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## Staying safe this spooky season means more than avoiding zombies and vampires

## Halloween safety makes for a fun night

### By Katelyn Boulanger

With Halloween only a little over a week away, residents should brush up on their spooky season safety so that everyone can have a frighteningly fun evening. Some good tips to follow are:

- Choosing a costume with makeup instead of a mask is best so that you don't obstruct your vision. This is especially important when looking both ways when crossing the street and doublechecking how much candy you collected.
- Make sure to wear a costume that is weather-appropriate and visible to drivers. This might mean adding an umbrella, reflective tape, or a snowsuit with your costume, but it's worth it so that you can keep trick or treating for longer.
- Make sure to use the sidewalks,

Have a safe Halloween!

proper paths, and cross only at crosswalks or corners so that you don't have to slow down your trick or treating streak.

- Only go to houses that are lit up for Halloween. The unlit houses probably don't have candy.
- Halloween is more fun with friends. So, if you can, find a group to go with and make sure that everyone keeps up and stays together. You can even talk about your strategy ahead of time so that you can plan the route with the best candy stops. Bringing a trusted adult into the plan and having them come with you is a good idea too.
- Have a trusted adult go over your candy with you before eating it so that you can make sure that it's good to go!

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## Submerged vehicle salvage takes place in Red River near Selkirk Waterfront

### By Katelyn Boulanger

Submerged Underwater Services was in the Selkirk Waterfront area earlier this month and pulled out a bunch of vehicles that had made their way into the Red River. This was a chance for the company to do some exercise work meant to help them practise for other salvage operations, and as a bonus, the Red River is now less polluted.

"We are a marine construction company. We basically specialize in anything that happens below the water and on top of the water. So, we do a wide variety of work, such as salvage, general marine construction, which could include work on hydro-electric dams or installing pipelines for northern communities, to sonar inspections, to visual inspections with a diver. Basically, if you think of every trade that exists on the surface, we have to be able to do all of that under the water," explained Shawn Goertzen, Chief Operations Officer at Submerged Underwater Services.

Goertzen explained that they had some time in between other jobs and wanted to get some training in.

"Usually, when you want to get work for some of the bigger players in the construction world, they want to make sure that you have a documented training program. So, we go out and we do training with sonar or just general diving. We knew that there had been vehicles recovered from that Red River area around Selkirk in the past. So, we figured we would just go on out there and test the waters and see if we found anything," he said.

And find something they did, as of talking to Goertzen they had pulled out four vehicles and had detected what they thought were two to three more.

Goertzen said that once they discovered the cars, and the first step was to send a diver down to see if there were any license plates to recover. Because the vehicles had to belong to someone at some point, they wanted to make sure to do everything by the book, reporting what they discovered.

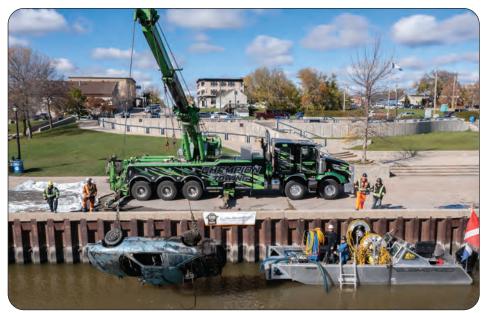
Unfortunately, they were only able to get information on one of the vehicles using a license plate, but they still wanted to retrieve the vehicles.

"We were pulling those vehicles up. And it just happened to be all of those vehicles ended up being stolen. And it sounds like they were all stolen around the same time," said Goertzen.

These thefts would have taken place

over twenty years ago in the early 2000s.

"On the first day, the first truck, that was extremely difficult to get out. I believe it was a 2000 truck, and it was stolen within the year. So, when it was



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Vehicles were removed from the Red River earlier this month thanks to Submerged Underwater Services.



stolen, it was basically a brand new truck, which is wild because that's 24

years ago," he said.

He also wanted to reassure residents that it doesn't look like any vehicles were put in the river recently.

Goertzen said that the process of removing the cars has to be done very carefully.

"There's a lot of factors that come into play. We have a diver and we basically have unlimited air. At this depth, he's got five hours of bottom time, so if there are any issues, usually we can work it out slowly, and we can bring the person back. We have to consider, you know, the safety factors," he said.

Some of those safety factors that they are training around are possible logs washing down the river and potentially reduced visibility.

Once they've got the safety figured out, the actual process of getting the vehicles out of the water is not easy.

"On the first day, all these vehicles were in a deep trough, and the wall of

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## SUBMERGED VEHICLES, FROM PG. 4

this trough was about 10 feet tall, so we weren't able to just directly hook up to the crane and pull the vehicle over. We had to hook up four lift bags. A lift bag is basically an underwater bag, and they're of varying sizes, and as soon as you add air to them, they give you buoyancy. And so, we just utilized that, hooked that up to the car, and then we can put air into the bags, and then just bring the car right up to the surface," explained Goert-

He said that it's not just the weight of the vehicle that they had to lift, but they had to fight against the force of suction while lifting vehicles filled weighed everything down.

Goertzen says that this job isn't just about doing salvage work. It's one aspect of it, but just in Canada, there are many hydro-electric dams that need work done, and he's even gone to international destinations, like the United Arab Emirates, where they might need work done on offshore platforms, as a few examples of places where this work is used.

He explained that thanks to a great mentor in his youth, he found his way to diving and then into this field, and since Submerged Underwater Services is an Indigenous owned business, he's wanted to reach out to our local Indigenous and Métis community.

If there are any young people who might be interested in learning more about this business, he'd be willing to answer any questions and talk about the best career decisions going into this field.

As for the Red River, unfortunately, Goertzen says that there were a lot of zebra mussels down there.

"I would say that, honestly, everyone just needs to be vigilant with cleaning their boats, especially going between the provinces, (lakes, and rivers). We were up north, and we were (working) on a water intake for a community, and the intake was absolutely completely clogged with zebra mussels, to the point where the community wasn't really getting water. So, the zebra mussel issue is definitely a big issue that needs to be spoken about a little bit more," he said.

Goertzen can be contacted at shawn@submerged.ca.



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## Help the Rotary Club of Selkirk collect warm clothing for fly-in First Nations

After devastating fires, communities need more help this year

### By Katelyn Boulanger

This month, until Oct. 25, the Rotary Club of Selkirk and the Lord Selkirk School Division Schools are working on their collection of warm clothing to be shipped to northern fly-in First Nations in Manitoba. They are asking anyone with extra cold weather items on hand to pass them on to someone who could use them.

Jean Oliver, a Selkirk Rotarian, explained that this is the third year that our local school and the Rotary Club have teamed up to set up a collection of warm clothes before the winter season

Oliver said that the Rotary Club started this drive when they realized how much need there was for clothing in communities that are hard to get to.

"I have a cousin who's a nurse in the north, and she told me back just before COVID that they had a real need for winter clothing in Moose Lake, where she was working at the time. Some Rotarians and some friends of mine, we got together and gathered up plastic bags full of clothing and filled her vehicle, and she drove up to Moose Lake with it. And then, we did



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Rotarians Ron Corrigal, Ashley Martyniw. Glen Kostyk, Al Curtis, Jean Oliver, David Thorne and Sharon Moolchan at a previous year's collection event. The Selkirk Rotary Club is hoping people will be generous during their winter clothing drive this year.

it again the next year. And then, CO-VID hit, and we did it out in my yard with masks on, gathering all this stuff up, bagging it, and sent it up north," said Oliver.

From that beginning, the local Rotary Club had a conversation with the Rotarians in Winnipeg who had come to the same conclusion that northern communities needed this help. From there, they teamed up to start sending clothing to northern reserves and developed the relationship with our

local Lord Selkirk School Division so that they could be one of the drop-off points for this clothing.

As for the clothing, they are looking for winter wear, but they've also decided to collect some fun stuff for the kids as well.

"Parkas, pants, boots, hats, mitts. scarves and hockequipment. There's not a lot for kids to do in the far north. And so, we started with hockey equipment last year, and it was just amazing what we alone in Selkirk gathered. Kids outgrow

their hockey equipment, and it gathers in the basement. We had boxes of skates of all sizes and shapes, figure skates, hockey skates, and then all kinds of hockey equipment," she said.

The only bit of equipment that they can't transport is hockey sticks, because of their shape, they don't fit into the boxes.

The items that are collected are shipped to these northern communities primarily by plane through the airlines that go up north, and then, when the winter roads are able to be established, anything left is shipped up on them.

"We're (collecting) until the 25th of October. That's the day that they should be all boxed up, and then the school division is going to take them into the city and drop them off at a central location where one of the Rotary Clubs in Winnipeg has also been gathering clothing. Then they'll be sorted into the boxes where they're going," explained Oliver.

The donations help many different communities.

Drop-offs can take place at the region's schools until Oct. 22, and the during the final few days for drop-offs the only location that can accept donations is the Knox Presbyterian Church in Selkirk.

Oliver explained that since many northern communities had evacuations in the summer due to the forest fires, being able to send clothing up to people who may have lost possessions and their homes is now more important than ever. Because of the remoteness of these places clothing isn't always easy to come by.

"They don't have a Walmart in (places like) Tadoule Lake that they can run to. By the time they've ordered something, winter's already over. These people lost so much in the forest fires this year. Some of them lost everything. So, I think that's why we know that the need is even greater this year," she said.

She expects that people will be generous, as they have been in the past and actually shared a story about two people who donated in previous years who warmed her heart.

"Two ladies arrived at the church the day we were packing. She said, 'You know what, when we were kids, we didn't have much, and when we heard about this drive, we decided that instead of Christmas presents this year, this is what we were doing.' And they arrived with, I think there were four complete snowsuits with hats to match, scarves to match, and boots for kids. It just touched our hearts," said Oliver.

Oliver also said that if you have clothing or hockey equipment and can't get out to the church to make the donation, you can give her a call, and she will pick up the items you wish to donate. Her number is 204-482-6496.

Oliver encourages residents to look through their clothes to see if there's anything that's been collecting dust and could use a new home.

"If they're cleaning out closets and their kids don't fit last year's clothing or need new clothing, we would gladly take any gently used or new clothing for children, from infants right up to adults," she said.



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## Patrick Tarnopolski makes 200th blood donation this month

## Local man encourages residents to follow his lead and donate blood to help save lives

### By Katelyn Boulanger

Blood donations made by everyday people are used to save the lives of people who are sick or injured. Celebrating the milestone of 200 blood donations is an incredible feat, and Selkirk resident Patrick Tarnopolski can now add his name to the list of people who've reached that accomplishment after his donation earlier this month.

