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The Gwen Fox Gallery is hosting its all-members show this month. This show is an amazing way to see what our region's artists have to offer as many of the gallery's members have pieces in the show. Learn more about four of the artists that have work on gallery walls this month Deb Hartle, Patricia Johnson, Garth Palanuk, and Audrey Miller-Cheyne inside.

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Gwen Fox Gallery welcomes residents to all-members show

Thirty-six artists from around the region bring beauty to the gallery this month

By Katelyn Boulanger

If you want to see the variety and talent of our local art community, this month's Gwen Fox Gallery show is an excellent way to start. For the entire month of April, 36 artists have come together to show off their work to our local community in the gallery's allmembers show.

This exhibit starts on April 2 and continues on until May 4 and each artist has two pieces on display.

"The show is extremely varied because everybody paints extremely differently. So, you're going to have a lot of favourites," said Patricia Johnson, the gallery's exhibit coordinator.

For those who would like to meet our local artists, the exhibit opening reception is on April 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Deb Hartle

Hartle describes her art as natureguided photography. This month she's featuring two photography pieces in the gallery. One is called 'Make a Wish' and features a dandelion seed head. The other is a beautiful picture of an owl called 'Snowy Owl'.

"I started [making art] when I got my first camera when I was 15. I've

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Deb Hartle with 'Snowy Owl'.





> GWEN FOX GALLERY, FROM PG. 3

always enjoyed taking pictures, but I hadn't actually had a passion for it. Then I slowly started doing it more over the past nine or ten years," said Hartle.

Hartle is an adventurer in addition to an artist. Her work comes from going hiking around her home in Gunton but she doesn't stick to trails made by people. She says that she will follow deer trails and forge her own path looking for inspiration.

Hartle explained that though she started her passion for photography about a decade ago it was really in the last few years that she decided to share her work.

"I started doing just Christmas greeting cards. The first time I sold them was in the Gunton Yard Sale, I sold a few in our yard sale. From there, I started doing some markets," she said.

Hartle has recently joined the Gwen Fox Gallery thanks to the advice of a friend.

Her advice for artists not sure where to start creating is to find their passion.

"It took me over 60 years to find that and just be patient, it will come. Photography, if it's a passion, then you'll feel it just intuitively knowing what to do what to take," said Hartle.

She welcomes residents to check out this month's show.

"There're amazing artists here. I've just been looking around at some of the people's pictures and if you like art, photography, paintings, any type of art, it's a beautiful place. The people are just so welcoming and nice and lovely," she said.

Patricia Johnson

Johnson has two of her paintings featured in this month's exhibit 'Heron Morning' which is a watercolour piece and 'Migration' which is mixed media featuring watercolour and beadwork.

Her art is varied encompassing work in many different mediums.

"I usually work on a piece of carving and a watercolour and probably an acrylic or maybe two or three watercolours to keep it fresh," said Johnson.

Johnson's journey into art started as a child with the support of her family.

"My paternal grandmother was looking after me when I was six months old. She was sitting beside me knitting. I grabbed the yarn and I was playing with it at six months and it didn't go in my mouth. So, when my mother came home, she said 'She's going to be an artist.' I always have to have my hands busy with creating something, whether it's just doodles on paper, or something with thread or yarn of some kind of little bit of weaving just to keep myself busy," said Johnson.

She says that she finds inspiration from the things in her life that get the juices flowing.

"It can be looking in the water and just seeing the ripples and the reflections of the sky in the ripples in water or a puddle," said Johnson.

Ripples like this actually inspired another piece of hers called 'Mirror, Mirror' which showcases her granddaughter reflected in a puddle.

Johnson has been part of the gallery for 24 years and welcomes anyone who wants to join the community.

"I adore the people that I work with. It's a place to come and get uplifted. So much of the world is so gray right now. And this is the place to come and get a little bit of sunshine," she said.

She also welcomes passersby who want to stop in and check it out.

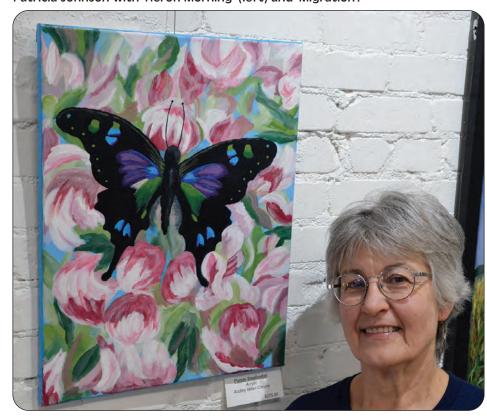
"Please come to the gallery and have a look around. It costs nothing to go through our door," said Johnson.

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Patricia Johnson with 'Heron Morning' (left) and 'Migration'.



Audrey Miller-Cheyne with 'Purple Swalllowtail'.





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Audrey Miller-Cheyne

Miller-Chevne says that her art does vary often reflecting her mood but that this month at the gallery her pieces are bright and positive.

"It's spring and summer oriented. Occasionally, it seems to be dark but that's not here today," she said.

Miller-Cheyne is featuring two acrylic paintings in the gallery this month. One called 'Purple Swallowtail' features a butterfly in a bed of flowers, the other, 'Seasonal Icon' people may recognize if they venture to our area's tourist hotspots.

She says that her inspiration comes from the world around her.

"[My inspiration can come from] landscapes, scenery, older buildings, construction. 'Seasonal Icon' is the Sandy Hook Pier," sad Miller-Cheyne.

Her artistic journey started as many artist's do, scribbling as a child. From there, she turned to more practical skills as a grown up but, when life allowed her more time, she decided to join some art groups. Living in Teulon meant that she naturally joined a group there and a group in Stonewall followed. She joined the Gwen Fox Gallery because it was another way to connect to our local art community.

She encourages other artists or people wanting to start an artistic journey to just go for it.

"Pick up a pen, pick up a pencil pick up paints. YouTube [is a resource]. Everyone loves YouTube. There's good stuff on YouTube. There's good stuff on Pinterest and join a group. There is a fabulous artist who told me years ago that she walked past the stairs to the gallery about three or four times before she actually stepped in. She didn't think she was good enough. We're all good. We all have art in us of some sort," said Miller-Cheyne.

She hopes that residents will stop by the gallery this month.

"It's a great show. It's a variety and the weather is warming up so come by," she said.

Garth Palanuk

Palanuk is a very well-known artist in our community. He is a local art teacher as well as a board member at the gallery and shares not only his knowledge and wisdom but, this month, also his art at the gallery.

"My art is very detailed. My background is in engineering so I tend to be very technical. I like to put all the bricks in the building and all the hairs on the dog and everything else. I teach painting, I teach loose, but I can't do loose. I get really detailed, and I love details," he said.

This month Palanuk has a large watercolour painting titled, "Afghan Girl" he also has a still life study with a fun medium used to give it a very unique effect.

"The still life is watercolour on crackle paste. Crackle paste is a paste that you put on and the thicker you put it on the bigger the fissures, the thinner, you put it on the smaller the fissures. I wanted it to look like an old fresco and so that's why I did the crackle paste. I was told you can't paint on crackle paste with watercolour and I did," said Palanuk.

He says that his art journey began when he was young under the guidance of his father.

"My dad used to paint with oil and, and pencil and ink and I would copy him and I would sit there and we would draw together and that sort of thing," said Palanuk.

When he retired Palanuk decided to take a watercolour course to try it out and it's been his passion ever since.

He says his work is inspired by trying to emulate the things that he sees.

"I'd be watching a movie and I see a scene I go, 'Oh, I love that scene' and I stop the movie. Then I take a picture of it and try to emulate some part of it. Maybe it's a tree, or a waterfall or something," he said.

Palanuk says that he, like many other artists who are part of the Gwen Fox Gallery, joined the community because of a recommendation that it was a great community from a fellow artist and friend.

Being an art teacher his best advice to students is to practise.

"Keep painting. Don't stop. Don't become discouraged. Join an organization so you can work with others. That's important. Misery likes company," he said with a laugh, "And for sure get involved, get totally involved and immerse yourself. Don't think anything you've done is bad because it's different. You always have a vision in your head of what you want and [sometimes] it doesn't turn out to be that vision but somebody else doesn't know about your vision. They see it as a brand new piece of art and they fall in love with it."

Palanuk hopes to see residents stop by the gallery this month.

"Don't be intimidated. You don't have to buy anything. Just come and look at the artwork, because there's so much talent in the area," he said.

The Gwen Fox Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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Garth Palanuk with his still life study (left) and 'Afghan Girl'.





