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Bill 47 leaves more questions than answers

Directors and advocates concerned they'll be left in the dust

By Nicole Buffie

Daycare directors and provincial advocates are raising questions about the newest piece of legislation regarding funding, citing concerns around the amount of cash they receive to operate their licensed facilities.

Bill 47: The Early Learning and Child Care Act, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba on Mar. 11, seeks to streamline the licensing process of childcare facilities and provide financial assistance to eligible parents and providers of child care and early learning.

The revised piece of legislation would see parent fees freeze for another three years to help families recover financially from the COVID-19 pandemic, yet the annual operating grants awarded to public and private child care and daycare facilities haven't been increased in nearly five years.

Lorie Fiddler, director of child care at the Selkirk Friendship Centre, said with no increases to operational funding she fears the fee freeze will impact the quality of care provided to children.

"We need more money to keep running our centres to the quality that young children deserve, and so that will have to be reflected in operating grants," she said.

"There hasn't been any kind of message as to how they're going to continue to fund childcare with rising expenses, and the day-to-day operations are always going to be more. So we have to get our money from somewhere. And if it's not going to be from parent fees, it has to come from somewhere."

During the months of lockdown across the province operations at

the Friendship Centre did not cease, which meant increased spending for cleaning and sanitizing products and personal protective equipment for staff. In addition to those costs, the centre continued to pay staff for sick leave if needed.

"It's a lot to deal with."

Rachelle McKay, director at Woodlands Childcare, said that as a small facility operating in a rural area, the operating grants are crucial to paying trained staff to commute to work.

"Our staff are underpaid in comparison to other fields, and especially for the job that they do: working with children is an emotional job," she said.

The provincial government offered financial respite in late 2020 in the form of a \$2.4 million COVID-19 response grant to eligible facilities to help offset expenses incurred from the novel coronavirus. Another \$4.4 million, announced on Mar. 19, will be doled out to centres as part of the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, a program that gives \$15 million for early learning and child care centres across the province.

Jodie Kehl, executive director of the Manitoba Child Care Association, said while the cash is much-needed for these facilities, it does not address the need for operating grants to be raised.

"If the province is choosing to freeze the parent fees, then the operating grants need to be increased to offset that frozen funding because as time continues to go on facilities are finding it increasingly more difficult to balance their budgets. Their revenue has stayed the same for at least five years and their expenses all continue to go up," she said.



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Lorie Fiddler, director of child care at the Selkirk Friendship Centre, is advocating for more cash in operating grants to provide adequate and quality care across the province.

According to the Manitoba Families 2019-2020 report, in Manitoba, there are 664 non-profit child care facilities receiving funding from the government equating to \$4,180 per space available for preschool-aged children in centre-based facilities. Parent fees are capped at \$20.80 per day to place preschool-aged children in care and will remain as such for the next three years under Bill 47.

"The current act talks about giving grants to non-profit corporations and cooperatives which operate licensed child care; that has been removed from Bill 47. So the question becomes, are all services now eligible for funding regardless of auspice? Will public funding be made available for any licensed facility? And if that's the case, I guess what I would want to know then is are they going to be mandated to then only charge the maximum daily fee?" said Kehl.

A spokesperson for Families Minister Rochelle Squires said the proposed legislation would permit further funding to newly licensed care pro-

viders across the province. However, it remains unclear as to if the expansion of the program will lead to cuts in funding to facilities already receiving annual grants to accommodate newly licensed centres and homes.

"The authority to provide funding is established in legislation. Types of funding and funding levels are contained in the supporting regulations. This is the same structure currently in place under the Community Child Care Standards Act and Regulation. For this reason, types of funding and amounts of funding are not contained in Bill 47," said the spokesperson.

Kehl said the MCCA plans to speak to the Standing Committee during the next sitting regarding the association's questions and concerns surrounding the proposed bill. As of Mar. 28, there are 18 registrations to speak on the bill.

For McKay, she said it's often the 'make it work' attitude that leaves employees and directors struggling to raise red flags about the industry,

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Being prepared to help in our communities

Do you know what to do if you encounter someone having a mental health crisis?

By Katelyn Boulanger

With COVID-19 changing the way that we've lived our lives this past year mental health has been in the news more often than before, but would you know what to do if someone approached you saying they needed help for a mental health crisis?

That very situation happened a few weeks ago to the staff at the *Selkirk Record* office when a gentleman walked in asking if there was somewhere safe.

"I said do you need us to call an ambulance or the police? What's wrong?" said Michelle Balharry, sales and marketing for the *Selkirk Record*.

The man locked himself in the washroom and asked Balharry to call the crisis line which staff attempted to do.

Ultimately, the man ended up leaving the building before someone from the crisis line could be reached for help.

The 24-hour crisis line is a service provided by the Interlake Regional Health Authority for people who are experiencing a mental health or physiological crisis in our region while also providing information and resources for people looking for help for themselves and others.

"They do crisis intervention. So, they figure out what the presenting issues

are, and the kind of symptoms the person's experiencing. A lot of the time it's anxiety. They'll let them tell their story, and they'll do some reflection and help the person problem solve, not problem solve for them, but assist them with that and if needed, we will do follow up with the individuals," said Cathy McKinley, Clinical Team Manager, Mental Health/RAAM for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

McKinley says that anyone who calls the crisis line in distress will have a safety assessment done and depending on the situation the mobile crisis unit may be dispatched to help them.

Her advice to people who are engaging people in mental distress is to get a conversation going with them and see if there is a friend or family member that you can call for them.

"Just validating and listening is probably enough. A lot of times people in crisis just really need to tell their story. I think sometimes listening and just giving the people their space to tell their story, if somebody is agitated, again, just to really give them their space, and validation. It is very, very hard to give people direction, when they're in crisis, it's much easier to listen and help them connect

to problem solving," said McKinley.

The crisis line can be reached toll-free at 1-866-427-8628 or 204-482-5419 and should you not get an answer right away McKinley advises that you continue to call back as their staff will be available once they are off the phone with a previous caller.

Mental distress can come in many forms and should the crisis be a situation where residents feel that more help might be necessary Const. David Wong, community policing officer with the RCMP, wants residents to know that our local police are also able to help people in mental distress.

"Let's say I get a call of a suicidal person at home. Their family will be a little upset, and worried. We will go and check on this individual and if the individual does present him or herself with suicidal ideations or anything like that, there are two options. We will go from there [and ask if they are willing to get help]. We much we would prefer if they would go voluntarily to the hospital to have themselves seen by a doctor," said Wong.

The other option that the police have if someone is presenting as a danger to themselves or others but they are unwilling to go to the hospital voluntarily is that they can arrest them under the mental health act and they will then be brought to the hospital so that they can be seen by a doctor. They are in no way criminally charged

if this happens as it's meant to get people the help that they need.

In addition to helping people get to the hospital, the police in our area are testing a new application called HealthIM which gives them access to past information about an individual in a mental health crisis so that they know how best to approach them.

"If we know that your family member may have died, and that is a trigger, it will be noted in the file [saying] 'Listen, don't talk about family members.' And, there'll be information like, for example, in one of our training pages, it shows John Smith, obviously not a real person, who likes pets. So we would steer our conversations more that way," said Wong.

By having background information about the individual that they are talking to they hope to more quickly build a connection with them so that they can help more effectively.

In the future, the app may have the ability to connect with a mental health worker who they will also be able to contact for the individual.

Wong says that though it is a judgment call when it comes to how much help you might need in any individual situation calling the RCMP is option people should know is available in these situations.

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making the MCCA's advocacy for centres crucial.

"We're kind of in this limbo of where we're afraid to say stuff, but at the same time attention needs to be brought to it," she said.

"We always look at the children and the families and supporting them and we make it work. And

I think that's partially kind of our downfall for us as we always make it work and we need to start having our voices heard."

For Fiddler, despite the financial hardship, the pandemic placed on the Selkirk Friendship Centre and raising costs to operate the facility, her goal of providing quality child care has not faltered.

"This [grant] is a response to COVID, and certainly not a response

to the ongoing underfunding the childcare; that hasn't changed," she said. "We need to have our operating dollars increase and we need to view early childhood care and learning as an integral part of our economy and of our society."

"We were here for Manitoba when they needed child care, now is Manitoba going to be here for us now that they know we are integral to the economy?"



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Children playing with Lorie Fiddler at the Selkirk Friendship Centre

Students cleaning the streets for credits

Students study sustainability through community cleanup

By Nicole Buffie

Instead of memorizing the three states of matter or studying the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, the students of École Selkirk Junior High took to the streets to help clean up their community.

As part of a science and social studies unit for the grade 7 students, the classes opted to pick up trash in the surrounding neighbourhood to learn more about ecosystems and sustainability — particularly the sustainability of single-use masks.

"It was actually the kids' idea," said Karla Grobb, a teacher at ESJH and leader of the initiative. "These are 13-year-olds, so they do things for the community that are proactive and kind and nice."

The students brainstormed the project, made a proposal and took it to the school administration for approval. After getting the green light, the kids hit the road.

On Mar. 22, 23 and 24, 30 kids from

two classes donned buckets, gloves and trash grabbers to collect items found on their route and dispose of them properly. On one of the clean-up days, the kids picked up over 250 disposable masks in one hour.

"Turtles are dying, our planet is dying and we can't do anything about it because it's mostly the adults who are doing this," said Hannah Weibe, one of the students involved in the project.

Weibe, 13, noted the importance of the cleanup, saying it's up to her generation to create a better environment for people to live in.

"We are doing this so that we can at least try and save our planet before we inherit it."

Another student, Cadence Chorney, 12, said the project is helping him learn about the planet's ecosystem and how to sustain it.

"We want to clean our ecosystem so it's a better place to live," said Chorney.

Grobb said the project not only fits



RECORD PHOTO BY NICOLE BUFFIE

Grade 7 students at ESJH picked up nearly 270 disposable masks in just one hour of cleaning up trash in the neighbourhood on Mar. 22.

into subjects currently in the curriculum at the junior high, but it also helps the students in different ways too.

"They're definitely trying to become good citizens and demonstrate citizenship. So I'm very supportive of anything they're doing to try to create

a different perspective in the community of what teenagers are like."

With the success of the project, Grobb said she plans to have a similar project as the community clean up in future years for her classes.

Back to the picket line



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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2034 took back to the picket lines after contract negotiations between the union and Manitoba Hydro were unsuccessful. Rotating strikes will continue throughout until a new contract is tabled.

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Bringing a new art form to Selkirk residents

Looking to spruce up your car, video game console, or bicycle? BadAss Custom Coatings has something for you.

By Katelyn Boulanger

BadAss Custom Coatings will provide residents with all the supplies that they need to do powder coating, hydrographics, airbrushing and many other types of custom artwork that can go on pretty much anything that you'd like to customize.

"It all kind of originated when I opened up Selkirk Fiberglass and Plastic Repairs and it blossomed from there. My husband has been doing autobody and painting for over 30 some years and I couldn't do anything with the painting end of it because I'm allergic to [chemicals in] the paint. So from there I got into the powder coating and I've been working for many years with the powder coating and I got very custom with that. I picked up also airbrushing and fine line pinstriping stuff. I got into the more custom end of it and it just blossomed from there," said Debby Kutcher, owner of BadAss Custom

Coatings.

