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Selkirk's community garden opens for the season

A safe way to be together

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk's Water Tower Community Garden opened for planting once again on May 15 marking the second year since the city partnered with Communities in Bloom, Selkirk Home Hardware, and The Flower Child to revitalize the space.

"There are so many people in Selkirk, particularly the elderly, who haven't been able to get out in months and now they are able to get out, see their friends, grow their food, and really nurture [their plants]" said Taylor Gyselinck, owner of The Flower Child and Coordinator of the community garden.

The community garden was previously run by René Gauthier and the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. When that program came to an end, there was a year when the gardens were rested. There was an outcry from the community for someone to pick up the project, which was when the businesses and Communities in Bloom stepped up.

"It was such an important part of people's lives here in town so it was really missed that one year and then we worked with the City of Selkirk, they were very instrumental in us bringing the gardens back to life and Home Hardware and that was last year," said Gyselinck.

Since then the garden has seen an upgrade and now has 32 plots which residents and the Food Bank are using to grow plants.

"We basically did a massive overhaul we built half of the garden plots and built them brand new. We repaired the other half and replaced the topsoil. We added compost. We added extra water totes for people to enjoy. We took away any costs associated with it so that it would be open for all citizens in Selkirk and this year we focused on doing as many repairs as we could," said Gyselinck.

Michelle Balharry, president of Communities in Bloom Manitoba believes that having spaces like this in

the community is important.

"It's that sense of belonging to the bigger overall picture and because of the partnerships it feels like so many people are involved, the City, Home Hardware, The Flower Child, and Communities in Bloom," said Balharry.

Covid-19 luckily did not affect the community garden this year with all 32 plots being spoken for before March 31.

"When COVID kind of came out, I'd say in the middle of April, we did have an influx of people looking for a plot, people wanting to grow their own food, first-time gardeners wanting to try," said Gyselinck.

Despite provincial restrictions, the garden is still open for everyone to check out.

"Everyone's welcome to still go. There's sanitizing after using the water taps. Everyone is staying six feet apart and respecting social distancing. It's really nice because it's a way that people can still gather and see their friends. If you have someone let's say in plot number one then someone in plot number five you're a good 20 feet away but you can still communicate and you can still have that feeling of a social gathering but it's not an overwhelming experience," said Gyselinck.

She says that growing at community gardens is great for first-time gardeners especially because of the support that you receive from others who have more experience.

"It's a really great spot to learn to garden. It's a controlled environment. It's 4' by 8' so it's nothing too big. It's a great learning tool for first-time gardeners," said Gyselinck.

In the future, Communities in Bloom is hoping to partner with the City to add more plots throughout the city so that more residents can participate particularly in the new developments and at the south end of the city.

"The people have spoken. Every year there is more demand. It's amazing



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One of Selkirk's community garden plots.

that the City of Selkirk provides these plots for residents free of charge. No other municipality or the City of Winnipeg provides plots free of charge," said Gyselinck.

"Plants bring people happiness and flowers bring people joy," agreed Balharry.

People tend to use these plots to grow a multitude of things including tomatoes, peppers, zucchinis, beans, peas, and some flowers to make their plots their own.

Gyselinck would like to emphasize that though the public is welcome to come and look at the community gardens the plots themselves are grown by residents and it is not a pick your own garden.

"Everyone works very hard to grow their own vegetables and we would appreciate if people would respect that. It is not a free community garden

these are people that are growing for themselves and their families and the food bank," said Gyselinck.

She and Balharry are pleased to have a space in the community where people can come together safely.

"One night last week Michelle [Balharry] and I went to the garden because it had just opened for people to plant and to just be able to see everyone smiling, laughing, interacting, and the kids. Going and looking at what people are planting it's just been a great experience to see it bring people together," said Gyselinck.

Plots are first come first serve and the sign-up period is announced in February or March for the coming year in the Selkirk Record as well as at Home Hardware. For more information about the garden email selkirk-communitygardens@gmail.com



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Friendship Centre mural finished

New mural on the horizon

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Nookoomis Gikinoo'amaagoo-winan-Grandmother's teaching's mural, which was the first mural in the Legacy of Love mural project, has now been completed in the Youth Mentorship space at the Selkirk Friendship Centre's Manitoba Ave. location.

"It's always a wonderful experience working with talented artist and instructor Ashley Christiansen whose beautiful original design we worked from. The students who worked on the mural were all amazing," said Jeannie Red Eagle who is the Legacy of Love mural art project coordinator.

The mural, which was made with support from the PASS program at LSRCSS, the Selkirk Friendship Centre, and the Interlake Art Board, is part of the Legacy of Love mural art project and is funded by the Women and Gender Equality of Canada department of the federal government in support of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

Red Eagle wanted to thank everyone who was involved with the project which came together in eight evenings of painting in a group setting and two more evenings where she and Christiansen finished off the mural while socially distancing to ensure that it was completed amid COVID-19.

"Everyone has a role to play and just because you're not Indigenous does not mean that you have a role to play. I'm humbled and overflowing with gratitude," said Red Eagle.

The mural recognizes murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls through a string of faceless paper dolls at the top of the wall and through the focus of the image which is centre on Elder Annie Bowkett who took part in the truth and reconciliation commission. In the image, Bowkett is lighting a Quiliq, which provides light and warmth to the earth. She is surrounded by birch trees, the four sacred

medicines in Indigenous teachings and the four colours of the medicine wheel, which are meant to help educate the youth who use the space.

This first mural is only the beginning, however, as Red Eagle and Christiansen are now teaming up with Indigenous muralist Annie Beach on another mural, which will be located behind the Gaynor Family Library.

This mural is meant to be one of healing and education as well as a meeting place in the community.

"We did engagement sessions with family members [of mmiwg]. We did that when we went to the Wiping Away the Tears Ceremony last year. We engaged with families throughout the weekend at that large event. We sat down with those family members and asked those questions, [about what healing looks like for your family] and we had them write it on cards and sealed it. It was a ceremony in and of itself. We respected that truth and what they were sharing and we then came together later on and took a look at those beautiful truths, beautiful words that they shared with us and we'll incorporate some of those into the design of the mural," said Red Eagle.

The design will have the thirty panels which are eight feet high and four feet long placed in a circle with a turtle painted on the outside of the circle as if it's emerging from the ground and the messages of healing on the inside of the circle which will be a meeting spot.

Covid-19 has caused some delays in this second project's completion as the artists have had to socially distance themselves while painting, however, they are now working on it in sections at the new Selkirk Community Church location and will then combine the sections to create the final art piece.

"We didn't have the idea of what



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Jeannie Red Eagle with the completed Nookoomis Gikinoo'amaagoo-winan mural at Selkirk Friendship Centre's Youth Mentorship space at the Main St. location.

the design was going to be [when we started the project in March] but we knew what the turtle shell looks like so thought that we might as well get that started," said Red Eagle.

She says that the delay caused by COVID allowed her time to reflect on the design and its focus.

"Now we have a really good plan going forward. It also provided the [op-

portunity] to have Annie Beach come in and she's a wonderfully talented very busy person before COVID and that opened up the opportunity to have her come in and we're really grateful to have her with us," said Red Eagle.

The hope is to have this second mural completed by the fall of this year.

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New superintendant for Lord Selkirk School Division

By Katelyn Boulanger

With the announcement of the retirement of Michele Polinuk earlier in the year, the Lord Selkirk District School Board was on the hunt for a new Superintendent and Jerret Long was chosen for the job.

Long, who was the Assistant Superintendent prior to his promotion, will be joined by Lisa Minaker who will be taking on the newly opened assistant position.

"During these unsettling times still, though things are on the rebound, we don't know what's in store or what September looks like yet for sure in the province so having stability is critical and having Jerret [Long] remaining and moving into this leadership position and bringing Lisa [Minaker] from within the school division just helps that stability and helps the school administrators know who they're dealing with without having to bring someone new in," said Polinuk.

Long has been working for the LSSD for over 20 years having experience in both elementary and high school levels.

"I'm a grad from St. Andrew's in Lockport and then the high school. I have roots here and my family certainly has roots here so I think the one thing that I want people to know is that not only was I a student here and a teacher and administrator but I'm also passionate about the Lord Selkirk School Division continuing to thrive and succeed because it's a part of me," said Long.

Minaker has 13 years of administrative school experience and is currently the principal at Robert Smith School.

"I've worked in this division my whole career. I started in '97 and have worked in four different schools in the division, St. Andrew's School, William S. Patterson School, Centennial School and Robert Smith. That's ten or so years of teaching experience, also as a learning support teacher, and I've

got a background in student services," said Minaker.

Both Long and Minaker were also students in the division so they have experienced this particular school district from all angles.

"They both bring a shared perspective that we're here for the kids and we want to know about their relationships and the building of community and school community that's integral and you need to have some of that shared philosophy to bring on a team but they also bring various strengths and backgrounds from the division which is always integral when you're building a team," said Polinuk.

Polinuk is also very proud to have LSSD graduates filling these roles.

"It's fantastic for the community and knowing that our own schools can create great leaders," said Polinuk.

Though the next school year is more uncertain than the typical school year would generally be, Minaker is hopeful that the division will be able to bring structure to student's education in whatever form it takes.

"My hope is that we can create a sense of calm for our students and as much normalcy as possible for our students. We want our students to come back and just feel safe and secure in the classroom that would be my hope," said Minaker.

Long is also hopeful that in this new position he will be able to use his years of experience to bring stability to the position while continuing on with new ideas that fit into the school division's vision.

"We need to have stability and show the community in the genuine way that they're confident that things are going to be ok. In some ways, we need to stay the course and what I mean by that is [having] the focus to make sure that all students succeed and we need to not lose sight of that" said Long.

Polinuk advises that both Long and Minaker take time to pause when

making important decisions that are necessary to provide the best education possible for students.

