

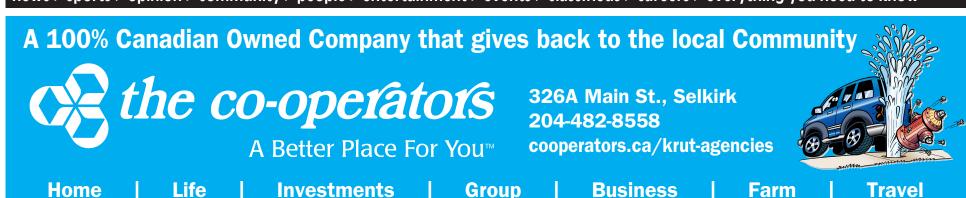
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Jessica Kondracki of Matlock, pictured left, hands Elaine Marion of Lockport a box of diapers as they load the first of two semi-trucks with donations for Fort McMurray evacuees bound for Edmonton on Saturday evening in Winnipeg. Volunteers from the Selkirk area helped collect donations for Fort McMurray residents last week after wildfire forced more than 80,000 people to evacuate their homes. Nearly 10,000 people displaced by the fire have now gone to Edmonton. For a story, see page 5.

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# Hundreds pack Selkirk dance school's 10th annual recital





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Dancers from a wide range of dance styles and ages performed energetic and colourful performances during the Selkirk Evolution Dance Company's 10th annual recital at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg on Monday night.

Evolution Dance Company has no see their dancers perform.

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The Selkirk based dance school held their 10th annual recital on Monday

> night, selling out every seat in the 2,305-seat Centennial Concert Hall

in Winnipeg.

Monday's show featured energetic and colourful performances from a wide range of ages and dance styles.

"The concert is something people just get really excited about," **Evolution** Dance Company director Andrea Myers said. "We have 500 students and they love to bring their family and friends to show what they've been working on all year.

"It's always a great finale to the year." Myers said because the dancers get to perform in such a large venue, it pushes them to work harder leading up to the show.

"They look forward to it all year," she said. "I had one student tell me last week she hasn't slept all week because she's so excited.

"They're on the same stage as the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and professional Broadway shows that come through, so it's really exciting for them."

Myers said parents of the dancers deserve a lot of credit for making the recital a success.

"They aren't on the stage, but they are they ones driving them to dance class and picking them up and all the other things that come along with it," she said. "The support we get from parents is amazing."

Evolution Dance Company teaches out of their studio in the Selkirk Town Plaza in Selkirk.

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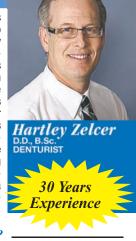
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Dentures should be replaced approximately every 5 years. Artifcial teeth wear down through time. Tissue in your mouth goes through constant changes attributed to aging, weightloss, medications, stress and various other factors; therefore, it is advised to visit your denturist every six months for a checkup.

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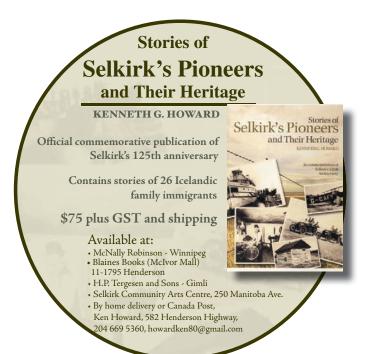
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# Tangled up in trash

Local woman trying to save Lockport pelicans urges fishers to stop leaving garbage behind

#### By Dave Baxter

Cindy Kovach is on a mission to save pelicans in Lockport, one fishing line at a time.

"I'm doing this because of the birds," Kovach said. "I love the pelicans."

Since the snow melted in the Lockport area, the Selkirk woman and her sister Shary Cormier have spent many days along the banks of the Red River picking up fishing line and hooks that fishers have been left behind.

Two pelicans that got snagged by fishing line died last week along the Red River in Lockport.

"Knowing they didn't make it was heartbreaking," Kovach said, while choking back tears. "And it feels like nobody cares."

She said fishing lines on the banks can end up in the water, and lines snagged in the water can lead to pelicans and other animals getting stuck while hunting for food.

On Sunday morning, Kovach was out by the St. Andrews Lock and Dam picking up lines and hooks, as dozens of pelicans could be seen fishing for

food in the river.

"There are just tons of clusters of them in the water and when they fish they put their heads down and go with the current and there are so many snags," she said.

In only an hour she had filled one plastic bag with twine and hooks, and said she can easily fill more than five bags in a day.

Kovach said she knows some snags are unavoidable, but she doesn't want fishers leaving lines, hooks and other garbage on the shores of the river.

"Please clean up for the sake of the birds and all the animals," she said. "Take your lines and take your garbage when you are fishing."

Kovach said she doesn't mind spending hours picking up lines and hooks, but she could use some help.

"It's a lot of work," she said. "It keeps me in shape, but if anyone would like to come down and help, I'd like to get more people together."

Local fishermen and the Record's fishing columnist Arnie Wiedl said snags are unavoidable when fishing,



#### **RECORD PHOTOS BY DAVE BAXTER**

ABOVE: Cindy Kovach of Selkirk holds up the ball of fishing line and hooks she picked up after only one hour walking along the Red River in Lockport on Sunday morning. Kovach is urging fishers to stop leaving their garbage behind after two pelicans got snagged by fishing line and died last week. BOTTOM LEFT: Pelicans could be seen fishing for food along the Red River in Lockport on Sunday morning.

but there is new equipment that could help save a lot of animals in the river.

Weidl said biodegradable fishing equipment is being produced and if it gets stuck in water it will dissolve in about 90 days.

But he said major retailers aren't

getting on board with biodegradable products.

"The big box stores just won't put it on the shelves," Wiedl said. "And because of that most people don't know anything about it."

**Fishers** search for and biodegradable equipment online and Weidl hopes more fishers start to see it as an option.

"It would help because in many spots it's just a sea of fishing lines in the water," he said. "Strangely most fishers I know don't know about it, but it's really a no-brainer."



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# 'They don't know if their house is standing or not'

Selkirk family with ties to Fort McMurray patiently await updates as wildfire spreads

#### By Lindsey Enns

A Selkirk couple was relieved to learn their two sons had been safely evacuated out of Fort McMurray, Alta., last week where a massive wild-fire continues to rage on.

"You're just sitting by the telephone and watching the TV, trying to get as much current information as you can," said Greg Balmer, who along with his wife Terry live in Selkirk. "We basically just waited and then they called us."

Their sons Paul and David both work in Fort McMurray and were among the nearly 80,000 people under a mandatory evacuation last Tuesday.

David, who lives in Edmonton, Alta., returned home safely while Paul, who lives in Fort McMurray with his wife Erica, were forced to flee to their camping trailer located near Lac La Biche, Alta., about 221 kilometres south of Fort McMurray.

Paul, who lived in Selkirk for about 16 years before moving to Fort Mc-Murray for work, said the past few days have been "hectic" waiting for updates.

As of Monday, Paul said their home in the Timberlea area, which is a subdivision in Fort McMurray, was still standing.

Paul said leaving Fort McMurray last Tuesday was pure "chaos."

"It was just bumper to bumper ... people were stopping on the highway and picking people up," he said, adding there is only one highway in and out of the city. "We had a few things





**SUBMITTED PHOTOS** 

ABOVE LEFT: Smoke and flames could be seen from Paul Balmer and his wife Erica's home in Fort McMurray, Alta., moments before wildfire forced them to evacuate last Tuesday evening. ABOVE RIGHT: Paul Balmer, pictured left, and his wife Erica are safe and are staying at their camping trailer near Lac La Biche, Atla. Paul says their home is still standing but they don't know when they will be able to return to Fort McMurray.

packed but nothing major.

"It was pretty sad and there was fire on either side of us."

Paul said watching the city he's lived in for nearly 18 years essentially go up in flames wasn't easy.

"We never had time to take photos ... I didn't even want to take photos, I didn't even want to look when we left town and went through the burnt out areas," he said. "The community will never be the same. I think people don't realize how nice a community Fort McMurray was.

"We all went there for work ... and we're like family."

# "THE PEOPLE OF ALBERTA AND CANADA HAVE BEEN AMAZING THROUGH THIS WHOLE DISASTER. I'M TRULY HONOURED TO BE CANADIAN AND SCARED BUT EXCITED TO GET BACK TO FORT MCMURRAY."

Paul said plenty of his friends and co-workers have lost their homes. He added the support the city has received from around the world has been overwhelming.

"The people of Alberta and Canada have been amazing through this whole disaster," he said, adding they don't know yet when they will be allowed to return home. "I'm truly honoured to be Canadian and scared but excited to get back to Fort McMurray.

"Everybody seems to be jumping on board and helping us."

Balmer, who was born in Fort Mc-Murray and still has family there, said watching the wildfire destroy parts of the city has been "devastating to watch."

"My ancestors go back to one of the 10th oldest families in Fort McMurray," he said. "So I've got lots of distant relatives who live there.

"You have to picture driving down into a city like that, it's a valley, it's a beautiful area."

Balmer said he feels for the evacuees who don't know if they will ever get to return to their homes.

"They don't know if their house is standing or not," he said. "There's a lot of anxiety.

"People just don't know exactly for sure if their houses are totally burnt."

Balmer commended emergency personnel for keeping everyone safe during the mandatory evacuation.

Balmer said a city like Fort McMurray will be able to bounce back but "it won't be the same."

"They'll set up temporary spaces for stores and they'll rebuild."

With the city having to rebuild itself, Balmer said trades people including plumbers, electricians and carpenters will be in very high demand.

"It's going to be like Fort McMurray was 10 years ago, a big rush to rebuild the city because of the growth," he said. "Now they've got to start up the hill again."

The wildfire, which began on May 1 and engulfed neighbourhoods in and around the Fort McMurray area, has forced more than 80,000 people to evacuate their homes.

The blaze now covers more than 2,000 square kilometres and flames have destroyed about 1,600 structures, feeding off extremely dry boreal forest, according to *CBC News*.

Thousands of evacuees have now gone to Edmonton, Alta., while nearly 2,000 others are staying at camps.



# 'You feel for these people that are losing everything'

### Local volunteers help send donations to Fort McMurray fire evacuees

#### By Austin Grabish

While fire continues to rip through Fort McMurray, Alta., a small army of volunteers from the Selkirk area have helped collect donations for the ravaged city.

Thousands of donations for victims of the fire known as "the beast" arrived in Edmonton, Alta. in two semitrailers on Sunday evening.

"You think about this and you just think it could be us and it's heartbreaking," said Lockport resident Elaine Marion, a volunteer who collected everything from bottled water to toothbrushes for Fort McMurray evacuees.