Communities in Bloom improving Water Tower Garden and student program

Residents invited to support through Bud, Spud and Steak Dinner

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk's Communities in Bloom committee supports many initiatives that make our community a greener place. This year they are busy working on upgrades to the Water Tower Garden, continuing to work with our local schools and at the end of the month they will be hosting a Bud, Spud, and Steak dinner so that the community can support their efforts.

"Our main goal is to foster civic pride. We basically do that through community involvement and enhancing green spaces throughout the city," said Taylor Gyselinck, president of Selkirk's Communities in Bloom.

Residents will likely know of Communities in Bloom's Yard of the Week initiative which highlights a local resident's yard every week in the summer but that's not all that they do to give back.

Annually, Communities in Bloom works with five schools to teach kids how easy it is to grow food in our region's climate. This school garden program started as a pilot program two years ago and took off. They plan to continue this work this spring.

"What we do is through Communities in Bloom, we purchase all of the

materials from Home Hardware for the schools to build garden plots. We also donate any vegetable plants and any seeds they need and the teachers work with me at The Flower Child. They send me a wish list of what they want to grow with their students for the season and we donate all of the plants and help make that happen," said Gyselinck.

She says that the teachers and students have done amazing work over these past few years and they hope to continue to expand this program.

"I'd also like to put the call out to any daycares, or any schools that are looking for vegetable plant donations, or trying to expand their gardening programs to reach out to us at Communities in Bloom because we'd love to come put on workshops in their classes or help provide them with classes and stuff to help them get growing," said Gyselinck.

The students don't get all the fun, however, as in 2019 they took over the administration of the water tower garden and have upgraded and expanded the community garden plot program.

"The wood was all rotten and they were all falling apart. The soil was



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Communities in Bloom is hosting a fundraiser so that they can continue to expand their many local gardening programs.

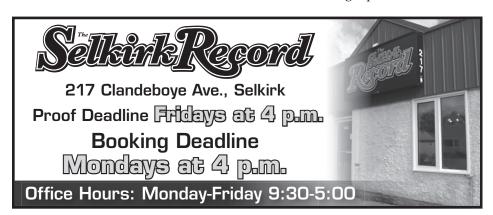
no good. That year, we replaced the original plots. They were all built completely brand new from scratch. That was in 2019. I've been the garden coordinator since, and we've now grown the community gardens to 40 plots. Even for this year, the garden plots filled up and by the end of January, I had a waitlist," said Gyselinck. Communities in Bloom's garden

Communities in Bloom's garden plots at the Water Tower Garden are different than other community garden plot programs. Unlike other cities and towns, they provide the garden plots free to residents who sign up.

"It's really become like a really nice community. We have quite a few returning plot holders every year and it's really nice to see," said Gyselinck. She says that the community is quite varied but by not charging for plots it allows everyone the opportunity to participate.

"We have seniors who used to live in big yards and then now have downsized into apartments in different senior assisted living throughout Selkirk and now they have a place to still enjoy their gardens. [We have seen] new residents in Selkirk that have moved to the Vaughan area developments and apartments. We also have a lot of people from the Broad Street apartments both on Sophia and Manitoba and a lot of members from the Lions Center or from the Kiwanis and all throughout town," said Gyselinck. As with every year the garden will

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Triple S Fair and Rodeo saddling up

Volunteers needed, sponsorship opportunities open and planning underway

By Katelyn Boulanger

Nothing will throw off the Triple S Fair and Rodeo committee from making 2024 a successful rodeo year. Since this isn't their first rodeo, they are reaching out to the community early in order to lasso some local support.

"The Triple S Fair and Rodeo, as far as I know, is the largest community event in the Interlake. It attracts around 12,000 people over the weekend," said Tripe S Fair and Rodeo Sponsorship Director Eddie Phillips.

He says that this event has something for the whole family. The typical rodeo events including bull riding and barrel racing take place but they also have the Midway Fair as well as a kids zone, petting zoo and other attractions that liven up the weekend

This year's Rodeo will take place on July 12 to 14 and is, as always, presented by the St. Andrew's-St. Clement's Agricultural Society.

Currently, the group has been meeting monthly since January and is in the beginning stages of getting this year's fair up and running.

"Planning is always key. We need volunteers to take care of certain aspects as well as to be there on the weekend. We're always, of course, accepting directors. We had a big surge when it looked like we might have to close down the event [due to a lack of directors]. We did get some fresh blood but we're still looking for people to help out if they want to have long-term involvement. If they just want to [help] short-term, we also need volunteers for the weekend itself. But certainly, if anybody wants to help out now with planning or adding events or has ideas to expand what we're doing, we certainly welcome them," said Phillips.

In addition to needing volunteers to step up early so that they can get plans underway, the group recently put out the call that sponsorship opportunities are now open for both businesses and residents who would like to give to this community event that's been around for more than 100 years.

"What we've done is we've broken our sponsorship really into two different sections, although there are many opportunities to be involved as a sponsor. There are the overall fair sponsors where we have our silver, bronze, and gold [levels] this year. We're also we're also letting local companies know that our title spon-

sorship has opened back up again. We're looking for a title sponsor who will do a three-year commitment but we're flexible. Other than that, we have opportunities for vendors to come in or companies to come in who would like to sell their products in our Triple S Vendor Barn. And then we have, on the agricultural side of it, we have opportunities to sponsor things like our different events or buckles for the bronc riding or the bull riding. There are lots of opportunities [and interested people] can find out more about that by going to our website under sponsorships to find all those packages there," said Phillips.

He explained that the Rodeo heav-

He explained that the Rodeo heavily relies on sponsorships every year to get them going and now is the time when they have to put down deposits in order to secure the fun for the summer.

"The sooner that we can get engaged with the local businesses, the more secure that we can make the event and make it a success," he explained.

In addition to sponsorships, volunteers make this event a success every year. They are involved in every aspect of the rodeo from safely guiding parking, to running the beer gardens, to checking people into the rodeo grounds.

"[As a volunteer] you have so many opportunities, depending your skill set, whether it's working with people or whether it's working behind the scenes. If you are interested in helping not on the weekend, but helping us





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Triple S Fair and Rodeo starting out search for volunteers and sponsorship.

repair items in the park, that's something that our directors get together to do a month or two beforehand: make repairs to the grandstand or make repairs to the different buildings that we have. So, if anybody isn't available that weekend, but still wants to get involved, and maybe they're handy or can swing a hammer, we certainly welcome those people as well," said

Phillips.

He says that if people want to connect about volunteering or sponsorship opportunities they can go online to http://www.selkirkfairandrodeo.com/ to learn more and if they would like to contact him they are welcome to call 204-485-4854 or email cowboy-

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March 1 - 15

Submitted by Selkirk RCMP

The RCMP Report is a short overview of the calls received in our area by local law enforcement. This report covers March 1 - 15.

Selkirk

Selkirk RCMP had 289 files for service in the time mentioned above.

On March 2 at about 1:00 a.m., Selkirk RCMP were called to a residence on Sophia Selkirk on a report of an unknown person attempting to break into a vehicle. Police attended and located a 26-year-old male from Selkirk. The male was intoxicated and breaching curfew conditions. He was arrested and remanded into custody. This matter is still before the courts.

On March 3, at about 2:00 a.m., Selkirk RCMP while on patrol, noticed a vehicle enter private property near the Lower Fort Garry Museum in St. Andrews. Upon locating the vehicle and the driver, a 23-year-old male from Winnipeg, police detected the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Further investigation indicated the driver's ability to operate a vehicle was impaired by drugs. His vehicle was towed from the scene and his driver's license suspended. He will have a future court hearing concerning this investigation.

On March 15 at about 3:00 a.m., Selkirk RCMP were called to a business on Main Street in the Selkirk on a report of a robbery. Police attended and located a 39-year-old male from Selkirk. The male was also found breaching numerous conditions. He was arrested and remanded into custody. This matter is still before the courts.

Red River North

Red River North had 123 calls for service in the above time.

On March 1, at about 11:30 p.m., Red River North RCMP located a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed on #8 Highway in West St. Paul. Due to the high rate of speed a serious offence notice was issued to the 23-year-old driver from Winnipeg and his vehicle was impounded.

On March 9, at about 9:00 a.m., Red River North received a complaint of damage to a parked vehicle on Burton Ave. in East St. Paul. The complainant reports excessive damage to the driver's side of their car while parked overnight. At this time there are no witnesses or suspects.

Grand Marais

Grand Marais RCMP received 11 calls for service in the aforementioned

On March 15, at about 10:30 p.m., Grand Marais RCMP received a call of two people fighting in a vehicle while operating on Highway 59 in St. Clements. Police patrolled and located the vehicle. The driver, a 36-year-old female from St. Clements was alone in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the female driver to be intoxicated. As such, the vehicle was seized and towed and her driver's license suspended. This matter is before the courts.