He's not exactly sure when he first started donating blood, but he's pretty sure it was to help out a family member.

"I can't quite remember the exact time I got typed and cross-matched, but the thing that came to mind was Brenda's mother, my mother-in-law, they lived in the United States in the early 70s. She ended up being diagnosed with cancer, was going for surgery for it, and the health team said, blood units are very expensive. You can mitigate some of the cost if you can get people to donate," said Tarnopolski.

At that time, several people in the family rolled up their sleeves and made donations, and though he's not sure of the exact start date, Tarnopolski has been donating blood for over

Since Tarnopolski has donated at least four times a year for all of this time, except for one year when he was unable to due to an injury, he's done the math and is celebrating his donation this month as a milestone.

He said that the blood donations now go through Canadian Blood Services, but originally he was donating through the Red Cross.

"It's actually a bit easier now, because they take appointments. Before, it used to be kind of a scramble. It was a first-come, first served (system) and COVID and all those other things that occurred in the last 10 years (now mean that they) make it by appointment. So it's not much more than an hour, and the whole process is over quickly. You don't have to wait, sometimes it was two or three hours in the queue," he explained

The big reason that he's continued to consistently donate over the years is because he knew he was healthy and his blood was in demand.

"The thing that kept me going was constantly hearing that you're an Onegative donor, you're a universal donor. Anybody can be helped by your blood," said Tarnopolski.

He explained that the first time you go to donate, the process might be a little intimidating if you don't know what to expect, but once you go 200 times, you get very familiar with the process.

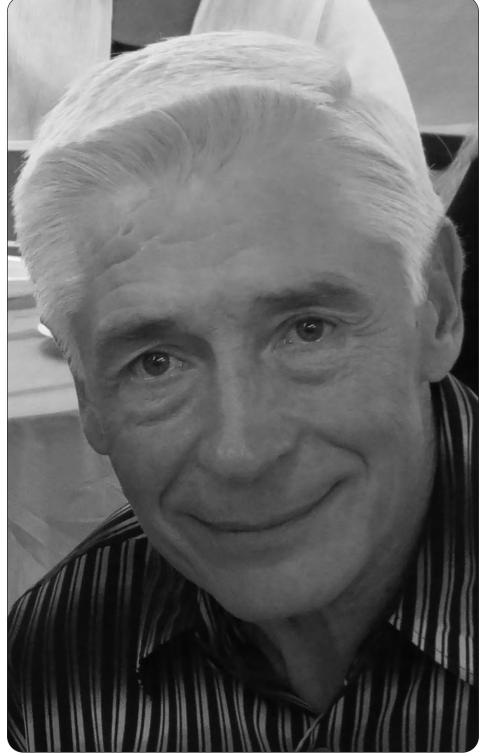
"I was a bit fortunate because I was sort of in the healthcare industry at the time (of my first donation), so I knew what to expect," he said.

He feels that the best way to get into donating blood is to go with a friend or family member who's gone before. They can talk you through the process and be with you so that you can watch what happens. Also, he said there are some great brochures that straightforwardly explain what happens that might be helpful for first time donors.

As for his donating, he joked that his favourite part is getting to eat a treat at the end, but it definitely also goes a little deeper for him as he has found community in donating as well

"(I enjoy) seeing people, some regular donors, some newcomers, and interacting with them. I rarely tell

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Patrick Tarnopolski hit a major milstone recently. He made his 200th blood donation this month.





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## Province sees progress in hip, knee surgeries at Selkirk hospital

The Manitoba government says it's making steady progress on reducing surgical wait times, with nearly 400 hip and knee replacements now completed through the new outpatient program at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

As of Oct. 16, the program has performed 399 procedures — nearly halfway to its target of 800 by the end of the fiscal year — Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara announced this week.

"This investment is about helping more Manitobans live free of pain so they can get back to what they love," said Asagwara. "Too many Manitobans have had to wait a year or more for a relatively simple hip or knee replacement, but we are helping the 'long waiters' by investing in the Selkirk program. We're seeing progress as our waitlist drops, but we know we have to keep going."

The province invested \$5.7 million in March to launch the outpatient surgical program, expanding operating space and hiring additional staff. Provincial data shows the number of patients removed from the hip and knee waitlist rose sharply this year — from 104 in February to 378 in June.

Asagwara said more Manitobans are now receiving surgeries than being added to the waitlist. In September 2024, the list grew by 167 patients, but this September, 213 patients received their surgeries, marking another de-

Dr. Ed Buchel, provincial surgery specialty lead for Shared Health, said the program's success reflects strong collaboration between Selkirk and Winnipeg surgical teams.

"By adding 800 surgeries — about 11 per cent of the roughly 7,000 joint replacements in Manitoba — we are taking a major step toward reducing the wait list and helping people access care within recommended timelines," said Buchel. "We're already seeing the number of people waiting and the time they wait going down."

The government has also expanded health-care capacity across the Interlake-Eastern region, adding 30 medicine beds, a 15-bed transitional care unit, and funding for seven-days-aweek discharge at the Selkirk hospital. Construction is also underway on a new 95-bed personal care home in Lac du Bonnet, with additional projects planned for Arborg and Winnipeg's Transcona neighbourhood.

For Selkirk resident Ronald Borecky, the expansion made all the difference.

"I didn't expect to be the first hip replacement after the expansion, but then in March I got the call," he said. "Everything went smoothly from the moment I walked in. The doctor and nurses were kind, they explained everything, and the hospital looked impressive. I couldn't believe I walked out of the hospital hours after my operation."

Since October 2023, the Manitoba government has added more than 3,400 net new health-care workers provincewide, including 285 physicians and over 1,100 nurses.

## Selkirk RCMP respond to a vehicle-pedestrian collision

### Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Oct. 15, at 9:30 p.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a collision involving a pedestrian on Manitoba Ave., just west of Highway 9A, in Selkirk.

Officers immediately attended and determined that two young males were walking east in the middle of the road when one of them was struck by a vehicle, also travelling east. One of the males was seen lying in the south

The 17-year-old victim, from the Rural Municipality of St Andrews, was transported to the hospital via STARS in critical condition with serious injuries. The other pedestrian was not injured.

The driver of the vehicle, a 27-yearold male from the Rural Municipality of St Andrews, was not injured.

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

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people how many donations that I've done, because it's kind of a personal thing. But when I see a new donor, we welcome them to the group," said Tarnopolski.

His biggest tips for new donors are to look after themselves.

"Look after your health, your physical, mental and spiritual health," he

Tarnopolski says that he also understands that some people can't donate because of many different reasons, but that there are also volunteer opportunities for people who feel this is a great cause they want to give some time to.

As for encouraging others to donate, Tarnopolski also encourages people who are able to, to make an appointment and give it a shot.

"It's the gift of life. We all have it in ourselves, the gift of life. So, if that's an encouragement, you give something that you can share with your fellow human beings," he said.

To learn more about donating blood or to schedule your appointment at the next blood donation clinic in Selkirk. Visit https://www.blood.ca/en.



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# Lesli Malegus named 40th Citizen of the Year

Submitted by the Selkirk and District Community Foundation

There's a commonality amongst the recipients of the Citizen of the Year award in that they all make an impact in the communities of St. Andrews, St. Clements and Selkirk. There's also a uniqueness about them, because they all do good work in their own special

This year's recipient stands out for the above reasons, and also for being the first ever to have a family member who's a previous Citizen of the Year

Lesli Malegus is the 40th Citizen of the Year, 30 years after her mom, Jean Oliver, was honoured as the 10th Citizen of the Year in 1994.

Selkirk & District Community Foundation Chair Deborah Vitt, with flowers in hand, headed up a group of friends and family who showed up at Malegus's Selkirk Travel to surprise her with the news.

"Lesli Malegus, you my dear, are the Citizen of the Year," Vitt said.

"You have been such a gift to the community. All the work that you have done, we love you. Thank you."

For Malegus, who did her best to keep her reaction suitable for children, was in shock.

"It was a very surprising morning, I was blown away actually," Malegus said afterward.

"It's overwhelming. You don't do things in the community for recognition. You do them because it's the right thing to do. I just always try to live by that motto that it's the right thing and never expect anything, so this is really heartwarming."

When the news had sunk in just a wee bit, Malegus admitted the arrival of the surprise party was all right with her.

"It was the best way to start a Friday," she laughed.

"Every Friday should start like this." Malegus's Mom, Jean Oliver, who kept the secret from her daughter for a couple of days, was proud, and both were unaware that they were the first family members to receive the award.

"I'm very proud, and I know how hard she works for everything in the community and has for years and years. It's really wonderful that she's being recognized for all the work that she's done," Oliver said.

Malegus credited her mom for instilling her commitment to community and volunteerism.

"I don't think the apple falls too far from the tree. I think it was the way we were raised, to help the community and give back as much as you can. I'm very proud," Malegus said.

Malegus was nominated by another former Citizen of the Year, Michele Polinuk, who said Malegus is the consummate professional and her volunteer work in the region knows no

"I've known Lesli for quite a while now, for quite a number of years, and having the opportunity to work alongside her in various volunteer positions and boards, I've seen someone who works so hard and never looks for the glory, or to be in the spotlight," Polinuk said.

"She wants to be as far away from the spotlight, or from the pictures or the camera, that she can be. Her positions on many boards have been treasurer or finance, because they don't have to be front and centre. She always works so hard and has given to this community since she was young."

Malegus is or has volunteered for numerous organizations over the

She joined the Sunova Credit Union Board in 2009 and was re-elected in 2011. The Sunova board oversees the activities and strategic direction of the credit union on behalf of its members, and Malegus was continually re-elected up to and including the merger with Access Credit Union in 2022.

From 2009-2013, she was a member of the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, and from 2012-2013, she was a board member for the Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation, a non-profit committed to community development, renewal and revitalization based on the priorities of the community. In 2014, she became the Renewal Corporation's treasurer.

In 2010, Malegus joined the Rotary Club of Selkirk. She was familiar with Rotary due to her mom's involvement over the years, and she now shares the same passion for the service club. After a few years as a member, she joined the executive and again took on the role of treasurer.

She became president of Rotary for 2024-25 and is again president for 2025-26. She is the co-chair of the annual Lobsterfest, Rotary's largest fundraiser.