Marion said when she saw a Facebook plea for donations she knew she had to help.

"You feel for these people that are losing everything."

So together with Jessica Kondracki, a Selkirk teacher who lives in Matlock, the duo drove around the Interlake and Winnipeg picking up donations.

"We've just been trying every angle to get stuff brought," Marion said.

Kondracki has relatives in Fort Mc-Murray and was one of about a dozen volunteers who helped sift through and then load two semi-trucks courtesy of RBP Trucking last Saturday evening.

"We're hearing it first hand what's going on," Kondracki said.

Brittany Dmyterko is one of the people behind the local push on Facebook for donations.

The Petersfield resident started posting pleas on Facebook groups across the province last Friday and said the



#### **RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH**

Volunteers from the Selkirk area stand alongside a pile of donations collected for Fort McMurray evacuees last Saturday evening. The donations packed two semi-trailers and arrived at a volunteer-run Red Cross airport hangar in Edmonton on Sunday evening.

response was overwhelming.

"You just want to help," she said standing next to a mountain of collected donations in the Peterbilt Manitoba parking lot in Winnipeg.

Kyle Pachkowsky also asked his friends for help on Facebook after hearing about the devastating impact the Alberta fires were having while he was in Saskatchewan last week.

"It was crazy," Pachkowsky said. "I was kind of speechless actually."

The truck driver from Grand Beach delivered one of the semi-trailers filled with donations to Edmonton on Sunday evening.

Pachkowsky and three other drivers left Winnipeg last Saturday evening and took turns driving so they could make the trek without stopping.

They arrived without issue and dropped off the donations at a volunteer-run airport hangar for the Canadian Red Cross in Edmonton late

Several volunteers that spoke to the Record last Saturday said the support from everyone who came forward to donate was overwhelming.

"There was a lady that actually came through the fire and she came and donated," Kondracki said.

As of Monday afternoon, the Canadian Red Cross said so far it has recieved \$54 million in donations for Fort McMurray wildfire relief efforts.

That total however does not include matching funds promised by provincial and federal governments.

Prime Minster Justin Trudeau has said the federal government will match individual donations made to the Red Cross up to May 31.





# Mother's Day Walk showcases Selkirk's diversity

### Event raises over \$6K for refugees

#### By Dave Baxter

Mothers, grandmothers and even great-grandmothers celebrated Mother's Day by walking through the streets of Selkirk on Sunday.

Sunday's annual Mother's Day Run/ Walk in Selkirk brought men, women and children of all ages together to run or walk while raising money that will help to support refugees.

This year's walk raised around \$6,600 for the Red River Churches Refugee Team, which has seen volunteers from more than 15 local churches sign up to help support three Syrian refugee families.

One mother and daughter team didn't let age stop them from hitting the streets together on Mother's Day, as 103-year old Olive Adams and her 82-year-old daughter Carol Casemore did the walk together on Sunday.

"I look forward to coming to this every year," Adams said. "We just walk as far as we can and then when we can't walk anymore we stop," Adams said while giggling.

This is the first year the Kiwanis Club of Selkirk and District helped organize the event. Carol Manlow, the president-elect of the local Kiwanis organization, said the event was a success that surpassed her expectations.

"We put this together in under four weeks, but without the volunteers it would not have happened," Manlow said. "I can't say enough about the dedication of the volunteers in this community."

#### **"WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** TO HELP THEM WITH THE TRANSITION."

Selkirk resident Linda Rosser started the walk in 2010, as a way to honour her daughter who passed away at the age of 28, leaving behind a sevenmonth-old daughter.

"I did this for my daughter, and for my granddaughter who lost her mom," Rosser said. "And so many charities in this community have benefited. It's tremendous what we have raised."

Rosser said because the walk was raising money for refugees this year, she wanted to use it as a way to show how diverse the Tri-S area is.

Citizens originally from places such as Scotland, Lebanon, Czech Republic, Russia and Sudan lined up at the front of the crowd to cut the ribbon, which kicked off the walk on Sunday.

Red River Churches Refugee Team chair Don Forfar said events like the Mother's Day Run/Walk are important for raising money, but also for raising awareness about all the things refugees need when they arrive.

"It's so much more than raising money," Forfar said. "Raising the money is going to be a lot easier than finding the volunteers to support these

"We need volunteers to help them with the transition. There is so much more than people even think about."



#### **RECORD PHOTOS BY DAVE BAXTER**

ABOVE: Pictured from left to right, Nader Harb, Zahabie Harb, Daniela Kulhankova, Agnes Mawejje, K. Rogilsky and Lettengus Nussur help cut the ribbon to kick off this year's Mother's Day Run/Walk near the Selkirk Waterfront on Sunday. This year's walk helped raise around \$6,600 for the Red River Churches Refugee Team. BELOW: Carol Casemore, 82, pictured left, and her 103-year-old mother Olive Adams, pictured right, did the Mother's Day Run/Walk in Selkirk together on Sunday.







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# 'We help a lot of people'

### Refugees give back at Mother's Day Walk

#### By Dave Baxter

Lettengus Nussur wants to do whatever she can to help refugees coming to Canada, because she knows what it's like to live as a refugee.

Nussur of St. Andrews was born in 1961 in the small village of Musha in Eritrea, Africa.

She said Eritrea was annexed to Ethiopia "without the will of the people" the year she was born and an armed struggle for independence started that year.

Nussur fled to neighbouring Sudan in 1978, walking long miles alongside her 68-year-old grandmother.

Her grandmother was forced to disguise herself as a blind woman, as they avoided capture by both the Ethiopian Military and the Etrian Freedom Fighters.

"We travelled by walking and by renting trucks with other refugees," Nussur said. "It was very hard. I was only 17.

"On paper it might seem smooth and easy, but to go through it is a lot of struggle and hurt, and I know refugees trying to come to Canada now are going through the same struggle and hurt.'

Nussur lived for a time in Sudan, eventually moving to Italy, the United States and ultimately Manitoba, after marrying a Manitoba man.

She said she was first able to live in the U.S. because of sponsorship by five churches in Rhode Island, so she was happy to take part in Sunday's Mother's Day Walk/Run in Selkirk,

which raised about \$6,600 to help support the Red River Churches Refugee

"Now I see this refugee team here raising money and helping people the way people helped me, so I'm happy to walk today and give my donation,"

Nussur said her and her family now work tirelessly to sponsor refugees from a number of countries.

"We help a lot of people," she said. "We have sponsored more than 300 people.

"I have one family coming next week from Sudan."

Nussur still stays in touch with the

family that first gave her a home in the U.S., and said she is"forever grateful for what they did."

Other former refugees were on hand during Sunday's event including K. Rogilsky who is in her 90's, and fled the former Soviet Union as a child.

Rogilsky named the Mother's Day Run/Walk Oueen Mother for 2016, after raising more than \$1,000 in pledges and got the chance to cut the ribbon to kick off the start of the

# St. Andrews man facing sexual assault charges

A St. Andrews man is facing multiple charges after allegedly approaching several females on foot in Selkirk and grabbing them in a sexual manner, according to RCMP.

Last Friday at around noon, Selkirk RCMP received multiple calls concerning a male approaching females on foot in the City of Selkirk and "grabbing them sexually," RCMP said in a release on Monday.

"The victim's range in age of 13 to 16 and all occurrences happened in the City of Selkirk," Selkirk RCMP Cst. Paul Human told the Record via email. "We will not be releasing the locations as such are part in parcel to the investigation."

Jared Hermanson, 25, from the RM of St. Andrews was arrested on Sunday and is being charged with four counts of sexual assault and two counts of sexual interference.

Hermanson is currently remanded in custody and was set to appear in Provincial Court in Winnipeg on Tuesday, May



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Pictured from left to right, Agnes Mawejje who came to Canada from Uganda, Mother's Day Walk Queen Mother K. Rogilsky, who came from the former Soviet Union, and Lettengus Nussur who came from Eritrea, Africa, were nothing but smiles at the start of the Mother's Day Run/ Walk in Selkirk on Sunday.

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> ARNIE WEIDL Should biodegradable fishing gear be mandatory? Hi, thanks for coming by. As I stood with other folks at the Co-

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up last week, once again the shameful harming of our water fowl by submerged broken off sections of fishing gear at the Lockport "locks" became the main topic of conversation. My journalist brothers and sisters will probably be laying before you the many particulars of this embarrassing

op gas bar in Selkirk waiting to fuel

tragedy this week but for me I see a solution that should have come about years ago. Biodegradable fish hooks, line, baits, weights and couplings that fall apart in days or weeks, not in 600 years, are being manufactured right now yet the many stores I have checked with don't stock them. It's very sad. Maybe the provincial government should look at making biodegradable fishing gear mandatory like they have with barbless hooks.

Well, few things change overnight so onto some humorous situations we find ourselves in when fishing, or "turtling."

I came across a young Winnipeg gang, Christy Cremond, Brent Stokotkely, Justin Forfar, Karen Arnyld and Joel Arnel, fishing well out on the ice between Belair and Balsam Bay about seven weeks ago. It was a fine, sunny, warm afternoon as we stood around cracking jokes. Eventually, after asking them if they had a story for us, Joel piped up and said," lets tell about the snapping turtle."

It seems they were fishing last summer on the La Salle River and caught a large snapping turtle. None of them were experienced in handling these beasts, so gingerly, they proceeded to

In the March 17th edition of the

Selkirk Record, the story 'Organizers

seek donations for garage sale fun-

draiser' mistakenly indicated where

donations are being accepted for the

fourth annual Garage Sale in Memory

of Gracie and Gordon.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO** Erick Cooley from Winnipeg soothing a nervous turtle before releasing it which he caught in **Netley Creek** 

try and get the hook out of the turtles' mouth.

Turtles may be slow when walking but when it comes to biting they're real quick. The awkward angry reptile tossed his head about trying to clamp its' beck onto the closest hands. Eventually they were able to release the irritated fellow with their fingers intact.

That story reminds me of another turtle tale told to me by Mike Karpenko and Erick Cooley of Winnipeg about when they were fishing on Netley Creek in Goldeye Bay a couple of years ago. They were doing quite well having brought in and strung some goldeve when a jackfish came along side the boat and decided those fish were his. Mike saw the jack making a play for one of his catch and as it clamped onto the goldeye, Mike grabbed the string and a tug-of-war

ensued. There was a great splashing of water as the jack and our brother angler did their best to assert ownership of that fish. Then with a powerful whipping action of its' tail the jack tore his prize as well as the metal clip from the string and swam away.