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need some maintenance to get it hosting a Bud, Spud and Steak Dinready for gardeners.

"We have our annual maintenance repair costs. We're also looking to add another water tote at the community gardens, as well as, we're hoping, we might not have time this year, but we want to expand the community gardens to add more plots. We're also actively looking for another space within town to start a second community garden," said Gyselinck.

As the Communities in Bloom committee is a non-profit in our community, they have to fundraise in order to provide these services to residents. They've tried many different types of fundraisers over the years and received wonderful support from businesses like Home Hardware but this year they want to do more and so are

ner at the Legion.

"We're trying a different way to fundraise for the community which involves the community more as well in our fundraising. [We also want to] make it more well-known what we do and about the plans for community gardens so that way we're able to keep it free to residents and Selkirk," said Gyselinck.

The Bud, Spud and Steak Dinner will take plan on April 23 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and residents can call 204-218-0107 or email selkirkcommunitygardens@gmail.com to grab one.

"One hundred per cent of the proceeds are going back into our community, whether it's through the school garden plot program, or the community garden this spring. It's going to be a really fun night. We have a 50/50draw. We're going to have some awesome door prizes. It's a nice way to meet members of your community as well as some of the plot holders who enjoy growing," said Gyselinck.

People who would like to support but can't make it to the dinner event can also call or email Gyselinck in order to purchase a support ticket.

She also welcomes anyone who would like to get involved in volunteering with Communties in Bloom to connect with her.

"It's really important to support each other. Communities in Bloom's main goal is to foster community involvement. And in a smaller city, it's great to all be there to support each other, through these events to help make Selkirk a better place for everyone and to continue having some really cool amenities," said Gyselinck.



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Calling all duck fans: Committee raising funds to support Mallard Park duck statue

Statue needs repair or replacement and community is throwing dinner in support

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Mallard Duck Fundraising Committee which is part of the Petersfield Community Club has taken up the cause to reinvigorate a local icon. The majestic Mallard Duck Statue that resides in Petersfield's Mallard Park is in need of some work and funds are being raised in support of a repair or replacement.

"It's starting to break down. It's rebar inside and plaster on the outside and it's starting to break down and it's leaking," explained Cindy Alexander, Chair of the Mallard Duck Fundraising Committee.

The community has been doing meat draws every Friday night with support from the Petersfield Motor Hotel and has seen a great amount of support so far but they are planning to kick it up a notch with a dinner at the end of this month.

"We're having a Rib Night on the 27th of April. It will be just a dinner, and then live music after but we will also have a 50/50 draw and a chase the ace," she said.

The event will take place at the Petersfield Motor Hotel.

Tickets for this event are \$40 each and residents who would like to support but can't make it out to this event can also show some love by purchasing a \$20 support ticket.

Alexander says that the statue is at this point a staple of the community.

"It's been there for we're going to say close to 30 years and it's just part of who we are now," she said.

The statue is also a waypoint for the community and the park which is a gathering place.

"We have our markets there every week in the summer, and [the Lily Pad Cruisers] have a car show there in the park. The Mallard is always the place where people go to take their pictures," explained Alexander.

Every little bit counts when it comes to fundraising because they are in the beginning stages of this project and once they are able to start the ball rolling the group will be able to apply for grant funding to help as well.

Alexander welcomes residents to support this local event.

"We would like to encourage people to make a donation of \$20 if they're not able to come for the dinner and the band. Also, if people want to make a private donation or volunteer to do a meet draw, we would welcome any volunteers," she said.

To contact Alexander about a ticket or volunteer give her a call at 204-485-



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Residents interested in supporting repair or replacement efforts for the Mallard Park Duck Statue can buy a ticket to their Rib night. Pictured: Some of the areas on the duck in need of repair.

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Phillips encourages business owners in our community to take advantage of this opportunity.

"I'm also a business owner. From my perspective, the audience is from all over southern Manitoba, certainly from the local area, and you get their undivided attention. There are lots of opportunities that we give to

showcase what the sponsors are doing. Whether it be in the rodeo arena where we're announcing them, if they sponsor something like one of the bucking chutes, then their name gets announced every single time an animal comes out of the bucking chute. Not to mention the fact that we expressly support [our sponsors] on our social media sites, both Facebook and Instagram. If it's on the volunteer side, certainly it's an opportunity to support a great community event. It just seems like it's such a challenge for communities to put on events where you're getting together in person. This event has been going on for well over 140 years. We'd like to keep it strong. We'd like to still see people come out and get together," said Phil-

In addition to the rodeo, this year the St. Andrew's-St. Clement's Agricultural Society will be hosting the RCMP Musical Ride so stay tuned to the Triple S Fair and Rodeo's social media to keep up to date with everything that's coming to our community.

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East Selkirk flowers growing into season

As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, it's time to welcome a burst of colour into our lives with the blooming of flowers. In East Selkirk, Searle Greenhouses' Prairie Garden Centre (a.k.a. Searle's) is kicking off the season early this year.

Searle's opened its doors for another season on March 18, two weeks earlier than the garden centre's typical opening date.

The greenhouse is owned and operated by the Smith Family of East Selkirk. Brothers Lee and Mike Smith have been busy through the winter

months, anticipating the early opening of their once-hobby farm-turnedflourishing greenhouse haven.

The small hobby farm was sprouted in the late 90's by Smith's grandmother. It started off as a tiny supplier for the Zellers company.

In 2020, the Smiths expanded the greenhouse to meet gardener demand. The greenhouse can supply year-round heat, allowing the Smiths to grow during the winter months.

Smith said that the response to the early opening was very positive.

"Avid gardeners want to get things

Now open un-December, Searle's has undergone renovations to enhance customer experience by opening up their till area and, widening the aisles to accommodate the influx of gardening enthusiasts seeking to bring life to their yards.



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Searle Greenhouses' Prairie Garden Centre owner Lee Smith shows off one of thousands of mixed coleus plants growing at the garden centre.

From seeds to pots, soil, and tools,

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every essential is readily available under one roof to kickstart your dream

"We have whatever you need to get your garden started," said Smith.

Annual and perennial flowers are expected to arrive at the greenhouse this week. Searle's pots new perennials each spring and generally sell out by the garden centre's seasonal closure.

Searle's tropical plants are also flourishing this time of year. Floor plants, different tropicals and succulents are some of the varieties the garden cen-

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Searle's has an abundance of tropical plants available to purchase.

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tre offers.

For special times of year, seasonal plants such as Easter lilies and poinsettias are available for purchase.

It is Smith's goal to welcome any gardener.

"We want to build cliental and community," said Smith.

The garden centre caters to the needs of any level of gardener.

Smith offered some tips to new gardeners.

"Start simple and find flowers you like and strike a chord with you."

He encourages newbies to experiment with different plants and get

dirty and asks his staff for help.

"Our knowledgeable staff will point you in the right direction to start you off on your simple garden," he added.

Lee Smith has been around plants his entire life. Beginning with filling pots at 14 years old, his gardening knowledge expanded as he continued to work with plants throughout his

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Smith's favourite thing about gardening is seeing others excited about gardening.

> "The enthusiasm people have amazes me," said Smith.

> Smith added that gardening is supposed to be fun. People come to visit the greenhouse to boost their mood.

> "The scent of the flowers and the humidity make people happy," he added.

> Searle Greenhouses' Prairie Garden Centre is at 345 Old Henderson Hwy. in East Sel-

kirk. Staff are available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday to assist with anyone's gardening needs.

Searle's is available on Instagram and Facebook and by email at prairiegardencentre@gmail.com.



Rows of plants being sowed in the back greenhouses at Searle Greenhouses' Prairie Garden Centre.





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Hydrangeas are an elegant perennial plant that is easy to cultivate, and tolerates almost any type of soil, and produce abundant blooms at the garden centre.



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Local hockey heroes recognized by Winnipeg Jets

Hardwork and dedication pays off for Winnipeg Jets Local Hockey Hero nominees

By E Antonio

Manitoba local hockey superstars were nominated to be voted on and named the Winnipeg Jets Local Hockey Hero for going above and beyond to help others play the game.

The Local Hockey Hero contest, brought to you by Wawanesa Insurance, was the final chance for community members to choose the finalist that best exemplifies their idea of a hockey hero.

Three nominees from the province were chosen as finalists, selected by community members. From March 18 to 25, Manitobans could vote for their preferred local hero. The grand prize package included tickets to a Winnipeg Jets game, an autographed jersey, and a Jets Gear gift card. Additionally, the recipient will be honoured to present the Winnipeg Jets Community Service Award.

Johnny Bestland from Sanford was honoured with the Winnipeg Jets Local Hockey Hero title.