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Malegus, third from right, with friends and family after learning she'd been named the 40th Citizen of the Year.

"The Rotary Club of Selkirk helps the community and region for various age groups, from food security of the NOW program, the children's expansion in Gaynor Family Library, to promoting literacy with the book sales. There are many more ways the Rotary impacts the community, but for Rotary to do this, you need members like Lesli with dedication and commitment to volunteering time," Polinuk said.

"Lesli exemplifies 'service above self' as Rotary is less about an organization, and more about a 'way of life'. Lesli displays every act of kindness and helps transform lives by serving and inspiring in all of her organiza-

tions and in her professional life."

Malegus joined the Selkirk Food Bank Board in 2018 and is currently the treasurer. Polinuk says Malegus and the others who volunteer for the food bank do it because the need is great.

"The necessity and importance of the Selkirk Food Bank can never be understated. The need is high and continues to grow. A strong board is integral to ensure the food bank can function to provide food security,"

'The board members are not listed on their website or on any social media platform. They are not looking for thanks. These individuals are carrying out the work because it is need-

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## Interlake Eastern Health Foundation celebrates record year of community impact

### By Annaliese Meier

The Interlake Eastern Health Foundation (IEHF) is celebrating a record year of community investment after directing more than \$524,000 toward local health-care facilities and programs in 2024-25 — a 52-per-cent increase over the previous year's \$344,000.

The milestone was announced at the Foundation's annual general meeting on Oct. 1, where leaders highlighted growing donor support, new fundraising initiatives, and expanding partnerships across the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA).

"These investments are only possible because of our donors," said Terri Otto, chair of the board of directors. "Every dollar helps ensure care is available close to home when it's needed most."

Funding supported specialized medical equipment, facility upgrades, staff training, and community wellness initiatives such as Camp Stepping Stones, a grief camp for children.

The top five grants in 2024-25 included:

- Clinic Equipment for Eriksdale Wellness Centre – electronic scale, electronic exam table and vital-stats monitor – \$23,032.09
- Specialty Mattresses for Selkirk Regional Health Centre (x5) \$17,229.04
- Bladder Scanner for Pinawa Hospital \$17,070.16
- Bladder Scanner for Gimli Hospital \$17,070.16



 Saebo Hand Treatment Kit for Beausejour Hospital and Rehab – \$16,000.00

In total, 151 initiatives received funding for equipment, training and renovations benefiting patients, staff and communities across acute care, rehabilitation, long-term care and community wellness.

New initiatives such as the KinKar Raffle, One Great Lottery and a new 50/50 Payday Payout helped fuel the record growth. KinKar and One Great Lottery raised \$4,230.08 (net), while the Payday Payout, launched in 2025-26, is expected to net about \$40,000 this fiscal year.

The Foundation's \$5 Club, a staff-led giving program, raised \$25,000 and distributed the funds evenly among 13 community programs, each receiving \$1,923:

Teulon Elementary School Breakfast Program; Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank - Satellite Food Bank (Pine Falls): Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen; Big Hearts Christmas Hamper Program; Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators; Wings of Power; Community Bridges (Gimli); IERHA basic equipment; Hero's Youth Mentorship Program; Growing Years Family Re-Centre; source Camp Stepping Stones; Lord Selkirk RFM Pipe Band; and Selkirk Friendship Centre Daycare.

For the first time, IEHF also



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IEHF 2025 Board of Directors Chris Saunders, Averill Stephenson (Executive Director), Debbie Fiebelkorn (IERHA Board Liaison), Kevin Tordiffe, Tracey Epp, Ted Lewis (Treasurer), Terri Otto (Chair), Julius Joseph. Missing from the photo, Judith Cameron (vice-chair), Brent Wynnyk (past-chair) and Christy Ring-Snell.



Kelsey Haresign, director of health services at Selkirk Mental Health Centre, joins Interlake Eastern Health Foundation executive director Averill Stephenson and donors Cathy and Roger Coss of Warren, who contributed \$1,000 through their family fund to support patients at Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

distributed grants from its Endowment Funds, marking a major step toward sustainable, long-term support for regional health care.

At March 31, 2025, the endowed principal totalled \$518,358, with a 4–4.5 per cent disbursement rate

based on board policy.

## THIS YEAR'S ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS INCLUDED:

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## > IEHF CELEBRATES IMPACT, FROM PG. 10

- Cynthia Turner Fund \$940.93 for a Chester Chest training mannequin and palliative-care lunch-and-learn programs.
- McLeary Dalman Fund \$1,000 for a full-body training mannequin.
- Barbara Buffie Fund \$1,553.51 for CPR mannequins to support staff
- Cathy and Roger Coss Fund \$1,000 to support patients at Selkirk Mental Health Centre.
- McLeary Family Fund \$1,000 for shade canopies and Memory and Aging Program supports at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.
- Interlake Eastern Health Fund -\$3,898.90 for a replacement cast cutter for Stonewall Hospital.
- Bill and Susan Rivers Fund \$570 for rehabilitation equipment to assist patient recovery.
- Gaynor Family Children's Fund - \$664.23 to support Camp Stepping

Otto noted that some fund holders top up their contributions to enable additional purchases or training op-

Audited statements confirm total fund balances of \$1,974,261, verified by Gislason Targownik Peters, Char-

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### PROJECTS PRIORITIZED FOR 2025-26 INCLUDE:

- Stonewall Palliative Care Patio (Sunshine and Peace) - completed September 2025
- Camp Stepping Stones June 2026
- Courtyard Planting Program for all personal care home recreation departments – June 2026
- Specialized equipment for allied health, including a TIMS system upgrade for swallow-analysis diagnostics (approx. \$40,000) – January 2026
- Specialized audiology equipment for the birthing centre to screen newborn hearing (approx. \$25,000) - December 2025
- REALITi360 patient device simulator for training on monitors, defibrillators and ventilators (approx. \$17,000) – March 2026

Other priorities will depend on operational needs and include equipment purchases, continued staff training, and facility renovations.

During the AGM, Otto also welcomed new board members and recognized two long-serving directors for their outstanding service.

Ted Lewis, involved since the Foundation's inception, was thanked for stepping in as treasurer during a transition year.

"Ted's willingness to do whatever is needed and his thoughtful leadership have been invaluable," Otto said.

Tracey Epp, who chaired the nominations and governance committee,

was also honoured for her role in board development.

"Tracey's sight, steady hand, and commitment to good governance helped shape this board into what it is today," said

Otto.

"The Foundation's strength lies in the generosity of our communities and the dedication of people like Ted, Tracey, and our many donors and volunteers," she added. "Together, we're building healthier, stronger communities."

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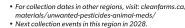
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## Manitoba maker unleashes creativity with her small business

When Winnipeg seamstress Veronica Abaunza couldn't find a collar that fit her beagle Duke just right, she decided to make one herself — and ended up tailoring a business instead.

What began as a single handmade collar for her tri-coloured companion has grown into Duke's Dashing Designs — a small-batch pet accessory line featuring custom collars, leashes, poop bag holders, keychains and lip balm holders. Abaunza sews every product by hand and plans to expand her line in 2026 to include stylish bandanas and accessories for cats.

"I wanted to start making my dog custom products because he was in between sizes and I wanted him to have something fun," she explained.

Although Duke's Dashing Designs only recently launched, Abaunza has been experimenting with her sewing machine for about two years. Unlike many who learn sewing from family members or in school, she taught herself from scratch — fitting her creative practice into rare spare moments outside her full-time job.

Her hobby soon turned into something more when a friend noticed her natural skill.

"My friend was simply amazed at what I created and told me I could make a business out of this — so I gave it a whirl and now I do it all," she said. "I pick the fabric, sit, cut and sew, and do the packaging for the finished product. I put love and dedication into everything I make because if I don't, then it's just an ordinary product — people can't love what I make if I don't put my own love into it."

Abaunza offers a wide variety of fabric choices, from playful prints to seasonal designs, allowing customers to show off their pets' personalities.

"There are so many different patterns out there," she said. "I have pet patterns, Halloween designs, Christmas fabrics, and even licensed characters like Spider-Man, Snoopy and Captain America — just to name a

Beyond looks, Abaunza prioritizes practicality and safety. Her de-

> sign philosophy was shaped by nerve-racking encounter with Duke at a dog park. When another dog him, she realized she didn't have a leash within reach to quickly separate them. Duke wasn't seriously hurt, but the experience stuck with them both and changed the way she designs her products.

"There are reasons why I create my products the way I do, and that's because I want to make sure everyone stays safe and that my products remain safe," she said.



**RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED** 

Veronica Abaunza, owner of Duke's Dashing Designs, and her dog Duke show off one of her handmade collars and leashes. Abaunza creates custom pet accessories from her Winnipeg home, blending creativity, craftsmanship and care for fellow pet owners.

All her leashes now feature a D-ring clip, allowing owners to easily attach the leash to themselves for hands-free convenience — keeping both dogs and handlers prepared and in control.

Customization is another hallmark of Duke's Dashing Designs. Abaunza knows not every dog fits neatly into small, medium or large size categories, so she gladly accommodates special sizing requests. She also welcomes fabric requests and will search for specific prints to meet her customers' visions.

Those looking for a custom-made product can contact her at 204-619-3571, email dukesdashingdesigns@ gmail.com, or visit @DukesDashingDesigns on Instagram to start the planning process.

As her business grows, Abaunza looks forward to connecting with more pet lovers at community mar-



A custom collar crafted by Abaunza designed with both style and safety in mind.





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## Manitoba Hydro inspecting Natural Gas meters and regulators

Inspectors will display identification, not ask for information

### By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba Hydro employees and contractors will be visiting homes and businesses over the next 12 to 14 months to conduct a province-wide audit of natural gas meters and regulators.

The audit will take place in communities across Manitoba — both urban and rural — and will include about 90,000 residential and commercial customers, the utility said.

If Hydro personnel need to enter a premises to inspect a meter, customers will not have to provide their names, account numbers or any other type of personal information. Personnel will also be displaying a Manitoba Hydro identification badge.

"Meters measure the volume of natural gas consumed. Regulators control the pressure. The meters and regulators may be located together, or in separate places outside or inside a residence or business," said Manitoba Hydro in an Oct. 9 news release. "This audit is critical for the continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers. It is a separate process from meter reading."

In addition to their identification badge, Manitoba Hydro employees and contractors will be wearing specif-Hydro-branded high-visibility shirts or

"The personnel will inspect natural gas meters and regulators if they are readily accessible, but if necessary, they will come to the door and ask to be directed to the gas meter and regulator," states the release.

