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Community has opportunity to support local child diagnosed with leukemia

Zayden Thomas is undergoing treatment

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last month was a difficult one for the Thomas family. Their recently turned four-year-old son Zayden was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Because of this diagnosis, the family has faced many changes and family friends are organizing fundraising events to help them out.

Phoebe Thomas, Zayden's great-grandmother, says that Zayden was a typical healthy kid his age who likes cars and Chase from Paw Patrol up until he got sick last month.

"He was healthy until June the sixth when he started getting a limp, and they went to the doctor and [he had an] X-ray," said Thomas.

Thomas says that after two separate X-rays, Zayden was sent to another doctor in Winnipeg.

"He went to the children's hospital and they took an ultrasound and the spleen was enlarged. Then the next day, they did the full marathon [of tests]. It was cancer," she said.

His family including his parents and two older sisters have been supporting Zayden since his diagnosis but Thomas says that they are tired because they are having to travel to Winnipeg three times a week for treatment.

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Zayden's sisters playing their fiddles for him.

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country, in circumstances such as these incidental expenses can add up. So, when family friend Linda Rosser found out Zayden was sick, she decided to organize a Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner supporting the family.

The event takes place at the Selkirk Legion on August 22 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25. There will be a silent auction at the event.

Zayden is undergoing chemotherapy and currently, the plan is for him to undergo four sessions over the next two and a half years.

Rosser says that the Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner will be the first fundraiser that she is planning in the community with more to come so that Zayden's family can be supported throughout their health-care journey.

A fun part of the entertainment for the evening will be Zayden's sisters who will be playing their fiddles at the event.

Rosser said that the tickets to this first event are nearly sold out which has been the fastest she has ever seen tickets be sold for an event.

Residents can call her to purchase a dinner ticket but for those that can't make it to the event a support ticket, which doesn't get them a seat at the

dinner but instead is a donation of any amount they'd like, can be purchased.

Residents are also welcome to participate in the silent auction at the event without a dinner ticket.

In addition, Rosser is asking for people from the community to step up and donate towards the silent auction prizes. If this is a way that you would like to help please give Rosser a call.

If you would like to support the family directly there is also a bank account set up to receive donations at the local BMO.

Thomas is thankful and glad to find that so many people in our community are willing to help Zayden.

"The amount of support has been phenomenal," she said.

To purchase tickets or offer your support in another way contact Rosser at 204-482-5556.



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Zayden Thomas is undergoing chemotherapy treatments and funds are being raised for the family through a Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner.

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Grain Ave. Gang kids work together to run successful lemonade stand

Endeavour raises \$3000 for Cancercare Manitoba Foundation

By Katelyn Boulanger

Kids and their parents on Grain Ave in Selkirk got together on July 16 to do some good in our community. The group of neighbourhood kids which includes Nolan Fenske, Quinn Fenske, Sveya Hamm, Taylee Hamm, Aiden Mclean, Ella Mclean, Owen Van Den Bossche, Lily Veitch, Madelyn Veitch, and Charlotte Zastre-Finney raised over \$3000 at their Lemonade Stand for Hope which supported the Cancercare Manitoba Foundation.

The idea for the lemonade stand came from parents Aimee Zastre and Lauren Maclean.

"Lauren and I had been to [a lemonade stand event like this] in 2019. Most of us have had cancer that affected our lives but her kids lost their father to cancer and I had lost my father to cancer. In 2018, they lost their father and I lost my father in 2019. So, it holds a special place in our heart," said Zastre.

The group that put this together refers to themselves as the Grain Gang and are a group of seven families on Grain Ave. with young kids that are all friends.

"We signed up through Cancercare Manitoba and they sent us a package with the sign and some temporary tattoos and lemonade and whatnot. Then we created a team page so people could donate directly there and

we all made posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages and on Meanwhile in Selkirk," said Zastre.

Between the online posts and the attention grabbing signs that the kids made and brought to Main St. to wave at passing motorists, friends, family and people who wanted to support them came by with generous donations.

Nolan who was part of the crew directing traffic to the lemonade stand said he had a good time and that the signs worked to get people to swing by.

The lemonade stand was only up for a few hours but it was fully stocked with cookies, iced tea, baked treats, popcorn, goodie bags, hotdogs and, of course, lemonade.

Taylee said that her favourite part was selling to their customers.

Charlotte agreed and said that in addition to selling her favourite part was seeing people's smiles and how happy they were.

"I thought it was pretty touching. There were a couple of people that did stop by. They saw the signs on Main Street. They stopped by and they told us their personal experience of what they went through. They thought it was touching that we were doing this to help support Cancercare and I thought it was nice that those people stopped over just to thank us



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The Grain Ave kids that ran the lemonade stand.

for that," said Mclean.

The group made colourful tie-dye shirts for the occasion and the parents think that this is something that they will continue to do with their kids every year because of the positive recep-

tion that it received and the message of giving that the kids get from it.

"It was just so nice seeing everybody be a community and everybody coming together. We all put in our effort to make that goal," said Mclean.



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Local Fixing Feral Felines group reminds residents to spay and neuter

Summer is the best time to help control stray and feral cat populations

By Katelyn Boulanger

Fixing Feral Felines, a local group dedicated to helping reduce the overpopulation of stray and feral cats, wants to remind residents that this is the best time of year to get cats spayed and neutered.

"Our main goal is to reduce the breeding and the suffering of the cat population. We are not a rescue. Our main goal is to get people access to low cost, spay and neuters," said Veronica Walsh, coordinator of Fixing Feral Felines.

"There are things that [residents] can do to help rescues and us who are working with this crisis. It really is a crisis in this province."

Walsh said that before COVID-19 took place there was already an overpopulation problem when it came to stray and feral cats but because of the pandemic, veterinary care for these cats was more difficult to find and populations rose even higher.

She wants residents to know that now is the time to trap and spay and neuter stray cats as the fall can be too late.

"October, November, and they start calling and [some residents] expect immediate answers. That's not going to happen [because we are so busy that time of year]," said Walsh.

In addition to now being a great time to beat the rush of people helping cats before the cold weather comes, spaying and neutering cats in the summer is better for the cat's recovery as the cats can't be left to recover outside when the weather gets too cold.

Walsh says that she started Fixing Feral Felines with a small group of other volunteers after being part of Pawed Pals in Selkirk. She wanted to help reduce the pet population before the animals had to be rescued and helping people connect with spay and neutering resources was a logical step.

Walsh says it's also incredibly important to fix cats and reduce the population for overall ecosystem health.

"Cats are an invasive species. They are eating up the birds. They're eating the rodents, they're eating the frogs. They're eating the chipmunks. If we don't have birds, amphibians and rodents who's going to keep the insects under control? A lot of these insects are what's bringing the disease. Also, [the cats] are eating up the food source for the coyotes, the hawks, the eagles and the larger birds. Well, what are they going to eat?" she said.

Fixing Feral Felines works out of the Cooks Creek/Garson area but provides connections for residents seeking low cost spay and neuter services for stray and feral cats throughout the province including the Interlake.

"I provide services to anybody in Manitoba who calls me and says, 'I have cats here that, I need to get spayed and neutered.' I work with five vets, including a new one – two are located in Winnipeg, one is in Steinbach, and the other one is in Oakbank. I also educate myself about the other programs and services in other areas. So, anybody that calls me I will try to help them in some way or another or get the information about what's in their area and who they can call. So, I basically am located wherever my phone is," she said.

Walsh says that she has plans for the first of a series of spay and neuter clinics in St. Clements this weekend on August 5 and would like those who might benefit to contact her so that she can share information.

She is planning for more clinics to take place between now and the busy fall season as well and is hoping that anyone who knows of cat overpopulation areas or even has a small group of cats that they or a friend or family member are feeding can get into contact.

It's important to spay and neuter cats at this time of year because if even one female cat is out there having kittens the population can get out of control very quickly. Cat pregnancies only last about nine weeks and mother cats can go back into heat very quickly after giving birth. Female cats can also start going into heat as early as four months of age.

"You can triple your population in a period of seven months. You take mom and dad, you have more kittens and then four months later, these kittens are getting pregnant, and two months later, the other kittens are having kittens. You can [exponentially grow] your population in a very quick time, and it totally gets out of control. We took a mama off the street, and within a week at my place, she had six babies, and five of those were females. That's a disaster waiting to happen," said Walsh.

Luckily, Walsh says that cats can be spayed and neutered as early as four months of age as long as they are healthy and weigh 1500g for females and 1000g for males.

If you know of a population of cats



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A cat that Walsh was able to help.


in need and would like to chat with Walsh about low cost spay and neuter options and the best ways that you can work with Fixing Feral Felines for the best outcomes for the cats, Walsh is available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Fixing-Feral-Felines/100083359657758/>, by email at fffelines@gmail.com and by phone at 204-803-0855.

Residents who would like to donate to Fixing Feral Felines can also get in


touch with Walsh to donate directly.

Walsh says she knows it can be overwhelming but the best thing you can do for the cats is to act sooner than later.

"Act now. Don't delay. Don't wait until you've got more cats or kittens. Don't wait until the cat is pregnant and ready to give birth," she said.



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MB government invests \$1.5 million in projects to reduce carbon emissions

Conservation and Climate Fund supports initiatives to build opportunities ahead

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is awarding \$1.5 million in grants from the Conservation and Climate Fund to support projects that will protect the environment and bolster a green economy in Manitoba, Environment and Climate Minister Kevin Klein announced July 28.

“Our government is proud to support these innovative projects that further reduce carbon emissions, create good jobs, and build strong, sustainable and prosperous communities,” said Klein. “These initiatives will advance our government’s priority to transition to a low-carbon economy, while maintaining our current status as one of the cleanest economies in Canada and around the world.”

Projects receiving funding include:

- Town of Stonewall – \$150,000 to electrify the mobility service, fleet and infrastructure;
- Red River College Polytech – \$150,000 for an electric school bus conversion and demonstration project;
- Rural Municipality of Ritchot – \$150,000 for a rural car share initiative;
- Farmery Estate Brewing Company Inc. – \$150,000 to reduce carbon emissions from craft brewery production;
- Crossways in Common Inc. – \$150,000 to install electric boilers and solar collection infrastructure;
- S.A.M. Properties Holding Inc. – \$150,000 for the Beaumont Street mixed-income, energy efficient net-zero carbon housing project;
- Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association Inc. – \$47,150 for a municipal bio-mass project;

- Manitoba Organic Alliance Inc. – \$126,500 for a project to reduce the climate footprint of agriculture in Manitoba;

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- Louis Riel School Division Trust Fund-École Howden Parental Advisory Council – \$39,950 to support the École Howden –RAIN garden project;

- Portage la Prairie Regional Library – \$2,500 for a seed library project;

- City of Flin Flon – \$90,000 to support Whitney arena energy-efficient boiler up-grades;

- City of Selkirk – \$65,500 to support energy-efficient furnace up-grades at transit authority building;

- Lake Winnipeg Foundation – \$50,000 to launch a three-year Lake Winnipeg phosphorus data set;

- Rural Municipality of Piney – \$30,400 to support a climate risk assessment and climate adaptation action plan;

- Rural Municipality of Ritchot – \$8,000 to support a native grasslands seeds of sustainability project; and

- Rural Municipality of West St. Paul – \$50,000 to support a food cycler pilot program.

“This funding will allow our mobility service to move away from carbon-based buses to EVs, saving us money while reducing our environmental footprint,” said Mayor Sandra Smith, Town of Stonewall. “The transition to EVs is not easy for organizations with limited resources like the Stonewall and Area Mobility Service, which

include the Town of Stonewall and rural municipalities of Woodlands, Rosser and Rockwood. This funding is a true win for our communities, the province and the environment.”

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Legend of the missing horses of the Grand Beach carousel

Decades old Grand Beach mystery might be solved

By Laura Tutlies

If you don't care for a tale of mystery, stop reading now. Back in 1951, Brett Chesley's grandpa was responsible for the merry-go-round at Grand Beach. Within their cottage at Grand Beach Park, the Chestly family have proudly hung the original licence issued by the R.M. of St. Clements, to allow for operation of the ride.

For many years, when the Canadian National Rail company owned the land, the beautifully carved wooden horses and fanciful merry-go-round were a favoured attraction for young and old at the immensely popular white sand beach and boardwalk of Grand Beach. Those beautifully carved horses have been lost for nearly sixty years. Lost but not forgotten and Chestly has never given up on their whereabouts.

Back in the day, Chesley's grandpa, Jack Velpel managed the merry-go-round. Velpel was not a member of the crew on the Moonlight Express – the Canadian National train that brought folks to the Beach, however, he owned a small cottage in the park across from the doctor's office and was compelled to join the fun along the boardwalk. For six years during the heyday of the Beach, Chestley's grandpa was the guy you paid to ride a painted horse. Today there is an imagined replica of a carousel in Pete's Putt, the mini golf course that Chesley and his wife Karen, restored in 2021 at the corner of Grand Beach Road and Grand Marais Blvd, a few blocks from the entrance to the west gate of Grand Beach.