"I think it's important to take the time to breathe and remember that we are here for people. We're here for the kids and we need to base all the decisions on what's best for kids in this case," said Polinuk.

She is hopeful for student's next school year despite the cancellation of classes due to Covid-19 interrupting studies.

"It's been hard and it's OK. We're almost through this year and when we start up, I won't be here but I'm still going to be part of this community, in September the schools are going to be so ready to carry on. Let's make up whatever we need to but we've got this. It's not a problem. Parents have done an amazing job," said Polinuk.

Both Long and Minaker have agreed to one-year interim contracts starting August 1.

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Visit Oak Hammock Marsh from home

Live cams give residents a way to watch wilderness from their couch

By Katelyn Boulanger

Though Oak Hammock Marsh's interpretive centre continues to keep its doors closed residents can still come to walk around the marsh or better yet check it out from the comfort of their own home by looking up the live marshcams at Oak Hammock's website.

"In those times when you can't have close contact with nature, it makes you feel like you're still there without being there in person. It's a way for us to monitor and see what's happening in person," said Jacques Bourgeois, Marketing & Communications for Oak Hammock Marsh.

He believes that getting out in nature is a safe way to feel like we are getting out when we might not be able to participate in activities that we normally would.

"It kind of feels good. Nature is great. It's not just great to go outside but it feels like it's good for the soul too. I think those cameras let you know that nature keeps on going even if we aren't there to welcome them. It didn't even stop the birds at all," he said.

Right now, the marsh has two webcams set up for residents to view. One is a general camera that allows residents to view the marsh from the front of the interpretive centre but also allows residents some control over the direction and pitch of the

camera as well allowing giving them the ability to zoom in on anything that they'd like to see. The second camera, which earlier in the year was used to watch geese sitting on their eggs, is now viewing morning dove parents as they take turns keeping their eggs warm.

Bourgeois's favourite moments that he's seen on the webcams have been when he was watching the geese.

"The goose cam was kind of fun to watch because there were always moments throughout the day like when intruders came close to the nest and mama goose made herself really big and chased them away and that was kind of fun to watch live. The same thing when the first goslings hatched and they're kicking their legs through the eggshell it was a magical moment," said Bourgeois.

The older webcam on the top of the building has been in the marsh for 15 years or so while the newer nest cam has been a feature at the marsh for the past two years.

He also encourages residents to stop by the marsh in person if they are able to while respecting proper social distancing from other patrons.

"Now is a good time [to come by the marsh]. Spring is alive there's so many things to see and so many things to do. The smell, the sights the sounds of the wetlands. It's nature's cradle of life and there's so much going on. It feels

Mourning Dove Nest Cam



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A male morning sitting on his nest keeping eggs warm during the day as caught by Oak Hammock Marsh's live marshcam on June 1.

good just to be out there and just to feel it. We do have a few other things. We are also offering guided marsh walks for bird watchers. We have our resident naturalist Paula Grief who is our expert in the province and she offers those guided bird walks in the mornings," said Bourgeois.

The next guided bird walk will be June 7 at 8 a.m.

They are also planning to continue to put on their Father's Day Waterbug

Derby where participants catch bugs in the water and try to find the rarest bugs in order to win a prize, however, this year to facilitate social distancing they will have two rounds one at 11 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. on June 21.

For more about Oak Hammock Marsh visit oakhammockmarsh.ca and to go directly to the live marshcam page visit oakhammockmarsh.ca/learn/nature-at-oak-hammock-marsh/live-videos/

Selkirk RCMP seizes drugs, cash, arrests male suspect

Submitted by Selkirk RCMP

On May 28, at approximately 3 p.m., the Selkirk RCMP General Investigation Section, along with East District Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST) and Police Dog Services, arrested a 35-year-old male on Morris Avenue in Selkirk.

The male was searched and found to be in possession of 33 grams of cocaine, cannabis, hydromorphone, cash and drug paraphernalia.

Chad Langlois, of Selkirk, has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled substance, Possession of Cannabis for the Purpose of Selling under the Cannabis Act, and Failing to Comply. He has been remanded into custody.

The Crime Reduction / Enforcement Support Team focuses in intelligence-based investigations into drugs, rural property crime and serious, prolific offenders within our communities. There are currently three CREST teams in the province, one in the north, one in the east and one in the west.

The RCMP continue to investi-



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The Selkirk RCMP General Investigation Section and the East District Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team arrested Chad Langlois, who was found carrying 33 grams of cocaine, cannabis, hydromorphone, cash and drug paraphernalia.

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Selkirk Community Church renovations nearing completion

Accepting facility rentals from community

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Community Church may not be open for services right now, but after a complete renovation and expansion to their worship space, they are hoping that residents will come and check out the facility's new features that are available for rent by the public while adhering to Covid-19 restrictions.

"I'm super excited. We've been doing online services. We got a taste of it already before COVID happened. We were here enjoying two or three Sundays and when you're a church in transition and you transition from a space that you've been forever like the Gordon Howard. The anticipation was really great," said Ryan Galashan part-time pastor at Selkirk Community Church.

The new facility has expanded tremendously from the 2000 square foot facility that it once was to a 22000 square foot building.

"The building was originally designed to be three buildings in one, three multiuse areas in one. The first one would be the gym area. The second would be the multipurpose room,

we call it the sanctuary, but it's a multipurpose room, and the third space would be one for the [classroom]," said Gary Warkentine, Moderator for the Selkirk Community Church.

It now contains a gym, which can be used in its entirety or at a half-court size, a commercial kitchen, a mezzanine overlooking the gym, a conference room, a large classroom space, and the sanctuary, which is where services are held.

"It was built in a way that we could specifically partner with our community. We looked at the specific needs of our community and we thought what a great way for us to build a facility that would be used extensively by our community and then we'd be able to partner with them and be able to use it as well," said Gary Warkentine.

For the few weeks that the congregation was able to use the space before restrictions limited their ability to use the facility, they appreciated the increased space that is allowed.

"It felt like being home. We had been in our building for a long time and then we rented for two years in the basement of the Gordon Howard

and as nice as it was to have a facility to worship in it wasn't home because it was temporary and then what this really made this feel like home was all of the hands that contributed to putting it together. Obviously, we didn't do all of it but everywhere you look around you look at the walls that were painted or the floors that were put in and that was all put in by church volunteers," said Lisa Warkentine, volunteer coordinator for the Selkirk Community Church.

About 60 volunteers came together to complete the work in this space in order for it to be ready for the public.

When COVID restrictions are relaxed and they receive their occupancy permit they expect to be able to host about 600 people in the gym alone but in the meantime, the extra space can make it easier for groups to come together safely.

"I think that every day every week every month [the situation with regards to COVID-19 safety] is changing so I think that having a larger space

allows us to more easily be accommodating to social distancing which is great both in [the sanctuary] and in the gym," said Galashan.

One of the first renters of the space has been the Interlake Arts Council who are using the mezzanine space to create a mural for murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

"People crave connection and friendship and community and there are lots of things that are happening in Selkirk. When sports events are happening, when there's a cooking class happening, when the church itself provides activities to the community. The vision is that our church community can connect and be friends and come alongside folks in our community," said Galashan.

More information about the facility can be found on the Selkirk Community Church website at selkirkcommunitychurch.com. For rental inquiries contact Lisa Warkentine at selkirkcommunitychurch.com/bookings

Curlers to upgrade facility



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On May 21, Waste Connections of Canada presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,500 to the Selkirk and District Curling Club. The donation will be used to upgrade the facility where curlers practise their sport.

Pictured from left to right: Tom Want, treasurer of the Selkirk and District Curling Club, Kris Sutherland, controller at Waste Connections of Canada, Kathleen McCallum, president of the Selkirk and District Curling Club, Dan Cyrenne, district manager at the Waste Connections of Canada and Lorie Fiddler, member of the Selkirk and District Curling Club.

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A different kind of recital

Selkirk Dance put on a great online show

By Ligia Braidotti

Selkirk Dance could not hold their annual recital this year due to the times we are living in, but did not want their students' efforts to go unnoticed.

On May 15, Alycia Campbell, lead instructor at Selkirk Dance, and her colleagues, put together their first Virtual Opening Number where current and former students, and instructors gathered to dance and celebrate.

"In our annual recital, we bring all of our students together to do the performances that they've been working on all year. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to unfortunately cancel it," Campbell said. "But we still wanted to coordinate something for our dancers, just to give them a little something that they could remember the day by or celebrate the day by because all of their hard work."

"This year it was just a little bit different."

Every year, they open their recital with a number performed by their competitive dancers. However, this year, they included all of their students, regardless of level of expertise.

So when the clock hit the 6:30 p.m. mark, just as the curtains would have opened at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg on a regular year, instructors and dancers connected to Zoom and learned a dance combination together.

"It was fantastic," Campbell said, euphorically. "It was so great to see all of our dancers. Most of them still put on some stage make up, had their hair up in a bun, and just had the biggest smiles to see each other."

The Virtual Opening Number gave Selkirk Dance an unique opportunity to gather students, instructors, parents, and friends to learn and dance together — something that wouldn't usually happen in a regular presentation.

"We would have spent the whole day together just congratulating each other and celebrating each other," Campbell continued. "So it was nice



RECORD PHOTOS BY MARTIN MODRZEJEWSKI

Selkirk Dance hosted their first ever Virtual Opening Number on May 15. Dancers and instructors connected through Zoom and performed together.



Selkirk Dance instructors approach the screen to greet their dancers.

to still have a little piece of that when we couldn't actually be physically together."

A few days prior to the event, Campbell and another instructor put the combination together, recorded it on camera and put it on Instagram little by little so that everyone could learn the steps. Once every one logged on, Campbell's screen lit up with dancers

of all ages and more than 66 viewers.

As far as she knows, no other dance school has done something like this.