Customers should be aware that Manitoba Hydro employees or contractors performing this work will display their identification, be working from sunrise to sunset (as adjusted to the season) and may also work later hours in rural areas, may ask to enter a private residence or business for the purpose of auditing gas meters and regulators, and will not ask for names, account numbers or any other personal information.

Customers can contact Manitoba Hydro at 1-888-624-9376 with any questions about the gas meter and regulator audit.



PHOTO BY MANITOBA HYDRO

A gas meter and regulator located outside a building.

## Lakeside MLA calls for urgent repairs to crumbling rural roads

By Lana Meier with files from Patricia Barrett

The deteriorating condition of provincial roads in the Lakeside constituency is raising serious concerns about safety, accessibility and economic impact, says Lakeside MLA Trevor King.

King told the legislature earlier this month that residents have been "raising the alarm" for months about the state of several key routes, including Provincial Roads 323 and 220. Both are vital transportation links for farmers, businesses and families in the region, he said, yet have become almost impassable after rainfall.

"PRs 323 and 220 are key routes for hauling grain, delivering supplies

and getting kids to school. Yet they remain in such poor shape that even basic travel is becoming dangerous," said King. "These roads are key routes for hauling grain, delivering supplies and getting kids to school. Yet they remain in such poor shape that even basic travel is becoming dangerous."

King said the roads are plagued by deep ruts, soft shoulders, standing water and washouts that appear faster than they can be repaired. The conditions affect not only local commerce but also emergency services, school transportation and workers commuting to nearby Hutterite colonies.

"The roads are the veins of rural

Manitoba and vital connectors between communities, farms and businesses," King said. "Yet, despite how important they are, these roads are falling apart while this government looks the other way."

In his Oct. 8 grievance, King listed "most" of the provincial roads in his riding that require attention, including PRs 321, 424, 334, 332, 322, 518, 427, 227 and 241. He emphasized that the problem is not with the provincial maintenance crews but with leadership at the ministerial level.

"It is with the priorities and leadership at the ministerial level," he said. "All of these roads lack material to

maintain them properly, to withstand any amount of rain or spring thaw."

King tabled photos in the legislature showing extensive rutting and pooling water after a recent rainfall, and questioned Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor about why "critical provincial roads" have been allowed to deteriorate throughout Lakeside and the rest of Manitoba.

Naylor responded that the poor conditions stem from years of neglect under the previous Progressive Conservative government.

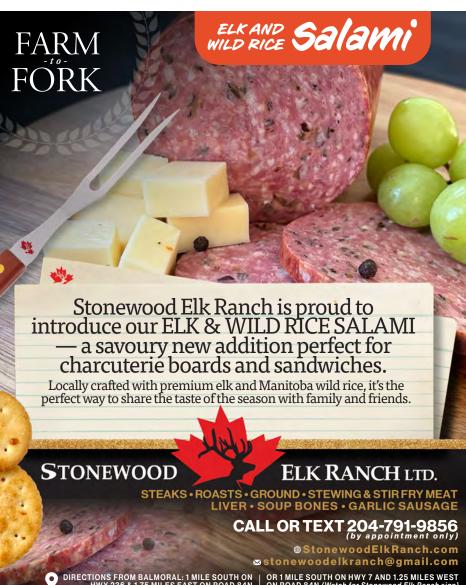
"If members opposite think that these roads have fallen into disrepair

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## **RRNT** hosts deep discussions at Community Engagement Night









RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER

It was a packed house at Red River North Tourism's Community Engagement Night last week. Residents from all industries and local governements packed into the Gaynor Family Regional Library to talk about what our community was doing well and what we could improve on to spark tourism in the area. Special guests Brigitte Sandron, who's career spanned many roles shaping Manitoba's tourism strategy inclucing her work as former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Travel Manitoba, and Angela Cassie Chief Operating Officer of Travel Manitoba joined President of RRNT Lois Wales as they helped to talk about the region's stregths as well as facilitate focused discussions.

### > RURAL ROAD REPAIR, FROM PG. 12

over one year or two years, they are sorely mistaken," she said during question period. "This is the result of years of neglect by members opposite."

Naylor added that the government is "fully focused" on infrastructure renewal and pointed to new rural investments announced earlier this summer.

Well-maintained roads are essential to Manitoba's rural economy, King said, enabling the movement of agricultural products, goods and services that sustain small towns and local industries. "Without reliable infrastructure," he added, "rural Manitoba simply can't move forward."



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Provincial Road 323 is shown a few weeks ago after it rained. The gravel road turned into a slurry in spots, trapping vehicles and causing dangerous driving conditions. High ridges of earth and gravel were formed by the passing of vehicles, and when they dried out, formed ruts.

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# **Hockey legends Trottier, Fleury take** over Selkirk for **NHL Alumni Game**

### By Kieran Reimer

Bryan Trottier, Theo Fleury, Bernie Nicholls and Dave Ellett — just four of the 10 National Hockey League alumni who made the trip to Selkirk from Oct. 9 to 10 for Bryan Trottier's Legendary Hockey Heroes NHL Alumni Game and gala dinner, hosted by the Selkirk Steelers for the second straight year.

The two-day event featured a dinner, meet-andgreets, auctions, Q & A sessions, and of course, the alumni game — all held at the Selkirk Recreation

"I think this year was better than last year," said Steelers president Jordan Fillion. "We tried to up the entertainment value this year with a light show and different things at the start of the game, trying to make it as much like an NHL game as possible for the guys."

The Oct. 10 game saw the NHL alumni — boasting multiple Stanley Cups between them — play alongside event sponsors in front of a crowd of more than

The night before, the NHLers entertained a sold-out audience at the annual Hockey Night in Selkirk dinner, also held at the rec complex. Most of the live auction prizes were signed jerseys from the alumni in attendance, while Steelers players helped serve dinner.

The evening wrapped up with a live musical perfor-

mance by Trottier and Fleury.

"We've had the dinner now for 20-plus years, and bringing all these different legends from all these different eras into Selkirk has been a staple for the Steelers as a fundraiser," said Fillion. "We're really grateful that the community gets behind it and we're able to help raise money for the hockey program and at the same time entertain the community."

He added that a majority of this year's tickets were sold ahead of time through corporate partner packag-

es, which helped boost attendance.

"All the volunteers for the Selkirk Steelers, obviously Bryan Trottier, Theo Fleury and all the legends, and the community — we need that support," Fillion said. "Without the community and our corporate partners, it wouldn't be possible. It's volunteers, community support and, obviously, the legends."

The Steelers, meanwhile, are tied for first place in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with a 10-1-1 record.

# **Community grieves for** well-respected physician

The Stonewall community shared heartfelt tributes, fresh flowers and fond memories of a doctor who made a difference in the lives of many.

Dr. Majid Zahiri died in the evening on Tuesday, Oct. 14 surrounded by people who cared for him, including Stonewall healthcare staff who worked alongside him.

Zahiri received his medical training in Iran and graduated in 1995. After moving to Manitoba, he completed the medical licensure program for international medical graduates and launched his local career with family practice in The Pas. Over time, Zahiri relocated to the Interlake.

In 2016, he worked under Dr. Michele Matter's supervision in Selkirk's emergency department. Soon after, he agreed to help provide coverage in Arborg for family practice and in the emergency department to cover a two-week planned vacation

Later that year, he began his practice at Stonewall and District Health Centre, where he served as a family physician and

For Matter, she looks back fondly on the time she spent working with Zahiri.

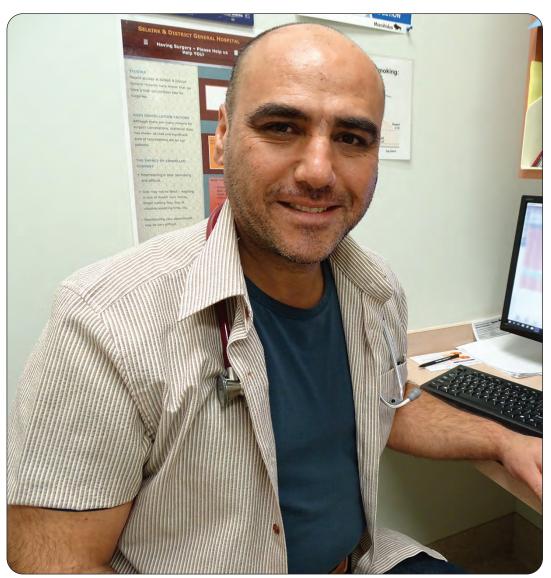
"I felt so sad when I heard of his passing. I remember him fondly, especially how excited he was at the birth of his son, which occurred in his early 40s. We had a lot of fun working together in the Selkirk ER where he was loved by staff and patients alike," she said.

"I found him to be a true empath as he would go out of his way to help his patients, whom he considered like family. His passing is a loss to Stonewall, the IERHA and the province of Manitoba. Majid, you will be very much missed."

Dr. Scott Gregoire, vice-president of medical services and chief medical officer, said Zahiri left a mark by providing exceptional care to patients in the Interlake-Eastern region for the past nine years.

"Dr. Zahiri has been an integral part of the care team in Stonewall, and we can't thank him enough for his contributions to our

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The Stonewall community is mourning the loss of Dr. Majid Zahiri, shown here in a photo from 2017. Dr. Zahiri died on Oct. 14 surrounded by people who care for him.

## Raye Anderson is bringing her latest mystery novel to the Library

Local book uses Interlake as background for thrilling tale

### By Katelyn Boulanger

If you're a fan of mystery books, crime novels, or novels with a local connection, then Gimli author Raye Anderson's latest book in the Roxanne Calloway Mystery series, *Had a Great Fall*, might be for you. You'll also have the perfect chance to grab your own copy as Anderson is going to be making a stop at the Gaynor Family Regional Library for an author reading on Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.

Anderson explained that the location of the story will likely remind readers of our area, but is set in a fictitious place.

"Had a Great Fall is the fifth book in the Roxanne Calloway series. Roxanne, she used to work in the Major Crimes Unit; she's now running the detachment at Fiskar Bay, which is a town on the shore of a big lake rather similar to Gimli, where I live. She's on maternity leave. She has an eight-month-old baby, and she's not due back in the office for another six to eight weeks, and it's fall," said Anderson.

Of course, for it to be a crime novel, there needs to be a crime, and this fall-themed book might be just the right fit to check out this time of year.

