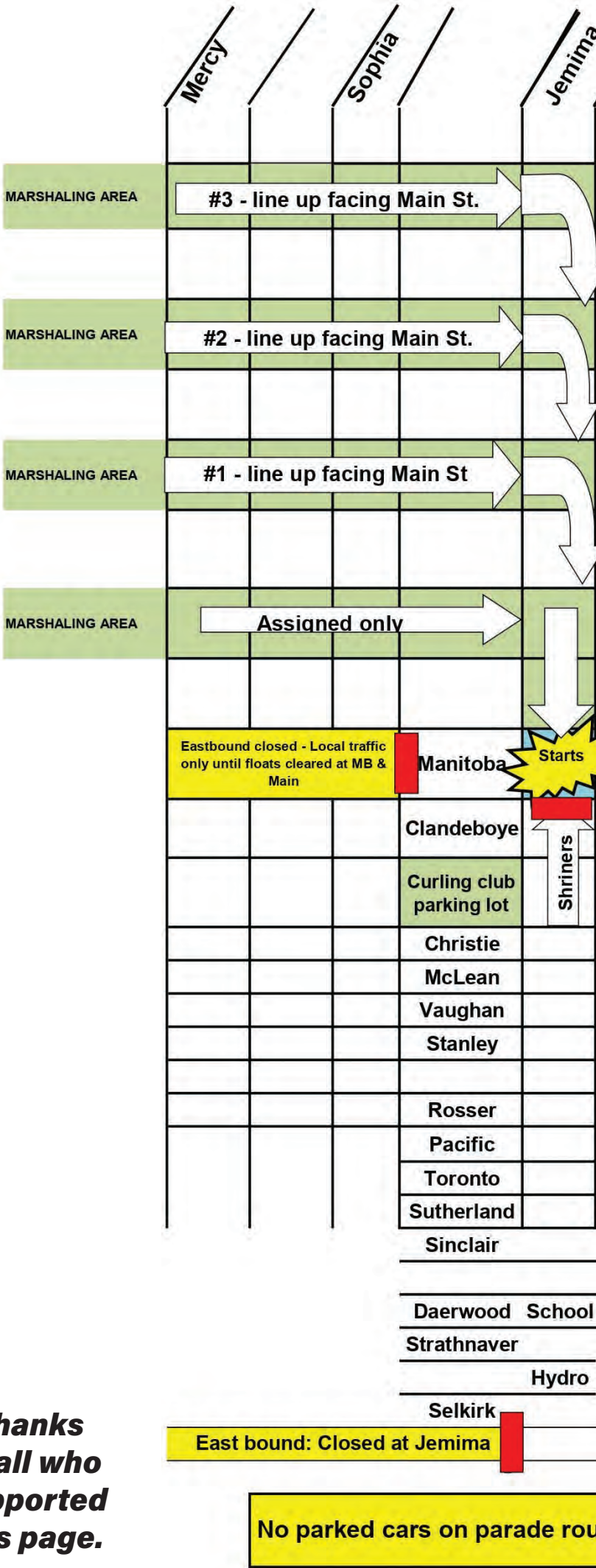
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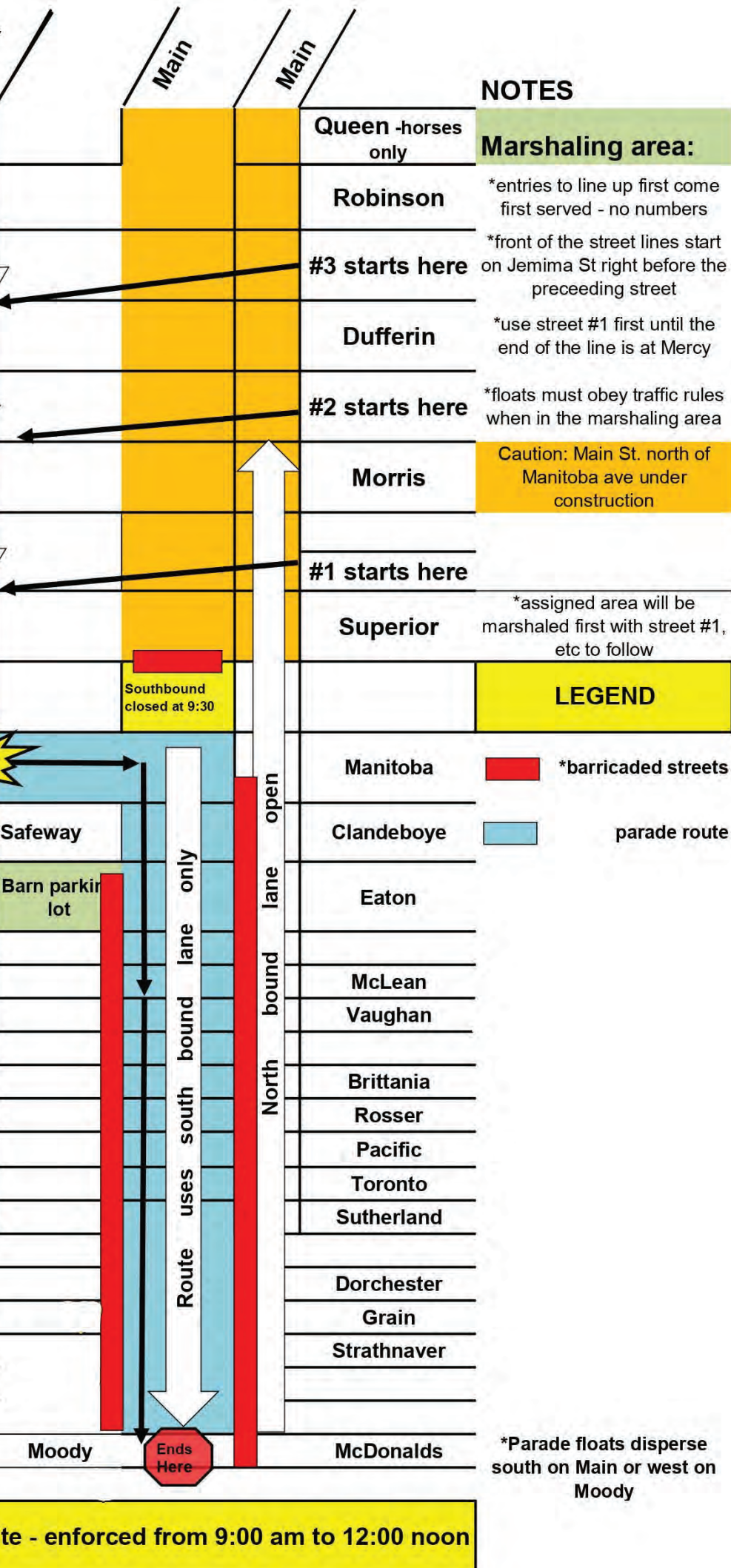