In anger Mike cast curses upon that jack as it swam away. He didn't have long to reflect on his loss though because his buddy, Erick Cooley, cried out that he had something very heavy on his line. It was sluggish, which gave Erick the notion that it might be a big catfish. Soon, from the brown depths a huge tub of a snapping turtle parted the water and began to thrash its' head from side to side trying to rid itself of the offending fishhook. In an air of excitement Erick told Mike not to worry because he had pet turtles and knew how to handle this situation. It struck Mike that Erick didn't mention anything about the size of turtles he was used to.

Erick netted the beast which actually made it more upset. He hauled it in and with a show of confidence grasped the 2' shell and raised it into the boat. Then the turtle really got mad. Its' feet and head began twisting and flailing around which scared the heck out of Mike. He stumbled toward the bow of the boat to get as far away from Erick and that quivering flesh as he could but then Erick did something brilliant. He began stroking the turtle and it became quiet. In time he released it with Mike looking on in admiration.

Well, happy fishing come May 14th, bve for now.

Donations for the garage sale are being accepted at the St. Andrews Community Centre located at 28A St. Andrews Road.

The garage sale will take place on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29 at the St. Andrews Community Centre.

In the May 5th edition of the Selkirk Record, Coun. Elmer Keryluk was incorrectly referred to as Coun. Ken Keryluk in the story on Page 1, 'Report Alleges Councillors Overcharged nearly \$6K on Indemnities.'The Record apologizes for the error.

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# Selkirk mayor calls on PCs to expand Betel Home

By Dave Baxter

Selkirk's mayor hopes the area's new MLA will stick to his word when it comes to getting more personal care home beds into Selkirk.

Mayor Larry Johannson said the city is hoping to work with Selkirk's Betel Home Foundation on a proposed expansion project that would add more personal care home beds in Selkirk.

Before the Apr. 19 provincial election Johannson had been working with former MLA Greg Dewar to make the expansion a reality, and he now hopes to be able to work with Lagimodiere on the project.

"He (Lagimodiere) has told me he wants to hit the ground running on that, so we need to sit down and go over a list of priorities," Johannson said."It would be good for the PCs to get a big project going, and getting the Betel Home project going would show they are serious about their commitment in Selkirk.

"That is a project that is dear to everybody's heart because of our aging population."

As previously reported in the Record, newly elected Selkirk MLA Alan Lagimodiere said the new PC government wants to "fast track" the addition of 1,200 personal care beds into the

He added the addition of personal care beds in Manitoba would take



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson hopes Selkirk's new MLA Alan Lagimodiere and the new PC government will get involved with a possible expansion of Selkirk's Betel Home Foundation.

strain off of Manitoba emergency rooms, that currently have some of the longest wait times in Canada.

With the PCs making promises throughout the election campaign to increase the number of personal care beds in Manitoba, Johannson said it only makes sense to increase those numbers in Selkirk.

"If we do an expansion at Betel, it would be good for the whole Interlake," he said. "You don't want people in our hospital using up beds while they are waiting for a bed in a care home."

During an election forum in Selkirk in early April, Lagimodiere said the Interlake region has a waiting list of 218 and a 26-week waiting time for personal care home beds, calling those numbers "unacceptable."

Last week Lagimodiere said he has already had "informal discussions" with Johannson and they both agree

they need to increase the number of care homes beds in Selkirk.

"It's still in the discussion stages, but Larry has certainly brought the Betel Home proposal forward," Lagimodi-

Lagimodiere said it is too early for him to give specifics on how he will increase care home beds in Selkirk, or if the province would get behind a Betel Home expansion, but said "care home beds are at the top of my list of priority list."

"It is certainly going be something that I am going to push forward," Lagimodiere said. "With the issue of care home beds throughout the Interlake, we need to sit down and start discussing, and come up with a plan as quickly as we can."

Lagimodiere said the PC government needs to put together a concrete plan for expanding care home beds in Manitoba as quickly as possible, and said that could involve an expansion at Betel House.

"We understand it involves a lot more than just saying we want to do it, we need to get a plan in place as to how we are going to do it, and where it is going to happen."

Lagimodiere added that moving forward he plans to have formal discussions with Johannson regarding a possible Betel Home expansion.

# Red River Churches Refugee Team to host community meeting May 17

By Lindsey Enns

The Red River Churches Refugee Team is hosting a community meeting later this month to help bring three refugee families to Selkirk.

Don Forfar, the team's chair, said they still don't know where in the world the refugees may be coming from but so far members from 19 churches from Selkirk and surrounding areas including St. Andrews, St. Clements, Winnipeg Beach and Gimli have shown interest in helping out with the cause.

Forfar said they hope to attract more volunteers during a community meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

"We're inviting everybody," Forfar said, adding several residents and groups across the region are working hard to bring three refugee families to live in Selkirk to enjoy a new life in the community."We want to reach out to the whole community.

"Anybody who wants to get engaged."

Forfar said they are currently seeking volunteers to help with fundraising efforts as well as those interested in donating their time, household goods and funds.

Forfar, who lives in Clandeboye and is a member of the St. George's Wakefield Anglican Church, previously told the Record so far they have decided to help out with three families initially and have set themselves a budget of \$100,000 to do that.

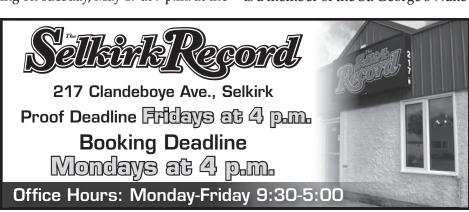
Forfar believes it's going to be much more difficult to get volunteers on board to help the families once they get to Manitoba than it will be to raise the \$100,000.

"There's just tons of roles for volun-

teers and we think that's going to be the toughest challenge," he said in an earlier interview.

Forfar said once the families arrive, volunteers will be responsible for driving them to their appointments, English lessons, looking after children and taking them to community

For more information, contact Don Forfar via email at forfar@mymts.net.





# Mayor urges council to make 'adjustments' on indemnities

By Dave Baxter

The mayor of St. Andrews has responded to a report that claims councillors in the municipality overcharged nearly \$6,000 in indemnities in 2015.

Mayor George Pike read a written statement during last Tuesday's St. Andrews council meeting responding to the report.

Despite the report alleging both rookie and long-standing council members made errors on their indemnities, Pike's statement claims a lack of knowledge about how councillors should claim indemnities as a reason for the alleged errors.

"It is clear since we had no detailed orientation in respect of the indemnity bylaw as to charging for meetings and expenses, council were making inconsistent interpretations of the bylaw as referenced in your report findings," Pike said.

Pike added the municipality now expects councillors to review their own alleged errors and make "adjustments"

"Each member of the RM of St. Andrews council has reviewed the findings applicable to them," Pike said. "As a result it will be up to each individual member of council to make the adjustments to their prior claims for any and all overcharges and under-



**GEORGE PIKE** 

charges for admission to the CAO for review, approval and processing."

Last week the *Record* reported that an independent report, compiled by retired chartered accountants Glen and Karen McKenzie of St. Andrews alleges the seven members of St. Andrews council overcharged \$5,998.57 on indemnities in 2015.

The report shows examples of councillors allegedly charging for meetings they didn't attend, or ones that didn't even take place.

The report also shows a wide range of alleged indemnity errors, includ-

ing rookie Coun. Rob Hogg allegedly overcharging \$2,283.04 on his indemnities for 2015.

It also alleges Coun. Elmer Keryluk overcharged \$1,391.48, first-term mayor George Pike overcharged \$941.67, and Coun. Rob Ataman overcharged \$884.91.

Coun. Russ Paradoski allegedly overcharged \$241.78, Joy Sul overcharged \$238.25, and deputy mayor Laurie Hunt overcharged \$17.44, for a total of \$5,998.57 according to the report.

The McKenzie's are now asking for a number of changes to the St. Andrews indemnity bylaw to make it more "consistent and defined."

Pike said in his statement the municipality will now look at making changes to the bylaw.

"We intend to use your report and recommendations to amend the existing bylaw 4261," Pike said. "In particular the finance committee has proposed several changes throughout the current bylaw.

"The intent is to have the finance committee draft an amended indemnity bylaw for council to review discuss and ultimately ratify through the bylaw review process."

Following last Tuesday's council meeting, the McKenzie's both said they were not satisfied with Pike's re-

sponse because it lacks"time lines."

"They were taking it in the spirit in which it was intended, but there is no time line," Glen said. "And that is where they are falling down in lots of areas."

The McKenzie's also don't appreciate the RM leaving it up to councillors to make "adjustments."

"He's going to leave it up to each individual councillor to whether or not they will pay it back," Glen said.

Glen said he does not believe all overcharges on indemnities for 2015 were "honest errors."

"It's a case of nobody checking them and getting back to them, so if you submitted it last month and there were no questions, than you will submit it the same way again," he said. "It's human nature, unfortunately."

Karen McKenzie said council has to be kept in check, but said it shouldn't be up to residents to do that checking.

"The municipal act gives them the right to set their own pay, and the only thing keeping them in check is if there are some controls to catch their mistakes and overcharges," Karen said.

The McKenzie's said they aren't confident that changes will be made, so they will continue to monitor St. Andrews council on indemnities.

# Council to seek community input on south end sewer project

**Bv Dave Baxter** 

A public meeting in St. Andrews later this month will give residents the chance to get information and ask questions about the municipality's south end sewer project.

The municipality has scheduled a public hearing for May 26 at 7 p.m.

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at Lockport School regarding their plans "to construct and borrow funds for the completion of a new regional wastewater collection system to service the southern portion of the R.M. of St. Andrews."

Written objections to the project can now be filed with St. Andrews CAO Andrew Weremy at the St. Andrews municipal building at 500 Railway Ave. in Clandeboye up until the start of the May 26 hearing.

During the hearing council will allow residents to make presentations, ask questions or register an objection to the plan.

Through the project, wastewater will travel through the Main Street Trunk Sewer in West St. Paul to the North End Water Pollution Control Centre in Winnipeg.

"The project has been initiated by the council of the RM of St. Andrews to provide a cost-effective means of treating wastewater, while protecting the health of the community located within the Manitoba Conservation Red River Corridor Designated Area that was established in 2009 by provincial regulation," the municipality said in a statement.

Regulations now prohibit the replacement or modification of existing septic fields, or the construction of any new septic fields in the specific corridor.

During a council meeting last Tuesday, St. Andrews Mayor George Pike said he is happy with the recent progress of the project.

He said the municipality has two upcoming meetings scheduled with Winnipeg regarding the project, and believes construction in some of the project areas will start soon.

