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Fair and rodeo future secured

Renewed interest in volunteer positions allows the show to go on

By Kaitlin Vitt

After talks of having to cancel this year's Triple S Fair and Rodeo in Selkirk, the future of the event has been se-

A meeting was held on Jan. 16 as a desperate final attempt to save the Triple S Fair and Rodeo. Until the meeting, several board positions remained open.

"We were to the point with the small board we had left ... the future of the rodeo was up in the air," said Rae Pennington, president of the Triple S Fair and Rodeo. "If we didn't get some people out that would take some positions on and look after them, we were fully prepared to cancel it."

About eight board members had resigned in the past year. Some people moved away, and others had been in their position for a long time and could no longer commit, Pennington said.

But at the meeting, these positions were filled.

Until now, one person was taking on three different board positions: treasurer, secretary and sponsorship coordinator. After the meeting, all three of these positions have been filled by different people.

"We certainly appreciated people putting their hand up and saying, 'Yeah, I'll look after that,' because it took a huge load off of us," Pennington said. "Without those three positions being filled, we probably couldn't have operated."

Eddie Phillips, a former rodeo bullfighter, is one person who stepped up to help out. At the meeting, Phillips, his wife and his two brothers took on volunteer positions with the fair and rodeo.

He and his family have been involved with the event for years. His grandfather, Larry Sterzer, was the fair and rodeo's president when Phillips was a child.

"Rodeo is a very large part of our family. We all grew up in the rodeo scene. It's close to our heart, and we're looking to help save the event in Selkirk," Phillips said. "It's a part of Selkirk's identity."

Put on by the St. Andrews-St. Clements Agricultural Society, the annual fair and rodeo has been taking place for at least 140 years. The Provincial Archives in Winnipeg has records of a fair from as long ago as 1883.

Around 8,000 to 9,000 people attend the annual event, Pennington estimates.

"This is the longest-running, heaviest-attended event Selkirk has ever seen, or the Interlake has ever seen," Pennington said. "I know people have come back to Selkirk from away just because the fair is on."

When Pennington realized the event might not take place this year, he said he was upset. He has been the fair and rodeo president for nearly 20 years and involved with it far longer than that.

Once the word got out that the fair could be cancelled, many people showed interest in saving the event's fate.

"There was certainly a lot of interest for people that were [at the Jan. 16 meeting]," Pennington said. "The standard thought was there's no way we're going to let this die."

The event usually has enough volunteers for the fair and rodeo itself, but the organizing committee has a harder time recruiting people.

Pennington said this is likely because of the commitment level, though the required commitment varies among po-

"My theory is that if you're doing the job, people will quite gladly let you continue to do it, and when you threat-

en you're no longer going to do it, that's when people will step Penningup," ton said. "That's what happened. I think the word was out pretty strong that if this meeting didn't produce something, then the fair was going to be cancelled.'

The board is still in the plan-

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ning stages of this year's event. Last year, Pennington said fewer competitors took part in the rodeo part of the event though the Selkirk crowd still came out in high numbers to watch the event.

Rodeos in Eastern Manitoba, including Selkirk's, have been seeing lower participant attendance due to the cost of travel and the distance from Saskatchewan and Alberta, what Pennington calls the heart of rodeo land.

He also said the pandemic likely reduced the number of competitors. After doing rodeos on an annual basis, some competitors may have lost their momentum due to the pause during the pandemic and decided they didn't want to compete anymore.

The fair and rodeo is seeing a similar problem with the de-

molition derby. The board is pursuing other events such as a bull riding competition that could take the place of events that have been suffering.

"We're expecting to put on a phenomenal event. We've got so many people involved now. I think we're going to be able to renew the quality, certainly renew the energy," Phillips said, adding that the past committee worked really hard but could do only so much because of unfilled positions.

The next Triple S Fair and Rodeo planning meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for February 13. Meeting dates and times plus fair and rodeo updates will be posted on the event's website selkirkfairandrodeo. jigsy.com. People can also get in touch by phone at 204-485-4854.



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A participant at the 2022 Triple S Fair and Rodeo.

St. Andrews approves appointment of new CAO

Brent Olynyk to become new CAO of St. Andrews after serving WSP for many years

Submitted by The RM of St. Andrews

Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews unanimously approved the appointment of Brent Olynyk as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) at their Jan. 10 meeting.

Olynyk will vacate his current position as CAO of the Rural Municipality of West St Paul where he has served in the role since 2010. Prior to

that, Olynyk was a senior manager at the City of Winnipeg where he had worked since 1978. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from the joint program at the University of Manitoba/Winnipeg, completed a four year program in Information System Management from the University of Winnipeg, holds a Certificate in Advanced Procurement Law and Practice: Major Projects and Tendering from the Osgoode Hall Law School at York University, completed a Local Government Leadership Diploma at Royal Roads University, and a Certificate in Tribunal Administrative Justice.

With extensive experience in municipal leadership roles, Olynyk has a solid track record of municipal management success and achievement, and demonstrated strengths in strategic and business planning, policy development, marketing and communications, resource allocation, human resource management, and community stakeholder relations.

St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul expressed confidence in Olynyk's ability to build strong relationships and effectively lead the municipal operations

"We are excited to have Brent bring his years of experience in the role as CAO to the Rural Municipality. We are confident that we will grow and thrive under his leadership."

Olynyk will begin his new role on Feb. 17.

"I am thrilled to join this progressive council and administration team. I look forward to the opportunity to lead the operations of this organization and implement Council's vision for the community," he said.



A late night again for WSP council

Voting on Subdivision Application No S22-2965

By Katelyn Boulanger

West St. Paul council had a late night for the second Thursday in a row as the Access Centre filled with people wanting to learn more about and voice their opinions on zoning by-law amendment 2022-09"P" which concerned rezoning a parcel of land from 'A80' agricultural zone to 'RC' comprehensive residential zone in order to establish twenty-one block parcels for future small lot residential development. After that public hearing was concluded residents then expressed their feelings at a second public hearing with regards to subdivision application no S22-2965 which seeks to subdivide the same property in order to create the twenty-one proposed blocks of varying sizes and an internal road network system.

Both of these public hearings concerned the Riverview Landing project property which lies between Main St. and the Red River and beside River's Edge subdivision.

The meeting started with council briefly discussing whether or not to add the recruitment of a new person to the CAO position to the night's agenda. Once that was cleared up the resumption of the public hearing from last Thursday took place.

A representative from RRPD explained that they would continue from where they stopped last week. Last week, RRPD had given its presentation and a presentation from the applicant had taken place. In addition, residents who wanted to speak for, against, and for information with regard to the project, all had their chance to make presentations. The meeting continued on from the point where the applicant was able to make their rebuttal and then flowed into council discussion.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant was Jackie Wilkie, vice president of McGowan Russell Group Inc.

Coun. Dorothy Kleiber shared her concerns that the connection to PTH 9 (Main St.) had not been approved and

about arrangements for water services to the area.

Mayor Peter Truijen shared his concerns that this subdivision is different than others in the area which are zoned as 'RG' instead of 'RC' as well as echoing a point made by a resident in last week's meeting that residents that live in the area had an important perspective to consider in council's decision.

Coun. Peter Campbell clarified that comments took place at the last meeting indicating that Manitoba Infrastructure wasn't allowing a connection to Main St. and he said these were completely false. He felt that residents may have been confused by this incorrect information.

Deputy Mayor Mike Pagtakhan commended the developer for their work consulting residents through open houses and noted that Red River Planning District was recommending approval.

'There's still a lot more that has to be done moving forward. I would certainly like to see things with respect to last week come back to this Council for approval," said Pagtakhan.

After the discussion took place, Truijen called for voting on the second and third reading of the by-law. This was a recorded vote which was carried. In both circumstances Campbell, Pagtakhan, and Coun. Giorgio Busceti voted for the rezoning and Truijen and Kleiber voted against it.

There was then a brief detour into the rezoning of a different lot which was given a first reading before coming back to the second public hearing for subdivision application no S22-

Much of the same information from last week's meeting including how residents were consulted on this project as well as how this project fits into the West St. Paul North Secondary Plan was presented once again by

"The proposed subdivision will es-



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West St. Paul council met until 10:30 p.m. last Thursday to discuss rezoning and a subdivision application.

tablish the road layout for the development, the location of parks and lots for single family on the development. We're working this route for the development so that we can create the framework for future applications on the subdivision. Again, we understand that this is going to be a long process so we're working on doing this in steps," said Wilkie.

A possible connection to a future development to the north was shown in the presentation.

Wilkie also showed some reference images as examples of what they would like to do with regard to landscaping and explained that they will come back to council in the future to further divide the 21 lots into smaller lots. The lot plan that was presented at the hearing was an example of what it could look like and not a finalized version.

Council then asked questions about access points for the subdivision, active transportation, traffic studies being updated in the future, architectural standards becoming part of sales agreements, how wastewater will work, and how much greenspace will be part of the project to name a few.

The people speaking for the project then had their time to speak.

Sabie Brar, the developer for the project, spoke first. He spoke about the many supportive letters that he received from the community as well as other aspects of the subdivision he felt council should understand. He also expressed concern that a councillor could have a conflict in making a decision with regard to this applica-

Council had a private discussion to discuss the possibility of a conflict. When they came back to the meeting Kleiber said, "I believe that in this application I can make a fair decision based on the evidence."

Some comments from other people that were for the development indicated that they thought this development would be beneficial for the growth of West St. Paul, that the lots would be a good size for young professionals, and that larger lots are more difficult to maintain.