Chesley grew up with stories of the carousel but never had the privilege of a ride as it was dismantled long before he was born. No one seems exactly certain of the time frame however the boardwalk seems to have lost the carousel sometime in the mid-sixties. Perhaps earlier.

One patron remembers going with her family to the boardwalk where the carousel was the star attraction after the dance hall burned down. "My dad took us to the beach almost every weekend. We would stop at the corner stall at the start of the boardwalk for a hot dog, then we would walk past the "bingo place", to the stand where we could get a candied apple before we stopped at the merry-go-round." She says, "I believe it cost a quarter, but my dad was friends with the operator, so we got to go round and round for hours."

She went on to say, "When the park bought the land from the railway in 1961 the ride was shut down and the horses were sold. I heard someone in Winnipeg Beach bought them."

Likewise, writer Barbara Lange heard tales of the fabled ride and wondered about the fate of the carvings, as she researched for her book *Moonlight Special and Grand Beach Train Era* which was published in 2019. As is the case of legends, the stories told to her were offered by word of mouth from the friend of a friend whose dad or sister was there at the time. Unable to find an original photo of the fabled merry-go-round, she posted a fanciful picture of a carousel in her book and was clear that she was imagining what the Grand Beach ride might have looked like.

There is a picture in an old copy of the R.M. of St. Clements millennium book published years ago which shows a picture of the original carousel in an account of the resorts in what is now the East Beaches.

Jack Velpel was not the only one to run a merry-go-round at the beach. There was also an arcade and Ferris wheel and pony ride at Playland, located on the same block where Pete's Putt exists today. A former owner of Playland confirms that they had their own little horse ride however, neither



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Brett Chesley has potentially solved a decades old Grand Beach mystery.

Playland nor Funland next door to it on Grand Beach Road, acquired the carved horses from Grand Beach.

All who tell the story of the Grand Beach Merry-Go-Round, remain consistent with the belief that the horses went across the Lake to Winnipeg Beach. Earlier this year Chestley happened to come across an ad on Facebook Marketplace regarding a horse's head for sale. He followed up and bought it with the expectation that this might actually be an original carving from the boardwalk merry-go-round that his grandfather used to operate.

On Sunday, August 13 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, the vintage horse's head will be revealed. Chesley has generously shared his find with the East

Beaches Heritage Wing at Community Central in Grand Marais. The purchased artifact is going to be unveiled at the event.

Lange will be there to share details of her research into the carousel. The public is invited to witness the reveal and if you have pictures or stories of the merry-go-round, you are encouraged to bring those memories of the boardwalk to the event. It will be an exciting event that brings history out of storage and into the light.

The event will hopefully help solve the mystery of the missing carvings and the fate of Grand Beach Merry-Go-Round.

Selkirk RCMP investigating fatal single-vehicle collision

Submitted by the Manitoba RCMP

On July 30, at 11:00 p.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision on Henderson Highway (Provincial Road 204), located approximately six kilometers north of Highway 44, in the RM of St. Clements.

Investigators have determined that a vehicle, with four occupants, was travelling northbound when it lost control and entered the ditch. The vehicle subsequently rolled and collided with a utility pole.

The 18-year-old male driver, from the RM of St. Clements, and an 18-year-old female passenger, from Tyndall, were pronounced deceased on scene. The two other occupants, a 17-year-old male and 15-year-old female, were both transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Speed is believed to be a factor in the collision. Selkirk RCMP, along with a Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

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Selkirk-based arts educator showcased at Winnipeg Fringe Fest

By Emma McGill

The Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival has been influential in bringing the spotlight onto Manitoba's art scene for decades, giving artists complete control over their productions and a safe, celebrated place to receive feedback for their work.

Attendees of the festival have easy access to entertainment in a variety of different live mediums: comedy, music, and theatre.

This year, brought to the stage through hard work, passion, and friendship is *A is for Anxiety Apples*, a dramedy made up of a series of vignettes portraying lived experiences of mental illness. The play is written and directed by Kennedy Huckerby, who has collaborated with Elena Modrzejewski, Maggie Davidson, and Brooklyn Alice Lee to advocate for

people's different and often hidden experiences with anxiety, depression, body image and disordered eating.

Modrzejewski, a long-time friend of the director, was introduced to the script in January, and worked with Huckerby and her cast members to prepare the play. Last week, she experienced her debut performance at the Fringe Festival, thanks to her fellow creatives.

"We made the show what it is on account of our friendships," Modrzejewski said. "This show does a really good job of portraying mental health as it exists as a spectrum."

One of the most important things is the play's ability to raise awareness for mental health, something that Modrzejewski believes should be a more prevalent concern in the medical system.

Art like this makes it possible for people to see themselves on the stage and know they're not alone in their struggles, she said.

Modrzejewski grew up in Selkirk and took advantage of every arts program she could in high school. She was in band, acting, and choir, all of which helped her realize the importance of community and having creative outlets in all stages of development.

"The artist and educator I'm able to be today was cultivated in my high school art programming," she said.

She now works teaching both dance and theatre, known as "Miss Elena," at Teulon's Green Acres Arts Centre as well as the Selkirk Dance Association. Through this, she hopes to give her students that important creative outlet, to strengthen the community

and to promote mental wellness.

A is For Anxiety Apples was performed 10 times during Fringe. It received high praise from patrons, who called the show raw, authentic, humorous, and thought-provoking.

"We were interested in putting this show on as a standalone, but we thought that we would have more community access as a part of the festival," said Modrzejewski. "Finally getting to share this with an audience is so much better than rehearsal."

Bringing music and more back to Manitoba Avenue by popular demand

Submitted by the City of Selkirk

Sometimes you gotta give the people what they want, and after last year's turnout for Music on Manitoba, that's exactly what the city is doing.

A large crowd showed up for last year's inaugural street festival on Manitoba Avenue and this year's lineup of entertainment and activities is sure to please as well.

Ellie Longbottom, the city's Culture Coordinator, says the 2022 event was a hit.

"The Music on Manitoba event was popular, we had a crowd of about 2,000 people turn out for it," Longbottom said.

"It was a great atmosphere and people really enjoyed it. Manitoba is shut down from Main to Eveline and not only is there great music to listen to and watch, there's so much culture and history in that one block it's amazing. And this year's event really taps into all of that."

Downtown renewal isn't just a City of Selkirk Community Strategic Plan priority, it's now a reality. The city's new and improved versions of Manitoba Avenue East and Eveline Street

in the downtown have created a place where folks are comfortable walking and riding bikes, taking in the shops and pocket parks and the downtown itself.

Music on Manitoba celebrates that.

Coun. Kelly Cook says opportunities for families, friends and neighbours to gather and immerse themselves in art and culture are important.

"Events like Music on Manitoba are fun and people come out with their kids and grandparents and have a good time," Cook said.

"They're taking in the day and the atmosphere and experiencing aspects of our culture that have built this city and shaped us all. So it's more than a fun outing, it's a chance to learn and I applaud that."

Music on Manitoba performers start at 7 p.m. and include DJ Douzie, Andrina Turenne, and Indian City.

DJ Douzie places the fiddle at the heart of modern music and adds a touch of his Franco-Manitoban and Métis roots to his art and is sure to entertain. Andrina Turenne is a singer, songwriter and musician born and raised in St. Boniface. A former

member of the Juno award-winning group Chic Gamine, she released her first solo album *Bold As Logs* in April 2023 and is planning a Franco-phone EP to be released this fall.

Headliners Indi-

an City is a pop/rock group that was founded in 2012 by the late Vince Fontaine, who passed away suddenly in January 2022 shortly after the release of *Code Red*, the group's fourth album. With blessings from Fontaine's life partner, the band re-emerged in the spring of 2022 and re-released the album on Warner Music Canada on Sept. 30 to coincide with National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

The fun gets started early in the afternoon with a fiddling and jigging contest, in partnership with Manitoba fiddling legend Patti Kusturok. Registration is online at myselkirk.ca/MusiconManitoba – and the contest starts at 2:30 p.m. with jigging up first followed by fiddling at about 4 p.m.

A limited number of participants will be accepted and in person registration the day of will only occur if online registration doesn't fill up.

There are cash prizes in each category. For a full list of categories and rules go to myselkirk.ca/MusiconManitoba.

At 4 p.m. the Makers Market in partnership with Bud and Bloom and the Family Zone curated by

Fête Jockey Events featuring activities for kids and the young at heart, get underway. The market runs until 10 p.m. and the Family Zone wraps up at 8 p.m.

Activities in the Family Zone include an Indigenous hand drumming exhibition with Sweetpea Starr and reading tents with United for Literacy. There's a hula hoop jam with Kurrent Motion and Fit Kids Healthy Kids are hosting a Motion Zone.

Future hockey and golf stars will love the three course mini-putt with hockey sticks and the Selkirk Fire Department will be on site teaching fire safety and giving tours of the fire truck. The fun doesn't stop there, more good times can be had with bubbles, chalk art and so much more.

The city is partnering with the Interlake Art Board (IAB) to present an art crawl with remarkable artisans showcasing and selling their artwork. Those who participate will see artists up close and personal as they work and learn more about their techniques, passions, and commitment to their crafts.

Justine Scramstead, Executive Director of the IAB, says the partnership "seeks to inspire and ignite the passion for creativity in individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities".

"We are thrilled to bring fresh perspectives and dynamic installations that will captivate the imagination of residents and visitors alike," Scramstead said.

"Our joint efforts will result in the transformation of public spaces into vibrant artistic hubs, enriching the cultural fabric of Selkirk. By repurposing underutilized areas, we will create unique platforms for emerging artists to showcase their talent, fostering an environment where creativity flourishes."

Music on Manitoba was made possible thanks in part to a Province of Manitoba Community Celebrations Program delivered under the Arts, Culture and Sport in the Community Fund.

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Wishme store welcomes artist Melanie Halprin to line up

Halprin's glass fusion and word art a joyful addition

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Wishme store in Selkirk features works by many very talented artists. One of those artists is Melanie Halprin who is a glass artist and creator of word art.

Residents will be able to find her colourful pieces which her mother Brenda Halprin describes as joyful in the form of serving dishes, candle holders, garden steaks, bookmarks, and small flat plates which all have fused glass designs as well as spoken word art cards.

Melanie is also non-verbal and lives under the umbrella of autism which makes Wishme, which is a local boutique run by Inclusion Selkirk, a natural fit as far as a space that she and her family would want her art to be a part of.

Halprin says that her daughter had an eye for art from a young age.

"Melanie has always had great colour sense. From the time she was really little, like a toddler, she would line up her crayons all in order before she would start colouring. So, you knew that she knew exactly what she wanted something to look like before she even started," she said.

Melanie's process of creating fused glasswork is all about design. She sits at her family's dining room table and glues the glass together before it finds its way into a kiln which melts the layers of glass together. It's then put in the kiln a second time which heats the glass enough that it melts into the correct shape.

Her word art, though a completely different medium, also makes a statement.

"Melanie prints words that she's memorized from her life, from her environment, and even close caption television. She enjoys filling up white posters full of all the words that she knows. She used to do a lot in colour. But as she's gotten older, she prefers just ink," said Halprin.

Her journey from amateur creator to professional artist came to her in a pretty major way but her mom also describes it as a happy accident.

"A friend of ours sent one of Melanie's word art cards to a friend in Amsterdam. And that friend who had received the card had a friend over who was an artist in residence at a famous art institute there. And he actually got in touch with us and asked if he could buy a couple of pieces of Melanie's original artwork," said Halprin.

In the beginning, they didn't know what to charge for her work and so didn't pursue the opportunity, however, the artist reached out again when there was a show at the art institute and he wanted to feature Melanie's work.

"Melanie literally went from Mom and Dad's fridge to an art show in Amsterdam, one of the leading places in the world for art," said Halprin.

As for the connection to Wishme in Selkirk, it came from Inclusion Selkirk's Executive Director, Maria Freeman. Freeman received a piece of Melanie's work as a gift and reached out to see if she would be interested in being part of Wishme.



Melanie Halprin (centre) with her parents at Wishme.

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Halprin said that they wanted to support a store like Wishme which supports people with intellectual disabilities.

Melanie was also part of the recent Garden & Art Tour stop at Wishme.

"They've welcomed her and the Wishme customers have been so generous in purchasing Melanie's art, and she's doing very well there," said Halprin.

Any artist in our community can take part in supporting Inclusion Selkirk through being part of Wishme and the community of acceptance and inclusion that they create by reaching out to them.

Halprin also encourages residents to check out the offerings at Wishme which, of course, include Melanie's work.

"You have to see it [in person to see] that

pure joy that she sees in her life and is related in what she's writing down and what she's doing with her glass," said Halprin.

