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Local director invites residents to screening of Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation

Film screening to take place at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on Jan. 29

By Katelyn Boulanger

Ervin Chartrand is a Selkirkian, a Métis filmmaker and storyteller, and the director of Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation. This film will be screened for the very first time at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg on Jan. 29, and Chartrand welcomes residents to come and view this story.

"The community of Pine Creek First Nation was doing some ground penetrating radar in and around the Catholic Church, which is on the reserve of Pine Creek First Nation. They were for several years, and they did the basement one year, and they found 14, what they call, anomalies in the basement of the church," said Chartrand.



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Ervin Chartrand is the local director behind Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation which is premiering at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on Jan. 29.



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A photo from the filming of Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation.

He was then invited to add this story to one he was already documenting exploring the hard truths of the lived experiences of people and families who attended Pine Creek Indian Residential School, north of Dauphin, Man.

The investigation took place in 2023. "I think it was for 30 days they were excavating for. We documented the whole (excavation) and did interviews with the anthropologists who were there. We conducted the interviews with the residential school survivors, and the Archbishop of the Catholic Church from the Archdiocese

in Winnipeg. The RCMP, the Catholic Church, and the community were all involved in trying to find answers for what was under the church," he said.

Chartrand personally got involved in the film industry in 2003. He later completed the University of Winnipeg's film studies program and became involved in this production when Pine Creek First Nations hired him to direct a documentary about residential school survivors, which expanded to tell the story of the anomalies under the church.

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He thinks it's not just important that these stories are told for the First Nations community but for individuals from these communities now and into the future.

"For myself, my mom was a residential school survivor, right? And it was something that's really not spoken about in homes, about the residential school, or the abuse that happened within the schools," said Chartrand.

Chartrand's own life story involves many twists and turns, and he says that the stories shared by those in the documentary helped him gain his own understanding of his family.

"After hearing the stories from the survivors, I started understanding my mom's alcoholism, her abuse, the trauma that she suffered in residential school, and how it trickled down to us, like myself, growing up in poverty in Winnipeg," he said.

He explained that, like himself, there may be others who experience inter-generational trauma but don't even know where it's come from.

"I think it's important to tell stories like this, and to bring that forward to help people understand, not only Indigenous people, but Non-Indigenous people. It sheds light on the stories that exist, and puts that in perspective," he said.

This film screening is free to attend, though residents are asked to register in advance.

Chartrand explained that once the final story was put together, it was an emotional experience for him.

"I've never experienced emotion like this before, and I think it opened something within me that has been sort of pushed down and hidden," he said.

He explained that part of the deepened emotions for him was due to the film taking several years to come to-

gether, as he first started working on the project in 2019.

Chartrand expressed his thanks that it's now able to be premiered at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights this week.

If you are interested in seeing this documentary, now is the time to do it. After this first screening of the film, it will go on the festival circuit before next steps.

"I'm hoping (people who view Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation) come out with a more respectful approach not only to Indigenous culture, but the people who went through the residential schools," he said.

As for Chartrand, the completion of this documentary doesn't mean that he's slowing down. He's currently working on a documentary for the CBC, and when he's done that, he's hoping to step away from filmmaking for a while, at least to work on a memoir.

"I think after doing this documentary, it really opened my eyes to myself and also my past," he said.

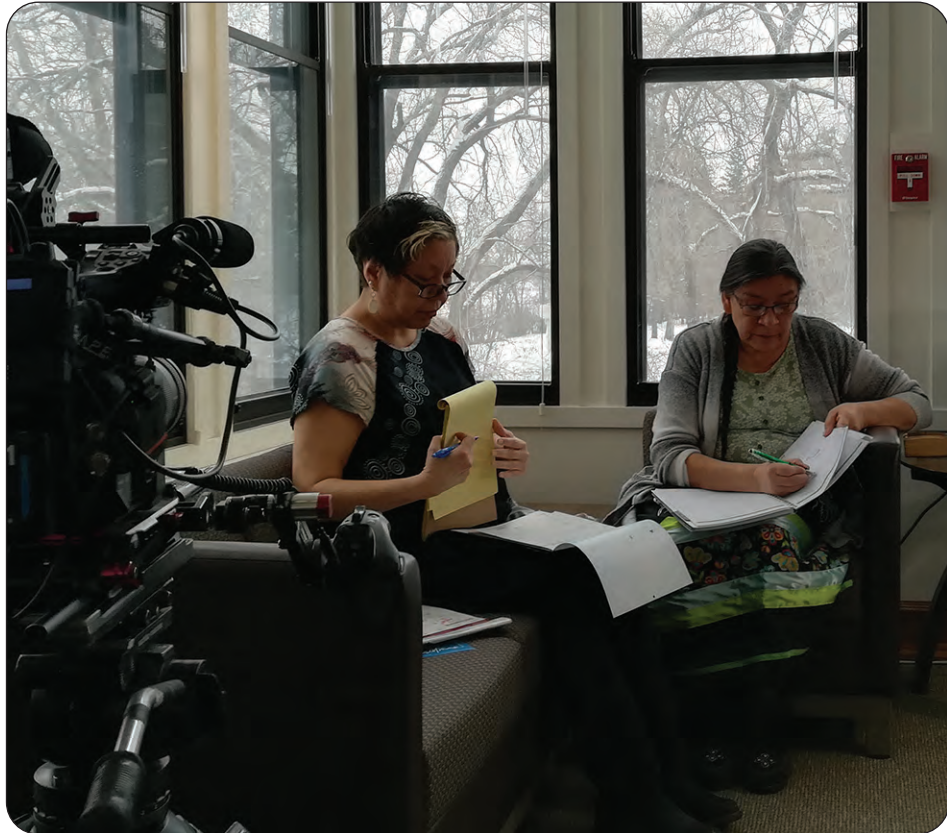
If you are at all interested in viewing this documentary, it's free, and Chartrand encourages you to make the drive.

"I think it's important for people to see the documentary, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. It's a healing film. It's not something that is very negative. I think it's more of a film on reconciliation and how community, and people, and organizations come together to try to find answers," said Chartrand.

To register for the screening or to learn more about Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation, visit: <https://humanrights.ca/event/screening-gego-mawikak-story-reconciliation>.



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Some shots from Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation.



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Palliative care petition gets support from region's municipalities

Kaltenberger continues to advocate for care needs in our area

By Katelyn Boulanger

A little less than a year ago, Sheila Kaltenberger started a petition called 'Develop Hospice Care for Terminally Ill People in Interlake & Eastman Regions' on change.org. Since then, she has continued to push for the need for a dedicated palliative care facility for residents in the Interlake who are not imminently dying, but can no longer stay in their homes because of increased needs.

Kaltenberger's quest to get better palliative care services for people in our region, like the options that are available in Winnipeg where they have dedicated palliative care facilities, came when a friend in the Interlake, who had cancer that had metastasized to her brain, needed increased care.

Kaltenberger explained that for this friend's privacy, she is keeping their identity private.

She was surprised to learn that, because her friend's death was not, at the time, imminent, and she couldn't stay at home after a fall, that the only option for care for her friend was in a personal care home.

Kaltenberger said that she feels it was not a good environment for her friend, as the care home staff were not equipped to deal with patients in her situation. Her friend, being 68 at the time she went to the care home with broken bones from the fall, needed specialized care.

"It is not set up with the physical equipment to keep people safe, (and) the expertise is not developed for end-of-life care. There are many different needs, including psychosocial needs that people that are dying have that are not the same as a geriatric population," explained Kaltenberger when

she spoke to the *Record* a year ago.

Kaltenberger said that the at-home palliative care her friend was getting prior to entering the care home was good, but that access to those specific care providers was discontinued when her friend entered the care home.

Since Kaltenberger started this journey advocating for palliative care needs in our region, her friend has passed away.

"Her pain and suffering is done. We are thankful for that, and it was needless, some of her suffering. It shouldn't have happened," said Kaltenberger.

One example of this pain and suffering that Kaltenberger shared was her friend's pain medication not being increased for a long period of time. Kaltenberger says that she had to ask to speak to a manager to find out why her friend was in so much pain for this issue to come to light.

As for her advocacy work, since Kaltenberger spoke to the *Record* last, she has been gathering support.

The City of Selkirk, along with the RMs of Whitemouth, Springfield, Brokenhead, St. Clements, St. Andrews, Lac du Bonnet, East St. Paul, Renoylds, Victoria Beach, and Rockwood, as well as the towns of Beausejour, Lac Du Bonnet, Powerview-Pinefalls, Teulon, and Arborg, and the Village of Dunnottar and the Local Government District of Pinawa, have all passed resolutions in council supporting the petition. In total, the population encompassed by these municipalities represents 92,995 Manitobans.

Kaltenberger has also had discussions with leaders in the field and MLA Wayne Ewasko.

"It feels good (getting this support.)

I know this process is slow to get changes, but what I feel good about is (that) people are talking about this, and every day people are talking about it. People are reading the *Clipper*. People are reading the *Record*. People are seeing the petition online. So, this isn't going to come as a shock to other people, and they're going to be more prepared to deal with this," she said.

She is also hopeful as she's had two conversations with the health minister's representatives, as well as IERHA Chief Executive Officer Marion Ellis.

"I have not dealt with a lot of defensiveness from anyone. There's nobody that says this is a good idea that we started putting people into long-term care homes," said Kaltenberger.

As for her current venture, she's now sent a third letter to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care's office and is hopeful to be able to speak to them about her friend's situation and the needs in the region.

The message that Kaltenberger would like everyone to hear is, "We have medications to make people

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East Selkirk Malanka comes back big



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East Selkirk Hall's Malanka came back in a big way this year with food, dancers, and a band that had people on the dance floor. The evening started with a grand Ukrainian feast followed by performances by dancers from the Selkirk and District Ukrainian School of dance, Tvsit, and Troyanda. The evening ended with High Profile performing. An attendee said that it was the best East Selkirk Malanka so far.



