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LSSD reminds drivers to slow down

By E. Antonio

September marks the return of students to classrooms, and the Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) is reminding motorists to put safety first.

Beginning Sept. 1, school zone speed limits come into effect, requiring drivers to slow to 30 km/h from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"It's just a matter of getting back into the groove of school zone speeds," said Joey Turek, LSSD's transportation manager. "There is going to be extra traffic out on the roads, there are going to be a ton of pick-ups and drop offs and we are going to have lots of little kids crossing the school zones so it is essential you slow down."

Drivers are also reminded they must stop when a school bus's red lights are flashing and stop arms are extended. Most of LSSD's buses are equipped with cameras, and anyone caught passing a bus stop sign will be reported to the Selkirk RCMP. The of-

fence carries a \$673 fine.

"It's steep, but it needs to be there," said Turek. "At the end of the day there is no excuse to go through a stop sign and risk student safety."

Last school year, the division reported more than 100 violations to RCMP, with problem areas including Manitoba Avenue, Highway 8 and Highway 9.

"It definitely happens more than we like, and I hope this year we are able to reduce the number of tickets issued," Turek said.

LSSD operates 46 bus routes that carry 2,435 students, about 60 per cent of total enrolment.

Turek's top safety tip for motorists this fall is patience.

"I get that it can be frustrating having to slow down or stop completely, but it only takes a bus about 20 to 30 seconds to complete their pick up or drop off—it only takes a short time to save someone's life."



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School zone speed restrictions are in effect starting Sept. 1. Drivers must slow to 30 km/h between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, in designated school zones.

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Back to school isn't just for kids, learn more at the upcoming education open house

The Adult Education Casual Information Drop-in will have resources to help people with all levels of education needs and workplace education options

By Katelyn Boulanger

When it comes to accessing educational resources for adults, it can be a bit tricky knowing which of our local organizations is the right one to talk to. Luckily, these education organizations have teamed up for a casual drop-in open house style event on Sept. 3, where they will all be at the Gaynor Family Regional Library. Adults in our community looking to take steps towards, or even just learn more about, education can get their questions answered all in one place.

"These are programs that are running in Selkirk, so you don't have to go to Winnipeg for them. And with the beginning of the school year, if people are wondering what their options are (this can help). To me, the big thing is, sometimes you try to contact these places, and it's hard to get a hold of somebody or get questions answered.

But, here you get to talk to a person, and we sometimes redirect people. If they come to my booth and they actually are interested in something else, they can go speak to the person next to me. So, it's just an efficient way of learning about what adult education and employment opportunities are available right here in Selkirk," said Adele Plett Bartel, Program Coordinator at the Selkirk Adult Learning program.

There are going to be eight organizations at this drop-in style event that each help out learners and workers in different stages of their education and careers. They are: AIM for Work, Regional Connections, LSEC Adult Learning Centre, Selkirk Employment Services, Training and Employment Services, Red River Polytechnic, Selkirk Adult Learning Program(SALP), and Workplace Edu-



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Stop by the Adult Education Casual Information Drop-in.



cation Manitoba(WEM).


These programs cover the needs of a variety of learners, from people who need to brush up on the basics to people interested in pursuing post-secondary education and more.

"My program is probably the most basic, because we do pre-high school, whether it's just trying to upgrade


skills to get into high school or into college. We also offer a basic computer class that, if you're going back to school and you need to be able to even just register online, sometimes that can be a problem," said Plett Bartel.

She also pointed out that WEM pro-

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vides education for people who are already in the workforce to acquire specific skills which might be important to succeed in particular careers so this event is really for just about everyone.

New to the Adult Education drop-in this year is Regional Connections. They provide free settlement, employment, language, and community connections services for newcomers.

"(We) help (newcomers) with resumes and interview preparations, and also help people to connect to resources regarding job opportunities in the community in different locations," explained Jashan Jot Kaur Muker, Settlement Worker for Regional Connections.

Overall, the reason that these organizations team up to host this event a couple of times a year is because they want residents to have an opportunity to find the right educational resources for them.

"People are going on their education journey and you've got a new group of people coming in continually. People are moving through education. So, we want to keep reaching out to those who are new, who may have moved to the community, or this is the time for them," said Plett Bartel.

Muker agreed, explaining that it doesn't matter where you are in your education, there's probably something for you.

"This is open to everybody and anybody from all sectors, from all organizations or from the community. Anybody is welcome to attend this event, discover resources and meet different organizations, and definitely, take steps into education and employment all in one evening," said Muker.

The drop in takes place on Sept. 3 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Plett Bartel explained that improvement and achieving goals is often part of the reason that people connect with them but, with learning being lifelong, there might be some unexpected benefits to signing up for additional education.

"When it comes to employment, often you need to improve your skills. It increases what you're able to do in the future. It's good for mental health and well-being and confidence and all of those things," she said.

As far as this event goes, she's happy to be able to once again take part in it.

"I love meeting the people who come through. It's really neat when people have that desire for education or for employment, and then they

find a good fit," she said.

She encourages those who think they could benefit to grab a friend and stop by, or even to stop by if you have someone in your life who you want to grab resources for.

"I'd say, bring your questions, your curiosity. You can stay as short or as long as you like, it's a casual drop-in, so no appointments are needed. There is a door prize. There'll be some snacks there," said Plett Bartel.

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WAVE of inspiration hits Gimli beachcomber

Barbara Foreman opens her studio, Fossibilities, to the public Aug. 30-31

By Emma McGill

Whether she's creating a custom piece in honour of a loved one's memory or making art for herself, Interlake artist Barbara Foreman lets her materials — all of which come from nature — guide her process.

Originally from Winnipeg, Foreman has lived in Gimli for about 30 years, enjoying the gardening, walking and beachcombing that the lakeside environment provides. About a decade ago, living in the Interlake inspired her to begin crafting heartfelt works of art with driftwood, stones and beach glass found along the Gimli shoreline.

"I'm inspired by the things that wash up and how nature creates them and how I can manipulate them into designs and create art with them," Foreman said. "I work with what is given to me and what I discover. I enjoy the challenge of using those pieces to create."



Foreman believes honouring memories and events with an unusual medium makes the tribute all the more special.

Foreman recently embraced a new challenge. After applying last fall and completing the jury process, she was accepted as a participant in the 2025 WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour. The self-guided tour offers visitors an expansive art experience across 16 studios and runs over two weekends. The first one was June 7-8 and the second one is Aug.



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Interlake artist Barbara Foreman welcomes visitors into her Gimli home gallery, Fossibilities, where she creates art from driftwood, beach glass and stones gathered along the Lake Winnipeg shoreline. She will open her studio again Aug. 30-31 during the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour.

30-31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. WAVE

has an app that can be downloaded to start planning your route.

Foreman's studio, Fossibilities, located at 249 Parkside Dr. in Gimli, welcomed more than 100 visitors during the June weekend.

"I was very nervous," she said. "You know, you're opening not only to a different group of people but you're also inviting them into your personal space. I was excited. I think a lot of people were surprised because our physical environment is quite different. I got to meet and chat with people at a really relaxed pace. It was a very positive experience."

In the past, Foreman showcased her work at markets, including the Arnes Farmers Market.

"They're like family, and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. It was just time to step back a bit and slow down a bit," she said, adding that being a WAVE artist allows her to focus more

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GoFundMe launched to support boy battling rare cancer

By Lana Meier

A GoFundMe has been launched to support a young boy and his family as he begins treatment for a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

On Aug. 15, Kwin was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma, a fast-growing type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. While the illness is considered rare and aggressive, doctors have told the family it typically responds well to treatment.

Kwin received his first dose of chemotherapy the following day and will remain in hospital as treatment continues. His mother, Kim, is staying with him throughout his care.

Family friend Jody, who set up the fundraiser, said many people have asked how they can help.