"And I was kind of surprised by that," Campbell said. "We haven't seen anybody mark the occasion in the same way, so I was kind of glad we had that idea because (the dancers) didn't have anything else."

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Lockport gets a new farmer's market

Hearthstone Market gives local sellers another opportunity to connect with community

By Katelyn Boulanger

Hearthstone Market, a new farmer's market will be getting ready for its first opening on June 12 at Hearthstone Stables in Lockport.

"It's an opportunity for people to socialize outside due to COVID. We're safe we can socially distance but I think that markets have historically been a place where people can socialize, celebrate and get their needs met and get the things that they want," said Victoria Morse, owner and coordinator of Hearthstone Market.

Morse is in direct sales herself and thought that this would be a good opportunity to help others like herself as well as give people another opportunity to access these small business owners.

"I have lots of friends who are in direct sales and run small businesses

and support our families and do what we do when we do direct sales and I just figured that I have quite nice property and I could do this for a cost that is efficient for them. I could do this at a reduced cost and that we could have some fun and serve customers and give them what they want,"

The market will be open every Friday evening until Sept. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m.

"Seasonally we have stuff like Norwex, Sweetlegs, Watkins, Tupperware, and we have some people coming in with homemade [items] knitting, canning, crochet, sewing, and woodwork," said Morse.

There will also be horse rides and products from the Butter Tart Lady available at the market.

She currently has eight vendors signed up for the first event and is

hopeful that more will sign up in the coming weeks so that residents have more options.

Due to COVID-19, all vendors are having to take safety restrictions into account and Morse asks that residents entering the market do so via the Highway 8 entrance and leave through Lockport Rd. to streamline traffic.

"We all want this to be a success and we all want everyone to be safe so we have to work as a team instead of separate entities so I've invited everyone to take part in social distancing. The booths will be set up two meters apart. Vendors are required by public health to have hand sanitizer on their tables available for customers to use. We're going to have directional flow and vendors are going to be responsible for that. I understand that people

aren't used to it yet to it's just going to be a gentle reminder that you need to do this and it's for everybody's safety," said Morse.

She hopes that people going to the market come away feeling welcome and having a sense of community and encourages residents to check it out.

"It's our first year we're growing. Come see what we have and make suggestions for things that maybe you'd want to see if you don't see it and just keep checking in. We're starting with eight vendors but once COVID is over and we have our vaccine we have room for 50 vendors," said Morse.

For updates and more information about Hearthstone Market visit Hearthstone Stable's Facebook page at facebook.com/everyonedeserves-horses/

Vendors can contact Morse via email about participating at vemorse1965@gmail.com

IERHA capital projects still in the works despite COVID's economic setbacks

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) hasn't had to shelve its proposals for major capital projects despite COVID-19's effect on the economy.

A new primary care clinic with attached clinical teaching unit in Selkirk is going ahead, and a proposal for a new personal care home for Arborg has been submitted to the province, said IERHA CEO Ron Van Denakker during a conference call with media May 22.

Van Denakker said he could not specifically speak about all the IERHA's proposed projects, which are part of a "master list" that's made up of proposals from every regional health authority and which get submitted to the provincial department of Shared Health, as the list was being reviewed by a committee that day.

But he did say that "all of the major capital projects are on that list except for the CTU [clinical teaching unit]."

The reason the CTU doesn't appear on the list is that it's already "in flight," he said. All the IERHA needs now is approval from the province for two lease agreements, one for the land on which the facility will be built and another for IERHA staff to move into the facility until the clinic's physicians require all the space.

As for new personal care homes requested by various communities in the IERHA, Van Denakker said they're

on the list.

"All of the PCH-related recommendations are there, and they're prioritized against the other regions," he said.

The Town of Arborg and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton have been waiting five years for provincial government approval to build an aging-in-place campus that's to include a two-storey, 80-bed PCH and which will link Arborg's assisted living facility and its recreation centre into one large centrally located health-care complex.

The Town/RM's proposal had been modified at least three times and submitted to the province. The first was submitted in 2015 to the then-NDP government, but was put on hold when the Conservatives took power in 2016. In Feb 2017 a second application went in, but it did not make the cut. The Town/RM underwent round three in 2018, but the province still didn't approve the project.

The provincial Conservatives have committed to building 1,200 new PCH beds at a cost of \$133,333 per bed over the course of eight years.

The Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce is currently looking for donations to help it upgrade two buildings in Arborg for an upcoming licensed practical nursing program. Health-care aide programs have already been successfully offered. The idea is to have frontline health-care workers ready to go for the proposed



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If approved by the provincial government, Arborg's Assisted Living facility will become part of an aging-in-place campus that will include an 80-bed PCH.


new complex.

The province announced last week it will help fund upgrades to the two buildings through the Building Sustainable Communities program.

Van Denakker said all proposed projects from RHAs must "align" with Shared Health's mandate. Shared Health, created by the province in

2018, reports to health minister Cameron Friesen.

The *Record* reached out Friesen regarding the Arborg PCH proposal and lease agreements for the new Selkirk facility. Two communications staff members acknowledged receiving the questions, but did not provide answers by press time.




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Walk for Alzheimer's moves online this year

By Sydney Lockhart

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's will be held online on Sunday, May 31 due to COVID-19.

Normally this walk is the Alzheimer's Society Manitoba biggest fundraising event, last year raising over \$330,000.

Because of social distancing rules, Alzheimer's Society Manitoba has restructured the event to be a month-long awareness challenge, along with Facebook livestream on the day of the 'walk'.

After registering online, participants are encouraged to post themselves participating in the virtual walk by sharing a video or photo of themselves doing activities such as dancing, singing, baking, or walking their dog.

On the post share your fundraising page and the hashtag #IGWalkforAlz so other people can see how you are participating.

The walk has almost 350 people registered this year but is hoping for more before the event.

"We are bound to see lesser numbers than we usually do," said 24-year-old Samantha Holland, Alzheimer's Society Manitoba Regional Coordinator for Interlake-Eastern.

"With our cliental being a little older and not as tech savvy it may be more difficult to get participants this year."

Holland started her job at Alzheimer's Society Manitoba after seeing her grandfather live with Alzheimer's for 10 years.

She says she wants people to know



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Tim Oldham's family has participated in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's for the past five years. This year the family will be taking part virtually on Sunday, May 31 due to COVID-19.

that the society is there for them and that the walk is more important than ever with the elderly population being isolated because of the pandemic.

Selkirk resident Glenda Oldham and her team have been participating in the walk for five years, after her husband Tim was diagnosed with dementia in the fall of 2014.

"There's something grateful and fulfilling about the walk," said Oldham, "It's a sense that you're not alone because you're walking with these people that have been touched by this disease."

Oldham has been using the resources offered at Alzheimer's Society Manitoba to help her care for her husband and for her own health.

"I absolutely need this society, with-

out it I have nothing," she said, "It is what we need to learn and to call on someone if I have questions about how to deal with something and need suggestions."

Oldham says people should participate in the virtual walk and donate because there is no medical intervention for the disease, and that it is all about giving each person a quality of life.

"I have gone to a councillor that didn't have any background in the disease and it was frustrating because they didn't know what I was talking about," said Oldham, "When I found the Alzheimer's Society they knew what I was saying before I even said it."

Oldham explained that every time

her husband stops having the ability to do something it is also hard on their family, saying they go through a grieving process that starts with frustration, sadness, and acceptance.

Oldham is concerned that the walk won't reach its fundraising goal and wants to remind people that the Alzheimer Society runs off of public donations and that every bit counts.

"It really touches Tim's heart to see that our friends and even our kid's friends would come out to walk with us. It's a very powerful expression of support," she said.

For more information about how to get involved in supporting the online walk or to reach out for support phone 204-268-4752 or visit Alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa2020

Province injects cash to Selkirk-area

By Evan Matthews

With the Province investing near \$10-million for Green Team projects across the province, the MLA for Selkirk said his riding is sure to benefit.

The Province has awarded the Selkirk constituency a total of \$63,671, and the funding will be divided amongst the Clandeboye Community Club, Gaynor Family Regional Library, Little Britain Community Club, Sel-

kirk Friendship Centre, St. Andrews Community Club, City of Selkirk and its Crime Prevention and Advisory Board as well as its Recreation Centre, as well as the RM of St. Andrews.

"The City of Selkirk Crime Prevention Advisory Board uses the funding for our Anti-Graffiti program," said Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, listing a couple examples of what Green Team funding can be used for.

"We (also) received funding for our Camp Awesome Day Camp, and... for flower planting, water, etc.," he said.

The funding, which the Province said has nearly doubled from the 2019 amount, is in-

tended to support community organizations, municipalities, and provincial parks. The Province awards Green Team grants to non-profits and municipal governments hiring youth and young adults working on community projects between May and August.

"As Selkirk youth face an increased challenge of finding employment this summer due to COVID-19, the Green Team program offers a great opportunity," said Alan Lagimodiere, Selkirk MLA.

"Our government understands the need to keep Manitobans working, and the need to keep our natural environments clean. This program helps to accomplish both of those goals," he said.

In its press release, the Province said the \$10-million Green Team investment is expected to support over 2,000 jobs province-wide to aid in Manito-

ba's COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Participants will work on a variety of community development projects, according to Lagimodiere, which will improve the Selkirk and St. Andrews neighbourhoods, promote community involvement, and help develop young leaders.

Green Team funding through Manitoba Conservation and Climate also supports provincial parks by creating positions for applicants interested in working with wildlife or in the forestry sector, according to the Province, or those interested in assisting at interpretive centres.

For more information on the Green Team programs, the Province said to visit www.manitoba.ca/mr/bldg-comm/greenteam.html, and for information on the provincial park Green Team program, visit www.manitoba.ca/sd/parks/greenteam/html



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Selkirk Rotary Club gathers for spring clean up



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Members of the Selkirk Rotary Club gather to clean up their community. Pictured left is Hobie Searles and right is Jean Oliver and Michele Polinuk. For more information on how to join this great community organization please go to selkirkrotary.org or call Rotary Secretary Lesli Malegus at 204-485-1209.

