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Lord Selkirk School Division said goodbye to bus driver Donna Smith who retired last December. She drove students in the division to and from school for 40 years. Learn more on page 3.

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Retiring after over 40 years on the bus

School bus driver Donna Smith reflects on her time bringing kids to and from school in East Selkirk

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Lord Selkirk School Division may not have been able to host a retirement party for her but they are sad to see bus driver Donna Smith retire after over 40 years of making sure that students got to and from school safely.

Smith started her career with the division in 1978 as a spare driver after her daughter was born and she was looking for a career opportunity that allowed her to have time with her family.

"There was no power steering, the windows would frost up and the windshield, so you would have to have a little scraper to once in a while scrape the windows," Smith said of the buses from the early 80s.

However, she explained that many things changed compared to the buses that she now drives saying they are much more comfortable with buttons that open the door instead of manual,

heaters to prevent ice build-up on the windows, heated seats and steering wheel and of course they are now all automatic instead of standard engines.

"The buses nowadays would be like driving in a luxury sports car compared to 40 years ago," said Smith.

Since her first years in the division, she has switched routes a few times but has always dropped students off at schools in East Selkirk.

Because she has been able to stay in the community throughout her career, she says that one of the things that has been so touching about driving the bus for so long is that she is now driving the children of the original kids that she drove to school when she started some of whom have even come up to her and told her how much they appreciate how much care she took with her students.

Smith encourages other mothers

who are in a similar situation to the one she was in 40 years ago to think about driving a school bus as it allowed her to have a lot of freedom to have other jobs or even just time in her day for tasks and hobbies while she was working.

"I would like to thank all the students that rode with me, for the most part, they were very good passengers. I really don't think I would have lasted 40 years if they weren't," said Smith.

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Donna Smith's photo in a Happy Thought School year book from the 1980s when she first started driving a school bus for the LSSD.



Mrs. D. Smith (#19)



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Donna Smith on her last week on the bus.



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Seniors in personal care homes begin to receive vaccine

Tudor House nursing home residents first in Interlake-Eastern RHA to be immunized for COVID-19

Submitted by IERHA

This week, residents in personal care homes (or nursing homes) in the Interlake-Eastern region will begin receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Tudor House personal care home residents will be the first to receive their immunization. Manitoba's vaccine implementation taskforce prioritized Tudor House based, in part, on the size of the personal care home and the number of shared rooms. Shared rooms present additional infection prevention and control concerns and

targeting larger facilities first ensures more residents are vaccinated sooner.

Interlake-Eastern RHA's public health Focused Immunization Team (FIT) will be at Tudor House this week to provide the first dose to residents. A second dose will follow 28 days later, completing the best protection Manitoba can provide at this point against the COVID-19 virus.

Ninety-one per cent of Tudor House residents/families have already consented to the vaccine, including 90-year-old Mary Cartlidge, a former

teacher's aide who counts riding bicycles, riding horseback, and playing tennis amongst her life's most treasured activities.

"I only have my brain and X amount of time left," says Cartlidge. "Being stuck in lockdown is hard. So is not being able to see my family and my cat. I am hoping that this vaccine will help to get us out into the world sooner."

According to Tudor House CEO, John Martyniuk, COVID-19 has brought with it a wealth of concerns, so the arrival of the vaccine is more than welcome.

"Our residents, families and staff have spent the last ten months with anxiety and stress worrying about what they have seen and heard about

this awful virus in Canada's nursing homes," said Martyniuk. "Going into outbreak status on Dec. 30, 2020, due to one positive case, has increased the stress and pressure further on everyone. We have all had many sleepless nights and we are all tired of the long hours and additional hard work. We have great dedicated staff but hearing the vaccine is coming has really put smiles on residents', families' and staff faces and has done a lot to pick up the morale and confidence that we can get through this. The residents' mood has improved immensely in the past few days. Residents are laughing and talking like I have not seen in ages."

RCMP respond to disturbance on Clandeboye Ave.

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Jan. 7 at 8:45 p.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a call of a disturbance at a residence located on Clandeboye Avenue in Selkirk.

The homeowner advised that a 29-year-old female, who also resides at the residence, had been causing a commotion inside the

home earlier, but the homeowner was unable to say where she had gone.

Officers, who were inside the home, observed a prohibited weapon in plain view and upon further search, located several additional prohibited weapons – three knives and a machete.

Upon confirming that the suspect was no longer in the residence, officers exited the home and began to walk back to their vehicles when they observed the suspect sleeping in the back seat of a nearby parked vehicle.

The suspect was subsequently arrested and upon search, was found to be in possession of several BB guns and a small quantity of methamphetamine.

The 29-year-old female was later released from custody and will appear in Provincial Court in Selkirk on Apr. 9 facing weapon and drug-related charges.

Selkirk RCMP continue to investigate.



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Contraband seized from Clandeboye Ave. incident.

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Exploring history through the lens of its residents

St. Andrews Heritage Centre launches historical podcast

By Nicole Buffie

The walls of the St. Andrews Heritage Centre have seen many faces since its construction in 1853: it's acted as gathering place for church missionaries, served as a home for families and now it sits as a national historic site and museum.

But, while the limestone walls of the rectory cannot talk, those who grew up in and around the building can.

As part of an effort to engage citizens and encourage tourism to the area, the St. Andrews Heritage Committee has launched a podcast to tell the stories of the area's past.

The podcast, aptly titled *Conversations in Time*, centres around interviews with some of St. Andrews veteran citizens to explore the history of the community.

"It was perfectly in line with what the RM wanted from our committee," said Gerald Koroscil, vice-chair of the committee. "To tell the local stories of the area."

Each episode, approximately 60 minutes in length, shares the memories and perspectives of a different resident each week. Produced during the summer months, interviews with 12 residents were conducted by summer students, including Emma Lowen.

"It kind of felt like conversations you would have with your grandparents," said Lowen, 20. "They're important memories and knowledge, so it was just really interesting to hear about

how things have changed over time."

The difference in age between each interviewer and interviewee provides a contrast between past and present, new and old, which embodies what the heritage centre represents today.

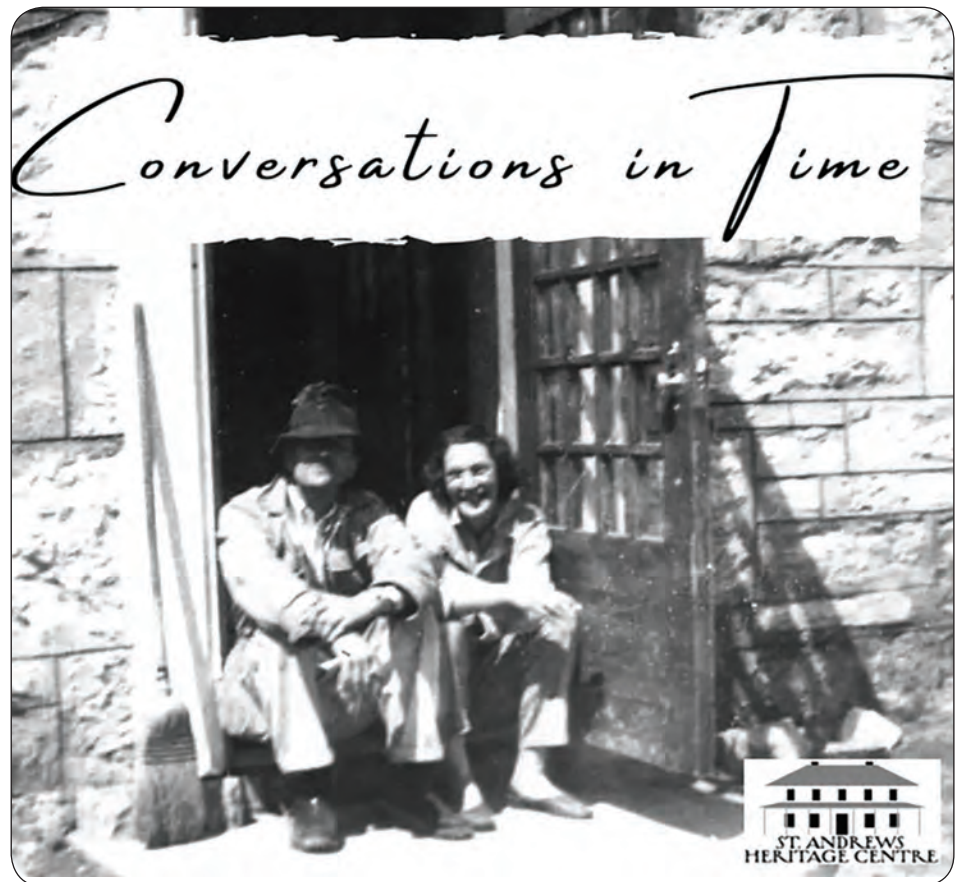
Of the two episodes currently available to listen to, the stories of Irene Foster and Pat Alexiuk share memories of efforts to bring electricity to the area, and even a bid to the Queen to reopen the Kennedy House. Alexiuk, 87, lived in the rectory with her family from 1947 to 1967.

Lowen, a lifelong resident of the area, said while there are staunch differences between the past and present in St. Andrews, it was how basic amenities have changed that shocked her the most, such as going from wood-burning stoves with no thermometer to the modern appliances used today.

"You forget those little details and how much they change," she said.

The podcast, available anywhere podcasts are streamed and on the St. Andrews Heritage Centre's website, is only one effort to weave technology into tourism for the rectory. Koroscil said the committee has integrated hands-on, interactive exhibits within the museum for a more up-to-date feel.

"We're trying to add the twist of modern, electronic gadgetry to attract more tourists," he said. "And especially with our students, like Emma, who are very techni-



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A new historical podcast launched by the St. Andrews Heritage Centre 'Conversations in Time' explores the history of the area through interviews with its longest-residing residents.

cally oriented, they're very enthusiastic about applying that kind of technology."

The centre was due to have a grand opening of their new exhibits last spring but cancelled as the novel coronavirus settled into the province.

In the meantime, the heritage centre is learning to navigate the online

world to provide video clips and historical videos, dubbed Heritage Highlights, to spark an interest in the generation still growing up in St. Andrews, with the help of tech-savvy young people like Lowen.

Conversations in Time will release a new episode every Sunday until March for a total of 12 instalments.



A new historical podcast launched by the St. Andrews Heritage Centre 'Conversations in Time' explores the history of the area through interviews with its longest-residing residents. Emma Lowen and Gerald Koroscil, two of the people behind the making of the series.

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Manitobans living with dementia share their stories

"I live with dementia. Let me tell you more."

Submitted by **Samantha Holland, Alzheimer Society**

Manitobans living with dementia share their stories to create understanding and reduce stigma in Alzheimer Society campaign: "I live with dementia. Let me tell you more."

Over the past three years, the Alzheimer Society has highlighted stories of Manitobans who live with dementia in an effort to tackle the ongoing stigma associated with the disease. Some have the disease themselves, and others are family caregivers or friends.

"With the current pandemic situation, we have to practice social distancing and wear masks," says Manitoba resident Tara Liske, whose dad was diagnosed with early onset dementia four years ago at the age of 64. "My mom, especially, finds this hard because she can't touch Dad or give him a kiss when she leaves."

Tara is one of many Manitobans who have courageously stepped forward with their personal stories in the Society's campaign, I live with dementia. Let me tell you more, launching Monday, January 4 as part of Alzheimer's Awareness Month. She says, "Reach out and talk about the diagnosis. We had so many family and friends come forward with their own stories."

Research indicates that 1 in 4 Canadians would feel ashamed or embarrassed if they had dementia. The campaign gives a voice to Manitobans with dementia who are frustrated by the constant assumptions and misinformation associated with the disease.

"By providing a platform for Manitobans to share their stories, we can



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The Alzheimer Society campaign is sharing stories of Manitobans living with dementia with hopes of people gaining a better understanding and to reduce the stigma for those living with the disease.

cultivate empathy and compassion. Often, others see themselves in the stories we share, which helps them realize they are not alone," says Wendy Schettler, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. "Too often, negative feelings, attitudes and stereotypes surrounding dementia dissuade people from seeking help and discourage others from lending their support."

Since the launch of the campaign in 2018, over 85 Canadians with dementia, including caregivers, have taken a stand against the stigma associated with the disease.

Joining Tara in this year's campaign are:

- Nancy, whose husband, Randy, was only 53 when they first noticed signs that he may have dementia. "He can't change the way he's thinking or behaving, but I can change the way I respond."

- Tannis, whose mom had Alzheimer's disease before she passed away June 2018. "Even though she couldn't communicate anymore, in my eyes, she was still my mom."

- Gary, a retired teacher diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease almost eight years ago. "I still ride my bike, take my dog on walks and read the paper."

More than 23,000 Manitobans are living with dementia today, excluding the thousands of family members who provide direct care. In the next 12 years, it's projected that nearly a million Canadians will have dementia. The Society encourages families living with dementia to connect with their local Alzheimer Society for help and support.

"The number of Manitobans with dementia is soaring and Covid-19 has brought new challenges families must now face," says Schettler. "Support from the Alzheimer Society and our surrounding community is more important now than ever before."

To read the stories of these four Manitobans and to find out how you can help reduce the stigma, visit www.alzheimer.mb.ca/ilivewithdementia.

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Mayors share what's to come in 2021

By Nicole Buffie

As the tumultuous year that was 2020 came to a close, the Selkirk Record wanted to give the mayors that serve our region a chance to reflect upon the last 366 days, as well as give residents a sneak peek of what is to come for the next 365.

City of Selkirk: Mayor Larry Johansson

What are you most proud of accomplishing in 2020?

We've had a good 2020 investment-wise, and we're just going to continue on in 2021 - I think it's going to be even better than 2020.