"Kim has asked for prayers for her sweet little boy, and I'm asking for support with the extra expenses they'll face while Kwin is in the hos-

pital," Jody wrote on the campaign page. "No donation is too small, and anything helps."

Funds raised will go directly to Kwin's family to cover costs while his mother is away from work.

Despite the difficult diagnosis, Jody said both Kim and Kwin remain in good spirits.

"I was able to visit them and they were both cracking jokes, the same Kim and Kwin we all know and love," she said. "I have no doubt little dude is going to kick lymphoma's ass."

Donations can be made through the GoFundMe page titled Help Kim and Kwin.

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Kwin, middle, recently diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma, is surrounded by love and support from his mom Kim and sister as he begins treatment.



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on her art and welcome visitors into her home gallery.

Fossibilities is on the property where she and her husband, Charles Kirkpatrick, live.

"My husband is my right-hand man," she said. "All of our artwork is framed with wood that's been reclaimed from the landfill. On every piece of art that I make, I can pretty much tell you where those stones come from or where the wood comes from. Some of them are like a hundred years old."

Just as the pieces are connected to each other, Foreman said she too is deeply connected to her work. Her process often follows one of two paths.

She might begin with a drawn design based on an idea, sorting through her trays of materials — organized by shape and colour — to find the right fit. She revisits and refines the arrangement until she's satisfied with the result.

Other times, inspiration strikes during a walk on the beach.

"I come home with what I've found, I wash it all and separate it into categories, and sometimes, if I'm lucky, they come together in a way that I think is quite magical," said Foreman. "The stones tell that story."

While much of her work is rooted in the found materials, Foreman also creates custom and memorial pieces. In those cases, the story behind the artwork comes from families and loved ones. She gathers details through photographs and conversations to honour those relationships.

She recently completed two pieces

for a customer seeking to commemorate families who had lost their pets.

"When I look back to the early pieces, I still love them but my work has grown by the detail and the intricacy of the way I do things," Foreman said. "I like to challenge myself, and often it's been through custom orders and customers where I have been the most challenged. One customer, she said to me at one point, 'You know, this just doesn't bring me joy.' Now, I have to ask myself at the end of each piece, 'Does this bring me joy? Is this joyful?' If not, I have to go back and keep working at it."

Foreman plans to keep her Gimli gallery open throughout the summer so that locals and visitors can stop in outside of the WAVE weekends. She is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. She hopes to create seasonal pieces and is exploring ideas for interactive activities, like scavenger hunts on the property.

"I really just look forward to continuing on with the work that I do and welcoming back customers and continually meeting new folks that are discovering WAVE for the first time and educating them on the way that my art works," she said.

"I'm proud to be a part of a collection of artists that are so incredibly talented on this tour. There are many of them that have been on this tour since the beginning. The Interlake just has a wealth of creativity and I think we are inspired by each other. I think, collectively, the tour is a

great way to honour that."

To contact Foreman, call 204-407-8924, email bforeman@mymts.net or visit watchthewave.ca.



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Call Katelyn Boulanger

Madeline's Closet to host inaugural health resource fair Sept. 3

By E. Antonio

Madeline's Closet is expanding its outreach with the launch of its first-ever health resource fair, to be held alongside its monthly community clothing day on Sept. 3.

The Inwood-based charity is dedicated to making life more affordable and accessible for women and children. On community days, individuals can choose three free pieces of clothing, but founder Shannon Dupont said the Sept. 3 event is designed to go a step further.

"We are a charity located right here

in the Interlake who strive to improve the lives of many," Dupont said. "We know there is a gap in services and we can see people are coming by who don't know what resources are in the area and how to access them — especially with the recent surge of fire evacuees. We want to give people an idea of what options they have and how to access them."

The community day will run from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Madeline's Closet, located at 40 Main St. in Inwood. Health resource vendors will be

available from 3 to 6 p.m. Ten organizations have already signed on, including Service Canada, midwifery services and a public health nurse.

Dupont said additional groups are welcome to join. Anyone wishing to host a vendor table can email madelinesclosetinc@gmail.com or call 204-861-8336.

The organization is also collecting toiletry donations, which can be arranged by contacting Dupont directly. More information about Madeline's Closet is available through its Facebook page.

Manitoba ends state of emergency

By Haley Cvar

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's Emergency Management Organization says the provincewide state of emergency under the Emergency Measures Act expired at noon today and will not be extended.

The declaration was first made on July 10 and renewed Aug. 7 as wildfires across the province forced hundreds of residents from their homes and strained firefighting resources. It gave the province temporary pow-

ers to mobilize resources, co-ordinate evacuations and bring in extra support under sections 10(1) and 10(2) of the Act.

Officials say while the emergency order has ended, evacuation orders issued by local authorities remain in place until conditions are deemed safe for residents to return. Several communities in the north and Interlake remain displaced, with local councils continuing to monitor wildfire activity and air quality before lift-

ing restrictions.

The province is reminding Manitobans that wildfire risk remains high in many regions despite recent rainfall. Crews are still working to contain active fires, and fire restrictions and burn bans continue in several municipalities.

For updates on active wildfires, fire bans, evacuation notices and prevention tips, visit gov.mb.ca/wildfire.

Man dead after boat capsizes on Lake Winnipeg

By Haley Cvar

A 77-year-old Winnipeg man is dead after his boat capsized on Lake Winnipeg near Balsam Harbour this week.

Selkirk RCMP said they received a report of an overturned boat at 3:40 p.m. on Aug. 20, about two kilometres northwest of the Balsam Harbour Marina.

Emergency crews launched a search of the area. The East Beaches Fire Department responded immediately with a boat, while additional resources, including the Canadian Coast Guard, RCMP Marine Services and the RCMP Underwater Recovery Team, were called in to assist.

At about 5:45 p.m., the fire department located the man's body a short distance from the capsized vessel. Police said he was wearing a life jacket at the time.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

RCMP continue to investigate.



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Residents line up down the hall and outside of St. Andrews Aug. 12 meeting

By Katelyn Boulanger

Residents not only packed council chambers but were lined up out the hall and even outside of the RM of St. Andrews council chambers on Aug. 12 because of a new development proposed in the RM.

The meeting started with Mayor Joy Sul calling the meeting to order.

After the land acknowledgement, Sul recognized that there had been a request that the meeting be transferred to a larger venue, but due to their wanting to video record the meeting so that it was available to the public, they were not able to change the venue for this meeting.

She then explained how the proceedings would take place that evening.

"The Red River Planning staff will make the application. The applicant will make the presentation on the application. Those registered in support will make a presentation. Those registered as opposed will make a presentation. The applicant will then have the opportunity to respond to comments or concerns raised by council or the presenters. At the end of each presentation, council may ask for clarification but will not enter into debate," she said.

CAO Brent Olynyk then clarified the purpose of variation 78/25.

"This variance for the 76 lot condominium hearing is not about discussing applications to subdivide or to establish duplexes on the property since both of these applications have already been approved by council and Red River Planning District Board. As a result, topics related to subdivision or duplex approval, including: access, fire protection, water capacity, traffic, wastewater management, neighbourhood character, or property values, will not be addressed as they are not part of the public hearing for variances. Those topics will deviate from the intended subject matter, and there is no mechanism within the variance framework to address them," he said.

The planner for Red River Planning then presented variance 78/25 to council. The proposal was for roll #12460 on River Rd. The proposal was to reduce site area, site width, and setbacks for the subject property as part of subdivision application S12-3102 in the rural residential zone.

Currently, permitted site areas in this zone are a minimum of 1.38ac with a side width of 198ft, and the proposal would have a minimum site area of 0.17ac with a side width of 14.14ft.

The planner then showed some demonstrations of what that might look like.

