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The local Kids Fishing for a Cure celebrated 30 years of helping Manitoba families with sick kids have a day of fun on the river. This year's event took place on July 26 and was a blast for all of the families involved. See more photos inside.

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Regional Connections is hosting a welcoming open house in Selkirk

If you'd like to learn more about immigrant services in our area stop by on Aug. 26

By Katelyn Boulanger

Regional Connections is welcoming residents in the Selkirk area to three open houses that they are hosting this month. They will welcome residents first in Selkirk on Aug. 26. Next, they will be opening their doors in Gimli on Aug. 27, and the final open house in the region will be in Arborg on Aug. 28.

"We are a local nonprofit organization in rural Manitoba. We're focused on helping welcome newcomers to Manitoba and supporting their settlement into the local community. We have multiple rural locations, and for the last few months, we've been getting started in Selkirk, so we're really excited about that," said Steve Reynolds, Executive Director for Regional Connections Immigrant Services.

Some other rural locations that they have set up offices in to help out our rural Manitoba communities are: Winkler, Morton, Altona, Dauphin, Gimli, Arborg, and Notre Dame de Lourde.

"We help newcomers when they arrive in the community, to get started, to find local resources and supports, to get connected socially and get all the information and connections and skills they need for their new life in Canada," said Reynolds.

The open houses are an opportunity for Regional Connections employees to get better acquainted with people in our community, and also for our community members to connect with them to learn more.

"Everybody is welcome. We'd love to just continue to get to know the community. If you're interested in learning more about Regional Con-

nections, any newcomers, whether they're employees, or co-workers or neighbours who will be reading the paper, they're welcome to come, and anybody the community, we're looking forward to meeting them," he said.

In addition to establishing relationships that will benefit our community, they also want to let people know what Regional Connections is up to.

"We are going to be providing some more information about new programming and looking for volunteers too, to help welcome newcomers. So, there'll be a bit of food and prizes and a little bit of giveaways, but it's a come and go otherwise. Just come and meet, stop and hear about what we're doing and what the volunteer opportunities are and what the services are," said Reynolds.

The Selkirk Open House will take place at the Gaynor Family Regional Library and will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. If that doesn't suit your schedule, the Gimli Open House will be at the Lady Of The Lake Theatre, New Iceland Heritage Museum again from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. this time on Aug. 27, and the final local Open House will take place in Arborg at the Kinsman Building from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 28.

Jashan Jot Kaur Muker will be at the open house in Selkirk. She is the Settlement Worker for Regional Connections Immigrant Services and will be happy to chat with people who stop by.

Reynolds explained that the services that they provide are pretty broad.

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"From even the first date, a newcomer arrives in Selkirk, they can come and see her (Muker). We'd recommend they come and see her as soon as possible, and she will do an initial needs assessment and settlement plan. So, helping somebody think through the first few weeks in Selkirk and in Canada, to the first few months, to the first few years. There are different key milestones to hit, and this helps clients plan that out and refer them to a lot of local resources and connections," said Reynolds.

A key part of this is also working with the other services that we have locally, so that new Canadians know where to go to get what they need.

Reynolds explained that in a different country, the way things work can be different, and the contact points to get certain services are different. So, from education to the health system, legal help, finances, community services and more, they are a place where people can go to ask questions and get help navigating all of these different challenges that they will be facing.

"We regularly have information sessions for newcomers, so they're getting to know the way things work and

accessing those resources and opportunities and local connections. The other thing that she (Muker) does is we organize something called Community Connections. Those can be community events like welcome evenings, and we'll be starting and looking ahead, hoping to collaborate on community cultural events and other community events so that newcomers and longer-term community members can meet each other and learn from each other and get connected," he said.

Muker said that she was excited to be able to connect with our community at the upcoming event.

"I'm always excited to meet people and let people know that we are here to help, at no cost, and welcome them into the community, to let them know (about our services) and to build their connections. Also, it's an opportunity for them as well to connect with different organizations and different cultures. The community is so diverse. I'm excited to help them with different kinds of (services) that we can provide, to (learn) about resources in Selkirk's community," said Muker.

Reynolds explained that it's very important that these services are


available in our rural communities.

"When it comes to immigration, I think these services are really critical. It means that newcomers arriving to Canada can really thrive and get themselves established and reach their own personal goals," he said.

He also explained that it's not just newcomers who benefit, but our whole community, because of the positive contributions that these people will be able to make while they succeed.

As for the open house, Muker assures residents that there is nothing that needs to be done ahead of time, just stop by and check it out.

"Everybody is so welcome. The library is a beautiful place to gather and let the people in Selkirk know that we are here. Anybody from any organization, any person or employer or (anyone of any age), from youth to adults, everybody is welcome," said Muker.



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Old St. Jude's Heritage Site to see heritage event on Aug. 9

History buffs of every age welcome to check out this interesting historic local site

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Friends of Old St. Jude's are excited to welcome our region's residents to the Old St. Jude's Heritage Site on Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a chance to check out this cool local historical point.

"It's a ribbon cutting. What we're doing is we've finally got our new vestibule and steeple installed. It's a celebration of the reimagining of the renovation to Old St. Jude's," said Laura McCombe, who was the project manager of the vestibule renovation of Old St. Jude.

Old St. Jude's is located at 14 Gery Ave., on the corner of Sunset Ave. and Grey Ave., Grand Marais, not far from the West Gate of Grand Beach Park.

The site is home to an 130-year-old log building that was formerly used as a church and, because of that, is an example of the craftsmanship practices of the time. This includes black poplar logs with dovetailed ends and local fieldstone with mortar. The elements inside the space, such as the pews, holy table, and shelf, were hand-made by a local carpenter.

Another aspect of the church that makes it culturally significant is that it was a primarily Métis church when it was first in use and the land was donated by Métis citizens, with the structure having been built in 1896.

The more recent history of the structure is that it was in disrepair, but the RM of St. Clements took ownership of

the property in 2014. Since then, the property was declared a Manitoba Heritage Site in 2018.

The Friends of Old St. Jude's have done a great deal of work to restore the structure, wanting to maintain this historic community gathering place and continue its use by the community.

As for the event on Aug. 9, it's a celebration of the old and the new.

"We've got the event happening at 11 in the morning. There will be speeches. We're going to honour the treaty lands. There will be a smudging," explained McCombe.

This celebration, in addition to marking the success they have had so far, is a thank you to all of those who have contributed, and everyone is welcome.

"We are honouring those who contributed to the renovation we had. We had a campaign called the Just Ask Campaign, and we had some generous donors who helped kick-start the renovations and basically saved Old St. Jude's from the wrecking ball," explained McCombe.

In addition to the acknowledgement

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Black Cat Wear Parts in Selkirk supports local environmental initiative

Red River Operation Clean Up gets generous donation

Submitted by Red River Operation Clean Up

Black Cat Wear Parts in Selkirk joins Robert Belanger and his two and a half decades of running an environmental program that has removed over a million pounds of garbage from the shorelines of the Red River. Last year, Red River Operation Clean Up celebrated 25 years of environmental stewardship as a local grass-roots project. Black Cat joins other municipalities in the area as a sponsor to make sure this project and the work it does continues.

“Being in Selkirk for over 30 years, we are always looking for ways we can give back to the community. When we heard about the Red River Operation Clean Up, we knew we wanted to be a part of this initiative,” said Felicia Brooks, HR Manager at Black Cat. Plant Manager Zach Zabizewski says, “Black Cat is proud to take part in such a well-known project and one that has made such a difference for the environment and our Red River.”

“I am so pleased,” said Belanger, “That Black Cat Wear Parts stepped up to show its support for this wonderful project. Having a World-renowned industry leader like this step up shows just where Black Cat Wear Parts puts its priorities when it comes



Red River Operation Clean Up received a generous donation from Black Cat Wear Parts. Pictured: Robert Belanger, Founder of Red River Operation Clean Up, Black Cat Wear Parts H.R. Manager Felicia Brooks, Plant Manager Zach Zabizewski, ROC worker Gagrial Nwoko, and ROC worker Alan Dematurko.