Because of their sister business Selkirk Fiberglass and Plastic Repairs, Kutcher and her husband realized that there were many people that wanted to do their own custom work on vehicles but that getting the supplies to do that work was difficult without ordering from Europe of the United States.

The new store will be supplying all of the regular items that you might think of when you think of things you might buy at an autobody paint store like putty, paint strippers, and sand but will also have items that you can't find anywhere else in the province.

"I've also stepped it up and got into the more custom stuff which is all your paint additives which is your heavy flakes, your metallics, your additives and fine line tapes. Everything that you can find from fine line artwork brushes, airbrushing supplies from your brushes, to the guns to all



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Debby Kutcher, owner of BadAss Custom Coatings in their new location. Below: An example of hydrographics on a controller. A powder coating system for sale at the new store.

the paints, all your reducers. We have also our powder coating line so I'll be carrying all the powders, the guns, anything that goes with powder coating, your ceramic coatings. Really anything that's custom," said Kutcher.

Though many small businesses have had difficulties during the pandemic, Kutcher says that their business seems to have picked up this year.

"Everybody [seems to have taken] their money that went to go touring across the world and decided to start buying toys. They've made me very busy because people don't like boring looking stuff. They come to me and say, I want you to design something on their quads, their motorcycles, even their firearms, anything," said Kutcher.

"I know it's a strange thing to think of a small business opening during COVID times but with the way, our other business went it's the smart direction,"

The local family is not only opening this new business but expanding

Selkirk Fiberglass and Plastic Repairs to a new shop in Gimli where they will have more room to be work on repair work and also providing custom painting services for people who don't want to go down the do it yourself route.

The grand opening of BadAss Custom Coatings will be on April 1 and residents are invited to stop by their new location at 227 Manitoba Ave and check it out.



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Selkirk Council considers leaving Red River Planning District

Public meeting allowed city to present information and residents to have their say

By Katelyn Boulanger

The City of Selkirk held a virtual public meeting on March 23 to discuss the possibility of leaving the Red River Planning District, the organization that has provided planning and building development services to the city since 1977.

To start off the meeting Dale Lyle, municipal consultant at Way To Go Consulting, presented his findings after being engaged by the city of Selkirk to undertake a cost-benefit analysis of Red River planning district membership versus a city department for the provision of planning and building services.

He looked at overall services that RRPD are providing, building permit services, and the planning services separately to get an overall picture of the services provided by RRPD.

The analysis showed that while Selkirk provided 29 per cent of RRPD revenues, 22 per cent if you discount the permit for the hospital which was \$1.3 million and is not something that would come around regularly, the city received 17 per cent of service outputs from the RRPD.

"That's total outputs and there's a lot of auxiliary services that the planning district is providing but primarily from the city's perspective and core services that you look at a planning district providing and that you must

provide as a municipality are planning and building functions so the planning functions," said Lyle.

In conclusion, he found that the RRPD has the financial stability and staffing resources to provide planning and building inspection services required by Selkirk but concluded that, "based on the foregoing analysis, the City of Selkirk is not receiving a level of service that's commensurate with the revenues generated by Selkirk."

Selkirk's CAO Duane Nicol then discussed how the city might go about leaving the RRPD if they were to do so and why the city is considering this option.

He said that the City of Selkirk is very different now than it was in 1977 when it first joined the planning district and it will be better able to handle operations of a planning department on its own with the staff that they already have and the hiring of three additional planning staff.

He also explained that if the withdrawal were to occur they would want the split to happen on Jan. 2, 2022.

"This is for lots of good reasons. One is just to make sure that we have enough runway so that on both sides of the desk so there is enough time to do the work that we would need to do. Also, it just makes the auditing and financial picture much clearer. Also, it gives both organizations time to

budget appropriately for operations in 2022 in a new operating environment," he said.

Nicol does not believe that the timeline will be particularly challenging for either group.

Jennifer Ferguson, the executive director of the RRPD, also spoke at the meeting taking time to explain the concerns that she had about the transition but also voicing her support for whichever decision the city makes.

"We appreciate that you're working to ensure you represent your citizens to the best of your capacity and we respect your right to provide planning, permitting and compliance services and the best way you see fit," said Ferguson.

She said that there were four key considerations that the city should take into account in their decision-making process—the value the RRPD provides, the quality customer service, the benefits of regionalism, and withdrawal consideration.

She defended the RRPD's record and mentioned their recently implemented service improvements.

"The Red River planning district recently increased staffing to focus on permit plan reviews and reduce processing times. In January and February alone payment processing times for dwellings dropped by an average of 64%. Despite having more applications in 2021 than in 2020. It's important that we be clear about the quality of our services. The five other remaining municipalities within the RRPD

are pleased with the services that are being provided now and excited about more positive changes on the way," said Ferguson.

She also expressed that suggesting that their customer service is not up to par was not within the facts.

Many residents then took to the Zoom line to discuss their experience with RRPD many expressing frustration with permitting processes and others saying that their experiences working with the city in past on other matters has been very smooth and so they hope that this will transfer over if the city chooses to withdraw.

Members representing the other rural municipalities who make up the RRPD also spoke defending the RRPD and discussing their concerns about the cost of the withdrawal.

Larry Johannson closed the night off the night explaining the next steps in the process.

"So everybody's clear on where we're going with this, there can be no further communication of any kind with counsel or members about this matter. Following this public hearing, Selkirk council will consider the matter and will be determined whether to make a formal application to the Minister of Municipal Relations to be removed from the Red River planning district. When council makes its decision all persons who made a representation at this hearing will be notified," said Johannson.

Officials make only minor changes to public health orders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's leaders have opted to stay the course when it comes to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Health and government officials made only minor changes to the public health orders that expired last week.

The new orders, which are in place until April 15, keep Manitoba at the critical/red level on the pandemic response system.

All previous restrictions remain, but the new orders do allow for gathering limits at outdoor public spaces (not private ones) to increase to 25 people from the previous 10.

Weddings and funerals are also now allowed 25 guests, up as well from 10.

Retail stores are still limited to 50 per cent capacity, but in-store limits are now expanded to 500 people, whichever is lower.

Finally, the province also relaxed rules for drive-in events, allowing

people to leave their vehicles while still observing public health measures.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial health officer, stressed the necessity of this cautious approach to reopening.

"We don't have nearly the amount of vaccination coverage that we need to change our public health measures, but we can be optimistic that more and more vaccine is on its way," he said.

"We just need to be cautious for the near future.

"We'll be able to look at further reopening steps after spring break

and Passover and Easter, as our data supports," Roussin said. "We all need to continue to work together to keep these numbers down. We all know what happened following Thanksgiving gatherings early in our second wave and we have to continue to avoid

that from happening again.

"The variants of concern just add to that level of risk right now. We know these variants spread much more readily."

Premier Brian Pallister said these

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COVID-19 variant cases on the rise

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The number of COVID-19 variant cases in Manitoba continues to rise.

Public health officials announced 136 confirmed cases of the more contagious variants of the virus on Monday, the bulk (117) popping up in Winnipeg.

At press time, Manitoba's total number of variant cases was at 259. The number of active COVID-19 cases overall, meanwhile, was 1,117. There were a total of 149 COVID-19 hospitalizations, 27 ICU patients.

The total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 was 934 at the start of the week.

This big jump in variant cases is due in part to the way the province is identifying them, explained Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"To date, we have only been reporting sequence-positive VOCs [variants of concern], but because our manner of screening has become so precise, Manitoba will now start to report on all samples that screen positive as a variant of concern," he said, noting sequencing is a much more time-intensive process and not always necessary for identification. "That's why today we're going to see a jump in the number of variant of concern cases, because now we've included ones that have just screened positive that would have been pending sequenc-

ing in the past."

The B117 variant first detected in the United Kingdom is rapidly becoming a much more common strain here in Manitoba.

"One day last week up to a third of our cases had screened positive for B117, and this is showing us that the B117 strain, like many other jurisdictions in Canada, is becoming the predominant strain," Roussin said. "We know these [variants] are here, we can see in other jurisdictions they're leading to an increase in transmission, an increase in hospitalization at younger ages, and an increase in severity, so this is why we need to ensure we are staying on guard against the transmission of the virus."

Monday also saw the province announce 53 new cases of COVID-19 across the province, bringing the total of lab-confirmed cases over the past year to 33,975.

Interlake-Eastern began the week with 25 active cases and five hospitalizations (two in ICU). There have been 2,417 recoveries and 37 deaths in the region.

Pushing pause on the Astrazeneca vaccine

The province Monday announced Manitobans age 64 years and up and First Nations people age 44 and over are now eligible for the vaccine.

Details about vaccine eligibility can

be found online <https://protectmb.ca>. Appointments can be made there or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC.

Vaccine task force medical lead Dr. Joss Reimer also announced they are halting use of the AstraZeneca vaccine in people under the age of 55 due to safety concerns.

"Despite the findings that there was no increased risk of blood clots overall related to AstraZeneca in Europe, a rare but very serious side effect has been seen primarily in young women in Europe," she said. "Out of an abundance of caution, Manitoba will be recommending that these vaccines only be used in people who are 55 and older at this time [specifically people 55-64 with a high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes]."

"This is a pause while we wait for more information to better understand what we are seeing in Europe," Reimer said. "This is an important and evidence-based change ... we have to respond to what we know when we know it in this vaccine campaign, which does sometimes mean adjusting our plans in real time."

The latest research shows the likelihood of these negative side effects with the AstraZeneca vaccine is between one in 100,000 to one in a million.

"To date we have not seen any of these cases in Manitoba, nor in Canada," Reimer noted.

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new orders follow the priorities identified by Manitobans who filled out a public survey asking them to weigh in on a few proposed changes.

"At every step of the way throughout this pandemic we have endeavoured as a government to reach out directly to Manitobans to get their input, feedback, and priorities on a variety of measures designed to project Manitobans from this deadly virus," he said.

"And when we ask Manitobans for their input we listen to it."

Nearly 32,000 people responded to the call for feedback, most expressing discomfort at the idea of going down to code orange restrictions too quickly.

"The announcement we made today is at least in part because of the input

we got from Manitobans," Pallister said. "I understand we're not going to make everyone happy ... but at the end of the day what we come up with as the plan is our plan. And so I encourage Manitobans to stick with the plans that we've outlined, follow the health orders, because that's how we make it work."

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Canada's strategy to delay second doses of COVID-19 vaccine questioned

By Patricia Barrett

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), which provides advice to Canada's Public Health Agency of Canada, has recommended delaying second doses of COVID-19 vaccines by up to four months contrary to vaccine manufacturers' data and guidelines.

The advice comes after interruptions in vaccine supply around the world and is based on general vaccine knowledge about interruptions in dosing.

"Morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 is ongoing. Extending the interval to the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine maximizes vaccine supply to immunize the largest number of people as quickly as possible," states the NACI in its March 16 recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines. "Principles of immunology indicate that a minimum interval of four months between priming and boosting doses of a vaccine series results in a better, more durable response."