"Should council wish to approve this application, the RRPD recommends the following conditions. This variance is limited to what has been presented in this application. Any further changes, replacement or additions would require a new variance approval, and applicant/owner obtains all required permits from the Red River Planning District and the municipality, if required," said the planner.

Council had no questions for the planner.

The applicant, Landmark Planning, presented next.

"The only subject matter that I'm here to discuss today relates to the dimensional standards of the area," said the Landmark representative.

He spoke about how he felt that the residential uses in the current bylaw are more geared to unserved residential uses and don't provide for a mix of residential uses, which is why they are here today.

He wanted to relate this project to a project already in use and used Country Villas Gated Community in East St. Paul as his example. He said that there was pushback from the community over this development as well, but said that it is now a desirable area.

He explained that they are proposing 126 feet between non-attached units, and they are asking for variances so that front, side and rear yards can be less than the by-law currently allows.

"In terms of the common wall or the party wall, your zoning by-law currently does not have any way of addressing this. It was not contemplated in your by-law. There's no regulation to regulate duplexes or any other types of residential uses, so, as such, we're having to vary this use. Typically, zoning by-laws have exemptions," said the representative.

Mayor Sul then started inviting residents to comment.

The first resident who came up in objection to this project said that his objection was based on how if lot sizes are going to no longer be relevant, just because there is sewer infrastructure there, then there needs to be potable water to the area so that there are not future issues.

Another long-term resident felt that this development was in conflict with a rural-residential zone and that lots in Winnipeg are larger.

A third resident felt that it wasn't appropriate to consider this as a variance, as he felt it would be more appropriately viewed as rezoning.

"Variances are for small changes,

like say if a resident wanted to put another structure or a shed too close to the property line. That's a variance. If a resident wanted to build a garage too close to the road, because I believe that it would need to be 75ft away, that's a variance. This is by no means a variance," he said.

In total, 28 residents spoke in opposition, citing issues including: this development having houses that were much more high-density than surrounding areas and taking away from the rural nature of the area, others were concerned that the current sewer infrastructure might not be able to take on so many additional houses, and there were concerns over the environmental impact.

There were also 111 people, according to the RM's posted meeting minutes, who chose not to speak but wanted it noted that they were opposed to this project.

It is also notable that there were more than 90 letters in opposition to this variance listed on the RM of St. Andrews' minutes.

The land developer didn't have anything to add after hearing the com-

ments.

Council then continued this process for variation orders 72/25 and 77/25. The first was to add two sheds to 8 Praznik Place, and the second was to put a large garage on 7 Deer Rapids Drive. There was not a great deal of discussion about either of these variances.

Council closed the public meeting and then had a discussion about the proposed variances.

Variance 78/25 was carried with Mayor Sul, and Councillors Hunt, Mirecki, and Slyker for and Councillors Doornbos, Fiebelkorn, and Mondor opposed.

Variance 72/25 was carried with unanimous approval.

Variance 77/25 was carried with unanimous approval.

The rest of the meeting consisted of routine council duties.

To see the agenda and minutes from this council meeting, visit <https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/minutes-agendas>. You can also see a recording of the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVMfkX0pG1w>.



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What a small world: unexpected reunion between Iceland's president and Arborg resident

By Patricia Barrett

It's often said you never forget a face, and that sure rang true earlier this month when an Arborg resident got to meet Iceland's president, Halla Tómasdóttir, who was visiting Arborg, and thought she looked really familiar.

It turns out Corrine Einarsson, who grew up east of Arborg in the community of Geysir, worked with Tómasdóttir 40 years ago in the Búlanstindur fish factory in the town of Djúpvogur on the southeast coast of Iceland.

Their unexpected reunion occurred at the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village, which had asked Einarsson – an in-demand Interlake photographer – to take photos of the president's visit to the museum earlier this month.

"Halla and I started talking so much about Búlanstindur that it seemed there was no one else in the room," said Einarsson after she discovered why Iceland's second female president, who was elected in August 2024, looked so familiar.

When Tómasdóttir arrived at the Heritage Village and got out of her car, Einarsson said it instantly hit her that she knew her face but then thought that a lot of Icelanders have similar features and that she couldn't possibly know the president.

As Einarsson followed the president's tour through the various historical buildings showcased at the museum, she got a chance to have a brief chat with Tómasdóttir's husband, Björn Skúlason, at the community hall, she said. He told her his mom was from Djúpvogur, the very place where Einarsson had lived and worked. When Einarsson told him she lived there for four years in the 1980s, Skúlason said what a small world it is as Halla lived there, too, in 1985.

"I knew it! Halla worked in the fish factory at the same time I did. She came with one of her girlfriends to work in the plant," said Einarsson.



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Corrine Einarsson of Arborg, middle, reunited with Iceland's president Halla Tómasdóttir and her husband Björn Skúlason during the president's visit to the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village earlier this year.

"There were a lot of people who came to work in Iceland's fish factories in the summer or throughout the year. They came and went."

Einarsson got to live and work in Iceland from 1982 to 1986. An Arborg family with ties to Djúpvogur facilitated a visit for Einarsson's sister, a friend and a few other young people in 1981. When they returned to Arborg, they said working in Iceland had been such a great experience that they had to go again and bring more people with them.

"When we all went in 1982, there were 20 Canadians. We all got to work for a year. If we worked for a year, our tickets were paid," said Einarsson. "I ended up staying four years because it was way too much fun. We would speak half English and half Icelandic, and you made friends there. It was cool."

She and Tómasdóttir compared notes about the Búlanstindur fish factory, and Einarsson asked her in Icelandic who her verkstjóri (supervisor) was. Sure enough, they had



RECORD PHOTO BY CORRINE EINARSSON

Einarsson hiked up Búlanstindur Mountain overlooking the town of Djúpvogur in 2022.



RECORD PHOTO BY CORRINE EINARSSON

The Búlanstindur fish factory, which is in the town of Djúpvogur, was named after a nearby mountain that's shaped like a pyramid.

the same boss.

"We started talking about the same people, and I was like, 'Oh my God, this is too crazy,'" said Einarsson. "I swear I have pictures of you from then."

They also told each other that they ate fresh shrimp right off the line.

"Halla said, 'We ate shrimp right off the conveyor belt' and I said, 'We did too! Maybe you were working at the end of the line with me,'" said Einarsson.

son.

Einarsson shared a few old photos of the fish plant with the *Express*, and said she's going to dig up some old albums she's got stashed somewhere to see if there's anything she can share with the friends she made in Iceland 40 years ago and with whom she still keeps in touch.

Einarsson said she's planning a future visit to Iceland with her husband, who was born there.

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Oakbank RCMP responds to serious collision near Deacon's corner

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Aug.17, at 9:38 p.m., Oakbank RCMP received a report of a serious collision on Provincial Road 207, near Highway 1, at Deacon's corner in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