"So at this point we are just waiting for the papers to be signed," Pike said. "So we are moving forward at a good rate now."

Phase 1 of the project will see the construction of a regional wastewater forcemain from Riversprings Drive in West St. Paul to River Road in St. Andrews, a lift station and odour control

system at River Road, and low pressure lines throughout the Phase 1 service area.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$15,185,317 with funding of \$4 million coming from the Canada/Manitoba New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, and \$3,750,000 coming from the Manitoba Water Services Board.

St. Andrews is proposing to borrow their portion of Phase 1 of the project of \$6,924,429 over a period of 20 years period.

The proposed cost to each parcel of land will be to a maximum of \$618.39 per year for the twenty year period, or a one-time pre-payment amount of \$7,390.

The municipality said "the amount of \$510,888, which represents a portion of the project, will be deferred for recovery from residents in Phase 2."

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## Local girl lands spot on Blue Bomber dance team Flor Marcelino

Amy Iwanoczko says she can't wait to represent Selkirk at Investors Group Field this summer after landing a spot on the Blue Bomber Cheer and Dance Team.

"Coming from a small town I think I'm a little bit of a different person so I'm just really excited to meet new friends, bring Selkirk into it, attend new events, just really get us out there," Iwanoczko said. "I'm just excited for a fun summer."

The 20-year-old Selkirk resident is among 16 other girls who secured a spot on the popular dance team which provides entertainment during Winnipeg Blue Bomber home games.

Members of the Blue Bomber Cheer and Dance Team also appear at charitable, non-profit, community, educational and corporate events throughout Manitoba from May until November.

"You just provide a good energy for the team," Iwanoczko said. "Their main objective is to have fun with it." Iwanoczko is no stranger to the Win-

Last year she worked as a community relations personal assistant for the dance team but this year she said she's looking forward to being out on the field.

nipeg Blue Bombers.

"That's kind of how it all started," she said, adding although the tryouts were tough, "everybody was super friendly."

"It was a full weekend, there was a dance audition and an interview process."

Iwanoczko said she danced with Selkirk's Evolution Dance Company for nearly 15 years and after taking a brief break she's looking forward to danc-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CEDE SCHINDLER

Amy Iwanoczko of Selkirk will be donning this blue, white and gold uniform while performing at Investors Group Field as part of the Blue Bomber Dance and Cheer Team for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers this summer.

ing again.

"My parents enrolled me when I was little," she said, adding she won two gold and a silver world championships award. "It was a really cool experience, a really big part of my life, so it's just really cool that I get to do it again."

She added her favourite thing about dance is the energy that comes with it.

"It's so much fun and is a great way

to express yourself," she said.

Iwanoczko said the dance team has already started practicing and will perform during the first Winnipeg Blue Bomber preseason game at Investors Group Field on June 8 against the Montreal Alouettes.

Iwanoczko is currently studying business at the University of Winni-



Flor Marcelino has been elected and confirmed as the Manitoba NDP interim leader, party president Ovide Mercredi annouced last week.

"We are very proud to have Flor as our interim leader during this time of reflection and renewal within our party," Mercredi said in a release last week. "Her several years of experience as both an MLA and minister will make her a formidable Opposition leader, and her strong ties to diverse communities across Manitoba will prove invaluable for our party's positive, progressive agenda moving forward."

Marcelino is the first woman of an ethnic minority to lead a political party in Manitoba, according to the release.

First elected as the MLA for Logan in 2007, she made history as the first women of colour elected to the Manitoba legislature.

Her confirmation as interim leader required a vote by members at a meeting of Provincial Council, following the recommendation of the NDP caucus and party executive.

"I am honoured to accept the role of interim leader of our great political party," Marcelino said. "As interim leader, I look forward to working with my colleagues, First Nations, newcomer communities, and all Manitobans as we hold the Pallister government accountable. We will work the newly elected government to serve the needs all Manitobans, and fight to ensure the front line services families count on are protected."

Prior to entering politics, Flor was a small business owner, editor of The Philippine Times, and worked as a support staff at Red River College for 17 years.

Between 2009 and 2016, Flor served as Minister for Culture, Heritage, and Tourism, and Minister for Multiculturalism and Literacy, where she worked with dozens of multicultural organizations across Manitoba and oversaw the NDP government's increasing investments in adult learning and literacy.

The NDP has 14 elected representatives in the Manitoba legislature, including four Indigenous MLAs, two Filipino, and one Sikh.



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# Schuler 'honoured' to be minister of Crown services

St. Paul MLA Ron Schuler was gleaming with pride during his first cabinet meeting at the Manitoba legislature last Tuesday.

"Honoured and excited," said an anxious Schuler just moments before stepping into the Progressive Conservative get-together called by Premier Brian Pallister.

Schuler is Manitoba's new minister of Crown services, a new portfolio that will oversee Manitoba Hydro, Liquor and Lotteries, MPI, and the Worker's Compensation Board.

After serving in Opposition for 16 years, last Tuesday was a day Schuler and his 11 PC counterparts won't soon forget.

Schuler said despite the NDP's 16year reign over the province, every time he ran for office he thought his party would be able to sweep to vic-

"I thought it in 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2016."

"Five times," he said with a laugh.

Schuler said he found out about his new appointment last Monday, just a day before he was officially sworn in as minister at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.



#### **RECORD PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH**

Ron Schuler, Manitoba's new Minister of Crown services, at the first PC cabinet meeting at the Manitoba legislature last Tuesday. Schuler says he's "honoured and excited" about his cabinet position.

Schuler has been a critic for all four portfolios in the past but said he didn't expect to be one of the lucky few MLAs promoted to cabinet.

He said he's looking forward to be-

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ing briefed on the four portfolios, which he said are vital to Manitoba's economy.

Schuler said he knows he has his work cut out for him in the months ahead but doesn't see any issue juggling the hefty workload.

"I've worked 17 hour days before

### "I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD FOR MY CONSTITUENTS."

and why would now be any different?" His new portfolio was previously divided up amongst four separate ministers under the NDP government.

In a bid to cut costs, Pallister cut his cabinet down from 18 to just 12 min-

The move, on the surface, appears to have already saved the province near-

Cabinet ministers in Manitoba make a base salary of \$143,955 alone and have access to constituency allowances that range from \$51,308 to \$57,477.

Schuler thanked St. Paul voters for supporting him.

"I will continue to work hard for my constituents."

West St. Paul Mayor Bruce Henley congratulated Schuler on his cabinet appointment.

"For many years, we have worked with the Minister to help build our community and look forward to an ongoing partnership which ensures that work will continue," Henley said in a release last week.





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# Pizza delivery fees to help transport local cancer patients

**By Lindsey Enns** 

A local well-known pizza place is giving back to the community by donating a portion of its delivery fees to the Canadian Cancer Society's Interlake transportation program.

Jason Boyd, owner of Selkirk-based Frank's Pizza, which also has locations in Winnipeg, decked out one of their delivery cars in purple, black and grey and said all of the delivery fees charged to that car are being donated to the cancer society's transportation program for the Selkirk and Interlake region.

"We provide transportation to cancer patients throughout Manitoba and there are a number of centres throughout the Interlake," Canadian Cancer Society's Manitoba division Interlake regional representative Sharon Mulder said, adding they provide an average of 1,300 rides per year for cancer patients living in the Interlake. "Our transportation services are so well used.

"We certainly rely on donations."

Mulder said the transportation program serves six communities in the Interlake region including Selkirk and Gimli.

She added volunteer drivers are



**RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS** 

Frank's Pizza owner, Jason Boyd, stands next to their new delivery car at their pizza location along Manitoba Ave. on April 29. All of the delivery fees charged to that car are being donated to the Canadian Cancer Society's Selkirk and Interlake transportation program for cancer patients.

trained to deal with cancer patients who are stressed and not feeling well going to and from their treatments.

Frank's Pizza charges \$1.75 for delivery in the City of Selkirk and \$3 for out of town deliveries.

Although he couldn't say how much

has been raised so far, Boyd said they don't plan to stop donating delivery fees from that specific car anytime soon.

"It is our goal to take the proceeds of the delivery fees of this special car and ask that it be put towards those in need of transportation to their treatments," he said. "Our long term goal will be to raise enough money to purchase a van that will be dedicated to this as well."

Boyd, who has lost friends and family members to cancer, said getting cancer patients to and from their treatments can be a real challenge.

"This car is here to be a daily reminder of our support to our customers and their families who continue to fight any and all forms of cancer," he said. "Nearly each member of our Franks family has been affected directly or indirectly by some form of cancer."

Body said they thought this would be a great way for the local business to give back to their community.

"We've been in this community for over 44 years and we're super happy to be here and we love the community," he said. "We try to give back where we can ... but here's an opportunity ... that encompasses it all."

Those interested in more information about the cancer society's Interlake transportation program can contact Sharon Mulder directly at 204-276-2664 or visit cancer.ca.





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### Sunova helps bring 'Project Solo' to Long Plain First Nation

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The clinic was held on April 30 and May 1 in Long Plain First Nation.

Sunova donated \$2,500 to help Manitoba Underdogs Rescue (MUR) continue their work to control dog overpopulation in Manitoba's northern communities.

The "Project Solo" clinic was named after a puppy that sadly passed away in MUR's care and aims to spay and neuter 40 dogs currently

living in Long Plain First Nation.

This intervention will prevent the birth of up to 400 unwanted dogs this year alone.

"Sunova is a company that really puts their money where their mouth is," said Jessica Hansen, executive director of Manitoba Underdogs Rescue. "Their commitment to this rescue and the animals that we help is truly extraordinary. We can't thank them enough for their continuing support of MUR and Manitoba's vulnerable dog population."

Manitoba Underdogs Rescue is a registered charity that is 100 per cent volunteer run and foster-home based.

Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, care for, and ultimately seek out permanent and loving homes for Manitoba's unwanted animals.

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# Bezan re-introduces bill to keep violent offenders behind bars

Sadistic killers, kidnappers and rapists shouldn't be eligible for parole for at least four decades. That's the gist of a private member's bill re-introduced in Parliament last week by Conservative Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP Iames Bezan.

The Respecting Families of Murdered and Brutalized Persons Act would allow judges to sentence prisoners to 40 years without parole instead of the 25 years under current law, which Bezan said has allowed killers to re-victimize families.

Bezan said killers and rapists who are eligible to apply for parole after serving 25 years behind bars use the process to re-victimize families, and they do it every two years after first becoming eligible for parole.

He pointed to Clifford Olson, one of Canada's most notorious serial killers who was vocal about his crimes at parole board hearings.