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- 1:00 PM** Wild Dogs Performance Team (Kidzone Tent)
- 2:00 PM** Select Shows Midway Opens
- 2:00 PM** Antique Tractor and Equipment Displays (Agriculture Building)
- 2:15 PM** – Mr. Richards Magic Show (Stage)
- 3:00 PM** Wild Dogs Performance Team (Kidzone Tent)
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM** – 15 Minutes of Fame Karaoke – Beer Gardens
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 AM** Beer Gardens Open
- 6:00 PM** Infield Bar & Food Booth Opens (Infield)
- 7:00 PM** – Pre-Show – KB Clydesdales 6 horse hitch (Rodeo Grandstand)
- 7:15 PM** - Triple "S" Battle of the Broncs featuring Wild Pony Races and Barrel Racing Showdown (Rodeo Grounds Selkirk Park)
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10:00 AM MTRA Team Roping – Rodeo Arena
12:00 PM Select Shows Midway Opens
12:00 PM Infield Bar Opens – Rodeo Grounds
12:00 PM – 1:00 AM – Beer Gardens Open
1:00 PM Antique Tractor and Equipment Displays (Agriculture Building)
12:00 PM– 4:00 PM – Children's Activities – Tiny Treasures Petting Zoo, Crafts, Face Painting, Fraser Reptiles, Oak Hammock Marsh, Bubble Soccer, and more.
12:30 PM – Bubble Man Show (stage)
1:30 PM – Wild Dogs Performance Team (Kidzone Tent)
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 15 Minutes of Fame Karaoke – Beer Gardens
2:20 PM – Fraser Reptiles by their booth
2:35 PM – Bubble Man Show (Stage)
3:30 PM Wild Dogs Performance Team (Kidzone Tent)
6:00 PM – Pre-show – KB Clydesdales 6 horse hitch (Rodeo Grandstand)
6:15 PM Triple "S" Bull Bash Bull Riding featuring Wild Pony Races and Barrel Racing Showdown (Rodeo Grandstand)
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part time to meet individual needs," Bouvier said.
"With the opportunity for virtual, in-community and flexible blended learning models, this opens the door for expanded learning opportunities throughout rural Manitoba."

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The University of Manitoba also creates connections with local communities through the College of Nursing. Jennifer Dunsford, director of clinical education for the College of Nursing, said many nursing students benefit from clinical placements in rural settings, including those in Interlake-

Eastern communities.
"We really value the opportunity to work with Interlake-Eastern RHA. There's such a rich potential for great experiences for our students that they wouldn't necessarily get doing a specialty placement in a tertiary care setting. If you're in a rural setting, you might get orthopedic, burns, trauma, palliative care, labour and delivery," she said. "If at all possible, we strongly encourage students to consider doing a rural placement at some point within their program."

At the same time, rural communities benefit from students pursuing clinical placements in their facilities.

"Rural hospitals are having staffing crunches just like everywhere else. We find that the more a student is exposed to a certain environment or facility or area, the more likely they are to request that for their senior practicum — and very often senior practicum students get hired right onto the unit that they did their final placement on," Dunsford said.

"So we're hoping that that will help to address some of the staffing shortage across the province as well by expanding the placement opportunities. It's been quite successful. Our students tend to enjoy their time in rural hospitals and I think they get a great experience."



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Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selkirk celebrates 100th anniversary

By E Antonio

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selkirk celebrated their 100th anniversary on June 9. One-hundred forty-four people were in attendance at their centennial service.

Builders of the current Evangelical Lutheran Church laid the first cornerstone on June 17, 1924, however, two buildings preceded today's church. The first church was built on Rosser Ave. and the second at 329 Clandeboyne Ave. where the Evangelical Lutheran Church now resides.

"They constructed the second church in 1896 but it was struck by lightning," explained Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Chair Kelly Lewis.

The second church burned to the ground on Sept. 7, 1919.

Construction of the current church began May 20, 1924.

"The laying of the cornerstone was June 17, 1924," said Lewis. This was the official event that Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated in June.

Lewis explained that the Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded by a small group of Icelanders in 1889. The first was service was held Nov. 6 of that year.

"There are not a lot churches of that age in Selkirk," Lewis added. She later mentioned that despite the church's age, there is no historic designation.

"We need to have the original everything," Lewis said.

The present church has had to replace the windows, but other than that the building has remained intact.

Evangelical Lutheran Church was built with the help of several volunteers and costed around \$12,000.

Presently, members of all nationalities

attend their services.

June 9's service brought some special faces to the centennial celebration. MLA Richard Perchotte and his wife Janice were present.

"Vilhjalmur Wium, the Consul-General of Iceland attended the service and brought greetings," said Lewis.

The Consulate General acts as the relations between Icelandic communities in Manitoba and Iceland.

The special anniversary brought a lot more people to the Sunday service than the Evangelical Lutheran Church typically sees.

"It was lovely to see a full church," Lewis said.

Special events also occurred on June 9.

Evangelical Lutheran Church members from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church joined them on their special day.

Members from the Selkirk chapter of the Icelandic National League choirs sang two anthems for the sermon.

Over 20 choir singers united to sing to verses of Amazing Grace in Icelandic as well.

"This was the first time Icelandic has been spoken in the church in a long time," explained Lewis.

She added that the Icelandic National League taught the singers the words and correct pronunciation.

"It was honouring feeling the language back in the church," said Lewis.

Artifacts and old images were on display to share Evangelical Lutheran Church's history.

To conclude the centennial celebration, a lunch was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church's hall.

Members got to mingle and share



RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selkirk celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday, June 9. The church celebrated with a special service and had historic artifacts and photos on display to members.



A celebratory lunch was served after the sermon. Over 140 members attended the centennial anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church building.

memories.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selkirk host services each Sunday for

members. Visit selkevan.ca for more details.

Celebrating 24 Years of the Gimli International Film Festival

By Autumn Fehr

Looking for something to do this summer?

From July 24 to 28, visit Gimli and enjoy an array of local, national, and international films, including narrative feature films, documentaries, and shorts at the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF).

"Now more than ever, it's crucial to support the arts, as many film institutions across Canada are facing challenges. We are truly on the verge of making Manitoba the epicentre of film for all of Canada. GIFF is a gem amongst Canadian festivals, and we're fortunate to have it here. Let's celebrate films together! I hope to see everyone at the festival," said Teya Zuzek, this year's Executive Director of GIFF.