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to supporting local do-good projects. Belanger already knows that the donated \$3000 will go towards buying the Red River Clean Up website. new 45-gallon drums and upgrading



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Kids Fishing for a Cure hits major milestone



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For thirty years, fishers in our community have been bringing joy to sick kids in our province and their families by taking them out on annual fishing voyages through Kids Fishing for a Cure. The event, this year, saw 12 families benefit from getting away for a day of fun on the Red River. When asked about the fishing that day, a participant said that even a bad day for catching fish is still a good day out on the river. Event organizer Colleen Girling wanted to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this event possible.



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letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment to the community of St. Andrews and the City of Selkirk, along with surrounding areas, on two important issues.

Firstly, as posted on the RM of St. Andrews website, on Aug. 1, the RM council has requested its withdrawal from the Capital Planning Region (CPR), which consists of 18 municipalities and Winnipeg. The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) developed Plan 20-50, a regional development, transportation, and infrastructure planning framework. Some of the contentious issues in the original framework include density targets and loss of autonomy over land use and economic development opportunities. By withdrawing from the CPR, the RM of St. Andrews will be able to continue to listen to

and advocate for its constituents, maintaining local governing autonomy and navigating its constituents through current local issues, such as high-density housing.

On Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m., the RM of St. Andrews will be meeting to discuss a few important local issues that will greatly impact St. Andrews. Land use, variances, and the approval of Subdivision Application S25-3102 will be discussed. The developer has applied for the division of 20.82 acres off River Road near MacLennan Road into 76 (yes, seventy-six!) small urban-sized lots (0.17-0.41 acres) in an area currently zoned Rural Residential (RR), meaning the size of lots is required to be a minimum of 1.38 acres. The RM Council approved this plan on May 13, pending several conditions. All

St. Andrews and Selkirk residents are invited to attend to share their opinion on high-density housing in a rural neighbourhood with our council. Even if this proposed high-density housing development isn't in your neighbourhood, the next one might be.

The council needs to hear from you, their constituents, and use our local governing autonomy to reject Subdivision Application S25-3102 and high-density housing in St. Andrews. The meeting is at the RM of St. Andrews Municipal Office, 500 Railway Avenue in Clandeboye.

Thank you,

*Submitted by Jay Sandilands
RM of St. Andrews*

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of the effort that the community has put into this project, there will be a viewing of the structure itself, followed by a snack of some bannock, jam, honey and cheese.

This is an event that anyone interested in local history won't want to miss.

"Much of it is original. What we did is we have replaced the vestibule and the steeple. The bell that's in there has been there since 1913, and it was donated to the church. It's got a beautiful brass bell, and the brass bell is going to call everybody to the door when we have our speeches and our ribbon cutting," said McCombe.

She explained that it's important that we keep spaces like this in our communities.

"It's for the future, for generations to come. This, we're doing this not for ourselves, but for future generations," said McCombe.

"I think it showcases the ingenuity of the people who settled here. The people who were buried in the grave-

yard were original settlers. They came from all over. They weren't just Métis, but it was a community place at the beginning, and we hope that it continues to be a community gathering place," she said.

ing place," she said.

McCombe hopes that people come to this event if they are able.

"They are welcome to come. We hope that they find peace in this place and that they are like us, honouring the spirits who live there," she said.



The inside of Old St. Jude's.

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Nova House is hosting a poster contest this summer and all are invited

Find as many posters as you can in our community

By Katelyn Boulanger

Nova House in Selkirk is taking advantage of the warmer weather to get people exploring our community. Right now, they are hosting the Summer Poster Hunt Contest. This contest challenges residents to find at least ten of the 13 posters that they have put up at various locations in our community to be entered to win a prize.

“(The contest is) just to provide some more awareness of Nova House and who we are. We do have a low profile. We are trying to get the word out a little bit more that we do exist in the community. A lot of people do know about us and support us. The community has been super supportive of us, but there are still so many people who don’t know we exist. This is to help, not only educate people about who we are, and to let people know that we’re there, but also (highlights) health and wellness and the other resources that are in our community because each clue takes them to a different resource,” said Viktoria Westgate, Executive Director of Nova House.

Nova House is an emergency and transitional shelter in Selkirk for individuals with or without children experiencing intimate partner (domestic violence) and/or family violence. They offer 24-hour, 7-day-a-week accommodations to help support and empower a life free from all forms of abuse.

The rules of the contest are simple. Residents are asked to find ten of the 13 posters that Nova House has posted in our community and take a photo of each poster you find. From there, you email your photos to Nova House at outreach@novahouse.ca. The first person to email photos of 10 locations wins a Nova House Swag Bag. Everyone else who finds 10 posters and submits in one email will be entered into a draw for another swag bag. Finally, if you can find all 13 posters and send the photos in one email to Nova House, they will put you in an additional draw for a third bag.

The clues to the locations are posted on their social media and will continue to be posted throughout the summer. The contest closes on Aug. 31.

“The idea came from another shelter in another community; they had done something quite similar, and so we just took their idea and then expanded it a little bit to the contest idea. It’s the first time we’ve done something like this,” said Westgate.

Finding the posters isn’t meant to be very difficult as the point is getting

into our community to discover our local service organizations. As a hint, the first clue posted on Nova House’s social media is “Here you’ll find the Teen Clinic, Public Health, and the RAAM Clinic, among other services. No need to go in — just window shop!”

If you want some more clues, you’ll have to check out their social media.

This initiative is part of their More than Just a Shelter Campaign, which highlights community connections and the resources that places like Nova House and other organizations in our community have to offer, which are often more than people realize.

“We also provide educational workshops, counselling services, and ongoing outreach services. So even when you leave the shelter, we are

still providing services. It doesn’t end when you move out. They stay in the outreach program for as long as they need. They come back for programming. They have continued counselling and we do presentations in the community,” explained Westgate.

She is hopeful that this initiative not only benefits Nova House but also their fellow community organizations that have agreed to be poster locations, as the idea is that this is a community-centred initiative that really helps residents to learn what’s out there and available to them.

“We always want to collaborate with other community members, and we do that often. Sometimes they’ll come and do presentations with our clients, and we do the same with theirs. We refer (back and forth). So, it’s definitely good collaboration within our community, and we all need to know about each other so we can help each other and help people that we serve

access all of our resources. We’re not all doing the same thing, right? So, if someone else is doing something, and we know about what they’re doing, we want to help our clients access that resource,” said Westgate.

She encourages residents to give participating a shot.

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Tim Horton’s Camp Day Fundraiser



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Tim Horton's Camp Day was a success both Nationally and locally. The fundraiser which helps youth from underserved communities access life-changing experiences with Tims Camps raised over 13 Million nationally and combined the two Tim Horton's in Selkirk raised \$10,800 of that total.

Siblings take home prizes from Triple S Fair's Home and Fine Arts Exhibition

Brynli and Isaac Arneson show that our next generation of artists are off to a good start

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Triple S Fair and Rodeo brought back their Home and Fine Arts Exhibition, and local siblings Brynli and Isaac Arneson did very well in the competition, with each taking home a bunch of ribbons. The siblings entered art that they made at the Little Britain Kids Summer Art/Craft Day Camp into the competition proving that they learned a lot and that the next generation of local artistic talent is going to be top-notch.

Brynli is eight, almost nine, and took home eight ribbons from the competition while Isaac, who is six, took home four.

Isaac says that he did better than he thought he would. He expected to take home three ribbons. Brynli also did better than she thought she would, as she didn't have expectations going in.

Brynli said that it felt really good to be able to take the ribbons home, and Isaac responded with an enthusiastic thumbs up to being asked if he felt proud of his achievements.

The siblings, in addition to winning their prize ribbons, also received some gift cards to an art store in Winnipeg. They spent their prize money on some nice calligraphy pens, which will no doubt become part of future art projects.

The siblings have both been attending the Little Britain Kids Summer Art/Craft Day Camp for a few years, with Brynli having gone a little longer than her younger brother. They have even already signed up to return again this summer for an additional week.

Thea Ostermann, the program Coordinator and Instructor for the camp said that it was wonderful to find out that her students had won prizes in the competition.