NACI adds that no data on a "maximum interval between doses or on medium- or long-term efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines" are currently available. But the real-world effectiveness of the vaccines suggests "sustained high levels of protection."

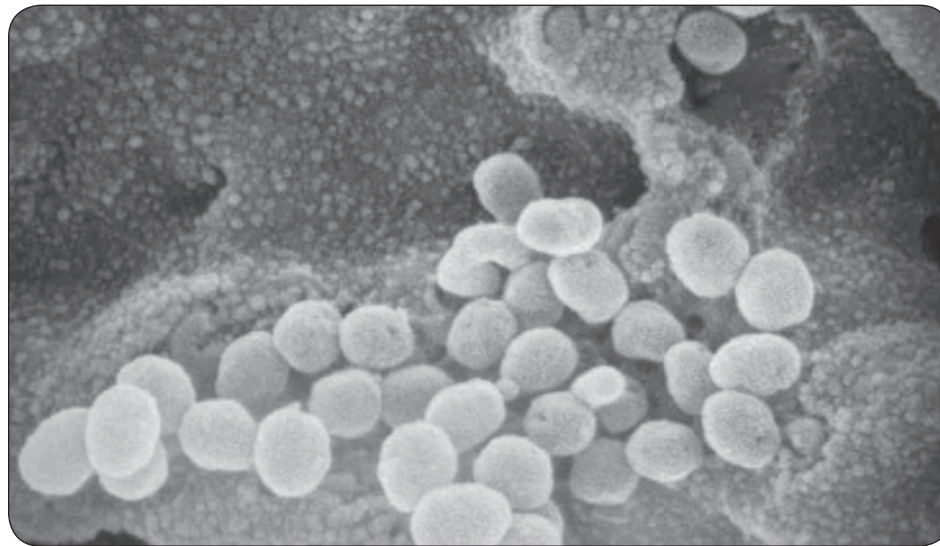
Data of efficacy provided by COVID vaccine manufacturers, such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, are based on intervals of three or four weeks between the first and second doses.

A number of researchers have said delaying the second dose of the COVID vaccine beyond manufacturers' recommendations may not be an effective strategy despite the vaccine shortage as older people and those with compromised immune systems could be most negatively affected.

Canada's chief science advisor Mona Nemer, a molecular genetics specialist, said tinkering with the dosing timeline of COVID vaccines – when there is no evidence to support a lengthy delay – may not be the best way to go. Both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's vaccine efficacies are based on an interval of three or four weeks, not several months.

"The studies so far and the vast majority of data that we have on the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccine are from studies where they were given three to four weeks apart, not three to four months apart," said Nemer during an interview with CBC. "So I think it's really important we stick with the data and the great science that gave us these fantastic vaccines and not tinker with it."

Medical research from the U.K., which has yet to be evaluated and



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The COVID-19 virus. More infectious variants of the virus are circulating in Manitoba.

certified, suggests a four-month interval between first and second doses of a COVID vaccine may not provide enough protection for older people and those with compromised immune systems.

The clinical trial titled, "Interim results of the safety and immune-efficacy of 1 versus 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine BNT162b2 [Pfizer-BioNTech] for cancer patients in the context of the UK vaccine priority guidelines," which is posted on the medRxiv preprint server, studied 151 cancer patients, the majority of whom were elderly.

The authors found that the "immune efficacy of a single inoculum in ... cancer patients was strikingly low (below 40 per cent) and very low in haematological cancer patients (below 15 per cent)."

Efficacy was improved to 95 per cent in cancer patients who received a second dose of the COVID vaccine at 21 days.

Delayed boosting, the research team concluded, can potentially leave most cancer patients "wholly or partially unprotected, with implications for their own health, their environment and the evolution of VOC [variants of concern] strains."

Because the study has yet to be evaluated by the medical peer-review system, the findings cannot be relied on to guide healthcare practices.

Almost 23,000 people across Canada have died from COVID. Manitoba's death toll stands at 933. Worldwide almost 2.8 million people have died (data: Johns Hopkins University, March 27).

More contagious variants of the virus – 109 confirmed cases of the U.K. variant (B117) and 14 of the South Africa variant (B1351) – have been identified in Manitoba as of last Saturday. COVID continues

to spread across the province with warnings of exposures on buses and airlines, including at least three flights this month between Winnipeg and Toronto and Montreal. The Manitoba government loosened restrictions on

gathering sizes and retail store capacity last month despite the rise of variants.

Seven vaccines are being administered in countries around the world, as of mid-February, and more than 200 vaccine candidates are in development, according to the World Health Organization.

On its COVID information website, the WHO said the vaccines will be a "gamechanger" but for the foreseeable future "we must continue wearing masks, physical distancing and avoiding crowds."

Those who have received a COVID inoculation shouldn't presume they're protected.

"Being vaccinated does not mean that we can throw caution to the wind and put ourselves and others at risk, particularly because it is still not clear the degree to which the vaccines can protect not only against disease, but also against infection and transmission," states the WHO.

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Education bill to dissolve school divisions delayed by opposition NDP

By Patricia Barrett

A provincial Conservative bill that proposes to dissolve 37 school divisions across the province will be delayed by the Opposition NDP until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Calling Bill 64 a “power grab,” the NDP’s education critic Nello Altomare announced last week his party’s intention to use its powers to delay the 300-plus-page bill in order to give teachers and parents time to read and consider it.

The bill “gets rid of school boards that made decisions for the betterment of kids, not for the advancement of a political agenda,” said Altomare on Twitter.

The government wants to create a single provincial education authority (PEA) composed of a six-to-11-member board that will oversee education and determine the number of schools in communities. It also wants to establish school community councils that will be made up of parents, who’ll be tasked with duties such as the overseeing of hiring teachers and staff, assessing program effectiveness

and recommending disciplinary action.

The government said the changes are necessary in order to improve Manitoba students’ scholastic achievement, which is among the lowest in Canada in some subjects.

Altomare said the bill will remove local voices, allowing decisions to be made by people in Winnipeg with no connection to small towns and also threaten the very survival of small towns as no one will want to live in towns that lack schools.

The NDP can delay five bills from proceeding to second reading until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Manitoba School Boards Association president Alan Campbell said the bill won’t likely receive second and third reading and royal assent until November 2021 “at the earliest.”

The NDP’s delay is important in that it “changes timelines,” said Campbell by phone last week.

It will give people time to review the extensive bill, the recommendations made by the K-12 education commission and weigh the government’s new

strategy. It will also give people time to prepare to speak about the changes before a House standing committee, which will review the bill after it passes second reading.

Campbell said “close to 200 people” have already signed up to speak at the committee hearings.

“Once it receives second reading, it moves pretty quickly to third reading and royal assent,” said Campbell. “For all of us in education that are trying to raise Manitobans’ awareness about the damage this proposed legislation will do, we now have time to review it.”

Campbell is providing regular updates on the issue via brief recorded videos (under two minutes or so) that are being posted on the association’s Twitter site.

In a post last week, Campbell said the delay will allow educators to understand the contents of Bill 64 and to “hold it up beside the report from the K-12 review commission and ask questions about why the government is proposing legislation that ignores so many important aspects of that



MSBA president Alan Campbell

million-dollar, K-12 review report.”

The association, which provides leadership and advocacy to school divisions and educators, is encouraging people to register and speak before the House committee whose dates will be announced later this year. People can call the Office of the Clerk at the Legislature (204-945-3636) to register.

What does new education reform mean for LSSD?

Submitted by Lord Selkirk School Division Board of Trustees

On Monday, March 15, Education Minister, Cliff Cullen released the long-awaited K – 12 Education Review that was undertaken in 2019. In addition, Bill 64, the Education Modernization Act was shared and would replace the Public Schools Act.

With the release of these documents, Cullen said, “Broad-sweeping education reform is planned. The strategy introduces much-needed change to create a unified provincial education system that is accountable for results, classroom-focused, student-centred and parent friendly, leading to the most improved education system in Canada.”

Bill 64 proposes that the existing 37 school divisions will be reduced to 15 regions while maintaining DSFM, Manitoba’s francophone school division. School Boards would be eliminated. School Community Councils (SCC) would be formed made up of parents in each school with local decision making about student outcomes, mental health and well-being as a focus. These SCCs will replace existing Parent Advisory Councils. SCCs will play a significant role in advising the principal of the school on key issues, including policies and priorities of the school, recommendations for hiring staff and their evaluations, and reviewing the implementation of school

policies.

Each region will elect a parent to the Provincial Advisory Council to advise the Minister of Education on the strengths and needs of the community, educational programming and student achievement, learning outcomes, and the effectiveness of educational programming.

The government anticipates saving \$40 million through the implementation of the new structure in July, 2022, but did not identify how these funds will be saved.

Control of collective bargaining, procurement, Human Resources, Information Technology and Capital Planning will be centralized.

“Bill 64 was first read in the Fall Sitting of the Manitoba Legislature,” Jack Bogaski, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees said, “but then disappeared from public scrutiny until it was brought forward on March 15. In the last week, the Opposition Party delayed the 2nd Reading of the Bill until the Fall Sitting – likely November, 2021. In the time since the release, more than 150 individuals have registered to speak to the Standing Committee on Bill 64.”

What is the local effect? Lord Selkirk School Division will combine with Interlake School Division to form a Region.

“With the Provincial Advisory Council on Education (PACE), one

parent will represent 31 schools and over 7,000 students”, said Chair of the Board, Lena Kublick. “We are concerned about the equity of representation: will the voices of the diverse students and families be heard? Not all parents will be able to participate, and frankly, we are very concerned about the representation for Indigenous families, children with additional needs, children in care, minority groups. And in the era of virtual meeting, connectivity is not assured and would impact participation.”

She went on to say, “Another concern is the lack of community member voice — of individuals who are invested in education but do not have children in schools. And, with the centralization of procurement, what will that mean for “shop local”? The most glaring omission is how this newly structured Education Authority is going to address the root cause of absenteeism, lower achievement and that is poverty. There needs to be a developed strategy that focuses on addressing poverty and the attainment gap in education – surely felt and recognized in every division in this province. In LSSD, we have augmented meal programs in all our schools. We offer a Summer Explorers Program to mitigate learning loss in the summer for families who benefit from this additional school support. A walking bus ensures that students are

picked up and dropped off each day for the two-week program.”

Three schools in the division have full-time Kindergarten in communities where Early Developmental Indices (EDI) scores indicate gaps in school readiness skills. The province funds half time Kindergarten and the division funds the other half.

“Our goal has always been equity, and while that doesn’t mean “equal”, it does mean that we endeavour to meet the needs of all our students. By virtue of the title, public school, we don’t pick and choose who attends: we need to provide for the struggling students as well as the most gifted,” stated Bogaski. “A centralized approach, with ‘one size fits all’ does not take that into account.”

“There will be no immediate changes to the functioning of the schools or division office, and Senior Administration and the Board will continue to serve the students, families and staff of the division with educational care and excellence”, indicated Superintendent Jerret Long.