Fellow coach Mackenzie Kabernick nominated Bestland. Bestland is a volunteer coach for Sanford Collegiate Sabre Girls Hockey. His dedication and involvement with the team earned him a nomination.

Bestland was surprised to see he was nominated.

"When you've coached this many kids, it is the happiness of everyone that is more important than the actual competition," said Bestland.

Bestland added that none of his coaching would be possible alone. He



Brad Tkachyk with son Theodore Tkachyk.

explained that it is a team effort from everyone.

Bestland started playing hockey at age six. He instantly fell in love with the sport and continued to play throughout his life. Today, all of Bestland's daughters also share his love for the game and have been fortunate enough to be coached by their father.

Bestland stepped into the role of coach when his close friend and former hockey mentor, Kelly Kabernick, passed away in the middle of the season.

"Everyone gets wrenches thrown at them in life," said Bestland. He explained that it was a tough role to fill, but it was well worth the time.

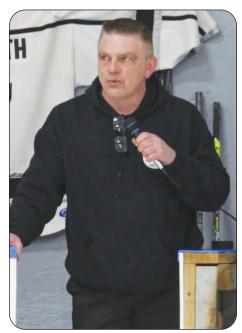
Bestland helped initiate the Kelly Kabernick Fund in honour of Kelly Kabernick. Funds raised go towards the Sanford Arena.

Bestland loves hockey because it is a team effort.

"We are all working together toward a common goal," added Bestland.

Bestland is grateful to have been se-

lected as the Winnipeg Jets' Local Hockey Hero and looks forward to sharing the prize with his family.



Brent Nemeth presenting at the Cooper Nemeth Memorial Day 2024.

He is thrilled at the opportunity to teach kids both hockey and life skills.

Fellow hockey parent Angie Beaque nominated Brent Nemeth of Winnipeg. The two first crossed paths seven years ago when their children were on the same team. Beaque also played a crucial role in organizing the Cooper Nemeth Memorial Day game.

Nemeth was surprised by the nomination. He thinks that everyone he works with deserves this recognition.

Nemeth's nomination was based on his role in establishing and promoting the Cooper Nemeth Memorial Fund, a player assistance program under Hockey Winnipeg. The fund was created in memory of his late son, Cooper Nemeth. Notably, \$23,100 was raised at this year's Cooper Nemeth Memorial Day event held on March 23

Nemeth has been involved with hockey since he was a kid. He first played the sport and now coaches in the community.

Nemeth loves when former players continue to connect.

"It is a good feeling when they say 'Hey Coach!'" explained Nemeth.

There is a familial feel Nemeth gains from coaching. "It is about giving back, and I am happy to do that," he



Winnipeg Jets Local Hockey Hero winner, Johnny Bestland with friends and family at the Kabby Cup 2024 Hockey Tournament.

added.

Nemeth congratulated the other nominees.

"All three of us are winners for being nominated," said Nemeth.

Nemeth is proud of his impact no matter the result.

Brad Tkachyk of Elm Creek was nominated by Chris Miller, a friend and fellow Elm Creek Arena volunteer. Tkachyk frequently volunteers at the Elm Creek Arena. He always wants to do his part and give back to the hockey community he grew up in. "It is a rite of passage to help out in the community," said Tkachyk.

He explained that volunteers run the rink. It takes an entire team of helpers to keep the hockey spirit alive in Elm Creek.

Tkachyk was surprised to hear he was a finalist for the contest. He thinks every volunteer at the rink deserves special recognition.

Tkachyk has lived in Elm Creek all of his life. He has played hockey in the community since he was young.

Currently, Tkachyk's four children are all avid hockey players, frequently seen at the Elm Creek Arena.

"I love watching the kids grow up playing the sport," mentioned Tkachyk.

He explained that it makes him feel good when he sees everyone in the community get together to play hockey. Tkachyk loves uniting with others who share his passion for the sport.

All three nominees love what they do and look forward to seeing where their journey with hockey leads to.





Access Credit Union members rewarded with \$13.5 million cash back payout

The Board of Directors of Access Credit Union announced a \$13.5 million cash return via their Member Rewards profit-sharing program to their members.

The Member Rewards program is the credit union's way of showing appreciation to its members for their continued relationships and patronage. Because Access Credit Union is a cooperative, members are true

owners of the organization and are eligible to share in the annual profits. After satisfying requirements for equity reserves, the Board of Directors may set aside a portion of earnings for members who have borrowed and saved at the credit union. The amount a member receives is based on interest earned on non-registered deposits and interest paid on lending products.

Board Chair Curt Letkeman expressed gratitude to Access Credit Union members for their ongoing support during another year of growth. He reaffirmed the organization's dedication to providing the best possible service to its members and emphasized their desire to be present wherever members may need them.

"We are very pleased to share our success with our members through this year's Member Rewards payout," he said.

As the leader of Access Credit

Union, Larry Davey is pleased to announce that they experienced robust growth in their business and achieved impressive financial results for 2023. This success is a direct result of their ongoing commitment to investing in innovative solutions and forming valuable partnerships.

For more information about Access Credit Union's Member Rewards program, please visit accesscu.ca/rewards.

letter to the editor

This week, Manitobans will wake up to a 23 per cent federal carbon tax hike, with support from Premier Wab Kinew and his Manitoba NDP government. From farm to truck to dinner table, the effects of the NDP-Trudeau carbon tax hike on April 1 will be felt by every household and industry in Manitoba.

Let's start with our pork industry, which contributes more than \$2.3 billion a year to the provincial economy and employs more than 22,000 Mani-

Manitoba is the largest supplier of hogs in Canada, with 624 farms exporting to over 30 countries. Hog barns are heated by natural gas or propane, and hogs are usually fed soybean meal and corn.

From buying their feed to keeping on the heat, pork producers will be impacted by the 23% carbon tax hike in their barns and at the farm where they grow the crops, as will the companies that dry the grain using natural gas or propane. A soybean crusher paying \$150,000 per year in carbon tax today will pay \$185,000 starting April 1, which increases the cost of raising a hog in Manitoba.

Can customers of Manitoba pork stomach a 23% increase in prices so that Manitoba producers can break even on the carbon tax? Or, will they just find another supplier who doesn't have to pay the carbon tax instead?

Either way, the carbon tax hike will cost Manitoba a lot of bacon, and the same equation can be applied to beef,

poultry, and just about any products from Manitoba's agriculture industry. But it's not just producers who will be hit by the hike.

Manitoba truckers, who bring most of our goods from the farms and factories to our tables, will bear the burden of the carbon tax hike. Local companies not only haul in Manitoba, but across North America. How can they possibly sustain themselves without passing cost hikes on to customers?

In short, they can't.

And just like farmers and industry, all Manitobans will be hit with increased food prices, increased fuel costs, and increased heating costs as a result of the carbon tax hike.

When will it end? The carbon tax is set to keep rising until 2030, costing every Manitoban and Canadian more money to live, year by year.

Meanwhile, Wab Kinew has yet to join seven other premiers across party lines in openly calling on Trudeau to scrap his outrageous carbon tax hike on the backs of hardworking Manitoba families. Kinew instead deflects the topic by evoking the temporary gas tax "holiday". However, the fact is that the 23% hike will bring the carbon tax to \$0.17/litre at the pump.

Not only does the carbon tax cost more than the provincial gas tax, but unlike the NDP's temporary stunt, the carbon tax is here to stay.

These fuel costs have an impact on food prices. Kinew promised that the fuel tax pause would drive prices down, but the stats show otherwise as Manitoba food prices are set to rise another 4.5% this year. Despite the NDP premier threatening action in November against grocery chains if savings aren't passed to consumers, Manitobans haven't heard a peep about the topic since December.

Manitobans need to know what this premier is doing for long-term affordability, because so far Kinew has proven to be more of a showman making idle promises than a statesman who has plans to take action.

From industry to household, the 23% carbon tax increase is no April Fool's joke. Manitoba's premier must stand up to Ottawa and ensure real solutions and real relief for Manitobans.

> - Jeff Bereza MLA for Portage la Prairie and Progressive Conservative Critic for *Agriculture*

A perfect day for skating



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Stella (pictured) and Arlo Meakin couldn't pass up the opportunity for an impromptu skate on the ditches and fields near their grandparents' home in St. Andrews on March 25. Though the siblings got giant blisters from borrowing their grandparents' too-big skates, they said it was worth it.



Manitoba government announces parks reservations start April 8

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government wants you to mark your calendar and start planning your getaway as reservations for campgrounds in provincial parks are set to open on April 8, Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt announced March 27.