Next came the people who were in

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opposition to the development. which the development took place People opposed spoke for over an hour expressing many concerns which included: One resident would like there to be an active transportation trail by the river and approval of this subdivision would hinder that. Another resident was concerned with the speed of development in the region and that the area's services wouldn't be able to keep up with the demands. Another resident worried that with water and wastewater services being brought to this area of West St. Paul it could mean other areas would lose priority. Residents indicated they had concerns about potential lot sizes and that more information would be beneficial before roads are determined. Another concern brought forward by a resident was that the RM put out a strategic plan in 2019 that emphasized safety needs and wanting to maintain a rural lifestyle. This resident was concerned that adding the number of new people this development would house would affect both of these. Residents also expressed that they felt people from the ward in

should be listened to first.

Wilkie then came back to speak to some of the residents' concerns.

When it was council's turn for discussion Busceti asked that conditions be added including that River Edge Dr. be closed with bollards and that there be an agreement in place for water and sewer services. These conditions were added.

Council then voted on the proposed subdivision. The vote was approved with 3 vote for, 1 vote against, and one abstaining.

As of Jan. 23, records indicate that 255 people were registered as for the subdivision project at the meeting, 87 were against and 21 people attended for information at the public hearing.

A recording of the council meeting is available online at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=91t-AasGryY.

Many of the items that were not able to be completed due to the council meeting cut-off time of 10:30 p.m. have been added to West St. Paul's Jan. 26 council meeting agenda.



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Jackie Wilkie speaking at the West St. Paul public hearing.

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NDP MLAs come to Selkirk



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Mitch Obach Selkirk NDP MLA Candidate, Uzoma Asagwara NDP Health Critic, Wab Kinew leader of the Manitoba NDP, and Adrien Sala NDP Hydro Critic came to the Gaynor Family Regional Library last week to learn about the community's priorities.

Ruth Christie talks history at Selkirk Community Arts Centre

Proving that learning about our region's history doesn't have to be boring

By Katelyn Boulanger

Ruth Christie proved yet again that learning about local history can come with community and laughter at her Interlake History talk that took place on Jan. 10. This talk was the second of three with the final event taking place on Feb. 7.

Christie opened the night by talking about the history of language in the

"There's always something common within a group of people wherever they are and that's language. When the pioneers came here, they were left to their own resources, and to build and grow they had to develop solutions for problems unique to their area. So, language was developed to fit their local communities," said Christie.

She has a great deal of local history knowledge being both a community elder and a storyteller and has been recognized for her community contributions receiving both the Order of Manitoba and the Order of Canada.

The three community talks at the Selkirk Community Arts Centre have focused on pre and post-colonial history with Christie adding many relevant and amusing anecdotes about her adventures growing up in Loon Straits, MB.

She went on to discuss how Indigenous languages like the different Cree languages and Ojibway combined with English and French to create languages like Michif and the very common around our area, Bungi, which was spoken by the Selkirk Settlers and included many Scottish elements as well as the local Indigenous languages.

"And then, of course, we have our own little community slang words. Some of them originated maybe from our ancestors or as we move into a community and then we adopt their little sayings," said Christie.

She shared some English translations of Bungi words and some phrases. Some of the easier examples were the word yesterday losing the letter y to become 'esterday' and the word sunshine becoming 'sunsine'.

Christie also discussed recreation in the area.

She spoke about the water on the Red River being much lower than it is now and dog and horse races taking place on the dry mud-covered areas on the banks of the river.

She also discussed how she and her siblings and their friends would go skating on the water once the fishermen gave them the all clear that it was thick enough.

"The ice is so many inches thick, you can go anywhere on the lake now. So come Friday night, we'd all get together. And we decided, 'You bring the potatoes, and you bring the butter, and you bring the tea?' There were no wieners or marshmallows back then. So then, when the lake was solid, then we knew we'd be skating a lot," said

She says that her father even had a blacksmith shop where all of the kid's skates were sharpened.

"Today, I wouldn't allow my grandchildren to do the things I did. Nor would my parents allow us to do the things they did. But, everybody certainly looked out for each other, and we knew how to care for each other and watch out for the little ones," said Christie.

She talked about the games the children would play and the work that they had to do to help keep their community running smoothly and how despite not having all the same activities that people do now, their lives were very full and fun.

The next Interlake History talk takes place on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. and residents can RSVP for the event by texting 204-485-4242.





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Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba (www.manitobalg.ca) and the Manitoba Historical Society (www. mhs.mb.ca).

Gimli International Film Festival 2023 submissions open

Film festival looking for the best in cinema

By Autumn Fehr

Are you a filmmaker ready to share your film with the world?

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Before the holidays, on Dec. 21, GIFF started accepting film submissions for the 2023 festival this summer from July 26-30.

As another year comes to fruition, the festival is again looking for

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Interlake Municipal Caucus asks for thaw of funding freeze

20 of the region's municipalities feel more provincial grant money is needed

By Katelyn Boulanger

There has been a provincial funding freeze imposed on municipal operating grants since 2016 and, with inflation rising, local municipalities are asking the Manitoba government to end the squeeze so that they can put more money into our communities.

"We had written a letter to the province, probably about two years ago now about taking off the funding freeze and we had copied AMM (Association of Manitoba Municipalities) on it and nothing has happened since," said Larry Johannson, Selkirk's mayor and Interlake Municipal Caucus chair.

Since it's been some time since that letter, Johannson and representatives from the other 19 municipalities which are part of the Interlake Municipal Caucus have penned a letter to Eileen Clarke, Manitoba's Minister of Municipal Relations with the same request to stop the operating grant freeze. They have also sent a copy to

the AMM.

The Interlake Municipal Caucus are a group of 20 municipalities north of the perimeter and west of the Red River and Lake Winnipeg. It includes Arborg, Armstrong, Bifrost-Riverton, Coldwell, Dunnattor, Fisher, Gimli, Grahamdale, Rockwood, Rosser, Selkirk, St. Andrews, St. François Xavier, St. Laurent, Stonewall, Teulon, West-Interlake, West St. Paul, Winnipeg Beach and Woodlands.

The group was formed about two years ago when former Stonewall mayor Clive Hinds, approached other area municipalities with the idea. The group is not a lobbying group but brings area municipalities together to host speakers and have monthly discussions about the challenges faced in our area.

On this month's agenda was bringing to the provincial government's attention the need for an end to this funding freeze.



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Ralph Eichler, Alan Lagimodiere, Marion (Mary Anne) Ellis, Joy Sul, Larry Johannson and Sandra Smith at an Interlake Municipal Caucus meeting.

eroded by almost 20 per cent according to Statistics Canada, with the increase in the equalization payments from the federal government, we

"Since 2016, the real value of \$1 has hope this is the time that the freeze could come off these operating grants. And, going forward, this grant could

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Father's late son inspires fundraising campaign for hospitals in Manitoba

Korbin's Wish initiative raises money to purchase gaming systems for hospitals

By Kaitlin Vitt

In honour of his late son, a father in Selkirk is doing what he can to make children's time in hospitals more comfortable.

Joey Halldorsson is raising money to purchase gaming systems and televisions for kids in hospitals through the initiative Korbin's Wish. So far, the project has raised more than \$14,000 out of the \$100,000 goal.

Halldorsson's son, Korbin, was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy at birth. The disease causes rapid muscle deterioration.

Korbin stopped walking when he was around nine and spent long periods of time in hospitals throughout his life.

One time, he had back surgery to correct a curve in his back, which put pressure on his lungs and heart. He had two bars put in his back to help keep his spine straight.

Another time, he had an infection, and during his last time in the hospital, he was in the intensive care unit. Korbin died Oct. 27, 2021, at age 17.

Korbin's PlayStation provided a distraction from his illness when he spent time in the hospital.

"He could still talk to people online and be part of his everyday stuff that he would do anyway," Halldorsson said.

At first, Korbin had only a Blu-ray player and television in his room. Halldorsson said it broke his heart that his son didn't have his PlayStation. Halldorsson drove home to pick up Korbin's system and bought a television to set up the system on.

"He was bedridden for most of his time," Halldorsson said. "As a teenage boy, [gaming] was his life."

Halldorsson said his son had a big heart and loved animals and people. Korbin would see other kids in the hospital who didn't have gaming systems in their rooms, and he would wonder why.

After Korbin pointed this out, Hall-

dorsson remembers saying to his son, "Some day, my boy, once you get a little stronger, we'll figure this out. We'll do something for [the other children]."

While Halldorsson would have loved to get the chance to work on this initiative with his son, he's proud to be helping to fulfil Korbin's wish.

"He'd be mad I put his picture out there — that's a given. But yet, he'd be excited and happy to know that we're making a difference in other kids' lives," Halldorsson said. "He knew how important gaming was to him, and he wanted that for other kids."

Halldorsson initially started work on this project, which brings together all of the equipment needed to play video games in a hospital room, after talking with Lowell Ruvinsky, who Halldorsson knew through work. Halldorsson runs the electrical company AAA Electric. Ruvinsky asked Halldorsson if AAA Electric had scrap metal that Ruvinsky could recycle.

Throughout the year, Ruvinsky collects scrap metal, brings it to a recycling centre for money and donates that money to charitable organizations

"I took it as a sign," Halldorsson said. "I was like, 'Oh my God, this is it — this is the kick I need. It's time now.'"

The first push for donations goes until the end of the month. After February 1, the Korbin's Wish team will place their first order of supplies.