Senior Administration and Trustees have been inundated with questions and concerns about the proposed changes.

A virtual Town Hall meeting will be held on April 7 at 7pm to share information and respond to questions. For more information, see LSSD.ca.

Introducing the new April exhibit at the Gwen Fox Gallery

Artists Patricia Anderson, Sharon Routley, Patti Simko and Elsie Wyspanski provide inspiration at the gallery this month

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Gwen Fox Gallery will have four new artists' works to get your creative juices flowing with many pieces inspired by nature in this month's exhibit.

Patricia Anderson

Anderson's work will stand out to people because of the unique mediums she uses to create her masterpieces her work is done primarily in glass and fibre with multilayered works that bring a fun variety to the works on display.

"I have a glass studio and I work with fused glass, and mostly landscapes and then just about three years ago, I was introduced to felt wool. So I work with both felt and glass. I just I think I just like the tactile [nature of the mediums]," said Anderson.

She initially was inspired by the mosaics on the floors of churches and other building in England which led to her interest in glass art, however, moving to Balmoral where she now resides there were limited options as far as mosaic workshops to learn from so she started with stained glass then moved on to fused glass.

The inspiration for her more recent work comes from nature particularly her travels throughout Manitoba when she would take photos, which she uses as a starting point for her pieces.

She also finds that learning new skills keeps her engaged with art and is currently pursuing a fine arts degree which she says is very rewarding as her teachers allow her to complete assignments in her chosen mediums of felt and glass.

"I want [people who come into the gallery this month] to understand that art is not only acrylics, watercolour or oil, which that's what everybody thinks, yeah. But there are other mediums that you can use. And you can just get some phenomenal effects with it," said Anderson.

Sharon Routley

Routley has been interested in art since she was young having taken interior design classes before obtaining her accounting degree but started to pursue her art more seriously after her retirement.

Though she doesn't stick to one medium exhibiting watercolour, acrylic, and oil paintings at the gallery this month her impressionistic interpretation of her subject matter makes her paintings pop.

Her art inspiration comes from her travels throughout Canada with rural scenery from trips to Newfoundland, Winnipeg and her cottage in Lunder on the walls of the gallery this month.

She hopes that visitors to the gallery this month get inspired to try their hand at their own art.

"I'd like them to have a nice feeling when they leave and [I hope] they saw something interesting," said Routley.

Elsie Wyspanski

Wyspanski started making art in her early 80s as something to do to pass the time taking classes at the Gwen Fox Gallery.

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Patti Simko with one of her realistic landscapes.



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Above: Patricia Anderson with her felt art. Below: Elsie Wyspanski with her sunset painting.



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Her artwork in the gallery stands out for its amazing use of bright colours that draw the viewer towards them.

She also works from photos that she takes or is inspired by things that she sees in Selkirk to create her pieces which are done in acrylic.

"I took a picture of a bouquet [that was sent to me by a friend], painted it and gave her the picture. After that a lot of people were sending me flowers," said Wyspinski.

She hopes that newer artists are inspired to just try making art as she says she didn't realize that she could do it until she started. She also thinks that it's important to share your art so that the people around you can keep you inspired to keep up with it.

Patti Simko

Simko's art is the most realistic out of the group of four this month. With beautiful paintings perfectly depicting the views from her home in Lockport, aspects of cottage life, as well as stunning flowers being a treat for visitors to see.

"I've only been painting since really the end of 2017/2018 and I'm self-taught. My daughter one night asked me to come to paint at the table, she's a graphic design student at Red River, she called me over and went, 'Oh, geez, I haven't painted or drawn since I was a kid'. I started painting and I was hooked," said Simko.

She along with the other artists in this month's series is primarily inspired by her surrounding and nature.



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Sharon Routley with one of her impressionistic paintings.

"Nature is one of those things that you know, I don't often need a reference photo. Because I can just sort of dream it up in my head. It's familiar. It's comforting and soothing," said Simko.

She also is very specific about the colours in her photos wanting the mood to be captured by the specific colours that she chooses to use.

She says that because she is a newer artist there is no particular method to the madness when it comes to how she goes about painting but she loves acrylic paint for its quick dry time and ability to change things if you don't like the initial outcome.

"It's very meditative. When I'm in the zone, I don't have to think about all of this stuff that's going on in the world. Even if you can go ten minutes without thinking about what's happening outside, it's a good ten minutes. I just find it very calming," she said.

Simko hopes that people that come to the gallery this month are drawn to her paintings and that they come away with a sense of peace and nostalgia.

She encourages everyone to take some time out of their schedules to visit the gallery this month.

"This gallery is a hidden gem. There is no doubt about it," said Simko, "I think that people would be absolutely amazed to see the quality of the work."



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Virtual child abuse seminar to be offered in Selkirk

Little Warriors Prevent it! program to help educate parents and public

By Nicole Buffie

The Aboriginal Headstart Program in Selkirk is seeking to educate parents and children on the telltale signs of child and sexual abuse by offering a virtual program on recognizing those signs and what to do about it.

The Little Warriors Prevent it! Workshop will be a free, virtual presentation to help the public and educators prevent and respond to child sexual abuse through an interactive workshop. The Little Warriors program, an Alberta-based organization seeks

to spread awareness of the issue and also acts as an advocacy agency for victims of childhood sexual abuse.

Kathy Duncan, program coordinator for the Aboriginal Headstart Program, said she hopes the offering will help both parents of the headstart program and employees as well.

"We just felt that we were lacking in regard to just knowing the signs and having to deal with not only as parents ourselves but as educators," she said.

"Especially with COVID right now,

we have a lot of families that are at home; they can't get out to school, they can't get out to their normal routine. You think that home is a safe place, but sometimes it's not."

The AHP, an entity sponsored by the Selkirk Friendship Centre, is a holistic program designed to meet the needs of families, culture and language, social support, nutrition and education. The free preschool-age program supports families in exchange for volunteer hours to keep the program running as it's funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. In exchange for providing the program to their children, parents are asked for six hours of volunteer time in return.

Duncan said she hopes the Little

Warriors program will help her and the staff at AHP be more in tune with the children they care for, as well as help parents listen for signs of abuse that they may not have previously noticed.

"Not only for our own children, but for all children we have to be an advocate," she said. "And empower the parents to have a voice for not only themselves but for their children on sexual and child abuse."

The free program is open to the public and will take place on Apr. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is available to register for by calling 204-482-6419 or emailing sfcahs@mymts.net.

Tourism not dead yet: RRNT AGM

Annual meeting cites industry still alive and well

By Nicole Buffie

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic taking a massive toll on the tourism sector, the Red River North Tourism association is keeping afloat, crediting the pivot to virtual events and community engagement.

During RRNT's Annual General Meeting on Mar. 24 via Zoom, the board discussed losses and gains in 2020; their biggest loss being the annual Art and Garden Show, but the gain being Holiday Alley's ingenuity to pivot to virtual events garnering attention from across the province and even in different parts of the world.

As part of Holiday Alley's efforts to expand their viewership, the organization reached out to the different Selkirks of the world — towns and cities bearing the same name in places like Scotland, New York and Ontario to name a few. A video of a musical theatre group from Selkirk, Scotland was even submitted to Holiday Alley TV, the virtual showing of events that would usually take place in person over the course of the weekend festival of lights and culture at Christmas time.

"How do we grow tourism? A good place to start is those Selkirks for who we have a historical relationship with," said Shirley Muir, co-founder of Holiday Alley.

While Travel Manitoba states the tourism sector will take years to recover from the pandemic, predicting it won't be until 2024 the province sees 2019-level numbers, RRNT is looking to take advantage of tourists looking to explore around their home communities

rather than travelling out of province.

"Our goals, however, remain unchanged: the Red River North seeks to be an all-seasons centre of culture and heritage, with recreational opportunities and unique features along the historic Red River," said Lois Wales, President of RRNT during the annual meeting.

The organization, while having to cut down on print material and advertisements in addition to exploring other cost-efficient means of promoting tourism in the area, didn't take a huge financial hit with the organization ending the fiscal year in a surplus of thousands of dollars.

"We had to take stock for a little bit when all of this hit. But then when summertime came, we realized that it's perfect for our area because we could let people enjoy the great outdoors, all of the hidden gems that we have in Red River North are perfect to come and explore further during the day," said Merilee Mollard, treasurer for RRNT.

As for planning for the year ahead, Mollard said while the future is unknown RRNT is well equipped to handle whatever comes their way.

"From the treasurer's standpoint, there is not a budget out there that has been gone over as many times as our budget for 2021. You can plan for something and then if numbers go up then you have to pivot again and I think the big thing is we've got a really enthusiastic group of volunteers that run Red River North Tourism, and we just keep pivoting. We'll keep changing things up."



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Burden of Truth ends with fourth season finale

By Katelyn Boulanger

It was announced last week that this fourth season of Burden of Truth, which is filmed in Selkirk and Winnipeg, will be the last one for fans of Joanna Hanley, Billy Crawford and the rest of the gang.

"I'll be sad to see Burden of Truth finish but I have had discussions with the production company and there's more in line for Selkirk. There are more things coming down the pipe and I think, in the next few years, there's going to be a lot of catching up to do with the pandemic [putting a pause on other productions]," said Selkirk mayor Larry Johannson.

He thinks that Selkirk's versatility is what attracts so many productions to the area from Capote, which was one of Selkirk's earliest films, to Burden of Truth now and will continue to attract film and TV productions in the future.

Going into this final season Kyle Irving, executive producer Burden of Truth and partner in Eagle Vision, said that the team knew it was going to be the last.

"When we started the show, we imagined it to be a three season and, you know, after season three, we really felt like the story's not quite done

yet. There's a little more to tell and so we decided to do a fourth season but going into it, knowing that that would be the last," said Irving.

Though he says he will miss the Burden of Truth family, he was proud to be able to bring this TV show that represented our region to a national stage for four seasons.

"It'll forever be a show that was made here and set here and about here. Even though it's fictionalized, we were able to show off our beautiful province, and the greater Winnipeg and Selkirk area every week on national television for four years. So, you know, there's a great deal of value in that. I don't get sad or think about missing it because I just shot three days in Selkirk this week," said Irving.

Eagle Vision will also be staying busy, despite Burden of Truth's filming being finished, with a new TV series and a feature film in the works for the company in the near future but Irving says that they do intend to continue to look at Selkirk as an option for future productions.

"The support we had from [the local] government and the community itself was incredible. We treasure that, and we can't wait to continue working



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Burden of Truth actors Kristin Kreuk and Peter Mooney catch up on the latest news in Selkirk.

with the fine people of Selkirk and the region," said Irving.

Johannson agrees hoping to see the Eagle Vision team back soon.

With Burden of Truth, Eagle Vision has been nothing but the greatest for the city of Selkirk. They treat every-

body so well, anybody's whose homes they used for a set, any businesses that they patronize, halls that they rented for meals for the staff and actors. They have been just fantastic to the city," he said.