The wastewater treatment plant is a big win for Selkirk. It's something that's so, so important. While it's not a sexy thing, it's something that was dear to my heart. It means that we can keep building; we don't have to say no to anybody, whether it's commercial housing developments, businesses - whatever comes along our line we can take it, and we can look at it and if it's a good fit for our community, we can say yes to it.

It is also for generations to come—our kids that are staying here, our grandkids that are going to be here, they're not going to have to worry when they go to turn the water tap on there's going to be fresh, clean potable water there. And, when they flush the toilets and the shower water goes down the drain, they can rest assured that one of the most efficient plants in Canada is going to take care of that, and the water that's going to come out of that end pipe will not be polluting the Red River and will not, in turn, be polluting Lake Winnipeg.

What are some projects you hope the City will be able to accomplish this year?

We're looking at more development in the West End. We've got developers now that have bought the land right beside Vaughn Ave. West, they've got some exciting projects that are going to go in there. It's just more housing and housing options, which is big for us.

We'll also look at our plan for the 300+ acres that the city bought just south of Vaughn Ave. West, which is going to be an exciting development for us. I don't think I'll see it finished while I'm in this chair, but I definitely am hoping to see it started.

Selkirk had the foresight to purchase that land ourselves and in turn, will be masters of our own destiny and we're going to be able to do it the right way. There are people that want to be close

er to strong medical services, which is what we have here. There are people that want to be close to good, strong, solid commercial and that's what we have here also with our businesses, and they want housing options, and we're going to be able to give them good housing options.

In what areas do you feel the City can improve the lives of residents in 2021?

We have a lot of initiatives for streets and for sidewalks, and that's just a small part of it, but that's an important piece of it.

People are seeing streets are getting repaved. Even the streets that perhaps are not quite up for a complete rebuild, we have the new technology where we're doing crack sealing and we're giving them added life until we can fully redo them.

Sewer relining has been a big one for us also: we're able to use the technology to reline that sewer. We've done it on quite a few of the side streets, and just did a major piece for Manitoba Ave. North to up around Netley. It's been really good for us.

Residents depend on clean water, toilet flushing, good streets, good sidewalks, and they depend on good recreation areas; those are all things that that we've got at the top of our list, and we're going to keep working on.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way the City operates and how have you made changes to ensure residents still have access to what they need?

Before code orange and before then going into code red, we knew that this was serious, and we knew that we've got to address this right away. And we did.

On our website, we advised residents on what they should be doing. We included on that site daily updates, so people could just go to one website, and they could see everything that they needed to see daily. We would provide the updates and where things were at, what people should be doing and if there were any changes.

We put together our own stages when closures would happen as per provincial regulations. We started right away in stage one, and then as it went, we worked up to stage four where there were a lot of shutdowns.

We also prepared a business continuity plan, which was important for our assets and how we were going to keep them open.

Our freshwater plant, we knew we had to do something in order to keep it going. If somebody did get COVID in



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City of Selkirk's Civic Office.

there, we would have had to have everybody quarantined out of there. So, our guys to keep going with the business continuity plan, people that were retired or people that had worked in these plants, we went to them and asked them if we had to quarantine staff in these plants, would they be able to come jump in and keep the business going. And they all agreed, which was fantastic for us.

I'm proud of the way our guys made sure that we would continue on business as usual as good as we could with COVID.

Since your election, how have you fulfilled your campaign promises and how do you plan to continue fulfilling them in 2021?

I'm in my 15th year, I've been very fortunate to have good people with me on council, good administration, good directors and we've got great staff.

I think it's really important that we were all working as a team. I think that's a big plus to some of the success that we're having here.

The housing, it wasn't growing that much. And now, we've really got some great housing investments going on.

Recreation was a big part that we wanted to improve on and, and we have: Selkirk Park is almost a total rebuild down there, and I'm proud of it.

I've always said it's not me, it's a team. And we've got the right team in place to be able to do these things. I'm happy with what's being done, I'm happy with the road we're on and where we're going. I can't think

of many things I would have changed that we've done in the last 15 years, and I'm excited about the things that we're going to do in the next 15.

RM of St. Clements: Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn

What are you most proud of accomplishing in 2020?

The RM completed a Year in Review Newsletter and it highlights many of the municipality's accomplishments in 2020. A copy of the Newsletter can be viewed on our website.

A couple of highlights are the groundwork done at our South St. Clements Activity Centre Site and purchasing additional equipment for fire protection and public works.

I am also proud to say that we supported community centres in the municipality by matching the Provincial Bridge Grant funding of \$5000.00 for community centres.

What are some projects you hope the RM will be able to accomplish this year?

The RM has put forth Borrowing By-laws to upgrade our Water Treatment Plant and to begin the municipality's number one infrastructure priority for installation of wastewater force

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Ed Teplyski

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mains from South St. Clements to the East Selkirk Lagoon.

We continue to address various drainage projects throughout the municipality, including the Glenmoor Drain.

We will continue to work on various active transportation trails in the community.

We will also continue working with the Winnipeg Metro Region on the delivery of long-range regional plan.

In what areas do you feel the RM can improve the lives of residents in 2021?

Continue to investigate opportunities to provide better access to broadband internet service for our residents and businesses throughout the municipality.

Continue delivery of municipal services in an efficient manner and provide quality of life for our residents consistent with council's Strategic Plan and goals.

Continue to encourage development and growth throughout the municipality.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way the RM operates and how have you made changes to ensure residents still have access to what they need?

The year 2020 has brought many challenges by a global pandemic (COVID-19). In this unprecedented time, we continued to work towards a safe and healthy community. Throughout the year, council has continued to focus on our essential services as the safety of our residents, community and our employees continues to be our top priority.

While our essential services remained operational, council and the administration focused on delivering the priorities for the RM. We had to learn to deliver our services and find new ways of communicating and interacting with our citizens. This included providing online council meetings and the utilization of enhancements to our Connect program for providing our citizens with important information during emergencies or when information is of interest to the entire community. These changes are items that fulfil a commitment council made last year to be more transparent and accessible to our citizens and we have continued to try to achieve this within some of the restrictions in our current times.

Since your election, how have you fulfilled your campaign promises and how do you plan to continue fulfilling them in 2021?

Council and I continue to focus on keeping municipal taxes affordable, while at the same time providing municipal services and improving infrastructure in the municipality. We

continue to work toward age-in-place and multi-family housing in the municipality and to improve recreation opportunities in the municipality and support additional recreation and walking trails throughout the municipality.

We are also continuing work on our long term projects such as the Henderson Wastewater, South St. Clements Activity Center and Water Treatment Plant Upgrades.

Final comments:

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, all the best for 2021 and I hope to see all of our residents and ratepayers stay healthy and safe in these unprecedented times.

I encourage all our citizens to register on Connect to keep up with the latest news that affect them in our community by going to the municipal website. The municipal website does have a lot of the information mentioned in this article, along with other information that may be of interest to residents.

The RM of St. Clements continues to attract new residents and has shown that it is the place to be where we can live, work and play.

Council of the RM of St. Andrews

What are you most proud of accomplishing in 2020?

In a year of such strange and unusual challenges, we're proud of how quickly our municipality was able to find its footing, adapt to uncertain terrain and keep on moving towards our long-term goals.

One of our main accomplishments was the completion of the South St. Andrews Wastewater System, the RM's biggest infrastructure project in its history. The pandemic arrived right in the middle of construction, bringing a variety of COVID-related delays and uncertainties. But despite these disruptions, the project stayed on track, and after some final preparations, we'll be ready to start up the pumps this spring.

Soon 1,800 homes in South St. Andrews will have access to an affordable alternative to septic fields and holding tanks. As we start this new year, we can feel confident that the community is better prepared for the years ahead.

In 2020, the RM of St. Andrews also earned the "Best Maintained System of Municipal Roads" award for our district in the Manitoba Good Roads competition. It was gratifying to see our Public Works staff recognized for their hard work and long hours, particularly in a year when public health restrictions made their job far more difficult.



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The R.M. of St. Clement's municipal office.

What are some projects you hope the RM will be able to accomplish this year?

Getting the South St. Andrews Wastewater System up and running will be the RM's main focus during the first quarter of 2021. After that, we'll have more opportunity to focus on other projects.

One of our ongoing priorities is to develop the walking trail along Highway 9. It's an important part of our commitment to active transportation routes and will help us welcome visitors to the beauty and historic attractions of our municipality and help keep pedestrians safe.

How do you plan to keep improving the lives of residents in 2021?

In the year ahead, we want to sharpen our focus on long-term planning for all aspects of our community. This will help all members of council – and citizens – develop a common understanding of our needs and opportunities so we can make decisions in a more deliberate way. Having a clear, shared vision will prepare us to act on community development grants and other opportunities as they arise.

We moved toward this goal in 2020 by realigning the RM's staff. The experience of our Chief Administrative Officer has given council the confidence to focus on the bigger questions of policy rather than day-to-day administrative matters. We've also hired an Economic Development Officer, who will help us develop plans for all aspects of growth, from housing to commercial zoning.

To help us develop local strategies, we're participating in two major studies that will identify the best use of taxpayer dollars. One of these studies is a hydrological analysis of creeks and waterways in flood-prone areas around Petersfield. This project will help us understand where public investments in flood mitigation will yield the biggest returns.

Another study is focused on solid waste management. With neighbour-

ing RMs, we're looking at how we can keep more waste out of the landfill – not just by exporting recyclables to other countries, but also by finding new uses for waste right here at home.

For example, we have been one of the first Manitoba municipalities to promote mattress recycling. At our landfill, we've set up a special area where residents can drop off mattresses, which we then haul to Mother Earth Recycling in Winnipeg. There, mattresses are broken down into fabric, foam, metal and wood so the materials can become carpet underlay, cans or firewood.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way the RM operates and how have you made changes to ensure residents still have access to what they need?

Early in the pandemic, we understood that the best way to maintain service to residents was to keep municipal staff safe. By mid-March, we had invested in the iPads, internet connections and VPNs our staff needed to work from home. While other organizations were waiting for equipment to be delivered, our administrative services were already networked, up and running.

Council meetings and hearings were quickly switched to the Zoom platform so RM work could continue without interruption. Some hearings were postponed, but for the most part, we've been able to keep the backlog to a minimum.

In areas like Public Works, staff have been split into three crews to minimize the risk of exposure to infection. Safety protocols have added more pressure to the job, but staff have always ensured that the job gets done.

The restrictions have reminded us of how important it is to have great digital communications channels. It's been a learning process for everyone, including staff, council and citizens. The lessons learned will continue to

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provide real value to our community, long after the pandemic is over.

RM of West St. Paul: Mayor Cheryl Christian

What are you most proud of accomplishing in 2020?

Despite the challenges created by COVID-19, I'm very proud of our municipal council and staff for working to ensure municipal business continued for our community and our residents. 2020 created the opportunity for innovative service delivery. Our staff created the first rural tax payment drive-thru for residents to safely and easily pay their taxes this year. Our council meetings and public hearings are now live streaming on YouTube and recorded for residents to watch anytime, making our decision making more open and accessible than ever before. Our strategic planning work continued and will be ready for our community in January. We published six West St. Paul newsletters and even managed to safely hold a community-wide clean up day in the midst of COVID. All of these positive changes have shown me the resilience of our community and the dedication of our municipal staff.

In addition to business continuity and innovative service delivery, I am very proud of the exciting projects we were able to complete in West St. Paul thanks to resident committees and our partnerships with developers and the Provincial Government. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers on the trails committee, who worked with Manitoba Infrastructure and developers, we now have a beautiful new trail under the Perimeter Hwy. bridge. For the first time in the history of West St. Paul a formal trail now connects us to Winnipeg. As part of a \$7.6 million dollar highway and bridge replacement project on Main St., we also saw the installation of a new pedestrian bridge over the Grassmere Creek. This provides safe, active transportation and truly connects many of our West St. Paul neighbourhoods and families.

What are some projects you hope the RM will be able to accomplish this year?

Through our community strategic planning process, the residents of West St. Paul told us community safety and by-law enforcement is top priority. In 2021, we will be conducting a review of our by-laws to make sure they are relevant, current and enforced. Community education regarding the by-laws will be enhanced using social media, our bi-monthly newsletters and our newly trained West St. Paul Community Ambassadors. Their role

will be to welcome new community members and share safety and by-law information with our residents.

Our community members identified beautification and green space as a top priority. In 2021, we will continue to extend the linear park/trail system. A second pedestrian bridge over Grassmere Creek will be constructed directly north of the Sunova Centre, making our recreation centre more accessible than ever before.

2021 will be a big year for the start of retail and continued commercial growth in West St. Paul. Our residents asked for shopping, dining and professional services within our own community. After decades of planning, wastewater and water infrastructure installation, the time has finally arrived to welcome these conveniences. Retail and commercial developments increase assessed value and make it even more affordable to live in West St. Paul.

In what areas do you feel the RM can improve the lives of residents in 2021?

I am very proud to say our residents in West St. Paul have a high quality of life. We are always striving to make life better. In 2021, the RM will continue to ensure superior municipal services. We have an exceptional staff who are always creating innovative ways of delivering services, like our tax payment drive-thru. Our action items for 2021 focus on safety, community beautification and retail development, all factors that enhance our quality of life in West St. Paul.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way the RM operates and how have you made changes to ensure residents still have access to what they need?

COVID has made it more challenging for RM administration, staff and council. However, there have been some positive changes for council in the midst of COVID, including adapting to virtual meetings. Live-streamed, recorded meetings mean our West St. Paul residents can easily watch our meetings and see how local decisions are made. Prior to COVID, attendance at council meetings was anywhere from two to ten residents. Now, hundreds of people have viewed some of our council meetings on YouTube. Many residents, business owners and developers have been able to easily participate in our council meetings and public hearings with the use of technology. While our meetings were always open to the public, and our newly renovated council chambers in 2019 meant we could accommodate more residents at our meetings, virtual meetings have further improved transparency and open decision making



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The R.M. of West St. Paul's municipal office.

ing in West St. Paul.