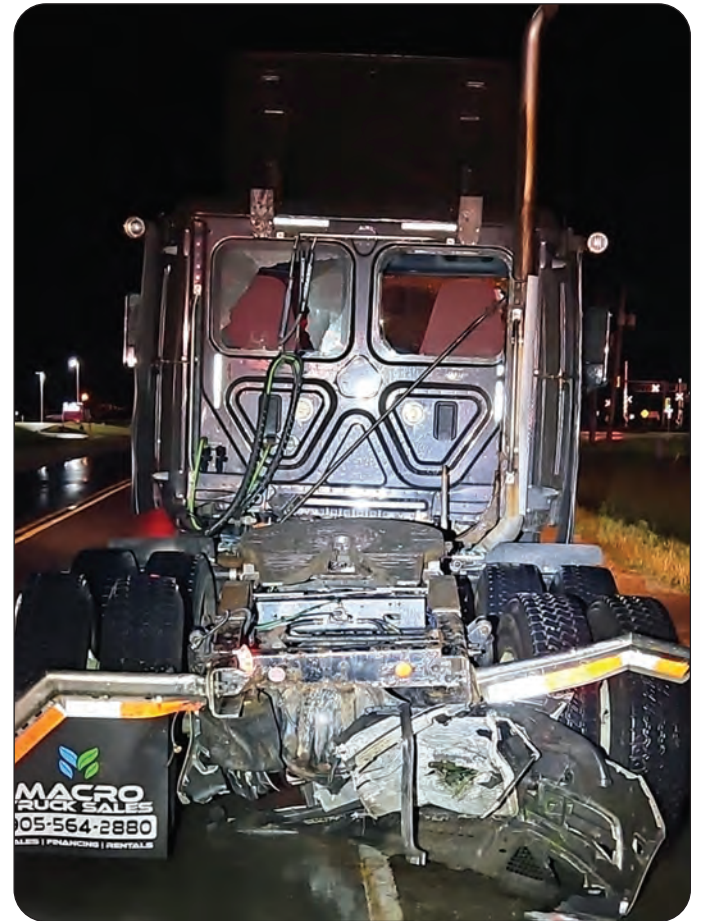
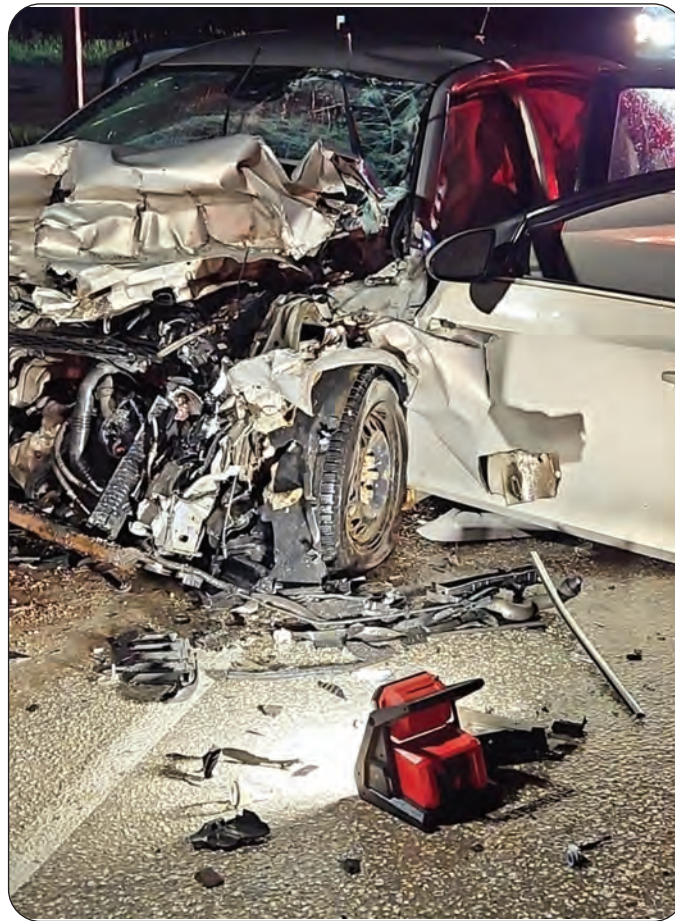
Officers attended immediately and observed a 4-door sedan on the southbound shoulder, facing south, with extensive front-end damage. A semi truck, with no trailer attached, was parked ahead and had a warped frame.

The investigation has determined that the semi truck was turning south on Provincial Road 207 from Birkett Way. As it was turning, the driver felt a hard impact from the back. A 4-door sedan had struck the back of the semi truck.

The driver of the semi truck, a 31-year-old male from Calgary, was not injured. The driver of the sedan, a 27-year-old male from the RM of St Clements, was transported to hospital in critical condition. He is now stable but remains in hospital with serious non-life-threatening injuries.

The 4-door sedan was unregistered and had no driving lights on. Speed and alcohol appear to be factors in this collision.

Oakbank RCMP, along with a Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.



Photos from the collision.

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Gimli resident hoping to get beloved pet turtles back after theft, offering \$6,000 reward

By Patricia Barrett

An RM of Gimli resident who lives just north of Sandy Hook is hoping that whoever stole his two beloved box turtles from his residence last month will have a change of heart and return them to him.

Benjamin Wiesenthal posted a \$6,000 “no questions asked” reward for their safe return. The turtles have a special diet and require special care.

He noticed his turtles missing one morning in mid-July when he went to feed them. He had noticed one turtle in its water bowl – turtles like to climb into their bowls to drink or to absorb moisture through their skin – the evening before they vanished.

The two female turtles – one an eastern box turtle and the other a three-toed box turtle – lives in large terrariums and liked to hide under boxes Wiesenthal would install in their enclosures.

He said he has had both turtles for decades and was naturally fond of them in the way someone would be of a pet dog or a cat or another animal.

“I’ve had my turtles for years and they’re like any other pet,” said Wiesenthal almost a month after his turtles were stolen. “I’m quite laid-back as a person and easygoing, and I’m surprised that someone would do this to me.”

His \$6,000 reward for the return of the two turtles far exceeds what they’re worth, he said, but he’s worried about their welfare.

He provides special supplements with their food and sometimes gives

them superworms, a beetle larva that’s high in protein, fibre and fat.

“My main concern is the animals’ welfare and their safe return,” said Wiesenthal “I’m not interested in going after the person who took them; I just want to get my pets back.”

No current native populations of the eastern box turtle are known to exist in Canada because of loss of habitat. Remains of the turtles have been found at archeological sites in Ontario, according to a 2014 status report from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) that was commissioned by Environment Canada (now Environment and Climate Change Canada). Eastern box turtles, which can be found in the U.S., can live to as old as 100 years in the wild. Three-toed box turtles were considered a sub-species of the eastern box turtle, but have been re-classified as a different species.

Wiesenthal said box turtles are not common as a pet in Manitoba, but they’re not what would be considered “rare.”

“I acquired one my turtles in 1992 from Vancouver [33 years ago] and the other one I acquired from Petland in Winnipeg in 2000 [25 years ago],” he said.

No one apart from close friends – and an acquaintance visiting him at the time of their disappearance – knew he had the turtles.

“They were in terrariums in a room off the kitchen and they’d hide un-



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An eastern box turtle is shown. An RM of Gimli resident had two box turtles (not exactly as illustrated) stolen from his home in July.

der the boxes I would make for them. Someone walking in wouldn’t notice them,” he said. “Also, no one knew I had them out here except very close friends in Winnipeg – and they certainly would not have done this.”

He did have an acquaintance staying at his place and later noticed his turtles missing after that person left, he said. He had gone out bicycling for about four hours on the day they must have been taken (July 19) and stopped in Winnipeg Beach to visit some friends.

“Nothing looked amiss when I came back. Whoever came in didn’t go around opening doors or rummaging through rooms; the place wasn’t torn apart,” he said. “But I noticed a day later that the turtles were gone. A bag with \$5 or \$6 in change I had in a top dresser drawer and some gift cards were also taken. My car was in the driveway when I was out cycling but it wasn’t rummaged through.”

He said he tracked down the acquaintance in Winnipeg and the person denied taking his turtles.

Wiesenthal posted about the theft on a local social media site, which resulted in hundreds of responses. He has a number of people on the case.

“There are other people actively looking into this, not just me,” said Wiesenthal.

Social media users offered advice on what sites to look at online to see if his turtles are being offered for sale and also commiserated with Wiesenthal.

“So sad this happened to your beautiful turtles,” wrote Dar Zayne. “Hopefully they will be returned

knowing how much they mean to you.”

Laurie Toback wrote: “Heartless people in this world. Hope you get them back.”

Wiesenthal said he appreciates those keeping their eyes and ears out for his turtles. He’s worried that the thief or thieves won’t know how to properly feed/water his turtles or just dump the animals in the wild.