"I played a lot around the word fall in this book. (The plot starts with) two guys are out driving. One of them is Ukrainian. He has to get his Manitoba license, so they're just trying some driving. They pass a sunflower field, and they remind him of Ukraine, and he wants to take some pictures to send back home. So, they stop to take some pictures, and they find a body in the sunflowers," said Anderson.

Without spoiling the story, Roxanne Calloway finds out about the body through the local small-town grapevine, and since the baby is asleep and her husband is around, she heads out. Once she sees the body, she realizes that she knows who it is, and from there she finds that she needs to solve the mystery.

This book is pretty hot off the presses, having been published on Aug. 28 of this year, has already become very sought after, as it made the shortlist

for the Canadian awards for murder mysteries as a traditional mystery.

Something that residents should know before they grab this book is that there is some gore in this book, since it revolves around solving a murder.

Despite it having traditional murder mystery roots, Anderson feels that it is not just a murder mystery.

"It's as much about the community as it is about Roxanne. It's about small towns and how they react when something goes very wrong like this, and how they deal with it. There are a lot of people that Roxanne knows around where she lives who are all involved in trying to figure out what's going on here," said Anderson.

She also wants readers to know that Calloway isn't one of those amazingly brilliant sleuths like Sherlock Holmes or Hercule Poirot. She's someone that the reader can relate to because she may not be the most brilliant sleuth out there, but she's passionate about solving the mystery, doing a good job, and helping people.

Anderson said that the inspiration for this novel came from the seasonal theme of her previous books, and though she has a fall-themed book in the series already, she wanted to explore a different location.

"The one that I wrote in the fall was set in Winnipeg, in the theatre. I worked in theatre, so I wrote a theatre book, and so I'd never written a fall one in the Interlake," she said.

The initial spark for this tale came from a drive.

"It was September two years ago, and I was driving down from Gimli to Selkirk, and I passed a couple of sunflower fields. It was a year when they'd really grown. They were really tall. There were these ranks and ranks of tall, tall, beautiful sunflowers, right? And I kind of thought, 'Oh, that's interesting. How about what would happen if I put a body in the sunflower field?' So that's where it started," she explained.

This is the fifth book in the Roxanne Calloway series. For readers who pre-



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Author Raye Anderson will be at the Gaynor Family Regional Library on Oct. 24.

fer to start at the beginning, And We Shall Have Snow is the first in the series. Anderson has six books in her catalogue, however, as she also has a Scottish mysterv series called the Elspeth Laird mystery series. The first book, and only current book in that series, is The Dead Shall Inherit.

Though she's written six books in the mystery genre, Anderson doesn't know exactly why she enjoys writing these books so much. She does credit her more recent venture in writing to getting together

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### > DR. MAJID ZAHIRI, FROM PG. 17

said.

"His dedication to providing compassionate care to his community alongside his colleagues will not be soon forgotten. We offer our deepest condolences to Dr. Zahiri's family and friends, his patients and everyone who knew him."

On social media, tributes flooded in with shared memories and appreciation for the hard-working doctor. One person, who dropped off flowers at the hospital, expressed gratitude for Zahiri's years of care in the commu-

"We are here to show our support to our Stonewall hospital staff and

region and our province," Gregoire our love we had for such an amazing soul," she wrote.

> It's a terrible loss for the Stonewall community, noted another person on social media.

> "I'll miss seeing his big truck parked outside the hospital and his assortment of hats," she wrote. "Dr. Zahiri was such an intelligent man and an incredible doctor."

> Another person described Zahiri as an extraordinary individual who touched countless lives, including her

> "Your kindness, compassion and generosity inspired me to be a better person," she wrote. "I'll carry your memory with me always."



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER** 

Community members placed flowers and cards at a memorial for Dr. Majid Zahiri in the Stonewall and District Health Centre following his passing on Oct. 14. Zahiri, a longtime family physician and emergency doctor, was remembered for his compassion, dedication and impact on countless lives in the Interlake.

## > RAYE ANDERSON, FROM PG. 18

with a friend to give some writing ex- Anderson. ercises a shot.

"We got together to start practicing. Just doing some creative writing exercises. And one day out of that, I sat down and wrote the first chapter of a mystery. It was one of those where the job was to write something in the style that you read a lot, and I looked at my bedside table, and there were a couple of murder mysteries," said

She explained that from the moment that she started writing and got the idea, she felt like she knew what to do and just went with it, and now she's six books in.

Since Anderson has been a published author for nearly ten years, her advice to people just starting out on their artist journey is quite valuable.

"Read what you like, and write what

you like, and just keep trying. I'm a pretty disciplined writer. I do work at it, and I do sit down. I put the work in. I sit down every morning (to write)," she said.

If all of this makes you curious to find out more, make sure to stop in to the Gaynor Family Regional Library at 2 p.m. on Oct. 24 to meet Anderson in person.

You can also access her books through the Gaynor Family Regional Library, where anyone from Selkirk,

St. Andrews, St. Clements or Dunnottar can get a library card free of

If you want your very own copy of Anderson's books, they are available through McNally Robinson Bookstore or Whodunit New and Used Mystery Bookstore in Winnipeg. They are on Amazon in eBook and physical book form, and Anderson will likely have a few copies at the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

## Farmers invited to safely dispose of old pesticides, animal meds

By Lana Meier

Manitoba producers will have an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted farm chemicals and expired livestock medications later this month through Cleanfarms' free collection program, running Oct. 27 to 31 at 20 sites across the province.

The initiative, supported by the Canadian Animal Health Institute and crop protection industry partners, helps farmers responsibly manage hazardous materials and reduce environmental risks.

"This is one of our longest-running programs and continues to provide meaningful environmental benefits across the country," said Barry Friesen, Cleanfarms' executive director. "We're proud to offer Manitoba farmers a free drop-off and a trusted way to dispose of these materials."

Local collection sites include:

- Arborg Oct. 27: Nutrien Ag Solutions, 55 Main St. S.
- Gunton Oct. 28: Paterson Grain -Crop Inputs, 89113 PTH 7.
- Meadows Oct. 29: Ag Advantage Ltd., 68156 Rd. 6 W.
- Beausejour Oct. 30: Nutrien Ag Solutions, 73010 Rd. 40 off Hwy. 44.

Drop-off hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Farmers can bring obsolete agricultural pesticides with a Pest Control Product number and livestock or equine medications bearing a DIN, serial number or notification number.

Items not accepted include treated seed, sharps or needles, medicated feed, aerosol containers, and household pesticides or medications. Cleanfarms reminds producers to ensure materials are clearly labelled and securely packaged before drop-off.

More details, including a full list of Manitoba collection sites and preparation guidelines, are available at cleanfarms.ca/materials/unwantedpesticides-animal-meds.

Cleanfarms operates across Canada, recovering and recycling agricultural plastics, packaging and products to support a more sustainable farm environment.



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# William Patterson School celebrate's Terry Fox fundraising







### **RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED**

It was a beautiful fall afternoon when students at William S. Patterson School took to the streets for their Terry Fox Run. This was the 33rd run that the school participated in, and the kindergarten to grade 3 students ran 3 km while grades 4 and 5 breezed through a relaxing 5 km run. The opposite kindergarten class got to run with the grade 4 and 5 students the next day. In addition to student participation, the community also supported the run with the WSP Wolves raising a whopping \$3,329 this year for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research and over \$32,000 over the years.

## The difference dental implants made for Lynne BY ELISHA VANDOR

"I'll be able to eat again" exclaimed Lynne as she felt her lower denture snap into 3 lower dental implants for the first time; "oh, and they're so natural-looking too!" With built up emotion, Lynne hugged and thanked Denturist Brock saying, "it was worth it".

We wish you could hear the SNAP as Lynne pushed down on her lower denture securing it into her three dental implants like snapping together a button tightly. For us, it's the successful sound of a tight-fitting lower denture, but for Lynne it's the sound of freedom. Freedom from struggling with a loose lower denture. She says, "to go from not being able to eat anything but soup and vogurt, being embarrassed and holding up my hand in front of my mouth to now being able to eat normally again and smile at people, it's been an excellent, excellent experience and I would suggest having it done to anybody." So, the big question ev-

eryone wants to know is, what is the accuracy, and stability. All three dental implant procedure like? Lynne combined will provide you with the says, "I was petrified. I wasn't sure if was going to work properly. Now, feeling the way they fit properly and being able to take them in and out, it's been worth it. If the person can afford it, then definitely get it, even if it's 2-3 posts like I was able to get done. It feels natural, it really does."

A dental implant should feel natural! After all, the purpose of the dental implant is the same as a tooth root - anchoring the teeth for chewing purposes. Without an anchor, the ship floats away... the same can be said for a lower denture (specifically). Trying to chew with force and accuracy with a lower denture will not be as successful without it being snapped into at least two dental implants. Natural teeth can bite using consultations are free of charge! As a substantial amount of force and mulch food with ease because of the teeth's stability being rooted into the jawbone. The difference with dental implants is an anchored denture providing greater chewing force,

ability to successfully and easily eat with a denture. As Lynne so excitedly said to us that she's trying out steak for the first time in a while because she's now confident in her chewing again like she once was with natural teeth.

For Lynne, the total amount of time it took to have the denture snapping into the dental implants from the time of the procedure was 3.5 months. In contrast, some dental implant procedures allow for the teeth to be secured onto the dental implants the same day. The wait period or no waiting period is dependant on the procedure, which can be discussed with our Denturists Brock and Matthew. Our Lynne says, "I always felt like it was family working with me here, you were excellent that way. To know I can eat properly again and smile, it feels natural. You all have been excellent."



Lynne (pictured right) celebrates her new teeth with her friend Anna and Denturist

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1/2 cup cream

1 teaspoon garlic powder

5 sprigs thyme

## **Cheesy Baked Little Potatoes**

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper Preheat oven to 400 F.

Pierce potatoes with fork and microwave for 7 minutes. Cut in half and place cut side up in parchment-lined 9-by-13-inch baking dish.

In a bowl, mix cheese, cream, garlic powder, thyme, salt and pepper. Pour over potatoes, spreading cheese even-

Bake for 10 minutes then broil 3-5 minutes until golden brown.

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 6 11/2 pounds Little Potatoes



## **Goat Cheese and Thyme Mashed Potatoes**

1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to

1/2 cup milk

1 tablespoon butter pepper, to taste

2/3 cup goat cheese

1 tablespoon fresh thyme

Add potatoes to a large pot and cover with water. Add 1 teaspoon salt and boil for 15 minutes, or until potatoes

In a small saucepot over low heat, heat milk and butter until butter is melted and milk is steaming.