Unable to hold an open house, we also held our first virtual Town Hall in October 2020 to share information with residents on Rossmore and Addis regarding completed wastewater projects. Prior to COVID, we would have held an open house at Sunova Centre to update residents and share information. Council and administration adapted, and this virtual Town Hall provided an opportunity for residents to call or log in to learn about the project details.

As a council, we have also found ways to adapt and continue with team building. We held two virtual team building sessions with a human resource consultant to promote good governance and positive council relations. Nothing replaces face to face meetings as a council and with our residents, but we have been working hard to stay connected virtually.

Since your election, how have you fulfilled your campaign promises and how to you plan to continue fulfilling them in 2021?

What excites me most about being mayor is the opportunity to work with residents, council and municipal staff to make a lasting, positive contribution to our community. I'm very proud of our community strategic planning process, the opportunity to encourage all community members and businesses to have input into the future of our community. This was a campaign promise I made to the residents of West St. Paul for our future, a project I am so happy council, staff and the community supported it.

Being mayor provides an opportunity to help inform residents about local decision making, planning matters, local services and projects. It's very important to me that we communicate all our decision making in

an open and transparent way through our newsletters, email blasts, social media posts and news releases. I promised greater communication and our council and staff have delivered.

I promised well planned and well managed development in West St. Paul. With our development partners, we have been able to create beautiful new neighbourhoods, like the Trails of West St. Paul, and welcome new families to our community. Upcoming developments, like Parkview Pointe and River Springs, were created and adapted thanks to community feedback.

I also see my role as mayor as a strong advocate and proud cheerleader for West St. Paul. Whether that involves welcoming new community members and businesses, creating positive relationships with neighbouring municipalities or lobbying other levels of government for important funding, I believe as mayor I have an important responsibility to proudly promote and support West St. Paul. We are a diverse, inclusive and welcoming community and that positive community pride starts at the top with our community leaders.

Final comments:

The story of West St. Paul is really a welcoming and inclusive community. For decades, our community has been creating new neighbourhoods. From our Veterans community of Rivercrest built in the 1940s, to Riverdale in the 1980s to the most recent neighbourhoods of the Trails and Parkview Pointe, West St. Paul has a rich history of development and growth. Our residents can take pride in the fact that our community has become a destination of choice.

Looking for creative people to enter contest

Art Board and Art Centre's contest seeks to raise awareness for endangered species

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Interlake Art Board and Selkirk Community Art Centre have teamed up to host an Endangered Species of Manitoba Colouring Book Contest with the hopes of challenging Manitobans to bring awareness to the animals that we might not even realize need a helping hand.

"We just thought that there's a lot of artists that are at home, and there's a lot and a lot of Manitobans that we want to become aware of their ability to be creative," said Joan English with the Interlake Art Board.

The art, which can be any medium but does require that a photo is taken of the art, will then be digitally submitted for a chance to win a \$1000 prize as well as be featured on the front and back pages of a colouring book that the groups will be putting together.

The artwork needs to be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 28 when they will be judged by qualified jurors and professional artists including Luther Pokrant, Josh Marantz, Roger Peet Coordinator of the US Endangered Species Project, Judith Panson, Patricia Johnson, and Kathleen Buckoski.

With funding from Manitoba's Safe at Home Initiative, the groups are asking artists to create visual art inspired by the animals considered concerned, threatened, and endangered.

A list of species can be found at the contest website, however, species can be chosen from categories ranging from birds, mammals, plants, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mollusca, moths/butterflies, and lichens.



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(left) Red-headed woodpecker and (right) whooping crane artwork made by local artists Bev Hart for the Endangered Species of Manitoba Colouring Book Contest.

"I was just surprised that some of the stuff that I'm aware of, are actually in those categories that we have to be, you know, concerned about," said English.

The groups wanted to make sure that artists of any age could enter and so they have created four categories split up by age group which will each have two winners. The age groups will be one to six-year-olds, seven to thirteen-year-olds, fourteen to seventeen-year-olds, and eighteen plus.

This project will be the first stage of the Art Board and Art Centre's endangered species project this year which will also include two murals that will visually draw awareness to some of these species which are in decline in our region by incorporat-

ing Indigenous and Non-Indigenous artists and art forms as well as three-dimensional elements.

She encourages any Manitoban to enter the contest regardless of your skill level,

"If you haven't tried art before just participate. Become more aware of what's going on not only in our community but also in our natural heritage," said English.

English would also like to extend an extra thank you to Julie Stevenson and the young people who she worked with who's time and effort made it possible to get this project off the ground in a very short amount of time.

Instant win(e) cellar winners announced

Winners Kit Muir, Ron and Heather Bailey, and Lorie Fiddler

Submitted by RRNT

The winning tickets for the Instant Wine Cellar were drawn on December 30th. The raffle was presented by Red River North Tourism in conjunction with Holiday Alley and intended to both raise funds and draw public attention to efforts to reopen Kennedy House on River Road in St Andrews.

The Instant Wine Cellar collected 245 bottles of wine with an approximate value of \$3800, shared between three lucky winners. Tickets sales and donations earned just under \$7000 for Kennedy House.

"Since all the wine was donated with the purchase of tickets, 100% of

the funds received will be applied to future Kennedy House programs and promotions," said Lois Wales, Red River North Tourism President and Co-Chair of the Kennedy House Renewal Committee.

Over a dozen varieties of white and rosé wines and more than sixteen types of reds were distributed between the three curated prize packages. Each prize also contained a sampling of wine accessories sure to please any oenophile!

The winning ticket was purchased as a birthday gift for Kit Muir by her uncle. Muir took home a collection of 122 wines with a value of over \$1800. She is already planning to share her

win with family and many friends in the community. Second prize winners Ron and Heather Bailey were looking forward to ringing in the New Year with one of the bottles of Brut in their collection of 74 wines.

Lorie Fiddler, the third prize winner, also talked about sharing some of her wine with friends and co-workers. She took home over \$700 worth of wine and accessories. The prizes had been boxed ready for drive-by pickup.

"Key to our success was the enthusiasm of our many ticket sellers," said Wales.

"In particular," she continued, "the willingness of WishMe and The Rectory Gift Shop to sell tickets made a huge difference and ensured success of this fundraiser."

Both boutiques offered on-line ordering and drive-by wine drop off and

ticket pick up throughout the holiday season.

Owned by the Province, Kennedy House has been closed since 2015 awaiting structural repairs. The Kennedy House Renewal Committee has been in discussions with provincial staff regarding possible public uses for the property, perhaps including a return to a tea room, popular for many years in the historic building. It is hoped a partnership can be established with the Province similar to that between The Rectory (St Andrews Heritage Centre) and Parks Canada.

For further information about Red River North Tourism and Kennedy House go to www.redrivernorthtourism.com

Interlake-Eastern RHA records less than 100 cases last week

By staff

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10 per cent provincially and 8.8 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. Monday, 133 new cases of the virus had been identified, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 26,450.

Monday's COVID-19 data shows:

- 11 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 34 case in the Northern health region;
- 28 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 13 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 47 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 3,414 active cases and 22,295 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;

- there are 162 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 154 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 316 hospitalizations;

- there are 21 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as 16 people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care for a total of 37 ICU patients; and

- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 741.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,566 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 440,532. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case breakdown by district as of Monday, is as follows: A total of 1,952 cases, up by 78 from Jan. 4: 382 active cases, 1,536 recovered, 16 currently in the hospital with four of those in ICU and 34 deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 54 cases recovered; Beausejour 6 active cases, 118 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 56 active cases, 78 recovered and 8 deaths; Fisher/Peguis 39 active cases and 269 recovered, 3 deaths; Gimli 27 recovered; Northern Remote 80 active cases, 172 recovered and 2 deaths; Pinawa/LacduBonnet 52 recovered; Powerview/PineFalls 84 active case and 48 recovered and 1 death; Selkirk 91 recovered and 2 deaths; Springfield 153 recovered and 11 deaths; St. Clements 13 active cases and 76 recovered and 1 death; St. Laurent 14 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 6 active cases, 138 recovered and 4 deaths; Unknown District 81 active cases and 99 recovered and

1 death; Whiteshell 25 recovered and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 8 active cases and 122 recovered and 1 death.

The chief provincial public health officer reminds Manitobans to self-isolate immediately at the onset of possible COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild. This means staying home from work, school or other daily

activities. Testing should be done as soon as possible once symptoms appear. For information on COVID-19 symptoms and guidance on when you should get tested, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html>.

Manitobans should only leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials, be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Public health officials are also advising that if anyone is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. For health-care workers, exceptions may apply and staff may be able/required to report to work after contacting their workplace occupational health services or designate.

Code red restrictions remain in place until Jan. 22

Manitoba's COVID-19 numbers and hospitalizations are still too high to roll back restrictions, public health officials announced last week.

The code red/critical public health orders slated to expire Jan. 8 were extended another two weeks to Jan. 22.

That means the in-person sale of non-essential products remains restricted and non-essential businesses must continue to keep their doors closed to the public, relying instead on curbside pick-up and delivery.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief

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Josh Isfjord

It feels like yesterday that Josh Isfjord was a bright eyed and bushy tailed teenager starting in the wash bay at Selkirk GM. Those days were soon left behind him as his exceptional work ethic and superior customer service quickly helped Josh become an integral part of our family and success here.

"A successful five year sales career and almost 1000 very happy customers later and Josh

is irreplaceable in our Selkirk GM family. He is truly an amazing part of our team and a phenomenal colleague." Dianne Little, General Sales Manager. It's now been four consecutive years of achieving Selkirk GM's top sales AND being rewarded with GM's highest

sales honour: Gold level in the Sales Marketing Guild. His customer satisfaction score rated by those clients comes in at an astonishing 98.9%, proving that Josh continues to excel at making his customers extremely happy.

very important to him and he has been known to play bingo with his Nan on numerous occasions!

"Everyone at Selkirk GM has enjoyed working with Josh over the last 5 years. His hard work and commitment to the dealership do not go unnoticed. Josh has a very bright future at Selkirk GM." said Matt Walters, General Manager.

Congratulations Josh for all your hard work, your dedication to

your career, your clients and your team!

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Looking back at Josh's first test drive, it pointed him in a very exciting and successful direction!

When Josh isn't at Selkirk GM putting smiles on co-workers and customers faces, he's enjoying time with his friends and family watching NFL games, (reminder: no calls or talking when his favourite team the Kansas City Chiefs games are on). Family is

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Red River Dental keeping it clean during pandemic

Clinic celebrates first year in upgraded new office

By Nicole Buffie

What should have been a celebration of one year in their new space, was just another regular day at Red River Dental shuffling patients in and out of examinations, taking x-rays and doing routine dental procedures.

December 23, 2020, marked a full year in the clinic's newest location inside Easton Place after moving from their old building at 347 Main St. which they operated out of for over 45 years.

"The [old] place needed to be renovated, the parking wasn't great, and we wanted to expand and provide better services," said Dr. Jamie Wozney, dentist and part-owner of the clinic.

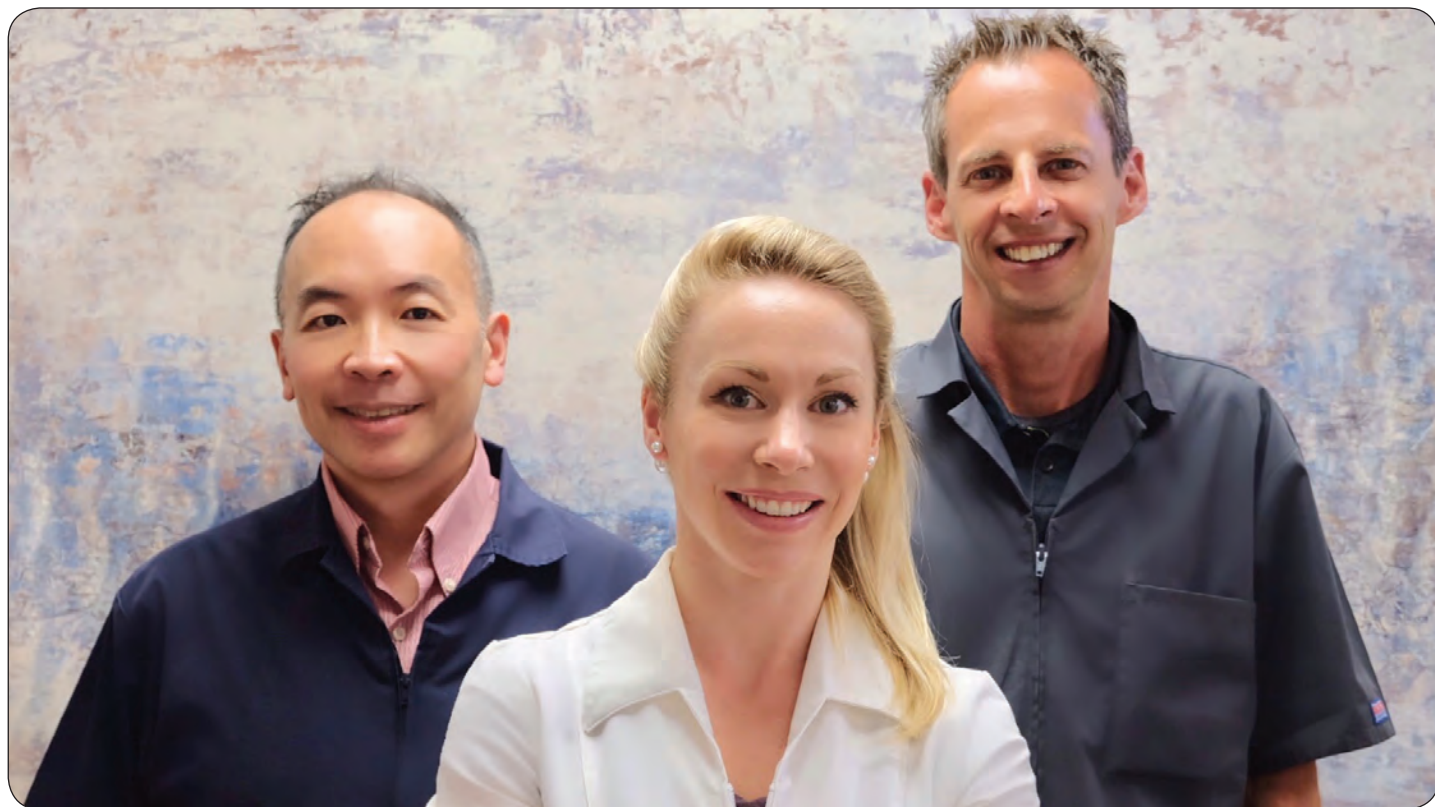
It was only after three months in their new location that Manitoba recorded its first COVID-19 cases, forcing a province-wide shutdown including dentist and doctor's offices. Red River Dental only performed emergency surgeries and consultations over the phone until their offices reopened on June 1.