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West St. Paul's financial plan unveiled

By Ligia Braidotti

The West St. Paul 2020 Financial Plan has achieved a small 1.82 per cent tax increase.

Mayor Cheryl Christian said the above was possible through strategic planning, strong community participation and a dedication to fiscal responsibility.

"Our financial plan for the coming year reflect months of work from our staff and many sessions with council," she said. "I am very proud to say our budget process was well informed and inclusive. Every department presented to council to explain budget requests in detail and provide opportunity for questions and discussion."

The RM's financial plan was presented on May 7 via a YouTube live video to make it possible for residents and businesses to participate.

According to Christian, the RM's small tax increase is the lowest compared to all neighbouring municipalities that have completed their budget and is below the 2019 cost of living increase. The City of Selkirk's tax increase was 3.04 per cent, St. Clements' was 2.04 and the City of Winnipeg

proposed a 2.33 per cent increase. She also explained that the capital expenditures were based on their community strategic plan where 500 residents shared their input through a survey and by attending one of their four focus groups.

"Through the survey and through the focus groups we learned the things that are important to residents and our trails system was identified as something that residents enjoy, they connect our community and people like that," Christian said.

"Beautification and safety are among people's priorities too, and council paid attention to all these in our financial plan."

In addition to a low tax increase, the RM will also transfer a minimum of \$417,888 into reserves in 2020, adding to the more than \$12.8 million it already has in its reserves. New development is budgeted to contribute a further \$291,000 to reserves. A rule of thumb for reserve funds is to have an amount equal to one year's operating budget — the RM's operating budget this year is \$5,757,323.

"This is a very positive budget in

that staff and council are proposing a very minimal tax increase while ensuring great municipal services and programs for our residents," Christian said.

"Our reserves are very healthy because of well managed finances and a significant increase in development in our community."

The financial plan includes several upgrades to the community such as a \$50,000 investment for a Perimeter trail to connect north and south West St. Paul and \$35,000 for the Grassmere sidewalk to the new pedestrian bridge.

The RM has also applied for a Manitoba 150 grant to help fund a mural. Besides, the RM said it will invest \$40,480 to build a community gathering space in Legends Park and \$25,000 into roof repair at the Sunova Centre. They also applied for a grant to get new blinds for the centre.

West St. Paul also plans on installing two additional fire hydrants, begin work on a transportation plan, invest in an emergency generator at the Sunova Centre and purchase an all-purpose vehicle with a crane for use


in water, wastewater, culvert installations, and other Public Works jobs.


The RM will spend \$400,000 on road projects in 2020 up from the average yearly spending of \$317,463 from 2014 to 2018. Roads were selected through the RM's asset management program, which included an assessment of 90 km of roads in the RM.

All capital projects will be reviewed prior to spending due to the ongoing concerns of COVID-19.

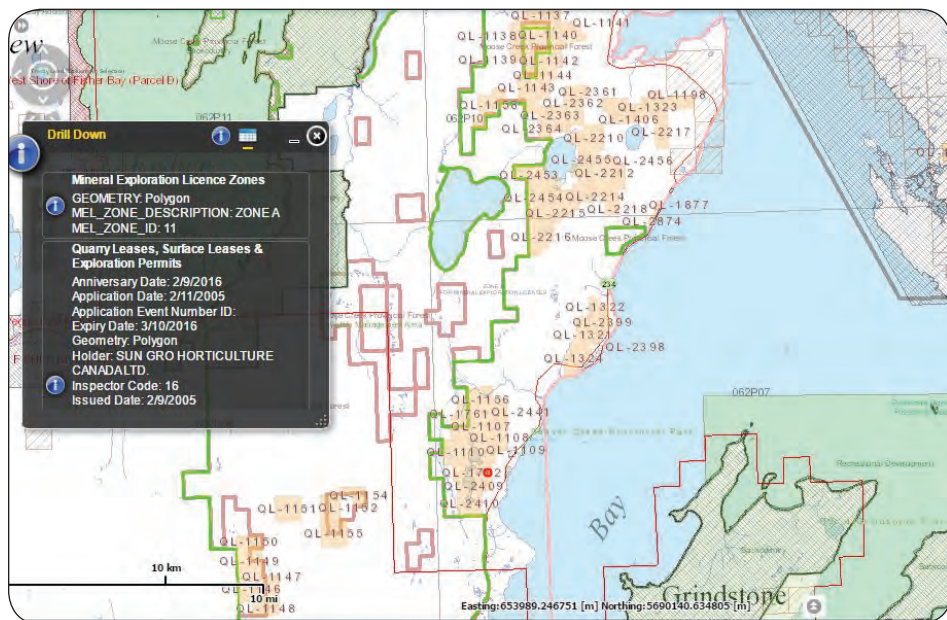
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Only one road out: Fire threatens Beaver Creek Park



This map shows the extent of expired or current mining operations in the area along PR 234



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY WILLIAM MOWAT

By Patricia Barrett

A fire burning Monday afternoon at a peat harvesting plant about 48 kilometres north of Riverton could do significant damage should wind and high temperatures fan the flames.

The manager of the Frog Bay fish station, located north of the area where the fire is burning, said he was told the blaze broke out at the Sun Gro Horticulture plant near Beaver Creek.

"A friend of mine who fishes and works at Sun Gro said they weren't harvesting today because it rained

there last night," said Al Johnson, who lives in Arnes and in Frog Bay when he's running the fish station. "So he's not sure how this could have happened."

Johnson said the peat mine workers are aware of the dangers of fire in the region and are very careful.

Beaver Creek is situated between PR 325 and the community of Calders Dock along the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Provincial Road 234 is the only road in and out of the area which has small communities, a Bible camp, a

PR 234 in a boggy state.

provincial park and forest, and cottage subdivisions. The area is rich in peat moss and mined by companies such as Sun Gro, Sunterra and Berger.

With the temperature hitting 30C Monday and strong wind gusts, Johnson said the fire could potentially get out of control.

"With the wind today, we're scared," said Johnson. "If it got crazy, it wouldn't be good. If the fire jumped the road, all of those cabins at Beaver Creek could be in trouble. And if it went north, there's a 200-cottage subdivision up there."

He said his nephew and a few other

fishers just started fishing today and are in the area.

Johnson said he has no idea whether people will have to be evacuated – or how they'd be evacuated because he was told the road had been closed south of Beaver Creek.

"You couldn't really evacuate them because there's only one road out," said Johnson. "The only place you could evacuate people to would be Matheson Island."

Sun Gro Horticulture has an office in Riverton. No one could be reached Monday night before press time.

Fraserwood dog trainer takes training to the web

By Becca Myskiw

Patricia Tschanen walks around her backyard, past the boarding kennel fence, looking at the dogs playing inside and thinks to herself, "I just live the perfect life here."

Tschanen is a dog trainer. She also runs a boarding kennel — both of which she runs out of her home in Fraserwood, where she's lived for the past 12 years.

In 2008, Tschanen moved from Switzerland with her husband for their want of a house with land. Manitoba was the most affordable way to live their dream, and to Tschanen, it's the

the "real Canada."

"We never regretted [the move]," she said. "We love it here."

One year after she set down roots in the Interlake, Tschanen started looking for a place to take her dogs for agility training, but the closest place was in Winnipeg. Noticing the need for that here, she started her own business — Crazy Jumpers — in 2009.

She's a certified trainer and does ongoing education with herself. As of now, Tschanen teaches puppy classes, which is basic training. She also offers obedience classes and agility training.

Since the pandemic started, how-

ever, she hasn't been able to hold in-person classes, so she had to make the switch to online.

With the help from her trainers at absoluteDogs overseas, Tschanen slowly learned how to communicate with her clients through Zoom.

"At the beginning I was a bit stiff, tense," she said. "And then I started loving it. I couldn't stop filming."

Tschanen filmed herself working with her 14-month-old Australian Shepherd, Q. She said she used her puppy so she could show her clients how to work around distractions young dogs face.

Her online course had 21 sign-ups. Those 21 people turned on Zoom three times a week to learn to work with their dogs. Tschanen said the online classes are huge advantage for puppies because they can learn at home in a familiar environment without distractions.

Being at home also gives the owner more time to focus on their pup.

The online classes also allow for the owners to train at their own speed as much of it is pre-recorded.

Most of what Tschanen does is teaching the dog through games. She said this makes the dog think you're playing.

"Being dominant and drilling the dog is so outdated," she said. "Obedience training should be fun for you and the dog."

Tschanen's goal is to help people train their dogs and she didn't want the pandemic to get in the way of that. She made the online course half price (\$60), to give everyone a shot even if they are struggling financially.

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From Aaron Martyniw, SDCF Chairperson

Building community in difficult times

As I'm writing this, we are all in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, a 'left curve' that came at us from out of the blue and hit hard.

It's an unprecedented time in our lives and on behalf of the Selkirk and District Community Foundation staff and board members, I hope you and yours are doing well.

It's a difficult time, but we've seen the best in humanity rise to the top. I'm proud of everyone who heeded government advice to stay at home and do your part to flatten the curve.

I'm proud, but not at all surprised, by the acts of kindness and caring that people in our communities have shown during this time. The little things people are doing – getting groceries for a neighbour or keeping in touch with an isolated senior through phone calls or Face Time – demonstrate what we at the SDCF have known all along; that we are a smart and caring community.

I hope that as you are reading this, life is beginning to return to normal and we have all weathered the storm, healthy and together. If we are still in its midst, have faith, we will survive and come out the other side stronger.

We know this, because we've seen the strength of the people of this community time and time again through the foundation's eyes.