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Steelcity Physiotherapy celebrates 10 years

Family-run business reflects on a decade

By Nicole Buffie

If you were to tell Corinne and Brad Bobrowich 10 years ago that their 7 clients seeking pain relief would turn into 10 times that amount in the coming years, they wouldn't believe you.

The high school sweethearts turned business partners are celebrating a decade of Steelcity Physiotherapy on April 4 and they want to thank the community for getting them this far.

"Sometimes rural folks get forgotten," said Corinne from their upgraded building on Main St. where they moved from a humble 2000 square foot building to one triple that size in 2017.

Meeting as teenagers then graduating from the same physiotherapy program at the University of Manitoba one year apart, the duo worked separately at private practices in Winnipeg and around the Interlake region before becoming partners with another couple at a business in Stonewall.

"Then we had our children and our family, and then it just became a little more challenging to drive through the Interlake and manage all these clinics that we were involved with," Corinne said of the decision to start their own practice.

"It just made sense for us as a family."



Corinne and Brad Bobrowich are celebrating the ten year anniversary of their business Steelcity Physiotherapy on April 4.

Many would think getting into business with your significant other would be difficult, but for the Bobrowich's it's a natural fit.

"We both have our roles, and they both work out so it really wasn't as big of a challenge for us personally to venture into a business together," Corinne said.

While all the puzzle pieces fell into place with ease, she said the only difficult part of venturing into business together was dealing with the unknown.

"It was a bit challenging just to take a complete leap of faith here and hope that things are gonna work out," she said.

That leap worked out for them as their business with only five staff grew faster than they expected, with old clients in Stonewall travelling for their services and new clients walking through the door that would soon become regulars and a team of 29.

"As we were going through what we wanted to do here and how we wanted our business to be, the biggest thing we wanted to make sure we did was to give back to the community because we grew up here and so we kind of knew that early on we were going

to try to be a part of the community in more ways than we had already been," Corrine said.

The business's philanthropic endeavours extended to hockey programs and providing bursaries to schools in the area, a testament to the duo's dedication to their hometown.

"We tried to really make sure we provided a lot of give back to the community."

Even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the clinic has kept its doors open as much as possible to serve the needs of clients, remaining available during months of lockdowns on an urgent or emergency basis. The 6000 square-foot space they moved into four years ago as a result of quick growth worked out in their favour as it provides adequate room for social distancing and the following of provincial health protocols.

As for the future of Steelcity, Corrine says her and Brad plan to keep the business in the community as a way to keep their services accessible for residents and clients.

"I don't anticipate slowing down the next 10 years; we obviously want to maybe slowly work our way out of the clinic, but for us, this is our baby. It's a hard thing for us to step back and try to pull back from so it's sort of an ongoing unknown."

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New youth hub coming to downtown Selkirk

Centre to serve Indigenous and non-Indigenous young adults in the works

By Nicole Buffie

The Province of Manitoba announced the creation of five new youth hubs across the province, including one to be opened in downtown Selkirk.

"Navigating the system to find the right services, especially when it comes to mental health and addictions, can be daunting for youth," said Mental Health, Wellness and Recov-

ery Minister Audrey Gordon. "Each of these Youth Hubs will bring together mental health care, addiction services, primary care, peer support and other social services together in one youth-friendly site."

The site at 620 Manitoba Ave. will be the new home to the Selkirk Youth Hub Initiative, a tentative name for the space until its projected opening at the end of the year.

"Across Manitoba and in Canada there are many barriers in accessing services and supports. So this is something that we want to make sure that we're trying to reach out and trying to develop services for that need," said Lynette McDonald, executive director of the initiative and Peguis Community Support and Services, a partner in the site's creation.

The space will provide mental health, addiction, sexual health employment and education services to youth in the Interlake area.

"It's a one-stop-shop model," said McDonald of the incoming organization.

The creation of the facilities came from the VIRGO Report, a provincially commissioned assessment outlining recommendations for the needs of mental health and addictions services for residents. The report found more services were needed across the province for youths aged 12-29 and the province issued a call for proposals in November 2020.

"Now is the time to start looking at these [recommendations] and how can we assist within the Selkirk area and Interlake region to address some

of that and to assist," McDonald said.

To ensure the site's success, McDonald said they are creating a consulting committee from the region's youth and their families to take suggestions for how the hub is run and what additional services are wanted.

"Not only that, but we're trying to bring in suggestions from the cultural side of things and hearing youth from Peguis First Nation too so we're inviting that voice to come as well to this table so that it's in collaboration," she said.

"It's for the youth, by the youth."

Funding for the Selkirk hub is coming in part from the provincial government in the sum of \$177,000 as a capital startup and \$400,000 to be provided next year. Three of the five centres announced will be located in Winnipeg and another in Brandon.

Primary partners for the creation of the site include the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, the Lord Selkirk School Division, the START Program and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Tim's for frontline workers



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Tim Horton's showed up with coffee and donuts for front line workers at the Selkirk Home Hardware March 16th. The Tim Horton's For Good program has been delivering treats to the good people working to keep our country going from coast to coast throughout the pandemic.

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Stonewall family raises \$3,000 for local organizations helping people with Down syndrome

By Patricia Barrett

To mark World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, a Stonewall family raised \$3,000 for two local organizations that support people who live with the condition.

Alan Campbell, his wife Alycia and their daughters Lucy and Maggie (who has Down syndrome) held their first Down fundraiser last month to support the programs offered by Play and Learn Baby Sign Language (formerly called Little Signing Stars) and Community Living Interlake.

"The reaction we had from our friends, family members and colleagues was just incredible," said Alan Campbell, who is the Interlake School Division's chair of the board of trustees. "We're really pleased to report that we raised \$3,000."

The funds poured in from people in communities such as Stonewall, Selkirk, Teulon, Stony Mountain, St. Andrews and St. Clements, as well as from Winnipeg and those outside the province.

Down syndrome is also referred to as Trisomy 21, which is a triplication of the 21st chromosome that naturally occurs in the human population and causes varying degrees of intellectual and physical ability.

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day that has been endorsed by the United Nations since 2012. Organizations, advocates and families can take part in



Maggie Campbell

a number of activities to raise awareness of issues such as the rights of those with the condition to be treated equally and be included in society.

Activities to mark the day include highlighting the contributions made by people with Down syndrome, launching a fundraiser to improve services for them, lighting up landmarks in blue and yellow or wearing a pair of stand-out socks (mismatched, colourful or sporting unusual designs) that will get noticed and spark a conversation about the purpose behind them.

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- ALAN CAMPBELL

The Campbell family's decision to hold the fundraiser came after a groundswell of support they received last year during the early days of the COVID-19 lockdown. They had "dozens and dozens" of friends and family members share photos of themselves wearing "fun" socks as a way to mark the worldwide event and to show their support for Maggie.

"That proved to be really valuable for us and everyone else in those early days of lockdown as a meaningful way to connect. Maggie's smiling face is a great way to



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

The family of two-year-old Maggie Campbell raised \$3,000 for Stonewall-based organizations serving the needs of people with Down syndrome.



RECORD PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Maggie, Alycia, Alan and Lucy Campbell presented a \$2,000 cheque to Community Living Interlake employee Dustin Barbour and executive director Jimm Simon on March 29. The donation is money that was raised through Epicure 'weeknight dinner' spice sales.

brighten someone's day; she's a bundle of positivity and happiness," said Campbell. "This year we decided to build on that incredible reaction and outpouring of love for Maggie by doing a fundraiser to mark the day."

The family raised the money through Epicure, a company that offers an assortment of gluten-free seasonings and recipes. When people purchased a \$25 dinner package, a portion of the

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Health Foundation donates \$17,500 to programs and services

by Staff

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) staff contributed \$17,500 to nine organizations that benefit patients and residents from across the region. The Five Dollar Club is the RHA's staff-led, corporate giving program where staff voluntarily contribute five dollars to Interlake Eastern Health Foundation through payroll deductions, and then collectively decide where to donate the money. Nine programs benefitted from the generosity of staff, and below is a snapshot of each donation.

Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba receives \$4,000

Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba



Janelle Wotton
Community Dietitian & Strategic
Initiatives Manager

is a charitable organization dedicated to helping school children learn, grow, and succeed by supporting breakfast, snack, and lunch programs. They're unique because they're based in Manitoba and all of the funds raised stay here, reaching children in regions across the province.

"These programs help address an immediate need for nutrition support in our schools and communities, as well as work towards a brighter future for Manitoba students by ensuring all students have an equal opportunity to learn in the classroom and at home," Wendy Bloomfield, Chair, Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba.



Left to right, Morgan Chaye (Family Birthing Unit assistant), Jamie Brown (FBU CRN) and Dr. Margaret Speer (Obstetrical lead).

Selkirk Regional Health Centre (family birthing unit) receives \$2,651 for a new breast pump

Currently the family birthing unit only has one breast pump. When there are multiple mothers in care, another pump would be well utilized. The family birthing unit at Selkirk Regional Health Centre is the obstetrical referral site for all low-risk prenatal women in the Interlake-Eastern region, averaging 350 to 400 births per year.

Jamie Brown CRN in the family birthing says the staff are very grateful for this donation from the club.

"This new breast pump will enable us to further promote breastfeeding initiatives and assist new moms to provide nourishment to their newborn by enhancing milk production. We are so grateful for this gift to the family birthing unit!"

Selkirk Regional Health Centre palliative care program receives \$1,000 for a new sleep chair

These funds will be used in conjunction with other donations to purchase a comfortable chair that converts to a bed for family or caregivers that stay overnight with an end of life patient.

Susan Gunderson, the club member recommended the sleep chair after having a friend spend time in the palliative care unit.

"In June of 2020 a friend of mine spent nights sleeping in the palliative care room with her husband. When he passed, she said it would be nice if the palliative care room had a comfortable bed for family members who are staying during long periods of

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Community Living Interlake's Sara Precourt, Tracy Fidler, Ryan Doyle and Janice Kowerko, and seated Eden Zdebiak holding the cheque.

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proceeds went to the fundraiser.

The family donated \$1,000 to Play and Learn Baby Sign Language, which teaches children – including those with Down syndrome – to communicate using sign language.

"We learned that infants and young children with Down syndrome can benefit greatly from learning sign language. It helps with their own vocabulary development and can help them communicate with the world, depending on their level of language skill," said Campbell.

He and wife are confident Maggie can communicate verbally, but there may be words that are easier to learn or express using sign, he said.

The family donated the remaining \$2,000 to Community Living Interlake, which helps adults with intellectual disabilities live inclusive lives in the community through the provision of day programs, housing, job skills and job placement.

Community Living Interlake runs Something Beautiful, a Main Street café offering salads, sandwiches, snacks and baked goods, a gift shop and a performance venue (pre-COV-

ID). Individuals who are part of ACL's day program can work there to gain job skills and interact socially with the community.

In addition to a fabulous lunch menu, Campbell said Something Beautiful is "impressive" in the way it provides meaningful employment and engagement. People with disabilities may not otherwise have an opportunity to interact with the community, especially in a rural setting.

Dining at the café or purchasing a gift is a "contribution" people can make as the funds will support programming. But equally important is the valuable interaction that occurs between the public and the staff, which is of benefit to both.

