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# Fighting Cancer of All Colours back in Selkirk this week

By Katelyn Boulanger

Home Hardware Building Centre in Selkirk has brought back its annual Fighting Cancer of All Colours fundraising campaign and residents are invited to stop by on May 10 to contribute.

This is the fifth year that Home Hardware has supported the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation and brought this fundraiser to our community.

“Fundraising for Cancers of All Colours is vital because cancer doesn’t discriminate. It touches people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life. Here at Selkirk Home Hardware, we believe in building more than homes and projects, we are also about building community. Fundraising for Cancers of All Colours means standing with every family member, friend or neighbour affected, no matter the type of cancer,” said Wendy Meger, General Manager, of Selkirk Home

Hardware Building Centre.

People can contribute up until May 10 by making an in-store donation where they write their names on a butterfly to fill the store’s cancer ribbon- with every donation residents will also get the chance to enter the butterfly bench raffle (one entry per donation of over \$2). You can also show support by purchasing a tank top, T-shirt, or lanyard with all proceeds supporting the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

If residents can’t get out to Home Hardware in the next few days, they can also make online donations at the fundraising page, [https://support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca/site/TR/communityevents/General?team\\_id=14291&pg=team&fr\\_id=2095](https://support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca/site/TR/communityevents/General?team_id=14291&pg=team&fr_id=2095).

If you can head out to Selkirk Home Hardware Building Centre around lunch time on May 10 residents will

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Wendy Meger by the Fighting Cancer of All Colours butterfly ribbon.

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# BIG DOLLAR



# The Gwen Fox Gallery is hosting a colourful and fun spring exhibit this May

## Flowers, impressionism, realism and more at the gallery this month

By Katelyn Boulanger

Despite some warmer than seasonal weather, it is still spring for a little bit longer. The Gwen Fox Gallery is honouring that this month with a show full of colour featuring work by artists Mary Louise Chown, Mark Kosatsky, Bernice Phillips, and Arlene Rattai.

The group's artists reception, where you can meet all four artists in person, will take place May 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. If you can't make it then, however, you can see their work up all month in the gallery until May 30.

The Gwen Fox Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and later on Thursdays until 8 p.m. It is free to visit the gallery and all are welcome.

### Mary Louise Chown

The best way to describe Chown's art is varied. She likes to shake it up whether it be by changing subjects or by changing mediums.

"I like to experiment with different art mediums. So I might do two or three in one medium, and I'll have a

second one on the go that's completely different, and I go back and forth between them," she said.

Chown works in acrylic, oil, beeswax, oil pastel, pens, or whatever else the artwork calls for.

Her main goal with her art is to get people to look longer than the few seconds that people normally do when looking at art.

"I think (I'm inspired by) colour and line and shape and just that emotional feeling you get when you're either looking at something or seeing—Oh, I don't know—a beautiful reflection. There's so much beauty around, people are beautiful, animals are (beautiful), plus, there's the joy of just working with art materials. Like a musician wants to play their instrument, it's really nice to just work with your art materials," said Chown.

She explained that though she wanted to start her journey as an artist sooner, Chown was discouraged from going to art school in favour of a career that was perceived to be more practical. She eventually made a change and went to art school at 40.



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Mary Louise Chown.

Though she is from east of Beausejour, she has been part of the Gwen Fox Gallery for about eight years now after some artists up that way recommended she check out our local gallery.

Since then, Chown has enjoyed being a member of the gallery.

"I really like working with other artists. For the most part, other artists are very communal. We all cooperate, help each other out. And, I like the space. I think Selkirk is a really neat town, the more I learn about it," said Chown.

She explained that every art gallery is different and the Gwen Fox Gallery

has a very inclusive vibe, showing art from traditional to experimental all in the same space.

Chown also encourages people who want to take up art in our community to give creativity a go.

"Look at a lot of art, and if you can speak to the artists, like coming to these shows especially. There's always an artist available (at the Gwen Fox Gallery) because it's a volunteer, artist run, art Gallery, and ask, 'Well, how do they do that?' or 'What's that? How's that done?' and most artists will tell you," she said.

Chown encourages residents to

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check out the gallery this month.

"Just come to expand your mind. Don't even worry if you're not going to buy anything. Of course, we want to sell our art, but most of all, we want people to see it and to go, 'Oh, I feel really good when I look at that painting with all that green in it,' or 'I love the blue,' or just to experience it," she said.

### Mark Kosatsky

Kosatsky's work has been described as bold and expressive being influenced by surrealism and expressionism.

He says that he's inspired by "just things that spring up in my mind.

A viewer will see that Kosatsky's work is not as humble as he describes it however, as he uses bold colours and expressive brushstrokes to show our world through a different lens. From global issues to the current political climate, Kosatsky isn't shy in showing it like it is.

"The sea worm (pictures are) because the stuff interests me, all the ocean creatures in the ocean, as does the political stuff. With the Israel-Gaza War that bothers me. So, I paint something like that," he said.

Kosatsky says that he started his artistic journey in 1985 with drawing when a friend encouraged him to start and since then he's been driven to create.

He said that he's been part of the Gwen Fox Gallery for a few years

now and despite coming in from Winnipeg he enjoys taking part in our local gallery.

"This is a good way to get your stuff shown. Other places it's much harder to get in and get shows done. The Gwen Fox (Gallery) is good," he said.

Of the 16 pieces that Kosatsky has in the gallery this month, all are acrylic pieces except for one that is a pencil drawing.

For artists who want to take the next step in their art journey, Kosatsky suggests looking back.

"People like to learn the techniques, but there's a lack of people following art history. I took art history in university. I think people should get into that more than they do," he said.

Kosatsky encourages residents to check out not only the gallery this month but to also see if there's a class at the Gwen Fox Gallery that you might enjoy.

"Have a look around at the work and see if it's interesting to you," he said.

### Bernice Phillips

Phillips is another artist that doesn't confine herself by the medium that she works in. This month she's brought some of her painted glassware, as well as some new needle felting work, and some beautiful pressed flower pieces.

Residents will likely know Phillips from her painting but an unfortunate injury which required recovery time,



Mark Kosatsky

has meant that she expanded into mediums that don't require as much motion.

"Right now, I've expanded into pressed flowers a bit because I'm

growing flowers all the time, so it's another way to utilize them and I just think they're so beautiful," said Phillips.

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As for needle felting, like gardening it involves another part of Phillips's life, she is also part of the Manitoba Living History Society and her preservation of our province's history led her to people who have wool and she was inspired to use this wool for art.

As for her inspiration, she says that she's always going back to nature.

"Walking along the river and trees. Trees are always the centre of my life. I have a huge garden and like six flower beds, and now I have a year-round greenhouse. So, working with nature and plants has always been a huge part of my life. So I try to use nature in my work, whether I'm painting it, or using dried flowers, or felting with natural fibres. It's all lovely being in touch with and grounded," Phillips explained.

Her art journey started from wanting to be creative. She wanted to create art, and while working her career she decided she didn't have to wait until retirement to start.

Phillips explained that she started with acrylic painting.

"I took a workshop and then just started playing around. And then I did that with almost every medium that I've gone into. I've either done a workshop or I've just started researching it in a trial and error way," she said.

For people who want to start their art journey, she advises that they follow their intuition.

"Go with your gut feeling. For starters, don't be afraid to put it out there. Because, I had art for years that I never put out there because I just

thought it wasn't good enough, or you're kind of scared of criticism. Also, join the gallery, there's lots of groups that will help you out and let you know where you can show your work, if that's what you want to do," she said.

Though Phillips lives in the Powerview area she's been a part of the Gwen Fox Gallery for over ten years.