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Kidfish Ice Fishing Derby casting off for tenth year on Feb. 15

By Katelyn Boulanger

Locals know that some of the best fishing in the entire world is right here in Manitoba, and a great way to combine your love of fishing with supporting kids in our community is to sign up for the 2026 Kidfish Ice Fishing Derby.

"Kidfish itself is a group of volunteers that get together and put on well, we do a couple of different things to raise money for the Child Life Department at the Children's Hospital Foundation in Manitoba and pediatric cancer research for Cancercare Manitoba Foundation. One of those things that we do is hold an annual ice fishing derby in the community of Selkirk," said Brad Porath, Executive Chairperson of Kidfish Manitoba.

The Kidfish Ice Fishing Derby is going to take place on Feb. 15, which is the Sunday of the Louis Riel long weekend.

"It's also designated as a free family fishing weekend, so no fishing license is required by anybody to fish that weekend," said Porath.

Though Kidfish considers itself a family friendly derby, that doesn't mean that their prizes are anything less than amazing.

"First prize of the largest walleye caught is worth \$5,000, so it's still substantial if you're an avid angler. We're also the cheapest ice fishing derby as far as entry is concerned. We charge \$30 for kids, \$40 for adults. We have a fenced-off derby site, so anybody that enters the derby needs to be in possession of a ticket. Along with the \$5,000 first prize, we have a top 10 prizes that go to both youth and or adults. And then, we have a top five youth only fishing prizes. These prizes consist of such things as guided fishing trips, ice fishing tents, augers, and equipment that not everybody has their hands on," said Porath.

In addition to the prizes, the first 600 kids through the gate get a rod and reel combo courtesy of some of their sponsors.

As for the location, it couldn't be more ideal for Selkirk residents.



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Ice fishers will be excited for the tenth anniversary of the Kidfish Ice Fishing Derby. Pictured: Fishers on the Red River.

"Fishing goes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and it'll take place on the Red River right at Selkirk Park straight out from where the boat launch normally is in the summertime," he said.

The group of volunteers that put on this event do so annually and have hit a huge milestone this year. The fishing derby is celebrating its tenth year running. They've done this for a decade because they are raising funds for a very worthy cause, and they are quite successful at it, nearing \$500,000 raised.

"What we do is we provide equipment and stuff at the Children's Hospital that the regular general funding from the provincial government or the Manitoba health authority does not provide," explained Porath.

He said that they've helped by purchasing things like bladder scanners, or on a more individual level, they've helped families with things like parking while their child is in the hospital.

"Something that people don't realize is your kid is in the children's hospital for a month, and you're going to visit them every day, you pay for parking in the parkade, just like anybody that's going to visit their aunt or uncle for a couple of hours. So, we provided that for the kids. We also have recently paid to renovate the family visita-

tion room, which was very outdated. We purchased new furniture and games for the kids to be able to play with while they're visiting with family members in the family visitation room. We've provided things such as Gameboys or Xboxes, so that kids, while they're going through care and treatments at the hospital, just have a better quality of life," said Porath.

And, if this sounds like something you'd like to support, local organizations can still contribute through sponsorships.

"We're always looking for sponsors, (they could) be local businesses that want to donate prizes because we give them away throughout the derby day. We give away a bunch of random draw prizes. So, if there are any businesses at all in Manitoba that would be interested in supporting our initiatives to support the Child Life Department at the Children's Hospital, we're wide open. They can send us an email at info@kidfish.ca, and one of the executives will get back to them if they need further information," said Porath.

If you're a resident that would like to take this opportunity to get out on the ice, this is an excellent opportunity to combine your hobby with contributing to something that really makes a difference for Manitoban kids.

"I always look at it as, I was fortunate to have three very healthy children and never had to use the facilities (of the) Children's Hospital, but there are hundreds of families every year that (come) from all over the province that are less fortunate than myself and my family. These kids go through a great deal of pain and suffering, and our orga-

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comfortable, and we have the medications so that people do not need to be distraught for hours. We should be utilizing what we can to reduce people's suffering, and that should be a standard across the system, not where one group gets it and another group doesn't. I think utilizing long-term care homes for hospice is unconscionable."

Ultimately, Kaltenberger hopes that there will be a dedicated palliative care facility in the Interlake, and she encourages residents to let our elected representatives know there is a need here and do what they can to spread awareness.

"You need to advocate for the people you care about and ourselves. We could be there next. We're the ones that could be needing this type of thing," she said.

The petition that Kaltenberger started up 11 months ago continues to collect signatures. If you would like to learn more, the petition can be viewed

by using your phone to scan the QR Code or through the link https://www.change.org/p/develop-hospice-care-for-terminally-ill-people-in-interlake-eastman-regions?recruiter=900774430&recruited_by_id=f68cfd40-bcce-11e8-9772-2f526c0d4c3b&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=petition_dashboard_share_modal&utm_medium=email.

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Province issues measles update - East St. Paul affected

Submitted by the government of Manitoba

Public health officials with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care are notifying the public of two new measles exposure sites in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. Anyone at the locations on the specified dates and times is asked to monitor for symptoms until the identified date:

- Horrocks Insurance at 1631 St. Mary's Rd. E., Winnipeg, on Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monitor symptoms until Feb. 5.
- East St. Paul Curling Club (second floor) at 260 Hoddinott Rd., East St. Paul, on Jan. 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monitor symptoms until Feb. 6.

Public health is also asking anyone who was at these locations during the specified times to check their immunization records and ensure they are up to date with the measles vaccine (MMR or MMRV).

For individuals who were exposed at these locations and were born in

1970 or later, and have never received a measles vaccine and have never had a measles infection:

- The measles vaccine is recommended.
- Reduce exposures with others, especially anyone who has a weakened immune system or is unimmunized, from the fifth day after exposure to the 21st day after the latest exposure.
- Watch for symptoms of measles until the date that corresponds with their situation as indicated above.

Certain people should not get the measles vaccine, including infants less than six months of age, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems. These individuals should contact their health-care provider or public health as they may be eligible for preventative treatment (within six days of exposure).

Close contacts may be asked by public health to isolate and consider vac-

cination.

Further information on measles, exposures and immunization is available at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/measles.html or individuals can contact Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or 1-888-315-9257 toll-free in Manitoba.

Symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms may include fever, runny nose, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Small white spots may also develop on the inside of the mouth or throat. Several days after the initial symptoms, a red blotchy rash appears on the face and progresses down the body. Measles can lead to complications including ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (brain inflammation).

If symptoms develop, individuals

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letter to the editor

If you are like-minded as I am, years ago, my young family and I moved to the country to avoid the hustle and bustle of city life. The peace and serenity of country living were a joy and a blessing. The children embraced new friends and enjoyed the outdoors and country living. I, for one, couldn't wait to get past the last traffic light, knowing I was home-bound to enjoy country life.

Beware, as there is now an ominous black cloud about to destroy our current bliss and serenity. It's called high density housing, and it's coming to a farmer's field near you.

It appears developers are buying up prime agricultural land, wanting to rezone it as residential and plopping 140 houses, a ball diamond, and a community center on 145 acres. You do the math.

Just a side note that the cost of beef is so high in part because there isn't

grain to feed bigger herds, and farmers are selling off their grain fields.

My take on all this is concerning — The developers are setting up a town in the middle of nowhere. Let's look at the infrastructure: each house could have two parents plus two children, and include two cars per household. In total, in the above neighbourhood, that's 560 people and 280 cars on the road. We now have a small town.

Hydro has a problem already sustaining Manitoba, and I myself have experienced at least 5 outages in the past year.

Let's look at the roads: children are going to need more buses, there will be need for more hospital services, more septic tankers, more police, more schools, more teachers, more firefighters (imagine 140 timber frame houses that close together). Roads can't handle the increased

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Selkirk celebrates Malanka



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It was a Happy Malanka in Selkirk at the Matao Event Centre on Jan. 24. The event featured great food and entertainment, including dancing by Druzhba Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, The Pansy Ladies and SLOOHAI.



With Valentine's Day right around the corner, why not pick up a romance novel?

By Katelyn Boulanger

With Valentine's Day coming soon, if you're the kind of reader who likes a seasonal flair to their To Be Read list, but also wants to support local authors, then you're in luck. St. Andrews author Chelsey Faye has four books in her Bad Luck Cowboys series to choose from.

"It's a cowboy romance series, an interconnected series, and it's set in the world of rodeo, with each book following a different couple," said Faye.

Right now, she has four books in the series — *Reining in Never*, *Reining in Fear*, *Reining in Forever*, and *Reining in Christmas*. There's also a prequel novella called *Reining in a Cowboy*, which is available for free to newsletter subscribers.

The stories follow a group of friends, but each book has different protagonists falling for each other.

"I try to put a lot of different emotions into my books. I like writing

about relationships, the messiness. I like getting my heart broken and put back together with each book. That's basically what I try to bring to each one," said Faye.

She's been a published author for just over a year now, with her first novel coming out in the fall of 2024.

Her love of writing came from her love of books and movies.

"I've always been a reader and avid movie watcher. It never occurred to me to write a story, though, even though I want to be consuming them basically 24 hours a day. When I went to university, though, I was actually in the filmmaking program, and I got to try screenwriting, and I loved it. I ended up pursuing the advanced screenwriting track, and I did really well with that, but with a script, you really don't get the full experience unless it's made into a movie," said Faye.

She thought about it and thought writing a book might be something she would eventually try.