"Manitoba is home to some spectacular parks and as warmer weather approaches, more and more Manitobans are preparing to book quality time out in nature," said Schmidt. "As a parent who takes their children camping every year, I know how important a fast, convenient reservation system is. Our government has taken steps to streamline the booking process so Manitobans can reserve their favourite sites headache-free."

Reservations will be staggered over five days to accommodate the high demand and make it easier for Manitobans to book at their favourite campground. Customers making online reservations are advised to check their user accounts and passwords

prior to the opening days and review reservation rules. Customers can also browse the reservation service to view photos and descriptions of campsites. On opening days, an enhanced virtual waiting room and queuing system will be used to ensure a better experience for online users. For more information on how to prepare for opening day, visit www.manitobaparks.com.

On opening day, the Parks Reservation Service, online and call centre services will begin at 7 a.m. online at www.manitobaparks.com, 204-948-3333 (in Winnipeg) or 1 888-482-2267 (toll-free).

The Manitoba Parks Reservation Service will open over five days in April:

- Monday, April 8 at 7 a.m., reservations open for all cabins, yurts and group-use areas;
- Tuesday, April 9 at 7 a.m., reservations open for campsites at Birds Hill, Winnipeg Beach and Grand Beach campgrounds;
- Wednesday, April 10 at 7 a.m., reservations open for campsites

in all campgrounds in Whiteshell Provincial Park including Betula Lake, Big Whiteshell Lake, Brereton Lake, Caddy Lake, Falcon Beach, Falcon Lakeshore, Nutimik Lake, Opapiskaw, Otter Falls, West Hawk Lake and White Lake;

- Thursday, April 11 at 7 a.m., reservations open for campsites in all northern and western campgrounds including Asessippi, Bakers Narrows, Clearwater Lake (Campers Cove and Pioneer Bay), Duck Mountain (Blue Lakes, Childs Lake and Wellman Lake), Manipogo, Rainbow Beach, Rivers, Paint Lake, Spruce Woods (Kiche Manitou), Turtle Mountain (Adam Lake), Wekusko Falls and William Lake; and
- Friday, April 12 at 7 a.m., reservations open for campsites in all remaining campground locations including Birch Point, Camp Morton, Hecla (Gull Harbour), Hnausa Beach, Lundar

Beach, Moose Lake, Nopiming (Beresford Lake, Bird Lake, Black Lake, Shoe Lake and Tulabi Falls), St. Malo, Stephenfield and Watchorn.

Walk-in reservations and in-person payment arrangements can also be made at 1181 Portage Ave. in Winnipeg and will be available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning April 8 for the parks and facilities described above.

For more information on provincial parks, visit www.manitobaparks.com and follow Manitoba Parks on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).

Annual park vehicle permits for 2024-25 are available for purchase online at www.manitobaelicensing.ca as well as at retail outlets or provincial park offices.

Manitoba Parks is also recruiting seasonal staff for the upcoming summer. Those looking for summer employment and career opportunities in provincial parks should visit www. manitobaparks.com frequently as more job opportunities are posted.

Manitoba government to host forums for Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will host a pair of forums for commercial fishers on Lake Winnipeg, Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources Minister Jamie Moses and Indigenous Economic Development Minister Ian Bushie an-

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nounced Mar. 28.

"It's a new day in Manitoba and our government is looking forward to hearing directly from commercial fishers and finding solutions for the future for our fisheries," said Moses. "We are committed to continued collaboration to ensure the sustainability of our fisheries, now and for future generations."

The forums will be held on April 30

and May 1 for people from communities around the lake. Those interested in attending either forum can email fish@gov.mb.ca. Further information will be sent out to commercial fishers and stakeholders.

"With deep roots in commercial fishing in Manitoba myself, we know the potential this industry has to both our economy and our communities," said Bushie. "We look forward to listening

and finding opportunities to grow the industry for fishers across our province."

For more information on Manitoba's commercial fishing industry, visit www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/fish/commercial_fishing/index.html.

Jet on the ice









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Winnipeg Jet right winger Mason Appleton showed up at Steeltown Ford's staff ice fishing derby. Appleton's appearance caused a stir with Brady, Hope and Halle getting pictures with the hockey pro.

Busy winter for Manitoba bear rehab centre

Black Bear Rescue Manitoba looking for volunteers

By Jennifer McFee

Manitoba's only bear rehabilitation centre experienced a busy winter with more cubs than usual at the Rockwood-area facility.

Judy and Roger Stearns run Black Bear Rescue Manitoba, which cares for orphaned bear cubs before returning them to the wild.

Normally, cubs arrive in the spring and stay with them until the fall when they're released. However, this year five cubs overwintered with them.

"This is not the norm for us. We rarely have bears over the winter," Judy Stearns said.

"We had five bears arrive late in the season and they couldn't be released, so they spent the winter with us. They're yearlings now — they're no longer cubs."

They'll likely be released in late June to early July, and the reason for that timing is threefold.

"There is more abundant natural food for bears by then, and we want to make sure that any backcountry areas or trails that we're going down are dry. Sometimes it's very remote rugged terrain and we have to go by quad," Stearns said.

"Also, we always have to wait until the spring bear hunt is over because we don't think it's fair to let them go during hunting season."

They name the cubs alphabetically, and they were at "Z" when two eightmonth-old sister cubs arrived in the early fall. Named Zayla and Zsa Zsa, the duo was brought down from a tree by a conservation officer in the Gypsumville area. The fate of their mother is unknown, but they were unlikely to make it through the winter on their own.

Soon after, another cub arrived from the Falcon Lake area, where he was seen hiding in cottage yards with his mother nowhere in sight. He received the name Ace in honour of radio personality Ace Burpee, who is a volunteer and team member at the animal rescue.

The little cub had a fractured leg and underwent surgery at Transcona Vet Hospital. He also had a deep wound near the break that required ongoing monitoring and attention by the experts from Woodlands Vet Clinic.

In mid-October a cub arrived from the Oakbank area where Natural Resources staff retrieved her from a cul-

vert. The cub was named Blueberry in recognition of one of her favourite foods. At first, Blueberry was shaking and unable to stand.

"She was very weak and thin and she struggled even to eat," Stearns said. "We weren't sure if she was going to recover or not, but she's very slowly getting better all the time."

A fifth cub known as Chester arrived near the end of October from Minitonas, where he had probably been on his own for a while. Again, the fate of his mother is unknown, although human activity is the main cause of cubs being orphaned.

In early December, Zayla and Zsa Zsa began hibernating for the winter in a wooden den house filled with straw. Soon after, Chester began hibernating in early January. The sisters are together in one den house while Chester in his own den house, all within the same enclosure on the Stearns' property.

"They haven't budged. They're completely, fully hibernating. It's amazing. They don't eat or drink or poop. Their body just slows right down," Stearns said.

"In Manitoba, bears in the wild generally emerge from their dens in April, although it could be late March if it's warm or it could even be early May, especially if it's colder with more snow. It all depends every year on weather and the snow."

Meanwhile, Ace and Blueberry are neighbours who have been awake for the winter. Until January, they stayed in an indoor enclosure, which Stearns cleaned daily. Now that they've moved outside, their upkeep is less labour-intensive since they only need cleaning and to have their food and water refilled every three or four days. Every enclosure is monitored via security cameras.

In early summer, the five cubs will be released in a remote location far away from humans and busy roads.

"We take them as remote as we can," Stearns said. "We are licensed by and work in conjunction with the Province of Manitoba so they approve all the release locations. We keep it a very hidden secret where these bears are going."

At the same time, more young bear cubs could arrive at the facility in coming weeks.

"The norm for bear rehab starts in April after the mothers come out of the den with her cubs and she confronts some sort of danger and is killed. However, we're finding very often that den disturbances frighten the mother and she abandons her cubs, so we get them when they're



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Zsa Zsa and Zayla headed into hibernation on Dec. 9.





Chester arrived on Oct. 24 weighing 21 lbs. and was 73 lbs. before he denned on Jan. 2 for the remainder of the winter.

still in the den prior to April," Stearns

"We could get a phone call today saying that very young orphaned cubs are coming in. We never know. It's a very hard thing to plan for."

It's also difficult to determine how many cubs will arrive, since the numbers aren't consistent year after year, ranging from three to 32 cubs annually since they opened in 2018.

"It's very unpredictable," she said. "We're the only bear rehab facility in Manitoba and we cover the entire province for any orphaned black bear cubs so they can come from anywhere."

Black Bear Rescue Manitoba is a registered charity that runs entirely on donations without government fund-

They gratefully accept monetary contributions, as well as donations of much-needed supplies such as paper towels, straw brooms, wheelbarrows, Beco brand pet bowls and plush nonknit baby blankets. They could also use plain oat or rice baby cereal as well as gift cards to buy perishables like yogurt for the cubs.