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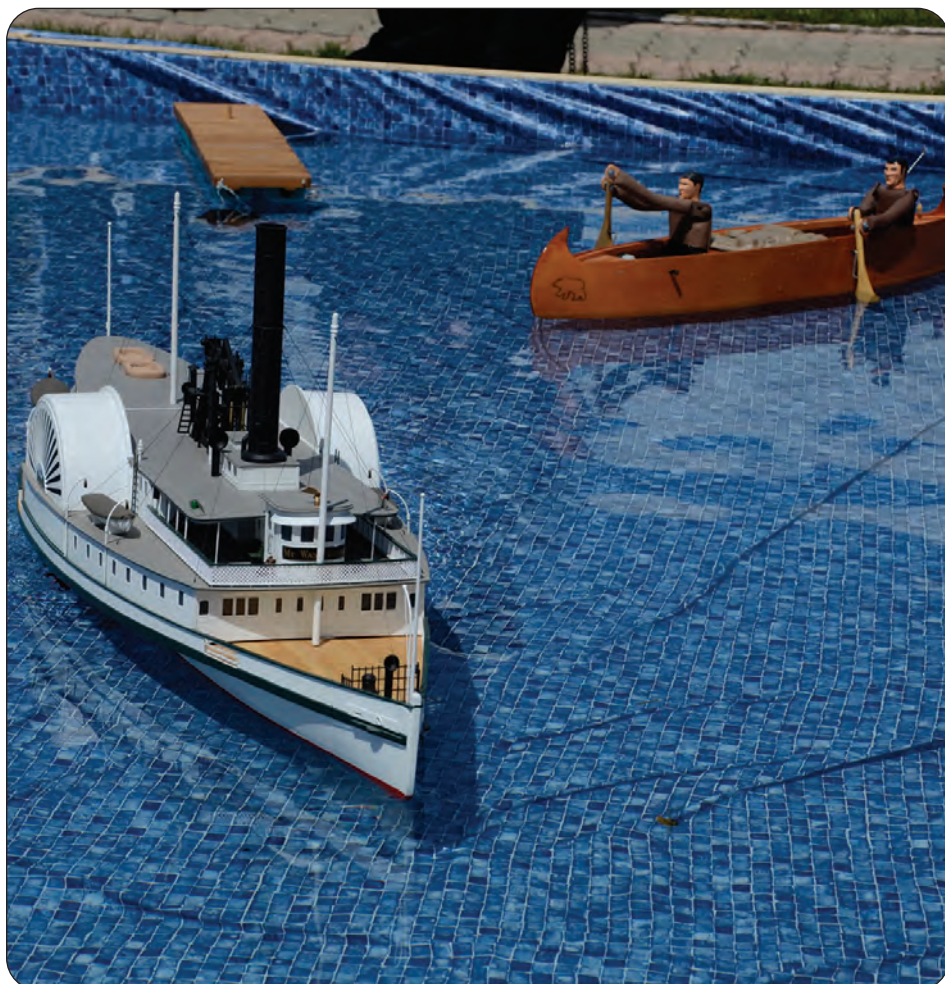
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The Winnipeg Model Boat Club delighted crowds at the Marine Museum of Manitoba in Selkirk Park last weekend. Residents got to see and learn about model boats which represented many eras of local marine history.



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Investment in retention, training and recruitment of health-care providers increased

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is significantly expanding its Health Human Resource Action Plan, nearly doubling its total investment to approximately \$400 million with a number of new incentives and initiatives as part of ongoing efforts to hire 2,000 health-care providers and improve care for patients across the province, Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced last week.

"The Health Human Resource Action Plan has significantly aided our government's efforts to address global staffing challenges being felt here in Manitoba, making it easier to retain, train and recruit health-care professionals," said Gordon. "We are building on that momentum with new and expanded incentives to further strengthen our health-care system workforce and enhance patient care for all Manitobans."

The action plan, initially announced in November 2022, is being expanded to include a number of new incentives and supports for physicians, nurses and allied health staff. Developed in consultation and collaboration with labour unions, Doctors Manitoba, system leaders and front-line staff, these new incentives continue to focus on the three pillars of the action plan: retention, training and recruitment.

These new initiatives include:

- more opportunities for paramedics in rural and northern Manitoba to grow in their careers;
- practice-ready assessments for physicians;
- supports for internationally educated nurses; and
- a renewed focus on system and staff wellness including recruitment of a chief wellness officer.

"These new incentives and increased opportunities for members of our allied health workforce strengthen our efforts to retain, recruit and train highly skilled health-care workers right here in Manitoba," said Helen Clark, chief operating officer of emergency response services and chief allied health officer, Shared Health. "They also ensure that Manitoba is – and will remain – an attractive and competitive location for health-care workers from across Canada."

New incentives will be rolled out in the coming months and follow the successful implementation of a number of similar initiatives announced over the past nine months for Manitoba's nursing workforce, as well as efforts to position Manitoba as a destination of choice for health-care workers from across the country and around the world, the minister noted.

More than 300 internationally educated nurses from the Philippines have now accepted offers of employment to work at various sites throughout Manitoba and are beginning to work through immigration and licensing processes.

The action plan supplements incentives and initiatives contained within various health-care system collective agreements.

"Our government remains committed to improving the health-care system for those working in it and for Manitobans who rely on it," said Gordon. "We will continue to work with physicians and staff from all levels of the health-care system towards a shared goal of a stronger workforce that provides safe patient, client, and resident care closer to home for all Manitobans."

The Manitoba government is also providing more than \$3.6 million through a new \$10-million Labour Market Fund to add health-care training seats at three post-secondary in-

stitutions.

"Our government is committed to healing health care, and these additional seats will help us to meet the labour needs of our health-care system to ensure more Manitobans have access to the care they need, when they need it," said Advanced Education and Training Minister Sarah Guillemard. "This investment complements other recent initiatives to increase the number of health-care professionals working in our province in support of our Health Human Resource Action Plan including recruiting more than 300 internationally educated nurses to practise in Manitoba and increasing nursing education in Manitoba by adding 400 seats across multiple institutions."

More than \$2 million is being provided to Assiniboine Community College to support training of an additional 70 licensed practical nurses in Brandon and Winnipeg, Guillemard

noted. Licensed practical nurses are regulated health-care professionals who receive two years of training to provide care in a variety of health-care settings.

The University of Manitoba will receive \$1.2 million to support a 20-seat expansion in the 2024-25 bachelor of respiratory therapy program. The addition of 20 seats will bring the total seat capacity in the program to 40 seats. Ten seats will be reserved for Indigenous and northern applicants, Guillemard said.

In addition, the Manitoba government is providing more than \$226,000 to Red River College Polytechnic to support the expansion of the medical radiologic technologists and magnetic resonance imaging technologists programs, and \$94,000 to support the expansion of the advanced care paramedic program.

"Our government is committed to investing in people," said Gordon. "These new training seats will ensure there is an ongoing stream of highly skilled and dedicated health-care providers who can work in our system for years to come."

For more information on the Health Human Resource Action Plan, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/hhrap/index.html.

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Community Paramedics Service cites cancelled appointments, care delays in IERHA

By Patricia Barrett

A Selkirk-based transportation service that takes patients in wheelchairs to and from medical appointments in the Interlake and beyond says it has been asked to stop offering its service between hospitals, leaving patients struggling to find alternative transport.

John MacKay, owner of Community Paramedics Service (CPS), says that among other wheelchair transport companies operating in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, his company has been unfairly singled out.

This comes after a successful pilot project CPS undertook with the provincial government and the IERHA during the pandemic to get patients moved between hospitals and care homes in various regions of the province, he said. After the pilot ended, the IERHA continued to use CPS for non-stretcher transport. In the last year and a half, CPS completed about 6,000 transfers, helping “solve transportation problems” in the region.

CPS’ hospital transfers came to an end this May, he said, a few months after the province launched a dedicated stretcher service for Selkirk, Brandon and Morden-Winkler.

“I think it’s because we [CPS] were so successful with the model we created in this region, that I guess we weren’t allowing the stretcher service to be successful,” said MacKay.

He was told by government authorities that Manitoba legislation pertaining to stretcher services was applicable to the service he was providing, he said. But there’s nothing in the Emergency Medical Response and Stretcher Transportation Act that pertains to wheelchairs.

He said he thinks the government is “over-extending their reach” to prove they’ve been “effective” in contracting a stretcher service [for rural areas] and “excluding one business out of all the other wheelchair transportation services.”

The *Record* checked with a Handi-van service (wheelchair service) in the Interlake and was told they’re allowed to transport patients between hospitals.

The *Record* obtained a memo dated July 14, 2023, on IERHA letterhead that states acute care staff are not to use CPS for interfacility transfers, not to speak with CPS staff and direct media inquiries to IERHA communications.

MacKay, a retired paramedic, said he started CPS in 2019. He hired off-duty and retired paramedics to escort stable patients in wheelchairs to their medical appointments. Despite his

and his staff’s health-care credentials, he said he is not an ambulance service.

“We’re not giving medication or doing the job that we do as paramedics,” said MacKay. “We’re just escorts.”

Should someone suffer a medical emergency en route, MacKay said CPS staff call 911 like other wheelchair services.

MacKay said the directive to stop operating between hospitals has cost him 80 per cent of his business. It’s also “directly translated into people not getting to their appointments.”

MacKay said he’s been told by medical staff and patients that the government’s contracted stretcher service isn’t available when it’s needed or that it’s “too expensive,” and medical and diagnostic appointments are being missed.

“[Families] have taken [their loved ones] out of the hospital in order to get them to their appointments,” said MacKay.

Michelle Kalma and her husband, who live in Beausejour, are one of the families who experienced delayed medical care because of a lack of transportation. They took matters into their own hands to get a loved one access to the cancer treatment she desperately needed after being faced with “multiple” delays.

Michelle Kalma said her mother-in-law had a significant fall about a month or so ago and was admitted to Beausejour hospital, where it was decided she needed to have a CT scan of her head.

“Her CT appointment was cancelled I think three times because the hospital couldn’t get transportation,” said Kalma. “She was supposed to go on a Monday but couldn’t get there until Thursday. They finally got her an ambulance, and when [she had her scan], they found she had a brain tumour.”

The following week, her mother-in-law was booked for an appointment with CancerCare in Winnipeg for radiation treatment, but it had to be cancelled because Beausejour hospital couldn’t get transport.

“[Beausejour] was planning on sending her by Handi-van but decided she would have to go by ambulance because she had a seizure the night before. So we had to wait for an [available] ambulance,” said Kalma. “They cancelled two or three times throughout the day, saying, ‘No can’t do it now, can’t do it now.’”

Her mother-in-law was very upset and didn’t think she’d get her treatment.

“She was devastated when she missed that appointment. She was in tears. She said, ‘I don’t think this is



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CPS takes patients in wheelchairs to and from medical appointments in the Interlake and beyond.

going to happen, I’m not going to get this treatment,” said Kalma. “It was heart-wrenching.”

The radiation appointment was rescheduled the following week, and Kalma and her family decided to check her mother-in-law out of the hospital and hire MacKay’s service to drive her to Winnipeg as they just “couldn’t rely on the region,” she said.

Kalma’s husband contacted the IERHA to discuss transportation issues and the resulting delay in patient care.

“If she would have had her CT the day she was supposed to, that would have got things going quicker with CancerCare and she might have had her treatments sooner. During the wait, she ended up having seizures. She might have been able to avoid those if she got treatment sooner,” said Kalma. “This is a delay of care. This has caused undue hardship, pain and stress for our family. And stress for her.”

The IERHA referred the *Record* questions to the province’s Shared Health organization.

Helen Clark, Shared Health’s chief operating officer of emergency response services and chief allied health officer, spoke with the *Record* regarding MacKay’s claims.

Clark said Shared Health is not a “regulator” but it does define what patients are appropriate for specific modes of transportation (i.e., ambulance, stretcher, wheelchair) based on their health status. Regulatory authorities such as the College of Paramedics “come into play” regarding what it means when someone holds themselves out as a “health corporation.”

“What appears to be part of the problem is the way [MacKay] holds himself out in the description of his business and the types of patients he accepts. He’s representing himself as a medical transport service, which he is not,” said Clark. “He calls himself a community paramedic service, but what the industry typically recognizes as a community paramedic service is a service model within the health-care system. He’s not a community paramedic service.”

If MacKay advertised his business as a wheelchair service, it would be less problematic, said Clark. But because the business is also associating itself with paramedic service, it can be misleading.

“You set up an expectation by the public and potentially by some of our facilities who may not be familiar with all the requirements. They might think, ‘This is a paramedic; therefore, I am safe to have my patient transported by this individual,’ and when there’s no governing authority ensuring a vehicle is properly inspected according to the requirements of the vehicles-for-hire bylaws,” said Clark.

Some of the requirements include ensuring a wheelchair is appropriately secured inside a transport vehicle and that the finish on the inside of the vehicle is appropriate to ensure infection prevention and control guidelines, she said.

“How is it cleaned out? Does it have carpeting on the interior where it probably shouldn’t? All of those kinds of things are required from a medical perspective. Those same kinds of requirements aren’t neces-

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sarily applied to a wheelchair service, other than safely securing the wheelchair," said Clark. "But the minute you start advertising yourself as some kind of medical service, it introduces a different layer of expectation for the public. It can confuse the public as to what exactly the service they're purchasing provides versus being very clear that you're essentially a taxi service for people who are unable to self-ambulate."

Wheelchair services, provincewide, used to be regulated by the Taxi Board until The Municipal Act was changed to give municipalities responsibility to exercise power over vehicles for hire, which include wheelchair services and taxis, she said, and it's not clear whether CPS holds a business licence to operate as a vehicle for hire.