Bernice Phillips

"The gallery is a wonderful place for people to show their work, meet other artists, do workshops, and be involved in the art community. And, you can be as involved as you want. It is a great community of dedicated people that are willing to help. It's really good. When I meet a new artist, I tell them about the gallery. For someone new, it's a great starting place, as well as for the seasoned artists, I always tell people to check it out," said Phillips.

She welcomes anyone who wants to stop by the gallery to do so.

"The gallery has a very diverse group of artists. It's a very welcoming place. There's no fee to come in and support your local

artists so that they can continue to do what they do," she said.

### Arlene Rattai

Rattai is an artist with a more realistic style. She also shows how the use of colour, in a thoughtful way, can really add to works.

"I'm a very (big) nature lover, and so much of my painting reflects what's going on in nature, any kind of nature, whether it's trees, animals, flowers, water, people even," she said.

Since Rattai has been creating art for many years she's tried different mediums and uses the skills from each of them in her work. She started with painting on porcelain which is a very time intensive medium to

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Arlene Rattai.

## Health Canada issues recalls for kid's natural health products, jewellery, cosmetic cream and meat

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada issued recalls of natural health products for children last week citing issues with bacterial counts.

Adorable Wampole's product, ProbioMax Antibiotic Protection Kids, was recalled on April 1 because the total bacterial count may be out of specification in the affected batch.

The affected product is a chewable tablet with a lot number of 800178 and strength showing Lactacaseibacillus Rhamnosus GG 5.0 billion cfu and Lactiplantibacillus Plantarum 5.0 billion cfu.

Health Canada also recalled Laboratoire Suisse's product, Probiotic Antibiotic Support Kids, because the total bacterial count is also out of specification in the affected batch.

The chewable tablet has a lot number of 800177 and a strength showing Lactacaseibacillus Rhamnosus GG 5.0 billion cfu and Lactiplantibacillus Plantarum 5.0 billion cfu.

Other Health Canada recalls:

-On April 30, Health Canada recalled WATIER Age Control Supreme Sublime Advanced Rich day cream because of microbial contamination.

The cream is sold in a cylindrical printed glass jar containing 50 ml of cream. The UPC associated with the product and the batch affected by the recall is found on the bottom of the secondary packaging: 058655630646 and (L)23L1757.

Health Canada advises the public to immediately stop using the cream and contact Groupe Marcelle Inc. to obtain a refund.

-The agency issued a recall on April 28 for Lil' Juan's brand and Lucia's brand Mexican Style Pork Carnitas dues to pieces of wood.

The products were distributed in BC, Alberta and Ontario.

Under the Lil' Juan brand, the product's size is 400 g with a UPC of 7 73220 10406 2 and codes of BB 250624 and BB 250625.

Under the Lucia's brand, the product size is 1 kg with a UPC of 7 73220 10408 6 and codes of BB 250424, BB 250425, BB 250702, and BB 250706.

-Health Canada issued a warning on April 28 that certain children's jewellery available on Amazon.ca contains lead in excess of allowable limits.

The product, SUZUTOY Charm Bracelet Making Kit for Girls, poses a "chemical hazard," said the agency. The arts and craft kit contains various beads and pendants, adjustable bracelets, hair clips, keychain and rope necklaces. "Hello Princess" and "You Are My Little Princess Beautiful" are written on the pink gift box.

"Immediately take the affected jewellery away from children and dispose of them according to municipal hazardous waste guidelines," states Health Canada.

For more details about the above affected products and additional product recalls, visit Health Canada's Recalls and Safety Alerts webpage.

### CORRECTION

In the May 1st, 2025 edition of the Selkirk Record the Army-Navy-Airforce 151 Veteran's Organization was mistakenly referred to as the ANAF Legion.

We apologize for the mistake.



## > GWEN FOX GALLERY, FROM PG. 6

work with. From there, she tried watercolour painting which, like painting on porcelain requires you to preserve whites. Next, she decided to try something new and did a little bit of acrylic painting before moving on to oil painting.

"I didn't do so much animals then at the time (that I was starting in oils), and then I started wanting to paint animals. And so, I met a lady who was doing pastels. She did lots of animals. I thought this looks like it could be a good medium to try. So that's what I did. My animals, I often do in pastels, because they're furry, they're hairy, and it's so much easier to do, although I have done animals, some animals, in oils," explained Rattai.

She has over 25 pieces in this month's exhibit and they are watercolour, oil and pastel works.

Rattai said that her journey as an artist started in school.

"I always liked art, and we had a grade eight teacher who taught us perspective, really intense perspective, and I enjoyed drawing and stuff like that. However, I grew up in a family where, you know, paper and pencils were not in ready supply," she said.

Once she got out of high school Rattai decided to go to design school and with that education in her back pocket, she opened a business. From there, her creativity flourished but it

wasn't until she was a few years from her retirement that she decided that she didn't want to retire out of something but into something. Rattai took up creating art before her retirement so that she'd have something to enjoy.

Though she lives in the Lorette area, a previous connection to the Selkirk area, because of her husband's former employment, meant that she knew about the Gwen Fox Gallery and has been a member for over ten years.

She explained that it's a great community but also a great opportunity and that's why she's stayed. She explained that people from Winnipeg regularly make trips out to the gallery and displaying her work at previous shows has been a great way to sell a few pieces.

As for new artists who are just starting and might not yet be ready to sell their art, she says there is no rush and it's ok to try a few different things before finding the art style that you like.

"Take some lessons, it definitely helps. Not everybody is a natural, just a born natural talent for this. Some are, of course, and they're fantastic, but not everybody has that and having some background, it helped for me," she said.

Rattai also suggests that residents swing by the gallery this month.

"Selkirk is so fortunate, really, to have this gallery," she said.

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## Province announces restrictions due to fire danger in Interlake region

### Extreme winds, above average temperatures and low humidity levels

#### Submitted by the government of Manitoba

The Manitoba Wildfire Service advises Level 1 fire and travel restrictions were implemented at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 2, due to high fire danger in the southeast and Interlake regions of the province. Forecasted extreme winds, above-average temperatures and low humidity levels are driving this restriction, which will remain in effect until sufficient foliage appears. Manitobans and visitors are urged to exercise caution and comply with all posted restrictions to prevent wildfire.

Areas 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 are affected. These restrictions include Whiteshell Provincial Park and Spruce Woods Provincial Park. The boundary of the restricted area is from Provincial Road (PR) 302 to Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 12 to PR 317 to PTH 59 and PR 319 east to the Ontario border and from the U.S. border north to Lake Winnipeg and the Winnipeg River including the Mars Hill Wildlife Management Area. Refer to the areas of the fire and travel restriction map found at: [www.gov.mb.ca/conservation\\_fire/Restrictions/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation_fire/Restrictions/index.html).

Level 1 fire and travel restrictions include the following:

- all fires prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Fires outside of these hours must be in an approved campfire pit;
- motorized backcountry travel,

including ATVs and other off-road vehicles, is prohibited during specified hours of 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.;

- motorized backcountry travel to access a remote cottage via forestry road, private road or trail between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. will require a travel permit issued by Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures; and
- industry and outfitters should contact local Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures offices for more information.

As a further wildfire prevention measure, provincial burn permits issued under the Wildfires Act in the eastern and Interlake regions are cancelled and will not be issued until fire danger conditions improve. Burn permits for essential agricultural, municipal or industrial operations may be considered with the approval of an officer and will include a site inspection with strict conditions. Contact a Department of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures office for more information. Further restrictions may be implemented if the fire danger levels increase or conditions change significantly. Failure to comply with the listed restrictions may result in prosecution under the Manitoba Wildfires Act with fines of up to \$100,000 depending on the severity of the offence. Many municipalities have proactive-

ly implemented burning restrictions this spring, so check with the local municipal office or view the interactive burning restrictions map at [www.manitoba.ca/wildfire/burn\\_conditions.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html) for more information. No burning permits will be issued for areas within or bordering any municipality where burning restrictions are already in place and permits are required for fireworks and sky lanterns from April 1 to Nov. 15.