On July 1st, the SDCF marks 25 years and in that time, St. Andrews, St. Clements and Selkirk have built this Foundation together.

Thanks to you, our endowment has grown to new levels and is enabling us to support more projects and programs, but most importantly, more people.

This year's community report highlights the importance of building community together. The SDCF is proud to have a role in this. Whether it's our Vital Signs Housing Forum, Citizen of the Year or 24-Hour Day of Giving, SDCF is actively engaging everyone. Our forums en-



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courage conversation, empower community members and drive generosity.

We are engaging in discussion on community priorities, supporting community driven projects, and providing organizations with the ability to deliver important services. We're excited to be a connector through our housing forum and a voice for community through our Vital Signs report.

I've been a member of the SDCF board since 2017 and Chair since last July. I've witnessed your passion, collaboration and

shared vision and I can tell you that board members are continually impressed by your individual efforts.

You are a stakeholder in your community – think of your contributions and celebrate the positive impact you've made. Thanks for joining us on this journey and we look forward to another 25 years.

Here's to a prosperous future for our province and home – ensuring that we are all "Here for Good".

Heart of Grand Marais beating strong, getting an upgrade

If you're looking for a place that represents community you need look no further than the Grand Marais Community Centre.

The exterior of the building is unspectacular and reveals little to the uninitiated – a trademark of many older community centres across the country – but once you walk inside, it comes to life. Stories are told through community members who congregate there several times a week, for everything from Bingo to Halloween Haunts.

Tim Edwards is the President of the local Recreation Association, a group that works tirelessly to keep the centre going and vibrant.

They're in the middle of a massive renovation that will transform the curling barn, no longer in use, into a useable space capable of hosting everything from musical entertainment to large gatherings of all types.

The new space will have a heated floor and a boiler, purchased with a SDCF grant of \$15,000, will provide the heat.

"We're putting in a heated floor and we needed a boiler for it and the Foundation was kind enough to give us some money to get that," Edwards said.



Bingo is just one of the events that will continue in the renovated curling barn, which will become a 7,000 square-foot hall capable of hosting 'anything we want'.

"It'll be a 7,000 square-foot hall, it'll probably be the largest one in these parts. It's a big project but it's coming along nicely."

The \$300,000 - \$500,000 project is necessary – the old building is essentially falling down, Edwards said.

The original space was a schoolhouse in the 1800s, he said, and two additions were put onto it, one on each side.

"The old rec centre is not long for this world," he said.

"Those two sides are falling off, they're done. The school house is still standing, and basically they give it about 10 years."

The new space will house the weekly Bingo games, there'll be a stage for performances, they'll host socials, weddings, dinners and "anything we want in there," Edwards said.

"It's pretty exciting, not just for Grand Marais but for the whole area."

CRAFT Program offers needed support to community

Kathy Burke (Clerk), Donna Henderson (CRAFT Coordinator), Tammy Thompson (Program Manager) and Cheryl Fathers (START Coordinator)



The Selkirk and District Community Foundation has supported countless organizations over the years in its effort to help build community – START, a community mobilization program, has done much the same for community members at risk.

Selkirk Team for At Risk Teens (START) was born in Selkirk 18 years ago – a milestone that all at once acknowledges the program's value, success and necessity.

Tammy Thompson, Program Manager, says START is all about building community and it brings together the key players – RCMP, Child and Family Services, Lord Selkirk School Division and Probation Services – who work together to affect change in the lives of the teens, adults and families it works with.

"We came together because we felt we could serve our clients more effectively by working collaboratively," Thompson said.

"But we've grown a lot in the last 18 years and now it's spreading across the province."

The START model now exists in four other communities – Dauphin, Stonewall, Gimli and Steinbach.

While START works with youth aged 11-21, two more programs – RESTART, works with adults aged 18-29 and CRAFT, the acronym for Community Reinforcement And Family Training, is for loved ones of people who are using substances.

The SDCF provided \$3,650 in funding for CRAFT.

"CRAFT is a counselling program, one-on-one counselling, to help create some positive strategies around how to handle the difficult situation of having a loved one who's using substances," Thompson said.

CRAFT works with clients for 12 sessions and the SDCF funding will cover 12 sessions for 12 clients.

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- McLeary Family Education Fund
- Gilhuly Memorial Scholarship/Bursary Fund
- Gaynor Family Education Fund

New Grants

CONGRATULATIONS to the Funds that will award their 1st grant this year – a perfect example of the Power of Endowment!

- Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council 6150 Education Fund
- Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund

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2019-2020 Community Grant Program

Great grants help build community!

Twice a year the SDCF welcomes charitable organizations in our region - R.M.s of St. Andrews and St. Clements and the City of Selkirk to submit proposals on how we can help them activate their wishes and dreams. In 2019-2020 we funded 86 projects, with future granting and flow through donation, a total of \$430,178.

The excitement of reading comes alive inside the Hand in Hand Daycare's reading Teepee, purchased with the help of a SDCF grant.

Organization & Project

Awarded

Community Fund

Grand Marais Recreation Centre - Boiler for facility upgrade	\$	15,000
East Selkirk Recreation Assoc. - Boiler for ice plant	\$	10,000
Rossdale Ukrainian Dance Group - Purchase of spring floor	\$	2,500
Clandeboye Community Club - Automatic floor scrubber	\$	2,200
Project Linus - Blanket materials and supplies	\$	425

Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund

Red River Basin Com. - Netley- Libau Marsh restoration pilot project	\$	20,000
LSSD Student Services Centre - Sensory and motor tool kit for lending library	\$	5,000
Community Youth Connections - LSRCSS - Global Issues with community organizations	\$	3,000
Growing Years Family Resource - Technology support with laptop	\$	1,500
St. Andrews Age Friendly Building - Automated External Defibrillator	\$	1,000

Community Fund & Maude Gordon (Poulter Fund)

Inclusion Selkirk - Personal Outcome Measures Tool	\$	20,000
Canadian Mental Health Association Interlake Eastern Region - Transportation program	\$	5,000

Maude Gordon & Children's Programs

Robert Smith School - Keyboards for music program	\$	2,500
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Kirstin's Walk for Kids Fund & Gaynor Family Fund

Hand in Hand Day Care - Play & learning equipment for East Selkirk and Breezy Point centres	\$	2,202
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Richard & Ruth Konzelman Fund & Community Fund

Manitoba Brain Injury Assoc. - Local support group for brain injury survivors	\$	4,000
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Kinsmen, Kinette & K-40 Clubs of Selkirk

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen - COVID-19 Support	\$	400
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Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund

For future granting	\$	485
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Gaynor Family Fund

Selkirk Food Bank - Support for perishable and non-perishable foods during Covid-19	\$	15,000
Rotary Cub of Selkirk - Nutrition Over the Weekend (NOW)	\$	10,000
Selkirk Community Renewal Corp. - Wellness camp for female youth	\$	8,310
Selkirk Team at Risk Teens (START) - support CRAFT training	\$	3,650
Ecole Selkirk Junior High Band Parents - Replacement of two tubas	\$	3,000
Holiday Alley - Creative Hat Creations	\$	3,000
Hand in Hand Daycare - Play & learning equipment for East Selkirk and Breezy Point centres	\$	2,446
Mapleton School - Establish breakfast program with small appliances	\$	2,000
SwimAbility - Swimming lessons for children & youth	\$	2,000





The Food Bank's shelves were well stocked when this photo was taken a few years back but there's plenty of space now as COVID-19 and social distancing have led to fewer donations. The SDCF accepts online monetary donations that can go immediately to the local charity of your choice.

Organization & Project **Awarded**

Gaynor Family Fund & Community Fund

Interlake Speed Skating Club - replacement of 32 crash mats	\$	16,100
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R.M. of St. Andrews

St. Andrews Age Friendly Building - Electrical lighting upgrades	\$	5,100
Little Britain Community Club -Water treatment system, floor scrubber	\$	3,300
For future granting	\$	2,894

R.M. of St Clements

Ukrainian Home & Ready Society - Refinishing of hardwood flooring at community hall	\$	5,250
For future granting	\$	1,529

Homes for All Fund

For future granting	\$	1,283
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Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund

Lord Selkirk School Division - Parker Sutherland Memorial Environmental Scholarship	\$	1,000
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Kusner Family Fund

For future granting	\$	5,478
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Sean Nicol Legacy Fund

For future granting	\$	3,103
Lord Selkirk School Division - Sean Nicol Legacy Bursary	\$	500

Designated Endowment Funds

Edith Schofield Estate - Supporting the St. Amant Centre	\$	38,168
Selkirk General Hospital Fund - Ultra sound and ceiling lift equipment	\$	23,100
Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund - Supporting the Marine Museum of MB (Selkirk)	\$	14,297
Chief Peguis Heritage Park Fund		13,478
Palliative Care Fund	\$	5,796
Marine Museum of MB - Selkirk Fund (Agency)	\$	3,491
SDCF Administrative Support Fund - Buhr Family Endowment Initiative	\$	2,728
Selkirk Youth Hockey - Supporting KidSport Manitoba - East	\$	1,470
Amma's Book Shelf Fund - a gift of the book "Good Night Moon" for every baby born at the Selkirk Hospital	\$	1,273
Mooring - Griffioen Library Fund - Supporting the Gaynor Family Regional Library	\$	1,243
Inclusion Selkirk Futures Fund (Agency)	\$	929
St. George Anglican Church, Wakefield Fund (Agency)	\$	715

Western Canada Games Legacy Fund

St Andrews Gymnastics Club - Gymnastics roll mats and landing pits	\$	7,500
SDCF Charity of Choice - KidSport Manitoba East	\$	3,183
Lord Selkirk School Division - Non-expendable equipment for Royals Baseball program	\$	2,945
Lord Selkirk School Division - Tennis nets for community tennis courts	\$	1,000