"It's an important learning experience for the average community member who goes in there and witnesses firsthand the benefits of inclusion and what that means," said Campbell. "When someone with an intellectual disability is helping you, you are literally immersed in the programming that's helping them learn and contribute and have a sense of purpose."

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> THE FIVE DOLLAR CLUB, FROM PG. 19

time with their loved ones."

Susan added "I enjoy being a member of The Five Dollar Club because the donations go towards equipment or items within the RHA or organizations that are chosen by the members!"

Community Living Interlake receives \$2,000 for a new bed mat

Community Living Interlake supports individuals who live with intellectual disabilities. They work with the community to ensure people live meaningful lives in a fully integrated community.

Jimm Simon from Community Living Interlake says the donation will be used to purchase a new bed mat for their shower.

"We have a level entry shower with a shower bed and a Hoyer lift in our facility that we use for some of our individuals and that we also make available to public health for occasional use of individuals they care for. Your donation will be a very much appreciated upgrade to the well-worn bed mat we currently use."

Nova House receives \$1,000 for programming

Nova House is an emergency and transitional shelter for women and children experiencing domestic or family violence. They offer 24-hour, seven-days-a-week accommodations to help support and empower women.

Executive director of Nova House Viktoria Westgate says they are grateful to receive another donation from the club.

"We are so grateful to The Five Dollar Club for thinking of us again this year and providing us this great donation. We have been working on an amazing transformation of our backyard, that will continue in the spring. This money will help us with some finishing touches including enhancing our garden area. The families staying in the shelter will be able to create some great flower and vegetable gardens that they will be able to nurture over the summer."



Selkirk Food Bank's Jack Bird, Rob Robinson, Darlene Zuke, Rose Lavallee and Catherine Moore.

Selkirk Food Bank receives \$2,000

The Selkirk Food bank supports community members by nourishing individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Food banks and other charities are being faced with unprecedented need due to the pandemic.

An anonymous Five Dollar Club member says that the club's contributions have a posi-

tive effect on our communities.

"The contributions made by members of the Five Dollar Club help support programs that benefit the health and wellness of Interlake-Eastern residents and have a positive effect on our communities."

Manitoba Possible receives \$1,500

Manitoba Possible believes an inclusive and accessible society is possible. That's why they work together to eliminate barriers to full and equal participation. Manitoba Possible provides programs and services throughout the province.

Manitoba Possible Coordinator Diana Simpson would like to sincerely thank members of The Five Dollar Club for this donation.

"Manitoba Possible wants to sincerely thank the club for their generous donation. Donations allow Manitoba Possible to continue our work towards making Interlake communities more inclusive and accessible for all."

Beausejour Community Kitchen receives \$2,500

Beausejour Community Kitchen provides meals for those experiencing food insecurity in the Beausejour/Brokenhead area.

Brenda Mousseau of the Beausejour Community Kitchen is so grateful for the donation and tells us that packaging food for the community is their largest expense right now.

"Thank you so much for your generous donation! Your contribution has helped us purchase packaging to send out our 70 plus meals a day to people who require extra help from our pro-

gram. Our numbers have grown from 13 people the first day, on April 21, 2020 to between 70-80 per day, four days a week, and packaging is our largest expense."

Sunnywood Manor residents receive \$700 for new laptop

The facility's current laptop is 10 years old and residents have a hard time seeing and hearing their loved ones during visits.

Brenda Rose-Wiebe, RN, BN and



Manitoba Possible's CEO Dana Erickson, left, and Lindsey Cooke Provincial Services director.

Clinical Team Manager at Sunnywood Manor says the laptop will be well used and is greatly appreciated.

"Receiving a new laptop for resident use is fantastic. It enables individual and group use for all residents, allowing them to stay updated and in touch with current events, music and videos, as well as being able to provide a larger screen for virtual visits with family."

Thank you to all members of The Five Dollar Club for helping to improve care for people and communities across our region!



Nova House staff.

Fast access to one-time loans to protect families at risk of eviction

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$5.6 million to the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPHA) to deliver a rent bank program

that will support stable housing for low-income to moderate-income families, Families Minister Rochelle Squires announced Monday.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted a need to sup-

port renters experiencing an unexpected interruption of income that threatens their tenancies," said Squires. "This Manitoba Rent Bank will ad-

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Francophone community celebrates Manitoba's 150th

After a year delay celebrations begin

Submitted by The Société de la francophonie manitobaine and Manitoba 150

The Société de la francophonie manitobaine (SFM) and Manitoba 150 are pleased to announce Franco 150, a major event for the Francophone community as part of Manitoba's 150th anniversary.

Designed around the theme A story that unites us, Franco 150 includes the production of a series of videos celebrating Manitoba's bilingual communities. They will showcase the people, places, activities, and evolution of the communities found throughout the province. There will also be short comedy clips produced with the communities and eight television specials that will be broadcast on Société Radio-Canada.

Finally, the Gala Franco 150, a grand closing concert that will bring together an impressive array of artists, is planned for the month of October. The presence of in-person spectators

will depend on the health restrictions in place at the time of the concert, but the show will be broadcast online for everyone's enjoyment.

All this programming will be made available on various platforms thanks to our media partners such as La Liberté, Société Radio-Canada, the Franco 150 website (www.franco150.ca) and Facebook.

"Franco 150 is an initiative that will bring together Francophone communities from all regions of the province around a common project to mark this year of celebration," said SFM President Christian Monnin. "Manitoba's Francophonie has been an integral part of the province's identity since its founding over 150 years ago. The SFM invites you to celebrate our great community and we hope that many of you will take part in this series of cultural and community celebrations!"

The SFM, with the support of its community partners, is leading the overall organization of this major

project and Les Productions Rivard is responsible for the production of the videos, the television specials, and the closing concert.

"What an honour for the team at Les Productions Rivard to participate in the province's 150th anniversary celebrations and to collaborate with so many people," says Louis Paquin, executive producer of Les Productions Rivard. "The programming will celebrate our communities, our artists, our diversity and the passion that drives us."

"It's never too late to celebrate the important contributions of the Francophone community to the history of our province!" says Rochelle Squires, Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs. "By marking Manitoba's 150th anniversary with Franco 150: A story that unites us, Francophones and Francophiles will have the opportunity to come together - if only virtually - to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and dream about the future of a Manitoba that is stronger because of its bilingualism. I am therefore

delighted to support the French-language activities organized by the community as part of Manitoba 150."

"Through Franco 150's A story that unites us, Manitoba 150 is excited to share our Francophone communities' stories, language, and culture across the province. The contributions of our Francophonie are deep, meaningful, and enduring, and they're also fun and entertaining! Franco 150 invites us to be united in celebration, to appreciate the spirit of inclusivity, and to shine a light on the people and voices of Manitoba," said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, co-chairs of Manitoba 150.

Franco 150 was originally planned for 2020 but was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The format was also adapted to ensure the safety of participants and the public.

More information about Franco 150 will be announced at a later date. Please visit www.franco150.ca for updates.

Province providing cash to create affordable housing

\$12 million to go to municipalities for home for vulnerable residents

Submitted by the Province of Manitoba

New Funding Will Enable and Empower Communities to Help Protect Manitobans Facing Barriers to Housing: Squires

The Manitoba government is providing a total of \$12 million in grant funding to 10 municipalities throughout the province to address the housing needs of vulnerable Manitobans and help protect them through affordable housing initiatives, Families Minister Rochelle Squires announced

today.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another and vulnerable Manitobans, including lower-income families, have been hit particularly hard," said Squires. "This funding will enable and empower our municipal partners to help those who face barriers to housing in their communities, by supporting the creation of affordable housing and home ownership opportunities that

will protect more families for years to come."

The municipalities receiving the funding are Brandon, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Morden, Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, Steinbach, The Pas, Thompson and Winkler. Each of the 10 municipalities is to determine how to address best its objectives for housing affordability and development. The minister said this approach enables the municipalities to leverage additional sources of funding, if desired.

The minister noted the federal government's recently announced Rapid Housing Initiative has targeted funding to Winnipeg and Indigenous on-

reserve communities only, and the new provincial funding aligns with current needs and represents a balanced approach to creating affordable housing opportunities.

The Manitoba government's funding will benefit groups that are more likely to experience barriers to housing, such as Indigenous households, single-parent families and new Canadians, including refugees, as well as youth-led households, seniors and people with a physical or mental disability, and support them in achieving stable tenancies, the minister said.

> RENT HELP, FROM PG. 20

dress the immediate need created by the pandemic, providing housing stability and protection for families that are unable to pay shelter costs due to unforeseen circumstances."

The Manitoba Rent Bank will provide interest-free loans to tenants who are behind in their rent or need to move to housing that is more suitable. The program will be administered through the MNPHA and will be delivered regionally through local rent banks.

"Through partnerships with organizations like SEED Winnipeg, End

Homelessness Winnipeg and other community resources, this initiative will provide the short-term financial help along with the longer-term supports people need to maintain their housing," said Christina Maes Nino, executive director, MNPHA. "No landlord wants to evict someone because they are struggling financially and this will be a critical resource to keep people housed."

Rent banks are a leading jurisdictional best practice in stabilizing housing for those in need and have proven effective in helping to prevent

homelessness. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the vulnerable and this will be one more tool to stabilize households in Manitoba.

The minister noted that rent banks provide fast-access crisis intervention loans that help families pay rent or overdue utility bills and avoid eviction.

"This investment will help to prevent homelessness and minimize strain on families and children who may otherwise have to relocate to new neighbourhoods or communities," said Squires.

The MNPHA represents over 100 non-profit housing providers who

collectively own and manage more than 24,000 affordable homes across 23 communities in Manitoba. The association is part of a larger community building the non-profit and affordable housing sector across the province. The mission of the MNPHA is to build a thriving, sustainable, non-profit housing sector through support services, professional development and education, advocacy and partnership development.

The province will pilot the Manitoba Rent Bank for a two-year period and evaluate the program to determine its need for future support.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Servings: 10-12
Nonstick cooking spray
2 eggs, plus 4 egg whites, at room temperature
3/4 cup cream of coconut
1/2 cup crushed pineapple, drained
2 teaspoons coconut extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups flour
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
12 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
Buttercream Frosting:
3 cups powdered sugar
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
3 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon coconut extract
4 thin pretzel sticks
1 bag (10 ounces) sweetened shredded coconut
8 drops green food coloring
2 large round chocolate candy melts
6 chocolate chips
mini candy-coated chocolate eggs, for garnish
Heat oven to 325 F.
Line muffin pan with four paper liners. Spray oven-safe glass bowl with nonstick cooking spray.

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Easter Bunny Butt Cake

In large bowl, whisk eggs, egg whites, cream of coconut, pineapple, coconut extract and vanilla extract until combined.

In food processor, pulse flour, sugar, baking powder and salt until combined. Add 6 tablespoons butter. Pulse until combined. Add remaining butter. Pulse until coarse meal forms.

In large mixing bowl, add coarse flour butter meal. Add half of egg mixture. Beat 1-2 minutes. Add remaining egg mixture; beat until combined.