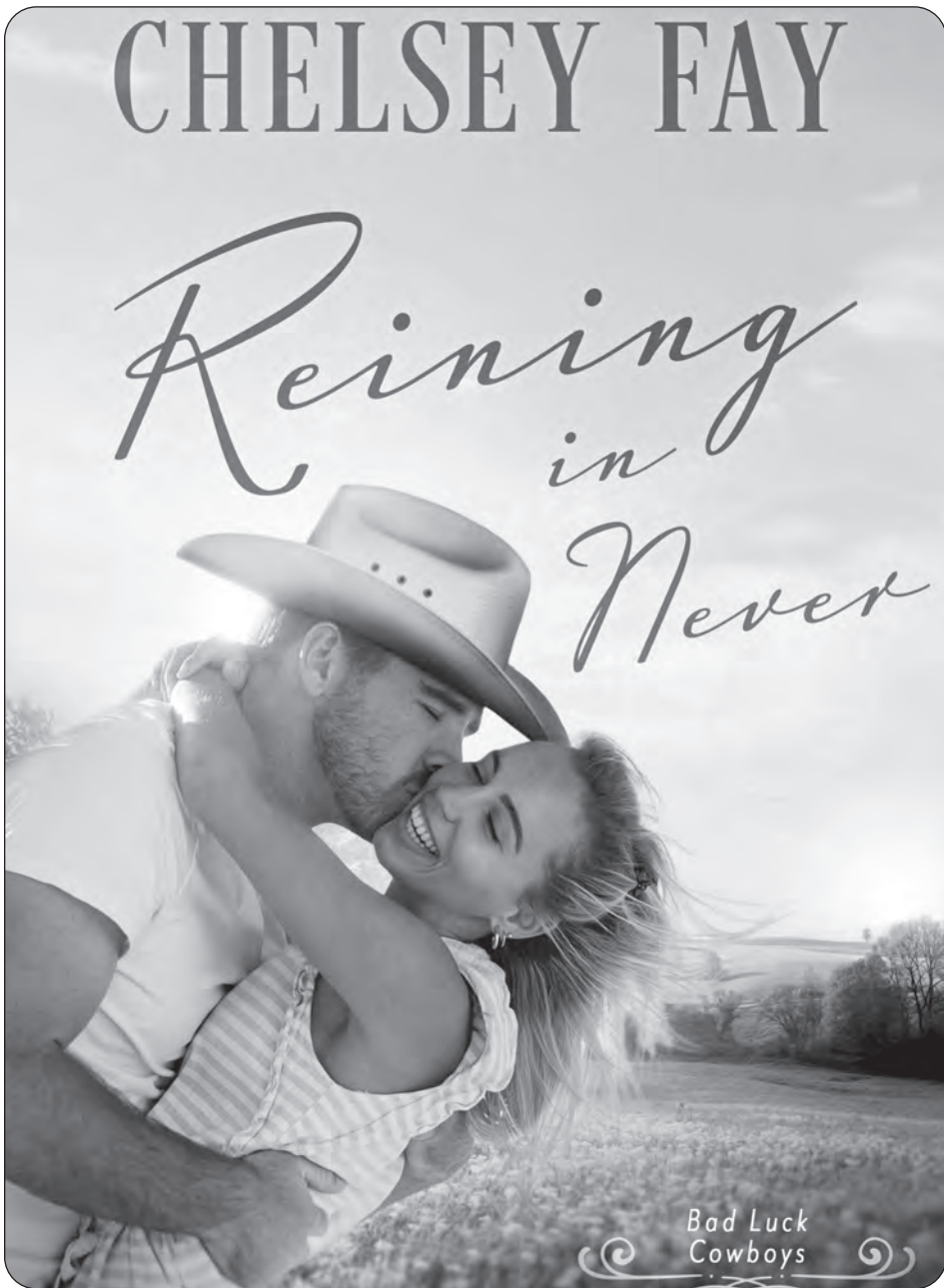
"It turned into, 'I really want to write a book one day.' But then, of course, life gets in the way with delays. And then all of a sudden, I'm at home with two very young children, and I felt like my brain was dying, and I needed to work it. I'm like, 'You know what? Now's the time to write a book,' and so I did," said Faye.

As for inspiration, it comes to her from the world around her.

"My first book was actually inspired by a song that I heard. I loved this song, and listened to it over and over again, and I thought, I want to write the story," she said.

Readers should know that these books are adult contemporary romance novels, and they should be prepared for adult content.

"It's a bit more spicy. There it is, open door on the page. I don't get too graphic with them. They are on the sweeter side," explained Faye.



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Reining in Never is the first book in Faye's Bad Luck Cowboys series.

For authors in our community who are working on their first books, Faye has some advice.

"Learn the craft. When I decided to write it, I read books on writing books. I watched author-Tube, I learned whatever I could, and that really helped to spark more ideas of how to

do it. Then just give it a go. Keep practicing. Sit down and write. It's going to be terrible at first, but hopefully I get better with each book," she said.

As for what's next for Faye, she says the series isn't over just yet.

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St. Andrews author Chelsey Faye has published four novels in her Bad Luck Cowboys series.



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Measles is a highly infectious communicable disease that is

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Immunization is the only means of protecting people from contracting measles. Contact an immunization provider such as a local public health office, physician or nurse practitioner to ensure everyone is up to date.

In Manitoba, a two-dose measles vaccine program for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMR or MMRV) is routinely provided for children who are at least one year of age and again when aged four to six. In the case of a measles exposure, a second dose may be given earlier than four to six years of age. There is also an outbreak eligibility for some children aged six months to under 12 months. The complete eligibility criteria can be viewed at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/vaccineeligibility.html#MMR.

Argyle museum acquires 15 RCMP divisional ensigns

By Jennifer McFee

RCMP Day is coming up on Feb. 1, which is particularly poignant for a local museum since it's the only one in Canada with the complete collection of all 15 divisional flags.

In Manitoba, RCMP Day is celebrated each year on Feb. 1. It was established through provincial legislation to recognize the history and dedication of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which formed in 1920 and continues its service to public safety in the province.

The RCMP has 15 divisions — one for each province and territory — plus a national division in Ottawa and a depot division for training in Regina. In the late 1980s, each division received its own distinct flag, or ensign, presented by former governor general Ramon Hnatyshyn to then RCMP commissioner Norman Inkster.

All the ensigns have the RCMP badge in the canton, or top left corner of the flat. In addition, they each have a different regional badge on the fly end, or right side of the flag, to indicate the division. Since these ensigns represent the RCMP's official authority in Canada, they can be seen flying at divisional headquarters, including at D Division on Portage Avenue in Winnipeg.

Shayne Campbell, president and CEO of Settlers, Rails & Trails museum in Argyle, spent more than a decade working with the RCMP to acquire the full donations of ensigns.

"Since 1997, Settlers, Rails & Trails has been collecting flags from across Canada to include historic, corporate, regional, sport and special events. Currently holding over 1,800 flags, our small museum is proud to have the second largest museum flag collection in the country," he said, noting that it's second only to the federally operated National Museum of History in Gatineau, Que.

"In an effort to include important flags from unique Canadian organizations, our museum began conversations with RCMP officials 15 years ago. It is very important that our museum now includes these RCMP divisional ensigns in our famous



Canadian flag collection. We are the only civilian museum in Canada to have been officially gifted these flags. Due to their representation of official RCMP authority in Canada, they have never been used outside of the RCMP organization."

Since the museum collects flags that represent all aspects of Canadian identity, Campbell said they've wanted to add these ensigns to their permanent collection for a long time.

"The main goals of our museum's flag collection is to collect, display and educate visitors about our country's use of flags as pop culture items," he said. "We are excited to be home to this very unique and specialized national collection."

When flags enter the Settlers, Rails & Trails collection, they are inspected and then digitally catalogued, labelled and photographed before going into special storage containers.

"Textiles require temperature and humidity controls, as well as protection from mould, insects and even tight folding or crushing over time. When on display, the flags are usually suspended from our specially designed T-bar system, which supports and displays items flat so they can be seen and enjoyed," Campbell said.



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RCMP divisional flags arrive at the Settlers, Rails & Trails Museum in Argyle, where they will be inspected, catalogued and prepared for inclusion in the museum's national flag collection ahead of RCMP Day on Feb. 1.

"Flags are only on display for short periods of time and are never exposed to high UV light, wind or excessive handling. We never fly these special flags outdoors, and the display of these items by our museum is never an attempt to become representatives of those organizations."

Now that the RCMP ensigns have been received, they will begin to plan for a future exhibition for 2027.

Meanwhile, their Canadian flag collection continues to grow.

"We are always looking for Canadian historic, corporate, regional, sport and special event flags which we do not already hold in our permanent collection," Campbell said.

"We are pleased

to note that flags have been gifted to our small museum from all across Canada and from Canadian embassies across the world. Our small community museum has a huge reach and continues to educate visitors from far and wide."

For those looking to check out the current displays, the museum's Treasures from the Vault Exhibition continues in the lower level of the Argyle Community Centre. It's open the first Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m., and admission is free.

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RBC Selkirk sponsors Steelers



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RBC Selkirk sponsored and was out at last week's Steelers game supporting the local team. Many local teams and sports clubs are always looking for community-minded businesses and organizations to help them out with donations and sponsorships. If you own a local business, you might want to consider the many ways that you can give back to your community. Residents in the region can help too and have a great time doing it by getting out to see these games live.

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Hospital in Manitoba," said Porath.

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than getting out for a nice day out, relaxing with your family and friends for a good cause," he said.

If you'd like to learn more, you can check out their website for details.

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Celebrating Robbie Burns Night in Clandeboye



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In a story published Jan. 22 (p. 10) regarding St. John's School and the book *God's Paddlers*, an error appeared concerning author Stephen Riley's background. Riley did not attend St. John's School as a student. While he visited the Selkirk school in the 1990s in his capacity as a journalist, including for interviews and a tour, he was never enrolled there.