Even with the reopening, the province put in strict guidelines to ensure the safety of employees and patients including social distancing and increased cleaning.

"The good thing about being a dental office, we were already kind of used to cleaning the rooms and sterilization and all that type of stuff," he said. "So we just had to change a few things."

Being a new dental clinic, Wozney said they were at an advantage when it came to following protocols as features built into it made the office a safe place to be.

Upgrades include a state-of-the-art ventilation system to reduce the number of aerosols circulating in the air



and a hospital-grade sterilization centre for tools and equipment.

"We're keeping everybody a lot safer by doing all these things," Wozney said when asked if the pandemic has changed the way services are carried out. He said there has been apprehension from a few patients wanting to come for services due to the invasive nature of dentistry but assures the clinic has gone "above and beyond" what has been required of them.

"We want people to know that going to the dentist is safe," he said.

Along with social distancing and mask-wear-

ing, all patients receiving services at the clinic are required to do an antiviral mouth rinse upon arrival to kill any bacteria they may be carrying.

As for social distancing, the clinic's new space provides ample room to keep six feet apart, with additional square footage to accommodate two extra examination chairs from their previous location.

So, while Red River Dental is busy catching up on cancelled or delayed appointments, Wozney said they are eager to welcome patients to the new space and hope to plan a celebration of their milestone as soon as public health orders allow to do so.

"We're looking forward to the future."

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(From left): Dr. Thomas Lee, Dr. Kira Kjeaar and Dr. Jamie Wozney, partners of Red River Dental. Below: Staff at the dental clinic have implemented extra cleaning and personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of patients.



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Finding the bright spots in a difficult year – it's you! Thanks for giving

From Aaron Martyniw, SDCF Chairperson



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hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and this Selkirk and District

Community Foundation Community Report finds you and yours well.

2020, well, what can I say? It was a year like no other and one that I hope we can take some positives from. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have been many and my wish is that this difficult time has brought us closer to our children, our parents and grandparents, and helped us embrace all the good things in our lives. We will get through this and come out better on the other side.

There were many bright spots last fall – the SDCF gave out \$130,196 in grants to 16 deserving organizations. Your generosity made this possible. During our "Week of Giving" we witnessed more of our community members give and in greater amounts. Your caring spirit, even during crisis, has once again made our communities soar. Thank you for your giving!

We also celebrated the 35th Citizen of the Year, Michele Polinuk. Michele is a most deserving recipient, and she's a friend and colleague, and I couldn't be more thrilled for her. She has been a force for good in this community for years and, like the Foundation, I know she's Here for Good and will be a dedicated volunteer for years to come.

In closing, on behalf of the SDCF, I wish you all a terrific 2021! Stay safe everyone.

New Libri Fund a real page turner



The newly created Libri Fund will provide an ongoing legacy to support the library in the future.

Libraries are quiet places by design and when you're in one, the turning of pages, though often barely audible, is sometimes the only sound you can hear.

For Ken Kuryliw, it's like music to his ears.

And now, thanks to the Libri Fund, a new Designated Fund at the Selkirk and District Community Foun-

dation, that music will play on for years to come.

"We are very excited about the Libri Fund, as it will provide an ongoing legacy to support the library in the future," says Kuryliw, the Director of Library Services at the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

"The money allows for the operation of the library so it's more

books, and sustained programming for the community."

Libri means 'book' in Latin and the fund was created by Selkirk citizens Duane Nicol and Erin Nosal, whose reverence for books and libraries, and what they mean to a community, moved them to donate.

Libraries are meeting places and safe spaces and they bring peo-

ple together, as well as providing "tools to make ourselves better in mind, spirit, body and community", the couple wrote in a note to the Foundation.

An initial \$5,000 donation was made last year, followed by several more donations, bringing the fund past the benchmark of \$10,000 for a Named Fund.

Kuryliw says the fund is important to the library's future.

"The Selkirk and District Community Foundation partnership has been critical to the success of the Gaynor Family Regional Library, and this endowment fund provides everyone with a way to support our efforts to the community, for literacy, affordable recreation, lifelong learning and community sharing."

Citizen of the Year Michele Polinuk enjoying unique celebration

It's doubtful that we're breaking news here, but Michele Polinuk is the 35th Citizen of the Year!

In a normal year – and we know 2020 is anything but normal – the Selkirk and District Community Foundation would have hosted its annual banquet and Polinuk would have been feted by friends and family and colleagues and co-workers.

Instead, the Foundation has held a series of mini-celebrations for Polinuk to make honouring her, in this most unique year as memorable as it possibly can be.

There was a balloon and flower drop from friends and nominators while she had tea during an interview; there were more gifts delivered to her home and then there has been all the good times spent creating congratulatory videos celebrating Michele Polinuk and her Citizen of the Year award.

Recently retired from her position as the Lord Selkirk School Division's Superintendent, Polinuk is a Selkirk girl born and raised, who began her teaching career in Winnipeg before heading home.

Her list of volunteer involvement is too long to list in its entirety, but includes the Selkirk Rotary Club, where she's held the position of president twice, the SDCF, Education Research Development & Innovation Corporation, Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority, Interlake Eastern Regional Health Foundation and the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents.

She said her commitment to community comes from her parents and grandparents who supplied a lifetime worth of good examples for her to follow.

"I learned growing up that you needed to be a part of the community, it's just what you do," she said.

"That's what I always saw. My dad and mom were involved in so many different clubs and organizations and my dad actually ran the parade for a while. I saw them not only going to things but bringing things home and working on them at home."



The SDCF crew and Polinuk's nominators celebrated her Citizen of the Year honour in unique ways, much to the delight of someone who embraced this year's challenges.

Polinuk was perhaps the perfect selection for the award in this year of social distancing – the absence of an award ceremony was of no consequence to the perennially positive Polinuk.

"I'm just so deeply touched. What a year in so many ways and it's so good to have some good things come out of such a year like this," she said.

"For me personally... I like being unique. I like doing things in a different way anyway so all of this is just so intimate and personal. It's kind of cool."

Congratulations Michele, we think you're pretty cool too.

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Being "Here For Good"

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SDCF provides more than \$130,000 in grants from fall i

Though it may seem like COVID-19 has ground us all to a halt – and in some ways it has – this fall the SDCF granted more than \$130,000 to 16 local organizations to keep them moving forward during this difficult

Alzheimer Society comes together in a virtual way

Samantha Holland, Interlake-Eastern Regional Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba, says an \$1,800 Foundation grant via the Richard and Ruth Konzelman Fund has allowed her to stay connected to clients and family members who need support, perhaps even more, as the pandemic keeps them from coming together. "We've been able to do a lot of new and interesting things. One of the

biggest things is our virtual support group for care partners," she says. She invited five existing support groups to a Zoom meeting with fantastic results. "It went awesome, it grows every month and right now I have a list of about 25 – 30 people that have attended. There are people that come every month, whereas in person they might not have."

The Konzelman Fund supports health education that has a positive influence on quality of life and it seeks to improve, maintain or safeguard the healthcare of the community, and with the new virtual connections Holland is able to do just that. In one case, a sibling from B.C. has been able to join family discussions about their family member's care, and, she's able to offer online education sessions to family members and health care professionals as well. The Minds in Motion program has also gone virtual.



The Alzheimer Society is allowing clients and family members to connect virtually thanks to a grant from the Richard and Ruth Konzelman Fund.

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At the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, we know that when you make the decision to give, it's because something is important to you. We appreciate that and have created a variety of ways for you to give. We're confident you'll be able to match what you care about with the right fund at SDCF.

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If your decision to donate is based on helping wherever help is needed, the Community Fund will resonate with you. It's an undesignated fund and matches donated dollars with all kinds of deserving groups, from daycares to senior centres and cultural dance troupes to women's shelters. It's a smart and caring fund that fulfills both the wishes of our donors and the dreams of charitable community organizations. Your donation to the Community Fund can be a general donation, or if you wish, can be directed to a Named Fund, such as:

- Rob Cox Memorial Fund
- Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund
- Kinsmen, Kinette & K-40 Clubs of Selkirk

"Henry" was made possible through the Community Fund and helps hard working volunteers Stan Lesnick, Fran Tobin and Kathy Long at the Clandeboye Community Club

Rick and Laurie Sutherland the Kirstin's Walk for Kids memory of their daughter, "humbled by the support many have shown to the Walk Kirstin's i

AGENCY-DESIGNATED FUND

The SDCF stays true to the vision of original donor groups who created these funds to support local community organizations' missions, values and so much more:

- Chief Peguis Heritage Park Fund
- Inclusion Selkirk Futures Fund
- Marine Museum of Manitoba (Selkirk) Fund
- Our Daily Bread Endowment Fund
- St. George Wakefield Anglican Church Fund
- Selkirk Accessible Transit Endowment Fund
- Selkirk Parks Endowment Fund
- Selkirk Recreation Endowment Fund

"We connect on giving to the Foundation personally and professionally," said Merilee Mollard, Fund Developer at Inclusion Selkirk, and, along with husband Charles Birt, a regular donor to the Foundation. "For us, giving is a no-brainer, and we wanted to give in person during the Giving Challenge to make sure they know we appreciate them."

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

The SDCF has a variety of scholarships and bursaries that support and help the future education of deserving students through the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School and other education and community-based organizations. For a complete listing of all the scholarships visit our website at sdcf.ca.



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Food and so much more



For Growing Years Family Resource Centre, a SDCF grant of \$7,000, out of the Gaynor Family Fund, will help them continue to deliver essential food to clients.

They've been making the deliveries for the past several months – including some meal bags complete with all the ingredients and a recipe – and it's been therapeutic for both recipients and the delivery person.

Shawna Cromie, Director of Growing Years, said they've made more than 150 food deliveries and

learned they're bringing more than just good nutrition to people's front doors.

"We noticed early on this wasn't just about the food...People were as happy with being able to connect with us as they were with getting the food," she says, noting they maintain social distancing during deliveries.

Kids run out the door, happy to grab a bag of apples, and parents light up, eager to engage in conversation.

Cromie says SDCF grants are a reminder how special and connected this community is.

"Knowing that it's community members who donate to the Community Foundation, who in turn provide that gift back to the community members that need it the most, is just such a beautiful full circle moment."

Delivering food to Growing Years families has been a learning experience – food is essential, so too is human contact, even from an acceptable social distance.

New app will map your successful tour of local history



The R.M. of St. Clements Heritage Committee is using a \$6,000 grant from the SDCF to create an app that will guide people to discover heritage treasures as they drive from the Forks through to the East Beaches.

The app will give users their own personal tour guide as they visit sites like the St. Andrews Church and Rectory, Lower Fort Garry, St. Peters Dynevor Church or historic Eveline Street in Selkirk.

"We developing an app for people who want to find out about the heritage treasures of this area, the app will help them find them," said Fraser Stewart, Chair of the St. Clements Heritage Committee.

"While you're standing on site, the app will give you a further visual and when you get back in your car, you get a narrative."

Stewart says the app is perfect for the COVID-19 era, allowing users to have a virtual tour guide with them while they drive from location to location in the safety of their vehicle.

Creating an app to assist today's citizens as they tour the past has long been a desire for Stewart, but it was cost prohibitive. The discovery of an Ontario company that has an affordable option brought it into reach and the SDCF grant helped them grasp it.

"The Foundation has always been very helpful to the organizations that I've been involved with, whether it's the Marine Museum or the St. Clements Heritage Committee...and we've been going since 1989."

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DONOR ADVISED FUND

When you donate to a Donor Advised Fund, you're fulfilling not only your gifting goals, but the goals of the individual or group that created the fund with a specific community need in mind:

- Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund
- Endowment for the Arts
- Gaynor Family Fund
- Local Environmental Action (LEAF)
- Kirstin's Walk for Kids Fund
- McLeary Family Fund
- Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund
- R.M. of St Clements Fund
- Richard & Ruth Konzelman Fund
- Sean Nicol Legacy Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

You can cover a lot of ground with a thoughtful donation to a Field of Interest Fund, which enables your gift to assist many organizations that are near and dear to your heart. For example:

- Children's Programs
- Homes for All Fund
- Olive & Bill, Joseph and Michael Cholosky Music Fund
- R.M. of St Andrews Fund
- Western Canada Games Legacy Fund

The Selkirk Canoe Kayak Centre has received many Foundation grants over the years, and recently was the beneficiary of new canoes, paddles and safety equipment through the Western Canada Games Legacy Fund.