This will be Zuzek's first time direct-

ing the international festival.

"I still have to pinch myself; I can't believe I'm leading such a phenomenal cultural institution. What excites me most is seeing my first GIFF come into fruition and celebrating this achievement with my incredible staff, Board, and programmers," she said.

This year, GIFF explores the concept of family, community, and connectedness—all things that have naturally emerged throughout its program of films and poster design.

"We're so lucky to have incredible programmers every year."

New to GIFF this year is their GIFF Global Industry Summit. It's a free event this year and open to the public - pre-registration is encouraged. It's a great way for individuals to hear about what is happening across

the film sector and engage with established professionals from different areas.

Annual events like the RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Pitch Competition, 48 Hour Challenge Screening, and Winnipeg Indigenous Filmmakers Collective Screening are also coming back. GIFF's Awards Ceremony this year will be extra special, with Zacharias Kunuk receiving the Alda Award.

Zuzek is especially looking forward to a special screening of Wilderness Trails, a Manitoban film that hasn't been screened since the 1970s. The screening will open with a unique sound performance by a Winnipeg-based artist.

Returning this year are the famous RBC Sunset Beach Screenings, which

will take place each night. Enjoy a unique experience under the stars at the beach, and take in one or more of this year's beach films: Barbie (2023), Summer Rental (1985), Thelma & Louise (1991), Theater Camp (2023), Paddington 2 (2017).

To view the full schedule of this year's films and for more information, please visit <https://www.gimli-film.com/>.

"After the challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's heartening to see people talking about reconnecting," said Zuzek.

This year, attendees can look forward to an exceptional program that has something for everyone.

Friday night jamming at the Legion



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Friday Night at the Legion with local band Destiny - Vic Nieckarz, Rob Duda and Luciano Armante.

Manitoba small businesses concerned over changes to retail sales tax collection

Removal of
commission allowance
hits the smallest
businesses the hardest

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is hearing from many concerned small business owners about the Manitoba government's decision to remove the commission allowance on retail sales tax (RST) remittances - a change which was quietly included in the 2024-25 provincial budget.

Before this change, businesses collecting and remitting the retail sales tax for the provincial government received a small commission of 15% of the first \$200 of tax collected and 1% of the remaining tax, up to \$3,000. The maximum commission permitted per period was \$58, and if the RST reported in a period was more than \$3,000, no commission was allowed.

For small businesses, these commissions could total up to \$58 per month, or \$696 per year. These may not seem like large sums, but for businesses that are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing operating costs, any amount of money helps.

In response to a recent CFIB survey, nearly half (47%) of Manitoba's smallest businesses (those with 0-4 employees) said they are opposed to the removal of this commission. Business owners indicated they could use any cost savings to help pay down their pandemic related debt, increase employee compensation, and/or expand their operations.

"The smallest businesses typically do not have administrative assistants, or finance departments to help with tax filing," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB provincial affairs director. "More often than not, it's the business owners themselves who are the ones required to set time aside to file these remittances, which ultimately means time away from running their business."

Not to mention, businesses are also

charged merchant fees by credit card companies on top of the 7% RST. Meaning every time a business collects the sales tax for the government, they are also hit with a higher fee from the credit card company. Surely it is not unreasonable to assume the government should compensate - at least the smallest businesses - for the additional costs and time lost due to tax collection, and the retail sales tax commission did just that.

One surprised business owner reached out to CFIB to share his concerns. He only found out about this change when he went to file his RST remittance. "There was nothing in the news about this and I believe that this cut involving the smallest businesses is terrible. I know that it is just a small amount, but small businesses are having a hard time."

"It is disappointing that the Manitoba government decided to remove this commission allowance without any consultation with the business community," added Solberg. "Removing the commission allowance sends a

signal that the Manitoba government does not care to acknowledge the effort of business owners to collect and remit the government's sales taxes."

Earlier this week, CFIB met with the Minister of Finance to share these concerns on behalf of business owners. We also suggested ways the province could offset these added costs for small businesses such as increasing the exemption threshold for the provincial payroll tax or reducing the payroll tax rates - which would be particularly helpful given the upward pressure on wages.

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Local author self-publishes debut children's book *Honest Holly*

By Emma McGill

Bre Krahn, a newly published author, has enjoyed the art of reading and writing since elementary school. During the pandemic, she worked at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, working eight-hour shifts at a screening desk. During this time, she started to work on a novel but became stuck with the process due to writer's block. So, she turned to a different creative project, and that is how her children's book *Honest Holly* came to be.

"I decided I needed a different project to work on. There were so many stories in the news that made me think about such a crucial lesson that most kids are taught or should be taught: not to judge others, not to make assumptions based on misconceptions and stereotypes," shared Krahn. "That's when I wrote *Honest Holly*, a story about a raccoon who is accused of lying and stealing a ring from a fox."

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Krahn has fond memories of coming out to Stonewall to work in a food truck during Quarry days for two summers and spending time in Stonewall and the Rockwood area with her best friend. And as for her love for writing, she used to spend many hours on the floor of her childhood bedroom, writing chapters of fantasy stories and dreaming about becoming a full-time author as an adult. Now, at 28, that prospect looks hopeful for Krahn thanks to the success of *Honest Holly*.

"This story is supposed to evoke a sense of diverse friendships and loyalty, as well as establish-

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ing the importance of kindness and honesty, and of course, not to judge others based on appearances," said Krahn.

This is a story about friendship, bullying and misconceptions.

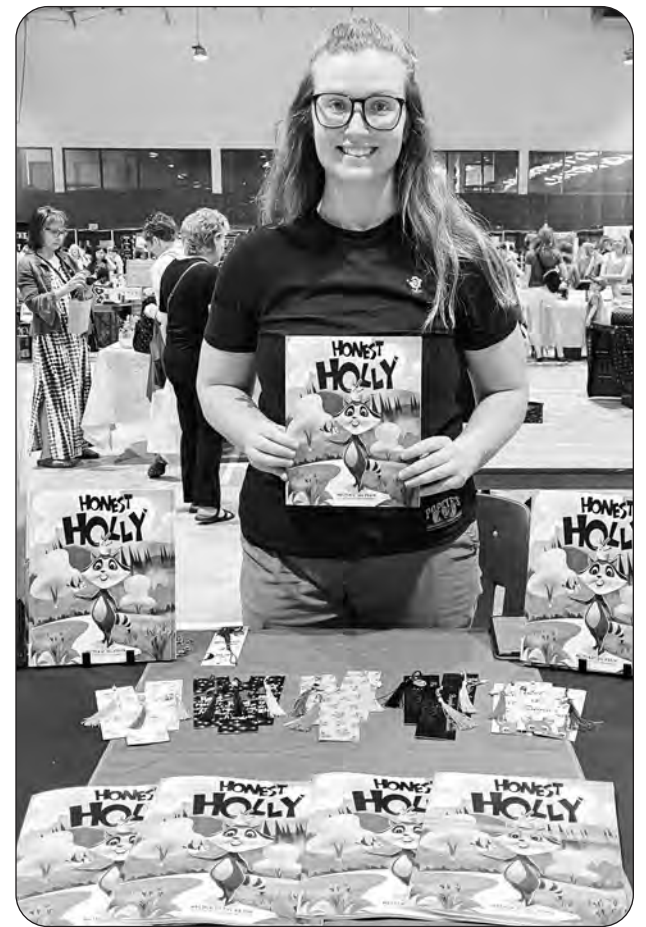
Holly was honest and kind... but because she is a raccoon the other animals judged her too soon.