Fill each muffin cup 2/3 full. Bake 18-20 minutes, or until done. Cool completely. Pour remaining batter into prepared oven-safe bowl. Bake 1 hour, 40 minutes, or until done. Cool completely.

To make buttercream frosting: In large bowl, add powdered sugar and butter; beat until fluffy. Add milk, vanilla extract and coconut extract; beat until creamy.

Turn bowl upside-down on cake stand until cake removes from bowl. If cake needs leveled, turn cake over and trim to flatten. Frost cake.

Remove wrappers from cupcakes. Using two pretzel sticks, press into base of cupcakes

and anchor to bottom rim of bowl cake to create bunny feet. Frost feet.

Take third cupcake and cut muffin top off. Cut muffin top in half. Using one pretzel stick, anchor one muffin top half at bottom of full cupcake to form toes. Repeat with second muffin top half for other foot. Frost toes.

Attach final cupcake with remaining pretzel stick to butt area of cake to make tail. Frost tail.

Apply 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut all over cake. Press chocolate candy melts into bottoms of bunny feet to resemble foot pads. Add chocolate chips to resemble pads for toes.

Place remaining coconut in plastic bag. Add green food coloring. Toss in bag until coconut is colored. Spread around base of cake for grass. Decorate grass with chocolate eggs.



Christine Ibbotson

Do your children have affluenza?

Hello to all ATML readers – don't worry, it is not the flu or a virus like influenza. I don't want to create any panic when we are already stressed about COVID. Affluenza, is a term that was first coined by Fred Whitman in the 1950's to describe a child that grows up with social and financial privilege. This is quite common these days, whether you are wealthy or not. Many parents have overindulged their children making our new Millennials one of the smartest and most educated generation of all time; but also, the most entitled.

Let's face it, as a parent, you want nothing but the best for your children. Most parents have worked hard all their lives and generally want their children to have a better life than they did. You want them to have the necessary skills to be successful adults, have a solid education, and be whatever they want to be. But be careful. There is a fine line between giving enough and giving too much. Most parents are not able to say "NO" and sometimes they should. It is necessary to teach the lesson that we don't always get what we want. Did you get everything you wanted out of your life?

Start young and teach your children about budgeting. Why not begin with the allowance you give them weekly – let's say \$1 for each year of age for example. So, if your child is 12, they would receive \$12 per week. Sit down with them and discuss the concept of paying themselves first. Go to your bank and open a savings account for your child and get them their very own debit card. Show them how to use on-line banking to view their new account. Now, with

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the allowance, ask them to put \$4 every week into their savings account, allow them to spend \$4 a week on whatever they would like, and then share the other \$4 with a charitable cause. Spreading their new income this way will teach your children some very valuable life-long lessons. They will recognize the value of saving over time as they see their \$4 per week grow into over \$200 in one year. They will figure out how to make their \$4 spending allowance stretch each week and build valuable budgeting skills; and they will also develop a social conscience to support local charities.

Why not sit down as a family and draw up a monthly budget that accommodates activities and purchases for every child in the family. By the way, the parents should have this locked down for their own budget and expenditures – so lead by example here. When someone invariably asks for something in the near future that is not part of the plan, you will have to say: "No, that's not in the budget, but maybe we can make it part of the budget for next year." Learning how to have your finances in order will ensure a life-long foundation for future achievements, well-grounded expectations of what to strive for, good habits to reduce debt, and the ability to create a successful lifestyle plan. Monetary setbacks are a fact of life for everyone. Having the skills learned when you are young will allow your adult children to know that sometimes you have to get back to the basics to cleanup your finances and get ahead. It's always okay to restart and begin again. It is sometimes the only thing we can do – but then turns out to be the best thing for us in the end.

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus" available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca

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Calgary Dinos add another Foreman to basketball roster

By Brian Bowman

The University of Calgary Dinos have reached out to the Foreman basketball family once again.

Following in his two older brothers' footsteps, Matthew Foreman recently signed a letter of intent with the University of Calgary.

He will be playing alongside his brothers, Marcus and Mason, with the Dinos this fall.

"It will be fun with my brothers there," said Matthew last weekend. "They've been having a good time there. They have a good relationship with the coaches and with schooling. I'm always asking (my brothers) what I need to be working on to get the next level."

Calgary's season was cancelled due to COVID. But the Dinos posted an impressive 26-7 record in 2019-20.

The team expects to be really good once again this season.

"It's definitely a good basketball program," said Matthew, an East Selkirk product. "There's a lot of good players but some of them won't be there next year."

Matthew, a talented 6-foot-7/6-foot-8 forward, is

used to dominating at the high school level with the Dakota Collegiate Lancers.

Dakota Collegiate head coach Dean Favoni knows the University of Calgary is getting a solid player.

"He is an excellent defender, scores in a variety of ways and brings a determined intensity to games and practices," Favoni said.

Matthew admits it's going to be a challenge playing against men at the university level.

"I'm predicting it will be (tough to see court time early in my first season)," he said. "But I've always been playing at a higher level. When I was in Grade 8, I was playing with the high school guys. I'm looking forward to (the challenge)."

Matthew, known as a great defender who can shoot the ball, was recently named to the Winnipeg Sun's Top 10 Coaches Poll. It was quite an honour for Matthew to see his name amongst the best MHSAA varsity boys' players in the province.

"Honestly, I didn't see myself being on that list," he laughed. "It was really nice. It's definitely a motivator for me. I'm looking forward to working hard with the weights and basketball and conditioning. I love that."



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Matthew Foreman recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Calgary this upcoming season.

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Einarson, Gushue win Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship

By Brian Bowman

For the second time in less than a month, the Gimli Curling Club's Kerri Einarson has won a national title in the Calgary bubble.

Einarson combined with St. John's Curling Club's Brad Gushue to defeat the Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's duo of Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott 9-6 in the gold-medal game of the 2021 Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship last Thursday evening.

It was the first time ever that two full-time skips in four-player competition have ever combined to win the Canadian mixed doubles championship. It was also the first time that Einarson and Gushue had curled together.

"Wow, it's crazy," said Einarson on the Curl Canada website after the game. "I never thought I would win a mixed doubles title in the same year (as a Scotties), and it feels absolutely amazing."

Lott/Sahaidak had the hammer in the opening end but gave up a steal of one after a missed shot.

"At this level you can't afford to come out flat," said Lott. "If you come out flat, you're not going to win. You have to be on your toes, every game."

"But the teams that we had to beat to even get to this point? It's huge. It shows that we can compete and we're there with the best of them."

Einarson/Gushue scored a pair in the third end to take a 3-1 lead before they exploded for a huge steal of four in the fourth. The pair increased that lead to 9-2 before Sahaidak/Lott scored four in the seventh and final end.

Einarson and Gushue advanced to the final after a slim 7-6 victory (scoring one with the hammer in the eighth end) over Alberta's John Morris and Danielle Schmiemann in the semifinal earlier in the day.

With the gold-medal win, Einarson and Gushue took home a whopping \$50,000 and will have the opportunity to represent Canada at the 2021 World Mixed Doubles Championship to be held May 17-23 in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The top seven countries at the worlds will secure spots for the 2022 Winter Olympics mixed doubles competition in Beijing, China.

Einarson, meanwhile, will be back in the Calgary bubble once again when she skips her Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian championship team at the LGT World Women's Championship, presented by BKT Tires, April 30 to May 9.

Einarson is the third player to win a Canadian four-player and mixed doubles championship in the same sea-



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Skip Kerri Einarson, right, and third Brad Gushue celebrate after defeating Team Sahaidak/Lott in the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship final in Calgary.



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Kerri Einarson, left, and Brad Gushue defeated Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott 9-6 in the gold-medal game last Thursday to win the Canadian mixed doubles title.



Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott won silver medals.

son, joining Jocelyn Peterman (2016) and Joanne Courtney (2017).

For Sahaidak and Lott, it will be the third straight time they have won a medal at the Canadian mixed championship. The talented pairing won a silver in 2018 at Leduc, Alta. and a bronze in 2019 in Fredericton, N.B.

The 2020 championship was cancelled due to the COVID-19.

Sahaidak and Lott didn't come home empty handed, hauling in \$30,000 for finishing second. They also clinched a berth in the 2021 Olympic Mixed Doubles Curling Trials.

"We had a great week, earning that Olympic Trials spot was huge, and we're just going to come out of this even stronger, and hopefully next year we'll come back again," said Sahaidak. "We're looking forward to the Trials and hopefully we can come out with a win there."



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The public hearing will be held virtually. Interested parties are requested to pre-register for the public hearing by contacting the municipal office at 204-367-6170 or info@rmalexander.com. Interested parties will be able to access the meeting via GoToMeetings at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/647148141> or through a link that will be provided on the municipal website www.rmalexander.com

Interested parties may also submit questions, concerns or register an objection by email to cao@rmalexander.com until Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The Financial Plan will be available for review on the municipal website on or after April 1, 2021.

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Don Dowle
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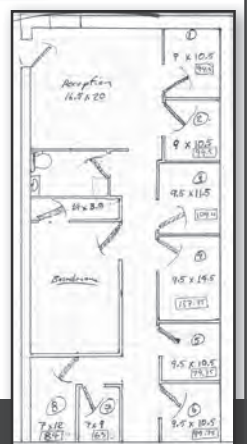


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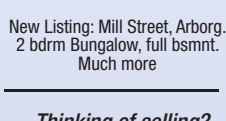
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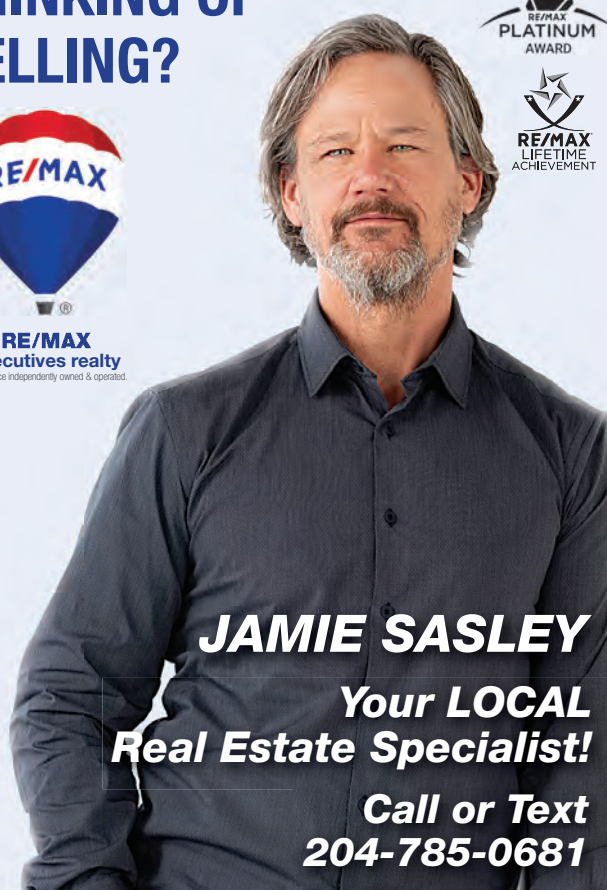
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OBITUARY



Billy Rogers
May 28th, 1965 - March 20th, 2021

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Billy Darren Rogers on March 20th, 2021 at the age of 55 from Winnipeg, MB.