The Record reached out to the City of

Selkirk for information about licensing.

If wheelchair and stretcher services are asked to transport patients with health care needs that don't fit that model of transportation, Clark said they're expected to decline those patients by saying, "You're asking me to transport a patient beyond my capability; I cannot accept them."

With regard to patient transport data since the start of the province's rural stretcher service, Clark said Shared Health has to analyze the first three months' worth of data.

"We've got a lot of further work to do before we can say definitively here's what we're observing," she said. "But the service is absolutely picking up volume that otherwise would've tied up our ambulance services. We know that's the case."

The stretcher service model, which is licensed and inspected by the province, transfers low acuity patients on stretchers, sometimes with accompanying medical staff if required.

This transport model is something Shared Health wants to expand in rural areas as a successful stretcher model already operates in Winnipeg, easing pressure on Winnipeg's Fire Paramedic Service.

"In an ideal world, we would be expanding stretcher service capability across most communities in Manitoba because we know there are patients who don't require an ambulance," said Clark.

She added there's still a need for wheelchair services in rural areas, and the new stretcher service is not competing with them as it's a "different kind of service."

Trish Bergal, executive director and registrar of the College of Paramed-



Community Paramedics Service has a bariatric (obese) unit that transports patients in wheelchairs to medical appointments.

ics of Manitoba, told the Record that because of confidentiality, she cannot discuss MacKay's claims.

Gimli International Film Festival feature film review: Showing Up

By Autumn Fehr

There is something impressive about a film that follows a simple storyline and setting while keeping the viewer asking, "what is going to happen next?" Intertwined with emotion, drama and humour, these characteristics push the story forward.

The comedy-drama film Showing Up (2023) follows this exact formula. The film is co-written and directed by Kelly Reichardt, a critically acclaimed director making her debut film in 1994 with River of Grass. Her film Old Joy won several awards and notably was the first American film to win the Tiger Award at the Rotterdam Film Festival in 2006. Other films directed by Reichardt include Wendy and Lucy, Meek's Cutoff, Night Moves, and Certain Women. Reichardt is currently in post-production for her new film, First Cow.

This is Reichardt's fourth collaboration with actress Michelle Williams, where she plays Lizzy, a sculptor and arts administrator for her mother at the Oregon College of Art and Craft. Showing Up also stars prominent actress Hong Chau, who played Liz in the Academy Award-winning film The Whale in 2022. In this film, Chau plays Jo, Lizzy's landlord, neighbour, and rival artist, who often spars with her. Other actors include Maryann Plunkett, John Magaro, André Benjamin, Amanda Plummer, James Le Gros, and Judd Hirsch.

Showing Up is a new take on self-reflection and creativity. This film juggles realities like troublesome relationships, change, mental illness and the stigma around it. The film follows Lizzy in the days leading up to a possibly career-changing exhibition as

she navigates her relationships with family, friends, and colleagues.

Throughout the film, Reichardt showcases Lizzy's clay sculptures of women in joyful or anguished movement to depict emotion, perhaps the feelings that she is grappling with right at that moment. Numerous shots focused on Lizzy creating in her space follow her self-reflection journey. Reichardt showcases various scenes of other artists that viewers don't get to know personally, partaking in creativity with nude shoots, sculpting and painting. It seems as though Lizzy gets caught up with the work of art as a job instead of enjoying the process. Conflict in her relationships hinders her from enjoying and celebrating her work. Instead,

Lizzy focuses on the situations of the people around her.

Viewers are forced to interpret the world the way Lizzy sees it. With her brother's mental illness, viewers don't know that much, and it feels like she doesn't either. As a viewer, you are forced to interact with the characters through the glimpses you see through Lizzy's eyes. She has strained relationships with all her family members.

Let's talk about the critiques of this film.

Overall, the editing process could have tightened the movie to cut off some run time. These shots leave the audience wanting something more where something could have been left out. Showing Up felt more like a short

film, although it was a feature-length.

A quote from Lizzy's brother, Sean, sums up the movie well. He tells her, "You have to listen to what isn't being said."

When Lizzy hears this, she is taken aback, and it turns her self-reflection process in a new direction. As someone who likes to fix things, these words make her step back and realize that it's not the solution for every situation.

We can all appreciate the power of simplicity and strong emotion within a film. It allows viewers to engage and immerse in the movie, just as moviegoers could with Showing Up.

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Gimli International Film Festival kicks off 23 years of cinematic art

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli International Film Festival rolled out the red carpet last Wednesday to celebrate the launch of five days of cinematic arts from Manitoba, Canada and the world.

Members of the film industry, dignitaries, residents and film buffs gathered at Johnson Hall in the Waterfront Centre to get the 23rd iconic beach-side festival underway.

As it has each year since it was founded, the festival brings a striking lineup of feature films, documentaries and short films and blockbusters on Gimli Beach, as well as workshops, panels and awards. This year's festival showcased over 90 films, including Indigenous and LGBTQ+ films.

After Indigenous Elder Ruth Christie provided a blessing to open the festival, GIFF founder and retired senator Janis Johnson paid tribute to an outstanding contributor to Canada's cinematic arts.

Visual researcher and clearance specialist Elizabeth Klinck made a significant contribution to documentary filmmaking, working for PBS, the National Film Board of Canada, the BBC and History Television among others. Johnson presented her with GIFF's Alda Award for her dedication to the industry.

"People who work with Elizabeth remark upon her extraordinary gifts as a visual researcher in a wide range of subjects including Canadian and European history, politics, human rights and music. And just about everyone from directors to the audience agree that films are always better for being 'Klincked,'" said Johnson.

Klinck thanked the festival for the honour, saying Manitoba is very near and dear to her heart.

"It was at the Winnipeg Film Group 43 years ago that I received that very important first job in the film industry. The friends and colleagues I made during the years I was here in Winni-



Elizabeth Klinck (left) received the Alda Award from GIFF founder Janis Johnson.

peg remained steadfast, and I count them among my closest friends to this day," said Klinck. "Over the years, I have had the great privilege of working on many excellent Manitoba productions and working with editors, directors and producers who are the very finest in Canada."

Lt. Gov. of Manitoba Anita Neville said the films GIFF showcases have the power to entertain and challenge film-goers, and lets them experience the world anew.

"Whether we're watching experimental short films in a small venue in Gimli or enjoying a blockbuster on Gimli Beach, the imagination and artistry of these creators brings us together for a special moment," said Neville.

Provincial sport, culture and heritage minister Obby Khan cracked up attendees when he told a story about his attendance at last year's festival after he was newly elected MLA.

"[Johnson] said [to me], 'Congratulations on your election.' I say, 'Thank you very much and you are?' She says, 'I'm Janis Johnson.' [I said], 'Cool. What do you do?' And she goes, 'I'm kind of involved [with the festival] a little bit.' I said, 'That nice, see you later.' Ten minutes later she gets up



RECORD PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

GIFF executive director and emcee Alan Wong (centre) on the red carpet with MP James Bezan, GIFF founder Janis Johnson, MLA and agriculture minister Derek Johnson, MLA and sport, culture and heritage minister Obby Khan and Gimli mayor Kevin Chudd.



Manitoba's Lt. Gov. Anita Tache.



Gimli residents and film buffs (from left) Isabelle Kim Perring, Susie Stevenson and Kathy Campbell.

to give an introduction and I have never been more red in my life," said Khan to peals of laughter.

People from far and wide come to GIFF each year, said Khan, and Manitoba's media production industry has averaged \$260 million over the past five years. Over the past decade, Manitoba has attracted over \$1.5 billion in production activity, which is "no small feat."

Other guest speakers included Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, who said Johnson is the inspiration behind GIFF and has created a "destination" in Gimli, and Gimli mayor Kevin Chudd, who thanked Gimli residents, businesses, volunteers and dignitaries for helping support the festival year after year.



From left Justin and Don Steinmetz are stars of the screen. They've been putting up the 20-by-25-foot screen on Gimli Beach since 2022. Tornados aside, the screen can withstand a bit of wind as it has tiny holes in it. Justin uses a rope to roll the screen up and down each night.

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Gimli International Film Festival receives record-breaking short film submissions

By Autumn Fehr

For 23 years, the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) has been a staple in the community; locals and non-locals travel far and wide to see outstanding cinematography.

Last year, things were more serious for the festival with their re-brand, and the branding reflected that.

This year, the iconic rural film festival was back for its 23rd annual year with spunk in its step, a pop of colour and a funky feel.

"Because we are no longer in the pandemic, we really wanted to celebrate and make things fun and colourful," said Alan Wong, the director of the GIFF for the second year running.

As a moviegoer and spectator, it felt like the festival had come back to life in a new way.

Filmmakers and actors were ready to return, and the numbers showed.

This year, a record-breaking number of short films were submitted to the GIFF. The festival received almost 1,400 short film submissions.

GIFF celebrated the filmmakers and actors in an award reception on July 29 at the Waterfront Centre, at the heart of Gimli, to celebrate all the films and the resilient storytellers that moved them.

Many awards were presented, but there was a common throughline that these recipients were passionate about the film industry and had been a part of something special to them.

GIFF championed many Indigenous storytellers, too, some winning multiple awards.

Phyllis Laing received GIFF's 'Living the Dream' award, a signature award in memory of Jack Clements. Norma Bailey, Canadian film writer, producer, director, and member of the GIFF board, was presented with the honourable award.

"The reason why this award was presented is because when Jack was ill in 2006, the community rallied," she said in her speech as she received the award.

Laing has contributed significantly to the Manitoba film industry over her career. In 1994, she started Buffalo Gal Pictures, an independent TV and film production company that has produced 20 feature films, ten television dramas, eight documentaries, and over 50 hours of television series.

"Producing isn't always living the dream; it's usually living the nightmare," she said.

"It's like gardening. Every year, there are new plants, new things to admire."

As she held her well-deserved award, she left the crowd with some



The Betty Schwartz Memorial Volunteer Achievement Award was presented to Don Steinmetz, right, who has been volunteering at the GFF for the past 23 years.

final, inspiring words.

"Carry on, Manitoba. Live the dream," Laing.

A film shot almost entirely in the Interlake area, *Arutinae* is a melding of dream-logic and wry mystery following the up-and-coming indie musician Billie Christie on a pilgrimage to the former home of her musical idol, Inge Shielke.

This feature film, exploring big, abstract ideas, did not go unnoticed. *Arutinae* took home Best Acting Performance for Zorya Arrow's role and the Best Manitoba Director award for Erin Buelow's phenomenal film.

Twice Colonized received the Grand Jury Prize award, the major prize of the festival given to the top doc or feature film selected by an independent jury.

The project began with a coffee date between director Lin Alluna and screenwriter Aaju Peter eight years ago. The film ended up being a seven-year project of filming and collaboration. It follows renowned Inuit layer Aaju Peter on her journey to reclaim her language and culture.

Alluna wasn't able to attend in person to accept her award, but she sent in a video call that was played for attendees.

"Your experience is your power, and you can use that to make a difference," she said over the video.



RECORD PHOTOS BY DEVON FEHR
Phyllis Laing received GIFF's 'Living the Dream' award.

Out of all the awards that were given out that evening, the Betty Schwartz Memorial Volunteer Achievement Award had a special place in the hearts of long-time attendees, supporters, and all those that have made the film festival possible over the past 23 years.

Before Janis Johnson, founder of the GIFF, presented the award, she passed on the torch to the younger generations, asking the young people in the room to carry on the film festival.

The award was presented to Don Steinmetz, the only person besides Johnson working on the festival since the start.

"It's been a family even with them," said Johnson, about the Steinmetz family, Don's wife Sue, and their kids Justin and Rochelle, who took on the festival like their own.

"It's been a journey. The early years of the festival - at the time, it was very challenging. With the help and support of my friends, family and volunteering, it's always worked out," said Steinmetz.



Zorya Arrow



Erin Buelow

People from all over Canada attend the festival.

"There were some small changes this year, but we really wanted to just bring people back to have a big celebration and make people feel at home. It's great that the filmmakers came back and the guests came back, so it's been a big success," said Wong.

The GIFF has contributed to playing a role in this fight toward amplifying marginalized voices and showcasing films that tell unheard stories that the world needs to hear.

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Funding for Agricultural Research and Training Facility at University of Manitoba announced

Submitted by Manitoba government

The governments of Canada and Manitoba are investing up to \$6.4 million to establish the Prairie Crops and Soils Research Facility (PCSRF) at the Fort Garry campus of the University of Manitoba, federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Manitoba Advanced Education and Training Minister Sarah Guillemard and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced last week.

“A great deal of our agriculture industry’s success comes from research and skill development. This investment not only creates local, collaborative opportunities in the short-term, it also lays the foundation for a growing research community that will create more agricultural innovations in the future,” said Bibeau.

Manitoba Advanced Education and Training is providing funding of up to \$5.9 million in capital investment over three years, and the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) is providing up to \$500,000 to create a new state-of-the-art 20,000-sq.-ft. facility to find solutions to critical questions about our food supply.