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# Utoffeea perfects the art of sweet and salty snacks

By E Antonio

Finding the perfect blend of sweet and salty can be tricky—but for Utoffeea owner Cate Dyck, it's become a delicious science.

Since 2021, Dyck and her team have been crafting handmade toffee products at their West St. Paul location, 2-1051 Kapelus Dr., where she says every treat is made with care.

"Our mission has been to bring a little slice of joy into people's lives," said Dyck, who started the business after a home-based hobby took off.

Her journey began in 2012, when she started experimenting with making a homemade version of a Skor bar while her kids napped. With a few personal twists—nuts, candy and other fun ingredients—she created Utoffeea and started selling at local craft markets.

The brand has since grown to include more than 500 retail partners across Canada and continues to be a popular vendor at artisan markets.

"All of our products are handmade with love right here in the province, out of our facility in West St. Paul," Dyck said.

Utoffeea now offers eight flavours of layered toffee bark, 12 varieties of toffee popcorn available year-round, and a rotating lineup of seasonal flavours. The brand was crowned "Canada's Best Toffee" in 2019 by the Culinary Adventure Co., a nod to the recipe Dyck and her team have refined over the years.

"Our products have the perfect balance between sweet and salty and achieve that perfect bite," she said.



Utoffeea owner Cate Dyck launched her business after perfecting her homemade toffee recipe.

Describing her team as "masters of flavour combinations," Dyck said their goal is to make snacking both tasty and easy.

Utoffeea prioritizes Canadian ingredients, sourcing locally whenever possible. Their signature toffee is made using 100 per cent Manitoban churned butter, which Dyck says gives their products a creamy texture that sets them apart from store-bought versions.

Customers can opt for favourites like Cashew Original or explore unique seasonal offerings. One returning flavour Dyck is excited about is cheddar dill popcorn, launching as part of their summer collection on June 1.

"We are always looking for ways to incorporate fun around here," she said.

During spring and summer, Utoffeea also serves ice cream topped with their toffee. On May 11, they're offering a free sundae to all moms and mom-like figures in honour of Mother's Day.

Looking ahead, Dyck hopes to expand the business and move into a larger facility.



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Utoffeea crafts its handmade toffee products at its facility in West St. Paul. Head chef Melinda Henderson tastes one of Utoffeea's sweet-and-salty creations.

"I would love to see a café that highlights our delicious products," she said, adding that she also hopes to rent kitchen space to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Utoffeea's shop is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Products are available in-store, online, and at select retailers including Sel-

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# Conservative Bezan elected for eighth term

By Jennifer McFee

The voters in the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding have once again elected incumbent James Bezan as their member of Parliament, making him Manitoba's longest-serving MP.

First elected in 2004 on behalf of the Conservative Party, Bezan has won eight consecutive elections. Next month, he will have served as MP for 21 years — and counting.

In the 45th general election, Bezan received 32,788 votes (60.2 per cent) in the riding, followed by Rhonda Nichol of the Liberal Party, who earned 16,570 votes (30.4%).

Josef Estabrooks of the NDP ranked third with 3,535 votes (6.5%). Wayne James of the Green Party received 709 (1.3%), Byron Gryba of the People's Party of Canada received 473 (0.9%) and Chris Riddell of the United Party received 404 (0.7%).

After the election wrapped up, Bezan shared a few thoughts during a weekend in the community before heading back to Ottawa.

"I'm just incredibly humbled to be elected again by the people of this great riding of Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman. It is an honour and a privilege to be the representative in the House of Commons," Bezan said.

"I'll continue to strongly advocate for our riding, for all the different industries we have — especially with our farmers, manufacturers, commercial fishery and fighting for our steel

industry that we have over in Selkirk. I'll always be fighting for them and advocating for our communities, making sure that as they apply for infrastructure dollars that we're not getting left behind by other interests that government might have."

During the lead-up to the election on April 28, Bezan's campaign team knocked on more than 6,000 doors — with Bezan and his wife Kelly knocking on nearly 5,000 doors themselves.

"Every election we try to get to different parts of communities that we don't get to knock in every time, but we can't get to every door. It's just too big a riding with over 70 communities," he said.

"We drove over 8,500 kilometres getting into all the communities, and our team made over 10,000 phone calls. So we got to have a lot of conversations with our constituents and really gauge what people were thinking when they were about to cast their ballot — and it was very different for different people."

With plenty of experience in campaigning, Bezan found this election was like none other.

"It was a roller coaster. This was a very unique election with the Trump factor, the change of Trudeau quitting all of a sudden and the collapse of the NDP," he said.

"And the narrative on the doorsteps changed three times during the entire election. It was interesting how things were so fluid on the doorsteps."

At the beginning of the election period, Bezan observed that conversations focused mainly on Trump. At the halfway mark, more people were talking about affordability, cost of living and government spending. Then during the last week, the focus shifted



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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan secured his eighth consecutive election win, making him Manitoba's longest-serving member of Parliament.

to change.

At the same time, Bezan noticed a demographic differential in constituents' concerns.

"Seniors were more concerned about the Trump factor and making sure that we would never be the 51st state — which I think all of us agree should never happen," he said.

"For the younger generation, it was about affordability, cost of housing and the state of the economy. There was really a divide between generations."

Similarly, the conversations also varied among communities.

"There was no doubt in the more rural communities it was more about change and making sure that the rural interests were being represented — everything from agriculture issues to commercial fisheries to environmental issues," he said.

"As you go into

the larger centres that we have, it was different conversations all together. It was more on the Trump factor. It was an interesting election that was quite a bit different than any of the other ones that I've run."

Looking ahead to the summer months, Bezan will be a familiar face at events and celebrations throughout the riding.

"I try to get to as many events as possible knowing that the weekends in the summertime are not mine. They belong to the people of the riding. That's why I try to get out to their events. It's a great time to engage with people one on one and talk about the issues," he said.

"It's also a way to celebrate each and every community in their own special way whether it's Quarry Days in Stonewall or the tractor pull in Teulon or the many rodeos that we have in the riding. The fairs and the festivals are part of our culture that we have in Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman."

In total, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman constituents cast 54,810 votes, which includes 331 rejected ballots. With 76,591 electors on the list, voter turnout was 71.6 per cent. The average voter turnout in Manitoba was 67.3 per cent, while the Canada-wide average was 68.7 per cent.

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# Selkirk Fire Department celebrates annual Firefighter Awards Banquet

By Staff

On May 3, the firefighters of the Selkirk Fire Department celebrated with their annual Firefighter Awards Banquet. Retired Fire Chief Dan Thorsteinson handed out Selkirk Fire Dept. 20 years Service Awards to Fire Chief Corey Gagne and Deputy Chief Joe Bukoski and then Gagne had the honour of recognizing Retired Fire Chief Dave Milner, Captain Sean Lewis, and Lieutenant Rick Wur with Selkirk Fire Dept. 25 years Service Awards. Fire-

fighter Brent Scherza and Firefighter Ian Fey also earned their 25 years Service Awards but were not present at the event. The Governor General Exemplary Service Medal was also awarded to Milner. Finally, there was plenty to celebrate when Safety Training Officer Craig Fiebelkorn received the Governor General Exemplary Service Bar. Firefighter Kelly Helgason though not there on the day also received the Governor General Exemplary Service Bar.