Halldorsson will pick a day for volunteers to come out to AAA Electric to build the gaming units, which will consist of a complete gaming system. This doesn't just mean a game console like a PlayStation or Xbox but also includes the accessories needed to play the games in a health care setting like a television and a boardroom cart.

The first supply of gaming stations will be donated to the children's hospital in Winnipeg. Once the hospital

receives the number of stations it would like, the Korbin's Wish team will approach other hospitals in Manitoba as well as northern community nursing stations.

The fundraising won't end in Feb-

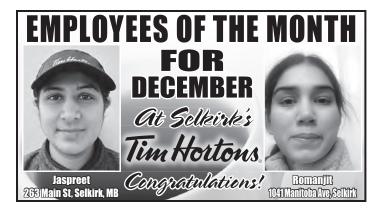


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Through Korbin's Wish, Joey Halldorsson and volunteers will build gaming units consisting of a gaming system, a television and a boardroom cart. Pictured: Korbin and his family.

ruary though — Halldorsson doesn't have an end date in mind for the campaign and dreams of seeing Korbin's Wish go across Canada. Halldorsson will post updates and volunteer opportunities on the Korbin's Wish Facebook Page.

People interested in donating to Korbin's Wish can send an e-Transfer to korbinswish@gmail.com, give through GoFundMe by searching 'Korbin's Wish for other sick kids' or show their support through cash or cheque by getting in touch with Halldorsson.



360-degree film experience comes to the Selkirk High School

Students learn about fair trade, refugees, and climate action in fun new way

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) has sponsored an interesting new learning experience for Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School (LSRCSS) students. Selkirk students were the first students in the province to take part in !nSight a 360-degree film experience.

"It is a 360 degree video cylinder that's portable, so it's entirely enclosed. It has a door on it and the students sit in the centre of the cylinder, and the film surrounds them. It's a really cool, immersive experience for them," said Amanda Benson, education specialist for MCIC.

Kevin Lopuck a teacher at LSRCSS said that the goal of having this take place at the school was to have as many students as possible have the chance to take part. With that goal, many classes signed up to view the films last week and the week before and they even had some junior high students stop by to check it out.

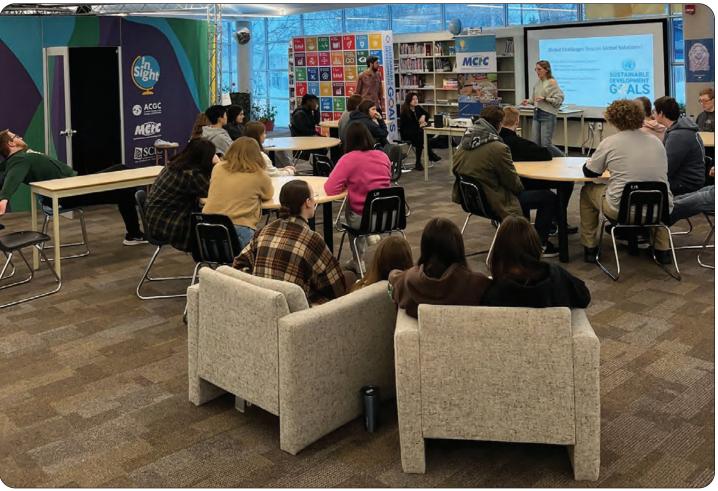
"We are almost at 500 students that have gone through this," said Benson.

The films the students experienced highlighted themes related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and had the students learn about fair trade, refugees, health care and climate action.

One of the films was about a 12-yearold girl who fled the war in Syria and walked across the desert to Jordan.

Another film was about responsible consumption and how fair trade products work. This one was particularly relevant to our local students as Selkirk is a fair trade city.

Another of the topics covered in one of the films was access to health care and how that looks different throughout the world. In the film, a woman



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!nSight at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

travels through the Ugandan mountains to deliver a polio vaccine to chil-

The last film is called, 'Growing a world wonder' and is about tree planting and climate change. It follows a group of people working together to plant a wall of trees in order to stop the desertification of Africa.

Lopuck thinks that this is a great opportunity for students.

"Bringing in something like this just gives our students the opportunity to bring the world to them in a unique manner, and allows them to engage with it," said Lopuck.

He also mentioned the MCIC brings more than just the films also having educational activities that the students engage with that are related to the film.

"The whole package is quite good and also gives the kids a break from listening to their teachers talk all the time," he joked.

Benson agreed, "It's really great as high school students and junior high students. I think a lot of these kids don't have a lot of global experience. And by introducing these films that are set in Jordan, Kenya, Uganda, and Senegal, we're hoping to grow the next generation of global citizens. We're hoping that they're going to become more aware of what's going on outside of Selkirk, outside of Manitoba, outside of Canada, and that they'll be able to as adults make some sustainable choices by getting this kind of education."

The kids also loved the experience according to Lopuck.

"It's been a great experience all around," he said.



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be indexed yearly, in accordance with the Manitoba GDP or rate of inflation. We hope you will give our resolution serious consideration and help all Manitoba municipalities with the support we need to keep our communities safe, healthy and growing. Municipalities are the backbone of Manitoba, and it's municipal services that citizens and local economies de-

pend upon each and every day. So, we ask again, please remove the funding freeze, and together we'll make Manitoba stronger than ever," said Johannson reading from the letter.

The resolution to send the letter was passed unanimously by all 20 members of the group.

Johannson says that he feels it's very fair ask to ask for safe and predictable funding.

"The example I use quite a bit is gas . . . We had one price for fuel in 2016 and look at the price of fuel in 2022. We're doing the purchasing of fuel [now] with 2016 dollars and it's getting to the point where it's really hurting us now," he said.

"It's just at the rate of inflation or GDP [that we want]. We're not asking for anything that's really out of the norm here. What's happening is it's

hard on councils and administrations because trucks wear out and graders wear out and roads have to be replaced, bridges have to be fixed. All these things come into play and we can't keep going to the taxpayer asking for increases all the time, because it's not fair to them," said Johannson

He hopes that the provincial government understands the needs of the municipalities and takes this letter se-

Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher, 89, holds the line at Red River Basin Commission conference

By Patricia Barrett

Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers attended the Red River Basin Commission's 40th annual conference last week to ensure their concerns about water quality were heard, and one of them was forced to hold the line, so to speak.

Municipal officials from the Interlake also attended the conference, which was held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg.

The 116,500 square-kilometer (45,000 square miles) Red River Basin covers parts of southern Manitoba, northwestern Minnesota, North Dakota and northeastern South Dakota. The basin commission deals with water issues on both sides of the international border.

There was a key focus on flood mitigation and the effects of climate change during the three-day conference, with some discussion of nutrients such as phosphorus, which pollutes waterways and contributes to harmful algal blooms.

One of the major concerns of people living north of the Canada-U.S. border is what gets carried up the Red River from south of the border because all those things – agricultural nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, wastewater and potentially invasive species – will eventually work their way into an already degraded Lake Winnipeg. American pollutants are on top of those Manitoba itself and Canadian provinces to the west and east deliver.

A Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher told attendees on day 1 of the conference there's a need to monitor the quality of water entering Manitoba and was admonished by an Ameri-



Nicole Armstrong, from the provincial department of environment, climate and parks, gave conference attendees an overview of Manitoba's new water management strategy.

can climatologist who was presenting that day.

Robert T. Kristjanson – the 89-yearold doyen of Lake Winnipeg, the Gimli fisher who refers to the lake as a "sewage lagoon" because of all the pollutants flowing into it, one of the few dauntless fishers who directed really uncomfortable questions to those in power – was unceremoniously taken off the mic in front of a ballroom full of people.

Undeterred, Kristjanson rose again on day 2, during questions for presenters, to remind the basin commission and conference attendees that he's a stalwart advocate for clean water – and while he was at it, take a shot at the climatologist.

"There has been nobody for 60 years that has fought and argued and made [trouble] in every way I can for water ... to fight to have Manitoba have



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Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher Robert T. Kristjanson, 89, took the mic last Wednesday at the basin commission conference to advocate for water quality improvement.

the best water. This guy doesn't understand that. He thinks I fell off the banana wagon yesterday. I'm sorry, I didn't," said Kristjanson, who earned the Order of Manitoba in 2018 for raising the alarm about extensive algal blooms on Lake Winnipeg. "I've been arguing since I was a very young man ... I [say to] the Americans today, we haven't got control of all our water. That's what I have been nattering about. I am not against anybody. All I'm trying to [say is] we must manage the water that comes into Manitoba."

Nicole Armstrong, the director of the water science and watershed management branch of the Manitoba department of environment, climate and parks, was one of the presenters at the conference. She provided an overview of the recently released provincial water management strategy, which aims to conserve wetlands, improve surface water quality, reduce nutrient loading to Manitoba waterways and protect biodiversity, among other goals.

The last provincial strategy was released 20 years ago.

"A lot has changed in terms of water management, our understanding of climate change and more inclusion of Indigenous peoples in water issues," said Armstrong. "And while we had strategies on specific topics, like our drought management strategy and surface water ... Lake Winnipeg and nutrients ..., we had not done a comprehensive provincial strategy since 2003 "

The new strategy is a framework containing objectives, a number of which align with those of the basin commission, including managing water in the whole watershed and collaborating across jurisdictional boundaries.

In terms of reducing nutrient loading in provincial waterways, Armstrong said Manitoba is on its way.

"We want to reduce excess nutrient loading to Manitoba's waterways. We're well advanced on this but work needs to continue," said Armstrong.