"The Romero Britto style (piece) is one that kids really like, because they paint with food colouring, and the colours come out really bright, and it's a happy picture. (Brynli) did all her own drawing and painting, and that's one of the ones that got a prize. And then, I do a recycled sculpture project with different odds and ends. I collect recycling that's interesting, and she did a giraffe out of cardboard rolls, I believe that won a prize. The third one was a Georgia O'Keeffe style piece in watercolour painting, and Georgia's style is large flowers off the page. (Brynli) did her own flower painting, and she won a prize on that one. She did some other submissions too, but those three were the ones that were done in camp," said Ostermann.

Ostermann runs her art camp like a classroom. The students, who are between the ages of four and 12, sit through a small slideshow about an artist or an art style. They get told about the pieces that they are going to be making that day. They do a mock-up on scrap paper, and then they are given good quality art supplies to do their final pieces on.

Students like Isaac and Brynli, who come back to the camp multiple times, though they do similar art projects, have the difficulty of their art projects increased so that they can learn more and challenge themselves.

Ostermann has been running this camp since 2012 as a project in her retirement.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The cost of one week is \$135 per student. Siblings get a \$5 discount.

The camp also has one week of advanced classes for ages 9 and up, which includes machine sewing and cooking skills with a smaller focus on advanced children's art projects, and the cost is \$25 more as more supplies are needed.

Ostermann says that she sees quite a bit of improvement in the kids' art who come back over the years.

"I tell the parents, keep some of the good work from this year and see how they do next year when



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Above- Brynli and Isaac with their ribbons and some of their winning pieces. Below: Brynli's giraffe which she designed to also work as jewellery storage.



they come back, because there is definitely improvement," she said.

Brynli and Isaac say that they both had fun during their first week at the art camp, with Brynli saying that her favourite piece to make was inspired by the lesson that she was taught about Romero Britto, who makes colourful pieces with influences that include pop-art and cubism. Isaac explained that it was just too hard to choose what his favourite piece to make was.

The students learn about a wide

variety of famous artists and artistic styles in the camp.

If you would like to register your child for this camp, there are still a few spaces open in the upcoming weeks. The fourth week of the camp starts on Aug. 11, and the fifth week is on Aug. 18. The final week of the camp is the advanced week for ages 9 and up.

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A drizzly day for Soldiers on the Red



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Soldiers on the Red is an event that was held on July 27 at Selkirk Park. Veterans were given the opportunity to get on the Red River and do some fishing. This event was hosted by the Walleye Anglers Assoc. of MB in collaboration with Soldier On. Canadian Armed Forces members and their families had a great morning on the river.

St. Andrews requests withdrawal from the Capital Planning Region

Submitted by the RM of St. Andrews
The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews has officially submitted a request to withdraw from the Capital

Planning Region (CPR)—a body that drafted the regional planning document Plan 20-50 and comprises 18 municipalities, such as the cities of

Winnipeg and Selkirk.
The Council's decision reflects longstanding concerns shared by several other member municipalities and

members of the public—regarding the potential loss of autonomy over land use and economic development opportunities should Plan 20-50 be implemented.

In August 2024, Premier Wab Kinew announced the introduction of legislation that would allow voluntary membership in the CPR. This commitment was formalized on June 3, when Bill 4 – The Planning Amendment Act received Royal Assent, enabling municipalities to request withdrawal.

On July 22, the Council of the RM of St. Andrews passed a resolution seeking approval from the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations to withdraw from the CPR at the earliest opportunity. Per Clauses 10(2) and 10(3) of Bill 4, requests received before the 2026 municipal election must be granted.

The Council extends sincere thanks to Premier Wab Kinew, Minister Glen Simard, and the provincial government for their leadership and for upholding the principle of local governance.



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Gimli Film Festival caps off 25th anniversary with celebration and record crowds

By E. Antonio

The Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) wrapped up its 25th anniversary in style, drawing record-setting crowds and showcasing five days of film, workshops and festivities from July 23-27.

The milestone edition of Manitoba's largest film festival kicked off with an opening ceremony on July 23, where GIFF board members, dignitaries and guests gathered to celebrate the festival's legacy and impact.

"Gimli International Film Festival is an opportunity for artists to tell stories in their own voices," said GIFF board member Amanda Leushen, who welcomed speakers including Elder Ruth Christie, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Nellie Kennedy, Lieutenant-Governor Anita Neville, RBC vice-president Candace Hodgins, GIFF executive director Teya Zuzek, Gimli Deputy Mayor Kurt Reichert, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, and GIFF founder and chair Janis Johnson.

Johnson thanked supporters for contributing to the success of the festival over the years.

"You gave your creativity, energy, and heart to create the best possible film festival," she said, adding that she plans to publish a book in 2026

documenting GIFF's journey. "It is the only way to capture the stories, visions and challenges that got us here."

During the awards and closing reception on July 26, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presented Johnson with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the 25th anniversary and her contributions as founder.

GIFF communications coordinator Dre DeBattista said the 2025 edition was "an overwhelming success," crediting the volunteers, sponsors, filmmakers and community for their support.

"The team did a lot to step up this year's festival," she said. "The program was thoughtfully curated — Icelandic films in the mornings appealed to the local crowd, while the social justice series drew strong evening and weekend audiences."

DeBattista said Saturday's Almost Famous RBC Sunset Screening drew a record crowd, and audience buzz quickly surrounded Bob Trevino Likes It, which went on to win the Audience Choice Award.

For DeBattista, a personal highlight

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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan presented Johnson with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the 25th anniversary and her contributions as GIFF founder.

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GIFF 2025 AWARD WINNERS

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- DOC Canada Barry Lank Award: The Fruit Machine: A Space Opera by Shawna Dempsey and Lorri Millan (presented by Ernie Nathaniel)
- Manitoba Film & Music Best Manitoba Film: Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance by Noam Gonick (presented by Lynne Skromeda)
- ACTRA Manitoba Best Performance Awards: Kris Cahatol for grieph and Gail Maurice for Aberdeen (announced by Alan Wong)
- Directors Guild of Canada – Manitoba Best Director: Noam Gonick for Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance (presented by Norma Bailey)
- New Voices Award: Coexistence, My Ass! by Amber Fares (announced by Teya Zuzek)



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Grand Jury 'Best of Fest' Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin presented by David Knipe.

- APTN Indigenous Spirit Award: Siksikakowan: The Blackfoot Man by Trevor Solway (announced by Amanda Leushen)
- The Alda Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin (presented by Janis Johnson)
- Grand Jury 'Best of Fest' Award: Universal Language by Matthew Rankin (presented by David Knipe)
- Audience Choice Award: Bob Trevino Likes It by Tracie Laymon (announced by Amanda Leushen)



Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson (back row, centre) joins Gimli International Film Festival board members, organizers and special guests to celebrate GIFF's 25th anniversary at the opening ceremony on July 23. The milestone edition of Manitoba's largest film festival ran July 23–27, drawing record crowds for five days of film, workshops and festivities.

FILMMAKER REFLECTS ON COMMUNITY, HISTORY AND PRIDE

Justine Pimlott, producer of Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance, said she was humbled by the recognition she and director Noam Gonick received at this year's festival, where the film won both Best Manitoba Film and Best Manitoba Director.

"I have been wanting to make this film for a very long time to showcase the rise of the 2SLGBTQ+ movement," said Pimlott, who was born in Winnipeg. "It really hasn't been told in the way we approached it. It's a story of my life."

The documentary uses archival footage and interviews with activists and elders to trace Canada's 2SLGBTQ+ rights movement from the ground up.

"We fought for our rights. We fought against discrimination. This is Canadian history — critical history — and

it's important that we make our story available," she said. "This is not an arm's-length film. You see lived experiences and passion, and that rigour comes through in the storytelling."

Pimlott credited the National Film Board of Canada and a dedicated team of executives for helping bring the vision to life.

"This is a milestone within the 2SLGBTQ+ movement," she said. "Being able to tell part of this history is extraordinary — I feel incredibly privileged."

To her, the film's reception at GIFF affirms its impact.

"These awards are a reflection of how the film is resonating," she said. "People want to know whose shoulders we stand on."

She encourages all Canadians to watch the film.

"Parade will change your life," she said. "It tells the stories of incredibly brave, bold, passionate people who fought for the right to love and live as they are."

Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance is available to stream for free at www.nfb.ca/film/parade.



Manitoba Best Director: Noam Gonick for Parade: Queer Acts of Love and Resistance presented by Norma Bailey.

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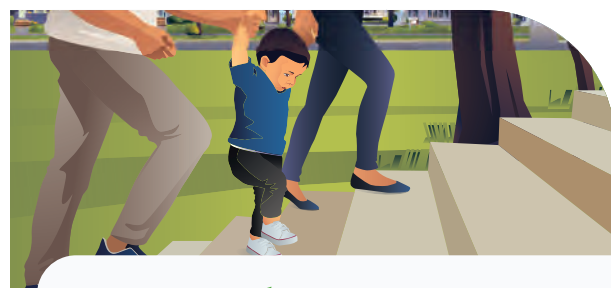
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Couple “Tri’ing to End ALS” makes stop in Arborg on cross-country journey

By Lana Meier

Two Canadians on a mission to end ALS made their way through Manitoba this past weekend, stopping in Arborg and competing in the Hecla Triathlon as part of a four-month, cross-country campaign.

Donna Bartel and her husband, Mike Pearson, are undertaking an extraordinary challenge: to complete 18 triathlons across all 10 provinces and three territories to raise awareness and funds for those affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Their campaign, Tri’ing to End ALS, will cover more than 24,000 kilometres by the time they reach the finish line in September.

Bartel, who lost her mother to ALS in 2001, said the idea behind the journey was to give hope, raise awareness and push for better treatment options.

“There are around 4,000 Canadians living with ALS at any given time,” she said. “It can strike anyone, at any time, and it’s always fatal. We’re doing this for them — to give hope and to push for a cure.”

The couple set a goal of raising \$600,000, with half the funds going toward patient support services through provincial ALS societies and the other half supporting ALS research through Project Hope. As of late July, they had reached only four per cent of their goal — a figure Bartel said highlights the need for greater awareness.

“We’re not celebrities, and this isn’t a huge corporate campaign,” she said. “But we believe in this cause deeply, and we hope that as more people hear about our journey, they’ll be inspired to help.”

Bartel and Pearson, who met through a triathlon club and have been competing for more than 35 years, came up with the idea years ago. Bartel had completed Ironman Canada races in 2010 and 2012 as ALS fundraisers. But it wasn’t until recently that the pair realized they could take the idea national.

“A couple of years ago, Mike started looking at whether it was even possible to race across the country — and once we saw it could be done, the planning got serious,” Bartel said.

Their Manitoba stop included the Hecla Triathlon on July 26 and a stay at the Arborg Heritage Village Campground. Bartel said they received warm support from both the campground and the triathlon organizers.

“Arborg felt like such a welcoming community,” she said. “We’ve been so grateful for the help from Pat at the campground and Paula with the Hecla Triathlon Detour. The course

was beautiful and it’s been wonderful seeing these small-town parts of Canada.”

The campaign has taken a physical and emotional toll.

“We’re both getting tired,” Bartel admitted. “We’re racing every weekend now until September and driving a lot in between. Add in social media and planning where we’re staying — it’s a lot. But we meet people every day who have a connection to ALS, and those conversations are what keep us going.”

“People living with ALS have to dig deep every day,” she added. “So when it gets tough, we remind ourselves to dig deep for a day or two. That’s nothing compared to what they face.”

The couple has self-funded nearly the entire journey — covering race fees, travel, accommodations, and time off work — with support from a few sponsors. Planning their route has been a logistical feat.

“Mike mapped out our race schedule and coordinated with race directors,” Bartel said. “Then we figure out how far we can travel each day and try to find free places to stay.”

Highlights from their cross-country tour so far include a touching moment in Iqaluit.

“We went to NuBrew, a local brewery that was hosting trivia night,” Bartel said. “When the organizer, Big Jon, heard what we were doing, he collected donations on the spot — \$520. Mike and I were both in tears from their generosity.”

Bartel said including the territories in their campaign was non-negotiable.

“ALS can affect anyone, anywhere,” she said. “Several people in Iqaluit thanked us for including Nunavut. That meant a lot.”

In Manitoba, the couple connected with the ALS Society, which shared their story. Bartel said many people don’t realize how donations stay local.

“Fifty per cent of funds raised in Manitoba support people living with ALS right here — through equipment, advocacy and support,” she said. “The other 50 per cent goes to research and clinical trials through UBC, so people in Western Canada have access to new treatments.”

They hope their efforts spark national attention.

“We need more media support,” Bartel said. “This is a Canada-wide fundraiser that directly benefits people in every province and territory.”

For those looking to help, she offered a few suggestions.

“Our website has a donation link. People can also volunteer with the



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Donna Bartel and Mike Pearson with their bikes at the start of the Hecla Triathlon on July 26 — one of 18 triathlons they’re completing across Canada to raise funds and awareness for ALS.



Tri’ing to End ALS campaigners Donna Bartel and Mike Pearson with Arborg Mayor Peter Dyck.

ALS Society of Manitoba or just come out and cheer at races,” she said. “Even sharing our story helps.”

When asked what keeps them motivated, Bartel reflected on the personal impact their journey is having.

“There was a young woman in Stettler, Alberta — her face just lit up when she heard what we were doing,” she said. “Her uncle had ALS, and it meant so much to her that someone was doing something to help.”

Looking ahead, the couple hopes to see real change in how ALS is treated and supported.

“We want to raise enough to make a

real difference,” Bartel said. “This disease has been around too long. Too many people are dying.”

“In the next five to 10 years, we hope there’s a treatment to slow ALS — and ultimately a cure. And we want to make sure anyone living with ALS in Canada has the support they need to live fully.”

Their message remains simple: they’re tri’ing to make a difference — but they need help to get to the finish line.

To learn more or donate, visit www.triingtoendals.ca.

Hnatiuk Law joins forces with PKF Lawyers in Selkirk merger

By E. Antonio

A well-known Selkirk lawyer is entering a new chapter while keeping his roots firmly planted at home.

Andrew Hnatiuk, founder of Hnatiuk Law, has merged his practice with PKF Lawyers, bringing expanded legal services to the region without leaving the community he's proud to serve.

The move brings expanded services to 183 Main St. to local clients while allowing Hnatiuk to stay rooted in the community where he grew up and continues to live.

"PKF approached us about the idea, and it really just made sense," said Hnatiuk. "We were outgrowing our space, and this allows us to keep growing without compromising how we serve our clients."

Hnatiuk opened his firm in 2020 with a vision of providing client-focused legal support in his hometown. Over the years, he became a trusted first point of contact for many Selkirk residents. Now, he said, the merger allows him to offer more in-house services—including family law, litigation, criminal defence, and complex corporate transactions—areas he previously had to refer to Winnipeg-based firms.

"I have always had really great support from the Selkirk community and want to continue building those connections with the PKF team," he said.

The transition has been smooth. All existing client files have been moved to the PKF office, and the staff remains unchanged—with one exception. Hnatiuk's wife, who served as his receptionist, has stepped away from the role to pursue personal goals.

"It has been really nice to have that recognition from a big firm like PKF," Hnatiuk said. "It means



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Erik Freedman, left, and Andrew Hnatiuk stand outside PKF Lawyers' Selkirk office following the recent merger between Hnatiuk Law and PKF. The partnership expands local legal services while keeping Hnatiuk rooted in the community.

we have that feedback where they want to see us as a team, and not as competition anymore."

One of the biggest changes for Hnatiuk is being able to step back from the administrative side of

running a business.

"I'm looking forward to focusing more on legal work again," he said. "Managing HR and office logistics was taking time away from my clients—and from my wife and four kids. This new role gives me space to be more present both professionally and personally."

Though his name is now attached to a larger firm, Hnatiuk said his values remain the same.

"I still want to remain client-focused, right here in Selkirk," he said. "We've always been active in the community, and I want our customer and community service to remain at the heart of my practice."

He emphasized that PKF Lawyers shares those community-minded values and expressed confidence the merger will be a positive step forward for clients.

"I hope people see this as a gain, not a loss," he said. "We're keeping services local. I know this community, and I want to preserve that connection."