Also, if anyone has a reliable second-hand quad, Stearns said it would be useful for transporting the cubs on rough terrain.

The bear rescue is also in need of a few dedicated volunteers who live nearby.

"We would like to create a list of nearby volunteers who could be on standby if we get in some little ones that need to be bottle-fed around the clock. Animal-handling experience would be preferred but we would always train. You just have to have a steady hand and a good eye to do milk measurements," Stearns said.

"It would be a daily thing from now until early May if we get cubs in. They need to be fed every few hours around the clock, so it's a lot of work. If someone lives nearby, they could just pop in every day for an hour or two and help with the bottle-feeding of little wee bears. They've got to be committed to come five or six days a week. It's a totally unique fun experi-

For more information about volunteering or making a donation, email Black Bear Rescue Manitoba at emailus@mts.net.

To keep up to date on the bear cubs, and to view adorable photos, follow the organization on Facebook and Instagram.

get inspired



Prep time: 4 minutes Cook time: 1 minute Servings: 1

- 1 cup Minute Yellow Rice Cups
- 2 tablespoons balsamic dressing
- 2 tablespoons olive tapenade
- 1 teaspoon capers, drained well
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup frozen green beans, thawed
- 1 can (3 ounces) tuna, drained and



Tuna and Rice Nicoise Salad

flaked

1 hard-boiled egg, cut into wedges Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium bowl, combine rice, balsamic dressing, tapenade and capers.

Top with cherry tomatoes, green beans, tuna and hard-boiled egg.

Tip: Serve salad over bed of mixed greens, if desired.



Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 5 minutes Servings: 8

- 2 cups Minute Instant Jasmine Rice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons minced red onion
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Pomegranate and Arugula Rice Salad

1 bag (5 ounces) arugula

1 cup pomegranate seeds

1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Prepare rice according to package directions. Cool completely, about 10 minutes.

In large bowl, whisk oil, vinegar, red onion, mustard, honey, salt and pepper.

Add rice, arugula and pomegranate seeds to bowl; toss to coat thoroughly. Sprinkle with almonds.

Tips: For added flavor, top salad with crumbled goat or blue cheese.

To cool rice quickly, spread evenly on parchment paper-lined baking sheet.



Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 6

1 bag Success Jasmine Rice

- 1/2 can (7 1/2 ounces) white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 tablespoon water
- 4 ounces (about 1 1/2 cups) golden beets, cooked and grated
- 3 ounces goat cheese, crumbled, divided
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 12 leaves Bibb lettuce
- 1 cup arugula
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce

Golden Beet and Rice Burger Sliders

Prepare rice according to package directions. Cool completely.

In food processor, pulse beans, egg and water until mashed.

Transfer bean mixture to large bowl. Add rice, beets, 1 1/2 ounces goat cheese, dill, salt and pepper; stir until combined. Divide mixture into six portions and shape into 1/2-inch-thick patties.

In large, nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Cook patties in two batches, 3-5 minutes per side, or until golden brown and heated through, adding remaining oil as necessary.

Place two lettuce leaves together, overlapping ends to form pocket. Place patty inside lettuce pocket; top with arugula and remaining goat cheese. Drizzle with Sriracha. Repeat with remaining burg-

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers,

With everything that's going on in the markets today it's hard to know if you have the right investment plan for your future. Here's what all the economists say: "you need to have a well-diversified portfolio which includes bonds, cash, and high-quality stocks, one that is rebalanced based on your age, risk tolerance and future aspirations."

Okay, textbook – right? But what does that mean? How do you do that? How are you going to get started?

Well, you need to be build a financial team. If your car breaks down or you get into an accident, you don't fix it by yourself in your garage? You or your insurance company hires a professional mechanic to fix it and then everything is great again. Same idea with money. You need to have a professional that can help you achieve all those financial goals you want out of your life.

You want an investment "partner." Pick an advisor who really has your best interests at heart, and don't just pick the first person you talk to, or a relative that wants to help out. You want to be selective, not just with the advisor, but also the brokerage firm. Now let's talk about fees. What should you pay? There are 2 types of fee structures – transactional or fee-based.

Transactional fees are charged with every investment transaction. This is often the case when you buy fixed income investments such as bonds. A fee is charged when you purchase the bond and then again when you sell it. There aren't many advisors that still do transactional fee structures when buying securities. That was the old "stockbroker style" of buying and selling stocks on a monthly basis to generate revenue not only for the client but also the broker. Most advisors today lack the expertise to execute this style of investing properly; however, if you didn't have a good stockbroker back then, it still could be costly. We used to call this method the "pump &



Christine Ibbotson

dump," which was basically how a broker would make an income, moving stock around and charging a transaction fee every time. Nowadays advisors want to put you in a fee-based plan, with a fixed monthly fee designed to offer more protection for the clients along with ensuring a consistent revenue stream for the advisor and the brokerage firm.

Basically, you want to ask yourself: is this advisor a valued partner that I'm willing to pay for, and most importantly am I satisfied with the services that they provide?

Personally, I think It's always a good idea to periodically check out the competition, talk to your friends and see what they pay. When you are young you may not mind spending more for investment advice, but as you age and move investments into secure fixed income products with lower risk and smaller gains, your number one problem will be fees and expenses.

Let me leave you with this TIP: Your new advisor needs to be focused on how to secure your capital with adequate growth in the most tax-efficient manner; and if they always do that, you will always make money.

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

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Prairie Blaze win the MWJHL Provincial Championship

Submitted by Mike Steciuk

Congratulations goes out to the Prairie Blaze who won this years Provincial Championship. It took all 5 games before the champions were crowned as this final series lived up to everyone's expectations with a tightly contested series where each team showed signs of dominance and determination.

Leading up to the finals the 3rd place Prairie Blaze first had to survive a quarterfinal scare by losing game 1, 5-0 to Maggie Medock (Selkirk) and her 6th place Manitoba Blizzard. Taylor Morden (Stonewall), Kenady Christensen (Lundar) and Haley Steciuk (St. Andrews) along with their Prairie Blaze teammates rallied to win games 2 and 3 advancing them into the semi finals to face last years champions Silvertips. Kiera Dawson (St. Andrews) and her Silvertips teammates had to contend with a shortened bench due to some key injuries. As a result, the Tips were no match for the surging Blaze who prevailed by winning the best of 5 in three straight

The 1st Place Northern Stars, awaited the winner of the other quarter final as they earned a first round bye, finishing the regular season with an impressive 18-6 record. Coach Rod Goetz (East Selkirk) and his Northern Stars also experienced a scare as the last place Polar Ice took them to game 5 before Rayley Goetz (East Selkirk) and her Northern Stars decisively beat them 5-0 to advance to the finals. Goetz who had an exceptional regular season amassing 33 points finishing second overall in the league, helped propel her team into the finals.

The Championship Best of 5 started with the Prairie Blaze winning game one by a score of 2-1. The Northern Stars rebounded with a game two win (4-1). With each game, the crowds became larger and more boisterous urging their teams to victory. The Prairie Blaze won a hard fought game three by a 3-2 score. With their backs to the wall, Northern Stars roared back by shutting out the Blaze 4-0 in game four. The 5th and deciding game - winner take all. The crowd erupted at the Hockey For All Centre when Steciuk opened the scoring in the second period, but that lead was short lived as the Stars tallied to even the score. Jenna McLennan's shot from the blueline found its way to the back of the net giving the Blaze a 2-1 lead heading into the 3rd period. This would turn out to be the game winning goal as the Blaze would add another goal late in the 3rd period to make the final 3-1. However, the final few minutes of the game did have some controversy as each team, initially the Blaze then the Stars had goals disallowed due to the play being whistled down prior to the puck crossing the goal line. Blame the crowd noise in the building which made it very difficult to hear the whistle.

When asked after the game if winning championships ever gets old, head coach Dale Bear's smile said it best; he responded by saying that you never know if this will be your last one, so he enjoys the moment by taking it all in with the players, coaches,



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The Prairie Blaze won the 2024 Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey Championship on March 27.



St. Andrews' Haley Steciuk played for the Prairie Blaze.

and management. This was the Prairie Blaze 2nd win in in the last 5 (excluding the year lost due to COVID restrictions). Bear continued by saying that he was very

proud of how his team responded to each and every setback throughout the season. He concluded by sharing that once his team survived the initial onslaught of Northern Stars pressure in that final



the last 3 years and 3rd win Left to right, Dale Bear (head coach), Jacinta Bear (manager), Hannah Pales (assistant coach), Kevin Monkman (assistant coach), Jamie Johnson (assistant coach and Tina Keeper (trainer).

game, he knew his team stood a very good chance of outlasting their opponent and coming out on top. Congratulations to Blaze goalie Abegael Glass who was named Playoff MVP and the entire Prairie Blaze organization for their championship season.