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Team Lott seeking redemption in Bunge Championship's return to Selkirk

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By Kieran Reimer

Team Tanner Lott hopes to get over the hump next weekend at the 2026 Bunge Championship.

Formerly known as the Viterra Championship, the Manitoba men's provincial curling championship will bring together the province's top 24 teams at the Selkirk Recreation Complex from Feb. 3 to 8, with a berth at the 2026 Montana's Brier on the line.

Team Lott, based out of Fort Rouge in Winnipeg, is among the teams most familiar with the event and the pressure that comes with it.

Skipped by East Selkirk's Tanner

Lott, the rink also includes third Riley Smith, second Adam Flatt, lead Sean Flatt and fifth Justin Twiss. Each has competed at provincials in the past.

Next weekend, however, will mark the first time all five are vying for a provincial title together as members of the same team. Lott has come close before, including a finals appearance in 2022 that ended in an 8-3 loss to Team McEwan.

That year was also the last time the championship was held in Selkirk,

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Team Tanner Lott will compete alongside 23 other rinks at the 2026 Bunge Championship from Feb. 3 to 8 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex, where the winner will earn a berth at the 2026 Montana's Brier. The Fort Rouge-based rink qualified through a strong season on the Manitoba Curling Tour, highlighted by a first-place finish at the MCT Shootout in Virden last November. Pictured, from left, are Justin Twiss, Sean Flatt, Adam Flatt, Riley Smith and Tanner Lott.



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adding to the excitement of the tournament's return. Lott said the team has been preparing steadily in recent weeks and feels ready to take on Manitoba's top competition.

"We've put in a lot of work this year — a lot of practice, and we've played a lot of events," Lott said Jan. 23. "For a new team, we've really brought it together coming into this event. We have fairly high expectations for ourselves."

The field includes several high-profile teams, such as Reid Carruthers' Granite Curling Club rink, Team Braden Calvert of Heather and Jordan McDonald's squad.

Team Lott enters the championship with momentum after a first-place finish at the Manitoba Curling Tour Shootout in Virden in November, a result that secured their spot at the Bunge Championship.

It was one of several events where the team collected Manitoba Curling Tour points this season, but it proved to be the most timely. Different re-

sults would have forced the rink to compete in regional qualifiers.

Team Lott posted only one loss at the Shootout and capped the weekend with a dominant finals victory that included a five-ender in the third end.

"It was a super important event for us," Lott said. "We had the goal of at least making the final and giving ourselves a good shot at qualifying for provincials, so we didn't have to go through the regionals. It worked out really well."

The team stayed busy following that win, travelling south to Duluth, Minn., last weekend to compete in the 2026 Duluth Centennial Cash Spiel.

They now head into Bunge week with confidence, setting their sights on a first trip to the Briar, scheduled for Feb. 27 to March 8 in St. John's, N.L.

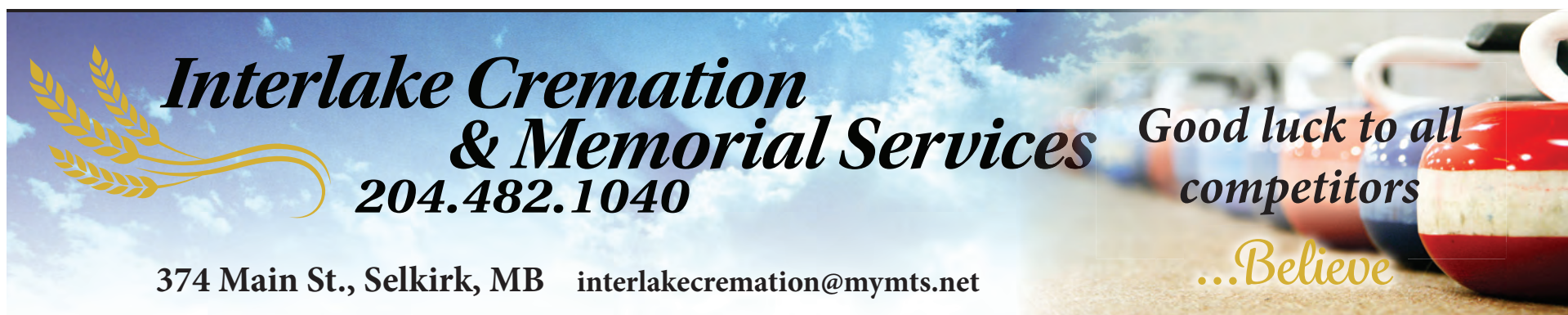
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Triple Threat plays in Lockport



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Local band, Triple Threat, rocked the Lockport Inn Friday night. Band members Drummer/vocalist Roger Sing, Guitar player Dustin Kubi and backup vocals and bass player Jerrod Gesell entertained the crowd. Sing also coordinates and hosts the annual FALLJAM music festival in August on Highway 8 in St. Andrews. You don't have to wait until August to hear Triple Threat again, however, as they will be at the Lockport Inn once more on Feb. 27.

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Selkirk marks New Year with first baby of 2026

By Haley Cvar

Selkirk Regional Health Centre welcomed its first baby of 2026 with the birth of Arthur Wachal on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Arthur was born at 9:18 a.m. to parents Arielle Marshall and Tanner Wachal at Selkirk Regional Health Centre. He weighed seven pounds and measured 19 inches long. The family is from Winnipeg.

"Selkirk has a great labour and delivery ward, which is why we are grateful to have delivered here," Wachal said.

Wachal's mother, Charity, a registered nurse at the health centre, was present for the birth, along with Dr. Bunkowsky, who delivered the baby.

To mark the occasion, Arthur received a New Year's baby gift from the Selkirk Hospital Gift Shop volunteers.

Chair Betty Milkowski presented the family with diapers, a playpen, toys, blankets and clothing, continuing a long-standing local tradition.

"This has been going on since the first hospital was built in Selkirk and the original ladies auxiliary was founded," Milkowski said, thanking volunteers for making the annual gift possible. "Congratulations to new parents Arielle and Tanner."

A total of 455 babies were born at Selkirk Regional Health Centre in 2025, compared with 443 in 2024.

Anyone interested in delivering at Selkirk Regional Health Centre can call 204-482-2150 or email prenatalintake@ierha.ca to be connected with

family medicine obstetrics or midwifery services. Tours of the obstetrics unit can be arranged by calling 204-785-7402.

The announcement was released by Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

> CHELSEY FAYE, FROM PG. 10

"I want to do one more book in this series, just because I'm not done with the characters. I'm way too attached to them, and then I actually have a spin-off series planned that I haven't started yet, but will keep it in the same world and revisit some of these characters, but add in some new ones. Then hopefully I'll explore some more fantasy ideas and take my time with them," she said.

Faye encourages readers to check them out to see if they're what you're looking for.

"They're good stories. They're simple stories, they're heartfelt stories. You're going to get a full range of laughs, crying, all of it," she said.

If you're interested in purchasing Faye's books, she does sell at local markets occasionally, but the books are primarily available on Amazon. You can check out her complete lineup at https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B0DCHNRHJB?binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_rwt_sb_pc_tpbk or by looking up the series on amazon.ca.



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From left, Arielle Marshall and Tanner Wachal accept a New Year's baby gift from Selkirk Hospital Gift Shop volunteers chair Betty Milkowski for their son Arthur, born Jan. 3 at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

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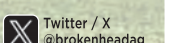
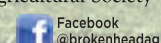
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Royals drop pair in Platinum play, women's squad edged in Lorette

By Annaliese Meier

The Lord Selkirk Royals endured a challenging week in Winnipeg High School Hockey League Platinum Promotions Division action, dropping back-to-back games to remain ninth in the standings at 8-11.

Lord Selkirk opened the week with a 5-3 road loss to the Oak Park Raiders on Jan. 21. The Raiders struck first late in the opening period before the Royals evened the contest in the second when Kageon Carver scored, assisted by Nolan Dear and Mateo Malbasa. Oak Park responded with two goals later in the frame to take a 3-1 lead into the third.

Lucas Einarson scored twice in the final period for the Raiders, including an empty-net goal, while the Royals pushed back late with goals from Erik Evason and Malbasa. Despite the rally, Oak Park held on for the two-goal victory.

The Royals returned home the following day but were shut out 1-0 by

the Shaftesbury Titans on Jan. 22. The defensive battle was decided by a single goal, with Lord Selkirk unable to convert despite generating chances throughout the game.

The Royals will look to return to the win column Monday, Jan. 26, when they host the River East Kodiaks at 3:45 p.m., before heading back on the road Friday, Jan. 30, for a 4 p.m. matchup against the Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Olympiens.

In Manitoba Women's High School Hockey League East Division play, the Selkirk Royals dropped a 4-2 road decision to the Lorette Scorpions on Jan. 21.

Lorette opened the scoring late in the first period, but Selkirk responded in the second with two goals from Kennedy Simpson. Simpson tied the game midway through the frame before giving the Royals a brief lead with her second of the night, with as-

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Team Buchalter celebrated



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The curling community celebrated Team Buchalter of the West St. Paul Curling Club at a send-off event on Sunday, Jan. 25. After winning the 2026 Asham U18 Manitoba Provincial Junior Championships, the team is heading to Timmins, Ont., to represent Manitoba at the National Championships from Feb. 8 to 14. The fundraiser, held at the curling club, featured food, a silent auction, a 50/50 draw and a guest appearance from a young bagpiper who piped the team in to the celebration. For anyone who missed the event but would still like to support the Team Buchalter's travels, they can contact Kristin Buchalter at 204-509-2884. The team also has an Instagram account (@buchaltercurling) that they keep updated with their draws and results. Pictured left to right: Lead Eva Le Heiget, second Amy Buchalter, piper Jacob Burbano McFee, third Ainslee Card, skip Karys Buchalter and coach Kelsey Meger.