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Joe Bukoski (left) and Corey Gagne (right) receiving their 20 years Service Awards from Dan Thorsteinson.



Craig Fiebelkorn (right) receiving his Governor General Exemplary Service Bar from Gagne.



Dave Milner (right) receiving his Governor General Exemplary Service Medal from Gagne.



Rick Wur (left) Dave Milner (centre) and Sean Lewis with their 25 years Service Awards.

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# Province announces new Aquatic Invasive Species funding in Lockport

Funding to help municipalities and provincial partners fight invaders

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last week the province got out on a beautiful morning in Lockport to announce that they are investing an additional \$540,000 to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Part of this is a new fund that will allow our municipalities as well as other provincial partners deliver prevention resources across the province.

The announcement was MC'd by RM of St. Clements Mayor Debbie Fiebelkorn.

Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes said, "We're here to talk about something that affects all of us who enjoy the outdoors, something that impacts not just our environment but the way that we live our lives in Manitoba, that is aquatic invasive species for AIS, these species don't just change the ecosystems of our rivers and lakes. They change how we experience them. They mess with the waters that so many of us rely on for fishing, boating or simply enjoying nature, and that affects the way that we connect land and our waters. Standing here in Lockport, one of the most iconic spots for fishing in Manitoba, it's easy to see how much our lakes and rivers are part of who we are. They're part of our culture, they're part of our economy, and they're part of our way of life. Protecting these places matters to all of us, whether you're fishing, boating, enjoying a day at the lake, or living near one of the 100,000 lakes that span Manitoba."

He went on to explain that AIS damage boats, clog water intakes and cost us millions of dollars every year.

"But here's the good news, we can do something about it. Preventing the spread of AIS is something that we all have a part in. It's not just up to the government. It's something that we all share responsibility for. The next time you're out on the water, remember, Clean, Drain and Dry your watercraft and your gear. It's simple and it's easy, and it helps to stop the spread of these invasive species," he said.

This announcement was made during Invasive Species Awareness Week in Manitoba.

After reminding residents of their duty to keep our lakes and rivers clear of AIS and explaining that the province already has prevention programs in place, Moyes got down to the announcement.

"I'm very excited to share some excellent news. In budget 2025, the Manitoba government is investing an additional \$540,000 for a total of \$2.2 million to fight the spread



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Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes announced more funding to combat AIS.

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of aquatic invasive species. This builds on the \$500,000 that we added last year in budget 2024. A big part of this investment will go toward a new aquatic invasive species prevention fund. This fund is going to help municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-governmental organizations and local water user groups run their own AIS prevention program. It's about supporting local solutions and building strong partnerships. We're also putting \$130,000 into specialized equipment that's going to help us in our fight against AIS. We already have great partnerships in place, like the ones with the City of Selkirk for their watercraft inspection station, and we're going to keep building on these partnerships," he said.

Moyes was followed by Scott Phillips, one of the Vice-Presidents of the

Association of Manitoba Municipalities as well as a Councillor for the RM of Sifton.

"We certainly welcome today's announcement of increased funding to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, including the creation of a new dedicated AIS Prevention Fund. Municipalities need strong tools and clear guidance, especially when we head into busy summer months, where we'll even have more Manitobans and visitors enjoying our lakes and waterways. Municipalities can't tackle this issue alone. While today's investment is a positive step forward, ongoing support and long term funding will be critical in ef-

fective AIS management for years to come. Raising awareness, strengthening prevention on the ground, and empowering local governments with the right tools will be key to protecting Manitoba waters for future generations," said Phillips.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson spoke next saying, "Selkirk is the last community on the mighty Red River before the majestic Lake Winnipeg. Everything passes by the City of Selkirk on its way. So it's so, so important that we fight these invasive species, and we make sure that we eradicate them from the lakes, from the rivers,

from the boats, from the waterways."

He continued speaking about the program the cleans watercraft at the Selkirk boat launch in the summer months.

"We're going to work with the province, and we're going to not plan for the next election year. We're going to plan for the next generation, and we're going to clean up these waterways, and we're going to bring them back to the way they were in the past," said Johannson.



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# CMHA encourages Manitobans to unmask mental health during awareness week

CMHA Mental Health Week May 5-11

By E Antonio

Campaign aims to support those struggling in silence by breaking stigma and promoting connection

For anyone silently struggling with their mental health, the Canadian Mental Health Association wants you to know you're not alone.

As part of Mental Health Week from May 5 to 11, CMHA Manitoba and Winnipeg is urging Manitobans to take part in this year's campaign theme: Unmasking Mental Health. The message aims to reach people who may be hiding how they truly feel — often without realizing it — and offer them permission to be honest, seek help, and find support without fear of judgment.

"People often mask symptoms of mental illness, sometimes without even realizing it, as a way to cope," said Marion Cooper, CEO of CMHA Manitoba and Winnipeg. "The leading reason people hide their symptoms is stigma, which continues to prevent many from seeking the support they need."

Masking — the act of concealing emotions, behaviours or symptoms — can deeply impact relationships and self-worth. According to a 2022 survey by the Mental Health Commission of Canada, 72 per cent of respondents living with a mental health or substance use disorder said they experienced serious self-stigma. Many said it negatively affected their self-esteem and how they viewed themselves.



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Support Women's Mental Health Services and take part in the Shoppers Drug Mart run for women on June 8, 2025.

"Unmasking can help us form deeper connections and boost self-esteem, which supports good mental health," said Cooper. "Our vulnerability can inspire others to be open and honest about their mental health, creating a ripple effect that fosters greater understanding and empathy in communities."

This year marks CMHA's 74th Mental Health Week, and organizers are encouraging people across Manitoba to start conversations, share their experiences, and connect with resources — particularly those who feel isolated or overwhelmed.

"If you or someone you love is struggling, please reach out," CMHA said in a release. "If you're in crisis, you can call or text 9-8-8 any time — help is available 24/7."

May 5-11 marks CMHA's 74th Mental Health Week. This year's theme "Unmasking Mental Health" encourages people to unmask the truth about mental health, while breaking down barriers, challenging stigma, and supporting open conversations. To get involved, you can:

- Attend a CMHA Across Manitoba Mental Health Week event including courses and activities in Winnipeg, Selkirk, Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, Swan River, The Pas and Thompson.
- On May 8, join us for the launch of Love Notes—a mental health campaign, and in the evening attend a gala fundraiser Red Threads - Honouring Voices, Inspiring Change.
- Share the content and your support on social media using the hashtags #UnmaskingMentalHealth and #MentalHealthWeek.
- Start a conversation: By #UnmaskingMentalHealth through open and honest conversations we break down barriers so people can get the help they need when they need it.
- Donate to support CMHA mental health programs and services at <https://www.cmhaacrossmb.ca/donate>

Connect. If you or someone you love is struggling, please contact CMHA. If you are in crisis and need immediate support, call or text 9-8-8 for free, 24/7 crisis support.

The Canadian Mental Health Association is a national charity supporting mental wellness through advocacy, education, and services. In Manitoba, CMHA has more than 13 offices across the province and works to ensure no one faces mental health challenges alone.



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# Manitoba unveils first surgical robot at Health Sciences Centre

By Annaliese Meier

Manitoba's first surgical robot was officially unveiled Monday at Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Winnipeg, marking a major advancement for patient care in the province.

The Intuitive Surgical da Vinci Xi system, funded through the HSC Foundation's Operation Excellence campaign in partnership with the provincial government, will support minimally invasive surgeries and improved patient outcomes.