DESIGNATED FUNDS

With a Designated Fund, you can get specific and target your donation to one or more charitable community organizations to be the perpetual beneficiary. These funds include:

- Amma's Bookshelf
- Edith Schofield Estate
- Leslie & Marguerite McRae Family Fund
- Libri Fund (Start Up Fund)
- Mooring-Griffioen Family Fund
- Palliative Care Fund
- Selkirk & District Community Foundation Administrative Support Fund – Buhr Family Endowment Initiative
- Selkirk General Hospital Fund
- Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund
- Selkirk Youth Hockey Assoc., Fund
- Travel Kit Fund

Donor Kit, shared – "I've been lucky enough to learn about different cultures, history, art and architecture in my travels and my hope is that the Travel Kit Fund will allow young people, through their school, to receive funds to help cover travel expenses."



Manitoba sets out to vaccinate all care home residents

By staff

The provincial government is setting out to get the most vulnerable Manitobans vaccinated for COVID-19 as quickly as possible.

Premier Brian Pallister announced last week that Manitoba is embarking on a 28-day campaign to immunize all eligible personal care home (PCH) residents at 135 sites across the province with the first dose of the vaccine.

"We want to make sure that [care home residents] are looked after, because they're vulnerable," Premier Brian Pallister said at a press conference Jan. 6. "As we know, significant

fatalities have occurred in personal care homes right across the world, and our folks that live in them deserve our protection and our love."

The PCH immunization campaign began on Monday with focused immunization teams visiting seven care homes in all five regional health authorities. In Southern Health-Santé Sud, residents of Boyne Lodge in Carman will receive the vaccine first.

The province expects to immunize 1,157 people this week and then expand the campaign to other care homes in the weeks ahead. An estimated 9,834 people live in Manitoba's

personal care homes.

"By mid-March, every single eligible PCH resident will have received both doses and the fullest protection we can provide them with against this deadly virus," Pallister said.

The vaccine will be offered at all care homes, regardless of whether the PCH has had an outbreak, is having an outbreak, or has never had an outbreak of COVID-19.

All eligible residents will be included in the campaign if they consent to be immunized. Residents will be offered the vaccine even if they have previously tested positive for COV-

ID-19, as long as they do not have any other medical conditions that would exclude them from immunization.

In addition to the doses heading to personal care homes, the province is also sending thousands of doses to First Nations communities in addition to continuing to vaccinate eligible health-care workers at super sites in Winnipeg and, starting next week, Brandon.

The government is planning to have approximately two per cent of Manitoba's population vaccinated by the end of January and four per cent by the end of February.

Legion gets grant

Submitted by Branch #215 of the Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #215 of the Royal Canadian Legion is pleased to announce it has received some welcome financial assistance from the Federal Government.

President Gord Machej noted that this timely assistance will help the Legion cope with the pandemic challenges saying they are grateful for this government support.

Branch # 215 received \$11,406.42 after making an application for the funds through the Manitoba-North Western Ontario Legion Command.

On November 10, the Federal Government announced a \$20 million aid

package to assist Veteran organizations to get through the pandemic. The Royal Canadian Legion received \$14 million. The funds will be used to cover a wide range of operational costs such as insurance, utilities, maintenance costs, administrative costs and wages, among other needs.

Branch #215 is located on Maxwell King Drive in East St Paul and is a crucial part of the community.

The Legion serves Veterans and works to support various activities in the community. To learn more about Legion services check out their webpage at www.hendersonlegion.ca or their Facebook page - Henderson Legion 215.

> COVID UPDATE, FROM PG. 11

public health officer, said that while the previous eight weeks of restrictions had begun to lower Manitobans' COVID-19 numbers, the holiday season did lead to a spike in cases.

"We see 355 of our current cases linked to holiday gatherings, with almost 1,900 contacts," he said, adding that some of these gatherings saw over two dozen people attend. "And so these numbers are certainly things we had to take into consideration when addressing these orders that are expiring."

Extending the orders will allow "us to continue to protect Manitobans, to continue to reduce the case numbers, continue to ease the hardship in the health-care system," Roussin said.

The extended public health orders did come with one modification to allow exemptions for professional hockey teams.

The Winnipeg Jets were already allowed to train under the old orders, with players and staff exempt from self-isolation rules.

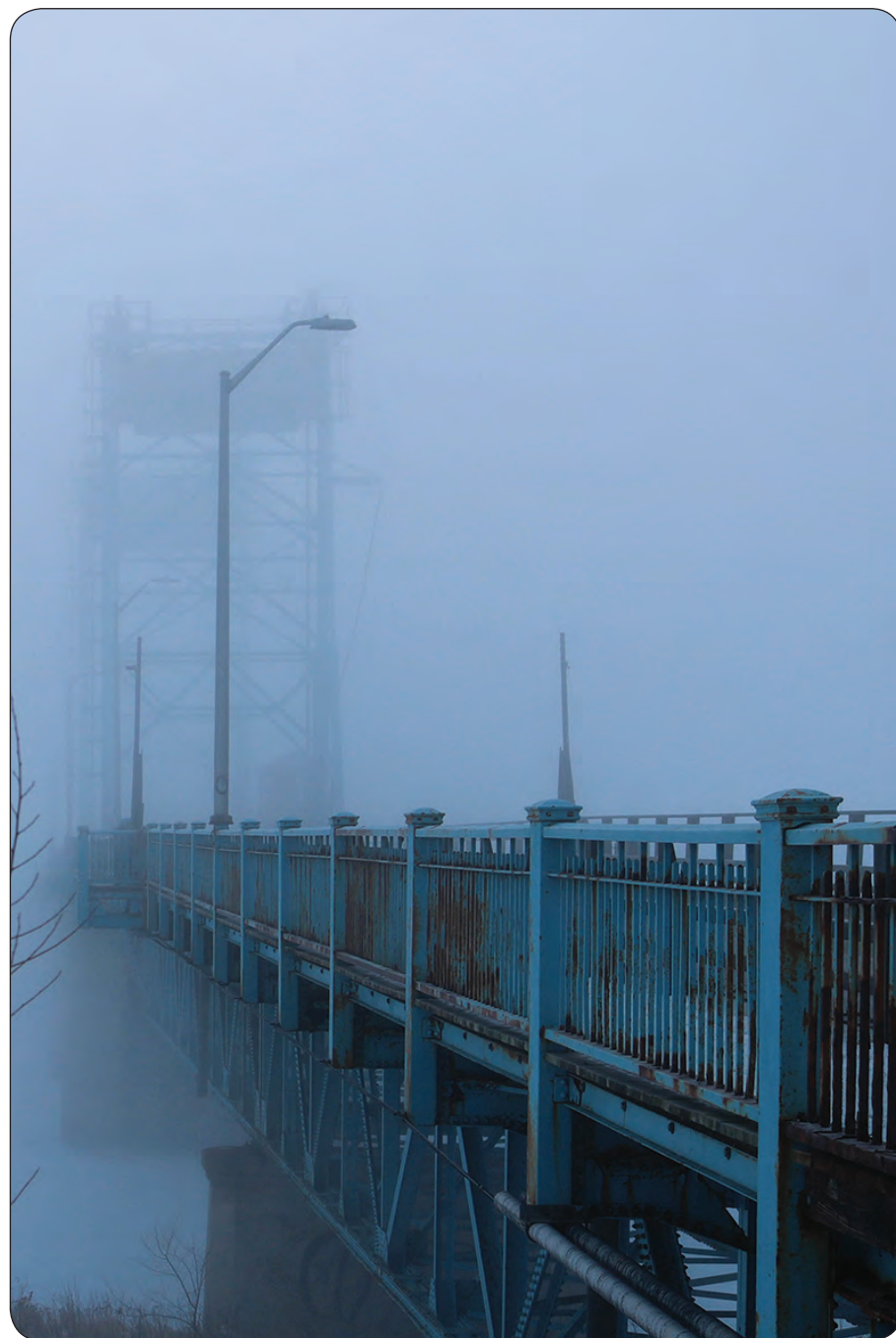
The updated orders now extend those exemptions to all professional hockey teams to allow games as well as training.

"It's important to note that this is able to occur because of the strict protocols that are being put in place by the NHL," Roussin said, noting play is only taking place within Canada right now and all teams have detailed testing and exposure procedures in place. "This is a quite low risk to Manitobans."

Health officials will continue to monitor the case numbers and the strain on the health-care system in the weeks ahead to determine what will happen when the new public health orders expire in two weeks. They'll also be asking Manitobans for their thoughts on the ongoing restrictions.

"We're going to launch consultations with Manitobans for feedback on potential future changes to the order," Roussin said. "That's, of course, if our case numbers allow."

Bridge in the mist



RECORD PHOTO BY NICOLE BUFFIE

A thick fog covered the Selkirk Lift Bridge on the morning of Jan. 11. According to The Weather Network, above-seasonal temperatures during the first days of 2021 resulted in multiple days of fog and hoarfrost across the region.

Selkirk Biz promotes cybersecurity seminar

RBC hosts seminars to help small businesses

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk Biz promoted its member RBC's cybersecurity seminar which allowed business owners to learn about how to better protect their businesses for free.

"By doing more and more business online, what we're doing is increasing this technology footprint that we have to manage and that means, you know, software development, all the infrastructure that you run those services on, they all have to be kept current, they all have to be patched for vulnerabilities. And you have to maintain security controls over all of that technology moving forward," said, Adam Evans, VP of cyber operations and chief information security officer for RBC.

In his presentation, Evans said that the biggest single threat to businesses currently is email because it's very easy to send many emails to a large group of people. Ultimately when it comes to getting information, the more people criminals can target the more likely they are to have someone fall into their trap of opening up a link that downloads a virus or inputting information that allows their or their client's information to be compromised.

"What we've seen with COVID is less people going into bricks and mortar organizations. As a result, companies are moving services online, and people starting to move more towards mobile interactions with online shopping, online banking, things like Netflix. So the cybercriminals are following the money and they are launching

more attacks against mobile devices. And that includes things like ransomware," said Evans.

He suggests that the first thing that individuals, as well as employers in any sized business, should do is to learn how to spot malicious emails. For example, he says you should make sure that you can identify the sender of an email if it's a colleague make sure that it's the correct address for that person or make sure that the email address matches the brand if it's from a company. He then suggests that you think about whether you were expecting something from that person or brand to make sure that it's a legitimate email.

"Getting you to click on a link or getting you to open an attachment is what they have to be able to do. And they leverage social engineering to try to trick you into clicking on one of these things. And then obviously, if you open up the attachment or you open up the link, that's when the malware or the malicious software gets delivered to your device," said Evans.

Some other tips that he suggested in the presentation were to avoid financial interactions or sending important information over public wi-fi, don't click links or suspect attachments, change your passwords often, and install updates and update your security settings often.

Miranda Rowson, Group Consultant, RBC Group Advantage also adds that as far as banking security individuals and businesses should "Be careful not to give personal information – especially your account number, card

number, PIN, password and verification questions and answers – to people who contact you through email, text, or by phone claiming to represent well-known brands, streaming platforms, government institutions,

or a financial institution."

RBC will host its next free business seminar on Jan. 19 focusing on skills needed to manage a virtual workforce.



RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Slides from RBC's cybersecurity presentation.



RCMP investigate fatal collision on Highway 9

Submitted by Manitoba RCMP

On Jan. 5, at approximately 8:20 a.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a motor vehicle versus pedestrian collision on Highway 9, at Donald Road, in the RM of St. Andrews.

A vehicle going north on Highway 9, collided with a pedestrian who was walking north in the lane of traffic.

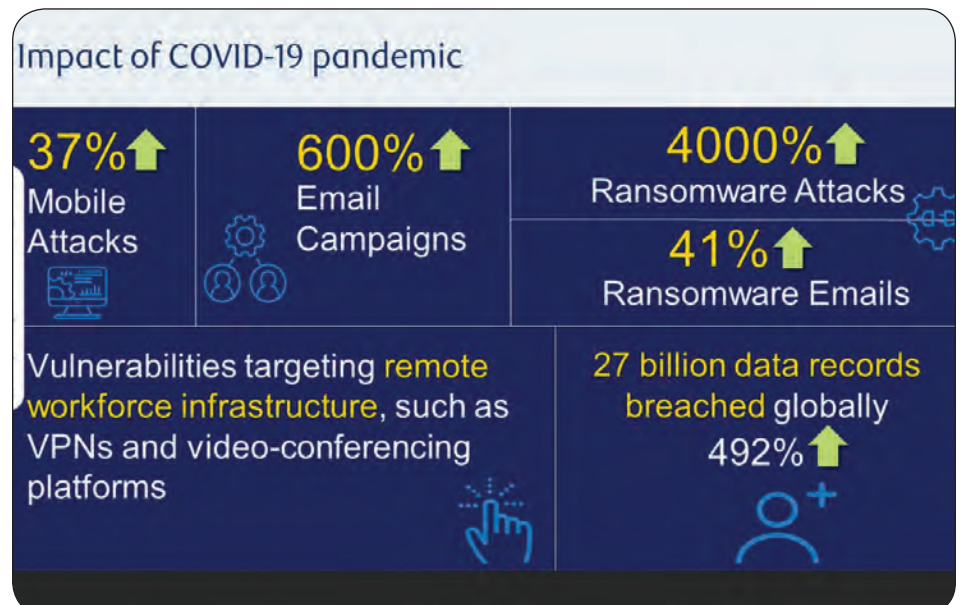
The pedestrian, a 68-year-old male from the RM of St. Andrews, was

taken to hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

The driver, a 47-year-old, from the RM of St. Andrews, was not injured.