For Hnatiuk, the merger also comes with a meaningful personal tie. The new PKF Lawyers location sits on the site of the former Brown's Bakery—where his wife's grandfather once worked.

"I think it's really neat that I have that connection," he said. "There's history here."

All calls and emails to Hnatiuk Law are now being redirected to the PKF Lawyers Selkirk office. Clients can continue to reach him at 204-482-3921 or via email at ahnatiuk@pkflawyers.com.

"I look forward to continuing to serve all we can," Hnatiuk added. "We love being a part of this community, and I'm really excited to continue on this next chapter."

Janis Johnson honoured with Coronation Medal for decades of service

By Lana Meier

A distinguished Gimli resident has been recognized for decades of community service and leadership with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Janis Gudrun Johnson was presented with the commemorative medal by Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson at the Gimli International Film Festival opening reception on July 24. The ceremony was part of a broader initiative to honour Manitobans who have made significant contributions to their communities and the province.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding civic dedication, volunteerism and public service.

Johnson, who grew up in Gimli, was praised by Johnson for an "exceptional career in public service and years as a dedicated volunteer in our communities."

Appointed to the Senate in 1990, she served for 26 years and became the longest-serving Conservative member of the Upper Chamber. During her tenure, she chaired and served on numerous Senate committees, including Foreign Affairs, Indigenous Peoples, Fisheries and Oceans, Transport and Communications, and Human Rights.

She was also one of the first women appointed to the Board of Directors of CN, where she led the cre-

ation of the first on-site childcare centre in a Canadian Crown corporation.

As the founder and current board chair of the Gimli Film Festival, Johnson helped grow the annual event into a world-renowned celebration of cinema that has welcomed thousands of visitors to Manitoba since 2001.

Beyond politics and film, she has supported numerous arts, culture and advocacy organizations. Johnson joined the board of Manitoba Special Olympics in 1981, later becoming a director with Special Olympics Canada. She has also served with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Prairie Theatre Exchange and the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and was honorary chair for Women for Nature.

In recognition of her accomplishments, she received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 2018 and was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2020.

"Please join me in recognizing and thanking the Honourable Janis Johnson for her passion and commitment to the Interlake region, the province of Manitoba, and to Canada," said Johnson.

The Coronation Medal honours Canadians who have given their time, talent and spirit to building stronger communities. Both Arnason and Johnson were recognized not only for their impressive résumés but also for the deep and lasting impact they have made on the Interlake region.



RECORD PHOTO BY RAYME THOMSON
Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson presents the King Charles III Coronation Medal to former senator Janis Gudrun Johnson in recognition of her lifelong dedication to public service, arts, and community leadership in Gimli and beyond.

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Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4 (1 parfait per serving)
1 medium mango, peeled and chopped
2 cups nonfat plain Greek yogurt
1/2 cup low-fat, no-added-sugar granola
1/2 cup diced pineapple
1 medium banana, sliced
1/4 cup pomegranate seeds or arils

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Mango and Pineapple Tropical Parfaits

2 tablespoons unsweetened flaked coconut

In each parfait glass, layer 1/4 mango, 1/4 cup yogurt, 1 tablespoon granola, 2 tablespoons pineapple, 1/4 banana slices and 1/4 cup yogurt. Top with remaining granola. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and coconut.

Serve immediately for peak flavor and texture.

Nutritional information per serving: 230 calories; 6 g total fat; 82 mg sodium; 33 g carbohydrates; 5 g fiber; 24 g total sugars; 13 g protein.



Frozen Yogurt Bark

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 8
1 1/2 cups low-fat, no-sugar-added vanilla Greek yogurt
2 tablespoons honey or pure maple syrup
2 tablespoons chopped unsalted almonds
1/2 cup finely chopped mango
1/2 cup blueberries
1/4 cup blackberries or raspberries, chopped if large

In medium bowl, whisk yogurt and honey until combined.

Line 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Using spatula or knife, spread yogurt mixture over paper as thinly as possible.

Sprinkle almonds over yogurt mixture. Using fingertips, gently press almonds into yogurt mixture.

Sprinkle with mango, blueberries and raspberries. Using fingertips, gently press fruit into yogurt mixture.

Cover dish with plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Freeze overnight.

For serving, remove baking dish from freezer. Gently lift parchment

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Susie Schwartz

As a new powered wheelchair user, I find myself reflecting on whether it's easier navigating the world with a visible or invisible disability. Truthfully, both come with their own challenges.

When I lived with invisible illness, I often heard comments like, "You look great! You must be better now," or "It must be nice not to have to work."

As someone who loves fashion and makeup, I usually put myself together, even when it takes most of my limited energy. It helps my mental health. But just because I look fine doesn't mean I feel fine. My appearance is no measure of how I'm doing.

The "not working" comment particularly gets my hackles up. Losing the ability to work a 9-to-5 job or climb the corporate ladder has been one of the harder parts of my health journey. There are too many duvet days and appointments for that. I miss the office camaraderie—and the regular paycheck.

But I do work. Between writing two newspaper columns, juggling three book projects of my own, and being hired to ghostwrite a memoir, I keep busy. I'm thankful I can do this work on my good days and rest on the bad ones. I have limitations—but I work within them.

For years, a well-meaning friend kept encouraging me to volunteer, "just to stay busy." It felt like they thought I was bored or lazy. In reality, those suggestions devalued my work and invalidated my illness.

Then there's the stigma around accessibility. After being called out more than once for using an accessible washroom, I now get anxious even when using a legal accessible parking spot. If someone confronts me, do I list my conditions? Show them the photo on my blue badge? Walk away? There's no easy answer.

I've used up my words on the emotional challenges of invisible illness, so next month I'll tackle the topic of visible disability. (Check your local affiliate papers if it's not here.)

Assumptions and judgment can cut deeply. Maybe my experience will help you see the world a little differently—through the eyes of someone who's chronically ill. Your support means a lot, even if we've never met.

Less health stress, yes?

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Lemon Chicken Spaghetti

salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1 teaspoon lemon pepper (optional)

Cook noodles according to package instructions. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. In bowl, mix flour and lemon pepper. Mix chicken in flour until evenly coated. In skillet over medium heat, add oil and butter. Add chicken and fry until golden brown. Remove from skillet and set aside. Empty skillet but don't wipe clean. Add chicken broth and, using spoon, stir bits from chicken over medium heat. Add heavy cream, Parmesan cheese and onion powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add lemon powder, if desired. Stir until well combined then add chicken.

Serve over cooked noodles or mix noodles into skillet.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6

1 pound spaghetti noodles
2 chicken breasts
1/2 cup flour
2 tablespoons lemon pepper
1/2 cup avocado oil
3 tablespoons butter
2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon onion powder

Hearts on Fire to headline Quarry Days 2025

By Haley Cvar

Stonewall Quarry Days cranks up the country on opening night

Stonewall Quarry Days is turning up the volume this August with a high-energy musical lineup led by one of Manitoba's most celebrated country bands.

Country-rock fans can look forward to a powerful kickoff on Friday, Aug. 15, as Kates Outlaw headlines the Access Credit Union free stage. The Indigenous four-piece band from Dauphin has earned a reputation for gritty guitar work, rich harmonies and storytelling songs rooted in prairie life and outlaw spirit.

Formed in 2015, Kates Outlaw has steadily risen through Manitoba's music scene, performing at major events such as Dauphin's Countryfest and Rockin' the Fields of Minnedosa. Their 2024 debut album, Longrider Religion, features tracks like Stormy Nights and Buffalo Runner, blending country soul with rock energy. With raw vocals and driving rhythms, the band promises a memorable performance to launch Stonewall's biggest weekend of the year.

Opening the show will be Hearts on Fire, known for their signature '90s country sound and infectious stage presence. The five-piece band was a staple of Manitoba's country music scene throughout the 1990s, opening for national acts including Lisa Brokop, Joan Kennedy and the Kentucky Headhunters.

The group earned multiple accolades from the Manitoba Association of Country Arts, including Entertainer of the Year, Best New Band and Female Vocalist of the Year for three consecutive years. Their songs received airplay on country radio stations across the province.