“These animals are not native to this environment and they wouldn’t survive outside – especially a Manitoba winter,” he said. “It would be cruel if someone just stuck them outside and left them there.”

Wiesenthal said he contacted the Gimli RCMP detachment the day he noticed them missing and reported the theft.

Spokesperson Cpl. Melanie Roussel confirmed the Gimli detachment received a report on July 20.

“The investigation is still ongoing,” she said when asked about the status of the case.

Anyone with information about the turtles can contact the Gimli RCMP or submit an anonymous tip via Crimestoppers.

“If the public has information about the location of the turtles, they are asked to call either the Gimli RCMP detachment at (204) 642-5104, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com,” said Roussel.

In addition to the police, Wiesenthal said people can also contact him at (204) 218-0913.

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Marine Museum to host historic feast aboard S. S. Keenora Sept. 13

By E. Antonio

The Marine Museum of Manitoba is offering guests a chance to step back in time with a one-of-a-kind dinner fundraiser aboard the historic S. S. Keenora on Sept. 13.

Sponsored by Packers Women's Fashion, the immersive evening features a 1950s-inspired three-course roast beef dinner recreated from menus once served to passengers aboard the Keenora.

"We have a wonderful evening full of live entertainment, fantastic cocktails, and delicious food," said Shay Nordal, Marine Museum manager. "It's not just a dinner — it's an experience."

The dinner, catered by the Selkirk Golf Course, will include a roast beef meal with all the fixings, a fresh salad, and "Pie Lady" pies for dessert. Vegetarian and vegan options are available with advance request.

"This is a very unique event in the sense what we are serving is based off the original menu served to passengers aboard the Keenora in the '50s," Nordal explained. "What those passengers ate then, is exactly what the passengers will be served now."

Guests can choose between two seatings: 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m. Meals will be served aboard the Keenora, creating what organizers describe as a fully immersive dining experience.

Passengers are invited to arrive 45 minutes before their seating to enjoy hors d'oeuvres sponsored by The Foot Shop, live entertainment by Double Bourbon, and a cash bar with cocktails on the Marine Museum docks and aboard the Joe Simpson boat. Debit and credit cards will be accepted.

"Get ready for your original Keenora-inspired meal by meeting and mingling with other guests as you enjoy a cocktail and free entertainment," said Nordal. "With the purchase of your ticket, you are certainly setting your-



Double Bourbon will provide live pre-dinner entertainment during the event.

self up to have a good time."

Tickets are \$100 each, with a \$50 tax receipt included. Seating is limited to 60 guests per time slot, with tables arranged in groups of six. Larger groups of up to 12 may be accommodated if space allows.

Tickets are available through the Marine Museum's website until Sept. 5, www.marinemuseum.ca/events-programs/s-s-keenora-authentic-dining-experience/

Organizers encourage early purchases as the event may sell out. Proceeds support museum operations, including ship restorations and the development of new exhibits.

For those unable to attend, donations can be made online to support the Marine Museum. For the remainder of the year, all contributions will be matched towards the Marine Museum of Manitoba-Heritage Trust Endowment Fund.

"We strive to make this a unique place for everybody to enjoy, so thank you to everyone who is supporting preserving Manitoban history," Nordal said.



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Guests will be served a 1950s-inspired three-course dinner aboard the S. S. Keenora during the Marine Museum's fundraising event Sept. 13. Marine Museum board member Lacey Darville showcases hors d'oeuvres that will be offered before the meal.



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The Rotary Club Booksale is coming back from Sept. 25-30

Stock up on some good reads for a good cause

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Rotary Club of Selkirk is an organization that gives back to our community in many ways. To give back, they host community events including Lobsterfest and the Rotary Ribapolooza. One of their fundraisers that is a little more literary is their annual Rotary Club Booksale, and it's right around the corner.

"It's our gigantic annual book sale promoting literacy in the Selkirk and district area. We have over 22,000 books that have been meticulously sorted by our community volunteers. We're in our 15th year, and the sale this year runs from Sept. 25 to 30. It's 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on the Sunday, which is 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.," said Rotary Club of Selkirk's Past President David Thorne.

The Rotary Club, trying to make this

event as open as possible for the most people, has continued with the trend of including some weekends and has a few hours that extend into the early evening for the booksale. Notably, this year, they've decided to be open on Sunday afternoon to see if that's more convenient for residents.

"We want to reach as many different people as we can. We understand that the retired people can come during the day, but the working people they're working until four or five o'clock. This way, they can pop in after work and still be able to access a huge assortment of books. This year it's going to be \$2 per book, and, all children's books are at \$1," said Thorne.

He did note that the \$2 price is unless otherwise marked, as they do have a new and bestsellers section that may be priced a little bit higher due to demand.

"One big thing for the new people and well for all people, is this is a cash-only sale and again, we're back at our spot in beautiful Selkirk Park, at



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Mark it on your calendar. The Rotary Club's Booksale will take place from Sept. 25 to 30.

the Agricultural Building," said Thorne.

He also wanted to make sure that the community knows that the Rotary Club couldn't do this alone. Red Bomb Fireworks has become a great supporter of this project for many

years.

"Red Bomb Fireworks is our community partner. Matt and Brandi (Bialek) and their team have just been amazing. It's the key drop-off point for all books that come into the Rotary Club Booksale. Imagine running a business, and then all of a sudden you're also taking in about 22,000 books in the year. The entire staff really steps up. They collect the books. They put them on pallets, and then we come and sort. It's just an amazing partnership with the whole Red Bomb Fireworks team. It just goes to show what Selkirk is all about. We care about one another, and the business sector here is just absolutely amazing," said Thorne.

He also wanted to acknowledge that they couldn't put this event on without strong volunteer support from not just Selkirk but all over the District, and he thanks their volunteers as well.

"This has morphed into a gigantic book sale with over 50, just absolutely amazing, community volunteers that assist the Rotary Club. They donate their time. They donate their effort, and they have so much fun with it. They come in and they help sort the books. They help put the books out on the tables. They help restock the books. Because you can only imagine, last year, on our first day, there was lineups out the door and down the parking lot," said Thorne.

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LSRCSS Class of 1975 meets up after 50 years

Artists, authors, first responders, teachers and more all came from one high school graduating class

By Katelyn Boulanger

When the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School class of 2025 walked last June, they probably weren't thinking where they might be in 50 years, and the same was probably true when the class of 1975 donned their caps and gowns. Luckily for the class of 1975, a few of their number knew exactly where they wanted to be, back together in Selkirk, and that's just what they did when they planned a 50th reunion this summer.

"Our whole purpose of throwing it together was to reunite everyone. And it was just a great success. Everybody's now of grandparent age. It was so nice to see so many people out and sitting around and just reminiscing. People talked (who were friends) in high school, and some who didn't ever know were talking to each other about their lives. 'What's happened?' It was just a fantastic event for everybody getting together," said Jim Schreyer, Class of '75 graduate, class of '75 student council member and one of the reunion's organizers.

He says that they had a little over 230 people participate in the various activities over the two days of events that they planned.

"The first day, on Friday, we had about 16 former teachers who were still living; they came out, and we had a great show there on Friday night. One of our guys, Nick Burns, on the committee, he's an artist, and he put together a display there in the trophy cases of all our different artists and photographers, and we had other people who have written different books, and so there was an art show on the Friday night for a display. At the school, tours were running every half hour showing the different parts of the school, which have changed quite a bit since we went to school there. Then, the next day, we had a banquet at the Selkirk Golf Course, and it was fantastic too. We had lots of different activities, like 70s music playing while we ate, and there was a 70s trivia competition. It was a great two days put together for people to reminisce a bit about the times we were in high school," he said.

Schreyer had a leg up on the changes to the high school over the years, having gone right back to high school after completing his education as a teacher. He spent 35 years of his ca-

reer educating future students.