Alcohol and drugs were not factors in the collision.

Selkirk RCMP along with the Criminal Collision Investigation Team and a Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.





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Alicia and Liam Portree, as well as Lily and Violet Baschuk, wanted to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents of Woodland Courts making Christmas cards which were distributed to residents. Though COVID-19 meant that the children couldn't give the cards out in person, they wanted to help the seniors who received them feel a little less lonely during a difficult time.

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Former Steeler Messner signs with Jacksonville

Staff

The ECHL's Jacksonville Icemen announced last week that the team has agreed to terms with former Selkirk Steelers' defenceman Joel Messner.

Messner, 26, joins the Icemen after a stellar season last year with the Atlanta Gladiators, recording 37 points (eight goals, 29 assists) in 59 games.

During the 2018-19 season, the 6-foot-2, 207-pound blueliner had a goal and six assists in 32 AHL games with the Providence Bruins.

The Lorette product collected 42 points (seven goals, 35 assists) in 135 career games at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Messner was named the MJHL's top defenceman during the 2013-14 season.

As a Steeler, Messner played 165 regular-season games, scoring 15 goals while collecting 87 points.



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Former Selkirk Steelers' defenceman Joel Messner has signed with the ECHL's Jacksonville Icemen.

WHL commits to 2020-21 regular season

Staff

The Western Hockey League announced last Friday that their board of governors have made a commitment to play a 2020-21 regular season.

The start date for the season will be determined once final approval has

been received from the Health Authorities in each provincial and state jurisdiction and it is anticipated the approvals will be received soon.

All models and schedule formats are being considered by the WHL to ensure a season is provided for the play-

ers. The 2020-21 WHL regular season will consist of 24 games.

"The Western Hockey League is committed to providing a season for WHL players," said WHL commissioner Ron Robison. "This commitment ensures WHL players will re-

ceive the opportunity to compete at the highest level in the system and continue to pursue their hockey goals in the world's finest development league for junior hockey players."

Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League committed to restarting its season

By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League announced on its website last week that it remains committed to restarting its season.

The league said it has no intention of cancelling the 2020-21 season.

But the league was set a blow last Friday when the province extended the red level restrictions to at least Jan. 22.

"I know our players and coaches are chomping at the bit," said league commissioner Levi Taylor last Thursday afternoon. "We would really like to get back on the ice. We don't want to waste a year of development for these kids, not only on the ice but off the ice with their social and physical development. We want to get this started

as soon as possible and we will do so safely as the province reopens our facilities."

The league schedule will have a much different look this season, which includes the Kenora Thistles not being part of the league this year due to travel restrictions imposed by the Province of Ontario.

"Our plan is to go back to our divisional format," Taylor said. "There are three divisions and Norman is the outlier and we will play games within those groupings for the rest of the season."

Taylor said a set number of games has not yet been discussed. It depends on when the province opens up facilities, he said.

"When that happens we'll attempt

to get in as many games as possible before summer," he said.

Taylor said teams would need a two-week window for training camp and maybe an exhibition game or two.

"Teams will want to get back playing meaningful games as soon as pos-

sible," Taylor reasoned.

The U18 AAA league playoffs usually begin in February and end in April with the Telus Cup Western Regionals but the league is prepared to extend their season into May or potentially June this year.

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Nominations for Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards being accepted

Submitted by Sport Manitoba

The annual Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards presented by Club Regent Casino & Event Centre recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements and significant contributions coaches have made to their athletes and their sport through coaching. This year, the award recipients for 2020-2021 will be selected based on coaches' accomplishments over their entire careers.

Coaches are a cornerstone of all sport programs and through leadership, teamwork, encouragement, character development, and countless other teachings, they build better people.

"Coaches play an essential role in the

sport system and have a significant impact on the lives of athletes," said Janet McMahon, Sport Manitoba's Interim President & CEO. "The Sport Manitoba Coaching Awards celebrate Manitoba's passionate coaches who have dedicated themselves to developing athletes not only in sport, but also in life. That's why it's so important that we recognize their achievements and countless contributions to sport throughout their careers."

The 2021 event will take place entirely on social media on April 6. Our nominees' stories from their incredible careers in coaching will be featured on Sport Manitoba's Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter feeds.

Nominations for the following categories are open to the public. The deadline to submit nominations online is this Friday.

Major award categories

Vince Leah Award (Active Start/Fundamentals athletes)

Coaches training grassroots athletes of any age

Konica Minolta Dr. Jack Hunt Award (Learn to Train athletes)

Coaches training athletes developing competitive skills and preparing for regional or provincial competitions

Janet Arnott Award (Train to Train athletes)

Coaches training athletes who compete at the Canada Games

Peter Williamson Award (Train to

Compete-Train to Win athletes)

Coaches training high-performance athletes who compete at national or international levels.

Peter Dick Award (School System athletes)

Coaches training athletes at all grade levels in the school system who coach as an extracurricular activity

Global News Active for Life Award

Coaches training athletes who focus on achieving health and fitness for life

Sport Manitoba Coaching will also recognize coaches who have dedicated a minimum of 25 years to coaching at any level, and those who have coached at international events in 2020.

Canada Cup curling cancelled, mixed doubles dates finalized

Staff

Curling Canada confirmed last week the dates for the upcoming national mixed doubles championship in Calgary while also formally announcing the cancellation of the Canada Cup.

The mixed doubles playdowns will be held March 18-25 at the Markin MacPhail Centre.

The winner will represent Canada at the world mixed doubles championship later this year.

Last year's Scotties and Brier champions are joining forces to form Canada's newest mixed doubles curling team.

Camp Morton's Kerri Einarson will be forming a team with St. John's

N.L.'s Brad Gushue

The Canada Cup, which had been postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was originally scheduled for late November in Fredericton, N.B.

Hockey Manitoba extends restrictions

From Hockey Manitoba's website

Based on the announcement made by Manitoba's Chief Provincial Public Health Officer last Friday, current public health restrictions will continue until January 22.

Hockey teams and individuals re-

siding in the Provincial Response Level: Critical (Red) will be ineligible to participate in hockey programming and will be reviewed as the province removes the restrictions from Provincial Response Level: Critical (Red) to Restricted (Orange).

"The health and safety of our community and Hockey Manitoba members is of utmost importance and we will return to play when it is safe to do so," read a statement. "Physical distancing, mask wearing, proper hygiene, and screening are necessary

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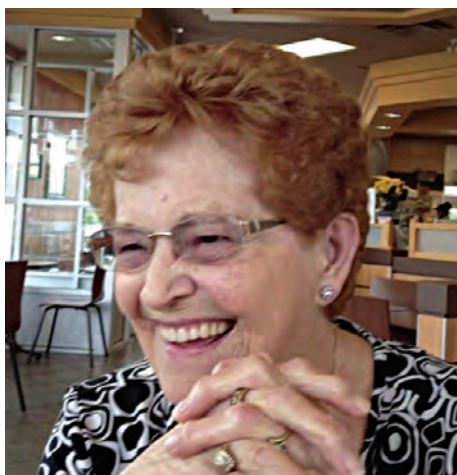
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IN MEMORIAM



Elizabeth "Liz" Bodner
 January 7, 2020

I can no longer see you with my eyes,
 But I will feel you in my heart forever.

-Love always,
 Ron, Jenine and Kera

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IN MEMORIAM



In loving Memory
 On Your First Anniversary
 Marion Laye
 January 17, 2020

My wonderful Sister
 Thinking of you on your First Anniversary
 Wishing you were here.
 A light from my life is gone,
 A voice I loved is still;
 A place in vacant in my heart,
 Which never can be filled.
 Sister, I hold you close within my heart,
 And there you will remain;
 To walk with me throughout my life,
 Until we meet again.
 Anniversaries take place only once each year,
 but I think of you dear sister each day.
 -Love you and miss you. Sister Ingrid

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IN MEMORIAM

Philip Stolar

December 1, 1921 - January 6, 2014

Precious memories keep you near,
 We'll always love and miss you
 And wish that you were here.
 For all that life has given us,
 And all that we've yet to do;
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Bert Olender
January 13, 2020

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-Love Olga and families

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IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of
(Mae) Rose Dick nee Kohler

November 24, 1966 – January 16, 2020

It is with profound sadness and broken hearts our family announces the passing of Rose Dick, on January 16th, 2020 at the age of 53, after a short battle with cancer. Her memory will be forever cherished by her husband Murray; sons, James (Erin) and Shaun (Jillian) and granddaughters Lily and Kendall. She also leaves to mourn her, mother Win; sister Alice (Jim); her many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who loved her dearly, and thought of her as a sister more than as a sister-in-law. She was very much adored by her mother-in-law, many nieces and nephews, as well as her stepmother Millie. Predeceased by father Karl, mother-in-law Edna. Rose was born and raised in Finn's, MB. At the age of 17 Rose met Murray and began their amazing journey together. Rose worked in the pharmacy profession for 30 years. She became the lead instructor for the Pharmacy Technician Program at Robertson College. Rose represented our province as a liaison to the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technician Board of Directors for many years, and held a position of the board of the Canadian Pharmacy Technician Educators Association. As well working as a pharmacy technician at Safeway in Selkirk, MB. It is hard to believe it has been a whole year since you have left us. We miss and love you greatly. Due to COVID a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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OBITUARY

Peter Douglas Veselinovich



It is with much sorrow that we announce the passing of Peter Douglas Veselinovich on January 1st, 2021. Peter passed peacefully with his wife Tammy by his side. Peter was 58 years of age just 3 days from his 59th birthday. Peter has left to mourn his wife Tammy, son Curtis 18, and his daughter Mandy 16, his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Karen Goodridge and Dean Pritchard, Penny and Richard Malegus, Sherri Jacobucci and Randy Dziadek, and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Peter was predeceased by his parents Gerritje (Gerrie) Veselinovich and Svetislav (Steve) Veselinovich.

Peter was born in Winnipeg and grew up in the North End. He was very proud to call himself a "North End schlepper". He went to various schools in the North End because his parents moved several times. He loved driving around the North End looking at the houses that he grew up in and the schools that he attended. Peter loved telling stories about playing with his friends on the streets of the North End and riding their bikes until dark and making friends with the foot patrol police officers.

Peter helped his parents navigate the purchase of a home that they were renting before he was 20 years old. Peter attended the University of Winnipeg and graduated with a major in Economics. Peter started working at a very young age. He was 13 1/2 when he got his first job in the maintenance department at Garden City Mall. He went on to work as a security guard there and worked full time all through university. He loved that job and he always said yes when asked to work extra hours or holidays so the other staff could be home with their families. Sometimes he worked the night shift because it was quiet and he could do his homework. One night he caught a few winks in a sports car that was on display in the mall and he made sure he woke up before his boss came in to work in the morning. After he graduated from university he got a job at Central Guarantee Trust. This is where he met many of his lifelong friends. He then went on to work at Standard Trust before joining Investors Group in 1993. He worked there until his passing. Peter was an immensely smart man and brought so much to the table everywhere he worked. Peter made many business relationships and he was a truly respected leader in the banking industry. Many of those relationships were lifelong friends. He was known as Peter V and he made deals on a handshake and stuck to his word. He was fiercely loyal to his staff and he had their backs. He made a point of talking to all of his staff on his "walkabouts". He was famous for his ice cream days and popcorn and lemonade days at the office. Two of his famous work quotes were "trust me, I'm a banker" or "I'm from the bank, I'm here to help".

Peter met his wife Tammy in 1992. They were married in 1995 and they celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2020. It was not the eating and dancing party that they wanted but it was an intimate dinner at a great local restaurant so it was perfect. Peter really was the perfect husband because he was kind, loyal, dependable, patient, generous, forgiving and he had a great sense of humour. Peter and Tammy enjoyed eight years of marriage before Curtis and then Mandy came along to complete this perfect family. Peter was a proud Dad. He went to all of their hockey games, soccer games, football games, Tae Kwon Do and Christmas concerts. He loved going on camping trips with the family. He got Curtis and Mandy involved in Go- Kart racing and they were members of the Manitoba Go Kart Association. He spent many weekends at the race track with his family and he enjoyed every second of it because that's the kind of man he was. He was their coach, mechanic and cheerleader. When they won a race, he won too.

Peter, Tammy, Curtis and Mandy enjoyed family vacations to warm locations like Florida and Mexico. On one family trip to Disney the family went in the lineup to go on Space Mountain. When they got to the top Tammy asked the person at the top where the exit was and she took off and left Peter to go on the ride with Curtis and Mandy. He loved telling that story about how Tammy chickened out and he had to go on Space Mountain with the kids.

Peter loved his old cars and he started his collection with a red 2002 retro Thunderbird. He had a red 1960 square bird which was featured in a full page write up in the Free Press which made him so proud. He also had a 1957 Ford Fairlane. It was the car that was used in their wedding and they ended up buying it on their 15th wedding anniversary. Tammy and Peter loved taking the kids for rides in that car to Lockport for ice cream. The kids loved it because it didn't have seat belts. In 2018 Peter bought his favourite car of all, a red 2001 C5 Corvette convertible. He got his very first speeding ticket in that car. He said it was worth it and he would do it all over again. He and Tammy were members of the Manitoba Corvette Club and they enjoyed their many road trips to all those great restaurants with great friends. He spent many hours in his man cave garage. He was surrounded by his cars, tools and vintage signs. He would be out there for hours just putting around or sitting on the couch. Tammy had to bring him food there because he didn't want to come inside. Peter was handy at most things, he was self taught at wiring, carpentry, drywall, body work and mechanics. He had a group of friends who took turns doing renovations and building at each other's homes. Peter and his friends built a double garage for his parents in one day. His parents couldn't believe Peter had such great friends who were willing to spend their Saturday from sun up to sun down helping others. The best part of those building days were the meals and the comradery at the end of the day. Peter spent many Friday lunches with this great group of friends which they called the LEOSS group. "Lenders Employed or Still Searching".