"He would graphically detail how he had abducted, tortured, sexually assaulted, and slaughtered the children of these parents," Bezan said.

Bezan said, if passed, the bill wouldn't become a mandatory minimum and the courts would still have the authority on how long to sentence someone to prison.

But the John Howard Society of Canada is opposed to the proposed legis-

"It's entirely unnecessary in terms of public safety," said John Hutton, executive director of the organization's Manitoba chapter.

Hutton said offenders applying for parole have to prove they're not a threat to society to leave jail and taking away their right to apply to leave could do more harm than good.

"If you tell someone you're not coming out for 40 years, that's essentially telling someone 'you're not coming out,' and then where is the incentive for that individual to take programs, not to get into trouble, keep their nose clean?"

"IT NEVER ENDS THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED A LIFE SENTENCE."

Hutton said "lifers" coming out of jail pose the least amount of risk compared to other prisoners primarily because they can't get parole if they haven't been rehabilitated.

He added once released from prison they are still supervised for the rest of their life.

"It never ends that's why it's called a life sentence."

Bezan said his bill would only apply to about 40 offenders currently in Canadian jails, prisoners who have committed the most heinous crimes imaginable.

"To commit the crimes you're demented to start with, and the facts are these people under the current system don't receive parole."

The bill is Bezan's third attempt at getting the proposed legislation to become law.

He first tabled a private member's bill three years ago, but it became null and void when former prime minister Stephen Harper appointed him as parliamentary secretary to the minister of national defence.

Parliamentary secretaries and cabinet ministers are prohibited from tabling private member's bills.

Okanagan—Shuswap MP Colin Mayes then re-introduced the bill, but when last fall's election was called it died along with all other proposed legislation in the country.

Bezan said the Liberals have supported the bill in the past and he remains hopeful it will pass.



### Merch to host fundraiser for Selkirk woman with cancer this Saturday

The Merch is set to host a fundraiser this Saturday night for a Selkirk woman with terminal cancer.

The event this Saturday night will help raise funds to help Jo-Anna Sveinson get through a challenging road ahead.

The fundraiser on Saturday, May 14 will start at 8 p.m. and will feature door prizes, a silent auction and live music by The Deeds with special guests Bad House.

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# 'A Very Sordid Wedding' film crew sets up in Selkirk

By Austin Grabish

They're from Texas but swear Selkirk feels like home.

Director Del Shores and producer Emerson Collins have settled comfortably in Selkirk since arriving May 2 and have even brought a few friends along the way including Whoopi Goldberg.

The duo continued to lead filming of *A Very Sordid Wedding* in Selkirk last week and say they couldn't be happier.

Collins grew up in Central Texas.

"This is so much that and I mean it in the best possible way," he said. "I love this either tiny city or giant town feel."

Shores, a Winters, Texas native, also sees a resemblance to his hometown and not just in the town's looks but its people too.

"We didn't have to reach too far for these extras they look so much like the people I grew up with," he said while shooting a scene last Thursday at The Merch.

Shores said filming has "been fast and furious."

The movie is low-budget and has a small crew of just 40, which leaves little time for error and 12-hour shoot days.

Goldberg was in Selkirk to shoot a cameo in the film last Friday.

The set on was on lockdown during Goldberg's appearance and media weren't granted access to the American icon.

There were other big names in Selkirk last week too including Emmy Award-winning actor Leslie Jordan



from Will & Grace.

Jordan is one of the original actors from the 2000 film *Sordid Lives* and it's 2008 TV spinoff.

A Very Sordid Wedding is a sequel to the Sordid series and centres around last year's landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court to legalize same-sex marriage.

The series takes place just a month after the court's historic decision as character Ty Williamson comes home to his ultra-conservative town with his new husband.

Locals are in an uproar about the court's decision, which is how many in Winters feel today, said Shores.

"It's very conservative still today."

Shores said the filming of *A Very Sordid Wedding* has been bittersweet.

While same-sex marriage is something he and other gay American men spent years fighting for, he said the recent resistance by many to it is upsetting.

Shores said while prepping for this film he phoned the Winters court to see how it was handling same-sex marriage applicants only to get a hostile response.

"The justice of the peace basically said that she was ceasing all marriage so that she would never have to be

LEFT: The Merch's manager Dean Peterson poses for a photo with award-winning actor Whoopi Goldberg

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while she was in Selkirk shooting a scene inside the local historic hotel for *A Very Sordid Wedding* last Friday. ABOVE: Pictured from left to right, actors Kirk Geiger (Ty), T. Ashanti Mozelle (Kyle), Katherine Bailess (Greta), and Michael MacRae (Wilson) get ready to shoot a scene of A Very Sordid Wedding at The Merch last Thursday.

faced with marrying a gay couple."

He was unsure how locals would react to his latest film when it's released but hopes it gets people talking.

"I always say I seek to entertain. I seek to make people laugh, but then if they think, shed a tear or two, I've done my job."

Emerson said the film will be released early next year.

It will premiere in California theatres and then make its way onto the Internet.

If all goes according to plan, crews will wrap up filming in Selkirk on Saturday.

# Hundreds help celebrate local church's 140th anniversary

By Jaime Bouw

Three days of gatherings have come and gone for Knox Presbyterian Church as they celebrated their 140th anniversary as a congregation here in Selkirk.

Festivities began with a wine and cheese gathering in the church hall last Friday evening.

More than 80 people from as far

away as Parksville, B.C. and Toronto shared memories and relived days gone by.

Last Saturday more than 100 (mostly ladies) were treated to a 'high tea and fashion show' at the Comp.

The food was provided by Ubuntu Café and Bakery, while the fashion show was presented by the Costume Museum of Canada's Historic Fash-

ion Review.

On Sunday morning there was a full house gathering inside the sanctuary at Knox for worship and special music.

Following the service, the whole congregation enjoyed lunch together at Gilbart's



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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, Knox Presbyterian Church minister Anthon Bouw and his wife Jaime, Charlotte and Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, Selkirk-Interlake MLA Alan Lagimodiere and his wife Judy gather for a group photo at Gilbart's reception hall as part of the church's 140th anniversary celebrations last Sunday.

reception hall, catered by Benjamin's Gourmet Foods.

The weekend was a testimony to the faithfulness of generations gone by, and the faith of those who continue

their legacy.

— Jaime Bouw is a longtime Knox Presbyterian Church member and wife to the church's minister Anthon Bouw.



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anywhere, and said he hopes that after getting the best information they can still

stop it from happening.

Pallister recently took a first step in righting the situation by firing the entire Manitoba Hydro board of directors.

The provincial government ap-

pointed a new chair, vice-chair, and directors for Manitoba Hydro last Wednesday.

"We are proud to assemble a versatile and experienced group of executives who will bring valuable input to the direction of Manitoba Hydro," said Pallister. "It is a tremendous responsibility serving on this board as Manitoba Hydro endeavors to enhance energy service for the province and evaluates opportunities to employ renewable energy strategies."

## **Kohler hopes Tories do right by Bipole III**

#### By Harry Siemens

Sometime in 2015, then opposition leader Brian Pallister said if he became premier he wouldn't rule out shutting down construction of the \$4.6 billion Bipole III transmission line and relocating the massive project to the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

Now that Pallister has been sworn in as Manitoba's new premier, Manitoba BiPole Landowner Committee chair Jurgen Kohler is looking for the new Conservative government to keep their promises.

"We expect the new government to put BiPole III on hold and have Public Utilities Board to do a proper review," he says. "While this review is being done we want the new government to extend the Land Values Appraisal Commission deadline by at least one to two years.

"If the result of review is that BiPole III keeps going ahead, then we expect government to direct Manitoba Hydro to negotiate in good faith with us through Canadian Association of Energy and Pipeline Landowner Associations."

So far on this project, Manitoba Hydro has not been respecting the property rights of landowners (moving equipment between fields without properly cleaning it and running the risk of spreading disease), says Kohler, nor have they recognized CAEPLA and their chosen collective representatives.

Instead, they and the former NDP government used "police state tactics to bully and intimidate landowners" whenever they met opposition, Kohler says.

He hopes that will all change under Pallister's leadership.

Regarding his own feelings on Bipole III, the new premier was quite emphatic during a rural media conference call immediately after the election.

Pallister called the project one of the most poorly considered projects in the history of any government,



#### By Harry Siemens

I took the opportunity as a media representative to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Brian Pallister and his Conservative government last week.

First off, southern Manitoba now has a number of newly minted ministers in Pallister's cabinet, including Morden-Winkler's Cameron Friesen in finance, Steinbach's Kelvin Goertzen in health, Boissevain's Cliff Cullen in trade, and Midland's Blaine Pedersen in infrastructure.

I'm excited about the new direction I believe the province will take under the leadership of Pallister, the 12 cabinet ministers, and all the other hardworking MLAs, some veterans and others newly elected.

Listening to the five ministers chosen to speak to the media immediately after the ceremony, they all made their appropriate comments relating to their charges, but all also said, "The challenges are big, but we will work hard to make Manitoba a better place."

Knowing the Pallister family, being successful is about having a plan, implementing that plan as best as possible, and working hard at making it work for the betterment of Manitoba.

However, my particular focus is on the new Minister of Agriculture Ralph Eichler, because that is where my top interests lie.

In an interview with Eichler he answered some of the questions that I had asked before they called the election.

"Right off the bat we have the new Growing Forward 2 program up for renewal that will be a priority for us," he said. "We have to get this program right. Our staff in the department has been working on that, and I look forward to making it right."

Eichler also told me he's happy to retain the services of Dori Gingera Beauchemin, who became the deputy minister back in 2013.

"I'm tickled to death that she stayed on as deputy minister and things are pretty smooth in the department, but they need some tweaking," he said. "And of course our red tape program we want to do as well, making it more simple to do some things, if possible.

"Those are the first things we need to be working on. I have a great team and look forward to working with them."

That took me right into my next question because in my opinion regulations have really squeezed the ag industry unduly.

"Well, you know all of those kinds of things are up for discussion," Eichler said of things like new hog policies. "We will look at those on a case by case basis, but we have a very aggressive program we want to move forward on, but announcing that as we go forward."

I also asked the minister whether he was considering bringing ag reps back working hands-on in the field, as they were decades ago.

"All that will be up for review and working with my staff to ensure we get the best bang for our buck," Eichler said, noting it's too early to make any firm commitments on that front.

The Conservatives plan to table a budget within the next few weeks, Eichler noted.

"It will not necessarily be the budget we ran on because it is late in the game," he said. "To do a budget the way we want to do it, takes six months to prepare.