"Innovative technology like this helps us stay on the cutting edge of excellent patient care and allows us to focus our precious front-line staff resources where we need them most," said Uzoma Asagwara, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care. "This robot will help keep surgeons and nurses in our province and attract new ones, with a promise that in Manitoba you can expect best-in-class health care resources."

Jonathon Lyon, president and CEO of the HSC Foundation, called the new technology a "major milestone for patient care."

"With the robot, patients will experience less pain, less blood loss, and lower risks of complications," Lyon said. "Patients are typically discharged in a day or two, which improves patient flow, eases pressure on the emergency department, and frees up in-patient beds."

For 33-year-old thoracic patient An Ji Li, the robot helped turn a frightening diagnosis into a hopeful recovery. Li was diagnosed with lung cancer after coughing up blood in December and underwent robotic surgery at HSC in February.

"When you hear the word 'cancer,' everything stops," Li said. "But knowing I had access to this technology gave me real hope. Because of the robotic surgery, I was able to recover faster and focus on getting better and

moving forward."

The da Vinci Xi is currently being used across multiple specialties at HSC, including thoracic surgery, gynecologic cancer surgery and urology.

The system features four robotic arms operated by surgeons using highly sensitive controls and offers high-definition, three-dimensional visualization. It allows for greater precision and access to areas that are difficult to reach with traditional instruments.

"The da Vinci Xi extends the capabilities of a surgeon's hands and eyes," said Dr. Edward Buchel, Surgery Site Director at HSC and Provincial Specialty Lead for Surgery with Shared Health. "The robot's arms move more steadily than human hands, and the enhanced visualization technology helps us see even the smallest parts of the anatomy with extreme clarity."

The addition of the surgical robot is also aiding HSC's physician recruit-

ment efforts.

"Improving patient care through a dedicated thoracic endoscopy unit and acquiring new technology like the da Vinci robot is what drew me to Manitoba," said Dr. Gilly Akhtar-Danesh, a thoracic surgeon at HSC. "Physicians want to work at centres with leading-edge equipment that foster excellence in patient care."

Buchel added that the technology is a "game changer" for both patient outcomes and recruitment.

"We're grateful for the investments made by the HSC Foundation, the donors to the Operation Excellence campaign, and the Province of Manitoba," he said.

The HSC Foundation's Operation Excellence campaign is a multi-year initiative aimed at elevating health care in Manitoba. More information is available at [OperationExcellence.ca](http://OperationExcellence.ca).

## WCB to return \$122M in surplus funds to Manitoba employers

By Annaliese Meier

The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB) will return \$122 million in surplus funds to eligible employers this May.

The rebate, equivalent to 50 per cent of a business's 2024 premium, is possible due to strong investment returns, prudent financial management, and a stable reserve fund, the board announced Tuesday.

"This distribution will support the Manitoba economy and offer employers the opportunity to reinvest in safer workplaces," said WCB chair Colin S. Robinson. "Strong investment returns, prudent financial management, and a

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# Take on the Osprey Biijigigwane Adventure Race Series

By Katelyn Boulanger

The 1st Annual Osprey Biijigigwane Adventure Race Series, presented by Beaches of 59 and South Beach Casino & Resort, is coming to our region on May 24. Residents are invited to grab their gear and take part in this fun and challenging quest through one of our region's beautiful parks.

"What an adventure race is, and how ours is designed, is it's geared to beginners. People who have done adventure races would definitely still enjoy it, but it's definitely a beginner course. There will be canoeing, biking and trekking that you have to do, and you'll be using a compass and map to get to different checkpoints throughout the entire course. So, how we score it is, basically there's a three-hour cut-off, and whichever team gets to as many checkpoints in the least amount of time is the winner. It's not just (competitive) some people might join who just want to be outside for the day and have a fun time with their teammates. Some people might take it quite seriously and want to finish first, but either way, it will be a really fun time," said Aurora Debreuil Marketing Coordinator for Beaches of 59.

The Beaches of 59 is a local tourism organization which shares the offerings of the East Beaches. In this case, they are encouraging residents to get out to Grand Beach Provincial Park and check out the area's amenities. This year is a great year for something like this especially as the province has removed provincial park fees.

Debreuil explained that this race isn't a standard go from one point to another but encourages residents to chart their own paths.

"At the start, all the teams will get a map that shows the different checkpoints in the entire course. So, within that, that includes the water portion,

the trails and the beach, and teams can decide how they want to go about this. That's another fun part of adventure racing. It's a lot of strategy and team coordinating and problem-solving," she said.

The Osprey Biijigigwane Adventure Race Series is a two-day event with the first day being an adventure for the Manitoba High School Adventure Race Championships. The second day of the event, May 24, is going to be the day that residents will want to mark on their calendars as that's when the public adventure race takes place.

For those that want to participate, the registration fee is \$40 per person and each team must have a minimum of three racers. Teams also need to bring a canoe that fits all racers as well as a personal floatation device for each person, paddles, a water safety kit, a compass, and a mountain or gravel bike and helmet for each person. They should also make sure to dress for the weather as this is a rain-or-shine event.

"You can be of all different ages. You can be female, male that doesn't matter, but we do try to get teams of three. If you have a team of four, just send us an email. We'll see what that would look like. We do require that you have your own equipment, but if that is a barrier or you're maybe missing one canoe, but you've got everything else, again, just send us an email. We'll do our best to try and connect you with someone or provide you with some rental options" she said.

Debreuil said that the idea for an event like this came from Race Director Dean Kriellaars.

"He had pitched the idea as a great day. Grand Beach is such a perfect spot for it because there are so many incredible trails. There's the lagoon

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> ADVENTURE RACE, FROM PG. 19

area, the beach area, it has all of the elements that make for a perfect course," said Debreuil.

People who might be interested in taking part in this event would be people who like adventure.

"I feel like this is a really good race for anyone who just likes being outdoors. Especially in this area, everyone loves nature but it's nice to

have an excuse to spend the whole day outside with friends and with family," said Debreuil.

She also wants residents who sign up to know they aren't expected to be a professional to take part.

"I don't want to scare anyone off. Don't think you need to be a professional mountain biker or professional canoeer or anything like that. You re-

ally just, if you love (being active) it will definitely be a fun event.

For those who may want to support this effort financially, businesses and individuals can make donations to support this effort at <https://www.beachesof59.ca/osprey-checkpoint-sponsor>.

Until May 17 you can register a team at <https://www.beachesof59.ca/adventure-race-public-registration>.

Debreuil welcomes residents from our area and beyond to register and take part in this event.

"Sign up. Like I said, it's a great way

to connect with other people who are interested in these outdoor activities, and it's such a unique way of seeing the area. Grand Beach is obviously known for its beach, and it is an incredible beach, but the trails in that area are honestly some of the most incredible trails that we have in the province, and getting to experience them in this unique fashion, where you're looking for checkpoints, you're using a map, you're using a compass, you're running around, it really will be such a unique experience for people," she said.

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# Octavia Choir brings the East Coast Kitchen Party



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- 40 pieces cooked fried popcorn chicken
- Finely chopped fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley or green onion for garnish (optional)
- Hot sauce for serving

To make the syrup: In a large microwave-safe glass measuring cup with pour spout (one holding at least 3 cups) or a bowl, add the maple syrup, pineapple preserves, apple jelly, horseradish, pepper, and salt; whisk to combine.

Microwave the mixture on high for 35 seconds. (You also can heat it in a small saucepan on low until the mixture is warm.) Stir and taste, adjusting the flavor if desired. Set the syrup aside.

Place the toasted waffles on a large serving platter. Top each waffle with a piece of chicken. Drizzle the chicken-waffle bites with about 1 teaspoon of the syrup. Garnish with the parsley, if desired, and serve with the remaining syrup and hot sauce.