“This facility promotes industry-government-academia collaboration that positions Manitoba as a national leader in agricultural research, in-

novation and education,” said Guillemard. “The PCSRF will provide incredible training and research opportunities for students in the agricultural field, helping them gain valuable experience in a sector that is continuously advancing.”

The total budget for the PCSRF is \$20.7 million, including investments from agricultural industry organizations. The new facility is set to be operational by June 2026.

“Manitoba has always offered world-class research, innovation and training that benefits crop producers and grain markets, and today we are making sure we continue to attract top researchers and students,” said Johnson. “This investment ensures that we enhance the resiliency and sustainability of Manitoba’s agriculture and agri-processing sectors for years to come.”

The PCSRF will meet the emerging needs of our food system that Canadian farmers and the industry can innovate in a wide range of areas including nutrient management, cropping systems, digital agronomy and breeding. This initiative was developed through a multi-year consultation with agronomists, entomologists, pathologists, plant breeders, geneticists, soil scientists and other stakeholders in the industry.

“This is a significant investment

that will greatly enhance our capacity for research, education programs, and collaborations with producers for more sustainable crop production,” said Martin Scanlon, dean, faculty of agricultural and food sciences, UM. “The PCSRF sets the stage for our researchers to develop an integrated approach to robust agronomic systems that will benefit Western Canadian producers and consumers across Canada for years to come. At the same time this will allow our students to become the next generation of agri-food leaders.”

The current facility at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba is nearing the end of its lifespan, and this new facility will expand and modernize agronomic research and training. The PCSRF will improve the quantity, quality, and efficiency of seed, soil, and plant sample processing, analysis and archiving, and will integrate of soil, crop, entomology, livestock, and engineering research for creative sustainable crop production solutions.

The ministers noted this initiative aligns with the Manitoba government’s priorities of strategic investments that advance education, as well as developing economic growth opportunities in sustainable agriculture.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3.5

billion investment by Canada’s federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada’s agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities, and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

For more information about the Sustainable CAP agreement, visit <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/departement/initiatives/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>.

For more information about the Manitoba Agriculture programs, visit <https://www.manitoba.ca/scap/>.

New regulations to improve testing for chronic wasting disease

Submitted by Manitoba government

Ahead of the 2023 hunting season, the Manitoba government has introduced new amendments to the Wildlife Protection Regulation to simplify data collection and provide more options for hunters to engage in the mandatory sample requirements for chronic wasting disease (CWD), Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt announced Monday.

“Our government has shown our commitment to taking action to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease,” said Nesbitt. “Budget 2023 committed \$880,000 to increase the capacity of Manitoba’s mandatory sample program and these new amendments will further improve sampling efforts for hunters. Early detection and improving our testing capacity is key to developing effective strategies to protect wildlife populations today and into the future.”

CWD is an incurable, fatal disease that affects members of the deer family (cervids) including mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and cari-

bou. The discovery of the first positive cases of CWD late in 2021 prompted the Manitoba government, through its Wildlife Health Program, to expand its surveillance and prevention program in 2022. The 2022-23 hunting season saw a substantial increase in biological sample submissions – up to 6,000, compared to an average of 1,000 before CWD was discovered in Manitoba. As a result, sample processing times were lengthy.

The Manitoba government is implementing process improvements in 2023 in an effort to reduce turnaround times for test results, the minister noted. Amendments now give hunters the option to extract and submit the testable tissue samples themselves rather than submitting the animal’s entire head. In addition, mandatory sample submission periods have been extended from two days to seven days to allow hunters additional time to extract samples, the minister added.

“By encouraging hunters to extract and submit testable samples, resources can be redirected to quicker collection and processing to reduce turn-

around time for test results during peak hunting season,” said Nesbitt.

As part of these changes, the Manitoba government is engaging with key stakeholders and hunters on the implementation of these new legislative requirements. The Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development anticipates the number of cases will rise as further testing is completed, the minister noted.

“Today’s announcement is welcome news to hunters and Manitoba Wildlife Federation members,” said Chris Heald, senior policy adviser, Manitoba Wildlife Federation. “All Manitobans must work together to stop the spread of CWD.”

“We applaud the changes being made because we know hunters in our province are committed to doing what is required to ensure the sustainability of our wildlife populations,” said Mat Hobson, president, Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association. “By making it easier to meet requirements, the Manitoba government is ensuring proper monitoring is done to control the spread of CWD within

our borders.”

CWD is not known as a human health risk but Health Canada has recommended that meat from a CWD-infected animal not be consumed. In areas where CWD is a concern, it is mandatory for licensed hunters to have harvested animals tested, practise safe carcass-handling protocols and avoid consumption of any animal that has tested positive for CWD. Samples results from harvested animals will be posted, once available, at www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife/cwd-results/cwd-results.html.

The amendments also remove requirements for bovine tuberculosis testing in the Riding Mountain National Park area as Manitoba has been considered bovine tuberculosis-free for the last number of years.

Hunters with questions or concerns about an animal that has been harvested can email cwd@gov.mb.ca or call 1-204-638-4570.

For more information, visit www.manitoba.ca/cwd.

Economic growth action plan will create more jobs and build economy

By the Manitoba government

To build an economy that addresses today's challenges and seizes the opportunities ahead, Premier Heather Stefanson and Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Jeff Wharton announced last month a new, long-term economic action plan for Manitoba, with targeted initiatives already underway to meet a shared vision for sustained growth, increased trade, a skilled workforce with good paying jobs, and continued progress toward economic reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

The Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan capitalizes on Manitoba's competitive advantage as the geographic centre of North America, as well as the province's abundant clean energy, excellent transportation connections, renowned research networks, competitive business supports, and a young and skilled workforce.

The plan aligns government department initiatives to support Manitoba industries in filling more than 114,000 job openings over the next five years. It will focus on four key pillars of the economy: workforce skills and supply, critical business and trade infrastructure, emerging sector growth opportunities, and quality of life investments.

"Through this plan and vision, we are going to continue growing our economy with investments that create more good paying jobs and improve the quality of life for Manitobans throughout our province," Stefanson said. "This plan will revitalize our communities, build vibrant industries, and make Manitoba a safe and affordable place to live and work."

The blueprint for economic growth is the result of extensive engagement with over 65 economic development partners and stakeholders including the business and industry community, sector councils, post-secondary educational institutions, Indigenous-

led organizations, and training and employment organizations.

It is a data-informed examination of private-sector performance, emerging growth areas and workforce needs that provided new insights into current challenges and future opportunities. Stakeholder advice, experiences and insights shaped the plan and emphasized the need for action to create the conditions for economic prosperity.

"Manitoba has one of the most diverse and balanced economies in Canada," said Wharton. "It is an economy built by an enterprising and innovative private sector and supported by a network of partners that, together, are essential to the continued growth of our economy and workforce."

"Economic growth is one of our government's highest priorities and the successful start of initiatives under this action plan showcases our commitment to translating vision into action. We will continue to work in close partnership with all stakeholders to identify and invest in opportunities with the greatest potential for economic impact."

In support of the plan, the Manitoba government has already made several targeted investments as part of Budget 2023 to benefit and support industry and community growth throughout the province. These investments will:

- attract international talent, recruit workers, retain employees and bring back students from other jurisdictions after graduation;
- enhance the education system by developing career pathways for in-demand apprenticeship trades and early childhood educators starting in high school;
- expand markets for Manitoba goods and services, and strengthen the infrastructure to get those goods and services to market;
- incentivize employers to upskill their workforce and help certify inter-

nationally educated professionals in their profession;

- improve Manitoba's tax system to make the personal income and business tax environment more competitive with neighbouring jurisdictions, and allow businesses and workers to keep more of their income;

- revitalize downtown Winnipeg through development and heritage preservation, and address homelessness through safe housing; and

- support the growth and vibrancy of Manitoba arts, culture, sport and tourism.

"Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's mission is to ensure safe, reliable and sustainable infrastructure for Manitobans," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Pivniuk. "Our government's vision and strategy is to build on our multimodal transportation hub and trade gateways, to create opportunities toward a more prosperous future for all those residing in Manitoba."

"Manitoba's diverse economy continues to enable a strong labour market and we are seeing an increase of international migration of skilled workers that will help strengthen not only Manitoba's population but also increase economic growth and opportunities across the province," said Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes.

"Manitoba is a beautiful province to explore and always offers something new to discover whether you're a first-time visitor or you've lived here all your life," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan. "Manitoba's tourism sector is a vital contributor to our economy – employing tens of thousands of people and contributing hundreds of millions of dollars in provincial revenue as we welcome visitors to a myriad of activities, events and locations."

"Co-developing approaches to economic reconciliation with our Treaty partners remains a top priority of

our government," said Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations Minister Eileen Clarke. "Indigenous tourism in Manitoba must be Indigenous-led and with our support through this action plan, we can ensure this sector is being built upon a strong foundation of tradition and trust while creating more good jobs for Manitobans."

"Our environment and economy in Manitoba are inextricably linked and through critical investments into water and wastewater infrastructure, we continue to be good stewards of both," said Environment and Climate Minister Kevin Klein. "By prioritizing the protection of precious freshwater resources in this comprehensive plan, we can ensure we are preserving the prosperity and way of life in Manitoba for generations to come."

Supporting the pillars of the Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan and investments to date is a commitment to maintaining Manitoba's prudent financial planning, strong governance and management, and improved forward planning, as recently affirmed by global credit rating agency Moody's Investor Services.

The plan will evolve and adapt to changing economic conditions and priorities. An interactive website has been developed so Manitobans can learn more about each of the actions and monitor the plan's progress.

To view the Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan, visit <https://manitoba.ca/jec/oegp/>.

To view the Work in Manitoba job portal connecting job seekers to employers, visit <https://workinmanitoba.ca/>.

To view Manitoba's Labour Market Outlook for 2022-26, visit [Manitoba.ca/jec/lmi/outlook/index.html](https://www.manitoba.ca/jec/lmi/outlook/index.html).

Province advises rent guideline set at three per cent for 2024

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Consumer Protection and Government Services advises the 2024 rent guideline has been set at three per cent, effective Jan. 1, 2024.

The guideline is determined annually based on the Manitoba Consumer Price Index and applies to most residential rental properties including apartments, single rooms, houses and duplexes. Despite inflation being higher than three per cent, the rent increase guideline is limited by the Bank of Canada's target inflation

range of one per cent to three per cent. This is the first increase since 2021, as the rate was held at zero per cent in 2022 and 2023.

The guideline does not apply to the following:

- rental units renting for \$1,615 or more per month;
- various types of social housing;
- rental units owned and operated by, or for, provincial, municipal or federal governments;
- rental units in buildings first occu-

pied after March 2005;

- not-for-profit life lease units;
- co-operative units; and
- approved rehabilitated rental units.

Landlords may apply for an increase above the guideline if they can show the guideline will not cover cost increases they have incurred.

Tenants must receive written notice of a rent increase at least three months before the increase takes effect. For example, for a rent increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2024, tenants must receive

notice by Sept. 30, 2023. With few exceptions, rent can only be increased once a year.

Landlords and tenants are encouraged to contact the Residential Tenancies Branch at 204-945-2476 in Winnipeg or 1-800-782-8403 (toll-free in Manitoba) to learn more about rent increases and other rights and responsibilities.

More information is also available at www.manitoba.ca/rtb.

Gimli photographer finds his niche in the wild

By Autumn Fehr

For some Manitobans, finding beauty in the little things may be challenging, but for others, it's as easy as snapping a picture with their camera.

Ben Hewson has always had an itch for photography, but it wasn't until he retired that he dove headfirst and found his niche.

"It's my passion. I enjoy the scenery that goes with the wildlife, but I'd be more interested in a lake if there was a pelican on it," said Hewson.

He and his wife, Janet May Hewson, retired in Winnipeg in 2008, but in the summer of 2016, moved out to Siglavik, just outside of Gimli. This is where Hewson's curiosity and passion for photography started sprouting.

They both had experiences at the lake growing up, so moving out to Siglavik was like returning to old roots. Janet's experiences were at Rush Bay in Lake of the Woods, and Ben's were at Katepwa Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan. He also grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan, with many wildlife surrounding him.

With more time on his hands now that he was retired, Hewson started exploring his new home. He went across the Interlake, from Selkirk, up to Hecla and sometimes the other way past Fraserwood, seeing what wildlife he could find along the way.

"We found all the different options around here with everything from weasels, otters, and fox, bald eagles... all these things were out in front of the property at various times or when we were fishing," said Hewson.

Hewson gave his passion a name and called his photography 'Goose Bay Photography' because Goose Bay is the lake that they are on in Siglavik.

Since he's lived at his current property, he's had the opportunity to witness and photograph some outstanding natural processes of the animals that live there, including the eagle migration.