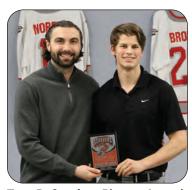


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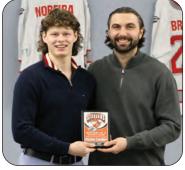
Top Defensive Player Award: **Ethan Brown**



Top Scorer Award: Mathieu Moreira



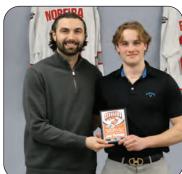
Most improved Player Award: Dawson Dear



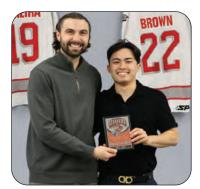
Unsung Player of the Year Award: Mathieu Catellier



Most Valuable Player Award: Most Noel Olsonawski



Inspirational Award: Joel Purdom



Player

Most Gentlemanly Award: Rocco La Cara



Rookie of the Year Award: Nick Giasson

Royals' close out great indoor track season

The Selkirk Royals wrapped up a great season with the KPAC Indoor Track Championships late last month.

It was a good day for the Royals - the culmination of four months of very hard work.

Royals highlights that day included:

- Neveah Marynowski: 1st in

Varsity Girl's 60m, long jump, and high jump (Set new KPAC record in high jump 1.63 m)

- Carolin Roth 3rd in Junior Girl's 200 m
- Fiona Bailey 2nd in Junior Girl's shot put
- Quinn Fyfe 2nd in junior boy's 200 m, 3rd in 800 m

- Elliot Ferreira - 2nd in varsity boy's 60 m, 3rd in long

Player

- Varsity Boys 4 x 100 1st and
- Varsity Boys Medley 3rd
- Sr Boys team: 2nd
- Ir Girls team: 3rd
- Sr Girls team: 4th
- Jr Boys: 7th

Royals' track and field coach Scott Gurney was very pleased with this year's team.

"We have a really good group. It's a very cohesive group," he said. "There's just a little bit more team spirit this year. "Everybody is pulling for everybody. Track is a very individual sport but we have a big group of varsity boys and they have gotten better in the practices and the meets. It shows when you get to the end of the season."

Gurney was very impressed with the Royals' results in KPAC and at other meets.

"I was very proud of them and they should be proud of themselves and we'll only get better in outdoor track," he said.

Selkirk has really benefited from the local junior highs getting athletes to be prepared to compete at the high school level.

"The junior high programs (give the athletes) a chance to get excited about (track and field) and a taste of what the sport is about so we can hopefully harness that and lock them in," Gurney said.

Selkirk is really looking forward to the outdoor season. After giving the athletes a break after a lengthy indoor season, the Royals will start back up this month.

Academic all Canadian



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Annika Goodbrandson was recognized as an Academic All Canadian at the University of Winnipeg Wesmen athletic awards evening. The award is given to Usport athletes who maintain an average of over 80 per cent while playing on a Usport team.

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Lockport Lancers excelling in all sports

Submitted by Marco Morelli

The Lockport School Lancers have been outstanding in track and field and basketball.

Lockport had 104 top 10 finishes this season and their Grade 9s dominated the top tens (64) and the podium (46 of 64 visits).

"However, the 7s and 8s learned what it takes to get to the podium and they started to get there by the end of the season," said Lancers' teacher-Marco Morelli.

As for stand-out results for the team: Our most decorated athlete (13 top three finishes) and winner of Gr9 high jump (twice), triple jump (twice), and hurdles plus second in the long jump was Emma Weiss.

Our relay teams swept the 4 x 200 meter Gr. 9 boys and girls relays, finishing first in both categories.

Gr. 9 boys: Reid Sardo, Elliot Romans, Sam Wiebe and Dixon Hartwich. These boys did not lose a relay as they took the 4 x 100m relay title as well in the last meet.

Gr. 9 girls champs in 4 x 200m: Taylor Henderson, Rielle Forfar, Emma Weiss, and Cassidy Laing. They were third in the 4 x 100m relay.

Our Gr. 9 teams finished first and second in an exciting 4 x 100m mixed relay with Lockport B winning by a fraction of a second. The team includes Sam Wiebe, Reid Sardo, Emma Weiss and Cassidy Laing.

Our Gr. 8 boys 4 x 100m relay team also took first. They were Evan Brown, Parker Bragg, Anderson Kiernicki, and Noah Hawkins.

Other notable first place finishes this season:

Aurora Marynowski in Girls high jump, Anna Wiebe first place in Gr. 7 girls long jump, Elliot Romans in Gr. 9 boy's 60m, Taylor Henderson first place in Gr. 9 girls shot put.

We did especially well in shot put playing in the top 5 quite a few times.

We were blessed to have a great collection of volunteer coaches on the team. They were community adult coaches Sigmar Wiebe and Tyler Stoesz. Our high school volunteer coaches were Neveah Marynowski, Sydney Ostermann, Elliot Ferreira, and Kadence Sharples.

"All in all it was an excellent indoor track season. The results in relay was unprecedented as I don't recall dominating the Gr. 9 relays in my years of coaching at Lockport School. We hope to continue to grow and excel in the outdoor track season," said Mo-

The basketball teams had a very successful season as well. The Grade 7 girls were LSJHAA champs for 2024, coached by Annette Harman and Bobby Zamyrkut.

They were the underdogs. But played their best game of the season in the final, defeating the Ecole Selkirk Suns 25-13.

The Grade 9 girls were also underdogs, and put it all together in their final at the LSJHAA championships, defeating East Selkirk 30-22. They were coached by Kalie Brunette and Aylssa Nixon.



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The Lockport School Lancers, coached by Annette Harman and Bobby Zamyrkut, are the Grade 7 LSJHAA girls' basketball champions for 2024 after defeating the Ecole Selkirk Suns 25-13.



The Lockport School Lancers are the Grade 9 girls' L.S.J.H.A.A basketball champions after defeating East Selkirk 30-22.



The Lockport School Lancers had a terrific indoor track and field season with 104 top ten finishes.

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- pruning
- litter control

Tenders or resumes, accompanied by a minimum of two references, must be received on or before Friday April 5, 2024, before 4:30 p.m.

Tender information may be obtained by emailing Mike.Frost@accesscu.ca.

Tenders may be delivered, mailed or emailed to:

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE St. Clements



REGARDING THE 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act; that the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements on Tuesday May 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

The public hearing will be live streamed with interactive chat. A link to the hearing will be made available on our website.

If you wish to do one of the above, please submit in writing prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Your written submissions can either be emailed to info@rmofstclements.com, dropped off at our office or mailed to our office if time permits.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information, either prior to or following the hearing, is encouraged to contact Shannon Plischke, Finance Officer at 204-482-3300.

Copies of the 2024 Financial Plan will be available for review after April 24th, 2024 at the Municipal Office located at 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk or on our website at www.rmofstclements.com

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024 Deepak Joshi

Chief Administrative Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the SELKIRK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB intends to conduct the following pesticide control program during 2024.

- 1. To control noxious weeds within the property of the Selkirk Golf Course. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2024 to October 31, 2024. The herbicides to be used include Par 3, Mecoprop, Trillion and Banvel VM.
- 2. To control fungal diseases within the Selkirk Golf Course property. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2024 to October 31, 2024. The fungicides to be used include Daconil Ultrex, Primo Maxx, Instrata, Medallion, Posterity and Heritage Max.
- 3. To control insects within the property of Selkirk Golf Course. The projected dates of application will be from May 15, 2024 to October 31, 2024. The insecticides to be used are Methoxychlor, Acelepryn and Merit.

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- 1. Camp leaders employer Clandeboye CC in Clandeboye 2-3 jobs (mid-June start)
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- 3. Green Team workers employer St. Andrews CC
- 1-2 jobs (May/June start)
- Camp assistant employer Little Britain CC in Lockport - 1 job (July start)
- 5. Program Planners employer St. Andrews Heritage Centre/ Rectory - 2-4 jobs (May-June starts) Historic Interpreters - employer St. Andrews Heritage Centre/
- Rectory 2-4 jobs (May-July starts) Customer Service Ambassadors - employer RM of St. Andrews in Clandeboye/South - 2 jobs (May start)

Please submit on or before Friday April 12 at 4:30 pm by email to Teresa at recreation@rmofstandrews.com. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those qualified will be contacted for an interview in April. Job postings with specifics for each role are available for viewing at www.rmofstandrews.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

The City of Selkirk intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Program to control the following insect pests during 2024.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the RM of Alexander on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

A copy of the financial plan is available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the municipal office located at 1 Bouvier Trail, St. Georges, Manitoba. A copy will also be available for review on the municipal website.