With the help of Holly's friends, they hoped to prove the others wrong in the end.

Honest Holly tells the story of friendship and judgements through rhythm and beautifully illustrated pictures. The bright colours and carefully crafted characters add a special flavour to the book to help capture the art of storytelling.

"The process of writing the book was really fun. I felt like a kid again. I chose animals because first and foremost kids love animals and are drawn to them. I also felt animals would be a very distinctive and easy way to show diversity in a way young kids can understand without making it specifically about more sensitive topics. Additionally, having the animals makes a difficult subject easier to approach with young kids and makes the topic more lighthearted."

Originally, Krahn had written *Holly* as a fox because of the animals being considered "sly", "sneaky", and "cunning", which would have worked well with the story. However, it was her boyfriend that suggested she make *Holly* a raccoon because people tend to think of them as "thieves" and in general, look more fluffy, soft and approach-



RECORD PHOTO BY EMMA MCGILL

Bre Krahn recently published a story about friendship, bullying and misconceptions.

able compared to a fox. So, Todd, the other character adventuring with Holly, became a fox.

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Celebrate lakes appreciation month this July

Enter the 4th Annual Lake Biodiversity Photo Challenge

Submitted by Living Lakes Canada

July is Lakes Appreciation Month, offering the perfect opportunity to celebrate the beauty of lakes across Canada and raise awareness of what's threatening their biodiversity. Enter your lake photos in the 4th annual Lake Biodiversity Photo Challenge hosted by Living Lakes Canada for the chance to win prizes and show your love for lakes.

Everyone who enters is eligible to win. New this year, Living Lakes has partnered with Nikon Canada Ambassador and Kase Filters Global Ambassador Viktoria Haack to offer the grand prize of an online photography workshop for winners. Winners will also receive age-appropriate prizes provided by gift sponsors LUSH Cosmetics and Kicking Horse Coffee. A total of eight winners will be announced in August with a Judges' Favourite and a Public Favourite chosen in each category.

Submit your photos through the online submission form at lakeblitzphoto.livinglakescanada.ca or by following Living Lakes Canada on social media and tagging Living Lakes Canada's account in your

post. Photos must appear as posts (not stories) and include the name and location of the lake in the caption, and the category of choice.

Four categories are open for submissions: Lake Landscapes (most beautiful); Lake Biodiversity (photos bursting with plants and animals); Lake Impacts (threats to lake health); and a Youth Category for young photographers aged 16 and under.

Also new this year is a partnership with the Canadian Conservation Photographers Collective (CCPC).

In keeping with CCPC's commitment to ethical nature photography, the 2024 Photo Challenge asks participants to follow the Code of Ethics for Nature Photography to ensure they're prioritizing the well-being and respect of the environment and wildlife when snapping photos.

All entries will be displayed in the 2024 online gallery. Up to one entry per day per person is permitted and the photo must have been taken in the last 12 months. Each week a selection will be shared on Living Lakes Canada's social media channels.

Living Lakes Canada thanks RBC's Tech for Nature program, Chick-Fil-A and R. Howard Webster Foundation for making the 2024 Lake Biodiversity Photo Challenge possible.

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Gimli Glider pilot to attend 41st Anniversary Dinner

By E Antonio

Gimli is home to one of the world's most famous aviation events in history and volunteers are excited to be hosting the 41st Anniversary Dinner for the Gimli Glider on Sunday, July 21.

We look forward to this date every year said President Barb Gluck. The annual fundraising evening in support of the Gimli Glider's operation is usually a sell out.

"Last year guests came from nine of our provinces, overseas and the United States," she said. "Many staying in Gimli for two or three days."

The Gimli Glider exhibit is a volunteer operated non-profit charity and this large event provides funding that allows us to continue being a tourist attraction for aviation fans. We never know when they come through the door where they are from and what connection they may have to the history", she said.

The Gimli Glider Exhibit was contacted last spring by MotoArt Plane Tags company owner, Dave Hall wanting to make an offer to support the popular exhibit's operations.

For two decades, Hall built MotoArt as the first and only shop handcrafting one-of-a-kind furniture from the salvaged parts of decommissioned aircraft. While their artists continue to create desks, bars, tables and beyond from wings, fuselage, cowlings and more, Hall wanted the opportunity to bring a piece of aviation history to more of those who love the art of flight.

It was a natural choice to create PlaneTags, the first and original aviation memento that is resurrected from the skin of retired aircraft, hand cut, stamped, shaped and individually etched, ready to serve as an ID tag or displayed as a treasured part of your aviation collection.