Happy New Year and Denture insurance renewal date

BY ELISHA VANDOR

For us at Vandor Denture Centre, the most wonderful time of the year (besides Christmas) starts on New Years Day, January 1, 2026. It's a time when we start submitting and receiving new pre-approvals for denture coverage. It's a joyous occasion for you, with dental insurance too, because your full yearly maximum is available once again and you're able to call us and schedule your denture appointment knowing you're saving the most money with your full benefits in tow. The real question is how much coverage does your specific plan cover towards new partial dentures, full dentures, relining, dental implant procedures...etc? Well, you can leave all the heavy insurance lifting to us, after all, we find enjoyment in discovering how much your plan covers and want to be the first to share your benefit results with you, but don't worry, you'll also receive your results by mail or online too.

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 To make tzatziki sauce: In bowl, stir yogurt; cucumber; lemon juice; olive oil; garlic; dill; and salt and pepper, to taste, until well combined. Set aside.
 To make salad: In large bowl, combine chick peas, cannellini beans, cherry tomatoes, red onion, cucumber, olives, feta cheese and parsley; toss with dressing.
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Dear Money Lady Readers: Have you been offered a BN-PL option at a store self-checkout?

It's now the latest thing this fall, being offered only on the self-checkout at your local retailer, whether that be for household goods, car parts or even groceries. So, what is it you ask?

BN-PL stands for "Buy Now - Pay Later" and is a new stream of business almost all financial institutions are getting involved in for 2026. With the rising cost of practically everything these days, banks, credit unions and even smaller companies that offer POS (point of sale) services have now realized there is an opportunity to capitalize on Canadians that are struggling. Of course, you know how this works, right? At the time of purchase, when you are prompted to pay, you will be given the option to defer the payment, "taking the merchandise with you now" and then agreeing at the point-of-sale terminal to "pay for it sometime in the future." Viola, you get to defer the responsibility of payment!

Now some of you may be saying - well Chris, I can do that with my credit card? Sure, you can. But a BN-PL plan is not just for use with credit card holders, it's for debt or cash too. Some banks are now pre-authorizing debit cards and bank accounts to allow you to pay for purchases in installments with the first payment sometimes due at the checkout and then the rest auto-charged to your debit card/account over the next few weeks (usually in two-week intervals) or it could be set-up monthly.

And don't think that these are small companies behind this new phenomenon. Moneris is now the biggest proponent of BN-PL through its point-of-sale terminal solutions, owned jointly by RBC Royal Bank and BMO Bank of Montreal. Moneris calls it their one-time recurring payment plan, while RBC recommends it as a way to "grow your business, and give your customers a better shopping experience." RBC says to small businesses: "Turn more browsers into buyers with little effort. There's no development work on your part and PayPlan by RBC will easily integrate into your existing site."

Obviously, you can tell, I disagree to a buy-now and pay-later model for small retail. It's one thing to offer it with big ticket items like, furniture, cars, boats/motorcycles and homes; but it's quite



another to offer it for small household purchases, like a toaster or basics, like groceries and pet food. Are we never to get out from under our debt to retire comfortably? Apparently, the financial institutions would rather us not. This sound like another creative way to get people continuing to borrow. All lenders know that loans and mortgages are their "biggest money-making machines" and when people are struggling why not make it easier for them to borrow even more?

Banks know that if Canadians have a lot of open credit that they eventually can't handle, when offered to amalgamate it into a consolidation loan or at the time of a mortgage renewal - well, they will mostly likely do it to ease the financial pain. Having been in banking for over 35 years and seen the before and after of the 2008 Financial Crisis, this feels like the times before the crisis, when banks and lenders were eager to showcase new clever and inventive products to entice us all to carry more credit.

Please be careful with your money. Make it a habit to stick to a written financial plan or budget and try to resist spending too much as we go into the holiday season. If you would like help with creating a new 2026 financial plan, I now offer one-on-one personalized and confidential money coaching. You can find out more on my website or drop me an email at coaching@ask-themoneylady.ca

Good Luck and Best Wishes this Holiday Season,
 Money Lady

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Raiders drop pair of close games on road trip

The Raiders sit eighth in the MMJHL standings at 12-18-2. They return to the ice on January 30

By Annaliese Meier

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club came away empty-handed from a two-game Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League road swing, falling 4-3 to the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Friday before a 3-1 loss to the River East Royal Knights on Sunday.

On Friday night at Century Arena, the Raiders erased an early two-goal deficit and battled back within one but were unable to complete the comeback.

Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge opened the scoring with goals from Rex Scott and David Balshaw before Jack Derrett got the Raiders on the board late in the first period, scoring with four seconds remaining to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Twins restored their two-goal cushion in the second period with power-play marker from Caden Headland and an even-strength goal by Daniel Hamill. The Raiders responded again in the final seconds of the frame, as Ashton Henry scored with one second left to make it 4-2.

Zach Einarson pulled the Raiders within one midway through the third period, but the tying goal proved elu-

sive despite a push in the closing minutes.

Owen Savoie made 24 saves in the loss as the Raiders were outshot 28-21. The Twins finished 1-for-3 on the power play, while the Raiders went 0-for-1.

Two days later at Seven Oaks SportsPlex, the Raiders were limited to a single goal as River East extended its winning streak to four games.

Kalen Reynolds opened the scoring on the power play early in the first period for the Royal Knights. After a scoreless middle frame for River East, Henry tied the game late in the second period, finishing a play set up by Carter Andersson and Riley Kushnier.

The tie did not last long. Layne Richardson scored early in the third period to put River East back in front, and Branden Watson added an empty-net goal in the final minute to seal the win.

Savoie stopped 24 of 26 shots in the loss, while River East goaltender Kyle Beilman turned aside 23 shots. The Raiders went 0-for-2 on the power play.

With the losses, the Raiders sit eighth in the MMJHL standings at 12-18-2. They return to action Friday, Jan. 30, when they visit the St. James Jr. Canucks for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Celebrating Indigenous leaders

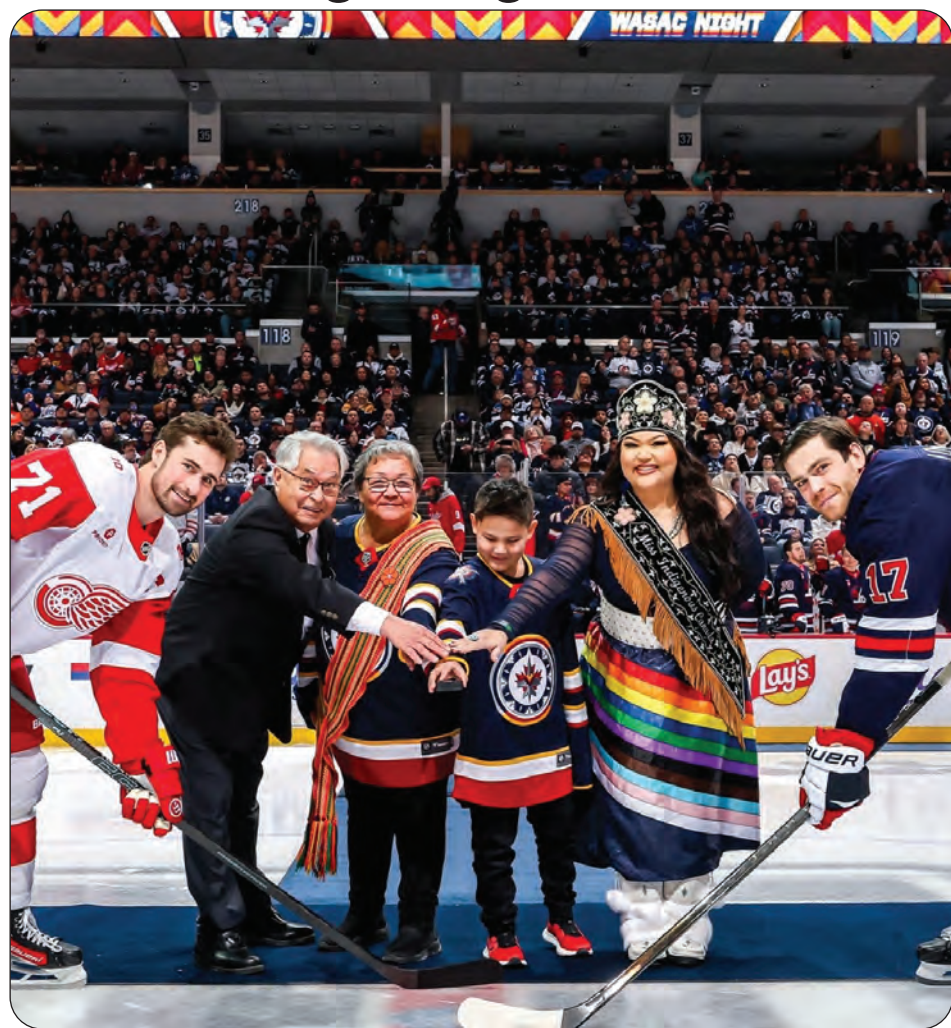


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The Winnipeg Jets hosted their annual WASAC Night on Saturday at Canada Life Centre, celebrating Indigenous culture through music, dance, food and community recognition. The evening honoured Indigenous leaders making a difference across Manitoba. For the ceremonial puck drop, four Indigenous role models were welcomed to centre ice: Elder Bill Shead, a Cree member of Peguis First Nation and former mayor of Selkirk; Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric, a proud Red River Métis Elder; Connor Hanska, a nine-year-old rising star in the sport of golf; and Sagkeeng First Nation's Gena Boubard, Miss Indigenous Canada 2025. Winnipeg Jets captain Adam Lowry and Detroit Red Wings captain Dylan Larkin took the faceoff. The Red Wings won the game 5-1.

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sists from Delainey Kiteley and Isabella Ernstberer.