Reuniting with their original lineup, Hearts on Fire sold out their 2023 reunion show at Winnipeg's Royal George Hotel and have since played venues such as South Beach Casino and the Red River Exhibition. Fans can expect a nostalgic setlist featuring hits by Pam Tillis, Patti Loveless, Marty Stuart, Hal Ketchum and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

Organizers are encouraging festival-goers to don their boots and cowboy hats for a night of two-stepping and singalongs under the Prairie sky.



Kates Outlaw, an Indigenous country-rock band from Dauphin, will headline the Access Credit Union free stage at Stonewall Quarry Days on Friday, Aug. 15.



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Hearts on Fire will open for Kates Outlaw at Stonewall Quarry Days on Aug. 15, bringing their award-winning '90s country sound back to the stage with their original lineup.



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Potter of 55 years shares timeless craft at Arnes Market

Local Interlake artist demonstrates his skills and sells hand-made pottery

By Emma McGill

For more than five decades, Kirk Creed has shaped a life around clay, water and fire.

The Interlake artist has spent the last 15 years sharing that passion with visitors to the Arnes Farmers Market, where he demonstrates pottery techniques and sells one-of-a-kind pieces each weekend.

"In 1970, I think I was attracted to the elements that are involved," Creed said. "I was also attracted to the fact that when you work, you get a finished product. So, it's really good for self-esteem. Every object that you make comes to completion."

Now 55 years into his practice, Creed said no two days are ever the same. "You're never making the same stuff three days in a row," he said.

Creed trained as a young apprentice before opening studios in Winnipeg, abroad, and eventually close to home in the Interlake. He uses a traditional potter's wheel and fires his work in a wood-fired kiln—methods that have remained largely unchanged for centuries.

"I could be transported to a workshop 500 years ago and I could get to work right away," he said. "Pottery is used in archaeology to track the movement of various civilizations because the fibre arts, wooden things, and even iron don't last, but pottery does. Sometimes it's only in fragments but it's still there. In some ways, my work is joining the long-lived work of others."

Creed said travel always renews his inspiration, especially when he



Handmade mugs by Kirk Creed hang from a rustic tree branch, blending natural elements with his timeless pottery craft.

can see how other cultures approach the craft. "There are always things to discover. I like working with my hands and making something that a machine can't make. Machines can make something kind of like it, but they can't make a hand-



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATIE WALLMUTH

Interlake potter Kirk Creed has been creating unique ceramic works for 55 years and continues to share his craft at the Arnes Farmers Market.



Creed has a wide array of handcrafted pottery for sale.

made thing." At Arnes Farmers Market, Creed's booth is just a few miles from his home—something he appreciates as an artist and business owner. "People know that I'm there so they come and

see me," he said. "I can market my stuff locally and I don't have to use the internet to find customers or take my stuff into the city. It's all direct between me and the people."

Looking ahead, Creed hopes more people make the trip to Arnes, not just to see his pottery but to support the many artists and crafters who set up there each weekend.

Located 10 miles north of Gimli on Highway 222, the Arnes Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with vendors offering everything from fresh produce to hand-made jewelry.

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Ande Brown wins \$15K emerging filmmaker pitch at Gimli fest

By Lana Meier

Ande Brown has won the 14th annual RBC \$15,000 Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition at the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF), selected from five finalists during a live pitch session held Saturday morning.

Brown pitched *Half Naked*, a semi-autobiographical comedy about a trans man navigating the anxiety of going shirtless in public for the first time. The jury selected the project for its creative potential and clarity of vision.

Brown is a Winnipeg-based filmmaker whose work explores gender identity and is rooted in his experience as a trans man. His debut short, *Better Late Than Never*, won Best Manitoba Short at the 2024 Reel Pride Film Festival, and he recently com-

pleted his second short, *First Shave*.

"I want to tell stories that reflect trans experiences with humour and hope," said Brown. "If this film helps someone feel seen or brave enough to share their own story, that's a win."

As the winning filmmaker, Brown will receive:

- \$15,000 in production funding from RBC
- \$5,000 in-kind equipment rental support from Sunbelt Rentals
- Mentorship from the National Screen Institute – Canada
- \$2,000 in-kind rentals from Winnipeg Film Group
- \$3,000 in-kind support from Talon Production Services
- A one-year industry professional membership and All Access 365 pass from On Screen Manitoba

• A premiere screening at the 2026 Gimli International Film Festival

• Eligibility to apply for up to \$10,000 through Manitoba Film and Music's Grant Program for Emerging Talent and Micro-Budget Production Fund

"Every story begins with an idea which has the power to inspire, connect or challenge the way we see the world," said Tracey Schofield, regional vice-president for RBC. "We're proud to stand behind the RBC Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition because it provides early-career filmmakers like Ande the platform, resources and access to take that first big step and bring their bold ideas to life."

"We're thrilled to support this initiative alongside RBC and the Gimli

International Film Festival," said Lindsay Somers, executive director of On Screen Manitoba. "Our industry grows stronger when emerging voices are encouraged and empowered. We can't wait to see what Ande creates — and we're excited to be part of that journey."

"The strength of this year's pitches shows how much creative potential exists in Manitoba," said Teya Zuzek, executive director of the Gimli International Film Festival. "We're proud to support Ande at this early stage and look forward to welcoming their finished film to the festival next year."

The RBC Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition is presented by RBC in partnership with On Screen Manitoba and the Gimli International Film Festival.



RECORD PHOTOS BY RAYME THOMSON

Ande Brown wins the 14th annual RBC \$15,000 Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition at the Gimli International Film Festival on Saturday. Brown's pitch, *Half Naked*, was selected for its creative potential and clarity of vision.



Finalists in the 2025 RBC Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition take the stage at the Gimli International Film Festival on Saturday, where each presented their short film idea during a live pitch session.



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Matlock's Samantha Babcock living the Disney dream

By E. Antonio

Samantha Babcock grew up surrounded by Disney movies, characters and music—so it's only fitting that the Matlock native is now living out her dream at sea as a Disney Cruise Line cast member.

"I've always been around Disney and loved the characters, the movies and the people," she said. "It's just always been something that I've looked up to and wanted to be a part of."

Getting hired by the Walt Disney Company can be tricky for Canadians due to visa requirements, but when Babcock learned Disney Cruise Line (DCL) offered a smoother path, she dove right in.

"I found out I could work for Disney Cruise Line with an easier process to be hired—I knew it would be the perfect fit," she said.

After applying through the DCL careers website, she landed her first four-month contract aboard the Disney Wish in 2023. That first voyage launched a whirlwind adventure—she's since signed four more contracts and has no plans to stop yet.

One of her first goals on board? Earning the coveted one-year pin, a milestone badge worn proudly on every cast member's name tag.

"When I first got the job, it felt like something I could do somewhat long-term," she said. "I've had other goals like working in different roles or going to a new ship. I wanted to be able to do everything, so I continued to come back to Disney Cruise Line so I could have the chance to do all these things."

Each new contract brings a chance for new responsibilities or a new ship. While she only had to complete Disney Traditions—the onboarding course on company values and culture—once, she reviews safety procedures every time she signs on.

Babcock has worked in several on-board roles, but her home base is the



Babcock poses in front of the Disney Wish, a 1,119-foot ship that carries more than 4,000 guests and 1,500 crew members. She began her Disney Cruise Line journey aboard the Wish in 2023.

Oceaner Club, a high-energy kids' space filled with themed games, crafts and Disney magic. She's been part of the three- and four-year-old team, worked in the Vibe lounge for teens aged 14 to 17, and even stepped into the It's a Small World nursery for a week.

"I truly have enjoyed all the spaces I've worked in for different reasons, but they all come with their own challenges," she said. "Working with the teens was fun because we could do more advanced games and have real conversations. But it was hard when you had 30 teens with you and had to make sure everyone was behaving appropriately."

"The nursery was great because I love the younger age group—they say the funniest things. But with them comes diapers and crying and snack times."

When she's not leading scavenger hunts or storytime, Babcock makes the most of life at sea. Her cruise routes have included stops in Nassau—where she knows exactly where the Starbucks is—as well as



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Samantha Babcock of Matlock has been working for Disney Cruise Line as a youth counsellor.