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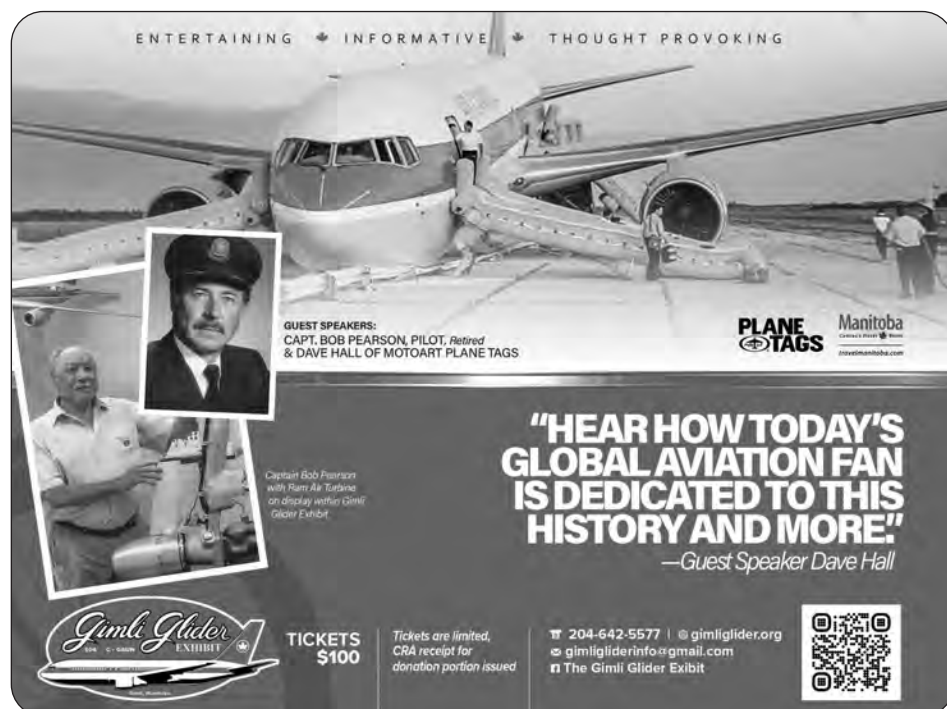
and stamped, and crafted to be truly one-of-a-kind.

Hall donated a small run of 245 of the commemorative PlaneTags last year, what he referred to as a limited run manufactured from the famous aircraft's fuselage metal in honour of Air Canada's 767 Gimli Glider 40th Anniversary. The Gimli Glider remains are in a boneyard in Mojave, California.

The revenue generated from the sale of the tags will support the Gimli Glider Exhibit.

The volunteer team at the Exhibit, was immersed in excess of 100 orders within hours of the PlaneTag being released. There were orders from around the globe for the historical special tags.

"Over the following days responding to the ongoing demands and speaking with Hall, Exhibit staff quickly realized that Hall is heavily involved with the aviation market for collectors and business owners wishing to acquire authentic items from historic aircraft parts," said Barb-



RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Tickets on sale for the Gimli Glider's pilot Captain Bob Pearson meet and greet dinner in Gimli on July 21.

Gluck, president of the Gimli Glider.

Gluck appreciates Hall's offer of the PlaneTags and the revenue their sale generated. She invited him to speak at the dinner to meet Capt. Pearson.

Hall accepted the invitation and looks forward to speaking to the guests about his experience working within the large aviation community.

Gluck also shared that one lucky dinner guest on July 21 will have the opportunity to win one of the Gimli Glider's 40th Commemorative PlaneTags autographed by Capt. Pearson, along with a signed poster.

This year's dinner will be held at the Johnson Hall, on the top floor of the Waterfront Centre providing a beautiful view overlooking Lake Winnipeg on Sunday, July 21. Tickets are \$100 and limited and must be purchased before July 15.

Capt. Bob Pearson and Pearl Dion will attend the dinner and visit the Gimli Glider Exhibit to meet the public for the 41st anniversary on July 23rd.

Dion was one of more than 60 passengers on the famed "Gimli Glider"

— the nickname given to the Boeing 767 jet that made an emergency landing near the small community of Gimli, on July 23, 1983, after running out of fuel due to a metric conversion error.

The Montreal-to-Edmonton Air Canada Flight 143 was piloted by Bob Pearson, whose flying skills allowed him to successfully land the plane on an abandoned runway near the town in Manitoba's Interlake region, saving everyone on board — including Dion, now his partner of 11 years.

The visitation to the Exhibit from around the world continues to grow as the years pass.

"It is always an interesting day volunteering and meeting so many who come from outside of our province to learn more about the famous landing," said Gluck.

More information on the popular dinner event, or how to purchase tickets can be seen on the Gimli Glider website at www.gimliglider.org. Emails to gimligliderinfo@gmail.com for questions or call the Exhibit at 204-642-5577.

> HONEST HOLLY, FROM PG. 30

When it came to publication, however, Krahn's journey to get her book out into the world became more complicated. She struggled with the choice between traditional and self-publishing. Eventually, she decided to self-publish: "I could keep all the creative control over the book, and I could learn more about the publishing industry itself. I learned a lot about how to make and publish a quality book; there are some aspects I

most certainly would not change the process of, but there are also a lot of things I would do differently."

Krahn is thrilled with the success that *Honest Holly* has had since its publication in September of 2021: "Honest Holly has been spoiled with the amount of support and love given. I am so thankful to everyone who has read my book."

In 2023, she won the RW Award. Last year, Krahn also started doing

markets, which has increased her sales over 100 per cent since 2022. She has also gone to a school to do readings. She plans to continue self-publishing children's books and, because of the success she has seen for herself and others in self-publication, she is inspired to reach out to other independent authors and create her own publishing house. She also plans to finish her full-length novel.

Honest Holly was written, illustration, and funded all by Krahn herself.

People purchasing the book help a lot with its circulation. The book is available at McNally Robinson, Toad Hall Toys, Bre Krahn Publishing, and on Amazon in paperback for \$17.99.

"I believe that *Honest Holly* doing so well has given my childhood dream of becoming a full-time author a real chance in the future," said Krahn. "I think that my success can show others, young or old, that it is never too late to pursue your dream and no idea is too small to make a difference."

sports & recreation

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Selkirk Community Pool ready to make a splash

By Kieran Reimer

Summer is in full swing at the Selkirk Community Pool, where a refreshing wave of activities awaits. According to pool manager Michelle Stamm, the Selkirk Community Pool is back in action this July, offering various programs to suit everyone's swimming needs.

The pool will offer lap swimming from 8-9 a.m. every morning until Aug. 1, Swim for Life levels 2-6 lessons, Aquafit classes on Wednesday mornings, and bronze medallion and bronze cross lifeguarding programs throughout the month.

This is the first time the pool has been open during July since the COVID-19 shutdowns.

"Now that we are pretty much back to normal, I wanted to get back to what we were offering pre-COVID which was a full complement of swimming lessons to give versatility of programming to the community," said Stamm. "Next year, I'm hoping we can expand that more and build staff for the summer program and

share staff with the city and be able to offer some of the higher levels, life-guarding programs, and more adult fitness aquatics."

The pool will also be the training ground for the Interlake Swim Team this July in preparation for the 2024 Manitoba Summer Games, which will take place from Aug. 11-17 in Dauphin.