The Scorpions answered in the third period with three unanswered goals, including a shorthanded marker, to

secure the win.

With the loss, Selkirk remains 11th in the East Division with a 3-17 record. The Royals do not have any games scheduled this week.

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East St. Paul Gators split road-heavy HTJHL week

By Lana Meier

The East St. Paul Gators earned a midweek road win before closing the week with back-to-back losses in Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League action.

East St. Paul opened the stretch Wednesday with a 7-4 victory over the Warren 67's. Reis Mediros scored on the power play early to get the Gators going, while Caleb Hofer added two goals to pace the offence. A three-goal burst late in the second period — including the game-winner from Ethan Lukianchuk — gave East St. Paul the separation it needed. Kaden Coughlin sealed the win with an empty-net goal in the final seconds. Preston Laschyn earned the victory in goal with 53 saves.

The Gators were unable to carry that momentum into Saturday night, falling 8-4 on the road against the Ste. Anne Aces. Hofer opened the scoring just over a minute into the game, but Ste. Anne responded with six unanswered goals over the final half of the contest, including two power-play markers. Chris Tataryn, Jonah Chaulk

and Cole Phillion scored for East St. Paul, while Jack Seniuk turned aside 46 shots for the Aces.

East St. Paul wrapped up the week-end Sunday with a 7-3 loss to the Mitchell Mustangs. The Gators briefly grabbed a first-period lead on goals from Adam Frick and Brayden Alf, but Mitchell responded with five unanswered goals spanning the first and second periods to take control. Reis Mediros scored again in the second for East St. Paul, but Mitchell added two more power-play goals in the third to put the game away.

Following the week's results, East St. Paul sits ninth in the HTJHL standings at 7-16 for 14 points through 23 games.

The Gators return to action Wednesday, Jan. 28, visiting the Red River Mudbugs at St. Jean Arena before hosting the Mitchell Mustangs on Saturday, Jan. 31, at East St. Paul Community Centre. East St. Paul then faces the league-leading Macdonald Swarm on Sunday, Feb. 1, at Sanford Recreation Centre.



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

East St. Paul Gators forward Adam Frick scored one of the Gators' seven goals in a 7-4 HTJHL win over the Warren 67's on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Warren.

Fishermen earn road split in pair of nail-biters

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Fishermen earned a split from a pair of road games last weekend in St. Malo and La Broquerie.

After nearly two weeks between games, Selkirk wasted little time getting on the scoreboard in Friday's matchup against the St. Malo Warriors. Ryland Schroeder opened the scoring midway through the first period.

St. Malo answered later in the frame to send the game into the first intermission tied 1-1.

Sage Courchene restored Selkirk's lead with a shorthanded goal in the second period before the Warriors once again pulled even. A scoreless third period pushed the game into overtime, where Ayden Spence scored the winner to lift St. Malo to a 3-2 victory.

The teams finished tied with 27 shots apiece. Logan Mazinke earned the win for St. Malo, while Johnny Enns-Demchuk took the overtime loss for Selkirk, securing a single point for the Fishermen.

Selkirk bounced back Saturday night with a 3-2 regulation win over the La Broquerie Habs, again with Enns-Demchuk getting the start.

The Habs held a 2-0 lead after the first period before Ashton Schroeder sparked the comeback, scoring midway through the second. Ryan Cromie tied the game on the power play later in the frame.

The game remained knotted at 2-2 into the third period before Izzy Aime scored the go-ahead goal at 9:39 to give Selkirk the lead for good.

Enns-Demchuk was perfect in the third period, finishing with 27 saves. La Broquerie goaltender Jaxon Loewen stopped 34 shots in the loss as Selkirk outshot the Habs 37-29.

With the win,

the Fishermen moved three points ahead of La Broquerie and sit third in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League standings with a 14-5-0-0-2 record through 21 games.

Selkirk trails only St. Malo (48 points) and Beausejour (54) and holds games in hand on both clubs.

The Fishermen face a busy three-game week, with matchups against North Winnipeg, La Broquerie and Lundar from Tuesday through Sunday.

Friday night's game against the Habs will be played at Sagkeeng Arena Complex and will count as a home game for Selkirk.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at North Winnipeg Satellites, 8 p.m., Billy Mosienko Arena

Friday, Jan. 30 vs. La Broquerie Habs, 8 p.m., Sagkeeng Arena Complex

Sunday, Feb. 1 at Lundar Falcons, 3 p.m., Lundar Arena

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SUNDAY, FEB 15th

VS Beausejour Comets 3:00 pm

TUESDAY, FEB 17th

VS Winnipeg Satellites 7:30 pm

FRIDAY, FEB 20th

VS Arborg Ice Dawgs 7:30 pm

NEXT AWAY GAMES

Fri, Jan 30 - vs La Broquerie - 8:00 pm
- in Sagkeeng (home make up game)

Sun, Feb 1 - vs Lundar Falcons - 3:00 pm



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Steelers' captain recognized as Community Ambassador by RBC, MJHL

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Steelers played just twice last week, but both contests proved to be entertaining.

Last Tuesday, they hosted the Winnipeg Monarchs at Selkirk Recreation Complex in a long-awaited RBC Game Night, where Steelers captain Owen Branson was recognized as a member of the 2025-26 RBC-Manitoba Junior Hockey League Community Ambassador Team.

Branson was named the Steelers' representative in December when the league announced the 13 players selected — one from each team.

RBC Community Ambassadors are chosen from players who display outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship both on and off the ice, along with a commitment to volunteerism.

As for Branson, he brings point-per-game skill to the Steelers' forward group and strong off-ice leadership, helping with learn-to-skate programs, minor hockey practices, and attending sponsorship initiatives and fundraisers.

Head coach Hudson Friesen and his staff were pleased to put forward the Fargo, N.D., native as the team's representative.

"He's obviously our captain, he's been here for two years, and he's done nothing but get himself involved with the community," said Friesen. "Anytime we have any type of volunteering initiatives or things going on, he's the first to sign up and the first guy to help get things organized. Obviously, he's not a local kid, but he's very passionate about this community and giving back and getting involved, and it was an easy choice nominating him for that."

All 13 ambassadors around the

league are recognized at an RBC Game Night throughout the season and are honoured through a donation from RBC to a school in their community.

At the conclusion of the regular season, one ambassador will receive the RBC Community Award, which includes an additional donation from RBC in the player's name to a school in their local community.

Beyond Branson being honoured during Tuesday's ceremonial puck drop, the Steelers and Monarchs still had a game to play — one that turned into a nail-biter down the stretch.

Selkirk led 2-0 through the first period on goals by Jules Delepouille and Cole Babych before Winnipeg got one back early in the second.

The teams then traded goals throughout the remainder of the middle frame, with Carter Haney and Nolan Wytrykusz scoring to put Selkirk ahead 4-3.

From there, Selkirk's Hudson Hunnie and Winnipeg's Dylan McFadyen shut the door, as the game ended in a 4-3 Steelers victory. Selkirk held a 56-16 edge in shots and earned its 18th win of the season.

On Friday, the Steelers faced an even tougher challenge as the Portage Terriers came to town.

Portage struck first and led 2-0 after 20 minutes before Selkirk got on the board on a Babych goal.

After Portage responded shortly after, Dawson Madden scored to bring Selkirk back within one.

The Steelers then turned to Branson in the third period, as he tied the game at three early in the final frame.

The deadlock, however, lasted only briefly, as the Terriers scored three goals in a 10-minute span to claim a



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk's Owen Branson rips a shot against the Winnipeg Monarchs last Tuesday in an eventual 4-3 win at Selkirk Recreation Complex. The 20-year-old forward from Fargo, ND is currently tied for the team lead in points with 38 (18 goals, 20 assists) in 36 games played.

6-3 victory.

Portage finished with a 42-29 edge in shots, with Ryan Velan stopping 26 to earn the win. Selkirk's Ethan Sawyer posted 36 saves in the loss.

The Steelers fell to 18-19-2 following the defeat, remaining fifth in the MGEU East Division — nine points back of the fourth and final playoff spot.

With 19 games remaining, Selkirk will look to take advantage of an upcoming road pair against the Swan Valley Stampeders, where they will seek a full four points.

Swan Valley currently holds an 11-22-3-1 record and sits fifth in the MGEU West Division.

"We have to bring our best this weekend and play six periods of

meaningful hockey and play it the way we need to play — with our style and our structure," said Friesen. "If we do those things, I think we'll be very successful. It's definitely not lost on us how important this weekend is, and we've been playing pretty well of late, so it's going to be important to keep it going. Getting the results is obviously the most important thing at the end of the day, and we've got to find a way to get those four points."

UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Jan. 30 — at Swan Valley Stampeders, 7 p.m., Swan River Centennial Arena

Saturday, Jan. 31 — at Swan Valley Stampeders, 7 p.m., Swan River Centennial Arena

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Interlake teams shine at Rings of Steel



The U14A Interlake Ignite captured silver in the U16B Division at the 2026 Rings of Steel Tournament, hosted by the Interlake Ringette Association from Jan. 9–11 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex. The Ignite finished the tournament with a 2-1-1-0-0 record, with their lone loss coming in the gold-medal game against the BVRA Blaze U14A. Pictured left to right, back row: Tracy (coach), Jackie (coach), Quinn P., Elizabeth, Mallory, Ellasyn, Brianne, Heidi, Adriel, Quinn G., Eden, Olivia (coach), Shereise (coach); Front row: Kirby, Michelle, Alayna and goaltender Sara.