"It was great to see the school. It was such an active school, and we were there to start with. I mean, the vision from people who put that school together to have a swimming pool attached and an underground track was amazing, and the different vocational programs that take place. And so, it was great to see the school again and it looks great still," he said.

He also said it was great to reconnect with former classmates, especially since so many of them had come in from out of Selkirk. He said that, through the process of an informal show of hands, about a third were still living in Selkirk, a third had moved to other places in Manitoba, and the final third now lived in other parts of Canada or even internationally, with some coming in from Mexico and Australia.

"Whether we moved away or not, that's where we had our high school friends and where we grew up as teenagers and started setting out for what we're going to do for life. You know, it's home, for sure. It was great to come back and have everybody reunite," said Schreyer.

In addition to coming back to a community that they'd missed, they also wanted to help the current community, so at the event, they did a little fundraising.

"I got a couple of bomber tickets for a raffle prize that were donated to our graduating reunion. We had raffles for different prizes. We had some of our talent from our grade, with paintings, and one was a photo that was framed by a professional photographer, and we raised the money," explained Schreyer.

They did this fundraising because they wanted to give back to the community. To do that in a way that the money would go to where it would help, they donated it to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, which means that the \$4,500 will be available to help projects all over the school division.

Schreyer attributes the success of this event to the many people who came together to organize it, including most of their student council.

"It was the same people who were the big organizers who helped organize this event. We had our secretary, our yearbook editor, our class president, and I was a sports rep. We had



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The LSRCSS class of 1975 held it's 50th reunion recently and raised \$4,500 which they gave to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation to be used for causes in the region. Pictured: Bev Clegg, Linda Janzen (Chrisp), Linda Davidson (Porznak), Joanne Fontaine (Cembrowski), and George Matheson.

all these people (who'd done work as an) activities coordinator and we had such expertise in setting up the website and ticketing from Nick Burns, that was fantastic. It made it very easy for people. The hard part is always finding people, and luckily enough with people still in the community, I helped a lot with hunting down people after teaching their kids so I knew which people were still in town," he explained.

He also said that the Facebook group that they created was a great way to

coordinate.

Though the reunion is now over, the community has been reformed, and Schreyer says that some groups of attendees are talking about getting together again with their friends in the future.

The class of '75 also challenges other classes to see if they can manage to get together, too.

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Shaking it up at the Burgers to Beat MS evening



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The Selkirk A&W hosted their annual Burgers to Beat MS event on Aug. 21. They invited the Lily Pad Cruisers to once again bring down their classic cars for a car show, they had the A&W bear stop by, and the entertainment for the evening was Elvis, who serenaded the crowd and tossed out some teddy bears.



> ROTARY CLUB, FROM PG. 16

He's also said that they learned from last year's popularity and they will have more tills set up this year to meet demand as they anticipate another busy year.

"We sold about 22,000, and we're on pace to meet that again from the books that have been collected from the community over the year. Our sorters have been busy," said Thorne.

Also, attendees should note that the space that the booksale occupies in the Agriculture building isn't quite big enough to house all 22,000 books for viewing at once. This means that it can be beneficial to stop by the sale a few times during the five days so that you can see what's been brought out since your last visit.

"We've got everything you can imagine. We got health and fitness,

we've got best sellers, we've got romance novels, we've got children's books, we've got mystery, which is another big one. We've got some true crime. It's a little bit of everything, and it's hard to mention everything. But basically, whether you're an advanced bibliophile or somebody that casually likes to grab a book, there's a little bit for everybody," said Thorne.

He welcomes everyone to stop by and check it out.

"We have our core group of people that come every year, and it's so wonderful to welcome them back, but those people who are new to Selkirk, come on down. We've got a huge variety of books that will tempt your appetite to read, and get away from that computer for a while," said Thorne.



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> MEAL IDEAS

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Stir in tomatoes, chili powder, cumin and salt. Stir in cooked macaroni; reduce heat to medium-low.

Top with cheeses, saving some for topping; cover and cook until cheese is melted. Remove from heat; top with green onions and cilantro. Add final layer of reserved cheeses on top.

Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 10
1 pound ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 can (14 ounces) crushed tomatoes
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups elbow macaroni (8 ounces), cooked and drained
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Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady, I have two questions – I am turning 71 at the end of this year and I want to know if there is any way I can reduce the taxation on my RRIF? Thanks, Kim H.

Hello Kim – this is a great question, and something that I have talked about quite often recently, if you were at any of my presentations last month. There are only two ways to reduce the taxation on your RRIF (registered retirement income fund) and that is to start a home-based business and write off the expenses or to do an in-kind transfer when stock prices fall.

RRSPs and RRIFs are like a double-edged sword. The government knew exactly what they were doing when they first came out in 1957, since Canadian taxation is progressive. Originally, they were designed for the top-tier income earners in Canada. However, now they make up a major part of our financial landscape and have worked their way into Canadian culture with everyone being encouraged to use them as a savings tool for their future. Your financial advisor will want you to only take the minimum withdrawals from your RRIF once you hit the age of 71 to ensure that they keep the bulk of your investment on their books – but this is not a wise idea for the average Canadian. You see, if you die with a balance in your RRIF, regardless of you having named a beneficiary, the balance in your RRIF at the time of your death must be declared on your last tax return and taxed as income upon your estate. Of course, there is an automatic spousal roll-over if your spouse dies before you to avoid the taxation; but what if you are the surviving spouse or a single when you die? In Ontario, the highest marginal tax rate is 53.5%, a far cry from what it was when RRSPs came out in the 50's at 11.4%. Let's look at an example together to get a better understanding as to why you need to drain your RRIF before you die. We will use a scenario of you dying with a balance of \$200,000 in your RRIF, (while I am sure there are many Canadians with much higher balance). Your executor will need to file your last tax return and by doing so, will tally up all your income during your last year. So, that would be OAS, CPP, GIS, perhaps a RRIF withdrawal already, pension income, widower pensions, etc. Then, they will add the balance of your RRIF at the time of your death (the \$200K balance). You can now see, it would not be hard for the average retiree to be pushing into the highest marginal tax rate with this inevitable calculation, paying out a hefty chunk of their RRIF balance to the CRA to cover the tax bill. This is why you must withdraw your RRIF before you die to avoid giving half of it to the government.

I know this sounds harsh—but it's the reality



many Canadians don't see coming. And that's exactly why I've been talking about these issues so much lately during my Vibrant Living Series presentations. In fact, if you're someone who likes real-life examples and wants to understand the why behind the rules your advisor never quite explains, you'll love the presentations I'm giving this fall. If you're nearby, come out and join us for a free session. Check out my website to learn more at askthemoneylady.ca.

Now let's talk about how to reduce the taxation. While it's unlikely that most retirees want to start a business in retirement just to lower their taxation, some may want to consider an "in-kind-transfer." This would work great in our current rollercoaster stock market if your RRIF is currently invested in securities. What you will want to do is to wait until the stock market falls (perhaps when Trump says something ridiculous) and then transfer your stock "in-kind" to your TFSA (tax free savings account) if you have the room in your TFSA, or you could choose to transfer to a non-registered account too. You do not want to cash out the stock at this low market value but instead move it out of your RRIF into another registered account to avoid any further taxation. Of course, you will need to pay the taxation on the balance that you transfer at that time, however when the stock rebounds in the future and goes up again, you will now have these securities in your TFSA with no taxation or in a non-registered account with a much lower tax rate. Funds transferred to a non-registered account will only have the growth subject to capital gains tax, which will be much less than RRIF income tax. If you plan to use this strategy, make sure your advisor calculates all commissions and fees when working out your ACB (adjusted cost base) on the actual portfolio amount you plan to transfer.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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and stimulate your inventiveness.