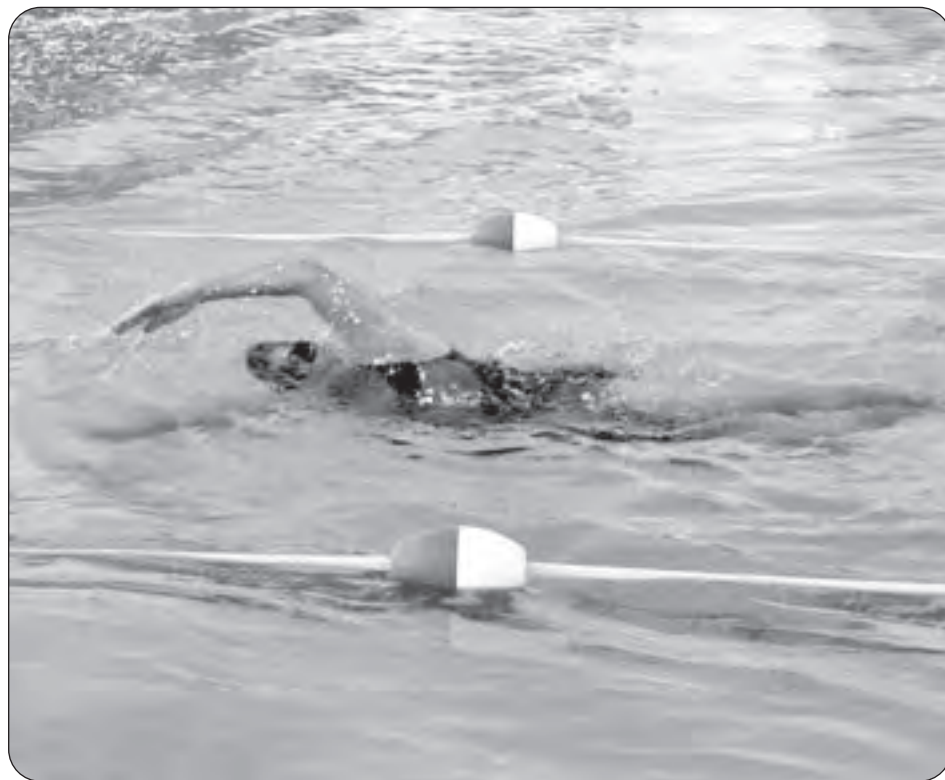
The Dolphins Swim Club will also run camps for 6-8 and 9-12 age groups four days a week for the final two weeks of the month.

Stamm said the pool already has an entire fleet of staff for the month and more interested in joining if swim registrations continue to grow.

Selkirk Community Pool is a 29.5 by 12-metre pool ranging from 2.7 to 12 feet deep.

It features five swimming lanes along with six ladders and is wheelchair accessible.

To sign up for any programs, visit <https://selkirkcommunitypool.weebly.com> or contact Michelle Stamm at mstamm@lssd.ca.



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The Selkirk Community Pool is open for lap swimming, Swim for Life lessons, Aquafit classes, and life guarding programs throughout July.

Former Steeler Ingram attends Predators Development Camp



Adam Ingram

By Kieran Reimer

A former Selkirk Steeler attended Nashville Predators Development Camp last week.

Adam Ingram played for the Steelers during the 2020-21 season racking up seven points in eight games.

The 2022 82nd overall pick to the Predators is coming off his sophomore season with the St. Cloud State University Huskies of the NCAA where he had 10 goals and 18 assists in 38 games.

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Sudoku answer on page 34

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE OF Caroline Arlene Fitzsimmons, late of Selkirk, in Manitoba, deceased. All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at: 374A Main Street, Selkirk, Manitoba R1A 1T8 within 30 days of the date of this publication. DATED at the City of Selkirk, in Manitoba this 3rd day of July, 2024.
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-Love forever,
your son Sheldon

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Leila (Swiderski) Reeves
January 21, 1974 - July 11, 2023

A heart of gold stopped beating,
Working hands at rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.
Leaves and flowers may wither,
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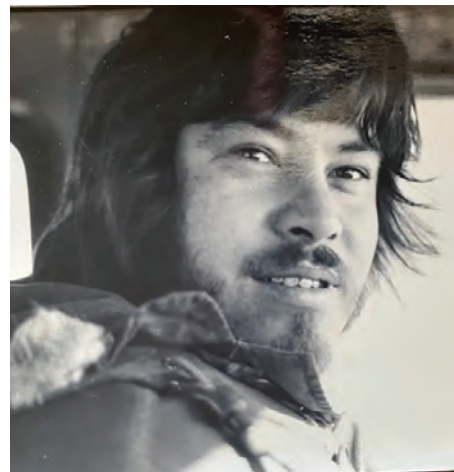
ANNOUNCEMENT GRADUATION



Ryan Matthew Cromie
Congratulations on your grade 12 graduation. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in the fall at the U of M Asper School of Business as you pursue a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

-Love Mom, Dad and Kyle

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Louis McLeod
April 6, 1949 - July 13, 2021
In remembrance of a life well loved.
We miss you every day Papa.

-Loving you always,
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ANNOUNCEMENT CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Larry Einar Nicol
The Nicol family invites you to a celebration of Larry's life to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 1 p.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 42 (Selkirk), 403 Eveline Street, Selkirk. Friends and family are encouraged to share a favorite story or remembrance about Larry (Nic) during the event.

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OBITUARY



Juelle West

It is with deep sadness that our family announces the passing of our mother and grandmother, Juelle West, who passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on July 3, 2024.

Juelle is survived by her daughter Kandi (Bruce) and son Jim; grandchildren Sarah, Bradley, and Tanner; sister, brother, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Juelle was born in Selkirk and graduated nursing from Misericordia Hospital in 1956. She supported her community in this role for 44 years at Selkirk General. Her love for antiques drew her to always hunting for special finds that came with many stories. Her yard was always filled with beautiful flowers and echoing laughter from her parties, coining her with the name "Martha Stuart of River Road".

Our family has great admiration and gratitude for all staff at Red River Place that cared with love and patience for Juelle during her last months.

A family celebration will be held at a later date.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Betty Rosemarie Lindenschmidt

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Betty Rosemarie Lindenschmidt on July 2, 2024 at Selkirk Regional Health Centre, with her family by her side.

Betty was born on August 21, 1928 in Winnipeg, Manitoba to parents Betty and Gustav Oelkers. She had very fond memories of visits to her grandparents' farm in Waldhof, Ontario. Upon graduation from high school, she

worked at her father's business, The Caxton Press, prior to starting a family.

She was predeceased by her husband Fred Lindenschmidt in 2018.

She is survived by her son Fred (Marilyn), son Richard (Diane), daughter Lisa (Rod), as well as grandchildren Richard Brian (Dyana), Jennifer, Thomas (Katie), Stephen (Sara) and Robert, and great-grandchildren Alyssa and Rayna – all of whom enjoyed spending time with her, while doing puzzles, working in the garden, or watching her favorite TV shows.