Once potatoes are cooked, strain and transfer to a medium mixing bowl.

Using potato masher, smash potatoes with milk and butter mixture and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Remove thyme from stems and lightly chop.

Once potatoes are mashed, stir in goat cheese and fresh thyme.

## **Ask the Money Lady**

Dear Money Lady:

Hi Christine, I don't want to go back into the office this Fall so I am thinking of starting my own business. Do you think other people are planning to do this too and is it a good idea? I am in my 50's and I am not sure.

Great question Cheryl - one that a lot of people are now pondering with the mandated "back-to-work" movement with Canadian big corporations. To be an entrepreneur, you'll need an "iron will," to keep going during the times when you're not making money, when the obstacles seem too big, and when the time investment becomes too in-

The key to becoming a successful business owner is to find and fill a niche market or demand. I know this is hard to do, but honestly this will be the one thing that sets your business apart and ensures your success long term. Being in your 50's does not matter. Often it is better to be older with life experiences, to bring more expertise to your venture and to be better able to relate to your customers. Another trait you must have is the ability to be flexible. Never be too rigid in your ideas for the growth of your business. Once you get in and begin establishing your brand, realize that sometimes you may need to pivot on your original focus to expand and grow. And lastly, my advice would be to constantly look for ways to involve your business with more and more people so that you can create a "buzz" in your industry or area to have more people talk about you. Of course, social media platforms help with this process but also look for ways to get down to the "street-level" and meet your potential customers.

I run a Vibrant Living Speakers Series in towns and cities across Canada, and currently this 2025/2026 season we are in Ontario. We always have local professionals come to speak – many times they have a good story and can provide value to our participants on a variety of different subjects. The series is



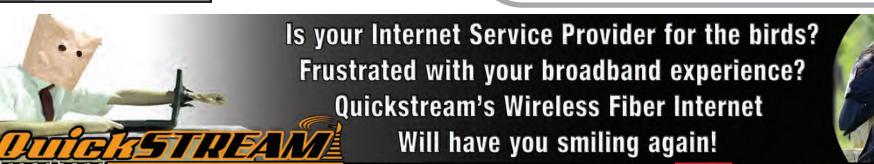
open to the public, free of charge, and aims to empower older adults by providing opportunities to learn something new. I'll be there at every event - so if you are in the GTA, why not come out to see me and get inspired in the process!

You should always be looking for ways to spread your message. Never be too cheap to advertise. Too many small business owners, especially in Canada, err on the side of being frugal. Being too sparing on your advertising budget or just relying on Goggle to bring you customers will never make you highly successful; instead, it will guarantee you stay small and mediocre in your field. To become a super-star, you need to get out there, talk to as many people as you can every single day, attract more and more customers, inform everyone about your business in your community and build customer trust so that people spread your message too. Remember, to make money, you will need to spend money and to grow your business you must get involved with your audience.

Cheryl, believe in your brand and invest in your business. Become a passionate whirlwind powerhouse. If you do that, I know you will be successful.

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

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# Spotside > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Gathering Thunder: Interlake to play Moosomin for RMFL championship berth

**By Kieran Reimer** 

The time is nigh for the Varsity Interlake Thunder.

On Sunday, the Thunder will head into the Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) playoff semifinals as the No. 1 seed, taking on the fourthranked Moosomin Generals.

The season has been everything they'd hoped for and more: an undefeated regular season, a revenge win over the defending champion St. Vital Mustangs, steady growth from the entire roster, and home-field advantage secured throughout the playoffs.

Now, they're just two wins away from an RMFL championship — something they've come close to, but never fully achieved in recent years.

"We've got two left and then hopefully we're holding that trophy up, and I can breathe a big sigh of relief," said head coach Christof Hasselfield. "Looking forward to giving all those guys the hug and thanking them for everything they put into the program — all the offseason stuff they put in, everything they've done for me and

the coaching staff and for the Thunder.

"That's always been the goal and we're getting closer to achieving it, but there's lots of work to do still. It would mean everything to get those guys a championship in their Grade 12 year for all the work they've put in for me, no question."

In his third season as head coach, Hasselfield admits he's grown alongside the program and its players.

The Thunder's best regular season together has come as no surprise to him, given their talent and tight team bond.

The challenge of playoff success still remains, however, with three other quality teams also in contention.

Despite finishing fourth, Moosomin boasts the second-best defence in the RMFL. Just a few weeks ago, the Generals stood with the Thunder as the league's only other undefeated club. The Thunder kept rolling while Moosomin suffered a few losses, partly due to injury trouble.

The two sides were slated to meet in

Week 7 of the regular season in Moosomin, but injuries forced the Generals to forfeit ahead of the match — leaving both teams with an element of unfamiliarity heading into Sunday.

On the other side of the bracket, the St. Vital Mustangs and Dauphin Clippers are also vying for a spot in the finals.

The Mustangs, who defeated the Thunder in last year's Urban Division title game, once again lead the league in points scored this season. The Thunder, however, hold bragging rights after beating them in Week 1.

Interlake also downed Dauphin in dominant fashion in their lone regular-season meeting in Week 4.

On Sunday, quarterback Jessie Batenchuk is expected to lead the Thunder offence. One of the league's top passers, he'll have plenty of passing and handoff options available. The Thunder have also prepared to adapt their game plan based on whatever weather conditions arise.

Defensively, the Thunder allowed the fewest points in the RMFL during

the regular season.

"We know that we are the top team and people are gunning for us and they're going to bring their all," said Hasselfield. "But for so many of these guys who've spent three years coming up as the underdog, we've got a mentality of 'bring it.'

"We've been preaching to them the whole time — it's not about the other teams. We're playing against ourselves all the time. That's why we finished a couple games with blowouts and I probably didn't have the nicest post-game talk because we were sloppy in a couple areas, but that's what being a championship team is.

"We've told these guys the whole time that really we're playing against perfection. Regardless of who shows up, what colour they're wearing or where the game's played, you've got to do your job. We've got to take care of business."

Kickoff against Moosomin is slated for 1 p.m. Sunday at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

# Royals race to the finish at cross-country provincials

By Kieran Reimer

Harbourview Park and Recreation Complex played host to the final stop of the 2025 Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association cross-country season on Oct. 8.

The MHSAA provincial championship, the pinnacle of the season, drew 1,135 runners from both varsity and junior varsity levels. Among them were 15 athletes representing the Lord Selkirk Royals.

Leading the charge for the Royals was Hyunmin Park, who capped off a strong season with a 24th-place finish out of 284 competitors in the JV boys'

4-kilometre race, crossing the line in 15 minutes, 35 seconds.

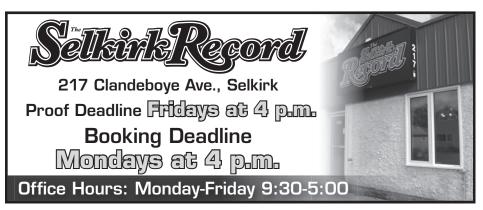
Park's result was the top individual finish for Selkirk, but several teammates also made their mark. In the varsity girls' 4-kilometre race, Grade 11 runner Sara Basanta Paz placed 31st in a field of 269, clocking a time of 18:04.

Her performance helped propel the Royals' varsity girls' team — also featuring Kalista Vaughan, Sara Zorniak, Ella Holmes and Katherine Wilson — to a sixth-place finish among AAAA schools with 120 points overall.



**RECORD PHOTO BY MATT PEARSON** 

The Lord Selkirk Royals cross country team sent 15 athletes to compete at the 2025 MHSAA Provincial Cross Country Championship on Oct. 8 at Harbourview Park & Recreation Complex. The Royals' varsity girls' squad delivered a strong performance, finishing sixth overall among AAAA schools.



# SDOPTS& recreation INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

# Late game heroics helping Fishermen top CRJHL standings

The Selkirk Fishermen extended their undefeated start to the Capital Region Junior Hockey League season with a pair of home-ice victories over the weekend, edging the St. Malo Warriors 4-3 on Friday and topping the La Broquerie Habs 5-3 on Sunday.

Friday's matchup with the defending champion Warriors lived up to its billing as a battle between early-season contenders. Down 2-1 late in the second period, Selkirk's Connor Bruyere tied the game before captain Logan Saluk put the Fishermen ahead midway through the third. After St. Malo drew even again, Saluk netted his second of the night with 2:58 to play to seal the win. Ryland Schroeder also scored, while Gaven Berry, Zach Gallinger and Dawson Bergagnini added assists. Goaltender Johnny Enns-Demchuk turned aside 26 shots for his second win of the year.

Selkirk carried that momentum into Sunday's tilt against La Broquerie. The Habs briefly took a 3-2 lead early in the third on back-to-back power-play goals, but the Fishermen roared back with three unanswered tallies in the final 90 seconds. Ashton Schroeder completed the natural hat trick with two late goals—one at 1:08 and another at 0:32 —to cap the comeback. Theo Courchene added a goal and an assist, and Bruyere contributed three points. Marcus Sharpe earned the win in net, stopping 35 of 38 shots for a .921 save percentage.

With the weekend sweep, the Fishermen improved to 4-0 to sit tied atop the standings with Beausejour and St. Malo at 12 points apiece. Saluk's heroics and Schroeder's scoring surge have both helped keep



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk Fishermen's Connor Bruyere finds the back of the net in the first period against the La Broquerie Habs on Oct. 19 at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Bruyere added two assists in the 5-3 victory, helping Selkirk stay unbeaten atop the Capital Region Junior Hockey League standings.

Selkirk among the league's hottest clubs early in ets at the Selkirk Recreation Complex on Sunday,

Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

The Selkirk Fishermen host the Beausejour Com-

## Raiders end Royal Knights' unbeaten streak, move to seventh in MMJHL

By Kieran Reimer

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club did something last weekend that no other team had done this Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season.

On Sunday, the Raiders handed the previously undefeated River East Royal Knights their first loss of the year, edging them 6-5 at Seven Oaks Sportsplex.

The Raiders' comeback didn't come until late in the third period. The game was tied 1-1 after 20 minutes, with Carter Andersson opening the scoring for the Raiders.

Logan Ashe, Owen Lourenco and Riley Kushnier each found the back of the net in the second period, giving the Raiders a 4-3 lead heading into the third.