The U12A Interlake Ignite defeated the NWRA Stars U14, 7-1, in the gold medal game of the 2026 Rings of Steel Tournament on Jan. 11 at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Pictured left to right, back row: Sara Fissel (coach), Sydney Ostermann (coach), Hailey Swift, Aubrey Hurton, Leighton Brokopiw, Lily Suderman, Alicia Wozny, Avery Alberg, Karly Penner, Addison Bullen, Isabella Cychowski, Kylie Fissel (coach); Front row, Olivia Cychowski, Seraphina Schmidt, Riley Brickwood, Maisie Kett, Charlie Obirek, Jaelyn Brookes; goaltender Declan Bush.




The U14AA BVRA Angels captured the silver medal in the U16A Division at the 2026 Rings of Steel Tournament after a 6–5 loss to the St. James Boom in the gold medal game on Jan. 11 at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Pictured left to right, back row: Marissa Kubic, River Spencer, Sarah Courchaine, Sarah Podaima, Juliette Colvine, Emily Farkas, Maranda Kubic and Mackenzie DeKlerck; Front row, Piper Montgomery (goaltender), Marley Tait, Clara Butterworth, Matea Morgadinho, Rhea Heise, Rowan Krawchuk, Emily Dunford and goaltender Emily Kearney. Coaches Deana Cayer, Nicole Vanbrink, Sophie Farkas and Bryn Krawchuk. Missing from the photo, goaltending coach Julianna McIntyre.



The U14AA BVRA Angels earned the silver medal after a 6–5 loss to the U16A St. James Boom in the U16A Division gold medal game on Jan. 11 at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Interlake players Maranda and Marissa Kubic are members of the Angels. Pictured left to right, back row: coaches Madison McIvor and Taylor Clegg, Chelsea Ervick, Eden MacKenzie, Katie Hamm, Olivia Miller-Biggs, Jordyn Leferink, Chloe Resch, Josie Miller-Biggs, Charlotte Montgomery and coach Brynn Herman; Front row, Eastyn Beach, Brooklyn Main, Maya Lafond, Maggie Houser, Lydia Singh, Cameron Pethybridge, Maelle van Lankvelt, Grace MacKenzie and Elizabeth Guthrie.



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Avery Alberg of the U12A team takes a shot on goal while Hailey Swift looks on during game action.




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This position requires exceptional independence, neutrality, attention to detail, and the ability to manage a complex, multi stage public process.

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The Letter of Interest from applicants should include education and experience and will be accepted until February 16, 2026.

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Clandeboye, MB R0C 0P0
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BY-LAW #4422 - CLOSING OF PUBLIC RESERVE

The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 290 of The Municipal Act regarding a Public Hearing to receive public representation on a proposed by-law to close a public reserve.

An in-person Public Hearing will be held at the Council Chambers, 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, MB. Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 at 5:30 pm
On-line attendance will also be available via Zoom

The intent of the proposed By-Law is to close public reserve lands adjacent to Parkview Road and Parkview Place, legally described as: ALL PUBLIC RESERVE IN PLAN 11704 WLTO IN RL 18 TO 21 PARISH OF ST ANDREWS

A sketch identifying the Public Reserve to be closed is shown below:



The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection on the matter. Submissions or requests to register for in-person and online attendance can be sent to the contact below.

Any information and documents concerning this matter and the procedures to be followed at the hearing are available for review during regular business hours Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the RM of St. Andrews Office, 500 Railway Avenue, Clandeboye, Manitoba, or by contacting:

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Uncle Devin, Aunty Krissy, Leam, Eden,
Uncle Steven, Malik

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IN MEMORIAM



Del Anthony Lekopoy
August 13, 1963 - February 4, 2022
Son of Fay and Tony Lekopoy
Loved you yesterday,
Love you still,
Always have,
Always will.
-So deeply missed his mom and dad,
daughter Brook (Jared), son Jay (Kelsey),
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He was such a fun uncle to Tanner, Karlie,
Mitchell, Mason and Rhiannon who all loved
him so much.

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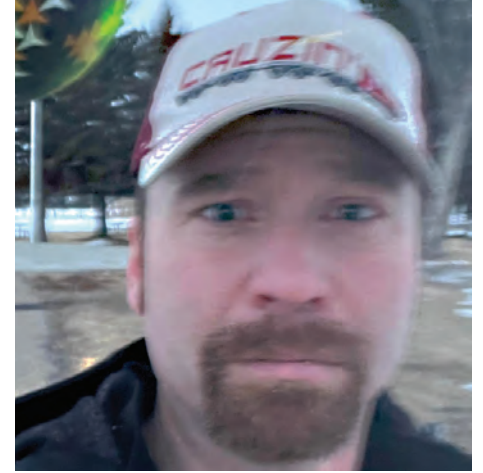
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Carol Lynn Skrypnik (nee: Lempen)
February 15, 1952 - January 25, 2025
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And only God knew why.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone;
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When God took you home.
You are forever loved and greatly missed.
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IN MEMORIAM



Jake Niebel
April 25, 1988 - January 29, 2024
-Your family

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CARD OF THANKS

With the recent passing of Floyd, we would like to thank the Anderson Family, Denise Thomas of the MMF and those that called and gave cards and flowers. Also, Gilbert Funeral Home and Rev Antoine for the beautiful service. Drs & staff at Pine Fall and HSC Hospitals.
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The financial plan will be available for review after January 22, 2026. Persons wishing to view the municipality's financial plan may view the documents during the regular office hours of the municipal office at 3550 Main Street, West St. Paul, Manitoba or on the municipal website at www.weststpaul.com

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OBITUARY

Joyce Marie Tarnowski

Joyce Tarnowski was a woman whose life was defined by love, devotion, and quiet strength. She passed peacefully on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the age of 80.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in Gimli, with interment to take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

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OBITUARY

Arthur Stephen Huminuk

Peacefully, at the Selkirk Hospital, Arthur passed away at the age of 75 years.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Anola Community Club, 35085 – PTH 15, Anola, MB. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

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

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OBITUARY

Isabel Anderson

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Isabel Anderson who passed away peacefully at home at the age of 87.

A beloved wife to Harold Anderson, mother to Darlene Roberts, Wayne Anderson (Irene) and Denise Anderson (Derek). A grandmother to Corey Seymour (Jessica), Brandie Seymour (Trent), Jessica Azarcon (Cyrus), Justin Anderson (Anna) and Morgan Anderson, and great-grandmother to Addison, Kayden, Rayanne, Carsynn, Hunter, Brixton, Koah and Makai, Liam, Landon and her loving brother Malcolm (Marilyn). She lived a long and meaningful life marked by love, resilience, and devotion to her family.

Her home was a place of warmth, guidance and unconditional love, and her legacy lives on through the generations she nurtured and inspired.

She was predeceased by her parents Malcolm and Alexis; siblings Jimmy and Mary, whom she now reunites with in eternal rest. Their memory remained close to her heart throughout her life.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for her kindness, strength, gentle spirit, and the love she shared so freely with those around her. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and she will remain in our hearts always and forever.

The family would like to thank all the staff at CancerCare Manitoba for being so caring and kind, the palliative care nurses and doctors, as well as the staff at the outpatient at Selkirk Regional Health Centre and a big thank you to the Selkirk Legion for all the friendships and memories made.

As per Isabel's wishes, there will be no service held, family will do a celebration of life spring 2026.

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OBITUARY

Earl Blaine Favell

February 7th, 1969 - January 22nd, 2026

Peacefully with family by his side our brother Earl passed away at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre after a hard fought battle with cancer. He was fifty-six years old. He was born in Winnipeg, raised in Selkirk where he resided most of his life. He played hockey and baseball as a child and teenager. He was passionate about watching wrestling and movies, he also enjoyed playing cribbage at every opportunity with his brother Lyndon at the Army Navy and Royal Canadian Legion in Selkirk. He held numerous jobs but his most recent employment was at Black Cat Blades.

Earl was predeceased by his beloved parents, Clara (1999) and William (2022).

He is survived by his three sons Dominic and two granddaughters (Amara) (Anais), Dakota and Brady (Jessica). Two sisters, Guylaine (Floyd), Glenda (Sean) and three brothers, Clint (Kim), Faron and Lyndon (June). Numerous nieces and nephews, Dale (Jannelle) and her daughter Destinee (Chris), Duane, Steven (Lindsay), Holly (Curtis), Austin (Tyra), Jayde and Emma. Along with seven great-nieces and nephews. A special mention to his long-time best friend Mark Flynn and his second Mom Mrs. Mary-Ellen Flynn.

We would like to thank the medical staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre (MED 3) for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of life will take place this Thursday, January 29th, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk Manitoba.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Kayleen Roseanne Valley (nee Winters)

April 15, 1955 to January 7, 2026

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not die" Thomas Campbell
It is with deep sorrow and broken hearts we announce the passing of Kayleen Roseanne Valley, of Selkirk, at the age of 70. After a lengthy battle with many health issues, she can finally rest in peace and pain free.

Kayleen was predeceased by her mother Johanna Winters, father Louis Gunderson, stepfathers Massey (Jim) Winters and Norman Gosselin; brothers Harold, Richard, Lorne and Theodore; sisters Vivian, Lorraine and Diane; sister-in-law Wanda; brother-in-law Leonard; nephews Bob and James; niece Carly; extended family Tony and Camille; chosen family Lois, Joe, Sherry, Bill and her loving furry companion Farley.

Left to mourn and cherish her memory is her husband of 50 years David; children Tamara (Mark), Dallis (Tiffany) and Trevor; grandchildren Jillian (Matt), Jaden (Hannah), Jordan, Rylee and Trystan; brother Stephen; sisters-in-law Virginia, Shirley and Liliane; extended family Margaret, Jules (Marie), Andre (Elda), Lionel (Debbie), Annette (Bradley), Karen (Bob), Angelle (Bill) and many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family; chosen family Lucie, Kim, Barb (Lance), Sandra, Tim and their families.