An action plan detailing what specific steps will need to be taken to meet the new strategy's objectives is expected to be released this spring, she said.

A representative from the Rural Municipality of St. Clements asked Armstrong what funding commitment Manitoba's government has made regarding its new strategy.

"It's good to have a management plan, it's good to see that," said the man, "but a management plan is only

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successful if the current government is willing to put enough funding in place to make it successful. Has the government put funding aside?"

Armstrong said they're hoping to see funding in the upcoming budget.

"Budget 2023 will be around the same time, likely, as the announcement of the action plan. We're hopeful there'll be some funding," she said. "But again, there's lots we can do even within this room with folks working together to help meet some of the strategic objectives."

After her presentation, Armstrong spoke with fishers and Gimli's mayor, telling them the federal government announced new nutrient targets [for phosphorus and nitrogen] for the Red River at the Canada-U.S. border.

"We do know how much is coming from the Winnipeg River and the Red River. We've just established new targets at the U.S.-Canada border for nutrients," she said. "It was approved by the federal government this past fall. These are numbers Canada and the U.S. have agreed to regarding nutrient targets."

When fishers asked if the targets are "reasonable," Armstrong said "we're very happy" with them. "We started to develop these in 2011. It took us 11 years and we developed them through the International Joint Commission, the International Red River Board and ... we brought them to the commission [board] and they were approved."

A November news release from the International Joint Commission says specific levels of phosphorus and nitrogen in the water "would best be limited to 0.15 milligrams per liter (0.15 parts per million) and 1.15 mg/l(1.15 ppm), respectively."

Precisely what actions will be taken to implement those nutrient targets is unclear, said Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher and analyst Bill Buckels, who attended the conference. Everything flows into Lake Winnipeg on its way to Hudson Bay, and phosphorus is the key component in the eutrophication of the lake.

"The water authorities are focusing on flow control, holding water back and cleaning up phosphorus from the water, but there's currently no action plan in place to get meaningful results [on phosphorus] downstream on this," said Buckels. "There is some work being done by watershed districts to improve water quality and reduce nutrient levels through such things as the use of wetlands filters. Nevertheless, these nutrient targets have been set too high to achieve what we want – which is clean water. And nobody has given much thought to what we'll do with these nutrients once we take them out of the water; they're arguing it's too expensive to reintegrate phosphorus."

Concerns about water quality in the world's 10th largest freshwater lake is why Gimli mayor Kevin Chudd attended the conference. He said council endorsed Kristjanson's attendance because the fisher "represents us well, showing passion and foresight."

And it's vital that Canadians and Americans collaborate on water qual-

ity issues given our shared water-

"Getting all the players together - Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota – thaťs huge and it'll be an evolution. I would like to think we're committed as far as Lake Winnipeg is concerned. I don't think anybody can fool themselves on how important the environment is and managing water quality and flood mitigation. The basin commission plays an extremely meaningful role this," said Chudd. "But at the end of the day, we have to recognize Lake Winnipeg and try to control nutrient levels and water quality as best we can. We have to stand up together for the environment."

Chudd said Gimli is in the process of organizing a delegation to Fargo next year to "tell them who we are, get to know them better and continue working together" on water issues. He has already spoken with some Lake Winnipeg mayors/reeves about joining the delegation.

Westshore Community Foundapresident tion's David Douglas, who attended the conference, said

Westshore may be part of that delega-

Recognizing the importance of protecting the environment, Westshore created an environmental fund in 2022 that aims to conserve the natural environment, support climate change initiatives and assist projects related to the improvement of water, air and the food supply. Its focus is improving the health of Lake Winnipeg, and it'll support organizations that advocate for the lake, conduct research on it and provide educational activities.

"Within Westshore, we created an environmental fund and the first \$1,000 was awarded to the Red River Basin Commission because we realized they were the best organization that combines strategies from north and south," said Douglas.

For more information about the Red River Basin Commission, visit www. redriverbasincommission.org.





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Rural nurses continue to step up for patient care; province offers incentives

By Patricia Barrett

Although rural health care is under enormous strain with physician, nursing and paramedic shortages and the periodic shutdown of hospital labs, emergency rooms and acute care beds, front-line nurses are continuing to step up to fill as many staffing gaps as possible to ensure local communities have access to care.

There were pre-existing weaknesses in the health-care system prior to COVID and the pandemic exacerbated many of them, said registered nurse Tracy Abraham, who is the clinical team manager at the Pinawa Hospital, regional acute care supervisor and the cancer care program manager. The system is now being challenged by a suite of respiratory viruses, including COVID, that have disrupted staff rotas and are bringing an influx of people to rural emergency rooms.

Despite the challenges, there have been some positive changes in nursing. And nursing in rural communities comes with a number of benefits, including a variety of nursing jobs, fast-tracking to management and demonstrable support from residents.

Since COVID struck, Abraham said she has seen greater cohesion among nurses and the collaboration between inter-disciplinary teams has been fine-tuned, which has resulted in more streamlined patient care.

"With COVID in the last two and a half years, we've had staff off sick and we've seen an increase in ER presentations and admissions to hospital," said Abraham before Christmas. "But the nurses and the support staff have really come together, relying on each other more and more. Collaboration has also really increased between inter-disciplinary departments such as acute care, long-term care, allied health care and lab services. We've all had to collaborate to make this work for the patients."

Although health-care facilities are suffering from staff shortages and nurses are being asked to "come in all the time," Abraham – who is responsible for staff scheduling – said she has seen teamwork in action. As the Christmas break approached, staff at Pinawa Hospital have been very flexible with shifts.

"I have a lot of open nurse positions, which is similar in many facilities right now. And as Christmas approaches, I have been having numerous talks with my staff. They're saying, 'I'll work four hours on Christmas' or 'I'll switch that shift for you.' Staff are really trying to make sure we've got our hospital functioning."

The use of agency nurses has helped fill staffing gaps, said Abraham, as staff nurses are suffering from burnout after being asked to constantly pick up shifts.

"It is taxing. I can't say they're not experiencing burnout," said Abraham. "There used to be a much better work-life balance for nursing and other health-care staff. I'm hopeful we'll get back to that again."

There has been a positive shift in how agency nurses are viewed by rural health teams. Staff are happy to work with agency nurses because they help lighten the patient load. And agency nurses who find a site they really enjoy working at are continuing to pick up shifts there, she said.

The provincial government announced a \$200-million-dollar human resource action plan in November that addresses health-care staff recruitment and retention. It also includes supports and incentives for nurses that Abraham said are important.

The action plan includes a weekend premium for nurses, a full-time incentive, financial incentives for returning nurses, a joint nursing council that focuses on working conditions, mental health and burnout support and the creation of a provincial nursing float pool, according to the province's Nov. 10 news release.

"The province has offered an \$8-dollar-an-hour premium on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and that has helped fill weekend shifts, which is great," said Abraham. "That incentive was the first big one. There's also a \$10,000 signing bonus for any full-time nurse."

Working as a nurse in a rural community has a number of benefits, including being able to work in a variety of positions and move up the ranks a lot faster than a nurse normally would in the city.

Abraham said she herself moved into a nursing

leadership position in year five of her now 14-year career.

"The opportunities for this kind of quick advancement would not likely happen in a bigger centre in the city. Most people in management have had to work the floor for a long time," she said. "I also had an opportunity to gain a broader perspective on rural health care because I was able to work as a nurse in different areas."

Before she moved into a management position at the Pinawa Hospital, Abraham said she worked as an emergency room nurse at the Beausejour Hospital, in endoscopy in Beausejour then as a clinical resource nurse in Pinawa.

With the increase of respiratory viruses such as COVID, influenza and RSV, rural emergency rooms are "busier than they've ever been" and they're struggling with staff shortages, she said. To help educate parents about where to take sick children, the province's Shared Health organization put together an online guide.

The "Kid Care – Where do I go with a sick or injured child" webpage has advice for caring for kids at home and when it's appropriate to go to a doctor, a walk-in clinic, an urgent care centre or an emergency room based on the child's symptoms.

"The one thing the province did well, in my opinion, is providing Kid Care and doing a lot of radio and news bulletins about when to see your doctor, when to go to an ER and educating people on symptoms," said Abraham. "If your child has had a fever for this long and you're tried this, this and this and it's still not resolving, then it's time to seek care. If your baby hasn't peed within 24 hours it's time to go to the ER."

In Pinawa there's a clinic with doctors who see patients regularly. There are also doctors in Lac du Bonnet and Whitemouth who help staff the Pinawa ER, she said. But people coming to the ER and other rural ERs may be faced with a wait – as they are in urban centres – depending on the severity of the health condition. They may also have to wait for a bed should they need to be admitted.

"If you're sitting here with a nail in your hand and someone has had a heart attack, I'm sorry but the nail in the hand has to wait," said Abraham. "We've always had to triage patients but I think people sometimes get frustrated because they don't know how the system works."

Abraham schedules supervisor shifts at the Selkirk emergency room and said it's the busiest hub in the Interlake. It too can experience delays should it find itself "bed-blocked" in which there are no empty beds for a patient to be admitted to or no beds available elsewhere at IERHA hospitals.

"You have to wait for somebody in another bed to be discharged. That's where system problems come in. People that maybe need to be going to a care home or be transferred to rehab or an ortho bed might have to wait for that bed to become available before you can free up your ER beds," she said. "That's why we're seeing so much more waiting room and hallway medicine because a lot of places are bed-blocked."