River East responded with two quick goals early in the final frame to go ahead 5-4. Looking to rally, the Raiders turned again to Kushnier and

Andersson, who scored back-to-back the visitors, followed by Jack Derrett goals in the final seven minutes.

Andersson's second of the night stood as the game winner when the final buzzer sounded.

Goaltender Owen Savoie earned the victory, stopping 17 shots as the Raiders improved to 2-3-1 and climbed

to seventh place in the MMJHL standings.

Earlier in the week, the Raiders faced the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Friday at Century Arena. The Twins built a 4-0 lead before the Raiders finally got on the board in the third. Lourenco scored first for

to make it 4-2, but the Twins sealed the 5-2 win with an empty-net goal.

The Raiders now get a short break before another Friday-Sunday slate this weekend, taking on the St. James Jr. Canucks and the Transcona Railer Express.

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

- Friday, Oct. 24 at St. James Jr. Canucks, 7:30 p.m., Ab McDonald Arena
- Sunday, Oct. 26 at Transcona Railer Express, 2 p.m., Transcona East End Community Club



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# Eight Varsity Thunder players nominated for RMFL awards

Eight members of the Varsity Interlake Thunder have been nominated for 2025 Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) awards.

Running back AJ Nadon of Winnipeg Beach earned a nod for Most Valuable Player - Offence, while linebacker Cooper Ponton of Stonewall was nominated for Most Valuable Player - Defence. Defensive back Marlo LaPierre of Fraserwood received a nomination for Most Valuable Player -Special Teams.

Offensive lineman Jake Rogoski of Winnipeg Beach is in the running for Outstanding Offensive Lineman, and linebacker Jakob Samborski of Gimli was nominated for Outstanding Defensive Lineman.

Gimli's Caleb Miyai earned a nomination for Outstanding Rookie, while quarterback Jessie Batenchuk, also of Gimli, is up for the Parker Guy Leadership Award. Rounding out the list, Stonewall's Kole Beresford received a nomination for the Norris Aitken Student Athlete Award.

Winners will be selected through league voting and announced at a later date.







**Cooper Ponton** 



Mario La Pierre



Jake Rogoski



Caleb Miyai



Jakob Samborski



Jessie Batenchuk



**Kole Beresford** 

## Delepoulle beats the buzzer in Steelers' second straight win over Flyers

For the first time this season, the Selkirk Steelers are not alone atop the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings.

The Steinbach Pistons have joined them at the 21-point mark as both clubs continue strong starts to the season. Selkirk, meanwhile, collected three of a possible four points last week in a pair of divisional matchups.

On Tuesday, the Steelers returned to Winkler's ICON Arena to face the Flyers — the same team they had beaten on the road just two days earlier. Once again, Selkirk came out on top,

edging Winkler 3-2 after a dramatic the clock. late comeback.

Kayden Turner tied the game 1-1 in the second period before the Flyers restored their lead midway through the third. With less than three minutes remaining, Evan Mayer netted the equalizer to set up a tense finish.

It appeared the game was heading to overtime until the final second of regulation, when Steelers defenceman Jules Delepoulle walked the blue line and fired a shot past Winkler goaltender Leif Ekblad — and the buzzer to seal the win with one second left on

The last-second goal gave Selkirk its 10th win of the season. Goaltender Ethan Sawyer earned his seventh victory, turning aside 31 of 33 shots.

The Steelers nearly pulled off another late comeback Saturday in Niverville but settled for one point after falling 3-2 in overtime to the Nighthawks.

Remy Hlady and Owen Branson both scored in the third period to erase a 2-0 deficit, before Niverville's Thomas Phillips netted the overtime winner. The loss dropped Selkirk to

10-1-1 on the season.

The Steelers return home this week for a two-game set before heading back on the road Saturday.

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

- Tuesday, Oct. 21: vs. Winnipeg Blues, 7:30 p.m., Selkirk Recreation Complex
- Friday, Oct. 24: vs. Waywayseecappo Wolverines, 7:30 p.m., Selkirk **Recreation Complex**
- Saturday, Oct. 25: at Dauphin Kings, 7 p.m., Credit Union Place

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Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of <u>The Municipal Act</u>, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **13th** day of **November, 2025**, at the hour of **02:00 PM**, at Rural Municipality of St. Clements, 1043 Kittson Rd., East Selkirk, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
40800	ALL THAT PORTION OF NLY 66 FEET PERP OF OTM LOT 224 PARISH OF ST ANDREWS WHICH LIES WEST OF THE WESTERN LIMIT OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RLY RIGHT OF WAY AND ROAD ALLOWANCES ADJOINING THE SAME PLAN 12 WLTO (L DIV) EXC ELY 33 FEET PERP - 5107 REBECK RD	L -\$121,100 B -\$110,200	\$3,831.16
244740	LOT 1 PLAN 52201 WLTO IN SW 1/4 OF 6-13-5 EPM 25031 ASHFIELD RD	L -\$164,300 B -\$383,000	\$16,082.17
457300	LEGAL SUBDIVISION 2 OF SECTION 16-14-6 EPM EXC FIRSTLY: DRAIN PLAN 2442 WLTO AND SECONDLY: WATER CONTROL WORK PLAN 7336 WLTO - 32101 ROAD 80N	L -\$91,000 B -\$81,600	\$2,991.37

## The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS as follows:
  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
- ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
- iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- $\bullet \quad \text{The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.} \\$
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2025

Managed by: TAXervice

Deepak Joshi Chief Administrative Officer RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS Phone: (204) 482-3300 Fax: (204) 482-3098

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 13th day of November, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Rural Municipality of Alexander, 1 Bouvier Trail, St. Georges, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
55400	ALL THAT PORTION OF NLY 33 FEET OF NW 1/4 36-17-10 EPM LYING TO THE WEST OF THE LEFT BANK OF THE WINNIPEG RIVER AS SAME IS SHEWN ON A MAP OR PLAN OF SAID TOWNSHIP APPROVED AND CONFIRMED AT OTTAWA ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 1908 BY EDOUARD DEVILLE SURVEYOR GENERAL WHICH LIES TO THE EAST OF THE EASTERN LIMIT OF PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 2546 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - DESC NW36-17-10E	L -\$96,100	\$4,967.68
81191	LOT 7 BLOCK 2 PLAN 16227 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND POVISOES CONTAINED IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT. IN W 1/2 OF SECTION 15-18-7 EPM - 7 ALLISON DR	L -\$46,800	\$5,431.04
162551	LOT 10 BLOCK 1 PLAN 15561 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOES CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 25-19-7 EPM - 53 WHITEY RD	L -\$22,100 B -\$103,000	\$5,441.67
181239	LOT 4 BLOCK 3 PLAN 15144 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO ENTER LOCATE PROSPECT MINE FOR AND REMOVE MINERALS IN FRAC SW 1/4 33-19-7 EPM - 30 ESTATE DR, HILLSIDE BEACH	L -\$38,000 B -\$119,600	\$4,900.59
185830	LOT 6 BLOCK 3 PLAN 11305 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO ENTER, LOCATE, PROSPECT MINE FOR AND REMOVE MINERALS IN FRAC SW 1/4 33-19-7 EPM - 23 AMBER BAY, HILLSIDE BEACH	L -\$57,400 B -\$125,400	\$6,928.53
281472	LOT 7 BLOCK 3 PLAN 22589 WLTO EXC ALL MINES, MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS AS SET FORTH UNDER THE CROWN LANDS ACT IN FRAC SE 1/4 28 AND FRAC SW 1/4 27-17-11 EPM - 46 FERGUSSON CRES, VILLAGE OF GREAT FALLS	L -\$25,600 B -\$172,100	\$9,076.80

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- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not vet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Rural Municipality of Alexander as follows:
  - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of
    - \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
  - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2025.

Managed by:





Gisele Smith Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Alexander Phone: (204) 367-6170 Fax: (204) 367-2257

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Specifications and Tender packages including submission documents are available online at www.weststpaul.com.

Sealed submissions clearly marked "Tender 2025-05-Supply of Fire Pumper/Tanker" will be received by the undersigned at the address below until 10:00am on November 20, 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The Municipality retains the right to reject the lowest or any bid if it does not meet the needs of the Municipality.

All inquiries related to the Tender should be directed to Ryan Yackel, Fire Chief by email ryackel@weststpaul.com or by phone 204-338-0306.

Mr. Jeffrey Simpson, CAO Rural Municipality of West St. Paul 3550 Main Street West St. Paul, MB R4A 5A3

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

### IN MEMORIAM



Norma Ruth Froese (née Grieve) In loving memory of our dear mother, Norma, who passed away 10 years ago

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**IN MEMORIAM** 

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

### **IN MEMORIAM**



Alice Irene Watters Nana. A light is from our household gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home Which can never be filled. Some may think you are forgotten, Though on earth you are no more; But in memory you are with us, As you always were before.

-Forever remembered. vour family

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **CARD OF THANKS**

The family of the late Judith Lamb would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Red River Place for the loving care she received over the past year. There were many individuals who took the time to not only care for her physical needs but also to spend time talking with her. Your kindness was much appreciated.

### **OBITUARY**



### **Ronald Patrick McRae** April 5, 1960 - October 14, 2025

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Ron McRae, 65, of Winnipeg, MB on October 14, 2025, losing his battle to

Ron was born April 5, 1960 to Alyce Lynne Pruden (Dillabough) and Norman Jim McRae in Selkirk, MB.

Ron was predeceased by his brother Jerry and his parents.

He is survived by his siblings Wendy, Colleen and Lawson (Sarah). He also leaves behind his children Jasmine, Jerrie (Lesia), Ron (Alaina), grandchildren Ammellie and Dreyden as well as his many nieces and nephews.

We lovingly remember a man who despite all the hardships he faced in life, he remained kind and humble.

Ron held many job titles over the years, cab driver and poultry

processor, to name a few. His true talent was building furniture, making Wendy some beautiful oak tables and helping Lawson with home renovations. A natural storyteller, Ron had the remarkable ability to bring laughter to those around him when

recounting his adventures in some of those jobs. His optimism was infectious always a beacon of light to those in need, embodying generosity and kindness. Ron's legacy will live on through the lives he touched and the memories he created. His spirit

will continue to inspire us to embrace life with courage and compassion.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, with lunch to follow in the Gilbart Reception Centre.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



Your memory will live forever engraved within our hearts.