Peter was happy to volunteer his time in the community for many years. He spent 15 years on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Board of Directors. He spent so many hours working early in the morning before work and after work with people from the community on this board who he stayed friends with years after. He also worked on the Board of Directors at the Prairie Theatre Exchange.

Peter enjoyed going out for business lunches with his colleagues and friends. His favourite place to go was Rae and Jerry's and he had his favourite table in the corner.

Peter was famous for his stories and he would tell them repeatedly to whoever would listen. He loved watching Barret Jackson on TV along with many other car shows. Peter also loved "doing the deal" when he was shopping for a vehicle for himself, Tammy or Curtis. He got so much enjoyment negotiating any deal.

Peter had a special place in his heart for all animals. He had so many pets over the years including his cat Ronnie who used to curl up under the blankets with him. He had a dog named Rambo when he met Tammy and he was the real reason that Tammy fell for Peter. The family had their dog Lucy for nine years and now Bella and Brixton who stayed with him when he was sick. It was a comfort for him to have his pets with him by his side.

Peter and Tammy were so happy to find a home at Eastview Community Church in 2017. They are so thankful and Blessed to be a part of the spiritual community that is so comforting at this time.

Peter and Tammy and the kids were so happy when they bought their cottage near Gimli. Peter played and swam in the lake with the kids on hot summer days and spent his time just enjoying the peaceful view of the lake from the deck or patio.

Peter was a very strong man and he fought a hard battle.

Special thanks go out to the many friends and family who are supporting Tammy, Curtis and Mandy in this extremely difficult time. The team of nurses, doctors and support workers at the Health Sciences Centre deserve a special thank you. They are extremely knowledgeable and respectful and for that the family is grateful. They treated Peter with much dignity and respect. Also, special thanks to the Spiritual Health Team at the HSC who were there for Peter and Tammy and the family at a moment's notice. Thank you to the pastors at Eastview Community Church for their continued support. The family would like to thank everyone who has been praying for Peter and his family.

In lieu of flowers please go to Canadian Blood Services to donate blood if you are able. Donations can be considered to Siloam Mission, Cancer Care or Save a Dog Network.

It was Peter's wishes to be cremated. Please check the Gilbert Funeral Home website for the date and time of the online live streaming service. A celebration of life will be held in person when it is permitted to do so in the future.

For service details and to leave condolences please go to www.gilbertfuneralhome.com.

Isaiah 41 verse 10

"So do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

Isaiah 41 verse 13

For I the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you,
"Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

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OBITUARY

Gloria Ida Field

Peacefully on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Bethania Personal Care Home, Winnipeg, MB, Gloria Field, aged 88 years of Winnipeg, MB, beloved wife of the late Raoul, passed away. Full obituary to follow in the next Selkirk Record.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Gerald William Niebel



It is with sadness, that we announce the passing of Gerald Niebel on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at the age of 89.

He was predeceased by his wife Emily and his brother Russell. He is survived by his children, Juliette, Douglas (Liz), Larry (Stacey), Ronald; grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Gerald was born July 21, 1931 in Melville Sk. The family moved to Manitoba when he was 15. Upon finishing school, he started working at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk. Shortly thereafter Gerald and Emily started a dairy farm in Clandeboyne. After retiring, they spent time travelling and eventually moved to Selkirk.

Gerald was a hardworking, resourceful man building his own home, barn and other buildings. He liked to spend time in his shop tinkering with different projects. Gerald also loved the outdoors,

especially fishing and hunting.

Due to the current health restrictions a private family funeral will take place.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Ronald Skaritko



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Ron Skaritko, age 84 of Matlock, at the Gimli Community Health Centre, on January 4, 2021 with family by his side. Ron suffered from Alzheimer's for the last four years. It's a terrible, unforgiving disease that affects everyone beyond belief.

Ron is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Ann; and their children Wayne and Judy Skaritko, Sheryl and Bill Woloskoski and grandchildren Dana (Chad), Shaylie, Cheyenne and Chad.

Ron was sadly predeceased by his favourite grandson Hunter and best dog ever - Deedee; parents Stella and Steve; sister and brother-in-law Ann and Don Murdoch; aunt and uncle Chimchak; cousins Molvina and Anne Maskell; close friends Dorothy Davidson, David Bobrowich, Morris Zacharkiw; and brothers-in-law, Frank, Charlie and Victor Rogoski; and sisters-in-law Helen

and Kay Rogoski.

Ron will be dearly remembered by his brother Orie and Darlene Shkawritko; his nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews; and close friends Myrna Bobrowich, Bill Davidson, Charlie and Donna Zelenitsky, Don and Irene McKague, Susan and Bernie Gulenchyn and the many friends he made at work and in the community.

Ron was born February 7, 1936 in Miriampol, Poland and arrived in Canada June 1939. He was raised in Winnipeg Beach, lived briefly in Winnipeg and upon marriage moved to Matlock in 1963 where he remained and raised his family. Ron always joked the reason he didn't like swimming was because of the days he spent on the ocean to get to Canada. Ron had a great sense of humour.

Ron became a journeyman plumber in 1966. After working with a few companies he accepted a position in 1972 at the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans in Winnipeg which also took him to Kenora, Yellowknife, and South Indian Lake. Ron received many achievement awards during his 25 years at Fisheries.

After retiring in 1995, Ron's Plumbing was started in Matlock. Ron had a great reputation to be fair and honest with hundreds of his customers - serving them at the lake for many years. In 2012 for health reasons he was forced to retire. Ron took pride in being a plumber. He was a perfectionist in his trade. Ron was a lifetime member at Matlock Recreational Club and President for 14 years.

Ron was a loving husband - a great Dad - and an even better Gigi. He taught his grandchildren how to drive - cars, ski-doo's, quads - in the back trail. There never was a birthday without balloons outside or a huge pile of leaves to jump in at Thanksgiving. He loved his family - he loved life. Ron liked playing pranks on anyone visiting. And you would always hear him say "can I get you a drink?" barbecuing, playing cards, bonfires, pool parties with the grandkids and entertaining friends were always fun times - everyone was always welcome. Ron enjoyed camping trips and fishing with the family.

A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at the Gimli Community Health Centre for their care of Ron and their compassion during this difficult time.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Holy Rosary Cemetery, Box 226, Winnipeg Beach, MB, ROC 3GO or to Alzheimer's Society Manitoba, 384 Eveline Street, Selkirk, MB, R1A 1N3 alzne@alzhiemer.mb.ca.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Dorothy Vera Fidler (nee Kingsnorth)

January 12, 1926 - December 30, 2020

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Dorothy Fidler, with her family by her side she left us to be reunited with the love of her life.

There will not be a day that we won't miss her telling us stories, cracking one of her witty jokes or that giggle that could get anyone laughing along with her.

You will forever be in our thoughts, memories and hearts. Love you always mom nana banana

AKA "T☆TS"

-Love always,

Christine and Kristy



OBITUARY

Melvin (Mel) Marion Holowachuk

June 6, 1934 - January 5, 2021

With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mel Holowachuk (86), of Selkirk, on January 5, 2021, with his wife by his side.

Mel is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dorothy Ann; his children Francine, Doug and Deanna; grandchildren Andy, Steve, Craig, Cindy, Derek, Quinn and Sarah; great-grandchildren Tyarra, Jaden and Jeanelle; his sisters Margaret (Ken) Germain and Violet Holowachuk; and his adopted family, Wayne and Danielle.

He was predeceased by his parents, Yohasia and Metro; brothers and sister, Ralph, Emil and Vera; and his beloved Auntie Bertha.

"Over 60 years of workin' on the Grader and the Cat, for the Hydro and CN, on mountains and the flat," Mel could operate any

piece of machinery that needed a driver. Going on a road trip with him meant getting to know all the construction work he had done, as he remembered every basement he dug. He started work for CN as a teenager and retired in 1993 from various roles with Manitoba Hydro, most notably, as a diesel generator operator assistant in northern communities. In his retirement years he worked with Jones Sand and Gravel.

Mel was a member of Christ Church Selkirk for many years, serving on vestry for several years.

He was a member of the Lion's Club of Selkirk at its inception and again in the last 10 years. He considered pin collecting a challenge!

He loved the cottage at Gull Lake, although he never actually went in the lake because he said he swam like an axe...headfirst to the bottom. He was known for his "Ukrainian Woodpile". Covered and weighted by tarps, it once measured 20 feet by 15 feet by 9 feet tall, all hardwood and raised off the ground. As legend would have it, random pieces had holes bored in them with gunpowder. In case anyone should steal his wood, they would never do it again. Friday nights were spent playing bingo with the Stead Seniors, and he was a consistent winner. He was also known for being willing to offer a hand to anyone who had a project for him.

He loved to work and create. Most people know that he worked in construction and for Hydro, but he also did beautiful leather work, making handbags and such, and he learned woodcarving from his good friend Wayne. They did gorgeous work together and Mel carved an exceptional wood duck as his first major project.

He was always generous, from giving hockey nets to neighbourhood kids, to taking boxes of clothes to the children up north when he worked in northern Manitoba with Hydro. Sometimes this backfired like when he gave away his kids' current winter clothes, or the tent along with the sale of the camper. To this day we are still unsure of where the box of Dorothy Ann's 1960s formal gowns went, but we have a feeling some children on a northern reserve had a marvelous time playing dress up. The people he cared for loved him, too. The women up north would come running with wheelbarrows of fish upon sighting the Hydro plane arriving, hoping to see Mel get off the plane.

He loved children, declaring each one he met as a future Prime Minister. He especially delighted in the little ones.

He loved his Blue Bombers, and taught his children the game. For many years he had season tickets, going so far as to have t-shirts made with his seat number on them.

In the community, he spent many years volunteering with Youth for Christ, Friendship Fest and as a member of Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education. He was a favourite chaperone at events with PRIDE as he always had one pocket full of change for the kids to buy treats, and the other pocket full of earplugs to share with the other chaperones.

Mel will be deeply missed for his humour, his willingness to try anything once, and his giving spirit.

Funeral services will be postponed until summer or such date when it is safe to gather the family together to eat, drink, share stories, and celebrate his life in the way he would love.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Lion's Club of Selkirk in Mel's memory.

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

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OBITUARY

Elizabeth (Liz) Bylholt

Peacefully on December 24, 2020, Liz Bylholt aged 91 years of Winnipeg and formerly of Gimli, MB passed away.

As per her wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Messages of condolences may be left on Liz's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca

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OBITUARY

Ronald Edward Ellie

May 24, 1956 – January 6, 2021

With heavy hearts we announce that Ron, aged 64, passed away at home on January 6, 2021.

Ron was born in Winnipeg, MB on May 24, 1956. He grew up in North Kildonan attending River East Collegiate where he found his passion for fixing vehicles. Ron's career began with The City of Winnipeg where he was a lifeguard. In 1975 he joined The Winnipeg Fire Department where he served 39 years to the city of Winnipeg, retiring as a Captain at #27 Station in January, 2014.

Ron enjoyed many summers at the family cottage in Falcon Lake, and winter vacations to Cuba.

Ron found great joy in helping others regardless if the job was big or small.

Ron is survived by his wife Yvonne, daughter Brooke, son Bryce (Alexus), mother Ethel, brother David (Alice), mother-in-law Pat, brother-in-law Perry, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Ron is predeceased by his father Roy, father-in-law William, and brother-in-law Neil. Ron will be missed by the family dog Portia, whom he took everywhere.

Cremation has taken place. Following the COVID Restrictions a service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cancer Care MB or The MB Firefighters Burn Fund if so desired.

Condolences may be left on Ron's memory Page at www.interlakecremation.ca



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OBITUARY

Lyla Claryce Smith (nee Hoodle)

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we have to announce the passing of our dearest wife, sweetest mother and loving granny, great-granny, Lyla at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

She leaves to cherish in her memory her loving husband Mike of 57 years; son Wade, daughter Laurie, favourite son-in-law Greg Cherneski and special son-in-law Rick Watson; grandchildren Mandy, Jesse and Alex Smith, Stefan (Ashley), Dylan (Kristyn Ross) and her sweet little great-granddaughter Madison Cherneski. She is also survived by two sisters Linda and Jolene; cousin Gary Hoodle; sisters-in-law Anne Gartner and Marge Smith; brother-in-law Gabe as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews which she holds a very special bond with each and every one of them in many special ways. She will also be missed by

many people that were family to us and a huge amount of very special and dear friends she has met over the years, her special friends Mike and Val McGregor and family, her special little Boy Caleb, who she treated like a great-grandson, they loved her dearly (Gramma Lyla).

She was predeceased by her daughter Michelle Watson (1987), her mother Alice, in-laws Rosie Smith, and George Smith and so many family members and dear friends over the years.

Mom was born in Regina, SK on August 18, 1945 and raised in Creelman, SK. She met the love of her life Mike Smith and they were married on August 3, 1963, they moved to Winnipeg shortly after they were married and started to raise their family. Mom enjoyed life to the fullest with humour, a kind heart and just plain love for everyone. She enjoyed Bingo, playing cards and sitting in her craft room that dad made for her in the garage, sewing or painting, listening to all her country albums on her newly bought record player. She also enjoyed cooking, baking and canning, Dad would plant it, grow it, build it and she would can it, cook it and paint it. They were a team and did everything together, they truly enjoyed each others company and loved each other dearly. Mom was like no other, she was sunshine when it rained, the shoulder to lean on and the best wife, mom auntie, friend, granny, great granny anyone could ever have. Now she is our angel and will forever be in our hearts, just look up in the sky and she will be there.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held at this time.