Organization & Project **Awarded**

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Lord Selkirk School Division Breakfast Programs (11)	\$	6,600
Lord Selkirk School Division - Our Daily Bread Culinary Program Award (2)	\$	1,000

Scholarships & Bursaries

Vicki Cielen Education Fund (2)	\$	3,500
Bob Jefferson Century 21 - Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary	\$	2,500
Micky Hannesson Scholarship Fund	\$	2,150
Selkirk Youth Hockey Association Education Fund (2)		1,700
Dare to Dream Education Bursary (Nova House)	\$	1,650
Rotary Anns Education Fund (2)	\$	1,400
Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council # 6150 Education Fund	\$	950
Ernest & Helga Kromrei Memorial Bursary	\$	850
Robert John Jefferson Education Fund	\$	800
LSRCS Welding Program Bursary	\$	750
Elizabeth Neskar Bursary	\$	750
Selkirk & District Community Foundation Bursary	\$	700
St. Andrews Airport Aviation Fund	\$	600

Manitoba 150 Build Program matched by SDCF Community Fund, Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund, Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund and Rob Cox Memorial Fund

Gaynor Family Regional Library - Community Art in Urban Prairie Garden	\$	25,000
Marine Museum of Manitoba - Update to exhibits & painting of SS Keenora	\$	15,000
Debwendow Inc - Picnic shelter & utility shed at Brokenhead Wetland Reserve	\$	15,000
R.M. of St Clements - South St Clements Community Park	\$	15,000
R.M. of St Andrews - Update and creation of new exhibits at St Andrews Rectory	\$	10,000
Lord Selkirk School Division - Portable staircase for indoor community pool	\$	7,000
City of Selkirk - Amenities for Manitoba Ave., Pocket Parks	\$	5,000
For future granting	\$	807

Total Grants Awarded **\$ 430,178**



Stan Lesnick, Fran Tobin and Kathy Long, with Henry, the Clandeboye Community Club's newest hard working volunteer. Thanks to a SDCF grant, Henry pitches in by helping clean the hall's floors.

Housing Needs Forum is Vital Signs in Action

Last December saw a group of like-minded individuals come together to brainstorm ways to improve the region's available housing.

They came from private businesses, non-profits and local governments and they were following up on the Selkirk and District Community Foundation's Vital Signs report which, in 2018, identified housing as an area that needed improvement.

"A lot of work by a lot of people resulted in the release of Vital Signs but we knew then that it was just the beginning, that the real work would come in the years that lay ahead," says SDCF Chairman Aaron Martyniw.

"The Forum on Housing Needs showed the commitment the SDCF, and the community, has to improving areas like housing that was revealed through Vital Sign's research to be an area needing improvement. The report was created with a goal in mind and that is to focus our work where it's needed to make our communities better."



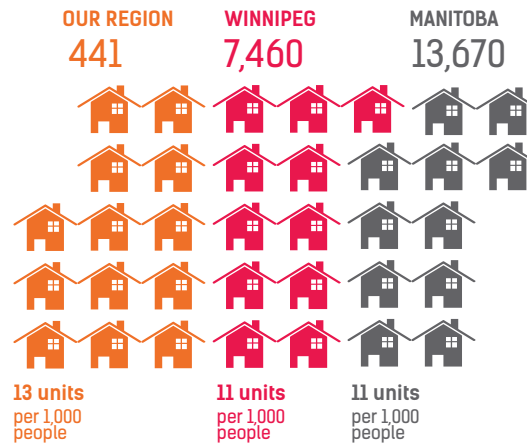
Private business, non-profits and local governments helped put Vital Signs into action at the SDCF's Forum on Housing Needs last December.

The report was built by the community, for the community. It brought into focus a picture of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements at that point in time and provided knowledge of where we stand and where we want to go.

From its release date in 2018, Vital Signs gave options for action – three things the public could do to have a positive

Access to Social Housing

Number of Manitoba Housing units



impact in the nine categories featured in the report. While housing was consistently fingered as the biggest need, others factored in, including health & wellness, the income gap and older adults & aging.

But more than that, the report continues to be the go-to document for a better future. Its pages are read well and are turned to by the community that looks to it to chart its path forward – so we can all be "Here for Good".

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Legacy of Love taking shape at Gaynor Family Regional Library



The Urban Prairie Garden at the Gaynor Family Regional Library is already a natural beauty and will be home to the Legacy of Love art installation.

The impact of COVID-19 on all our lives has been immense and right about now we could all use a little love.

The Gaynor Family Regional Library is more than happy to be the conduit to the community and some much needed love at this time, and is proud to announce the Legacy of Love art installation. The project will be located in the library's Urban Prairie Garden, a terrific outdoor space that is home to native plants and grasses.

The library received \$25,000 from the Selkirk and District Community Foundation for Legacy of Love, which will take direction from Elders and community leaders. The Project Manager is Jeannie Red Eagle.

The installation will take the shape of a turtle, an important icon in Indigenous culture. In oral traditions, the turtle represents many things including life, the earth and a deep respect for the environment.

"The Library is very excited to be involved in this important community project. The Legacy of Love art installation will provide a place for the community to remember and recognize the missing and murdered Indigenous women," said Ken Kuryliw, Director of Library Services.

"It will be a spot for families to remember, and for the community all to understand. The project is inspired by Turtle Island, traditional teachings and our link to the Red River."

Legacy of Love will encompass about 350 square yards and the silhouette of the turtle will be defined by large, granite field stones.

A mural wall will circle the central gathering area and will include imagery for those looking from the outside as well as those inside.

Save the Dates!

Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament presented by IG Wealth Management

- Thurs. Sept. 10, 2020
- Selkirk Golf & Country Club

Citizen of Year 2020

- Banquet: Wed., Nov. 4, 2020
- Nomination deadline: Wed., Sept. 30, 2020

24 Hour Giving Day & 25th Anniversary Celebrations

- Sat., Nov. 14, 2020
- Gaynor Family Regional Library

Grant Application Deadlines

- Wed., Sept. 30, 2020
- Mon., March 1, 2021

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Communities in Bloom 2020

Although the 2020 Manitoba Communities in Bloom program is on hold for the year, our Yard of the Week and Commercial Property of the Week contest continues to showcase well cared for yards and businesses within the City of Selkirk.

If you would like to enter a yard or business, please email ads@selkirkrecord.ca and let us know whose place is looking great!

Commercial Property of the Week:



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Province invests in new Conservation Trust projects

By Ligia Braidotti

The Province of Manitoba announced the first round of Conservation Trust projects for 2020 on May 28.

Nineteen different conservation organizations and 23 projects have been awarded a total of \$7 million, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen said.

"The projects announced today provide support to Manitoba-based conservation work that conserves and enhances Manitoba's natural infrastructure," he explained. "The conservation work being done throughout the province is building a legacy of work that will benefit all Manitobans and ensure Manitoba remains Canada's cleanest, greenest, most climate-resilient province."

The Conservation Trust was established in 2018 with a \$102 million contribution to The Winnipeg Foundation that established an endowment fund to generate annual revenues for conservation projects. Two additional Trusts, the GROW Trust and the Wetlands GROW Trust, have also been created, bringing Manitoba's total investment in these trusts to \$204 million.

The Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan called for the establishment of a trust to provide long-term and stable support to conservation efforts. Activities funded by the Conservation Trust include conserving biodiversity, mitigating floods and droughts, supporting climate-change mitigation through carbon sequestration, improving soil health, preserving waterways and decreasing soil erosion.

"Investing in projects that preserve our environment cannot wait as they play a vital role in combating climate change," Pedersen noted.

The first round of Conservation Trust Funding for 2020 include:

- Inter-Mountain Watershed District's Streambank Stabilization Project on Turtle River (\$147,500) – The community-based watershed district is working to reduce soil erosion and restore riparian habitats along the Turtle River as outlined in the Dauphin Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

- Fort Whyte Alive's Open Spaces Enhancement Project (\$40,000) – Fort Whyte Alive provides opportunities for Manitobans to connect with nature and understand the importance of the environment to everyone's well-being. This investment will be used by Fort Whyte to help Manitobans connect

to the natural world through the enhancement of the open spaces surrounding its Interpretive Centre.

- Opasquia Trails Incorporated's Grace Lake Boardwalk and Boreal Forest Trail (\$50,000) – East of The Pas, the project at Grace Lake will see a boardwalk added to a land-based trail through an old growth boreal forest. The project will connect visitors with the natural environment in order to enhance education, life skills, culture, arts, recreation and tourism to this area of northern Manitoba.

- Delta Waterfowl's Conservation and Enhancement of Wetlands in Manitoba Project (\$75,000) – Delta Waterfowl is working to conserve biodiversity through enhancing waterfowl breeding habitats and nesting structures throughout Manitoba.

- Association of Manitoba Community Pastures' Grassland Study and Biodiversity Enhancement Project (\$250,000) – This Manitoba-based group is working with producers to address the dangers posed to Manitoba grasslands, while preserving the integrity of community pastures that support a variety of habitats. The project will engage wildlife biologists to work towards native prairie and rangeland enhancement.

- Three projects of Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (\$231,333 total) – This farmer-led group will help farmers to adopt practices that restore wildlife habitat and enhance carbon sequestration, soil health and water management.

The Conservation Trust is permanently endowed to support and inspire conservation projects for generations, Pedersen said, adding the fund is expected to generate on average \$5 million a year, which will be invested into conservation efforts throughout Manitoba every year. It is managed by The Winnipeg Foundation, with projects approved, tracked and evaluated by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.

"We are pleased to be part of a permanent funding initiative that will support long-term support for conservation and adaptation to climate change in rural Manitoba," said Tim Sopuck, chief executive officer, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation. "This approach has been very well received by the conservation community in Manitoba and beyond."

A second round of Conservation Trust and GROW Trust grants focused on watershed projects will be announced in the coming months.