3. Rhythmic gymnastics. In addition to flexibility and dexterity, this practice helps you develop your creativity as you explore unique movements with an object like a ball, hoop or ribbon combined with choreography.

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Team McPherson to play in inaugural Jr. Grand Slam of Curling



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Gimli's Team McPherson is one of two Manitoba rinks selected to compete in the inaugural Jr. Grand Slam of Curling, set for Oct. 16 at the Beaumont Curling Club in Beaumont, Alta. The team is made up of skip Caitlyn McPherson, third Julie Magnusson, second Ivy Jensen and lead Jorja Buhr, and is coached by Shawn Magnusson. Left to right: Coach Shawn Magnusson, skip Caitlyn McPherson, third Julie Magnusson, second Ivy Jensen, and lead Jorja Buhr.

By Kieran Reimer

Team McPherson have made it known they will be a big part of the future of Canadian curling.

Still a junior team, the Gimli-based quartet are collecting big wins at the provincial and national junior levels before any of Caitlyn McPherson, Jorja Buhr, Ivy Jensen or Julie Magnusson have celebrated their 18th birthday.

Now, after grinding it out locally, Team McPherson have earned their big break. On Aug. 8, they were named one of two Manitoban teams to play in the inaugural Jr. Grand Slam of Curling, which begins Oct. 16 at the Beaumont Curling Club in Beaumont, Alta.

"It's an honour to be one of the two Manitoba teams selected to play in it as well. It's really going to be a growing and learning experience for us," said skip Caitlyn McPherson on Wednesday.

The Jr. Grand Slam will feature U25 men's, U25 women's and a U15 division, with the finals moving to Silent Ice Center in Nisku, Alta., during the 2025 Tour Challenge on Oct. 19.

Team McPherson will compete with 15 other teams for the U25 women's title, including Team Hayward from Carman.

McPherson said it will be the biggest tournament in the team's young history. Previous high-stakes competitions have included the Asham U18 Women's Provincial Championships, which they won last January, and the 2025 Canadian U18 Women's Curling

Championships, where they reached the quarterfinals.

Their rise has been guided by none other than Kerri Einarson and Shawn Magnusson. Einarson is a four-time national champion as skip for Team Einarson, while Magnusson has translated his experience as one of the top curlers in the province into coaching with Team McPherson.

"We've had Shawn for the past few years now, and he's really just taught us to have fun out there," said McPherson. "It's a lot more fun and you're going to enjoy yourself more when you have fun out there. Even when you aren't playing your best, it's still important to have fun with your teammates because they really are your friends on and off the ice."

The team trains with Einarson in Gimli as often as they can. That training is set to ramp up now with just two months left before their trip to Beaumont.

"We've already started training and practising with Kerri and Shawn, and by ourselves as well," said McPherson. "We're obviously super excited, a little bit nervous, just because there's only two months, but there are a few events before that we'll be competing in, so hopefully that'll prepare us."

With the future bright, McPherson said the team is taking things one event at a time. This year they hope to try their hand in some women's tournaments outside their regular Manitoba Junior Curling Tour schedule, in preparation for the Jr. Grand Slam.

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Selkirk Metis Slo-Pitch League knocks annual fundraiser tournament out of the park

By Kieran Reimer

Ball clubs rounded the bases for charity at the annual Selkirk Metis Slo-Pitch League tournament, held Aug. 16–17 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

This year's event featured 14 teams competing for bragging rights while also raising money for a local cause as part of the league's season-long fundraiser.

In 2024, the non-profit league raised \$3,000 for the Selkirk Friendship Centre. This year, funds will be directed toward upgrading the ball diamonds at the Selkirk Recreation Complex once the totals are finalized.

Money has already been raised through league fees and concessions, and organizers are now reaching out to businesses for additional support to help with the diamond revamp.

"Everything went good this weekend. It was a good turnout fan-wise. I was impressed, and I'm just hoping it gets better every year," said organizer Brad Calder.

Calder, along with administrators Joe Sanderson and Sandra Epp, said they were especially pleased with the showing from Team McGlovin — a first-year entry and the youngest squad in the league.

The team became the surprise story of the tournament, defeating several opponents en route to a B-side final appearance. They ultimately fell 15–7 to the Leftovers, who claimed the B-side title. On the A-side, the Twisted Rockets edged the Shockers 17–15 in a high-scoring championship game.

"We got a new team in there called McGlovin," said Calder. "A bunch of young kids, they're all in their 20s I bet. They joined our league this year, they made it to the finals, they played really good, and everyone was surprised that they just came into the



league. That's what we need. More young teams like this getting involved."

Calder confirmed Team McGlovin plans to return in 2026. He added that he hopes the tournament will eventually grow to 32 to 40 teams.



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The Leftovers captured the B-side championship with a 15–7 win over first-year entry Team McGlovin in the Selkirk Métis Slo-Pitch League's annual fundraiser tournament at Selkirk Recreation Complex, Aug. 16–17.



The Twisted Rockets edged the Shockers 17–15 to win the A-side final of the Selkirk Métis Slo-Pitch League tournament at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Proceeds from the season and tournament will support upgrades to the complex's ball diamonds.

Strikeforce fall flat in late night affair

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Strikeforce couldn't find the back of the net in a late-night matchup Thursday, falling 2–0 to Triumph in Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3B action.

With a 10 p.m. kickoff at Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex, the ninth-place Triumph capitalized on their chances

and evened the season series. The two clubs won't meet again unless they clash in the playoffs.

The win meant more for Triumph, who remain in the hunt for a postseason berth, than the loss did for Selkirk. Strikeforce remain comfortably inside the top six, but the standings tightened as Thunder FC pulled into

a share of third place with Selkirk this week. Thunder also hold a game in hand.

If the playoffs started today, Selkirk would slot in as the fourth seed in the six-team bracket. Their record now stands at 9–5–3, giving them a 12-point cushion over the nearest non-playoff team. At the same time, they continue

to chase the first-place Hanover Strikers, who are five points clear.

Selkirk will look to regroup quickly against the 10th-ranked Wasps on Monday, Sept. 1 at Maple Grove Rugby Park. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. as Strikeforce aim to close the gap on Hanover and the clubs ahead of them.

Dear's batting skills to be tested on national stage, home run derby

By Kieran Reimer

A chance to compete on the national stage has once again been presented to St. Andrews' Devren Dear.

Dear, 31, has travelled across North America to play at the highest level of slo-pitch throughout his career. Now he's taking on a new challenge: the NSA Canada World Series Co-ed Championships in Kamloops, B.C., from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, where he will compete in both the tournament and Friday night's home run derby, nicknamed the Louisville Bomb Show.

"It's going to be very hard," Dear said Monday. "I know a lot of the guys on other teams. The top players in Western Canada will all be there playing on co-ed teams."

Dear will be making his first-ever appearance at the championships, suiting up with the Alberta-based Centaurs, who have made back-to-back finals appearances and won the title in 2023.

His position as a representative for Anarchy Bat Company helped secure

the spot through a fellow rep who also plays with the Centaurs.

The team will compete in the Open Division, with the winning club taking home the \$10,000 grand prize. Though the Centaurs have yet to practice as a full group, Dear said he has put in the work this summer to be ready.

"I feel pretty confident where I'm at. I've had a good summer. Everything seems to be going pretty good for myself personally," he said.

Although he'll be batting and playing in the outfield during the tournament, his focus Friday night is solely on crushing hits at the home run derby.

Dear will compete in the derby as part of Team Anarchy, which consists of three fellow Anarchy reps and himself. Their competition includes representatives from other bat brands, including the infamous Louisville Slugger.

"Some of these guys they've brought in are high level," Dear said. "It's just



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Devren Dear, along with three fellow Anarchy Bat Company representatives, will form Team Anarchy at Friday night's Louisville Bomb Show in Kamloops, B.C.

an honour to be representing them. The derby gets underway at 8 p.m. We're severe underdogs, to say the least." local time in Kamloops (10 p.m. Manitoba time) on Friday.