"We will table a budget that we feel we can live with, not necessarily our mandate, but we'll start rolling some of that out. Come fall you'll see more serious legislation brought forward on other initiatives that we campaigned on and make some of that become a reality."

"We want an open and transparent government, accountable government, a government the people can trust, and we want to make Manitoba the miracle that it really is," he added. "That is what we want to focus on."



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### Pan-Fried Eggs and **Mixed Mushroom Saute on Toasted Sourdough Slices**



Serves 4 Mushroom Saute 11/4 ounces mixed dried mushrooms 11/2 cups boiling water 3 tablespoons olive oil 8 ounces sliced brown mushrooms 2 teaspoons minced garlic 1 teaspoon dried crushed rosemary Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients

Toast and Eggs 4 1/2-inch-thick sourdough slices, halved if the slices are extra large 2 tablespoons unsalted butter 4 eggs Olive oil Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper Rosemary sprigs for garnish (optional)

1. For the Mushroom Saute: Place the dried mushrooms in a medium bowl and cover with the boiling water. Let stand until softened, 20 minutes. Strain in a sieve lined with a double thickness of paper towels and reserve the soaking liquid. Coarsely chop the mushrooms.

2. Heat the olive oil in a medium, heavy frying pan set over medium heat. When hot, add the brown mushrooms and saute, stirring often, for 6 minutes. Add the reserved mushrooms, garlic, rosemary, and 1/2 teaspoon salt; stir for 1 minute. Add the mushroom liquid and cook, stirring until it has evaporated, 4 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and several grinds of pepper. Remove the frying pan from the heat and cover with foil to keep warm. (The mushrooms can be prepared 1 day ahead; cool, cover and refrigerate. Reheat, stirring, over medium heat.)

3. For the toast and eggs: Brush both sides of the bread slices generously with olive oil. Set a 10- to 11-inch by 25- to 28-centimeter nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat and, when hot, add the bread and cook until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side. Remove the toast and cover loosely with foil. When the pan is cool enough to handle, wipe it out with clean paper towels.

4. Add the butter to the frying pan and set it over medium heat. When the butter starts to foam, break an egg into a saucer, being careful to remove any shell fragments, and gently slide it into the frying pan. Repeat with the remaining eggs. Immediately reduce the heat to low and cook, basting the eggs with some of the butter in the pan frequently, until the whites are firm and the yolks are still soft and runny, 3 minutes.

5. While the eggs are cooking, arrange a toasted bread slice on each of four plates. Mound the mushrooms evenly over the toast.

6. Remove each egg with a spatula and arrange on top of the mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper and, if desired, garnish each serving with a rosemary sprig. Serve immediately.

Cooking note: If you can't find dried crushed rosemary, crush regular dried rosemary in an electric spice mill, or place it in a self-sealing plastic bag and roll over it with a rolling pin.

### **Smoked salmon eggs Benedict** with creamy dill caper sauce



Ingredients 1/2 cup (125 mL) nonfat plain

1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil 1 tsp (5 mL) fresh lemon juice

1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh dill, plus sprigs for garnish

1 tbsp (15 mL) capers, drained 1/2 tsp (2 mL) finely grated lemon

2 whole-grain English muffins 3 oz (90 g) thinly sliced smoked salmon

4 medium eggs

3 tbsp (45 mL) white wine vinegar Directions

To make sauce: In medium bowl, whisk yogurt and canola oil until blended. Whisk in lemon juice, then stir in chopped dill, capers and lemon zest. Let sauce sit at room temperature while preparing the rest of the dish.

Toast English muffins. Place slice or two of salmon on top of each English muffin half.

To poach eggs: Fill large, deep skillet about 3/4-inch (2 cm) to top with water and bring to boil over high heat. Add vinegar, and then reduce heat to medium-low. Crack egg into small bowl, and then gently add it to boiling water. Repeat with

remaining eggs until all four eggs are in skillet. Cook until whites of eggs are set but yolks are still slightly runny, about 3 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer eggs to paper towel to drain. (Alternatively, cook eggs over-easy in nonstick skillet.)

Presentation: Transfer each egg to salmon-topped English muffin half. Pour 2 tbsp (25 mL) of sauce on top of each muffin half and garnish each with sprig of dill.









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# 'It really felt like my head was exploding'

## Local woman with Lyme disease warns others to watch for deer ticks

#### By Dave Baxter

One Manitoba woman wants to remind residents to watch out for deer ticks this summer because she doesn't want anyone to go through what she has gone through.

"I had been so active and suddenly I was falling apart," Jan Cmela, who lives near Birds Hill Park said. "It really felt like my head was exploding."

The 51-year-old said the area around her home and much of the Interlake is home to a large number of blacklegged ticks, which are commonly referred to as deer ticks, and can spread Lyme disease.

Cmela contracted Lyme disease about three years ago, despite the fact she did not know that a tick had bit-

For her the symptoms started slowly and she didn't know what was happening at first.

She originally dealt with pressure and pain in her head, extreme exhaustion and bladder problems.

She said she is now far less active than she was before getting the disease and may deal with the symptoms for the rest of her life.

Lyme disease symptoms can start about three days to one month after a tick bite and an expanding rash is typically one of the first symptoms.

Early symptoms can also include headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, fatigue, fever, chills and swollen lymph nodes.

Many people don't realize they have the disease at first because there is such a wide range and severity of



symptoms, Cmela said.

"So they might think they have the flu, and they don't go to the doctor," she said.

Cmela said that if people don't get medication right away after contracting the disease, it becomes harder to

"It's very hard to get rid of the disease if you've had it for years," she said. "If anyone experiences symptoms they think might be Lyme disease they should go to a doctor imme-

One of most common symptoms of Lyme disease is flu-like symptoms, so if people suddenly get the flu in the spring or summer they should consider that it could be Lyme disease, Cmela said.

Because Lyme disease symptoms vary, Cmela said doctors often struggle to diagnose the disease, and if a doctor rules out Lyme disease in the



**SUBMITTED PHOTOS** 

Jan Cmela, pictured right, was active and spent a lot of time outdoors before contracting Lyme disease about three years ago. The 51-yearold is now warning Interlake residents to watch for blacklegged ticks, also referred to as a deer tick, pictured above.

beginning residents should consider getting a second opinion.

"Unless you ask, it's very rare that a doctor will suggest it could be Lyme disease."

Cmela ended up going to the U.S. to finally get her diagnoses many months after she first started feeling

She is now warning others to watch out for deer ticks when they are outside and check for them on their bodies if they have been outside.

"The deer tick can be very small. It is much smaller than the typical Wood Tick. It can be the size of a poppy seed, so people have to be aware of the size," she said.

Adult female deer ticks are about as big as a sesame seed and have reddish hind bodies with black dorsal markings.

Males are slightly smaller than females and are solid dark brown.

"I try to not scare people out of the woods, but people need to be aware and do tick checks when they get back home," Cmela said.

People who think they may have contracted Lyme disease can contact Health Links at 204-788-8200, or tollfree at 1-888-315-9257.

# ommunities in Bloom aims to spruce up West St. Paul

#### By Dave Baxter

West St. Paul will once again spend the spring and summer months focused on bringing beauty and colour to the community.

Last year was the first year West St. Paul took part in the Communities in Bloom program, and a small committee worked to find ways to add more beauty in the municipality.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to "fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement, with focus on enhancing green spaces in communities."

"We joined because it was just it was going to be about."

something council thought West St. Paul should be involved in," West St. Paul Communities in Bloom committee member Damara Geddes said.

Much of the Communities in Bloom program is focused on beautification through gardening and landscaping at homes and businesses, but Geddes said there are other ways they work to improve the look of the community.

"It was a learning experience and we found out it wasn't just about planting a lot of flowers in West St. Paul," Geddes said. "It was about community beautification and recycling programs and green space development, so it's a wide range of things we didn't know

The committee invited West St. Paul residents and businesses to beautify their properties through gardening and landscaping, but they also got residents and even students from West St. Paul school involved on other

"We had litter cleanup days, and involved West St. Paul school. It's more than just making sure flowers are planted throughout the municipality," Geddes said.

Through the Communities in Bloom program, judges visit participating communities every year for an on-site tour to judge each community's ef-

Any lawns or garden must be visible

from a street in order for it to be eligible in their judging process.

Evaluation is based on six criteria including tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape and floral displays.

Geddes said joining the Communities in Bloom program got many residents excited about gardening and beautification in West St. Paul, and they are hoping for more excitement this year.

She added there are many ways for West St. Paul residents to get involved with Communities in Bloom, and for information on ways to get involved they can call her at 204-336-0294 or email recreation@weststpaul.com.

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# A Royal upset at 15U boys' provincials

#### By Brian Bowman

The 15U boys' provincial club volleyball final could not have been a more exciting one.

And it could not have finished any better for the Selkirk Royals.

The Royals used home court to their advantage after winning an epic 2-1 battle against a very good WinMan Warriors team to claim the provincial

After winning the first set 33-31, Selkirk then lost 27-25, setting up a decisive third set. Selkirk then capped off the tremendous match with a thrilling 15-12 victory.

"It was amazing," said Royals' head coach Jeff Scarcello, noting the Royals were ranked sixth heading into the tournament. "In all of my years of coaching, it was one of the most intense and most satisfying matches that I have been a part of."

Like the scores indicated, this final was an intense battle between two talented teams.

"We were the definite underdogs," Scarcello stressed. "No one thought we were going to do this but we found a way to peak at the right moment. We started the match really hot, going up 17-4, but that WinMan team is resilient and they clawed their way back."

In a 15U final, teams often have a tendency to play not to lose. But that definitely wasn't the case between Selkirk and WinMan. Both teams played aggressively right down to the match's final point.

"It was 24-all and both teams were just hammering the ball," Scarcello said. "They were ripping on things and serving (well) and playing to win. Every rally was a great rally - and nobody gave anybody free points. Everyone earned everything and guys were making plays that they had never made before and the crowd was right into it, cheering and screaming."

To reach the final, Selkirk defeated 204 Cardinal 2-0. In the quarter-finals, Selkirk beat the Brandon Volleyball Club Gold 2-0.

The round-robin saw the Royals upset the No.1-ranked Pilots on their way to a 3-0 record. Selkirk did not lose a set the entire tournament until the final against WinMan.

The Royals' Nick Brzoza, a talented middle, was named the tournament's MVP and provided tremendous leadership while Carl LeBlanc, a right side, and Chris Faial, a left side, were selected as all stars.

But the entire Royals' roster made huge contributions to the provincial title.