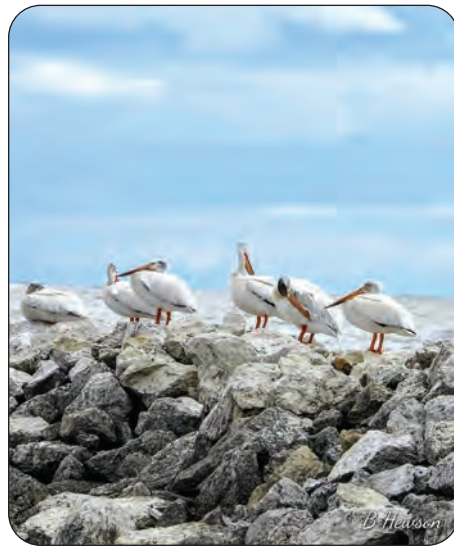
Hewson said he followed the eagle migration both in spring and fall.

"They go up and down the lake here, and at various years, they are concentrated in different places. We get literally, at times, 50 to 100 eagles in one spot. That's pretty fascinating to me," he said.

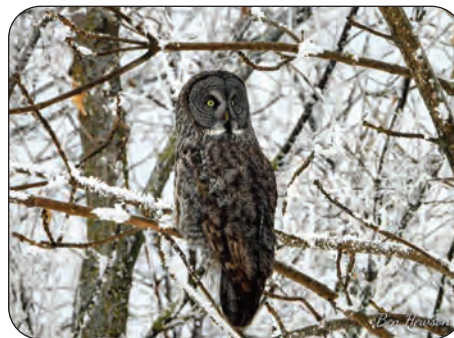
Hewson has always liked white-tailed deer, so he spent a lot of time watching them too.

"I'm not a hunter, but I love being out there watching them, from fawns to does and the big mature bucks in the fall," he said.

Pelicans are also a sighting he often



Pelicans at Gimli Harbour.



Great grey owl, Hecla Provincial Park.

sees far out on the lake.

Every year, at least once, the Hewsons go to Riding Mountain National Park to see the black bears.

"It's fascinating to see a fully black bear with three cinnamon-coloured cubs," said Hewson.

Over time, Hewson has upgraded his camera to a different range to capture his wildlife shots better. His current camera is a Nikon P1000, known as the "moon" camera, because it takes incredible pictures of the full moon, as you can zoom right in on it and get all of its features. With this camera, capturing the mood has become another passion of his when he isn't shooting wildlife.

Before Hewson landed on the camera he uses now, he went through several layers of cameras as he experimented to see what worked best to shoot different wildlife scenes.

"It was a way to record what I saw in a day. Initially, it was more myself, but then I started posting quite a bit of stuff on social media," said Hewson.

The most fascinating thing he captured on film was a gyrfalcon because it is so unique.

Hewson said that when he saw one, he didn't know it was one at first, and he had to look it up to confirm his suspicions.

He has also spotted lynx up in Hecla Provincial Park.

Some items Hewson has on his bucket list to photograph are grizzly



A Trumpeter swan with cygnets.

RECORD PHOTOS BY BEN HEWSON



Bald eagle with two eaglets north of Gimli.



Bald eagles just south of Gimli.

bears in British Columbia and polar bears in Churchill.

Lately, he has been trying several different mediums and putting them on canvas.

Hewson sells photographs at the Interlake Handmade Boutique in Gimli. He also takes custom orders. To order custom portraits, contact Ben at 204-960-5408.

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The End of an Era: Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market Closing

By Becca Myskiw

Just off of Highway 7 on the way to Gunton are hundreds — maybe thousands — of hidden treasures of every kind.

Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market sits almost at the corner of Highway 7 and Road 89N. You can't miss it with the tens of antique vehicles sitting outside leading you to the shop. Upon entering the antique store, a big black and white cat will come to greet you and ask for pets. If you stop petting Buddy, he'll lift his right paw to your leg to let you know he wasn't done yet, and you'll start petting him again.

Though you just stepped inside, you're surrounded by knickknacks, dishes, and art. To your left is an open door leading to more goods and to your right is the till, where Verna and Jim Poole's coffee sits, getting cold. The two owners are likely with a customer each somewhere in one of the few buildings that make up the shop. Jim will be telling his customer, someone who comes to the store often, the backstory of an item in his hand and Verna will be helping someone bring their items to the front.

When Buddy's had enough of your pets, you'll be free to go explore the rest of the store and he'll lay on the front carpet, waiting for his next friend to come in. In the front part of Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market, you'll find dishware of every colour — rose-coloured plates with the matching glasses and green coloured bowls with the matching plates. You'll find toy cars of every size and make, old cans of car oil with the oil still sloshing around inside, china dolls in pristine condition, tin signs for anything you can think of, and a few pottery pieces in a glass case.

The pottery is Verna's doing. When she first retired 14 years ago, she took up art, one of her mediums being pottery, and her one-of-a-kind pieces sit in the store for you to buy, placed next to other fine, breakable antiques.

But the shop wasn't always what it is today. It started as an army surplus business when it was built 65 years ago.

Jim Poole was 18 and fresh out of high school when he and his dad opened what's now Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market. His dad was in the building demolition business with Jim's uncle and as they had other family members in the retail business, Jim and his dad thought opening a store of their own would be a good idea. When Jim was 25,

he bought out his dad of the place and the entire business became his.

"As time went by, we couldn't get enough military surplus, so we started buying secondhand furniture and we got into that business," said Jim.

That was the business of selling furniture, which quickly turned from used furniture to used and new. Soon after that, Jim started buying vehicles to restore, and was then also in the business of buying and selling vehicles. At one point, the lot had a dozen army jeeps Jim was restoring to sell.

The vehicle selling business snowballed into something bigger. Jim began buying vehicles from Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) for parts for his other projects, leading him into the autopac accredited autobody repair business.

"It really wasn't working out selling army surplus and selling used vehicles and selling new furniture," said Jim.

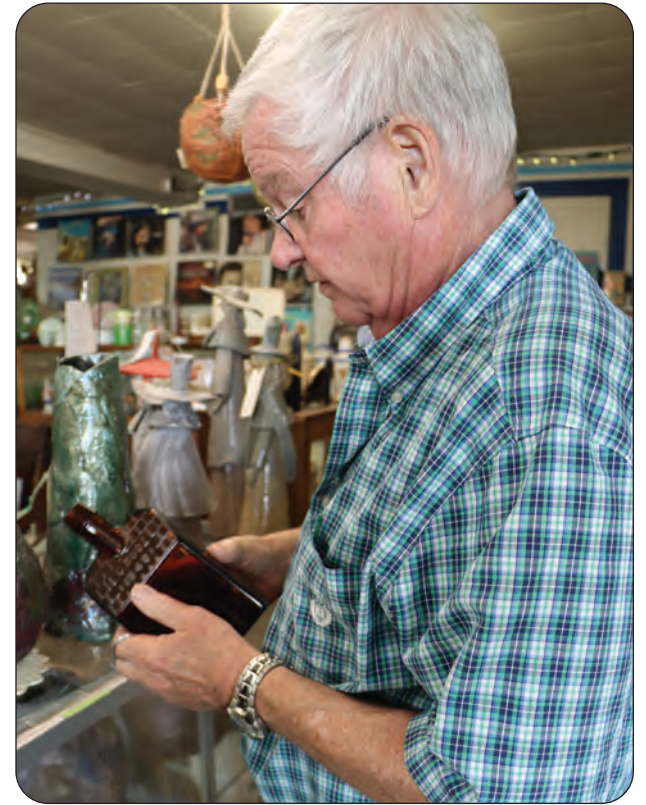
So, he and Verna went to Teulon and bought the building next to the pharmacy to sell their furniture out of. While they were getting the building ready for business, the then-mayor suggested they buy land on the main street and sell from there. So, the Pooles did just that, and the current Bargain Shop in town is their original building. From it, they sold new furniture and clothing as they saw the need for it in town.

But all good things must come to an end. When Verna got breast cancer, the couple shut down their store in town to lessen her workload, and Jim focused on the salvage and automotive business. Soon enough, that too changed, and the Pooles found themselves selling antiques.

"Our house is full of antiques," said Jim. "There's nothing but antiques — even us. But you can only collect so much and then you've got to sell some of it."

The Pooles have been avid antique collectors their entire lives. When their house became too full of their treasures, they knew it was time to start selling them, and they've been able to continue collecting and selling until now. They like selling what they do because they know it's good quality.

"Anybody today that buys a new piece of furniture, it's basically sawdust and glue with a veneer on it," he said. "This stuff (pointing to a wooden chair for sale in the store) is solid wood. 100 years from now if you look after it, it'll still be good as new."



RECORD PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Jim Poole studies a vintage E.G. Booz (1840) "Old Cabin" shaped whiskey bottle. E.G. Booz's Old Cabin Whiskey was made for one Edmund G. Booz by the Whitney Glass Works of Glassboro, New Jersey around 1860. It is thought that the 1840 date refers to the age of the whiskey in the bottle. At his death, Booz had 25 cases of Cabin Whiskey in stock, valued at six dollars a case or fifty cents per bottle.

Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market was run by a friend of Jim and Verna's until his recent passing, which left the couple to work the store themselves every Friday and Saturday. Coming out of retirement is not something the couple wants to do. So, the hidden gem that is Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market is closing once everything in the store has been sold.

Through that door to the left in the front room is a sports field-sized room with antique fridges, an old popcorn machine, automotive parts and magazines, windows in their frames, old tools, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, CDs, vinyl records, and everything in between. After scooching past the tens of people in the store at any time, you'll make your way to another door at the back of the room leading to another hall of finds. Through there you'll find old dolls, more dishware of the finest kind, bottles upon bottles from milk, pop, and beer, lamp shades of all colours, a world map, clothing, more tin signs, and photos that scream "history". That room leads you back to the front of the store where you'll once again find Jim and Verna, happily waiting to help you with the collectibles you're sure to take home.

"Where are we going to go Christmas shopping now?" one woman says at the till to Verna. You'll wonder the same thing.

Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market is open every Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. until they close. Jim said the doors will shut permanently when everything is sold, but that doesn't include the many tin signs around the place, which aren't actually for sale right now. Those will be auctioned off this fall — you can grab yours then.



Poole's Place Antique & Flea Market will be closing once everything has been sold.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Recipe adapted from MilkMeansMore.org
 1 package slider rolls
 1/2 cup pizza sauce
 1/2 cup mini pepperoni
 1 1/2 cups shredded, low-moisture, part-skim mozzarella cheese
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
 nonstick cooking spray
 Heat oven to 350 F.
 Keeping rolls connected, cut sheet of



Pepperoni Pizza Sliders

rolls horizontally, separating tops from bottoms. Place bottom halves of rolls in baking dish.

Spread pizza sauce evenly over bottom halves. Sprinkle pepperoni over sauce. Sprinkle mozzarella over pepperoni and cover with top halves of rolls.

Mix melted butter with parsley flakes, dried oregano, garlic powder and shredded Parmesan cheese. Spoon evenly over sliders.

Cover baking dish with aluminum foil sprayed with nonstick cooking spray to keep cheese from sticking.

Bake 20 minutes.

Remove foil and bake additional 5-10 minutes, or until Parmesan is melted and golden brown.

Cut sliders and serve immediately.

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: Do you know where you are going in life? If you don't know where you are going – any path will take you there!

We all know that goal setting is the key to success. It provides us with the strength to keep going when times are tough, and it gives us direction when we feel lost. But what if you don't have any goals? Well, you need to pick a goal – any goal – your best guess for today will do! I don't want you to procrastinate and wait for the perfect goal. Pick an interim goal that will get you into action and give you the practice of achieving it. Once you begin doing this on a regular basis, your perfect goal will come into view and you will know what to work towards, what is most meaningful, and you can begin to devise a plan to get it. Here are some questions to get you started.

First – let's dream a little and write down the answers to these questions.

What do you love doing? Can you create opportunities from it?

What is most important to you? Make a detailed list of what you need in your life to be happy, healthy, and financially comfortable.

Now let's get specific:

How much money do you want to make? Can you do this in your current situation?

What job could you do to make the money you want?

Do you need specific training or skills to do this job?

What type of service could you offer people that they want and need?

Do you want to work for someone, or do you want to own your own business?

Are you willing to invest the time, energy, and money into reaching your new goal?

What are you willing to do, learn, and be, in order to have a good, comfortable life?

Research shows that those people who write down their goals are 73% more apt to accomplish them. It is important for you to bring forward those thoughts and dreams into reality. By writing down your goals you can now make a list of how to accomplish them. Start creating all those things you want out of your life instead of wishing that you had them, or resenting someone



Christine Ibbotson

else who does. Try not to overthink things. There is an old saying: "analysis causes paralysis." Recognize that life is unpredictable, and it is impossible to anticipate the outcome of everything. Only when you take action and start doing things towards your goal, will you feel better, and guaranteed you will be happier, sometimes almost immediately.

Remember, you never know if you can do things before you do them. Typically, what happens with most of us is we set out on a goal and then somewhere along the line we are presented with another option, to go in a different direction. Should you stay the course, or keep to the original plan and ignore the new ideas? Only you will know at the time. Presented with new opportunities along the way opens up new and never realized ideas to go in a different direction and accomplish more. Only when you shake up your life, does the new possibilities and opportunities present themselves. Try it. You might be surprised with what great things show up in your life, sooner than you expected.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
 ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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Prep time: 15 minutes
 Cook time: 15 minutes
 Yield: 18 cookies
 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 1/4 cups C&H Dark Brown Sugar
 2 large eggs, at room temperature
 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
 In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and cook until foaming and golden brown. Remove from heat

Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

and transfer to heatproof bowl. Place in refrigerator until solidified, about 45 minutes.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Once butter has solidified, remove from refrigerator. In bowl of electric stand mixer, using paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar at medium speed 2-3 minutes until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. Mix until combined. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Reduce speed, add flour mixture and beat to combine. Add pecans and chocolate chips; mix at low speed until combined. Place dough in refrigerator and rest 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Using 2-ounce ice cream scoop, portion out dough on prepared baking sheets, spacing about 3 inches apart. Gently flatten dough balls using palm.