## Roasted Tomato Soup

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"  
Servings: 4-6

- 3 pounds tomatoes
- 1/2 onion (optional)
- 1 garlic bulb (optional)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon mesquite seasoning
- avocado oil
- 1 1/2 cups broth of choice
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- grilled cheese sandwiches, for serving (optional)
- Heat oven to 375 F.

Slice tomatoes. Slice onions and garlic, if desired. Place in baking dish.

Sprinkle garlic powder, onion powder, sugar and mesquite seasoning over tomatoes. Drizzle avocado oil over top and mix well.

Bake about 1 hour. Blend until smooth.

Pour into pot and mix in broth and whipping cream. Bring to simmer and add salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve with grilled cheese sandwiches, if desired.



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We all know planning is important. They say: "the person who doesn't plan for the future, can't expect to have a future." And we all know this to be true. So why is it that today we have over 40% of retirees falling into the "retirement gap." The new term, retirement gap, means that retirees are finding that the money they planned to live on, in reality, now falls short every month. Being in the retirement gap is not a good thing and if you know your in it than you also know you will need to either get a part-time job, adjust your spending, or downsize your home and your lifestyle.

First up, you want to make a list of all your monthly expenses, including mortgages (or rent), utilities, heat, hydro, condo fees, estimate for groceries, car payments and gas for your vehicle, memberships, subscriptions, and basically everything that you spend money on each month. Are these expenses going to continue in retirement, and if so, for how long?

Of course, if you plan to travel in retirement, then I will want you to decide how much you plan to spend every year and have this divided by 12 months and added in to your monthly expense list. Now that you know how much you will need each month when you retire – do you have a plan to create a revenue stream to cover these expenses. This revenue will need to be funded by investment portfolios, RRSPs, TFSA's, pension income, rental income, CPP and OAS.

While you may think you have enough funds to retire, please remember that timing your withdrawal from any investment is truly the key to ensuring your money lasts. If we take a typical retirement time horizon of let's say, 25 years and you are

withdrawing a monthly retirement income from an equity portfolio, you will need to account for 3 to 5 downward swings in the market. Because you are essentially creating a revenue stream from your portfolio it is important to remember that the cyclical trends that help build your savings, now works in reverse. Over a 25 year time period, due to bear markets, a retiree will need to consider that they will lose anywhere from 20% to 46% from their overall capital savings if held in an equity portfolio. Remember this is like dollar cost averaging but in reverse – because you are now withdrawing funds on a monthly basis, not saving them.

Another thing to consider is the state of the economy at the time you wish to retire. If you retire during a bull market, you will be much better off than someone that retires in a bear market. You see, positive returns early in retirement outlast an identical portfolio that has to endure negative returns early in retirement. This is called the "sequence of returns risk" and please believe me, this is a true event. Economists have shown that when you compare portfolios with the same securities and values, and with the same average long-term rate of return, the timing of the withdrawals does make a difference.

The fact is, bear markets will happen throughout your retirement, and they will affect your savings plan. Since 1940, we have had 15 bear markets with the average length being 11.2 months in duration and an average loss of 31.8%. The best way to combat this phenomenon is to have your fixed monthly expenses covered by your guaranteed income (OAS, CPP, Pensions, LIRAs). If you can do that, then you could potentially withdraw less during bear markets and more when we have a bull market. Bull markets typically last for about 3-4 years and have an average return of 148.7% over their past bear market. Don't be put in a situation where you are forced to sell securities in a down trending market. Selling in a bear market creates capital loss because once the securities are cashed out, they can no longer participate in the eventual recovery.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

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# Remebering the people who fought for our freedom



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The 77 RCSCC Daerwood commemorated the Battle of the Atlantic last weekend. The commemoration remembered the longest battle of the Second World War which started on Sept. 3, 1939, and did not end until the last of the U-boats surrendered in 1945. Canadians volunteered from across the country for the Royal Canadian Navy despite the danger as well as rough conditions on the Atlantic. Shipyards from across the country also took part in building over 325 warships and 199 merchant ships. Men and women were involved in this battle with the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service working on dockyards and shore stations. Civilians also took part, sailing the merchant ships. The first Sunday in May is the day that we recognize all the people who fought and were lost in this battle. The Royal Canadian Navy had 1,797 casualties, 319 wounded, and 24 warships lost. The Royal Canadian Air Force and Army also lost 380 personnel. The merchant navy lost 70 ships and approximately 1,600 people.





# sports & recreation

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## Stingers rally to win junior high ringette tournament

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Stingers junior high ringette team reached the winner's circle at the Manitoba Junior High School Ringette Tournament after a dramatic 5-4 win at Canlan Ice Sports on April 27.

The tournament, hosted by the St. James Ringette Association, brought together players from Grades 6 to 9 representing various Lord Selkirk School Division schools. The Stingers faced the Beausejour Barons in the championship final.

Selkirk jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and extended the margin to 4-0 early in the second before the Barons came to life. Beausejour responded with a goal shortly after the Stingers' fourth, then struck twice more in just 75 seconds to close the gap to 4-3 with 11 minutes to play.

Both teams settled in defensively as the Barons pushed for the equalizer and the Stingers searched for insurance. With under seven minutes remaining, Selkirk restored a two-goal cushion.

Beausejour kept the pressure on, making it 5-4 with 1:25 left. In a nail-biting final minute, the Barons rang a shot off the crossbar in the dying seconds but couldn't find the equalizer.

As the clock hit zero, the Stingers sealed the one-goal win and claimed the tournament banner.

Shannon Kubic, an LSSD team supervisor and one of the organizers, said it was rewarding to watch the team evolve from a group of players from different schools into a cohesive unit over the month of April.

"They really came together and played hard," said Kubic. "All of them came from different teams they played on all season, but they came together as a strong group of Lord Selkirk students and showed some strong tenacity and good effort. They were so, so excited after."

Kubic, who helped start the team last year, was joined this year by Kristy d'Auteuil. The team was approved by LSSD superintendent Jerret Long, with support from local university students who coach in the Winnipeg Ringette League and volunteered on the Stingers' bench.

Although registration opened a few months ago, the team only came together after spring break, squeezing in three practices before their tournament debut on April 22.

The Stingers opened the event with a 10-4 win over the Barons, then followed with an 8-1 win over River Heights and a 5-2 victory against École George-McDowell to complete a 3-0 round robin.

They carried that momentum into the semifinal with an 8-3 win over Collège Béliveau Family of Schools to punch their



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The Selkirk Stingers defeated the Beausejour Barons 5-4 on April 27 at Canlan Ice Sports to win the Manitoba Junior High School Ringette Tournament hosted by St. James Ringette Association. The Stingers were undefeated at the tournament, going 5-0. Pictured, left to right, back row: Sydney Ostermann, Sydney Edbom, Eden Bilan, Ellasyn Kett, Olivia Nicol, Rayleene Munro, Adriel Bruce, Sierra Simard, Kristy d'Auteuil, Shereise Fetterly; front row: Chelsea Ervick, Callen Clifford, Alyssa Van Wart, Delaney Bush, Mallory Gregg, Chloe Brown, Eden Todosichuk, Sara d'Auteuil and Olivia Sousa.

ticket to the final.

The championship win capped off a perfect 5-0 run for Selkirk in only their second year competing in the tournament. Kubic said plans are already in place to field another team next year.

"It's just a great, fun time in April to kind of celebrate the sport of ringette within our own community," she said.

Next year, however, Grade 9 students won't be eligible to play, as they will be considered high school students under LSSD. They'll in-

stead be able to compete in the high school version of the tournament, which runs concurrently.