With close support from her family, Betty was fortunate to be able to stay comfortably in her home up until the last few days. She loved gardening, hated weeds, and loved a good rain (so you could not get into the garden for three days).

She adored her two cats Finn and Mumford. She was forever passing Mumford treats and enjoyed her afternoon naps with Finn.

In earlier times, she enjoyed the family cabin at Austin Lake, especially in the company of her grandchildren. Betty and Fred also liked to visit antique stores and flea markets, always on the hunt for another piece of Depression Glass for her collection.

She spent many an hour doing needlepoint, petit point, cross stitch, jigsaw puzzles and the daily Jumble. She loved a good book, but always read the end first.

She loved the family trips to Fargo to visit her favorite shops and restaurants, and was fortunate to experience both Alaskan and Atlantic Maritime cruises with her family.

In the last few weeks, as her memory was failing, she kept asking about Dad and relatives long gone. Well, now she is with them again, no doubt enjoying a glass of champagne, too!

We would like to thank the caring staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their care and compassion.

There will be no formal funeral service. A private service will be held at a later date.

If desired, donations in Betty's memory may be made to Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre (wildlifehaven.ca) or the Selkirk & District Community Foundation (sdcf.ca).

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

By Helen Lowrie Marshall

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OBITUARY



Georgina June Forester

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Georgina June Forester on July 5, 2024 at the Selkirk Regional Health Facility. Georgina left us peacefully with family at her side. Georgina was 57 years old.

Predeceased by her mother Barbara and her father Manfred.

Survived by her brothers, Gary (Tara), Brian (Dawn), Dennis (Tracy), Wayne (Maryann), Bill (Patty), Richard (Dana) and her sisters Sandra, Sarah (Gill), Susan, Maria and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

The Celebration of Life will be held July 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Coutu funeral home, 680 Archibald St Winnipeg.

OBITUARY



Elaine Martha Molson (Percival)
November 23, 1938 – June 28, 2024

In her 86th year after a courageous battle with cancer, Elaine has gone to be with the Lord.

Predeceased by husband Keith, son David, father James, mother Alice, brother Jim and partner Bernie Wagner.

Elaine worked many years at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. She was very involved in her church and many charitable organizations. She was an avid reader and enjoyed knitting for others, socializing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. She was a very kind and gentle soul.

Elaine will be lovingly remembered by nieces Anne (Wayne) Richert and Sally Boyle, Bernie's son Mark (Andrea) Wagner, nephews Bill (Laura) Hodgson and Len (Dianna) Hodgson and all their extended families. Her church family, friends Shirley and Doris and many other friends.

As per Elaine's wishes a private service has taken place. Thank you Rev. John Giroux.

Thank you to all staff who attended and cared for Elaine while at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre and to all those who sent cards and flowers and came to have a visit with her.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY



Christeena (Chris) Ball (Nee Vernie)
September 25th, 1952 - July 1st, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Christeena Ball, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Predeceased by her parents Jim and Alice Vernie, Chris, as she was affectionately known, touched the lives of many with her warmth, generosity, and vibrant spirit.

Chris leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering strength. She will be deeply missed by her husband of 51 years, Jim; her children, Lenna (Mark), Kevin (Cindy), Daron, and Aaron (Jacki); her cherished grandchildren, Alexis, Nick, Dylan, Abbi, Chase, Cruze, Tucker, and Breeze; and a host of relatives, friends, and colleagues whose lives she enriched with her presence.

Born and raised in Selkirk, Manitoba, Chris married her husband Jim in August 1972. Shortly thereafter, she embarked on her journey as a psychiatric nurse, graduating in 1974. For nearly four decades, Chris devoted herself to the Selkirk Mental Health Center, where her empathetic care provided solace and healing to many. Even after retiring in 2013, Chris continued to return casually, not just for the work but for the joy of being with her colleagues, helping others, and earning extra money to spoil her grandchildren.

Chris' journey into motherhood was marked by unwavering love and devotion. Her children, Lenna, Kevin, Daron, and Aaron, were her pride and joy. She reveled in every moment spent with them, supporting them wholeheartedly in their own journeys of parenthood.

Chris' talents extended far beyond her nursing career. She was a natural salesperson and skilled artisan. She delighted in creating beautiful gift baskets and renowned dishes such as her famous pizzas, French onion soup, chicken scampi, and Halloween favorite candy apples to name just a few! Her parties were legendary, bringing joy and laughter to countless gatherings. Chris' generosity knew no bounds; she volunteered tirelessly to support hospital patients in need and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

An avid traveler, Chris cherished exploring tropical destinations like Hawaii and the Caribbean with loved ones. In earlier years, and having top sales in companies such as Coppercraft and Michelle Lynn Jewellery home sales, Chris won the opportunity to travel to many other international destinations.

At home, she found peace and joy in her pool and hot tub, and also enjoyed immersing herself in her novels while relaxing with her dogs. She delighted in shopping for and spoiling her family, especially her cherished grandchildren, whom she adored with all her heart.

A Come & Go Tea to celebrate Chris's life will be held on Friday, July 19th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Selkirk Golf and Country Club, 100 Sutherland Ave, Selkirk, MB. Please join us as we remember and honor the extraordinary woman who touched so many hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Before the Bridge Senior K9 Rescue," a cause very dear to her heart.

Though her smile is gone forever,
And her hand we cannot touch;
We shall never lose sweet memories,
Of the one we loved so much.

Rest in peace, dear Chris. You will forever live on in our hearts.

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OBITUARY



Elizabeth Anne (nee Carter) LaRue (Ward)
July 25, 1937 - July 2, 2024

Elizabeth Anne Ward-LaRue, beloved mother and dedicated nurse, passed away in Gimli on July 2, 2024 after an extended illness.

Born in Kidderminster, England, and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Anne trained at Winnipeg General Hospital and served at Selkirk General Hospital for 38 years.

Predeceased by her parents Archdeacon John and Mabel (Sheward) Carter, son Paul, sister Patricia, and two husbands John Ward and John LaRue, she is survived by her brother David (Jean), sons Darren, Steven (Angie), and Robert (Denise), special niece Maureen and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anne will be remembered for her compassion, devotion, and adventurous spirit.

May peace be your eternal companion.

OBITUARY



Christine Merlin

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of a remarkable woman whose life was a testament to love, resilience, and joy.

Born in 1949, Christine passed away in June 2024, leaving a legacy that will be treasured by all who knew her. Her memory will be forever cherished by her beloved husband Keith, son Cameron, daughter-in-law Tara, and all her family and friends.