Bake 13-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheets 10 minutes then transfer to wire rack. Serve warm.

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World-class winter experiences for anglers and eco-adventurers expands

Popular overnight accommodations on ice program expanding to 20 waterbodies

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is expanding a program that allows commercial tourism outfitters the opportunity to create unique overnight accommodations on ice for anglers and eco-tourists, Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt announced last week.

“Last year was the first time Manitoba resource tourism operators had the chance to offer on-ice overnight accommodations to anglers on Lake

Winnipeg and it was a resounding success,” said Nesbitt. “I know Manitobans are enjoying summer right now but winter will be here before we know it and our government is pleased to expand the eligibility of this innovative program, which offers anglers and eco-adventure tourists a world-class winter experience.”

This winter, commercial tourism outfitters will have the opportunity to offer overnight accommodations on ice on 20 waterbodies throughout Manitoba. The expanded program will allow both new and existing resource tourism operators to apply to offer overnight accommodations on ice.

“We have heard loud and clear from our members, their guests and Manitoba anglers that there is demand for

overnight accommodations on ice in our province,” said Mat Hobson, president, Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association. “We are overjoyed that the Manitoba government has worked with us to develop the safe and sustainable framework that they are rolling out across our province.”

Based on a Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development review as well as stakeholder feedback, the expanded program will include provisions that:

- restrict permits for certain lakes to existing operators to prevent oversaturation in limited markets;
- increase the buffer distance from 50 metres to 200 metres from developed areas including residences, vacation homes or businesses;
- introduce a requirement for opera-

tors to affix multi-directional safety reflectors to all four corners of each accommodation unit; and

- allow operators to include a storage structure as part of the portable camp application.

Operators will still be required to meet all other specified environmental, safety and recreational vehicle construction standards, noted Nesbitt.

For additional information including applications to participate in the 2023-24 winter season, visit www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/accommodation/index.html.

Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to support crime prevention, investigations and supports victims

By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$519,000 from the proceeds of the Criminal Property Forfeiture (CPF) Fund to the Manitoba RCMP to fund a wide variety of crime prevention measures and victim supports including funding to support specialized technology in interview rooms at the Toba Centre for Children & Youth and cryptocurrency-tracing software, Justice Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week.

“Our government is proud to support the RCMP at the Toba Centre and the essential work they do to support victims and their families in the healing process,” said Goertzen. “Using proceeds of crime to support the important work happening at the Toba Centre allows our government to continue our ongoing commitment to protect children and families, and ensure perpetrators are held to account for their actions.”

Toba Centre for Children & Youth was established in 2013 and provides

services for child-abuse survivors with an initial focus on forensic interviewing to minimize trauma and ensure best practices. A total of \$145,000 from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund will be used by the RCMP to purchase specialized audio and video recording systems to equip interview rooms at the Toba Centre. This technology will help investigators interview child victims appropriately with a trauma-informed approach to document their disclosures and assist in investigations and the prosecution of abusers.

“We are so pleased and grateful to see this investment that will help ensure the best quality approach to forensic interviewing,” said Christy Dzikowicz, executive director, Toba Centre for Children & Youth. “When children/youth have been hurt, it is so important that they only have to share their story once and they deserve nothing less than our best possible response.”

“Interviewing anyone in relation to a traumatic incident is a stressful situation, and for children it is especially so,” said Insp. Tim Arseneault, Major Crime Services, Manitoba RCMP. “This funding from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund will ensure that Toba Centre has the best equipment so that children don’t have to keep reliving their trauma, but can start on the road to healing. We are also receiving funding that will purchase cryptocurrency-tracing software. This will assist police in a variety of investigations. We are grateful we are getting the tools we need to continue to keep Manitobans safe.”

The RCMP will also receive \$27,000 to combat cybercrime through the purchase of cryptocurrency-tracing software in order to trace illegal financial cyberspace activities, locate offenders and facilitate recovery of stolen victim assets. The cryptocurrency-tracing software will allow the Manitoba RCMP to quickly and accu-

ately identify and prosecute offenders engaged in crypto-enabled crime. By tracing the transactions, and working with domestic and international law enforcement partners, effective action can be taken to promote safer communities and to reduce and prevent crime.

Since its inception in 2009, the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund has distributed more than \$26 million back to communities throughout Manitoba. The program seizes and liquidates criminal assets, and redirects funding to projects and initiatives designed to protect Manitobans and enhance public safety. The funds are provided to organizations across Manitoba whose important initiatives build community, prevent crime, invest in youth, and support victims of crime.

For more information about criminal property forfeiture, visit: <https://gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf/index.html>.

Regulatory changes to enhance building permitting processing

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is implementing legislative and regulatory changes to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of building permitting processes in Manitoba, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced last Monday.

“These changes establish an independent technical adjudicative process for building permitting disputes and performance standards for building permitting processes,” said Reyes. “Changes will support the consistent

application of building codes across the province and ensure that permitting decisions are made within predictable and reasonable time frames.”

Following a public engagement process, the Manitoba government is moving forward to proclaim sections of the Building and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act, the Permit Dispute Resolution Regulation and the Performance Standards Regulation.

The Permit Dispute Resolution Regulation, under the new Permit Dispute Resolution Act, establishes the

appeal process for disputes related to building permitting decisions. Permit applicants will now have a formalized appeal mechanism for cases where they believe a permitting authority is wrong in withholding a permit, or issuing an order on code matters.

The Performance Standards Regulation, under the Buildings Act, specifies the time periods that permitting authorities have to respond to applicants, make decisions on applications, and conduct inspections.

“These important changes will enhance opportunities for economic

growth within the province by providing builders and developers with reasonable timeframes for permitting decisions. Builders and developers will be able to plan and schedule their development activities based on provincewide mandated timelines,” said Reyes.

Performance standards will be phased in over two years to allow permitting authorities sufficient time to make any required operational changes, added Reyes.

The minister noted the changes will come into force on March 1, 2024.

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O'Connor, Debiuk members of Manitoba's U17 Youth baseball team

By Brian Bowman

A pair of Selkirk Royals are members of Manitoba's U17 Youth baseball team that will compete at the Canada Cup in Regina from Aug. 9-13.

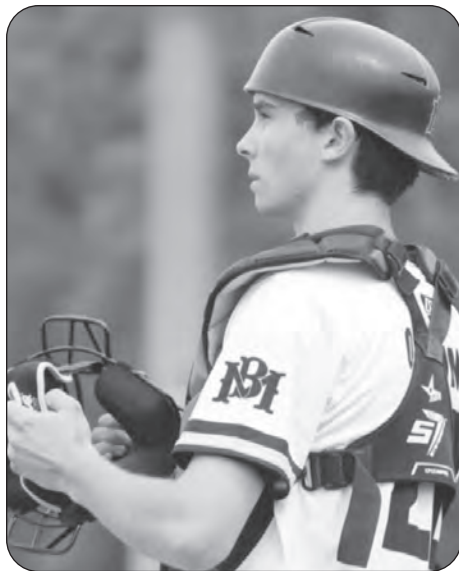
Selkirk's Gilbert O'Connor, a catcher, and St. Clements' Ethan Debiuk, a shortstop/second baseman, are members of Team Manitoba.

"Ever since I knew this was a thing as Team Manitoba, as a kid I knew I wanted to wear the black and gold," said O'Connor. "I'm really excited for it, for sure. It's pretty fun (to represent Manitoba) and it's good to know that you get to represent everyone you know and the people that have helped you out throughout the years and helped you grow."

Stonewall's Eric Swanson is an assistant coach with the team while La Salle's Cody Benson, a teacher/coach at College Stonewall Collegiate, is the head coach.

O'Connor expects the competition at the Canada Cup to be very good and is excited for the challenge.

"It's going to be really cool and I'm really excited...it's going to be fun," added Debiuk. "There's going to be a lot of people older than me but that's



Selkirk's Gilbert O'Connor is a member of Team Manitoba's U17 Youth baseball team.



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Ethan Debiuk is a member of Manitoba's U17 team that will compete at the Canada Cup in Regina from Aug. 9-13.

alright. It's going to be really good competition."

There is a ton of talent on this Manitoba team.

Manitoba had a fantastic showing at the Gopher Classic in Minneapolis back in early July. Team Manitoba posted a perfect 5-0 record in pool

play before losing to Eden Prairie in a pre quarter-final game. Manitoba placed in the top 16 among teams in the massive 96-team tournament.

"It was lots of fun," Debiuk said. "It was very good competition down there but we played really well together."

O'Connor also extremely enjoyed the experience of playing down in the

Twin Cities against some really good U.S. teams.

"It was really fun and the fields were really nice," he said. "The atmosphere was a lot different in the States and something that you always want to see. A lot of guys from Manitoba are trying to get into the States for college ball later in their careers."

Competing at nationals



RECORD PHOTOS BASKETBALL MANITOBA

East St. Paul's Clara Anderson, left, and West St. Paul's Taya Clark are members of Team Manitoba that is competing at the 17U basketball nationals this week in Alberta.

Strike Force downed by Landmark FC

Staff

The Tri-S Strike Force were defeated 7-1 by Landmark FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 5th Division action last Wednesday in Landmark.

Aaron Bell scored for Tri-S while Daniel Henry (two), Liam Saul, Ty Venderbos, Mark Wiebe, Sidney Wiebe, and Mark Petit replied for Landmark FC.

The Strike Force hosted Storm FC on Monday but no score was available. Tri-S will then play Thunder FC on Aug. 9 at the Buhler Recreation Park. Game time is 7 p.m.

Selkirk FC, meanwhile, had a break in action and will host IPAC Ukraine United on Wednesday (7 p.m.) at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

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Minaker wins MJBL championship

Submitted

Ethan Minaker, a St. Andrews' resident and graduate of the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, played on the St. Boniface Legionaires that won the Manitoba Junior Baseball League provincial championship on July 26 at Koskie Field.

St. Boniface beat the five-time defending champion Elmwood Giants in three straight games in a best-of-five final.

It has been 13 years since the Legionaires won the MJBL championship.

In the playoffs, Minaker played in

two elimination games and another in the finals, getting the win on the bump in all three outings.

He pitched two complete games and one six-inning game in the third before being pulled to be saved on pitches for another final appearance if needed.

The wins were 3-1 against the Interlake Blue Jays, 4-1 over the Carillon Sultans, and 7-1 against the Giants in the final (20 innings pitched only surrendering two earned runs).

With the win, the Legionaires will represent Manitoba in next year's nationals in Halifax.

This season, Minaker pitched 63 innings in 14 games, only surrendering 10 earned runs, striking out 101 batters, with a very impressive 1.09 earned-run average and a WHIP of .974.

He is known as one of the best pitchers in the MJBL. He has one more stop at this year's Canadian National 22U Championship in Stonewall (which begins this Thursday and wraps up Sunday) as a pickup before going south to play for the Barton Cougars No. 1 Division I baseball team in Kansas and ranked No. 6 in the country, respectively.



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St. Andrews' Ethan Minaker won a Manitoba Junior Baseball League championship after his club swept the Elmwood Giants last week.

Elmwood Giants lose in MJBL final

Staff

The Elmwood Giants' impressive run of five straight Manitoba Junior Baseball titles is over.

For the first time in 13 years, the St. Boniface Legionaires are MJBL champions after sweeping Elmwood 3-0 in a best-of-five final series last week.

The Legionaires clinched the series

win with an 11-0 mercy-rule victory in five innings over the Giants last Wednesday at Koskie Field.

On July 25, St. Boniface edged Elmwood 7-6 at Whittier Park.

The previous evening, the Legionaires cruised to a convincing 7-1 victory at Koskie Field.

Elmwood's roster includes several

local players.

It was St. Boniface's 10th league title - and the third - since rejoining the MJBL in 2007.

St. Boniface won three of four meetings against the Giants during the regular season, outscoring Elmwood 36-14.

Despite the Giants' MJBL final loss,

their season is not done.

Elmwood will be competing in Baseball Canada's 22U nationals, beginning this Thursday and wrapping up on Sunday, in Stonewall.

For the schedule and results, please visit baseball.ca.

Stonewall hosting 22U men's national baseball championship

Staff

For the first time in over 30 years, Canada's Junior Men's Baseball Championship will be coming back to Manitoba. Stonewall is set to host the nationals, which begin this

Thursday and wraps up Sunday at Quarry Park.

This event is the biggest 22U Baseball Championship in Canada and will feature eight provincial all-star teams from across the country.

The tournament will feature 22 games over four days.