Despite public frustration over disruptions to health services, the Pinawa community – along with other communities such as Gimli – continues to show its support for health-care staff.

"Our local school's Grade 1 and Grade 5 classes came over to the hospital one day and stood outside. They made us posters and cards thanking the nurses, doctors, the cleaning staff, the maintenance staff, the kitchen staff, everyone, for their efforts. They came over and planted daffodils which will come up in the spring. It was fantastic," said Abraham. "The community has not forgotten about the hard work that's keeping our hospitals open, keeping our patients safe and trying to get them healthy."

And the local high school's Youth in Philanthropy program, which teaches students about fundraising for good causes, has provided the Pinawa Hospital



Rural Manitoba hemorrhaging paramedics

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals (MAHCP) says rural Manitoba is hemorrhaging paramedics as the provincial government continues to fail to address pay gaps, career advancement and persistent understaffing that's causing burnout.

And the thought of losing emergency medical services is "very frightening" for the people who live in rural communities.

MAHCP is a union representing over 7,000 allied health professionals across Manitoba, including rural paramedics and medical laboratory

MAHCP president Jason Linklater said the pay received by rural paramedics, which are managed by the provincial government, is currently 23 per cent lower than that of Winnipeg paramedics, which are managed by the city. And rural paramedics haven't been given a contract for five years.

"At the end of the day, rural paramedics need parity with Winnipeg paramedics otherwise the rural areas will continue to hemorrhage paramedics. We know rural paramedics are actively applying to the city, and Winnipeg is going to be hiring 40 paramedics. My guess is they'll be coming from the rural areas," said Linklater last week. "This impacts people's loved ones and themselves. When you have an emergency, you need someone to come to that emergency. Paramedics aren't coming because there aren't enough. For the province to ignore this is the definition of a crisis."

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority currently has a paramedic vacancy rate of 32 per cent and it's "growing," said Linklater. That vacancy rate doesn't factor in vacation and illness.

On Dec. 10, Interlake-Eastern found itself down 10 out of 25 ambulances, with only three out of nine dispatchers in the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre in Brandon. On Nov. 30, there were only five out of 15 ambulances in Prairie Mountain RHA's north zone.

To deal with the immediate paramedic crisis, Linklater said the provincial government needs to focus on retention rather than recruitment because recruitment doesn't address reasons for the exodus.

"The biggest part of why the government can't hang on to paramedics right now is simply that it has left them without a contract for five years," he said. "The government make announcements and promises, but it leaves people without a contract, so, of course, you can't retain people. And it talks about recruiting - which is crazy when you can't retain people. Rural paramedics are actively trying to leave because of the situation they work in and the level of pay they get."

Rural paramedics are sometimes spending half their paycheque on fuel to drive to stations. And they're "completely burnt out" with "nothing left" to give because of chronic understaffing, he said. A higher paying, better staffed paramedic job in the city is alluring even though they might not necessarily want to live there.

Rural paramedics, who are classed as primary care paramedics (PCPs), want to enhance their life-saving skills and move up into an advanced care paramedic (ACP) position. But the government won't allow ACP positions in rural Manitoba.

Because of that, Linklater said he wasn't surprised to see zero enrollment in an ACP course offered through Red River College.

"The city of Winnipeg has made a commitment to have an ACP on every ambulance - that's what they're working towards right now. Winnipeg does its own ACP training so the program at Red River would be taken only by people coming from the rural areas. Once rural paramedics completed that course, there'd be no jobs for them to go to because there are no ACP positions in rural Manitoba," said Linklater. "It almost sounds like a trick; the government says it's funding a course to benefit patient care ... but it's not funding those people to do the actual work. That's pretty disingenuous in my opinion."

PCPs provide basic life support, stabilize injuries, administer certain medications and undertake cardiac monitoring. ACPs provide advanced life support, interpret diagnostic tests and can administer more medications. Linklater said advanced training could help free up doctors in the rural area.

"Having an ACP on ambulances in rural areas makes a huge difference in terms of outcome," he said. "Even in rural areas, PCPs perform a significantly higher scope than PCPs in Winnipeg. They have a 75 per cent greater number of meds they can give. And instead of having a physician and a nurse doing a patient transfer, you can have an ACP and a nurse and utilize your rural physician differently."

In addition to paramedics, MAHCP says the government has failed to invest in laboratory and X-ray staff, which is contributing to rural emergency room service interruptions. Er-

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iksdale hospital's ER, for instance, was closed for December because of what the government said is a staffing issue in the laboratory.

Two medical laboratory assistants (MLAs) are being trained for the Eriksdale hospital lab right now, according to the government, and the ER is expected to open in the new year once that training is completed.

But Linklater said MLAs, theoretically, won't keep a hospital ER up and running because they don't have the same level of training as medical laboratory technicians (MLTs).

"MAHCP's view is that training MLAs will not result in the opening of the Eriksdale ER unless specific lab tests – done by MLTs – or X-rays can be performed," he said.

Linklater said he heard the government has "a plan" to address the paramedic crisis, but it has "never" reached out to MAHCP to discuss how to work together.

"This is absolutely province-wide. The level of neglect towards rural paramedics is quite astounding. The city of Winnipeg has done a great job retaining its paramedics. The province has done the exact opposite; it has completely neglected the program. It's all about money," he said. "The 2013 report that talked about how to improve the paramedic service in Manitoba has not been followed through on and none of those promises have been kept. Unfortunately, patients and the public are paying for this. It's beyond upsetting for the families and individuals impacted. To some degree, it feels like a denial of service."

A spokesperson for provincial Shared Health,

which manages rural paramedics, said the IERHA's current vacancy rate for paramedics is 24 per cent, as of Nov. 30, 2022 [a lower vacancy rate than that provided by MAHCP].

When asked why the province won't offer ACP positions in rural health regions, the spokesperson said:

"There are currently no advanced care paramedics practicing at this level within Shared Health ERS [emergency response service]. As part of Manitoba's ongoing health transformation, work is ongoing on how best to incorporate ACPs to leverage their full scope of practice, knowledge and skills in a manner that contributes to a better functioning Emergency Response Service and supports ongoing competency maintenance. In order for any changes in this area to be met with success, development of a robust provincial ERS quality assurance program and supporting practice infrastructure for ACPs is required."

As to specific steps being taken at present to stop paramedics from leaving rural areas, the spokesperson said Shared Health is committed to addressing historical staffing challenges and that negotiation are currently underway for a new collective agreement with MAHCP.

"These negotiations have not been completed. Consistent with all collective bargaining, Shared Health (as the employer) remains focused on reaching a fair, long-term agreement," said the spokesperson. "Other discussions focus on supports to ensure paramedics have the opportunity to continue learning and advancing in their careers. This work will continue, with the expectation that building and strengthening the service will generate greater

interest in future intakes for Shared Health ERS."

The *Record* also reached out to Shared Health to confirm that the staff being trained for the Eriksdale hospital lab are MLAs and if they're going to be able to provide X-rays and other specific labstests traditionally done by higher scope lab technicians

"As part of Shared Health's commitment to restoring laboratory capacity in Eriksdale, two employees at E.M. Crowe Memorial Hospital are currently being trained to work as medical laboratory assistants," said a spokesperson. "Once trained, these employees will be able to support lab operations at the Eriksdale hospital within the scope of their training and classification. These positions are separate from the cross-trained medical laboratory technologists currently on leave and expected to return in 2023."



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MAHCP says there were no enrollments in an advanced care paramedic (ACP) program at Red River College because the provincial government won't allow higher paid ACP positions in rural Manitoba

Riverton-based entrepreneur links Ukrainian newcomers with jobs through staffing agency

By Patricia Barrett

With the continuing arrival of Ukrainian newcomers to Manitoba, a Riverton-based entrepreneur with Ukrainian roots has set up a staffing agency to link them to employers across Manitoba.

Mark Myrowich, owner of ECB-Verdoyl, which supplies erosion and sediment control products, launched the Myrowich Staffing Agency to help newcomers find work that matches their job skills.

"I remember the stories my grandparents told me about the challenges they experienced settling in Canada just after World War I. They told me how tough it was, not knowing the language, not knowing the culture of the place, but knowing that they had a new life ahead of them for their children. They got a little piece of land, started a farm and that's where my father was born. I was born on that same farm," said Myrowich in a Dec. 13 news release. "And now, with this new generation of Ukrainians that are coming to Canada, I want to pay it forward, for the help that my grandparents got, to this generation.

Myrowich hired 25 Ukrainians for his two factories as he was facing a worker shortage, the release says. He



Andrii Podyma is one of the members of the Myrowich Staffing Agency.

established connections with Ukrainian newcomers online and offered them jobs. After speaking with some of his employees, Myrowich realized there was a need to match workers' specific skillsets with jobs available at Manitoba companies.

The staffing agency helps Ukrainians find jobs at no charge but charges a flat fee to companies using the service. It consists of an online site staffed by 12 Ukrainians.



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The Myrowich Staffing Agency team on Mark Myrowich's grandparents' farm.

To make it easier for Ukrainians who haven't had a chance to learn English, the staffing agency can group similarly skilled employees together – with at least one of whom can speak English – for deployment to a company. The English speaker can help trans-

late between employer and staff.