Explore over 150 years of Manitoba's local histories online

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The University of Manitoba Libraries, in partnership with the Manitoba Library Consortium, has recently digitized over 800 Manitoba local history books to mark Manitoba's 150th anniversary as a province.

Though in-person events celebrating Manitoba 150 are postponed, exploring Manitoba's history online through this new collection is the perfect way for Manitobans living in the province and around the world to virtually travel -- safely, from the comfort of home.

If you want to find out more about your family heritage, research genealogies, or just want to learn more about the history of your community, these books and stories contain valuable nuggets just waiting for your discovery.

Why not visit Gimli and learn more about its Icelandic population? Spend the afternoon on the sand and water in Grand Beach. Take in the northern lights among the polar bears and beluga whales in Churchill.



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Take a stroll along the streets of Romantic Winnipeg. Or, journey to the hundreds of other communities that are documented in the Manitoba Local Histories Collection and learn

about the histories of the communities, people, farms, churches, schools, businesses and other institutions that have shaped the province's rich and diverse history for over 150 years.

The University of Manitoba Libraries would like to acknowledge the partners and contributors for their support throughout this project: Manitoba Library Consortium member libraries, Manitoba Historical Society, as well as Manitoba Legislative Library, Manitoba Genealogical Society, and numerous other donors across the province, who provided many of the books that were digitized.

To learn more about the collection and other library resources that document our province's history, visit the Libraries' Manitoba Local Histories guide.

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St. Clements office reopens this spring

By Ligia Braidotti

The RM of St. Clements announced this week that it will reopen its office, after being closed for almost two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The office is now open to the public but the RM has proposed some rules to ensure everyone's safety and health.

"Our community's health and safety are of our utmost concern and we thank you in advance for helping us adhere to these changes," the RM said in a release.

To attend the municipal and public works office, community members are asked to continue to practise social distancing. Anyone with COVID-19-related symptoms should refrain from going to the office. The RM is also only accepting meetings by appointment so far — residents should call or email before popping up at the office. They are also implementing a three-person capacity (excluding staff). The Municipal office will be accepting cash, debit and cheques, but residents and businesses are asked to consider remote payment options, such as online, by mail, and e-transfers, instead of in-person payments.

The first council meeting will be held on June 9 at the Council Chambers, which has been set up to maintain social distancing. Council members are still encouraged to attend online, as well as public attendance will be provided virtually.

Public hearings will continue to be held virtually. Residents can email their support, objections and comments to info@rmofstclements.com before the hearing so that the items can be presented to council and recorded in the minutes. Residents must include their full name, address, and hearing numbers (located on the public hearing notice).

To participate in the hearing, send a request to the CAO at info@rmofstclements at least two days before the meet-

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Dry-Brined New York Strips with Grilled Brown Butter Balsamic Onions

Prep time: 1-12 hours
Cook time: 30-40 minutes
Servings: 4

Dry Brine:

4 tablespoons Kosher salt
1 tablespoon coarse ground pepper
4 (11-ounce) Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Boneless New York Strips, thawed

Butter and Balsamic:

4 tablespoons salted butter
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons fresh thyme

Grilled Onions:

2 large sweet onions
4 wooden skewers, soaked
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

To make dry brine: Combine salt and pepper; season steaks generously on all sides. Place steaks on elevated rack on baking sheet and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight.

To make butter and balsamic: Heat small skillet to medium high heat. Add butter and cook until butter begins to brown and smell nutty. Remove from heat and add balsamic vinegar and thyme. Set aside.

To make grilled onions: Peel off outer

layers of onions. Slice into 1/2-inch slices. Lay onions on flat surface. Push skewers through centers of onions; two onion slices per skewer. Brush onions with olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

To cook steaks and onions: Make two-zone fire on charcoal grill with coals on one side and no coals on the other. Place onions on cool side of grill; flip and rotate every 10 minutes until golden brown, approximately 25-30 minutes. Total time will depend on how hot coals are and how close onions are to fire. When onions are golden and tender, brush with brown butter balsamic mixture.

On hot side of grill, during last 15 minutes of cook time for onions, cook steaks to desired temperature. When steaks are 5 F from desired temperature, remove from grill and let rest 5-10 minutes.

Remove onions from grill. Carefully remove onions from skewers and place in serving dish. Top with remaining brown butter balsamic mixture and serve with steaks.



Steamboat Willie Green Apple Waldorf Salad

Blend

1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

In medium bowl, stir yogurt and mustard. Stir in chicken, apples, blueberries, grapes, pineapple, celery and mint. Toss to evenly coat.

Pour salad blend onto serving platter. Arrange chicken mixture on salad blend and sprinkle with pecans or walnuts, if desired.

Tips: Can be served as salad or spooned onto tortillas and rolled up for wraps. Amount of yogurt dressing can be adjusted based on personal preference.

Total time: 10 minutes
Servings: 8
3/4 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
16 ounces chopped, cooked chicken
1 cup chopped green apple
1 cup DOLE® Blueberries
1 cup Dole Red Grapes, halved
1 cup chopped, fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple
1/2 cup Dole Celery, cut into chunks
1 tablespoon freshly chopped mint
1 package (5 ounces) Dole 50/50 Salad



Carrot Cake

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and baking powder. In mixing bowl, cream together oil and sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Gradually add in carrots and crushed pineapple.

Add dry mixture to wet ingredients and beat until smooth. Fold in walnuts. Pour batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans and bake 25-30 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Allow cakes to cool completely. Remove cakes from pans and slice off tops to level cakes.

To make frosting: In mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Gradually add in powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Spread two large spoonfuls frosting over top of one cake and stack second cake on top. Frost entire cake with remaining frosting.

2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup vegetable oil
1 1/4 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups carrots, shredded
1 cup crushed pineapple with juice
2/3 cup walnuts

Frosting:

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
3/4 cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Candied Bacon

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 8

1 pound (1 package) Omaha Steaks Applewood Smoked Steak-Cut Bacon
1 tablespoon fresh ground black pepper
1 cup packed light brown sugar
Heat oven to 375 F.

Place wire rack on foil-lined baking sheet. Place strips of bacon on wire rack and sprinkle with black pepper. Lightly pat brown sugar on top of bacon in thin layer.



Place baking sheet on center rack in oven and bake 25 minutes, or until brown sugar melts and bacon is crisp. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. Using tongs, transfer bacon to parchment-lined baking sheet and cool to room temperature. Store in airtight container up to 3 days at room temperature.

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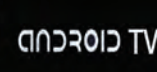
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Camp Arnes serves as inspiration for campsite finding site

By Becca Myskiw

After struggling to find the perfect camping spot, an Australian native now living in Winnipeg created a website to do it for him.

Aaron Newnham has a seasonal spot at Camp Arnes that he loves — but it wasn't easy for him to get there. He scoured the province's campground booking website for days and found it difficult and general.

Newnham wanted a way to find a camping spot that was tailored to him. So, he created Campsite Canada, an "Airbnb-style" website for private campground listings.

Campgrounds from all across Canada can add their listing on the Campsite Canada website. They can be seasonal spots or one-time use spots. The website also allows people to sell and rent RVs.

"Rather than the consumer have to visit each private campground website, we thought it's be good to have a website where they can search them all," said Newnham.

When a campground or RV sell-



er adds a listing, they can upload their own images and descriptions. The website is a self-serve platform, Newnham said, where the sellers have to upkeep their own profile and listings.

People can refine their search by geography — they can look up a specific region in Canada and the website will show all private campgrounds that

have listings on Campsite Canada. They can also search by amenities like washrooms or power, or search keywords that connect with what they want.

If someone finds an RV or campsite they like, they can click a button that says "reply to listing", then they'll be prompted to create a Campsite Canada account so they can connect with

the desired campground.

Newnham launched the website six weeks ago and already has over 100 campgrounds listed, 11 RVs for rent and 11 RVs for sale. The site is also generating close to 1,000 page views a day — something Newnham said is good news.

Nineteen of the campgrounds on the site are in Manitoba. 13 are in Ontario, 34 in New Brunswick, four in Nova Scotia, 21 in B.C., and six of them are in Saskatchewan. Using Campsite Canada is completely free for consumers and sellers.

Newnham said there's a lot of sites similar to his out there, but he hasn't seen one with campgrounds all across Canada.

"If you're wanting a one stop shop to look at all the campgrounds throughout Canada, we've sort of collated them," he said.

As the site is for private campgrounds, he said it helps people discover the "undiscovered gems" of the country — for him, that was Camp Arnes.

Village of Dunnottar public piers on hold due to COVID

By Becca Myskiw

The Village of Dunnottar will not be constructing public piers this summer due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In a Facebook post on May 20, the village offered a pier update, saying, "At the council meeting today, Council made the difficult decision that we cannot construct piers this summer under the current Public Health Orders."

On a typical year, the village would construct eight piers in the community, each strategically

placed so everyone could have access. A long, narrow pathway about three feet wide would lead to the pier. Each pier could sit up to six people, then have stairs going onto a sandbank in the water.

Mayor Richard Gamble said if they built the piers, it would be impossible for the village to follow the chief medical officer's advice.

"We got to maintain social distancing," he said. "And it's very hard to do and very hard to control as is."

Aside from people being unable to practice social distancing on their way to and while using the piers, Gamble said the construction process would also pose problems.

To build the piers, one construction worker has to hold a pole while another hammers it in. If the Village of Dunnottar is going to follow the rules of social distancing, Gamble said they can't construct the piers this summer.

The beaches, however, will be open. The mayor said there's not much they can do to ensure all rules are being followed, but he's hoping they can find a way.

"We may hopefully have our bylaw officer walk through and smile and remind them but it's very difficult," he said.

The office has also ordered signage for the beaches that reminds people to enjoy them-selves maintaining a six-foot social distance.



Piers, like this one shown in Winnipeg Beach, are common in communities such as Dunnottar and Sandy Hook.