Kayleen was an ambitious lady and in her lifetime of careers she had to restructure her life a few times when businesses closed or she got laid off. Her final career path was in health care. This started with taking her Health Care Aide course and getting a position at the Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk before starting her 20 plus year career at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. While working at SMHC as a PNA (Psychiatric Nurses Assistant), the opportunity came up to take the LPN (Licenced Practical Nursing) course, after much back and forth, she decided to go all in. She retired from her career in nursing in 2019 due to illness.

While working at the SMHC she attended many after work gatherings at the Selkirk Legion, Branch 42. These many gatherings led to countless friendships and bonds she held dear to her heart. It also prompted her to become a Legion member in 2013 and then a member of the Executive committee for just over 10 years. For a short time in 2024, she temporarily took over as Second Vice President in the interim, until they were able to fill the position.

Our family would like to thank all the staff that looked after Kayleen while at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre and at HSC when she was transferred there. Thanks to the countless friends and family that stopped into see her while in hospital, this really brightened her days. Special thanks to Dr. Teferi, the ER teams at both hospitals, Medicine units 3 & 4, GH7 HOBs special care unit, STARS air ambulance, all the specialist involved in her care, the palliative care team at HSC and the staff at Interlake Cremation.

As per Kayleen's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 at 2 p.m. at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 42 in Selkirk, Mb.

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

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OBITUARY



Judith Carol Lefort
July 1, 1944 – January 8, 2026

Peacefully, with family at her side, Judith Lefort (Gabel) passed away at the age of 81 years at the Boissevain Health Centre.

Judith was born and raised in Hartney, Manitoba. After graduating high school, she moved to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and attended nursing school. There, she met the love of her life Lawrence Lefort and they were married in 1964. She received her LPN and they moved to Selkirk, Manitoba in 1966 where they raised their family. She worked at the Selkirk General Hospital until her retirement.

After they both retired, they moved to Boissevain, Manitoba in 1997 where they enjoyed gardening, crafts and spending time with family and friends.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Lawrence, daughter Vicky (Doug), son Greg (Sandra), grandchildren Tyler (Kaylee), Mitchell, Ryan, Austin and Cadence as well as her great-grandchildren Everly and Taya. Judith is also survived by her sister Doreen in California, sisters-in-law Melba in Victoria, BC and Lorraine (George) in Manitoba.

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

Judy's family would like to express their sincere gratitude towards Dr. Nell and the nursing staff at the Boissevain Health Centre for providing amazing and compassionate care.

Donations in memory of Judy may be made to the Boissevain Health Centre Palliative Care, Box 899 Boissevain, MB. R0K 0E0.

Messages of condolences may be made online at www.wheatlandfs.com

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OBITUARY



Ella May Angeal Chenkie (nee Blunderfield)
April 05, 1932 to January 16, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Ella Chenkie, aged 93, with family at her side.

Mom was predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years Peter in 2005; daughter Valerie in 2023; parents Edgar and Eleanor; brothers Fred and George; sisters Monica, Ann, and Marguerite.

She will be missed by her four children: Gordon (Charlene), Beverly (John Yarema), Barbara (Stephen Doren), Christopher (Heather), and son-in-law Ron Samborski; nine grandchildren: Rob (Meagan), Lindsay, Mike, Kyle, Zach, Aaron, Evan, Ryan (Liane), and Jessica; five great-grandchildren: Violet, Elliot, Josephine, Finley, and Owen; as well as her sister Bernice, and many other relatives and friends.

Mom was born in Redditt, ON. At the age of three, Mom's family moved to Old Kildonan, MB. where she was raised with her brothers and sisters. A graduate of West Kildonan Collegiate, Mom went on to post-secondary education at the Manitoba Technical Institute. On a summer evening in June of 1951, after being previously acquainted, love would strike at dinner with friends at Salisbury House. Mom and Dad married on October 6th 1951, making their home in Selkirk. Mom led a busy life raising their five children, always patient, loving and caring. Mom supported us wholeheartedly, always giving us the freedom to choose our own path.

With all the kids in school, Mom put her college training into action becoming secretary at St. Andrews School for the next 26 years. Teachers and co-workers would describe Mom's (other) duties that made her an integral team member; School Nurse, Counsellor, Parental Liaison and Special Advisor to the Principal.

Throughout her life Mom was a tireless volunteer. In the early 60's she became a charter member of Chapter P, PEO; she spent a great deal of her time at the Gordon Howard Senior Centre including serving as a Director and President. For many years she delivered Meals on Wheels, and was active with the CWL.

Mom had many interests, especially bowling and line dancing. When Mom took a moment to sit, she liked to knit, crochet, and sew for family and friends. She loved the outdoors; cross country skiing, walking, enjoying nature and gardening with Dad.

Mom and Dad loved to go on special trips; travelling to Eardley Lake by float plane for fishing getaways, weekend driving trips to Grand Forks, and winter getaways to Hawaii. A most memorable trip for them was to Poland, where they met Dad's relatives. Over the years they visited the kids and grandkids across Canada, including adventures up to Yellowknife in the far North.

To the grandkids Mom was known as "Baba". Summers in Selkirk at "the farm" with Baba and Gigi was something they always looked forward to. The grandkids were always greeted with warm hugs and arrived to the smell of fresh baked cinnamon buns and chocolate chip cookies. They especially enjoyed her "world famous dill pickles", pancakes and popcorn in wooden bowls.

She was an amazing woman, who touched countless hearts with her kindness and strength.

A special thank you and appreciation to the staff at Red River Place for their care and compassion.

Memorial donations may be made in Ella's honour to the Gordon Howard Seniors Centre, Selkirk MB.

A celebration of life and memorial service will take place at a later date.

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OBITUARY

Stella A. Sempovitch

Peacefully, on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at the Holy Family Home in Winnipeg, MB Stella Sempovitch, aged 95 years, beloved wife of the late William passed away.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba. The service will be livestreamed via the link on Gilbart's website.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Larry Bernard Swain

Larry Swain was 76 years old when he passed away on January 20th, 2026.

Known for his kindness and quick sense of humour, he never hesitated to help anyone in need. Whether it was lending a hand, sharing a laugh, or simply showing up when it mattered, he made life a little easier for those around him.

Larry was a devoted husband and father. He had a special love for dogs and was rarely without treats in his pocket, always ready to spoil any four-legged friend he met. It will be strange not seeing his work van driving through town anymore, a familiar sight that brought comfort to many. Larry's presence will be deeply missed, but his kindness will not be forgotten.

A memorial service for family and friends will be announced at a later date.

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

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OBITUARY

Kenneth "George" Bowman

August 18, 1933 - January 18, 2026

Peacefully at Tudor House, George Bowman passed away at 92, he left the Earth just 19 days after his wife of 54 years, Arlene.

Dad was predeceased by his parents John and Irene and his brother Glenn.

We have lost a wonderful dad and stepdad, he will be remembered forever by Tom (Row), Kerri (Roger), Glynis (Allan) and Karen. He also will be remembered by many grandchildren and his special friends and neighbours Lisa and Darin.

Dad grew up on his family farm in Petersfield, his farm life "education" provided him with the skills and

knowledge to build or fix anything. Dad could rip down a tractor and put it back together, he was an accomplished blacksmith and could fashion any needed part out of a piece of scrap metal. If you were to ask him about his abilities he would simply say "oh, I can tinker". He was always very kind and humble.

Dad quit farming in the 70's, as a young man found employment with the Freshwater Fish Corporation. There he met Mom and they were married in 1971. Dad retired from the fishery in 1998, leaving with a spotless record of employment and a reputation of a wonderful, kind, fun loving co-worker. As Dad aged, life long friends he made at work continued to call on him. These were people of all ages, some with very different backgrounds than dad, but he managed to make friends with everyone. His mandate for us as children was to always be kind, and that extended to the pets in our lives. He was known to feed the dogs with a knife and fork.

Dad spent his retired years enjoying the summer get aways with Mom. When he was home, he was spending his time in acts of service for others. He was the neighbour who would just come over and snow blow a driveway, or cut your grass. He was the dad that would be in the driveway washing your headlights on our car while we enjoyed coffee with mom. He would drive 20kms to help his daughter empty a mouse trap. After emptying the trap once, he just showed up regularly to make sure they were empty. As children, we knew he could fix anything on our bikes, so he would service our bikes and then happily service our friend's bikes too. And then just random kids would show up with an issue, Dad would always help them.

It's hard to sum up with words in a short obituary all he was and how we will miss him every day, for the rest of our lives. But people that knew him, knew they were lucky to have him as a friend, neighbour and coworker.

The family would like to thank the staff at SRHC and Tudor House for making Dad's last months comfortable. Thank you to Darin and Lisa, for being a wonderful support for two aging neighbours, thank you for the countless errands and odd jobs you helped with as they required more help. Thank you for always keeping the driveway perfect in the winter and thank you for caring enough to keep an eye on them. They loved you both.

Cremation has taken place and the families will hold a private service for both Mom and Dad in the spring.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



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Cindy Joy Duncan (nee Christiansen)

It's with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Cindy. Cindy left us on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 after a long period of pain and suffering.

Left to mourn husband Gary, mother Leona, sister Lauren (Dennis), brother Martin (Nicola), step-son Gary Jr. (Andrea), and granddaughter Kinsley and many other family members on both sides.

She was a Dental Assistant in Winnipeg for many years and a faithful member of Christ Church.

At Cindy's request, there will be no service.

Donations can be made at a charity of your choice.



Myrtle Gorda 1947 - 2026

On Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, with her granddaughter Amber holding her hand, Myrtle Gorda passed away. Reunited with her husband of more than 53 years, Nick Gord (2017).

She leaves behind two sisters Marlene and Muriel; daughter Marge; sons Allan and Alton; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to her friend Linda Gifford, who was always there to help her when needed.

In keeping with Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held at this time. An outdoor celebration of her life will take place in the summer.

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Your memory will live forever engraved within our hearts.

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