Companies looking to hire Ukrainian newcomers can visit: https://hireukrainian.ca Ukrainians looking for jobs can visit the bilingual (Ukrainian and English) website: https://myrowich.com

et inspired > MEAL IDEAS



Source: National Watermelon Promotion Board

Kitchen knives

1 round seedless watermelon

2 personal-sized watermelons, one larger than other

ice cream scoop or large spoon melon baller mini melon baller or paring knife

blueberries large wooden skewers

y-shaped sticks scarf

hat

Using knife, cut 1/4-inch slice off bottom of round seedless watermelon and both personal watermelons to provide stable bases. Use smallest melon for



Watermelon

head, second largest for torso and largest for lower body. Set aside smallest water-

Cut tops off large and medium watermelons to create bowls. Using ice cream scoop or large spoon, scoop out flesh.

Using melon baller, scoop eyes out of smallest watermelon. Invert melon balls and reinsert.

Using mini melon baller or paring knife, scoop out holes for nose and mouth. Carve one piece of watermelon into triangle for nose and fill mouth holes with blueberries.

On platter, using large wooden skewers, connect all three watermelons.

Insert y-shaped sticks in middle watermelon for arms.

Fill bottom sections with fruit salad of melon balls and blueberries. Decorate with scarf and hat.

Source: National Watermelon Promotion Board

Servings: 8

Watermelon Puree:

1 fresh watermelon

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

24-36 frozen prepared mini meatballs

Watermelon Glazed Meatballs

1 cup prepared barbecue sauce 1 cup watermelon puree

To make watermelon puree: Remove seeds from watermelon and cut into large chunks. In blender, process until smooth.

In large, heavy saute pan over mediumhigh heat or electric skillet set to 325 F, heat oil.

Saute mini meatballs until browned and hot. Reduce heat to low.

Mix barbecue sauce and watermelon puree. Pour over meatballs and simmer 2-3 minutes. Serve hot.





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Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: Have you heard about the tax free First Home Savings Account, FHSA?

Many first-time home buyers have cooled off and ceased their house hunting searches as the market levels off with interest rates still climbing. Home prices have still not dropped down as low as some buyers were hoping for; and as we sit poised for another year, it is now anyone's guess what will happen.

Many economists say the interest rates will climb even higher especially with the Canadian prime rate inching it's way closer to 7%. But there are also those, like myself, who approved mortgages for clients in the early 90's with rates at 10.75% and 11.50% who believe today's market is a totally different economic environment. The Bank of Canada will increase the prime rate to slow down inflation which economists believe will decline by this year's third quarter. Most of the current run-up in inflation now is still due to supply-chain constraints and is not believed to be a long-term systemic issue in 2023. The neutral rate for Canada's prime rate should be around 2.75% to 3.5%, (of course, then the retail banks top this rate up). So, for those of you that are planning to wait-it-out and see-whathappens, why not take advantage of a new Federal government's incentive passed through legislation last year and set to come into effect on April 1, 2023. The new program is called FHSA which stands for a tax-free First Home Savings Account.

The FSHA allows first-time home buyers the ability to save up to \$40,000 and like a TFSA (tax free savings account) income and gains inside the FHSA are tax-free. To be eligible you must be over 18, a Canadian resident and of course a first-time buyer. To qualify as a first-time home buyer you cannot have owned a home in the last four years. Sounds great - right? Well, there are a few caveats to the new program. You can only contribute up to \$40,000 in your lifetime and will be maxed to \$8,000 per year to commence this start year in 2023. Unlike a TFSA, there is no carry forward amounts until you open the account. For example, if you opened a FHSA this year and only put in \$5,000, you could then put in \$11,000 next year (\$3,000 from 2023 + \$8,000 from 2024), but if you didn't open an account until next year, 2024 the max would only be \$8,000. The key is to open the account first if you wish to take advantage of future carry-forward options. The account can exceed \$40,000 if your investments do well, but your overall contributions cannot exceed the \$40,000 you put in.



Christine Ibbotson

Another thing to keep in mind, is that this account is for owner-occupied home purchases, not investments or rentals. The plan can be setup for a term no longer than 15 years (this may be extended) and if you do not purchase a home you will need to transfer the funds to your RRSP or withdraw the funds on a taxable basis. One benefit to this plan is that funds transferred to the plan holder's RRSP/RRIF will not be affected by your RRSP limits. But it is only for the account holder – you can therefore not contribute to your spouse's FHSA to claim a deduction. FHSA's are very similar to TFSA's in that you can designate a successor or beneficiary should you die before using the account. One other feature I found most unique about this new program is that you will be allowed to transfer funds from your RRSP to a new FHSA, tax-free and up to the \$40,000 limit (\$8,000 annual contributions). Just remember, the transfers from your RRSP do not restore contribution room, nor do they generate a further tax deduction.

The Home Buyers Plan (HBP) can be used together with the new FHSA as long as it is within the 15-year limit of the HBP and you use both the FHSA and HBP for the same qualifying home purchase. For more information about these two first-time home buyers plans, please watch my YouTube video at ASK THE MONEY LADY or you can always email me your questions on my website at: www.askthemoneylady.ca

To find out even more, visit the Canadian government website at www. canada.ca.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,

Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, National Radio Host, YouTuber, and Author of 3 finance books plus the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoney-

Cr8ery's "Odds n' Ends: The Everything Show!" featuring local artists

Art exhibit now until Jan. 28

By Autumn Fehr

The new exhibit at Cre8ery Gallery & Studio Inc. in Winnipeg at 125 Adelaide St., "Odds n' Ends: The Everything Show!" showcases "a little of this and a little of that."

From now until Jan. 28, the show features artwork from 75 artists, including locals Julia Penny and Marilyn Folson. Each artist in the show is exhibiting one 24" x 24" piece. From portraiture to abstract paintings and imaginary landscapes, the show has something for everyone to enjoy.

Exhibition hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The exhibition symbolizes the diversity of our membership, how no two artworks are alike even with 75 artists in this show," Jordan Miller said, Executive Director of Cre8ery Inc.

Julia Penny

Julia Penny is a fine artist from Winnipeg Beach, who paints and draws, focusing mainly on portraiture and landscapes with a figurative element, usually including a person or an animal. She uses primarily oils and pencils, which she took to naturally.

As long as she can remember, Penny has been doing art. As a child, her mom wanted to give her something to do, so she got her into art and had her aunt came over and teach her how to draw, she said.

"I've been creating art since my mother stuck a pencil in my head," Penny said.

"Why I create is why I've been put on this earth. I just love doing it," she said.

Penny uses mainly oils and pencils. She took to pencil naturally as she has been drawing since she was young. After high school, she used oils for a project in art school and loved them.

"I love the lusciousness of oils. I love the thick paint. I like nice buttery paint," Penny said.

For Cr8ery's "Odds n' Ends: The Everything Show!" she is featuring "George," a drawing of her partner.

"I was just taking snapshots of him one day, and he was fooling around and making faces, so I took one of them and drew it, and that's how "George" came about," Penny said.

Showcasing her piece in Miller's new exhibit was a no-brainer for Penny. When Miller told her the theme for the show, it intrigued Penny, as the format was the same that she produces her work on. Penny has been

a member of Cre8ery since Miller opened the gallery.

Penny does commission pieces and has completed projects for clients worldwide. She is currently accepting requests.

To check out more of Penny's work, visit her website at www.juliapenny.com.

Marilyn Folson

Marilyn Folson is a painter from Gimli who paints in acrylic and oil, replicating a theme of innocence and experience through her work.

Folson has dabbled in various mediums. For many years she was a sculptor, but she now focuses on painting in acrylic and oil.

Right from childhood, Folson has always been interested in art. She started by copying the covers of cartoon magazines.

"I do it because it's a challenge. It's fun. I think it's a worthwhile activity... I find it fascinating but not easy. I often re-work old pieces, and I'm always trying to learn. There's so much to learn," Folson said.

Her love for art led her to teach it for almost 30 years in the St. James School Division in Winnipeg.

When Folson started, she didn't have a fine arts degree, which led her to The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (B. FA) in Halifax (photography and printmaking).

In Cre8ery's new exhibit, Folson features her painting "Group Hug?" Her painting is an ode to the pandemic, referencing social distancing in a cartoonish approach with dark humour. Naturally, everything is exaggerated in the picture.

"Part of this group has to back away and is trying to get away from someone who wants a group hug," Folson said.

"I didn't start with an idea; I started with a few marks. It's almost an intuitive approach, where the ideas and the focus shift as I put down more marks, and the story seems to come alive for me... "I start and let the painting take me where it will," she said.

To view more of Folson's work, visit her website at https://marilynfolson.ca.

Other artists featured in the exhibit include Amy Dubois, Angela Taylor, Ashley Segal, Audrey Dagger, Barb Watson, Bill Rademaker, Brenton Van Hussen-Olson, Bonnie Hallman, Bonnie Y. Bodnarchuk, Brian Longfield, Carla Toews, Carrie Paulicelli, David Colvin, Desiree Mendoza, Dodie Mitchell, Drew Perry, Elizabeth Macrae, Erica Holloway, Faye Hall, Gary Potter, George Tanner, Gowan Doandbe, Gwen Gill, Heather Boyd,

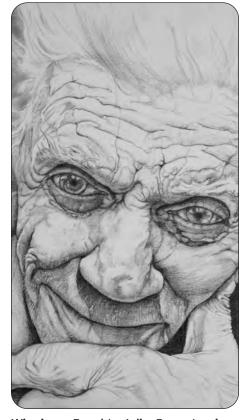


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Marilyn Folson is an intuitive artist from Gimli, focusing on paintings with a theme of innocence and experience. The Cre8te Gallery & Studio exhibit piece is entitled "Group Hug?"