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## Aces feeling on the outs after alleged removal from SEMHL

By Kieran Reimer

The Ste. Anne Aces captured their third consecutive South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL) title just a couple of months ago.

The Aces have lost only 11 regulation games over the past three regular seasons, making them one of the top teams in the SEMHL.

But now, as they enter another off-season as league champions, their future in the SEMHL is in question.

On May 4 at the Carman Golf Course, the SEMHL held a league meeting attended by Aces head coach and president Kevin Lansard, representing Ste. Anne.

According to the special meeting agenda, one of the items discussed was a set of proposed changes submitted by the Warren Mercs — another team in the SEMHL — on April 22 at the league's annual meeting.

The proposed changes included:

- The five newest teams (Île-des-Chênes, Red River, Ste. Anne, Springfield and potentially Steinbach, which is currently non-operational) leave the SEMHL and revive the dormant Carillon Senior Hockey League.
- Replace the Ste. Anne Aces with the Steinbach Huskies.
- Reduce the player eligibility radius for designating a player as "local."

Aces forward Brett Meilleur, who did not attend the meeting, spoke with Lansard afterward.

Based on their conversation, Meilleur said that at one point during the meeting, Lansard was asked to leave the room. When he returned, he was informed that a vote had taken place and that Ste. Anne had been removed from the league.

Despite the circumstances surrounding the meeting, the Aces released a statement Sunday stating that the league's six original member teams voted to remove them.

"It was a surprise to all of the guys," said Meilleur. "We have a group chat, so he (Lansard) messaged us, and there was a flood of questions: What is the reasoning? What does this mean? Are we indefinitely out of the league? Is there a way we can fight back? It was out of left field for all of us."

Meilleur added the team had no indication it had broken any rules — and if they had, he believes they would have been informed.

Meilleur, 31, said the team is not giving up yet.

"We're reaching out to the public to get some backing, because we feel this is very unfair and uncalled for," he said. "We're going to speak with Hockey Manitoba, and if we have to get lawyers involved to see if this was

done legally — followed to a tee lawfully — then that's what we'll do."

A former Balmoral resident and ex-captain of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League's Stonewall Jets, Meilleur has been part of all three of Ste. Anne's recent championship teams.

"If we don't make it back into the league, I'm going to step away for a bit," he said. "I have a son on the way, so things are busy for me. I'd have to take a step back, unfortunately."

"I would like to continue playing hockey at the senior level because I love the league and the competitiveness. I just hope we can get back in, that this can be resolved fairly, and we can move forward."

"I think it's pretty well known that Ste. Anne has brought a very competitive nature to the league. It's not like we walked through everyone this year — we went to Game 7 overtime with Springfield, which was an electric experience. Now you're taking that away. If that ceases to exist, it doesn't just affect the community of Ste. Anne, it affects the league as well."

Meilleur said the potential removal of the team impacts more than just the players.

"I lived through it with my teammates," he said. "A lot of them have become close friends. They're fathers

of two or three kids, and their kids are at the games. Their wives and families come too. We've got kids lining up to fist bump us before every game — it's what they live for on the weekends."

"They don't know anything that comes close to that feeling. Senior A hockey with the Aces has been such a special experience. You don't always get on a team that can win like we have, so that's been very exciting — and obviously beneficial for the families and kids involved."

"That's the biggest gut punch. Taking that away affects a whole community. It's not just 24 grown men — it's their families. It trickles down. We all got to be part of the experience of winning together, and it just feels like something got stolen from us — not in the past, but maybe moving forward."

The SEMHL operated with 10 teams during the 2024–25 season, the Carman Beavers, Île-des-Chênes North Stars, Morden Bombers, Notre Dame Hawks, Portage Islanders, Red River Wild, Springfield Winterhawks, Ste. Anne Aces, Warren Mercs, and Winkler Royals. The Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League — which overlaps geographically with the SEMHL — included teams from both Ste. Anne and Steinbach last season.

## Thunder hosting free development camp at Stonewall Collegiate

By Kieran Reimer

The Interlake Thunder Football Club is offering youth a free opportunity to learn the game of football this month.

On Saturday, May 17, the Thunder will host a free football development camp at Stonewall Collegiate, led by Thunder varsity head coach Christof Hasselfield and Thunder vice-president of football operations Kris Johnston.

The non-contact skills camp is open to youth aged eight to 13, regardless of prior experience with the sport.

The camp includes a free hotdog lunch and prize giveaways. Cleats are optional.

"We just want to allow kids the opportunity to come out and test the waters, so to speak — see what football might be all about for them," said Johnston. "We also want to give returning players an opportunity to run around, have fun with their

teammates, meet new potential teammates, make new friends — just have fun."

"We want it to be a pretty laid-back environment, knowing that new kids are going to be joining, and we don't want to make it anything but fun and relaxed."

The camp begins with a 90-minute group session introducing basic football skills, including stations for blocking, tackling, throwing, catching, running with the ball and defending a pass.

After the first session, players aged eight and nine will receive their free hot lunch. Players aged 10 to 13 will take a 30-minute

break and a snack before heading back out for a second 90-minute session.

The second session will focus on positional skills, with players encouraged to try positions on both offence and defence.

Older players will receive their hot-dog lunch after the second session.

The Thunder are working with Football Manitoba to ensure all partici-

pants are covered by insurance.

Johnston said a registration poster and sign-up link will be shared soon.

### CAMP SCHEDULE:

- 10–11:30 a.m. – First session (ages 8–13)
- 11:30 a.m.–Noon – Break and lunch
- Noon–1:30 p.m. – Second session (ages 10–13)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 174(1) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to present five (5) proposals to borrow at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements on Tuesday May 27th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE is also hereby given pursuant to Subsection 174(1) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to give first reading to five (5) proposed borrowing by-laws at the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements, 1043 Kittson Road during the regular meeting of Council on Tuesday May 27th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m following the Public Hearing.

Following first reading, all five (5) proposed borrowing by-laws will be forwarded to the Manitoba Municipal Board for approval. Such approval must be obtained under the Municipal Act s.176 prior to third reading and execution of the proposed by-laws.

#### REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW 6-2025

#### BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD REMEDIATION WORKS.

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#### REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW 7-2025

#### BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS TO AMMEND IT'S BY-LAW 6-2018 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITY IN SOUTH ST. CLEMENTS.

The total cost of the project is \$ 6,500,222.50 and will include grant funding of \$2,045,444.10 received through the Province of Manitoba, and additional grant funding in the amount of \$2,454,778.40 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program by the Government of Canada. The net total cost of the proposed borrowing is \$ 2,000,000.00 and is to be repaid over 20 years at a rate estimated for the time being at 6.00 % per annum and subject in any event to the authorization of The Municipal Board. The annual repayment amount is estimated at \$ 174,369.11 and will be levied annually as part of the general levy.

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Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the borrowing by-laws as provided.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information is encouraged to contact Deepak Joshi, CAO at 482-3300.

Copies of the proposals to borrow are available for review at the Municipal Office located at 1043 Kittson Road, East Selkirk or on our website at [www.rmofstclements.com](http://www.rmofstclements.com)

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025.