"Usually in 15Us you have one or two guys that you rely heavily on but we really didn't have that," Scarcello said proudly. "Everyone was firing on all cylinders. We didn't just run one guy on offence. We ran a very mixed offence and everyone had to do their jobs and contribute equally, which is really rare at this level."

The Royals will be looking to duplicate their provincial success when



**RECORD SUBMITTED PHOTO** 

Back row, left to right, assistant coach Ryan Penner, Dennis Slogan, Braden Fey, Damon Budge, Carl Leblanc, Austin Baran, coach Jeff Scarcello. Front row, left to right, Adam Trudeau, Cam Gayleard, Justin Gillespie, Nick Brzoza, Easton Donohoe, Liam Allen, Chris Faial.

they travel to Regina for the nationals over the May long weekend.

"It's tough running a club like ours because you're up against all-star teams from other clubs," Scarcello said. "They're pulling people from a lot larger catchment areas with more people than we are. So, it's really special to win something like this and going to nationals will be exciting.

"We're going to have a great pool and we'll have one of the top-seed positions out there. We'll have as many advantages as we can. The key will be that, hopefully, (the provincials) wasn't the peak of our season."

Meanwhile, at the 15U girls' provincial championships in Brandon last weekend, the Royals placed fifth over-

At the 16U boys' provincials at Tec Voc in Winnipeg, Selkirk placed eighth. Local players Alek Morelli and Nigel Nielsen of the WinMan Clutch were selected as all stars.

The Royals also had a strong performance at the 16U girls' provincials in Winnipeg, placing fifth.

# Royals' boys' soccer season a short one

#### **By Brian Bowman**

The Selkirk Royals' boys' soccer team's season was a short one.

It was also a disappointing one.

Selkirk's season lasted just one game as they were defeated 7-0 by a very good Garden City Fighting Gophers squad in KPAC tournament action last Thursday at Buhler Park in Winnipeg.

"We had guys that have never played organized soccer before," said Royals' head coach Kevin Lopuck. "This was the first time in the better part of 15

years that I have been coaching at the Comp where I haven't had a team full of guys that have soccer experience."

That inexperience showed up early and often against a talented Garden City squad. The Fighting Gophers took a quick 1-0 lead and then went up two goals on a highly questionable non offside call.

Garden City increased its lead to 3-0 at the half and then broke the game wide open with four second-half

"In the second half, they were ex-

hausted," Lopuck said. "That was the lot of guys from coming out. day when (it was very hot)."

Selkirk did have some talent on this year's team. But, unfortunately, the Royals were not deep enough throughout their roster. Just 15 players came out for the Royals' boys' soccer team this season. That's a very low number compared to past seasons.

"It's a combination of a few things," Lopuck said. "First of all, it's the way that the KPAC season goes now with a tournament and, if you lose, you're one and done. That has dissuaded a

"Also, there's now a slew of spring/ summer sports at the school. It used to be just soccer/rugby and then baseball came in and now this is the first year that lacrosse has come in.

"And we also have badminton there are a lot of sports now in the school."

The Royals' girls' soccer team, meanwhile, played their first KPAC tournament game yesterday against Miles Mac. No score from that game, however, was available by press time.

# Royals spike their way to fifth at vball provincials

#### By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals 14U Blue girls' club volleyball team placed fifth out of 32 teams at the 2016 Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships earlier this month in Winnipeg.

Selkirk defeated the Russell Vollevball Club 2-0 in the fifth-place game.

"They did very well," said Royals' head coach Victoria Sherwood. "They worked very well as a team. With the 14U age group, we have to follow what's called the 'Fair Play Rule,' so we have to play everybody that's on

"Every girl contributed and our passing and defence was the best so far this season."

After Day 1 of the competition, Selkirk placed first in its pool with a perfect 3-0 record. The Royals then won their first playoff game over Club West, which advanced them to the quarter-finals.

In the quarter-finals, the Royals lost 2-0 to a very good Dynamo Red team. Dynamo Red, which has a plethora of strong attackers, was the No. 1-ranked team in their age group heading into provincials and proceeded to claim the Manitoba title.

"(The score) wasn't as close as we

had hoped," Sherwood said. "We hadn't played them previously this season, so I don't think the girls we're sure what to expect. I think they were a little too timid in the game."

Meanwhile, Selkirk had another 14U team, the Royals' Black squad, which finished 21st overall at provincials. The Selkirk Royals' Black team is considered a developmental squad while the Royals' Blue team is referred to as a"travelling team".

The Royals' 14U Blue team started its season back in mid-February and this team has come a long way in learning the game, said Sherwood. The Royals' Blue squad was blessed with plenty of height and girls that have been teammates for a number of years.

"They've improved a lot, especially with their passing and their defence," Sherwood said. "We focused a lot on serve-receive and serving. At this age group, if you can serve tough against teams, then you will have a lot of suc-

Sherwood hopes the team continues to peak heading into this weekend's nationals at the RBC Convention Centre in downtown Winnipeg. Action begins today and continues through until Sunday.



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Back row, left to right, Victoria Sherwood, Jana King, Sheriden Wagner, Holly Feschuk, Abby Benson, Makenna Wyryha, Peyton Wagner, Steven Sherwood. Middle row, left to right, Madison McIvor, Emma Benson, Macy Kulbaba, Kaitlin Whitelam. Front row, left to right, Taylor Barron, Jordyn Singbeil.

"Coming into this season, our goal was to place high enough at provincials that we would be in Tier 1 at nationals," explained Sherwood, whose husband, Ŝteven, was an assistant

coach on the team.

"To be in Tier 1, you have to do well at provincials. Our goal was to be in the top six-ish (at provincials).

# Clarkson inducted into Manitoba Ringette Hall of Fame

#### By Brian Bowman

A funny thing happened to Amy Clarkson at the Manitoba Ringette Hall of Fame induction ceremony last Friday.

Clarkson went to the ceremony to support her Winnipeg Beach friend and former teammate, Lindsay Burns, who was being into the hall of fame.

Little did Clarkson know that she was also getting Manitoba Ringette's highest honour.

"It was shocking," said Clarkson, who lives in St. Andrews, Monday evening. "I actually went there to Lindsay Burns and I wanted to sit at her table because I'm good friends with her and we have played together and coached together.

"It was extra special to be inducted along with her."

Clarkson started playing ringette at a young age before making the transition to goalie. That position change has proven to be a great one for Clarkson.

"As a little kid, that's what I always wanted to do," said Clarkson, also a goalie in bandy and hockey. "My brother used to put me in net and he used to shoot at me. My dream was always to be the goalie."

Clarkson, 28, played on Canada's national team in 2013 and again this past season. Canada won silver medals at the world championships in both of those years.

Before that, she played "AA" for Winnipeg-based Angels and then suited up for several teams in the National Ringette League.

Clarkson has gained a plethora of experience in the sport. This past season, she helped coach the Interlake Ignite 14Us to a city title.

"It was my first time committing to coach for a full year," she explained. "And I would to continue doing that, especially with the same group of girls."

Meanwhile, the Manitoba Ringette Association also announced its 2016 award winners last Friday.

The 2016 Volunteer of the Year was Mark Ratz (Lorette) while the 2016 Coach of the Year was awarded to Dan Saltel (head coach Dakota U16 A) and Spiros Kavvadas

(head coach Bonivital Angels U14

Coaches of the Month awards went to Curtis Vezina (Heritage Victoria U14 B), Raeanne Wysocki (Dakota U16 A), Laura Simons (Dakota U16 A), and Sam Renooy (Wild U14 AA).

The MRA also offers different programs to assist with post-secondary education. The MRA Bursary program offered \$500 to two athletes in the "AA" category and one in the "A" loop this year.

This year's recipients in the "AA" category were Felicia Daeninck (Bonivital) and Sarah Lazaruk (Transcona). Sam Green (Fort Garry) was the lone recipient in the "A" category.

The MRA, in partnership with High Five Inc., also offered two scholarships, one to a rural athlete and one to an urban athlete, playing at any level. This year's recipients were Morgan Van Deynze (Portage), and Cami Daeninck (Bonivital).

The Manitoba Ringette Association also honoured three induct-



**SUBMITTED PHOTO** 

Amy Clarkson of St. Andrews, left, posed with Manitoba Ringette executive director Laralie Higginson. Clarkson was inducted into the Manitoba Ringette Hall of Fame last

ees into the builder category of the Hall of Fame this season. Those inductees were Joan Lachance (Transcona), Don Kozun (Bonivital) and Jackie Bohemier (Lorette).

# Westlund heading west to Arizona



#### By Brian Bowman

Christopher Westlund will have a chance to work on his tan this winter.

The former Selkirk Steelers' forward will be attending the University of Arizona and playing hockey for the Wildcats beginning this fall.

"A few weeks ago, I was able to go Tucson," said Westlund, who will be enrolled in engineering. "The university itself, the engineering program, and the school spirit are all beyond impressive.

"This was an easy decision after meeting coach Chad (Burman) and what he is building. The hockey program is excellent and coach Chad's ideas and vision are what any hockey player going to school would want."

Westlund, a Calgary native, played one junior game for the Canmore Eagles of the Alberta Junior Hockey League before suiting up for two full seasons with the Steelers. This past season, Westlund scored eight goals and had 15 points in 55 regular-season games.

Burman is excited to have the 6-foot-2, 193-pounder in his lineup this coming season.

"Chris checks off everything that we look for in our hockey program at the University of Arizona," said the Wildcats' bench boss. "We are building a team with the best combination of character and talent. I don't believe you can win championships without both, making Chris a perfect fit."

Burman is confident that Westlund will fit in extremely well at the University of Arizona. Westlund is also a good fit for the ACHA.

"His community involvement is just as impressive as his on-ice talent," Burman said. "I believe the combination of his size and speed will allow him to develop into an elite power-forward in the ACHA.

"I couldn't be any more excited for our hockey program, engineering department, and (the) Tucson community."

# Manitoba wins pair of bronze medals at NAHC

#### By Brian Bowman

Team Manitoba won a pair of bronze medals at the 2016 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Mississauga last weekend.

The males won their bronze after blasting Ontario 6-1 on Saturday.

"It was a real good effort," said Manitoba head coach Kevin Monkman Monday afternoon. "I was telling the guys that if I was Ontario, I would be scared (to play us). Our guys were focused and ready and we went out there and showed them."

Manitoba was relegated to the bronze-medal match after a really tough 3-2 overtime loss to B.C.

B.C. took the early lead courtesy of their power play but Manitoba battled back and had several quality scoring opportunities in the second and third periods.