Disney's private islands, Castaway Cay and Lookout Cay. Most recently, while aboard the Disney Dream, she checked Cozumel, Mexico off her travel list.

"Working on a cruise ship is a hard job, so when I get a chance to rest, I'm all for it," she said. "It's just nice to do things that make us feel human again."

Off-duty time is precious, and Babcock often spends it exploring ports, lounging by the pool or catching up on sleep.

Between her two main ships, the Wish and the Dream, she prefers the Wish for its modern crew areas and lack of bunk beds. The crew mess is similar across ships, with food served throughout the day—and there's even a small store stocked with snacks and essentials like seasickness tablets.

"I've never gotten seasick," she said, "but I know a lot of people who have."

The job comes with perks—free entry to Disney parks, discounts on food, merchandise, hotel stays and even cruises—but for Babcock, the real reward has been the friendships and unforgettable moments along the way.

"All of the friends I've made have been the best part, truly," she said. "I've also been lucky enough to meet some celebs who've sailed with DCL. My favourite was meeting Jodi Benson, aka the voice of Ariel—it was the greatest moment of my life."

Her current contract ends July 19, and while she doesn't have a set number of voyages in mind, she knows



there's still more magic to chase.

"It's starting to get hard being away from home all the time—missing big events, family, and just the ability to do nothing," she said.

One dream still on her horizon? Joining Walt Disney World's Cultural Representative Program, a one-year role working in the Canada Pavilion at EPCOT.

"I've always wanted to work for the parks because they were what started my love for Disney," she said. "So hopefully one day I'll be able to call it home."

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- **Contract length:** Most Disney Cruise Line cast members sign on for 4 to 6 months at a time, depending on the role.

- **Voyages per contract:** Each contract typically includes 6 to 12 cruises, with itineraries ranging from 3 to 7 nights in the Caribbean or Bahamas.

- **Crew size:** Ships like the Disney Wish and Disney Dream carry about 1,500 crew and 4,000 guests per sailing.

- **Time off:** Between contracts, cast members usually take 4 to 8 weeks off before returning.

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Folklorama's 54th festival runs from Aug. 3 to 16

By Jennifer McFee

Manitoba's annual cultural extravaganza is now underway for the 54th season.

Folklorama runs from Aug. 3 to 16 with 43 ethno-cultural pavilions showcasing their heritage over the two-week run.

At a special sneak-peek event held at The Leaf last week, organizers and ambassadors shared highlights of this year's much-anticipated festival.

Teresa Cotroneo, Folklorama's executive director, drew attention to two brand new offerings this year.

"We're thrilled to welcome the Mabuhay Philippine Pavilion in Week 1 and the Modern Chinese Pavilion in Week 2. We also have several returning favourites that are back after taking a year or more off that include Argentina Tango, Budapest-Hungaria, Africa, Métis, as well as Pabellón de España-Spain Pavilion and Pavilion Canadien-Français," she said.

"A couple pavilions are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year — Pavilion of Scotland celebrating an incredible 50 years, Tamil Pavilion celebrating 25 years and Celtic Ireland Pavilion celebrating its 20th anniversary."

She also noted that due to the wildfire situation affecting northern communities, organizers of the First Nations Pavilion made a difficult decision to withdraw from this year's festival.

"We are partnering with Neemu-Egwah to arrange for some tours for evacuees who are currently staying at local shelters. Together with Buffy Handel, executive director of Neemu-Egwah, we'll be offering a couple evenings each week where we'll provide transportation, admission, food and beverage for youth and senior groups to experience the festival," Cotroneo said.

"The power of culture to uplift, connect and bring joy — that's what Folklorama is all about, creating moments of celebration, understanding and unity."

Languages, arts and customs continue to be nurtured in Manitoba and woven into the culture across generations.

"When you visit a pavilion, you feel the love and pride that our communities pour into sharing their heritage," she said. "It's really a beautiful reflection of who we are collectively."

Thanks to the support of partners and funders, Folklorama continues to be one of the most affordable summer events in Manitoba. Admission is free for kids age 12 and under, and general admission is \$7.50 plus fees. VIP tours



Folklorama's 2025 adult ambassador and youth ambassador helped kick off the festival's 54th season during a sneak-peek event.

and group multi-pack pricing are also available.

"The festival truly has something for everyone no matter what you're after, be it captivating performances, colourful cultural displays, Instagram-worthy photo ops, kids' activities, late night parties," Cotroneo said.

"And, of course, let's not forget about the food — no cooking required for two weeks. So just plan your pavilion-hopping for appetizers, dinner and desserts and you're all set."

At last week's event, McPhillips MLA JD Devgan brought greetings on behalf of the province. He also recalled how he attended Folklorama's cultural celebrations as a child. Now he's enjoying the experience of seeing his younger cousins, nieces and nephews performing in pavilions where he used to perform.

"We know that Folklorama is the largest multicultural programming of its sort in the world. There is nothing like this in any other city replicated at this scale and this level," he said.

"By attending different pavilions and going to different cultural shows, I broadened my horizons of the world. I'm a big champion of Folklorama. We know how important it is to our community."

Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham said Folklorama is a wonderful way to experience the world and celebrate the diversity of our community.

"In the two fun weeks of Folklorama, the volunteers make it happen, whether they're performing or serving the great food and being great hosts to all the pavilions," he added.

"My message to all Manitobans is to please take the opportunity to come and enjoy Folklorama this year."



RECORD PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Participants from a variety of cultural groups gathered at The Leaf to celebrate the launch of Folklorama's 54th season. The two-week multicultural festival runs Aug. 3 to 16 at 43 pavilions across Winnipeg, showcasing food, performances and traditions from around the world.



Similarly, Folklorama board president Kim Ly expressed appreciation for the volunteers as well as all the behind-the-scenes planning that takes place year-round.

"The Folklorama festival is such a great way to discover and celebrate the vibrant and diverse communities that make up our beautiful city," Ly said.

"I'd also like to note that the proceeds from each pavilion go back to that community so the next generation can appreciate, learn and preserve the traditions, customs and recipes that make up their beautiful culture."

The event at The Leaf wrapped up with a toe-tapping performance by siblings Jacob and Cienna Harris of the Asham Stompers, who will be part of the Métis Pavilion during Week 1.

To learn more about Folklorama, visit Folklorama.ca/festival.



Jacob and Cienna Harris of the Asham Stompers will be part of the Métis Pavilion during Week 1.

RCMP respond to accidental drowning at Grand Beach

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Aug. 2, at approximately 8 p.m., Selkirk RCMP were notified of a possible drowning at Grand Beach.

Officers responded immediately and when they arrived on scene were

advised two males had gone out onto the lake on a pool floatation device, when they lost their balance and fell into the water.

One male was rescued by a nearby kayaker; the other male did not resur-

face.

Officers along with assistance from the Manitoba Underwater Recovery Team (URT) were later able to locate the male in the water.

A 25-year-old male from Winni-

peg was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Selkirk RCMP continue to investigate.

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Interlake players selected to Team Manitoba U16 Female POE

By Kieran Reimer

A local trio has spent the summer competing with Manitoba's best U16 female hockey players.

Kennedy Simpson of East Selkirk, Rielle Forfar of Clandeboye, and Makayla Sydenham of Hodgson all attended Team Manitoba U16 Female Program of Excellence tryouts that began in spring, featuring the province's top 2010- and 2011-born players, as well as a few from 2012.

Following initial evaluations, all three girls cracked the Top 68, advancing to a series of inter-squad games in June. Their strong performances in those games secured them spots in the final Top 40, guaranteeing positions on one of two Team Manitoba squads that will face off in a mini-series at the end of August.

"It was really good," Simpson said. "Everyone's competing very hard. It's been tough, but I was still successful."

This year marks Simpson's debut with the Program of Excellence. The 14-year-old centre played for the U15 North East Predators last season.

Forfar and Sydenham, both 15, previously participated in the program, making last year's final Top 68.

Sydenham spent this past winter



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Pictured left to right, Kennedy Simpson (East Selkirk), Rielle Forfar (Clandeboye), and Makayla Sydenham (Hodgson) will represent the Interlake region at the Team Manitoba U16 Female Program of Excellence Top 40 games from Aug. 22-24 at the Hockey For All Centre. Simpson will skate with Team Manitoba White, while Forfar and Sydenham will compete with Team Manitoba Black.

playing defence with the U18 AAA Female Interlake Lightning, competing up an age group.