Pilat vaults to seventh



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St. Andrews' Arianna Pilat, 22, clears 2.80 metres to place seventh in women's pole vault at the 2025 Jeux du Canada Games at the Fortis Canada Games Complex in St. John's, N.L., on Tuesday.

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M/V Namao marks 50 years of Lake Winnipeg service

By Lana Meier

With a brass ship's wheel polished and cake waiting on deck, community members and dignitaries gathered Saturday at Gimli Harbour to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the M/V Namao — a vessel that has become central to research and monitoring on Lake Winnipeg.

Built in Riverton in 1975 as a Canadian Coast Guard buoy tender, the ship was originally tasked with setting navigational buoys and aiding vessels in distress. Since 2005, when the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium (LWRC) assumed ownership, the Namao has been transformed into a floating laboratory that carries out three whole-lake surveys each year.

"It's been 50 years of service on this lake and to this great province of Manitoba," said Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan. "When the Coast Guard made the decision to turn it over to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium in 2005, that was a real pinnacle moment in time. The Namao epitomizes our passion for protecting Lake Winnipeg."

The open house featured tours of the vessel and highlighted its evolving role. Scientists and crew conduct spring, summer and fall surveys at 65 stations across the lake, monitoring fish stocks, water and soil quality, and, more recently, atmospheric conditions.

"This year we began atmospheric testing, which is something usually done in the Arctic or on oceans," said field coordinator Riley Bersluis. "Because we had been collecting samples long before zebra mussels arrived in the lake, we also have baseline data that helps researchers measure the impact of invasive species."

Maintaining the 33-metre vessel, which requires nine crew members to operate, is not without challenges. Every five years it must undergo a drydock refit, costing up to half a million dollars. The consortium relies on support from federal and provincial governments, Manitoba Hydro, the Manitoba Port Council, local foundations and public donations.

"The biggest challenge is sustainability," said LWRC board co-chair Kim Tynacity. "It's costly to operate, but the partnerships that support us make this work possible."

Provincial Environment and Climate Change Minister Derek Johnson said the ship's research has direct benefits for Manitobans.

"It's not just our tourist attraction. It also supports our fishermen, who rely on the data that comes from this vessel," Johnson said. "The Na-



Terry Nicholson presents a \$2,500 cheque on behalf of the West Shore Foundation.

mao stands as a powerful symbol of Manitoba's commitment to science, environmental stewardship and the strength of community working together for the greater good."

The anniversary also marked the unveiling of plaques recognizing the vessel's history and the contributions of the late Dr. Al Christofferson, who helped orchestrate the Namao's transition from Coast Guard service to research platform.

Donations were part of the celebration as well, with the West Shore Foundation presenting \$2,500 to the consortium.

"Our catchment area extends from Riverton down to Matlock, so the lake is very important to us," said foundation chair Terry Nicholson. "It's vital for tourism, commercial fisheries and for those of us who live along its shores. We're proud to support this milestone."

The LWRC also used the celebration to highlight its education programs, which bring students aboard the vessel to learn about freshwater science. Each summer, schools and youth groups can spend a half-day on the ship, collecting samples and engaging in hands-on science led by the consortium's education staff. The consortium also awards scholarships and supports science fairs to encourage the next generation of researchers.

For the LWRC, the golden anniversary underscored the ship's role in ensuring the long-term health of Manitoba's "inland sea."

"This isn't just about the vessel," Kim said. "It's about the people and partnerships that have made its mission possible, and the importance of carrying this work forward for the next 50 years."



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATIE WALLMUTH

The Motor Vessel Namao, Lake Winnipeg's only dedicated research ship, marked its 50th birthday with tours and family activities at Gimli Harbour on Aug. 9. The vessel, operated by the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium, continues to play a vital role in monitoring the health of one of Canada's largest freshwater lakes.



Visitors got a close-up look at the wheelhouse.



Provincial Environment and Climate Change Minister Derek Johnson, middle, presented a commemorative plaque to Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium staff

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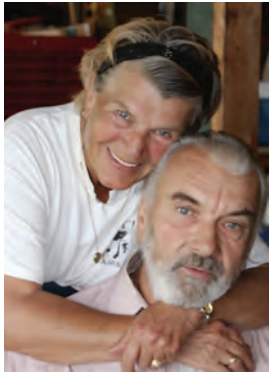
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Verna Beatrice Kaczmar (nee Hunnie)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and sister, Verna Kaczmar, born February 3, 1945, lost her short but courageous battle with lung cancer on August 17, 2025 at the age of 80.

Verna was the cherished wife of Jerry Kaczmar, whom she shared 56 years of marriage and the proud mother of Charlene, Carol (Jeremy), and Tammy (Tom). She was a strong and fiery woman who once bravely beat breast cancer, and though lung cancer took her too soon, her spirit remained unshaken.

She leaves behind her much loved grandchildren Christopher (Brittany), Graham Cody (Jenny), Jordin, and her "adopted, but not really" grandson Colby, who held a special place in her heart. Nothing brought her more joy than being "Baba" to her great-

grandchildren Lily, Bella, Blair, and Brynne, whom she adored and spoke of with pride.

After moving with Papa into an apartment to make life easier, Baba - being true to herself - insisted on returning to the country property after only a year. She always knew what she wanted and made sure it happened. One of her strongest wishes was to never enter a personal care home, and with the help of Homecare, we were able to honor that wish and keep her at home with us.

Verna touched the lives of many, and her family and friends now share in this deep loss. She will forever remain in our hearts, leaving a space that cannot be filled.

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Predeceased by his wife Betty and his son Gerald, he is survived by his children Russ (Trish), Rhonda (Bert) Hagloff, Linda (Preston) Meier, and David, as well as 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his wife Eleanor, as well as her children Gordon (Jennifer) Smiley, Linda Smiley (wife of son Brian, also deceased), and Shauna (Shawn) Zastre, along with four

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all those who cared for Frank in his final days - the kindness and compassion shown will never be forgotten.

A celebration of Frank's life will be held on August 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Selkirk Community Church, 6569 Hwy 9.

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Cheryl Rose Witko

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Cheryl Rose Witko, who left us peacefully on August 15, 2025, surrounded by her devoted husband and best friend of 64 years, Jim Witko, their children Lori, Garwood, Dave and family.

Cheryl is lovingly remembered by her husband Jim Witko; children Lori (Rick), Garwood (Cindi), Dave (Gail); her beloved granddaughters Sara (Justin), Nicole (Manni), Hailey (Tabia), who were the light of her life.

She was predeceased by her mother Rose Sinclair and stepdad Henry; sisters Susie, Lynn, Carmen; baby brother Garwood; and her cherished in-laws John and Jean Witko. Cheryl leaves behind a circle of close family and friends who will forever cherish her love and memory.

Born on March 28, 1947 in Selkirk, Manitoba, Cheryl grew up in Balsam Bay, Manitoba, where she fondly recalled long walks to school, picking onions and berries from the ditches, and cherished time with her mom and sisters. In the late 1950s, fate brought her together with the love of her life, Jim Witko. From that moment on, Cheryl and Jim shared an unbreakable bond, a marriage rooted in devotion, laughter, and the kind of love that endured through every season of life. Together they built their life in Selkirk, Manitoba, raising their family with strong values and countless memories. For a short time, their journey took them to British Columbia, but Selkirk was always home.

Cheryl often said, "I have the best family, the best husband, the best kids, and the best granddaughters." The truth is, we were the lucky ones to call her ours - and she truly was the best.

She will be greatly missed by all those who's lives she touched.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk with Father Gerald officiating. A private interment for immediate family will follow at a later date.

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



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