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

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OBITUARY

Victoria Dolenuk (nee Wasney)

January 22, 1946 - January 10, 2021



With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Vickey Dolenuk while surrounded by her family at the Selkirk General Hospital. Vickey was 74 years old.

Born in Tyndall, Manitoba to Mike and Cecelia Wasney, Vickey married Maurice Dolenuk at the Holy Eucharist Church 53 years ago.

Vickey is predeceased by her parents; sisters Beatrice, Val; and brother Roy. Vickey is survived by her husband Maurice; daughters Sheila (Phil Tarnolowski), Tracy (Kelly Carroll); grandchildren Michael, Carrie, Kelsey, Keegan; her eldest sister Joyce; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Vickey loved working at the Tudor House in the activities department. She was also an avid canvasser for the Cancer and Kidney Societies of Canada, and a proud member of the Legion

60 club. Her love was playing bingo with her friends, enjoying coffee or lunch at the Riverboat, and seeing the staff's friendly faces.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Cremation has taken place, and a service will be held at a later date.

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OBITUARY

Gerald William Bodnar

February 9, 1938 – December 29, 2020



Gerald passed away at home with his wife by his side at the age of 82.

He will be forever loved and missed by his wife Louise of 57 years; daughters Maureen (Jeff), Cindy (Glen) in Burnaby, B.C. and son Michael (Leah), in Sooke, B.C.; grandchildren Dylan, Brayden, Megan, Oliver, Daniel and Angelina; brother Vernon in Langley, B.C. and relative and friends.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Gerald moved to the township of Selkirk, Manitoba when he was 12 years old. There he met Tommy Waterman and began a friendship that lasted 70 years. With his friend he joined Sea Cadets and enjoyed many adventures travelling across Canada from Coast to Coast.

Gerry became a lifeguard at the Selkirk Pool where he would eventually meet the Love of his Life, Louise. Later, Gerry went on to become a journeyman Electrician.

Gerry and Louise were married and started their life together. Wanting a change, they set off to B.C. and landed in Kamloops. He got a job with BC Hydro where they had their first child, Maureen. They were then transferred to Vernon where he received a promotion and they moved to Vancouver Island. They settled in Chemainus and eventually Ladysmith and had two more children. As a family, they went on a lot of camping trips with friends, road trips to visit grandparents, fishing and BBQ's.

Gerry was a man of many hats. He had a love for community and volunteering his skills for the community. He was past president of the Rotary Club of Chemainus in 1981 and past president of the Kiwanis club in Selkirk, Manitoba in the 90's. He worked for BC Hydro until he started his own company – BODNAR Electric. Gerry loved his work and enjoyed all of his success until the recession of the late 80's.

This prompted a move back to his roots of Manitoba where he would build his own house on Eveline Street near where he grew up as a kid. Gerry was a hard worker to say the least. He enjoyed the fruits of his labour even though it took him away from his family to faraway places like the (bar1) DEWLINE. A small price to pay to provide for his family. He joined the electrical Union IBEW/2085 and was the treasurer for 12 years. Both Gerry and Louise attended conventions in Hawaii, Florida, Vegas and Nova Scotia. They enjoyed travelling to the South of France for their 50th Anniversary to visit with relatives.

Gerry took part in many hobbies and sports. He was a sharp shooter and had trophies to show for it. He loved to hunt with his friends Tommy, Bunty, Reggie, Lefty, Bunny and Rick and others. One would say, they were a sort of a Prairie Rat Pack. Gerry loved his friends very much and enjoyed his time with them.

One of his favourite events that he helped to put together was the Annual Thanksgiving Day hunt. The lead up and preparation for the event was a joy for him to get to spend some much needed time with his friends doing what he loved. Gerry not only shortened the lives of many a game bird but also helped with conservation efforts to protect the species habitat. Like his love for hunting, he also took quite well to fishing on the wild west coast of B.C. In the hay days of the 80's, the salmon fishing was spectacular and Gerry was in his element. He enjoyed spending long days out on his boat with his son trolling the depths for the "big one". Many a fish were caught and photos snapped to remember that day.

He was a hockey player, a curler, a hunter, a fisherman, a pilot, a marksman, a painter, a wine and beer maker, an outdoorsman, a prospector, a photographer, a poker player and a lover of music greats like Sinatra and Johnny Cash.

Gerry loved his family and left a lasting impression on them. His son Michael has many fond memories of his Dad teaching him how to fish, how to hunt, how to be a man and use his hands to build a better life for himself. His grandson, Dylan is becoming an electrician just like his grandpa. Gerry was very proud that he followed in his footsteps. Gerry loved all of his grandkids and always looked forward to spending precious time with them. In his later life, because of his health, he took up painting, doing crossword puzzles and enjoying going for coffee with his friends, Tom and Rick.

There are no words to describe how much he meant to us. We will always carry his spirit and love within our hearts. Not a day will go by where we won't think of him. He will always be remembered and loved by his family. "He did it his way."

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

Condolences may be left by visiting Gerry's memorial page at: www.interlakecremation.ca

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OBITUARY



Jean Knott

Peacefully, on Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Pine Falls Hospital, Jean Knott, aged 91 years of Beaconsia, Manitoba passed away. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held at this time. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com



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OBITUARY



Louise Chamberlain

Peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2021, at the Victoria Hospital, Louise Chamberlain, our beloved mother, Nan and Great Nan, passed away at the age of 93.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Linda (Dwight), Brenda (Dale), Susan (David); and her grandchildren Jennifer (Rodney), Bradley, Marlo (Ryan), Kelly, Jodi, Carly and Evan; and her great-grandchildren Isley, Everett, Ella, Ezra, and Emmet, who always made her smile, laugh and were her pride and joy. She also leaves her brother-in-law Trevor DeStiger, sister-in-law Mabel Gawne and many nieces and nephews who will remember her fondly.

Mom was born on July 18th, 1927 to Percy and Elizabeth Pearson, and grew up in Selkirk and the surrounding area. She was the fifth oldest of seven children, all who have preceded her.

Mom completed her grade 11 in Selkirk, and then went to live with her aunts in Stonewall to complete her grade 12 education. Her goal was to become a nurse, so in order to earn enough money to complete her nurses training, she took a 6 week summer course and then taught school for a year in Melita, Manitoba. In 1946 she was able to enrol in the nursing program at the Winnipeg General Hospital and graduated in 1949.

In 1949, she also met the love of her life, Arthur Chamberlain and on August 11th, 1951, they were married at Old St. Andrew's Church. Together, they bought an old farm house in St. Andrew's and worked hard to restore the house and make it their family home. There, they raised their family and created 50 years of happy memories.

Mom worked in a variety of settings throughout her nursing career. She began working for a doctor at the Winnipeg Clinic, moved on to work at Cancer Care, and later in the neonatal nursery at the Women's Pavilion. Later she worked at the Selkirk General Hospital and her final nursing position was at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk, where she retired in 1987. One of her greatest community services was being 'the nurse next door'. She was always willing to care for extended family and anyone in the community, whenever the need arose. Her door was always open to anyone with needs both great and small.

Mom and Dad continued to enjoy time at the farm house until 2001. At that time, they decided to downsize and sold the farm. They moved into Kiwanis Gardens in Selkirk. There, Mom and Dad enjoyed 18 years and developed many friendships along the way. Dad passed away in 2014 and Mom remained there until 2018. Mom then moved to River Ridge 2 in Winnipeg. She thoroughly enjoyed her time there. She met many new friends and enjoyed all the activities they had to offer. No matter where mom resided, her light shone through. People gravitated to her for advice, a listening ear and her caring, understanding ways. She was always able to see the best in people, and made everyone feel special. From family to friends, to neighbours and at times to complete strangers, she was always there.

Mom was an accomplished knitter, an avid reader, sang in the choir, loved to go walking, and loved baking, and spending time with her grandkids. She was able to continue her walking routine right up until Christmas!

Many memorable moments were created on our family holidays at West Hawk Lake, visits to California, and house boating on the Shuswap Lake. In their retirement, Mom and Dad spent many wonderful years traveling to the East Coast of Canada, Europe, Hawaii, California and trips to BC visiting their children and grandchildren. They were also part of the Good Sam Trailer Club where they travelled throughout Canada and the United States with friends and family.

Our Mom has left us a wonderful legacy. Her mantra in life was "whatever will be will be" and she truly lived by that belief. She loved to laugh, always lived life to the fullest, and had a strong sense of family. She was the most kind, caring, and compassionate person you could ever meet. She had an amazing, unwavering love for us all. She will be missed by many. For those of you who knew mom, you will know how much she loved ice cream. So in her honor, please think of her and enjoy an ice cream in her memory.

In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place and a service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

The heart remembers little things,

That find no words and yet,

They're those warm forever memories

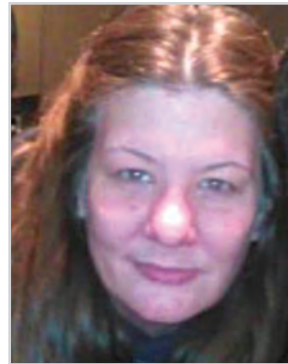
Far too precious to forget.

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OBITUARY



Andrea Gayle Baird

With great sadness, we announce the sudden passing of Andrea Gayle Baird on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 46 years of age.

Andrea leaves behind her loving father, Robert (Bob) Baird, and her stepmother, Julie. Missing her greatly is Kirk Calder (Nicole Macintosh), her son, whom she loved with all her heart; he was the shining light in her life. Remembering her also are biological father Frank Ostrowski and brother John Waudby, numerous relatives and many friends, including special friend Rayne Greyeyes.

Born May 16, 1974, Andrea was adopted by her parents, Bob and Pat (deceased), when she was 11 days old. She attended school in the Selkirk area and lived there all her life. Andi (as friends called her) loved living in the country and the outdoors. She enjoyed writing poetry, fishing, camping and spending special

summer vacations at Luther Village camp with Kirk.

Andi was feisty and outspoken. She had a special affinity for the underdog and would do anything for anyone in need. Her strong determination led her to overcome many struggles and challenges, one day at a time. Andi found strength in the love she had for her son and recently also enjoyed friendship and support from her church community. Her many health challenges, however, proved insurmountable.

Cremation has taken place and interment will take place at a later date.

Donations in Andrea's memory may be made to Luther Village, 560 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, R3G 1Z5 or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Condolences may be left on Andrea's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca

God wanted her home. Rest in Peace.

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OBITUARY



Curtis Bruce Cyr
WFD Captain
Reg #1376

August 10th, 1961 - January 3rd, 2021

Our hero -

The light in our lives and the rock of our family. You were the glue that held it all together.

Fearless captain who led with a quiet and compassionate spirit. You were a humble, soft-spoken man with the biggest heart. You were deeply respected by all you encountered. To put you in words doesn't seem right and we know that we can never describe the kind of husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, firefighter, and friend you were.

But with shattered hearts, we will try.

If you knew a sliver of Curtis Cyr, you knew the whole picture. Not because there wasn't much to know, but because you always got the same man. Consistent, calm, and caring. Genuine, honest, and kind.

Curtis and his two brothers, Brent and Craig, grew up in Selkirk, Manitoba and were a force to be reckoned with on the ice. With two loving parents, Keith and Eileen, Curtis was ready at the tender age of 16 to meet his high school sweetheart and forever love Tish (Patricia).

Joining their lives together at such a young age, Curtis quickly became a son to Tish's parents, Elsie and Peter Shaw. The carpentry skills that Curtis used to eventually build his family home were honed under the guidance and the bond shared with Peter.

Curtis and Tish's love would only continue to grow over the years as they brought their beloved children, Aaron and Megan, into this world. Both kids gave them the opportunity to travel and support them in their sports and endeavors. Although never boisterous, Curt was so proud and you could always tell by the soft smile on his face. He was also becoming quite proud of their recent four-legged child, Baz.

Curtis worked hard and overcame huge obstacles to get onto the Winnipeg Fire Department in 1989. Starting his 32nd and final year before retirement, he was excited to spend it with 16 Station 3 Platoon. He deeply loved his job and those he worked with. An added bonus for Curtis were the moments he spent on the ice with teammates from the Winnipeg Fire Department.

Curtis cracked the wittiest one-liners, and he could reel you in for a story when the time was just right. He was unmatched on every level. From cooking to carpentry. From the hardest snapshot to the softest soul. He was everything good in this world. He gave more of himself in his short 59 years than most people would give in a thousand lifetimes.

Whether at home or at the fire station, Curt was who you wanted in your corner. But you never had to worry because it was a guarantee he would be. That is what hurts the most. We wanted you in our corner for the next 30 years. We wanted to keep learning from you, growing with you, and making memories.

We just wanted more of you. Perhaps, we always will.

With weeping hearts and broken spirits, we will search for you any way we can, knowing that it will never come close to the love we felt when we got to be in your presence. Thank you for loving us all so well.

We will be honouring Curtis with a memorial service when we can be together and celebrate the man who inspired so many.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Curtis's honour to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

Thank you to the Selkirk Hospital, EMS and RCMP who assisted our family during this difficult time.

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - Nelson Henderson

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PENDING!! 0 Brimacombe Road E, Clandeboye HH TEAM	\$35,175
61, 67, 73, 79 Tom Prince Drive, Petersfield HH TEAM	\$54,900
Vacant land #B 463 Henry Road, Netley HH TEAM	\$39,900
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Ole Joe Monkman Road, St. Clements Lots #2, 3, 4, 5 HH TEAM	\$129,900-\$139,900
2 Wesley Drive, St. Clements ASHLEY	\$129,000
PENDING!! 8.17 Acres! 655 Fort Garry Rd, St. Andrews HH TEAM	\$94,900
508 Corrine Avenue, Petersfield - .34 Acres HH TEAM	\$40,000

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