Heather Gillespie, Helen Harper, Irene Pohorecka, Jackie Kozminchuk, Jackie Turnbull, Janis Nickel, Janet Letkeman, Jannetje VanWent, Jared Loewen, Jennifer LaBella, Jahaziel Gonzales-Mendoza, Joanne Berger, Jordan Miller, Julia Mary Langer, June Derksen, Kari Taylor Lehman, Kim Sysa, Kristina Zabawa Ryan, Laura Gross, Lee Beaton, Leslie Paulet, Linda Olzewski, Liz Leones, Lori Ferguson, Lydia Bartel, Maureen Babb, Mike Schoofs, Michelle Blackmon, Norma Iones, Olivia Leader, Pamela Desmet Franklin, Patricia Garrod, Peggy Sanders, Pink Panda, Rebecca Jewel Nicholls, Rey Fritsch, Roberta E. Sparling, Ruth Kamenev, Sandra Proulx, Sarah Collard, Sheri Turner, Susan Crawford-Young, Stephanie Westdal, Susan Hope, Tanis Gray, Terry Murray, Timothy G. Peters, Tyler Barrett, and Prairie Plaster.

For more details about the show, visit https://www.cre8ery.com/portfolio/one/.



Winnipeg Beach's Julia Penny's piece entitled. "George" is a drawing of her partner George.

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with grants. The hospital has purchased pyjamas for patients and dumbbell weights and ankle weights to help bedbound patients with range of motion activities.

Hospital staff recently helped raise money for the Youth in Philanthropy program, which launched a grilled cheese fundraiser.

"We had 30 hospital staff sign up. Food speaks in addition to good causes. We ended up raising about \$150 for the program," said Abraham. "We appreciate everything they've done for us so we wanted to give back"

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Manitoba Junior Baseball League announces award winners, all stars

Manitoba Junior Baseball League announced its award winners and all stars last week.

The award winners included Carey Candy MVP Trophy: Justin Scott (Elmwood), Len Gzebb Top Defensive Player Award: Isiah Letkeman (Altona), Kevin Paul Halford Baseball and

Education Award: Trent Peters (Altona), Jack Hind Top Pitcher Award: Connor Cory (Altona), Vic Bozyk Batting Champion Award: Justin Scott (Elmwood), Umpire of the Year Award: Ryan Bannerman (Interlake), Ken Prodonick Manager of the Year: Bryan Gerbrandt (Carillon) and Ed Kulyk (Elmwood), Jacobucci Domes

Sportsmanship & Ability Award: Jon Esau (Carillon), Jack Thompson Rookie of the Year Award: Kaden Siwak (St. Boniface), and Dave Bowles Scholarship: Connor Cory (Altona).

The all stars were catcher: Isiah Letkeman (Altona), right-handed pitcher: Connor Cory (Altona), left-handed pitcher: Linden Meilleur (Carillon),

first base: Zach Evanochko (St. Boniface), second base: Easton Grieve (St. James), third base: Zach Giesbrecht (Carillon), shortstop: Owen Harms (Elmwood), outfield: Justin Scott, designated hitter: Denton Mateychuk (Altona), and utility player: Dylan Duguay (Elmwood).

Team Canada comes to Selkirk



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Team Canada's Deaf Women's Volleyball program held a training/selection camp at the Comp last weekend. The group, which included Selkirk's Annika Goodbrandson, participated in several drills and scrimmages. The training camp was the first evaluation of athletes on the new sport cycle for the 2025 Deaflympics in Japan.

Fishermen win bronze



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The Selkirk Fishermen U15 A1 hockey team won the bronze after defeating the Grunthal Red Wings 2-1 in a shootout at a Winkler tournament last weekend. Pictured far back assistant coach Curtis Brown and Owen Brown. Middle head coach Shane Johnson, Landyn Johnson, Hayden Young, Brody Desjardins, Douglas Hanslip, Noah Sandul, Gavin Todosichuk, Kane Mowat, Logan Rivard, Liam Hurd, assistant coach TJ Grant and assistant coach Tyler Cador. Front row Hayden Hazlitt, Matthew Stephanson, Kaiden Brydges, Liam Weber and Mason Grant. Missing from the photo is Dallas Radcliff.

Royals earn pair of wins in varsity boys' basketball

The Selkirk Royals defeated the River East Kodiaks 80-65 in KPAC Tier 1 action last Wednesday in Winnipeg.

Milan Tomberli had another great game with 33 points while Adam Anderson added 11.

On Jan. 16, Selkirk picked up an impressive 89-75 road win over Murdoch MacKay.

Tomberli led Selkirk with 38 points while Liam Shedden had 15 and Justin Cabaneros chipped in with 11.

Selkirk, now 3-1 in league play, hosted Kildonan East on Monday but no score was available. The Royals will visit MBCI on Wednesday. Tip-off is 6 p.m.

Selkirk's varsity girls' basketball team, meanwhile, edged Murdoch Mackay 39-38 on Jan.

Hannah Grobb had 16 points while Abrielle Chase added 11 points.

The Royals had a home game Monday against Kildonan East and then will hit the road Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) to play MBCI.

Royals blanked by Beliveau

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals were blanked 5-0 by the Beliveau Barracudas in Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League Division 2 action last Thursday in East Selkirk.

Maisie Duffin, Taylor Wilton, and Marrina Dube scored in the first period and then Dube and Annick Espenell tallied in the second.

On Jan 16, Selkirk beat the JH Bruns Broncos 4-0.

Alex Kwiatkowski scored in the first period and then Serena Reeb tallied in the middle frame.

Chastyn Lavoie and Kayla Skoryk closed out the scoring in the third.

Skoryk and Kwiatkowski each finished the game with two points.

Sarah Ernstberger posted the shut-

The next day, the Royals were stung 3-1 by the Lorette Scorpions.

Skoryk scored a third-period goal for Selkirk.

Jaicee Huberdeau, with a pair, and Danica Buck replied for Lorette.

Selkirk played the Sturgeon Heights Huskies on Tuesday but no score was available. The Royals will take on the St. John's Ravenscourt Eagles on

Thursday (4:15 p.m.) at the Dutton Memorial Arena.

Meanwhile, Selkirk bounced IH Bruns 3-2 in overtime in Winnipeg High School Hockey League play last Thursday.

Drake Vermeulen scored the game winner in OT.

Selkirk's Mikey Monchak netted a first-period goal and then Andrew Denoon tallied in the third.

The Royals' Gaven Berry had two assists in the game.

Broncos' goals came from Ayden Lazarenko and Kaeden Woloshyn.

Jonny Enns-Demchuk earned the win in goal.

On Jan. 17 the Royals doubled the River East Kodiaks 6-3.

Selkirk's Ryan Cromie had a great game with two goals and two assists while Ben Desjarlais had a goal and two assists.

Denoon and Brennan Feschuk each chipped in with a goal and a helper.

Nathan Ramos-Lam also tallied for the Royals.

River East goals came from Austin Boge, Eric Johnson, and Griffin Rarog. Selkirk, currently in fifth place in the 13-team Platinum Promotions Divi-



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The Selkirk Royals' Elara Nazimek skates past a JH Bruns Broncos' defender during Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League action on Jan. 16. Selkirk won the game 4-0.

sion with 31 points, hosted Steinbach Southdale Arena. on Monday and then will visit College Beliveau on Wednesday (4:15 p.m.) at

Brennan scores OT winner against Swan Valley

Bv Brian Bowman

Lucas Brennan has scored a lot of goals this season.

In fact, he has a league-leading 33 of

One of his most important came on Saturday when he tallied a powerplay goal in overtime to lift the Selkirk Steelers to a 3-2 road victory over the Swan Valley Stampeders.

Tyson Smith scored to give Selkirk

a 1-0 first-period lead and then Joel Purdom potted a power-play goal in the second to put the visitors up 2-0.

But Swan Valley tied the score at 2-2 with goals early in the third period from Justin Keck and Ashton Fishley.

Hunter Tarves made 28 saves for the

Last Friday, Selkirk was doubled 4-2 by the OCN Blizzard.

OCN's Ryan Monias opened the

scoring just 3:53 into the game but Brennan replied with a power-play goal about eight minutes later.

The Blizzard's Ashton Paul restored OCN's lead just over a minute after Brennan's tally.

Michael Hlady closed out the scoring with a pair of goals in the third. His first goal was on the power play and then his second came at 19:06 when Tarves was pulled for an extra

Smith had two assists in the game.

The Steelers (14-20-3-1) will continue on the road against the Virden Oil Capitals on Wednesday and the Portage Terriers Friday.

On Saturday, Selkirk will host Portage. All three games will start at 7:30



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Bisons' Allen qualifies for nationals

The University Manitoba Bisons' track and field teams were very impressive at the Sanderson Classic in Saskatchewan earlier this month.

Four student-athletes auto qualified for nationals, which are also at the University of Saskatchewan later this season. The men's 4x400-metre relay team also auto qualified while many Bisons recorded personal bests.

The No. 6 nationally-ranked Bisons' men's squad had three individuals reach the U SPORTS standard.

One of those athletes was St. Andrews' Tristan Allen. The former Selkirk Royal finished first overall with a

time of 1:18.47 in the 600-metre race, narrowly edging teammate Dawson Mann (1:19.06).

Allen, a CanWest and U SPORTS medalist last year, set a strong standard, as his time was "a big flat track PR." It's the fastest time of any Can-West athlete and third in the country.

"In the 600, I had to stay relatively calm and keep my cadence smooth, even though the pace was taken out relatively fast and there was lots of shoving through the first lap," Allen said on the Bisons' website.