"Two of our defencemen got hurt and one skate was messed up, so we were pretty much going with three guys (on the blueline)," Monkman explained.

Manitoba posted a 4-1 record at nationals, opening action with a 6-5 win over Eastern Door & the North and then doubling Saskatchewan 6-3. After getting defeated 7-3 by Ontario, Manitoba battled back to beat Alberta (5-1).

Manitoba's roster included Interlake Lightning defenceman Sean Loutit of Selkirk and East St. Paul's Nate Hooper (Winnipeg Thrashers and Selkirk Steelers' prospect), Kyle Wiltshire (Thrashers), and Thomas Mironuk (Interlake Lightning).

Monkman said his team gelled together nicely at nationals.

"These guys have all played against each other at one time or another, so they know each other," he explained. "And they were all buddies by the end of (Sunday)."

On the women's side, Manitoba earned its bronze after an exciting 2-1 overtime win over B.C. Mariah Gardner scored the game winner.

"They were sure happy about (the win)," said Manitoba head coach Dale Bear of Peguis. "The game was close but I thought we had better chances, for sure. They're goalie played (well), but our goalie played better."

Manitoba was 2-1 in its round robin and then won in the quarterfinals before losing 3-2 in overtime to Ontario in the semis. Ontario won the game after a shot redirected over Team Manitoba's goaltender's shoulder.

It was a tough loss for a Manitoba team that deserved a much better fate.

"We were all over them," Bear recalled. "Pretty much the whole game we were dominating them, but we just couldn't get the right shot to the net. It was back-and-forth but I felt we had the upper hand on them the whole game."

Team Manitoba's roster included Stonewall goalie Bianca Zak, who plays for the Shaftesbury Titans, and Warren forward Mallory Harvey (Interlake Lightning"AAA").

Bear was extremely impressed with the work ethic of Harvey during the entire tournament.

"She's the grinder that everybody hates to play against," Bear stressed. "That kid is a coach's dream."

Manitoba's roster featured a bevy of talented female players from all across the province. Bear said the entire team really enjoyed the experience of the nationals.

"I asked all of the girls individually if they liked (the nationals) and they all said it was their favourite tournament all year. I don't know if they were pulling my leg or what," he joked.

"But it was good to hear. They sure enjoyed themselves and the tournament was something that they hadn't experienced before.

"It was a lot more than just hockey. All of the regions came together and it wasn't all just hockey. It was a celebration – and not just a competition."

# Locals selected in WHL draft

#### By Brian Bowman

Four local hockey players were among the 37 Manitobans selected in the 2016 Western Hockey League Bantam Draft last Thursday in Calgary.

Matthew Boonstra, a talented defenceman from Garson, was selected in the fourth round (72nd overall) by the Medicine Hat Tigers. Boonstra, a 5-foot-10, 140-pounder, played last season for the Eastman Selects.

West St. Paul's Keiran Schioler was picked in the seventh round (148th overall) by the Calgary Hitmen. The left-handed shooting rearguard played for the Winnipeg Hawks this past season.

Another defenceman, Evan Michaels of East St. Paul, was taken in the eighth round (171st overall) of the draft by the Red Deer Rebels. He also played last year with the Winnipeg Hawks.

Carter Barley, a forward from St. Andrews, was taken with the 215th pick by Red Deer. Barley,

born in 1999, was previously listed with the Spokane Chiefs. He played last season with the Winnipeg Thrashers of the Manitoba "AAA" Midget Hockey League.

The first Manitoban chosen in the annual WHL draft was goalie Trent Miner from Brandon, selected by the Vancouver Giants with the 20th pick of the first round.

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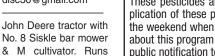
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REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016-01 - BY-LAW NO. 4271

### FOR THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT – PHASE 1

The Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews has scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 26, 2016 at Lockport School (129 Lockport Road) to present the following local improvement plan:

Description of the Proposed Local Improvement:

The local improvement plan proposed herein involves the provision of authority to construct and borrow funds for the completion of a new regional wastewater collection system to service the southern portion of the R.M. of St. Andrews (Phase 1). The wastewater will be conveyed via the Main Street Trunk Sewer in West St. Paul for treatment at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre in Winnipeg. The project has been initiated by the Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews to provide a cost-effective means of treating wastewater while protecting the health of the community located within the Manitoba Conservation Red River Corridor Designated Area that was established in 2009 by Provincial Regulation. This Regulation prohibits the replacement or modification of existing septic fields and construction of new septic fields in the Corridor.

Phase 1 of the project is the construction of a regional wastewater forcemain from Riversprings Drive in West St. Paul to River Road in the R.M. of St. Andrews, a Lift Station and Odour Control System at River Road and low pressure lines throughout the Phase 1 service area.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$15,185,317 with funding of \$4,000,000 secured from the Canada/Manitoba New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund and funding of \$3,750,000 secured from the Manitoba Water Services Board. The amount of \$510,888, which represents a portion of the project, will be deferred for recovery from residents in Phase 2 (north of Liss Road to the area south of Lower Fort Garry). The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews is proposing to borrow their portion of Phase 1 of the project of \$6,924,429 over a period of Twenty (20) years. The proposed cost to each parcel of land will be to a maximum of \$618.39 per annum for the Twenty (20) year period or a one-time pre-payment amount of \$7,390.

A written objection may be filed with the CAO at 500 Railway Avenue, Box 130 Clandeboye, MB ROC OPO prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan. All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the municipal office at 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye and on the municipal website at: www.rmofstandrews.com.

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#### Kimberley Mary Hubick

After a long courageous battle with cancer, Kim passed away peacefully on May 4th, 2016 at the Selkirk General Hospital, at the age of 56.

Left to cherish her memory is her father Ernie and many great friends that are just like family. Kim was predeceased by her mother Pat and her grandparents. Born in Selkirk on November 3,1959 to Ernie and Pat, Kim was an only child.

She started working at SMHC at the age of 17 and retired after 35 years of service.

Kim took pride in the cottage she built with her parents in Grand Beach. She planted many flowers and even had a vegetable garden that was shown in the 1999 Manitoba Gardening Magazine. She enjoyed gardening, picking blueberries and mushrooms and also had a great passion for stamping and card-making.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, MB. with a luncheon will follow.

Thank you to the caring staff at Selkirk Hospital and everyone that has been so supportive, during this difficult time.

Flowers are gratefully declined. In lieu of, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.



#### **OBITUARY**

### Rose Pawluk (Korolyk) February 4, 1922 - May 7, 2016

It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of Rose, our Mom, Gramma, and Baba on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Ron (Marlene), Linda, Barry (Maggie) and Peggy (Dennis);

grandchildren, Shannon (Jeremy), Pam (Graham), Chris (Erin), Sherese (Justin), Lisa (Connor), Tracey, Mathew (Pam), Amber and Coral; great-grandchildren, Ava, Ella, Cali, Carter, Maya, Grayson, Preston, Hudson, Lexie, Mackenzie, Aniston, Taylor and Zachary, great-great grandchild Zayne, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and special friends Helen and Darlene.

Rose was predeceased by her husband Michael and infant daughter Cathy; parents Mary and William; sister Stella, and broth-

er Walter.

Mom was born and raised in Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba. She met and later married her lifelong partner, Mike on October 20, 1945. They later moved to Winnipeg where together they owned and operated the Press Grill Restaurant. Mom and Dad then moved to Petersfield in 1947 where they began farming. Mom spent her days there raising children and helping on the farm. Mom's greatest joy was her grandchildren who spent countless weekends at the farm. Mom and Dad loved to travel every chance they got, which included visiting nearly every state in the U.S.A.

In January 2001, after 41 years of farming, Mom and Dad moved to Selkirk, where Mom lived on her own in her apartment until her final days.

The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to the wonderful and caring medical staff at Selkirk General Hospital.

Pallbearers are Chris Girling, Mathew Penny, Graham Burnett, Jeremy Gerbrandt, Connor Mowat and Randy Dola.

Funeral Service will be held at Gilbart Funeral Home in Selkirk, MB on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with interment to follow the reception in the St. Williams Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements. www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

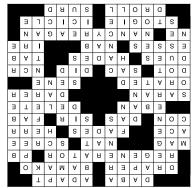
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- 1. Chinese mountain range
- 5. Adjust
- 10. Mad Men's Don
- 12. Mali capital
- 14. One who restores
- 16. \_\_& J
- 18. Defunct PlayStation game
- 19. \_\_ King Cole, musician
- 20. Rock fragments
- 22. Breeze through
- 23. Languishes
- 25. German courtesy title
- 26. Bunko game
- 27. War film " Boot"
- 28. Title of respect
- 30. He "sang" with Rob



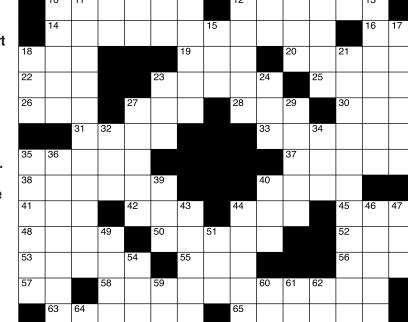
**Crossword Answer** 

- 31. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 33. Erase
- 35. It's a wrap
- 37. Has required courage
- 38. Spoke
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. Scatter
- 42. Pouch
- 44. Have already done
- 45. They ring receipts
- 48. Fixed charges
- 50. Hell
- 52. Pay this before leaving
- 53. Alternating turns on the roads
- 55. Pick up
- 56. Wrath
- 57. Northeast
- 58. She launched "Just Say No"
- 63. Cigar
- 65. Frozen spike
- 66. Unusual
- 67. Type of number

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. David Alan Grier
- 2. Someone who copies the words or behavior of

- another
- 3. Franklin is one
- 4. Where rockers play
- 5. Reduces
- **6. Datong Yungang Airport**
- 7. Andy's partner
- 8. A way to dry
- 9. Taka 10. Large constellation
- 11. Regrow
- 13. What a surgeon does
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Indigenous people of N. **Africa**
- 18. Goes great with cheese
- 21. Contains allusions
- 23. A supporter
- 24. Caesar, comedian
- 27. Some are great
- 29. Interpreted
- 32. Hits a pitch
- 34. Local area network
- 35. Soaking
- 36. Stimulates
- 39. Dash
- 40. Female sibling
- 43. Annul 44. Scattered fragments
- 46. Chili con 47. Relative biological



- effectiveness (abbr.)
- 49. Adult male 51. Not night
- 59. Zero
  - 60. French coins 61. Ventilate

54. Starch

- **62. Greatest common** devisor
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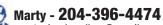
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