Gisele Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

PRE-BUDGET **CONSULATION**



OPEN HOUSE

The Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements has scheduled a Pre-Budget Consultation Open House at the Municipal Office Council Chambers to allow informal conversation with members of Council and staff about the 2024 fiscal year and current projects.

Location: RM of St. Clements Municipal Office. 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk

Date: Monday, April 22nd, 2024 Time: 7:00 pm

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information, either prior to or following the open house, is encouraged to contact the

Chief Administrative Officer Deepak Joshi, by phone at 204-482-3300 or by email at cao@rmofstclements.com

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements invites applications for a Public Works Operator with Water & Sewer Certification

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More details and qualifications on this position can be found on our website, www.rmofstclements.com

> Detailed resume will be received at the Municipal Office, 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk, Manitoba, ROE 0M0, or via email to pwadmin@rmofstclements.com.

Screening for this position will begin as early as April 2, 2024, however the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is secured.

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Arlita Madrigga, CET Water & Waste Coordinator R.M. of St. Clements East Selkirk, Manitoba, R0E 0M0



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- Work with Unionized Team members and work within a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Qualifications of a suitable candidate are:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Completion of a college or university program with a focus on Human Resources
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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 Rick Friesen, Public Works Manager by e-mail rfriesen@weststpaul.com or by phone 204-334-0092.

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



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD PROJECT COORDINATOR

The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the position of Project Coordinator. Reporting directly to the Public Works Manager, this position is responsible for coordinating inspection and survey activities, coordinating drainage issue activities, assisting with construction administration, transportation infrastructure, assisting in the development of standards, specifications, policies, and by-laws.

The ideal candidate will possess a post-secondary education in civil engineering, preferably CET, and shall have sufficient design and construction management experience related to linear municipal infrastructure. Other key attributes of the successful candidate will include self-motivation and the ability to work independently, attention to detail, excellent communication skills, and a knowledge of construction contract preparation and administration.

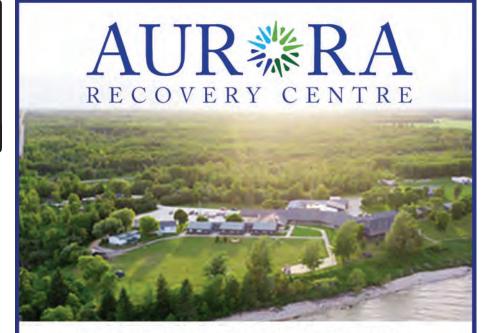
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This is a full-time position, offering a comprehensive benefits package and pension plan. The salary is to be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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EastMan Seed Savers wishes to thank the City of Selkirk for their donation to the recent Seedy Saturday event. Many thanks to the Gordon Howard Centre for their co-operation and consideration for the event and thanks to all who attended.

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Marvel Kate Obsnuk December 8, 1932 – March 22, 2024

It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mom.

Left to mourn her passing are her daughters, Dianne (Chris), Gerry, Debbie and her son Danny. Sons-in-law Clarke and Larry; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Sisters, Dorothy, Olga and Vi (Ron); brother Walter; sisters-in-law, Ruth and Pauline.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Dan, daughters Brenda and Sue, son Bob and brothers Les, Nick, Steve, Sister Janet and sons-in-law Frank and Marc.

Mom was a great loving, hardworking wife and mother. Mom was a postmaster for 17 years until she retired in 1997. Mom was a great cook, famous for her perogies, Hawaiian Pork, and

chiffon cakes.

She loved to crochet, knit slippers, and Hudson Bay mittens. Mom loved the casino trips they took on bus tours. Later the casino trips were for family birthdays, lovely visits and a nice meal.

Mom will be loved, missed and in our hearts forever. In following our Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

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

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OBITUARY



Bobby Craig Obsniuk April 8, 1964 - March 21, 2024

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Bobby Craig Obsniuk of St. Martin on March 21, 2024 at the age of 59 years. He will be remembered as a brother, "Uncle Bob", a Father, and most importantly, Grandpa.

Bob took great joy picking out the best toys for all of his nieces and nephews. Some had said he was better than Santa! You never had to worry about adding batteries, as he had opened the toys and tried them out before wrapping them up.

It was not a party until Bob was making his famous French fries at any family event. After cooking, he would start the night by making a bonfire with a glass of Jack Daniel's in hand and it wasn't finished until he put on a huge fireworks display. Bob always made sure everyone was having a good time.

Bob was always up for an adventure. He always loved being outside whether it was hunting, fishing, camping, or trips to his boat house. He had a real passion for gardening. Every year he spent hours planning his garden, caring for his plants and sharing his zucchini with anyone that would take.

Bob also cherished his time spent with his grandsons, Devon and Dustin. He loved teaching the boys his favorite magic tricks, playing cards or video games, fixing the quad, and enjoying a Pepsi on ice. Most visits, he would show up with a cooler containing a new critter for them - from frogs to snakes, or even a chicken.

Bob is predeceased by his father Daniel; sisters, Brenda and Sue; brothers in-law, Frank and Marc and childhood friend Mike Pagee. Followed shortly by his mother Marvel.

He is survived by his daughter Jenna (Gordon); grandsons Devon and Dustin; sisters, Dianne (Chris), Geraldine and Debbie; brother Danny; brothers in-law, Clarke and Larry; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

At Bob's request, no service will be held, but it would be "cool" if everyone could raise a glass of Jack Daniel's to celebrate his life. Party Time!

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BITUARY

Shaunessy (Shaun) Semenowich December 12, 1950 - March 29, 2024

Sorrowfully leaving here, but gracefully welcomed above, is Shaun Semenowich, born to Katie and John Semenowich of Selkirk, Manitoba.

Shaun, an entrepreneur since the 1970s, founded many businesses including "Koffee King", "That Stuff For Pain", and "Essentials Body Store".

He passionately supported others in their life's beginnings and remained devoted to their health and well-being, despite his declining health.

Gratitude to the medical teams at Selkirk Regional Health Centre and the dedicated Home Care and Palliative Care workers.

Survived by his wife D.J., five children, brother John, and their families.

Funeral service will be held at Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba, Friday, April 5th, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Tributes and live stream available at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Daren Anthony Reiter

With a broken heart and immense sadness, we bid farewell to a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. Daren passed away peacefully at his home in Grindstone Provincial Park on March 26th at the age of 60 surrounded by family and friends.

Daren's warmth, fellow-feeling and invariable offers of help will be forever remembered by all who knew him. He will be deeply mourned by his sons Benjamin, Barret (Shafagh) and Jeremy (Mariette); grandchildren Jessa, Sawyer, Laurel and a fourth expected in April; parents Peter and Caroline; sister Kathy (Wes), brothers Kevin (Carla) and Darcy (Dixi); nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends and family. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 36 years, Crystal, who passed away in October 2023.

Nothing can capture the profound loss which Daren's death has created for his friends and family. Everyone that knew him will remember his tenacity, work ethic, warmth, humanity and good humour. He was a model of diligence, steadfastness, dedication and sacrifice. His memory will live on in all that met him.

Prayers will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church, 269 Jemima St, Selkirk, Manitoba. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. also in the Church.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Dustin Gary Cholosky May 25, 1977 - February 21, 2024

It is with broken hearts that we have had to face the unexpected passing of Dustin.

He will be greatly missed by his parents, Gary and Diana Cholosky and his three sisters, Dena, Lisa (Peter) and Jill (Christian). Also by his eight nieces, two nephews and two great-nephews. And by his beloved cat, Pickle Rick.

Dustin was predeceased by his sister, Kerri Dawn, grandparents, Dorothy and Cam MacIntosh and Joe and Dorothy Cholosky as well as his aunt Janice Kupchik. And his 1st beloved cat, Alaska.

Each of Dustin's friends, whether they lived near or far were of the upmost importance to him. He also had some neighbours that he spent a lot of time with and grew very close to. For the

that he spent a lot of time with and grew very close to. For the last 21 years he had been employed at Selkirk Mental Health Center where he enjoyed time spent with patients and staff.

If one should desire, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to CancerCare MB Foundation in his memory.

It was the little things that show kindness to others that meant the most to Dustin. Something as easy as giving someone a smile or simply saying "good morning" is effortless yet can often brighten someone's day a little and help to make the world a friendlier place to live.

Cremation has taken place. We invite you to join us in a CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:30 in the hall adjoined to Gilbart's Funeral Home in Selkirk.

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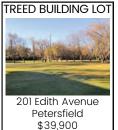






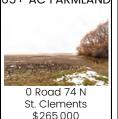


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