Team Manitoba (Elmwood Giants) and the host Interlake Blue Jays will have rosters consisting of players from the Manitoba Junior

Baseball League.

Team Manitoba has won the tournament three times with gold medals in 2010, 1982 and 1967.

Pool A will consist of Ontario 1, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and Prince Edward Island.

Pool B teams include Ontario 2, Québec, the host (Stonewall), and Saskatchewan.

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All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, P.O. Box 1400, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0 on or before the 6th day of September, 2023.

DATED at Stonewall, Manitoba, this 24th day of July, 2023.

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Competition #: 2023-153 Closing Date: Aug 7, 2023

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL PUBLIC NOTICE

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Leila (Swiderski) Reeves

To all of you that called, stopped by, sent messages and cards, brought food and flowers and for donations to Mental Health; we thank you.

To those who attended in person and virtually to celebrate the life of our beautiful mother, wife and daughter; we thank you.

Thank you for your support and sharing in our grief.

Thank you Archdeacon Mawejje for the beautiful service.

John, Rob and staff of Gilbart's we can't thank you enough for all your help. You went above and beyond to help us get through this truly sorrowful time.

Thank you Adelaide and Donny for the wonderful lunch and Frank's for Leila's favorite pizza. Nita and Clint, your tributes to Leila were so beautiful and thoughtful. As difficult as it was you did a wonderful job.

Nita, Robin, Rhonda, Clint, Les, and Chris thank you for carrying Leila to her final resting place.

Thank you Rose, Kerri and Kerri from Sacred Heart School and Jocelyn and Shayna for being there for the girls and Chris.

Tasha and Donovan thank you for the smudging and your very kind words and for being such a good friend to the girls.

Thanks to Yorkton Paramedics and Yorkton RCMP and Baileys Funeral Home for all their help

Londyn, Schye, Denvyr and Cynamyn Mommy would be so proud of her Beauty Queens.

-The Reeves/ Swiderski Families

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BIRTHDAY



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OBITUARY

**Patrick Michael Shone
March 17, 1971 - July 20, 2023**

We were greatly saddened with the loss of our son, Patrick Michael Shone, born March 17, 1971, who suffered a heart attack while guiding at Kississing Lodge.

Patrick was born in Flin Flon Manitoba. His childhood was spent roaming our farm with his siblings, in freedom of adventure. He attended Happy Thought School, Grace Baptist, Calvin Christian School and Argyle Alternative High School. Patrick



had many struggles, but he became a well-spoken, quick-witted man who brought laughter to so many. Patrick was proud that he always worked, but he especially enjoyed guiding at Kississing Lodge. He was always telling his fish stories. Patrick knew where to find the big fellow. He was always saying to family, come to Kississing and he would show them the best fishing.

Patrick, your teasing and wonderful laugh with be missed. May you enjoy all the beauty afforded you with Jesus.

Patrick is survived by his father, Lawrence (Larry) Shone, mother Laurine (Laurie) Shone, brothers Bruce, Emile (Tammy), Richard (Elysia); sisters Louise (Billie) & Meagan (Nick) and their children Garrett; Alita & Jessica; Jared; Sam & Sofia; Abby, Ella & Carter, and family in the north. He was predeceased by his sister Heather, & his grandparents.

A viewing has taken place at The Pas, July 29, for Northern family with spiritual drumming. A memorial service will take place on Aug 14, 2023 at 2 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Selkirk, corner of Eveline and McLean. Donations may be made to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Winnipeg, Diabetes Donations Winnipeg, or a charity of your choice.

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IN MEMORIAM

Steven Hourie

September 14, 1974 - August 4, 2021

Two years have passed since you've been gone,

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We talk about you too;

We have so many memories,

But we wish we still had you.

Forever loved and never forgotten.

-Love from Mom, Stacey, Alicia and Kobe.

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IN MEMORIAM



**In loving memory of
Lorraine Marie Swain
March 12, 1951 - August 6, 2021**
-Larry and family

CITY OF Selkirk NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The City of Selkirk, under the authority of *The Planning Act*, will hold a public hearing to receive representation from any persons in respect to **By-law No. 5381** being an amendment to Zoning By-law No. 4968. Any person wishing to make a representation to Council can do so during the public hearing.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Civic Address: 646 & 648 Manitoba Avenue
Selkirk, Manitoba

Legal: Lots 919 through 923 Plan 4
WLTO in RI 56 and 57 Parish
of St. Clements

Proposal Intent:

The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment is to re-zone the shaded area as shown on the map from "R" Residential General to "R3" Residential Multi-Family Dwelling to enable the development of a multi-family building.



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected and copied by any person from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, at 200 Eaton Avenue, Selkirk, MB.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

Date & Time: 6:15 PM, August 28, 2023

Location: 200 Eaton Avenue
(Council Chambers)

We ask that anyone wishing to submit advance written statements to do so prior to 2:00 PM on Friday, August 25, 2023. Materials can be sent by email to citizensupport@cityofselkirk.com or by regular mail.

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OBITUARY



Bojan Breznik

On July 21, 2023, peacefully with his family by his side Bojan Breznik passed away at the age of 69, at the Selkirk General Hospital. He was predeceased by his mother, Rozalia Breznik.

Bojan (Bo) will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 40 years, Gloria Breznik; daughters Shannon (Tom) and Kirsten (Mike); and grandchildren Kaila, Kaden (Paige), and Mackenzie Jean.

Bojan was born in Maribor, Slovenia July 27, 1953. He immigrated to Canada in 1978. He was employed at Motor Coach Industries (MCI) October of 1980. Bojan had become the fifth in seniority in the paint shop after putting in over 43 years at MCI and was still employed at the time of his passing. Bojan had many laughs at his workplace, and part of the work lotto group, as he had high hopes of being the next millionaire. A special thank you to the work friends that visited Bojan at his home, as well as the visit at the hospital where Bojan had some of his last belly laughs talking about work stories.

Bojan met Gloria at the German Club in Winnipeg through their love of dancing. They would go almost every Friday night. Bojan and Gloria married December 26, 1983 and became a dad to Gloria's two daughters. Bojan stepped in the role of dad quite easily and willingly. He took the girls to many sporting events, cheered them on with their sports, plus driving them all over for games and practices. He supported them into their adult hood and was a proud dad. He provided much love and financial support to his family. When it came to his grandchildren, he was even more proud. He was the number one babysitter for the oldest grandchildren. He made sure he was at as many events as he could whether it was school plays, or sports. His grandchildren could rely on him for anything.

Bojan himself played a high level of soccer in his old country and was often walking around in his younger days bouncing a ball on his knees and head walking around the house. He also had a black belt in Tae Kwan Do and was always spin kicking and showing his flexibility.

Bojan's absolute favorite hobby was fishing. He thought he was the fish whisperer. He took this hobby very seriously and at no time was anyone allowed to speak. This is why he probably was alone for most of his fishing career. Bojan travelled around Manitoba for his favorite fishing holes for walleye, sager, and trout. If he didn't come home after work, Gloria would know to pack a sandwich and fill a thermos and go down to the water front in Selkirk where Bojan would be fishing the Red River. Bojan iced fished, and often liked to go out and scoop his own minnows. Many times, you would find Bojan's catch of the day swimming in the bathroom tub.

Bojan had a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and religiously prayed on Sundays for his family and friends. He donated to many religious groups and charities.

Bojan took pride in his painting whether it was a bus part, vehicle, or a home. He was his worst critic. He painted many vehicles for his family and always did a fantastic job. Bojan loved to cook delicious foods from his home country. He will be lovingly remembered for "Bo's potatoes!" at Christmas dinner.

Bojan loved the wildlife in his yard, and always made sure the hummingbirds were fed. Cats loved Bojan whether he wanted them to or not. He would take in strays. In the last year Bojan got close to his neighbors Rob and Cecilia. He was happy to be socializing again after many rounds of Chemotherapy. Bojan would go with Rob for walks and Rob would take Bojan out on errands. Rob and Cecilia have been a huge support for Bojan and watching his home and beloved cat. The family cannot thank you enough.

The family would like to also thank the CancerCare unit at the Selkirk General Hospital. The staff and Dr. Alexander were amazing with their patience, and how much care and support Bojan received. The staff genuinely cared for him it was easy to see. The Medical unit at the Selkirk General Hospital took care of Bojan in his last eight weeks of life. They went beyond their call of duty to keep Bojan comfortable, relaxed and he felt cared for. Bojan kept the Medical Unit on their toes when he would want to go out walking and being so independent. The doctors, nurses, and nurse aides were truly amazing and had so much passion when they took care of Bojan right up until his passing. Your sympathy and true genuine care of Bojan did not go unnoticed with him or his family. We can't even name all the staff because there were so many who worked with Bojan and developed a special bond with him. Thank you to Tammie and Jayden for your extra check ins with Bojan. The family just can't thank you all enough for how you treated Bojan.

Finally, the family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Demsas for his over and beyond care of Bojan for over 20 years. They formed a special relationship and loved to chat over sports. He took care of Bojan in the CancerCare unit, as well as his GP. Dr. Demsas made a point to always check on Bojan in the hospital. He is indeed one of the most compassionate doctors around.

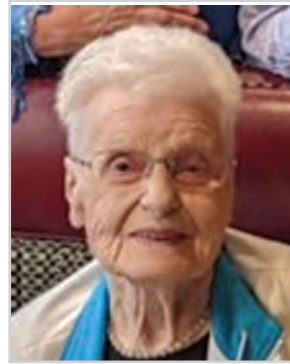
At Bojan's request cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held September 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Dunara Full Gospel Church 8904 Hwy 8 Petersfield with interment to follow, plus refreshments and snacks.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Siloam Mission or any charity of your choice. The family requests that you visit Bojan's tribute page at www.alternacremation.ca.

AlternaCremation

OBITUARY

Anna Maria Josephine de Boer (nee van Best) December 17, 1926 – July 23, 2023



Anna passed away with her family by her side at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre at the age of 96.

She was predeceased by her husband Theodorus (Ted) of 62 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children Theo (Tina), Adrian (Maureen), William (Valerie) and Johanna (Blaise), plus numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is also mourned by a brother and three sisters as well as numerous nieces and nephews in The Netherlands.

Born in The Netherlands, Anna and her husband came to Canada in 1959 with four children in tow. The first few years were difficult. Together they built a beautiful life in Selkirk. After Dad's retirement they moved to the Fred Douglas Place in Winnipeg where she lived until returning to Selkirk in 2020 to be closer to her family.

Being avid dancers Mom and Dad spent many winters in Texas square dancing and traveled around the world attending many of the square dance conventions.

We would like to thank the Home Care staff for their wonderful care during her stay at the Cambridge House and the amazing nursing staff of the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their care and compassion during her last few days.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Charles Wass January 8, 1930 – July 24, 2023



Peacefully with family by his side, on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the Red River Personal Care Home, Charles Wass, aged 93 years, formerly of Stony Point, Manitoba, passed away.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Audrey, grandson Kyle Wass, great-grandson Trevor Staska Junior, grandson Dale Anderson and son-in-law Ken Anderson.

He is survived by his children, Shirley, Edwin (Carol), Brenda (Dave), Marlene (Alfred) and Denny (Lorraine), nephew whom Dad thought of like a son; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Mabel Longbottom, brother-in-law Ralph Ash and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Charles and his wife Audrey raised their children in Stony Point, Manitoba. They moved to Selkirk later on in life. Dad was a hard worker, he worked at the Gull Lake Sand and Gravel Pits for many years. He worked at various other jobs prior to that. He enjoyed hunting and snowmobiling in his earlier years and was always working around the yard on something.

He loved hearing stories about his grandchildren (greats and great-greats) and seeing pictures of them. When he was able to, he enjoyed going back home to Stony Point and gathering at the homestead with family. He will be missed.

The family would like to thank his home care workers, with a special thank you to Donna, who went above and beyond – we really appreciated her; his neighbours in the apartment block who helped out from time to time – your kindness will be remembered; the staff at Red River Nursing Home, where he spent his last three weeks; and Erin at Gilbart Funeral Home.

A celebration of his life was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, Manitoba, with interment at a later date, yet to be determined. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Perry Colin Baker July 6, 1957 - July 28, 2023



After a long battle, it is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beloved Perry Colin Baker, husband, father, papa, uncle and friend. With his family by his side took his last breath Friday, July 28, 2023 at the age of 66 years.

Predeceased by his parents Alfred and Bertha as well as his brother Gary.

Perry leaves behind his loving wife of 47 years, Cynthia Ann, as well as his children D-jay (Lindsay), Lee (Marta), and Shayla (Ben) and seven grandchildren Drew (Ashher), Darius (Becky), Indy, Ethan, Fabian, Elijah, and Celina. As well as his siblings, Janet (Ken), Richard (Lorraine), Stan, Darren and Mark (Tamara), his sister-in-law Heather and many nieces and nephews who will all miss him dearly.

A special thank you to the wonderful staff at Selkirk General for keeping Perry comfortable in his last days, and to Gilbart's Funeral Home for easing this difficult time.

A private service will be held.

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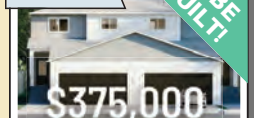








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