Deepak Joshi, Chief Administrative Officer



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God has you in His keeping,  
I have you in my heart.  
-Love all your family

OBITUARY



**Patricia Jean Choquette (nee Stinson)**  
With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Patricia (Pat) Choquette on January 15th, 2025 at the age of 79.  
She leaves behind to grieve husband John; sons Jamie (Andrea), David (Katrina); grandchildren Lee and Ben; sisters Bunt (Howie) and Tami; along with many more family members.  
Pat was very involved in the community taking part in many different crafting circles, making many life long friends through her love of crafting.  
A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.  
In lieu of flowers, donations to Manitoba Lung Association or Heart and Stroke foundation are appreciated.  
Tributes: [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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OBITUARY



**James Patton**  
Peacefully on April 26, 2025 Jim passed away at the age of 83. He will be lovingly remembered by his partner Elsie; Susan (Ken), Brad (Alice), Brandt, Daniel; brother Dave; cousin Shirley. In keeping with Jim's wishes there will be no funeral. A private family interment will be held at a later date.  
Flowers are gratefully declined, if so desired donations can be made to a local charity of your choice.  
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OBITUARY



**Myrna Babisky-Stamm**  
April 19, 1936 – April 27, 2025  
With heavy hearts, we announce Myrna Muriel Stamm's peaceful passing (nee Parks) on April 27, 2025.  
Myrna leaves behind her two daughters Janice and Wendy (Garth), her grandchildren Jodie (Gordie), Richard (Marni), Andrew, Amanda (Matt) and Aaron, and her great-grandchildren Cody, Gordie, Shayla, Marissa, Alyssa, Keira, Jackson, Jordyn, Lincoln, Brantley and Beyla as well as her six great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her six step-children and many step-grandchildren. Her brother-in-law Lorne, sister-in-law Trudy, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins close to her heart.  
She was predeceased by her loving husband, Jack Babisky and her adoring second husband, Archie Stamm. As well as her parents, James and Violet Parks, her brother Alvin, his wife Joan, her brother Jack, and her dear sister Gail.

Myrna was born and raised in Lockport, Mb. She went on to work various jobs, including IGA where she spent many years. Myrna met Jack through their shared love of music and were married in 1955 and shortly after, their daughters Janice and Wendy were born. Myrna and Jack spent 33 wonderful years together until his passing in 1987. She then went on to marry Archie, who was a long-time family friend, in 1992 and spent another lovely 12 years until his passing in 2004.

She was happiest listening to old-time fiddle music and giving a step. She loved playing guitar, singing country music, going to the casino, playing bingo, and traveling. She was the best cook and Sunday dinners were a family favorite as well as the holidays she hosted. Myrna was adored by so many and had such an infectious, witty and determined spirit. She loved with all her heart and would give the shirt off her back to those she loved. There will truly never be another like her, and she will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the staff at Red River Place for their care and compassion. As per her wishes, cremation has taken place and her service will be on June 6th at 2 p.m. at the Little Britain United Church, 5879 Provincial Trunk Hwy 9, Lockport, MB. Pastor Rudy Fidel officiating.

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## OBITUARY



**Doris Hallson**  
January 19, 1948 – April 30, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Doris Ann Hallson.

Predeceased by her mother, Myrtle Hallson, father Ed Hallson and brother Bobby Hallson.

She leaves to mourn her sister Donna Coumont, brother-in-law Jerry Coumont, sister-in-law Elsie Hallson, two nieces, three nephews, five great-nieces, four great-nephews and three great-great-nieces (Eva, Elia and Emma).

Thank you to the Betel Home in Selkirk for the wonderful care that Doris has received through her many years of living there. So many nurses went above and beyond to make her comfortable. Thank you. Special thank you to Michael for visiting and keeping her on her toes.

Following her wishes, there will be no service. A private family interment will take place at a later date.

Tributes: [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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## OBITUARY

**Rudy Kowalyk**  
April 4, 1943 – April 28, 2025

With much sorrow and sadness, we announce the passing of our deeply loved partner, father, brother, uncle and friend at the age of 82.

Rudy was a very happy man, who loved everyone, made friends easily and kept them for life. His determination and energy were endless.

Rudy worked for Parkside Ford as shop foreman (currently Vicker Ford) for over 30 years until his retirement. He had a love of Fords, of which he owned several over his life.

He is survived by his partner Jackie; his daughter Connie (John), grandchildren Austin (Liz) and Colton, his son Cory (Cindy), grandchildren Keira and Taylor, step sons Jeff (India), grandchildren Erin and Jovie and stepson Jason, step grandchildren Jay-lyn, and Makenna. Sister Helen, nieces Tracey and family, Tammy (Donald), Rhonda, and nephew Vince and families, many cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Mike and Minnie Kowalyk, brother George, and nephew Mark.

Thank you to the wonderful, caring staff at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

Our memories of you are treasures that will be in our hearts forever. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. We will always remember the lessons you taught us in life, and the love you had for everyone.

"God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts."

At Rudy's request, no formal service will be held and cremation has taken place.

Friends and family are invited to visit Rudy's memorial page at [www.interlakecremation.ca](http://www.interlakecremation.ca), where memories and condolences may be shared.

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## OBITUARY

**Leslie Dean Morrisseau**

Peacefully, on Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Health Sciences Centre, Les Morrisseau, aged 53 years of Selkirk, MB, passed away.

Full obituary to follow.

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## OBITUARY

**Maria Tamara Epp**  
February 18th, 1951 - April 25th, 2025

With a profound sense of loss in our hearts we announce the passing of Maria Epp on April 25th, 2025. She was a loving Wife, Mother, proud Grandmother and a dear friend to those who had the opportunity to really get to know her.

Maria was predeceased by her loving husband Richard Peter Epp, mother Tatiana Krawchuk, step-father Karl Krawchuk, parents-in-law Peter and Betty Epp, along with her sister-in-law Anita and her husband Ian Evans.

Maria will be deeply missed by her daughter Tanya (Corey) and granddaughter Ember, and her two sons Luke and Taras, as well as her extended family: Lyuba Palamarchuk, Andriy and Viktoriya Palamarchuk and their children Daniel, Timothy, Matthew and Elijah. Oksana Palamarchuk, Will and Igor van de



Corput. As well as her brothers and sisters-in-law: Ron (Anne) Epp, Bob Epp, Carolyn (Ron) Cataldo, and Ken (Charlene) Epp

To view the complete Obituary please visit [Arbormemorial.ca](http://Arbormemorial.ca)

We will be holding a Celebration of Life Service in Maria's honour Saturday, May 10th at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Selkirk on 225 McLean Ave in Selkirk, Manitoba with refreshments to follow after the service.

## OBITUARY

**Shirley Joyce Adams (nee Begg)**

A life well lived, Shirley Joyce Adams (nee Begg) passed away peacefully on April 30th, 2025 in Selkirk, Manitoba. She was ninety-two years old.

Shirley was born in Selkirk, Manitoba on October 20, 1932. She grew up in the St. Clements area with three brothers, Howard, Ronnie, Harvey and two sisters, Marge and Hazel. Shirley was the last of that generation.

She worked many years for Lord Selkirk School Division and later became a cleaning contractor. Shirley loved woman's softball. First playing with the Mapleton Expo-ettes and then with the Hoot's Hustlers, all in the St. Clements area. She was the second baseman and could hit a mean line drive down third! When the family moved to Pine Falls, Manitoba she became an avid bowler, winning many trophies.

After her husband passed, she moved to Ontario to be with her son and his family. After a few years she moved back to "Gods Country" Pine Falls. She continued bowling, sewing, reading, playing solitaire and board games. Eventually, she moved back to Selkirk to spend her final years.

Shirley is survived by her children, Norene Adams (Tom), Ken Adams (Carol), Ron Adams (Heather), Heather Smith (Walter), Ann Lorene Adams, Rick Peters (Shirley); 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband C.P (Hoot) Adams, parents Nora and George Begg, her baby sister Ann, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

A private family service will be held at a later date, as per Shirley's requests.

Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy - John 16:22

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