Billy was born on May 28th, 1965 and grew up in East Selkirk, MB.

He leaves to mourn his mother Nellie Anne; three children, Darren, Sabrina and Dylan; granddaughters, Sophia, Maya and Emma; grandson Colton; his sisters Connie (Brooks), Sandra (Paul), and Tammy (Del); numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Billy was predeceased by his father William Rogers; nephew Cameron Telenko; grandparents Tom and Cora Rogers, Joseph and Pearl Cesarz.

Billy's granddaughters were his pride and joy. He loved and cherished all of the time he was able to spend with all of his kids and grandchildren.

Billy was a hard worker and was a truck driver for years that was his passion. He will be remembered as a man who loved to make people laugh. He enjoyed his visits with friends and family, loved to talk, tell jokes and was always wanting to help people. Billy will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

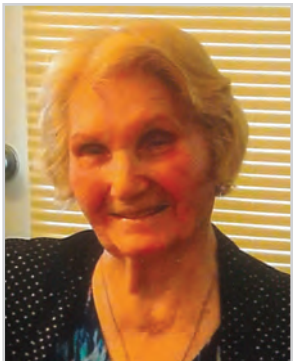
Due to COVID-19 restrictions a service will be held at a later date.

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

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OBITUARY



Pauline Pearl Stolar
June 27, 1921 – March 22, 2021
"Our Gardening Angel"

Our precious mother left us to join her King and Jesus on Monday, March 22, 2021. She passed away knowing that her families love was with her.

Mom was a person with a heart full of love, especially for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She taught us the values of life, hard work and caring of others around us. She was devout Christian and definitely was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She played a large role in being the "Head of The Prayer Warriors" of Springs Church, Selkirk. Her strengths and belief in Jesus projected thru her prayers. One of her most comfortable places in her life was at Springs Church every Sunday. A heartfelt thanks to Chris, Diane, Mike, Dan and Wanda

for always making sure she got there safely.

Mom was born in Middlechurch, Manitoba on June 27, 1921 to Michael and Kathryn Formaniuk. She was the youngest of five children. Mom was predeceased by her parents, brothers Anthony, Harry (late Elsie), sisters Ann (late John) and Mary (late Fred); also by a precious son in infancy in 1951, granddaughter Angela in 1965, as well as grandson Todd in 2013. She now joins our Dad and many others who went before her.

Our mom was raised on a dairy farm in Rivercrest where she learned her magnificent gardening, cooking and caring of livestock. Mom could make a dandelion look beautiful. Her love of nature, the straying of wounded or abandoned animals always seemed to be led to our farm for mom's nursing hands.

She also passed these traits along to her children, recognizing the importance of life, whether great or small. Our mom was not of a material nature, but of what was in your heart. She often said "You will be judged one day, so use the Lord's word wisely."

She is survived by her children Ken (Thea), Bill, Sally (Gordon) and their families. Mom was blessed with grandchildren Deb (Mike), Ken (Sarana), Karen (Mike), Kim (Joe), Shauna (Nathan), Candace (Chris), Jason (Tara) and Darin along with their respective families. Mrs. Ella Stolar is mom's only surviving sister-in-law, along with her family, our cousins and families. She is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces along with their families. There's a lot of angels in this family.

Special thanks to some very special church family of mom's namely, Lisa, Wendy, Cheryl, Mike, Dan and Wanda. These individuals, along with her family allowed her to remain in her home until her passing. If I have missed anyone, you know who you are and thank you.

Also, a big thanks to the Paramedics who responded so quickly. The nursing staff of Selkirk Regional, Medicine 1 who showed such compassion and comfort until final moments. A big thanks to Dr. Frank Stocki mom's eye specialist, who maintained mom's vision for many years because of AMD.

Flowers are gratefully declined. A donation to Springs Church, Selkirk, MB or Selkirk Regional Health Centre in her name would be an honor.

Mom would have celebrated her 100th birthday this June. There will be a celebration once restrictions allow. Say a prayer for her on June 27th, 2021.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private family service will be held. The service can be live streamed via www.gilbartfuneralhome.com at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 26.

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

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OBITUARY



Tony Klainchar

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Tony Klainchar on March 6, 2021 at the age of 84.

Tony is survived by his loving wife Janina; children Lidia (Kevin), Randy (Darlene), Jason (Theresa); grandchildren Brenden (Brittany), Jordan (Tatjana), Janelle, Chantal, Joel and great-grandchild Ella; his brothers Branko and Milan and sister Stefka.

Tony immigrated to Canada from Slovenia at the age of 17. He met Janina and they married in August 1961. This year they would have celebrated 60 years. Tony worked for Greater Winnipeg Gas until his retirement. He was a very hard-working man that always provided for his family.

Mass and Interment was held on March 12, 2021.

OBITUARY



Regina Faye Plett

Regina Plett (nee Wagler), age 66, of Selkirk, Manitoba went home to her Lord and Saviour on March 21, 2021, after dealing with multiple health conditions for several years.

Regina was born on August 31, 1954, to Mahlon and Mary Wagler, Amish farmers in Partridge, Kansas. At a young age she was convicted that she was a guilty sinner who needed a Saviour to reconcile her to God and deliver her from the wrath of a Holy God and came to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized. Her faith remained an integral part of her life and it shaped her actions, words, and relationships. She lived out her life faithfully serving her God, husband, and family. She was loved dearly by everyone, and she gained a special place in the hearts of many of the children in her church.

Growing up she loved school, playing baseball, and socializing with her friends. She graduated second in her class and her love for learning continued into adulthood. When she was 21 she started working at Stutzman's Greenhouse where she made many friends. These days spent working here were often referred to as her "glory days".

Regina left her job at the greenhouse to volunteer in Northern Ontario where she met Ernie Plett. On April 3, 1983 they were married in her home community Kansas. Regina and Ernie settled in Morweena, Manitoba, where they started their family. She spent her years raising her children, homeschooling her children, gardening, and farming the small family hobby farm. Regina did not shy away from hard work and she canned many jars of garden produce every year. She particularly liked growing tomatoes and making many jars of salsa, soup and pasta sauce every year.

Regina enjoyed sewing and specifically enjoyed sewing blankets. She made blankets for each of her children and was working on quilts for her grandchildren. Every scrap of fabric was cut into a block and she thrifted for fabrics whenever she could to make blanket tops for the Morweena Sewing Circle. Even in her last week of life, she was talking about buying fabric and cutting blocks for sewing circle.

Regina liked to cook and thoroughly enjoyed hosting and serving people in her home. Many people have been welcomed into her home over the years and eaten her tasty food. In the more recent years, as her health began to decline, she was unable to prepare the large family dinners and this was hard for her to accept. But, as with all things in her life, she accepted the changes with quiet grace.

Regina loved her family dearly, and nothing made her heart smile quite like her grandchildren. In the last weeks of her life, pictures of her grandchildren brought her great delight.

In recent years her health became a significant challenge due to a stroke, worsening diabetes and end stage renal failure. Ernie faithfully cared for her in the last years and she learned to rely on him in new ways, and particularly since her heart attack on January 3rd as she lost her mobility due to complications. When Regina required urgent surgery on January 23rd, her heart stopped 3 times, necessitating CPR. Regina declined rapidly after this experience and her heart was no longer at home in this world. She longed for heaven and often expressed her desire to "go home". Regina wrestled with the Lord to accept her circumstances and received grace to accept her journey as from His hand.

Regina was predeceased by her parents and leaves to mourn her husband Ernie Plett; children Anthony (Samantha) Plett, Sherri (Dave) Dyck, Douglas (Jennifer) Plett, Shana (Jerome) Sauvageau, and foster daughter Heidi Plett; grandchildren Ty, Chance, Rose, Eve and Reid Plett.

A private funeral was held on Friday, March 26, 2021 with burial at Morweena cemetery.

Donations in her honour may be made to Morweena EMC designated to the Sewing Circle.

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OBITUARY

Helen Mary Richert (nee Massey)

Born September 29, 1932 and passed away on March 23, 2021 at the age of 88 years.

Helen is survived by daughter Brenda (Bruce) and son David (Corlee), as well as grandchildren Jordan (Carissa), Kyle (Laura) and Krista (Jesse) and great-grandchildren Owen, Mason and Emily. She leaves behind numerous family members and many friends.

Helen is predeceased by her loving husband Elmer and siblings Edward, Philip (Buddy), Cecil and Ken.

Helen spent her entire life in the Selkirk area. She truly enjoyed her time working at the SOS Department store as well as Saan's. This allowed her to interact with the public and for her this was a special part of her life. She enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening and most of all dancing with her beloved husband on Saturday evenings at the Selkirk Legion.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and care givers at Red River Place, Pinawa Regional Hospital and The Grace Hospital for the exceptional care. And a special thanks to Dr. Rick Lindenschmidt for the years of care.

As per her request cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Ashley Bianca Karol

On, Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the St. Boniface Hospital, Ashley Karol, aged 33 years of Winnipeg, MB, passed away.

A private service was held on Wednesday, March 31 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences and the livestream can be viewed at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Harry Keyworth

Suddenly, on Sunday, March 21, 2021, Harry Keyworth, aged 52 years of Selkirk MB, passed away.

He is survived by his mum Kathleen; his nephew Brandon and his wee sister Sharon and her husband Thomas Hughes.

Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held at this time.

Harry...you were a wonderful man and the sweetest brother we miss you.

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Open concept kitchen, living and dining space. Gorgeous 16 x 20 deck, 2 storage sheds, PLUS the purchase price includes most of the furniture inside! No expense has been spared in winterizing this property. Updates since 2015 include: Lifting & levelling home, placed on concrete footings, spray foam insulating pony walls & joists, heating crawl space, vapour barrier, sump pump, new attic insulation, pex plumbing, some windows, soffts, fascia, wood stove, drilled well, HWT, pressure tank, kitchen, and bathroom.

FEATURED PROPERTIES

HH TEAM **NEW**

\$170,000
325 Taylor Ave,
Selkirk

HH TEAM **NEW**

\$110,000
508 Clandeboye,
Selkirk

HH TEAM **SOLD**

\$435,800
39 McAulay Rd,
Clandeboye

HH TEAM **6.10 ACRES**

\$469,800
90 Pierson Drive,
Tyndall

HH TEAM **NEW**

\$365,500
869 Petersfield Rd,
Petersfield

HH TEAM

\$145,000
36086 96 RD N,
Patricia Beach

HH TEAM **2.27 ACRES**

\$54,900
723 Edith Avenue,
Petersfield

HH TEAM **4.67 ACRES**

\$549,900
452 Donald Rd,
St. Andrews

ASHLEY **4 ACRES**

\$645,000
82 Van Horne Rd,
St.Clements

HH TEAM **2.2 ACRES**

\$54,900
Tom Prince Lots,
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6518 HWY 9,
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\$54,900
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