### **OBITUARY**

### Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Mary Rowbotham

Peacefully, on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Selkirk Transitional Care Unit, Betty Rowbotham, aged 79 years, of Lockport, MB, passed away.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB. Full obituary to follow

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



### **OBITUARY**



Adrian William Verheul April 16th, 1938 - October 16th, 2025

It is with great sadness and sorrow we announce the passing of Adrian William Verheul. With his family by his side, our dear Adrian lost his long struggle with emphysema.

Adrian leaves to mourn his son Greg (Darlene); grandson Kyle; sisters Betty Loveday and Kay Smith as well as many in-laws, nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents Anna and Arie Verheul; wife Louise; son Brent and pet Snoopy.

Adrian lived in St. Clements his entire life. He worked at Manitoba Rolling Mills, Loveday Mushroom Farms, Petaski Farms, Chuckry Farms as well as many odd jobs, too many to mention. Adrian was a founding member of the East Selkirk Fire Department and served from 1968 to 1999.

Adrian had a profound love of nature, always looking out the window at wildlife, especially the birds he made certain were fed. He enjoyed playing cribbage, the cards were always on the table for another game, as well as his passion of sharing knowledge and debating.

He was known for his great smile, kindness, sense of humour, friendship and tenacity.

The family would like to thank all the special people who visited and helped Adrian, especially his loyal friend and neighbour Rodney Kozmenski.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in East Selkirk, Manitoba

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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### Additions to the Voters List and/or **Personal Security Protection Requests**

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), the R.M. of St. Andrews Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the R.M. of St. Andrews can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance

To implement the above, written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

Margaret Davidson, S.E.O. R.M. of St. Andrews Box 130, 500 Railway Avenue Clandebove, MB R0C 0P0 Phone: 204-738-2264

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### **OBITUARY**



Glen "Michael" Burzuik July 16th, 1958 – October 15th, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our father, brother, and uncle, Mike, aged 67 years, at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre (SRHC). By his side, surrounding him with love to his final breath, were his precious children and his siblings.

Mike will be forever missed by his sons John and Mason, and his daughter Molly, his brother Garry (Lorrie), sisters Sandra and Joan, as well as many nieces, nephews, family, extended family, friends, and his little pup Maggie.

He was predeceased by his parents Norman and Betty Burzuik, brother Doug Burzuik, Stepdad Walter Lee, and brother-in-law Bill Beaton

Mike was a "car guy" from a very young age, learning the auto body man trade from his Dad, in the garage at home. Then in his

early teens, he began work at the South Main Autobody, with his parents until they retired. After the shop was sold, Mike went on to work at MPI as an estimator for many years, a job that had him travelling all over Manitoba at times, until his retirement.

Mike's passion was drag racing. He enjoyed everything about it: his weekends at the track, working on the cars with Garry and his nephews, and meeting new and old friends.

His greatest joy was his children. He loved each of them deeply from the moment John, Mason, and Molly were born. The time he had with his kids was treasured beyond words.

We will forever remember our father, brother, and uncle, for his sense of humour, his laughter, and his kindness, cherishing the memories of the good and happy times we had with Mike.

A special thank you to the Medical and Emergency Departments at the SRHC for your care and support of Mike, and our family.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of is life will take place on Friday, October 24th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Clement's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



### OBITUARY



Ron "Rocket" Palmer 1941 – 2025

This will not be an obituary; this will be a roast. Anyone knowing Dad would appreciate the humour as we best describe this unique "one of a kind" individual.

Dad was the Archie Bunker of Petersfield. He was your typical farmer. Loved money!!! His favourite quote was "rub 2 nickels together until the beaver farts!" Words to describe him are: loud, opinionated, obnoxious, witty, funny and a real nice guy when he was sleeping! His friends at the coffee shop can take out their ear plugs now!

Dad was a mechanic and started his career on the Diefenbaker Dam in Saskatchewan. There he met Mom in Dunblane and married in 1963. They moved back to Manitoba and settled in Petersfield to raise their four kids.

He was predeceased by his mom and dad, Glen and Dorothy, sister Ellen Brennan and brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Alice and son Kevin.

Dad leaves behind children Dennis (Marilyn), Rhonda (Darcy) and Colleen (Mike), grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Special friend Gloria and family and ex-wife and friend Joan. Also, brother Wayne Palmer's family, brother-in-law Jim Brennan and family.

The last 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years Dad battled with Multiple Myeloma and fought the good fight right to the end. Even though Dad couldn't say words of affection, you knew he really did love his family. He was so proud of all of his grandchildren.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements entrusted to:



### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION** 

RM of West St. Paul

Under authority of The Planning Act, the municipal Council will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed below to hear from those who wish to speak in support or objection, or to ask questions. For more info on how to register for the public hearing please contact the municipality at 204-338-0306. If not attending, written letters of support or opposition will only be accepted if received before 3pm on the day of the hearing.

Thursday November 13th, 2025
6:00 PM Council Chambers
3550 Main Street RM of West St Paul, MB
Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

**APPLICATION INFORMATION** 

**Application File:** BL 2025-09 "P"

**Applicant:** Rural Municipality of West St. Paul

**Property Location:** N/A

**Application Purpose:** 

The municipality is proposing to amend the RM of West St. Paul Zoning Bylaw No. 2/99P through refinements (improvements) aimed at aligning zoning regulations with recent amendments to the Building By-law. These changes support district-wide harmonization efforts across the Red River Planning District. These proposed updates include text amendments only. No changes to zoning designations or property rezoning are included. The proposed amendments include the topics of:

- Construction timing
- Permit application requirements
- Geotechnical Reports
- Pools and Hot Tubs

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



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION** 

Village of Dunnottar

Under authority of The Planning Act, the municipal Council will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed below to hear from those who wish to speak in support or objection, or to ask questions. For more info on how to register for the public hearing please contact the municipality at 204-389-4962.

Wednesday November 19th, 2025
10:00 AM Council Chambers
44 Whytewold Road, Matlock Village of Dunnottar, MB
Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

**APPLICATION INFORMATION** 

**Application File:** BL 985-25

**Applicant:** Village of Dunnottar

**Property Location:** N/A

**Application Purpose:** 

The village is proposing to amend the Village of Dunnottar Zoning By-law No. 858/08 through refinements (improvements) aimed at aligning zoning regulations with recent amendments to the Building By-law. These changes support district-wide harmonization efforts across the Red River Planning District. These proposed updates include text amendments only. No changes to zoning designations or property rezoning are included. The proposed amendments include the topics of:

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### **OBITUARY**

### Jared John Peter Hickson

It is with great sadness to announce Jared of St. Andrews, MB, passed away suddenly on October 3, 2025, at the Selkirk Regional

He is survived by his beloved wife Amy (nee Miles) and three young children, Sawyer (7), Cadence (5) and Everette (3). He is survived by his parents, James and Deborah Hickson, sisters Kelly Rasmussen, Jaime Taggart and brother Colin Hickson and their families. He also leaves behind in-laws Tim and Penny Miles, sisters-in-law Amanda Williams and Addie Miles-Abbott and their families.

A celebration of life service will take place Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at New Life Church, 6106E Hwy 67, Stonewall, MB.

If you have a memory or story you'd love to share with Jared's family, please send your thoughts via email to the church at office@newlifestonewall.com

In lieu of flowers, a donation account has been set up for Amy and the kids. https://www. gofundme.com/f/iared-hickson

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



### **OBITUARY**





**Heather Matheson (nee Stiff)** March 17th, 1957 -October 4th, 2025

With a great big sadness in our hearts, we announce that our dear mother Heather Matheson (nee Stiff) has suddenly left us to join the spirit world. A wonderful mother, wife. sister, auntie, cousin, and friend. Heather Matheson was a big loud laugh and a warm hug.

Waiting to greet Heather are her Grandpa and Grandma (Stanley and Dorothy Olson (nee Asham)), her mother Doreen (Gladys) Olson, her

sister Sandra, cousins Linda and Arlene, nephew Ryan, and many other loving arms.

Left to mourn are her two daughters Kayla, and Braydn, her husband Duncan Matheson, her brother and sister, Sanford and Lois, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Her dog Toby who she loved very much is also surely missing sleeping on her legs at night.

Heather was born in Barrie, ON and spent most of her childhood in Winnipeg. She attended Gordon Bell High School and nannied during the summers with the Graham's. Heather bravely chose new and adventurous experiences that propelled her into joyful learning through uncertainty. After high school, in the 1970's, she travelled to Senegal with Canada World Youth. This experience impacted her greatly and she often shared stories, language, songs, and life lessons from this time. Her next adventure brought her to Halifax leading youth groups with Katimavik. Heather shared stories of having great responsibility in this program at a young age. The late 80's brought her to the West Coast of Canada, where she took training with Montessori and worked at a daycare there. It was at this time, in Burnaby that she met Duncan, and they had two children together. Together in adventure, our family has lived in many beautiful places and met many beautiful people.

Heather inspired her daughters to be bold and brave. She was truly proud of the women they are still becoming. We will remember fondly our favourite family adventures, the beach days, pools, Pow Wows, camping, and road trips to name a few.

A life too short, but very well lived.

Heathers funeral will be held at Selkirk United Church at 202 McLean Ave., Selkirk, MB on Friday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



### **OBITUARY**

**Carol Bristow** Peacefully, on Monday, October 13, 2025 at the Health Sciences Centre, Carol Bristow, aged 84 years, of Winnipeg, MB, formerly of Selkirk, MB, beloved wife of Gerry, passed away. Full obituary to follow.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



### **OBITUARY**

**Bradley Scott Taylor** 

Peacefully on Friday, October 17, 2025 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Brad Taylor, of Selkirk, MB, aged 60 years passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held Friday, October 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel Selkirk.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

RM of St. Andrews

Under authority of The Planning Act, the municipal Council will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed below to hear from those who wish to speak in support or objection, or to ask questions. For more info on how to register for the public hearing please contact the municipality at 204-668-8112.

November 10th, 2025 Monday 5:30 PM Council Chambers, 500 Railway Avenue, RM of St. Andrews. MB Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Application File:** 

**Applicant:** Rural Municipality of St. Andrews

**Property Location:** N/A

### **Application Purpose:**

The municipality is proposing to amend the RM of St. Andrews Zoning Bylaw No. 4066 through refinements (improvements) aimed at aligning zoning regulations with recent amendments to the Building By-law. These changes support district-wide harmonization efforts across the Red River Planning District. These proposed updates include text amendments only. No changes to zoning designations or property rezoning are included. The proposed amendments include the topics of:

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