Forfar, meanwhile, was sidelined for the entire season due to an ACL injury, missing her

role as a centre/left wing with the U15 AAA Female Interlake Lightning. Despite her injury, Forfar re-

mained committed, attending games and road trips with her teammates.

Now fully recovered, she's back on the ice and looking forward to the summer showcase event.

"It's a great group of girls," Forfar said. "I love everybody's mood in the dressing room. Everyone's hyping each other up, and during the fitness testing, everyone's supporting each other, so it's fun."

The Top 40 players have been divid-

ed into two teams—Team Manitoba White and Team Manitoba Black—for the exhibition series set for Aug. 22-24 at the Hockey For All Centre. Players will participate in team Zoom calls ahead of the event, which will be held in front of scouts.

Sydenham and Forfar will compete with Team Manitoba Black, while Simpson will skate for Team Manitoba White.

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The next generation: Purvis family continues Canada Games tradition

By Kieran Reimer

It won't be hard to find someone with the last name Purvis in St. John's, N.L., next week.

The 2025 Jeux du Canada Games will run from Aug. 8 to 25 in St. John's, with three Purvis athletes competing and a large cheering section of family members coming to support.

Teagen Purvis will head into the games looking to defend the four gold medals in swimming she won at the last event.

Teagen, 22, is the oldest of the three athletes. Her sister Zoey and cousin Ben are both making their Canada Games debut, continuing a family tradition on both sides, as their parents also competed in previous editions.

Ben joins Teagen in the pool this year, while Zoey is making her mark on the volleyball court, where she will set for Team Manitoba.

Teagen and Zoey, both from Selkirk, are among 44 Interlake athletes competing at the games. Ben hails from Winnipeg.

He said he's excited for the chance to compete at the biggest event of his career so far.

"It will mean a lot. I've never gone to anything like this before and I'll take in every bit of it," said Ben Purvis.

In the pool, Ben will compete in the 100-metre freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke in Special Olympics events.

Teagen will compete in the same five events on the girls' side of the Special Olympics.

The trio are continuing the Purvis family's strong ties to the Games — and now look to make their own mark.

"It's truly going to make this event special knowing that pretty much the whole family is coming," said Ben Purvis.



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Left to right: Zoey, Teagen and Ben Purvis will represent Manitoba at the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St. John's, N.L., continuing a proud family tradition of competition.

Smoke halts Strikeforce schedule, next match set for Tuesday

By Kieran Reimer

Smoky conditions grounded the Selkirk Strikeforce last Tuesday, forcing a cancellation of their scheduled home game and keeping the club in second place for at least another week.

Strikeforce were set to face Storm City for the second time this season at the Selkirk Recreation Complex, with kickoff originally scheduled for 7:15 p.m. The match will be rescheduled at a later date.

With the unexpected break, Selkirk gets some additional rest ahead

of their next Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3B match, set for Tuesday, Aug. 5, against Thunder FC. The team hasn't played since July 23.

Selkirk remains in hot pursuit of the division-leading Hanover Strikers, while Thunder FC is close behind in fourth place, just two points back of Strikeforce. The two teams last met on May 21, when Selkirk earned a 3-1 victory at Buhler Recreation Park.

The next game for Strikeforce is against the Hanover Strikers on Aug. 17 at the Steinbach Soccer Park Penner

International Field. The game starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

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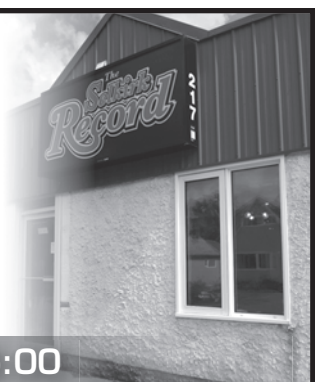
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

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Wednesday
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5:30pm

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application File:	DPA 292-25
Applicant:	Landmark Planning & Design
Property Location:	641 Brimacombe Road (ROLL # 448200)
Application Purpose:	The purpose of this application is to facilitate future development of resort residential lots.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SECONDARY PLAN APPLICATION

RM of East St. Paul

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application File:	Secondary Plan By-law 2025-10
Applicant:	RM of East St. Paul
Property Location:	Multiple Properties Generally located East of Hwy 59 and North of Hwy 101.
Application Purpose:	The purpose of this application is to establish a framework and guiding policy for how land should be developed into the future.



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OBITUARY



Elizabeth Margaret Rose (Peggy) Lang (nee Whiteway)

The family of Margaret (Peggy) Lang sadly announces the peaceful passing of our beloved mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, auntie and friend on December 3, 2024.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Wanda (Dennis) and Kim. Grandchildren Lorianne (Cory), Mathew, Ashley (Kevin), Jeramey and great-grandchild Isaac. Siblings Freda, Lorraine (Bill), Bert (Wendy), Kathy (Percy), Gail, Wayne (Bernice), Denise (Orville), Kelly and Sherry. Also brother-in-law Bruce Lang and many nephews and nieces.

Peggy was predeceased by her parents Bill and Mary, husband Doug, sister Lynn Mae, brother Billy, babies William and Penny and son Randy.

Peggy was born on May 24, 1939 in Winnipeg. She worked on the SS Keenora, at Electro-Knit and Red River Place. She married

Doug Lang in June, 1962.

Kim, Jeramey and Lorraine home-cared for their mother in her final years. We would like to thank Dr. M. Zahiri and staff at Stonewall Hospital.

Peggy has been cremated and a private gathering will be held.

OBITUARY



John Benson Orvis

It is with heavy hearts we announce that, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, John Orvis, aged 52 years of Selkirk, MB passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

Full obituary to follow.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com



Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.

OBITUARY

Ulysse Sabourin 1946 - 2025

On May 5, 2025, Ulysse passed away at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre at the age of 78. He was predeceased by his parents Edouard and Delima, his brothers Eugene and Gilles, sister Lucie and brothers-in-law Jacques and Douglas.

He is survived by his siblings Simone, Aline (Marcel), Joseph and Fernand and sisters-in-law Eleanor and Cecile and nephews and nieces.

Cremation has taken place, and a private graveside service was held at the St. Boniface Cemetery.

Thank you to all the nurses and staff at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre for the care given to our brother and the doctors in the E.R. at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Pruden

Peacefully, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at the St. Boniface Hospital, Margaret Pruden, aged 97 years of Winnipeg passed away.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service was held.

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OBITUARY



Ernie Thomas

It is with saddened, heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Ernie, on July 23, 2025 at Pine Falls Hospital, with his wife Caroline of 26 years by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ernie is survived by his wife Caroline; step-daughter Christina; step-sons Michael (Sherrie) and Garrett (Jennifer); granddaughter Elle; sisters Judy (Earl) and Colleen (Walter); brother Bruce; nephews Vince, Sheldon (Natina), Daniel and Steve.

Ernie was predeceased by mother Alma Rose; father Roland; brothers Carl, Lyle, Barry and Dennis; sisters-in-law Laverne and Pearl.

Ernie was born in Selkirk and raised in Grand Marais, MB. When Ernie was 10 years old he started working at Andersons Garage, changing tires, batteries and keeping the garage clean. At 16 years

old he left to go work in Sioux Narrows as an Auto Mechanic, then on boat motors. He then went to Hamilton and welded box cars. This is where is passion for welding came from. Ernie always said family is the most important thing in life. But his biggest passion was being a fitter welder for 50 years, some with Purvis Navcon and his own business and many, many other companies.

Ernie was known for his big heart, loving ways and especially his music talents of guitar playing, fiddle, mouth organ, spoons and comb. He was also well known for his curling abilities, just prior to his passing he won a men's curling trophy.

Little man with the biggest heart, his loving ways and his little jig.

Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

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OBITUARY

Barbara Karatchuk

Peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Tudor Personal Care Home, Barbara Karatchuk, aged 97 years of Selkirk, MB passed away.

A celebration of Mom's life will be held Friday, August 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

Full obituary to follow.

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