She leaves a declaration of love, strength, and a zest for life that will continue to inspire us all.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kristen Creek, the staff at the Tuxedo Family Medical Center and the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their loving care.

Cremation has taken place with special thanks to the compassionate team at Voyage Funeral Home and Crematorium.

The immediate family will gather to celebrate her life at a later date.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, the Gaynor Family Regional Library, or a charity of choice.

OBITUARY



Irene Hebert

On Wednesday, July 3rd, we lost the matriarch of our family, Irene Hebert at the age of 84.

Irene was born in Transcona on February 29, 1940. She was a good student and a voracious reader. She met Aime who was working for her dad, and they began dating in the mid-fifties. Their wedding was a lavish affair at St. Boniface Basilica in June 1958. They resided in Transcona, and Windsor Park as a young couple. They raised their boys in Lorette and Ste. Anne and later moved to Selkirk.

She was an entrepreneur throughout her life having owned and operated an eclectic collection of businesses including secretarial placement, a motel/gas bar, income tax prep, family counselling and retail sales. She took great joy in performing as a wedding officiant and great pride in Bonded Health and

Mobility.

Mom was committed to every community she lived or worked in. She was involved in Girl Guides and Scouts, the Huntington Indy Go-Kart Challenge, Cancer Walk as well as Selkirk's Handi-Bus, Food Bank, Team for At-Risk Teens program and Holiday Alley. She also opened her home to international students from India and Thailand.

She was very proud of her Metis heritage so was a huge advocate and supporter of indigenous programs and affairs.

Irene is predeceased by her parents Ed and Mae Nadeau, brothers Eddy, Andy, Fred, nephew Murray, grandson (her lucky-luke) Lucas McDonald and her eternal love, husband Aime who we know met her with open arms.

She is survived by sisters Helen Stiller and Alice Groot (Tom), sons Patrick (Cher), Philip (Doreen), Brad, Greg (Wendy) and Terry (Dawn). Irene adored her grandchildren Nick (Diana), Shane (Robyn), Danielle (Caleb), Jasmin, Tamara (Jack), Alexandra, Amelia, Arden and Jesse and was so proud to be great-grandma to Addison, Kennedy, Quinn, Ivy, Peter, Preston, and Percy. Irene also leaves seven nieces, a nephew, their children and grandchildren. Last but not least, Nicole Cinq-Mars her beloved friend, confidant, side-kick, nurse and cousin who was more like a daughter.

And if that wasn't enough, her heart had room for honorary children Rob Cox, Alexis Cinq-Mars and Matthew Pringle whom she loved dearly.

Mom was a good friend and in turn, she had many. We could not end this memorial without mentioning the people who were so important to her. Long time friends Susan McComb, Sigrid & Don Zueff and family, Linda and Jim McIntosh, workers and friends Debbie McCuaig and Phoebe Thomas, and close friends in business and life Brett Mitchell, Larry Patzer and Rick Kotaska.

A memorial service will be held. Details to follow.

OBITUARY



David Maurice Gilbert
July 4, 1953 - June 26, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, grandad, uncle, brother and brother-in-law on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Dad was predeceased by his parents Curtis and Helen Gilbert.

He is survived by his daughter Stacey, son-in-law Jamie and granddaughter Ayla, sisters Maureen and Kelly (Greg), brothers Patrick and Robert (Andrea), nephew Luke and niece Kathleen.

Dad was a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) and had just retired from a 46-year teaching career. He will be missed by his many teaching colleagues and former students, most recently at Yellowquill College.

Dad loved learning, film, music and creative writing in his spare time. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

In keeping with Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place and will be followed by a private family service at a later date.

Friends and family are invited to visit David's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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OBITUARY



Don Hoyer

May 27, 1951 - July 1, 2024

After a brief battle with illness, Don passed away peacefully on July 1, 2024 with his wife Donna by his side.

Don was a loving husband, father, grandpa, Papa Don, friend, and so much more to those who knew him. Don treasured his family and so it was important to him to be there to celebrate, cheer them on or just spend time together.

Don was driven by curiosity, had a unique sense of humour, and became a self-taught jack of all trades, master of many.

He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy and William Hoyer, aunt Florence Hoyer, sister Diane Oystrek, late wife Sheila Hoyer, mothers-in-law Ida Williamson and Josephine Elliott, father-in-law Bob Elliott, and brothers-in-law Ted Purvis and Ross Williamson.

Don is survived by his wife Donna; children Bree Hoyer (Vlad Snovid), Bryce Hoyer (Sam MacKinnon), Sherene Smoluk (Brad), Sharlene Yarish (Larry), Rayna Debow and many special relatives. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Bethany (Curt), Jesiah (Chanelle), Trinity (Colin), Riley (Rachel), Mackenzie (Halle), Nick (Alana), Lyric (Ryan), Zara (Josh), Blake and Lila, as well as great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Abby, Halle, Brielle, Espey, Genesis, Cillian, Bella, Willow, and Declan.

Don was born and raised in West Kildonan where he met his best friend Ric Liewicki who he had many adventures with, including the Kenora Bass International. Growing up, Don spent his summers at the Hoyer and Baker family cottages in Matlock and Delta Beach. When his children were young, he moved to the Maples where he spent the next 30 years.

Don started working at Brooks Equipment when he was 18 and was a dedicated employee for over 25 years. He went on to work for Marr's Leisure, Doyle's Supply, and retired at the North West Company, in the same building where he began his working career with Brooks, decades earlier.

In 1976, at the age of 25, he purchased a tree-covered lot on War Eagle Lake in western Ontario. Together with family and friends, he cleared the land and built the cottage, which he referred to as his "piece of paradise." In the 1990s, after he and Donna married and the family grew, he built a guest cottage, again with the help of loved ones. The lake has been a gathering place for loved ones, where he formed many special memories, friendships and a lake family. Most mornings at the lake began with Howard, solving world issues over a cup of coffee. Don took great joy in spending hours on the water teaching people how to fish and showing them the beauty of the lake through his eyes.

He was known as a helper, Mr. Fix-It, the king of make-work projects, a putterer, and a passionate caretaker of the lake ecosystem. The lake was a gift that he loved, and to share it with everyone brought him the greatest joy.

In his final years, Don and Donna moved to Selkirk, where he found a whole community of friends in his new neighbourhood and through his walks and drives with his dogs.

His family is grateful for the warmth and care he received at HSC. Thank you to the staff on unit GD5.

A celebration of life will take place on July 16, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline St., Selkirk. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed via the link on his obituary on Gilbert's website.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

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