"I was sitting on Dawson for about 550 metres and when I wanted to pass I happened to see a window of

opportunity on the inside of him, so I snuck past him on the inside rather than swinging wide and losing momentum. It was a somewhat risky move but it paid off and once I hit the straight, my legs really opened up. I'm beyond excited with that time."

In the 4x400m relay, Allen, along with Tyler Cox-Yestrau, Adam Chahid, and Mann ran the fastest time in the country, with a time of 3:16.47 (flat track adjusted).

The time was well above the U SPORTS standard of 3:17.19.

Last week, Allen was named the Boston Pizza Male Athlete of the Week.



Tristan Allan

Fishermen blank **Lundar Falcons**

Staff

The Selkirk Fishermen shut out the Lundar Falcons 4-0 in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action last Sunday at the Recreation Complex.

Kyle Folhoffer led Selkirk with a pair of goals while Gaige O'Neill and Matt Brooks also tallied.

Jordan Donald had three assists in the game and Cale Jonski added a pair of helpers.

Brendon Hocaluk stopped 28 Lundar

shots for the win.

Last Friday, Selkirk lost 2-1 in overtime to the Falcons in Lundar.

Cohen Smigelsky scored the game winner in overtime while Lundar was shorthanded.

Smigelsky gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead with a first-period goal.

Izzy Aime scored Selkirk's lone goal in the third period.

Selkirk will host the Arborg Ice Dawgs on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and the St. Malo Warriors

Sunday (3 p.m.).

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The Fishermen's Kasen Andrushko gets taken down as he drove hard to the net against Lundar on Sunday. Selkirk won the game 4-0.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 318 of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to give first reading to one (1) proposed local improvement borrowing by-law at the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements. 1043 Kittson Road during the regular meeting of Council on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Following the public hearing and 2nd reading, the proposed borrowing bylaw will be forwarded to the Manitoba Municipal Board for approval. Such approval must be obtained under the Municipal Act s.176 prior to third reading and execution of the proposed by-laws.

A public hearing has been set for 6:30 p.m., February 21, 2023 at the Municipal Office. Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the following local improvement plan. Persons wishing to register to attend the hearing via electronic means or whom wish to provide a written submission are asked to contact the Municipal office via phone or email to info@rmofstclements.com.

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The total cost of the project is estimated at \$ 981,216.65 and is to be funded wholly by the proposed borrowing in the amount of \$981,216.65. The project includes the engineering and installation of curb stops and connections to the low pressure sewer system in the area from the southern municipal boundary up to Lockport, between the Red River and the CEMR Railway line. referred to as the 'SSC Utility - Henderson Catchment Area'.

The total cost of the proposed borrowing is to be repaid over 20 years at a rate estimated for the time being at 5.525 % per annum and subject in any event to the authorization of The Municipal Board. The annual repayment amount is estimated at \$82,277.94 and will be funded as a per parcel levy estimated at \$1,469.25 annually applied on each LID lot, with no contribution from General Taxation or other Municipal annual revenues.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information, either prior to or following the first reading of the by-law, is encouraged to contact Deepak Joshi, CAO at 482-3300.

Potential taxpayers wishing to object to the local improvement plan may file a notice of objection, by mail or in person, with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 1043 Kittson Road no later than February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. A notice of objection must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the property in respect of which is filed and state the grounds of objection.

Copies of the proposal to borrow and Local Improvement Plan 1-2023 will be available for review by phone, by email request to info@rmofstclements.com, or through our website at www.rmofstclements.com on January 20th, 2023.

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NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ELECTRONIC VOTING

MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION VOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT voting for the Board of Directors is open to all members who have a share at any Access Credit Union branch. Voting will be done by electronic ballot and will be tallied electronically by a third party provider. Voting will be open from 9:00 am CDT on Monday, the 13th day of March, 2023 until 5:00 pm CDT on Friday, the 17th of March, 2023. Members of Access Credit Union are invited to vote online at www.accessvotes.ca. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device or should any member prefer, devices for the purpose of voting will be available at all branches of the Credit Union during operating hours. Voting results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of Members held in April, 2023.

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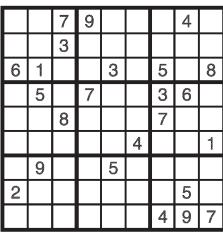
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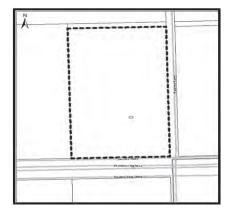


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Gordon Edward Barr January 24, 1943 - January 12, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Gordon "Gord" Edward Barr.

His memory will endure through his loving wife Gloria; three children Jeffery, Sheila, Susan (Ken); grandchildren Devon, Hana, and Erika; family and his immense community of friends

Gord was not only recognized by his impressive height and boisterous voice, but by his joyous personality and talent to make people laugh. Always positive, he possessed unmatched conversational skills, which he used daily in his career as a Custom's Broker. Later in life, he transitioned into a career at Walmart where his love of people and kind soul brought joy to the community. Gord was happiest around his family and with a plate of baked treats in his hands.

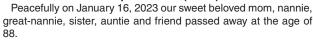
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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Delphine Paine (Parks)



Del will be greatly missed by her children, Debbie, Howie (Katie), Maureen (Ronnie), Laverne, Glen (Linda), Kim, all of BC and Melanie (Eric) of Selkirk, MB.; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Irene Laing, Shirley Berry, June Fewchuk and Lori Swain.

Mom was predeceased by her brother Clarence (Bud); her parents, Howard and Lena Parks; her youngest son Clarence; and her grandson Barry.

Mom was born February 4, 1934 in Selkirk and raised in Lockport. She worked different jobs while raising her kids, working as a nurses aid at Middlechurch home until her early retirement,

when she made the move to BC and lived and worked there till retirement, moving back to Manitoba.

Mom had the gift to make people laugh. Her quick wit one-liners will definitely be missed.

She was a great cook and baker. Every Christmas she would always bake a care package for her kids. Mom would sew, knit and crochet and have baby blankets or a sweater outfit made for the new

She enjoyed watching the Blue Jays play baseball in the summer and the Winnipeg Jets and Vancouver Canucks during the winter months getting quite vocal during the games.

Mom started playing the piano at a very young age. She could play just about any song by hearing it, never looking at any music books.

Mom loved the Lord and served Him with her whole heart. She would have home Bible studies for

years, attending church and volunteering as a greeter at Springs.

The family would like to thank Home Care and Eriksdale Hospital for the great care that they gave

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

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OBITUARY



Peacefully in her sleep, the matriarch of our family, Lorraine Still went home to be with the Lord.

Lorraine is predeceased by her husband Denis and sons, Craig and Eddie. Left to cherish her memory is her son Bob (Lesley) and daughter Karen (Rick), her brothers and sisters, along with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Family meant the world to Mom. Being the eldest of 12 children, her caring, loving and nurturing demeanour was established early in life as she helped to raise her siblings. In 1955, Mom and Dad were married and they had a loving marriage that produced a happy home with four children. Our home always had open doors for all who visited.

Mom was a very competent nurse and showed love and compassion to her patients. After retirement Mom and Dad enjoyed travelling and spending time with their grandchildren.

Mom devoted her life to God, she was active in the St. Clements Anglican Church. Mom believed in the power of prayer and would often be on the phone initiating the "prayer train" and would take the time to pray for whomever was in need. The grandchildren learned from grandma to be humble and compassionate and were never surprised to see new faces around the table at Sunday dinners.

Mom was active in the community and was influential in the development of the Youth for Christ. The love she had for all the children of the community was strong and she maintained many of those bonds throughout her life. Mom donated her time with various charity organizations and in 1997 was presented with the Selkirk 'Citizen of the Year' award.

Thank you to all of the staff at the Tudor House for providing such compassionate and loving care to Mom over the last couple of years.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Date and time to be announced. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Donna Borgford

Once again cancer robbed a beautiful soul of her life. Donna Borgford passed away at Selkirk Regional Health Centre on January 16, 2023. She was born October 18, 1946.

She will be missed by her family, children Cherry and Tim; grandchildren Tyler, Armanda and Jonathan (Corrina); greatgrandchildren, Nevaeh, Taylor and Melaysia; sister-in-law Barbara, brother-in-law Ben (Jona); sister-in-law Vangie (David); honorary family members, Pat Main, Curtis Monkman; many nieces and nephews as well as numerous other friends and family

Donna was predeceased by her loving husband Victor; her parents, Reg and Floss Knapp; Victor's brother Steinie; and Victors parents. Gusti and Stebba Borgford.

She was instrumental in the founding of Springs Church, and involved in volunteer work, one of which was the Youth Justice

Committee.

Donna taught at Red River College for two years and authored a book "Exploring Business" that was used as a text book for Red River College. After that she worked at Great West Life as an Assisting Corporate Secretary. She loved her job and was a dedicated employee for 38 years, retiring at the age of 67.

Donna had a passion for helping anyone needing help, whether it was a person or a puppy. She also loved travelling with Victor. They completed a round the world tour in the early days of their marriage, and later camping with their children. Donna lived her life to the fullest.

Donna, we will forever miss you in our lives, and so thankful that now you are safe in the arms of Jesus, and your suffering is over.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, 309 Eveline Street in Selkirk, Manitoba.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated at the Youth for Christ, 426 Clandeboye Ave., Selkirk MB, R1A 0X6, or a charity of your choice.

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