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Interlakers oppose Liberal gun ban

By Evan Matthews

Interlakers are firing back at the Federal Liberals, who recently implemented sweeping change to Canada's gun laws.

James Caine, a Stony Mountain resident, said as a gun owner the Liberal gun ban has a direct effect on him as a hunter.

"But my interest in guns is a bit of a heritage thing, actually. My dad fought in World War II; he fought for our freedoms and for our rights," said Caine, who even inherited a rifle from his father, which is now on the banned list.

"I feel this ban is unjustly taking a freedom away," he said.

Canada's Minister of Public Safety Minister Bill Blair has said publicly that the federal government tried to avoid including shotguns in the new ban, according to Caine, but because the ban's phrasing and terminology is "so poor," the ban prohibits any firearm featuring a 20 millimetre bore diameter, which does include some shotguns.

The bore is the hollow portion inside a gun barrel.

Caine said he also owns a shotgun he uses for duck and goose hunting, and at its bore's widest point is 20.3 millimetres. Its widest point comes at the muzzle, which comes after the chamber, and is where a choke screws onto the bore.

The RCMP's firearms unit posted on its website stating the bore will continue to be measured at a point after the chamber, but before the choke, which theoretically excludes the widest point of Caine's shotgun.

"Canada's Minister of Public Safety has confirmed the ban does not affect most 10- and 12-gauge shotguns," said RCMP Cpl. Julie Courchaine.

But without precedent and seeing this ban in place, Caine said questions and concerns remain.

"It's a common firearm used in hunting practice. You would think ensuring that it's exempt from the ban would be a simple thing, but Minister Blair is fighting back on that," said Caine, who said while Min. Blair acknowledged including hunting shotguns was not his intent, the safety minister hasn't done anything to rectify his mistake.

"The National Firearms Association,



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James Caine holds two guns, a rifle he inherited from his father (left) and a shotgun (right) he uses for duck and goose hunting. He fears both will be prohibited under the new Liberal gun ban.

of which I'm a member, has advised us not to take our shotguns hunting. If the RCMP uphold the law to the letter, and catch you with a shotgun, you could go to jail," he said.

While the controversial ban has been supported in perceived progressive city centres, according to Ipsos polling, Caine said his concern is that the ban disproportionately affects rural people.

Hunting is a common sport when living in a rural community, according to Caine, and with shotguns on the prohibited list, rural dwellers are at a higher risk of penalty.

"In many ways, I understand the Liberal approach. You're trying to take guns away from cities and criminals. I understand that. It's a motivation with a good purpose," said Caine.

"But the implementation has been a dog's breakfast. They're going after legal firearms owners, and its perturbing.

"Looking at the Nova Scotia tragedy, that man was not a legal gun owner. He was a crook. He went to the states, bought guns, smuggled them back to Canada, and used them. That should have no bearing on me... I haven't smuggled anything and have no malicious intent, but I'm the one being punished," he said.

On May 1, the Canadian government announced a ban of 1,500 "assault-style" firearms via an order-in-council, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia, and in practice, OICs are drafted by Cabinet and formally approved by the governor general.

OICs are not discussed by Parliament, and do not require legislation by Parliament, before being implemented.

Effective immediately, the ban prohibits the use, sale, import or transport of the weapons and granted a two-year amnesty period for owners, while the federal government establish details to its buyback program.

"This is where confusion reigns supreme again. I either have to turn in a rifle inherited from my father, or keep

it in a safe never to be used again?" asked Caine.

"I can't use it? My grandkids can't use it? We can't bring it to the range? There is sentimental value associated with it.

"Is one gun safer than another? No. If someone has malicious intent, you don't even need a gun to kill someone. Yet the way this ban is worded, only certain guns are being mentioned," he said.

Caine also pointed to the fact that someone from European descent cannot use the banned guns, but someone of Canadian Indigenous descent can use them. He questioned the rationale for such a decision, as we live in a time where equality is mentioned at every turn.

James Bezan, member of Parliament for Selkirk—Interlake—Eastman riding and Shadow Minister for National Defence said the new Liberal ban is undemocratic, and said the ban is based on a gun's appearance as opposed to its operation and/or function.

"This has been over the top, and is being done behind closed doors through an OIC. It's lazy legislation and crass politics to do this on the heels of a massacre in Nova Scotia," said Bezan.

"The (Liberals) keep using the term "military assault-style weapons," but I can tell you that these banned weapons may be styled to look like military firearms, but they aren't. Actual machine guns, military grade weapons, have been banned in Canada since the 1970s," he said.

Bezan said government money should be spent focusing on crackdowns on the street, dealing with gangs and criminals, as opposed to a buyback program demanding confiscation of firearms from Canadian property.

Because the ban has come through Bill C-71 and an OIC, Bezan said there is no public consultation or discussion in Parliament, and the ban immediately takes effect. The only way to change the law, as of now, is a change in government.

"The Liberals entire goal here is to virtue signal," said Bezan, referring to the modern habit of indicating a person—or in this case, government—has virtue merely by expressing disgust or favour for certain political ideas or cultural happenings.

"A future government, whether majority or minority, could revoke the OIC. A Conservative government would revoke the OIC; we need to revisit and repeal Bill C-71. We need to invest more in policing and border control.

"It's a sad day for gun owners in our country, and it's another great day for criminals," said Bezan.

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Pin pulled on Manitoba Open

By Brian Bowman

The Mackenzie Tour announced last Friday that it has cancelled its 2020 season due to COVID-19.

The 13-stop Canadian tour was scrapped, in large part, due to our government's restrictions on border crossings and the need for people entering the country to quarantine for 14 days.

Many of the tour's players are from the U.S. and abroad.

"With growing uncertainty surrounding the border and the 14-day quarantine regulations, among other factors, we've weighed all of our options and concluded that it is not feasible to play this summer," said Mackenzie Tour Executive Director Scott Pritchard on the tour's website. "With the safety of the communities we play in mind, as well as the well-being of our players, sponsors, tournament-organizing committees, volunteers and golf course staff, we came to the realization that this is the best decision for everyone involved."

Concern for the players was a key factor.

"We also wanted to be considerate of our players and their desires to play golf," Pritchard said. "Under-

standing the complexities that this pandemic has caused, we knew it wasn't fair to leave our members in positions that might prevent them from pursuing other playing opportunities elsewhere while waiting to see what transpired in Canada."

One of the tour's tournaments - the Manitoba Open - was to be played Aug. 13-16 at Southwood.

Selkirk's Travis Fredborg was disappointed to hear the news of the cancellation.

"It's definitely one of my favourite tournaments of the year, if not my favourite," said Fredborg, who made his pro debut at the 2019 tournament. "The Canadian Tour as a whole (getting cancelled), it sucks obviously but it's definitely understandable and you have to respect their decision."

Fredborg, 24, a two-time Manitoba junior champion, has played in the Manitoba Open three times as an amateur and once as a pro. He was really looking forward to playing a full season as a pro.

"I was looking to have a big year playing week in and week out but it's another bump in the road and everybody has to do it," he said last Saturday afternoon. "I'm looking forward



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Travis Fredborg was looking forward to playing in this summer's Manitoba Open.

to getting better every day and just keep grinding and get at it next year."

Fredborg has been keeping busy playing golf at Pine Ridge, Rossmere, and Selkirk. His game has been really good so far this summer and he was hoping to make some money as a pro.

"I was ready to get after it in my first year so it's definitely disappointing

but this just gives me another year to get better every day," he said. "Mentally, I'll be ready and I'll go out there and earn some cash next year. I've been playing great and that's the disappointing part. I'm shooting some of my best scores and I'm just going to try to keep that going and hopefully I can carry it over."

Baseball Manitoba announces training can begin this Friday

By Brian Bowman

Baseball Manitoba announced on Monday that the Return to Play document submitted to the province has been approved.

This news, in conjunction with the Province's Restoring Safe Services - Phase 2 and local baseball associations commitment to execute the plan, means that Phase 1 of Baseball's Return to Play, sanctioned baseball train-

ing may safely resume this Friday.

This includes Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions, 11U and above tryouts, practices, clinics and camps for players, coaches, and umpires.

"The Phase 2 start date of Baseball Manitoba's Return to Play plan, which includes competitions has yet to be defined," read a statement on Baseball Manitoba's website. "July 1 is the target date stated in our plan, however,

that date will be determined in the coming weeks.

"It is of absolute importance that there are no organized competitions allowed until the Phase 2 start date has been determined and posted."

When Winnipeg Amateur Baseball Association leagues will start will depend on when Baseball Manitoba gives the go ahead for provincial associations to notify players to register.

"The optimistic scenario was to have player tryouts by mid-June and league games starting in July," said U18 AAA WABA convenor Ian Wise in an email. "It now appears there is the possibility that this schedule could be moved forward. Once approval to go is given, the next hurdle will be the willingness of players to play, secure in their confidence that COVID risks have been minimized."

MHSAA reminds schools of no sports activities

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association sent out a reminder to schools on May 27.

The MHSAA said it is aware of the Province of Manitoba's Restoring Services: Phase 2 plans which began this past Monday.

"The MHSAA reminds our member schools that all school sport activities involving spring football, lacrosse, rugby, track and field and ultimate are cancelled," said a statement on the MHSAA website. "This includes all forms of training and practices."

As per the province's announce-

ment, each sport must establish a plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants and spectators. The MHSAA is monitoring each provincial sport organization's return to play protocol status and we will continue to evaluate and provide updates as they become available.

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Swiss shoe company
- Caesar, comedian
- and flow
- Horsefly
- Egyptian pharaoh
- African nation
- Tony-winning actress Daisy
- Initial public offering
- Long-winding ridge
- Guinea peoples
- Fellow
- About aviation
- Able to make amends
- Easy to perceive
- Cut off
- Northeast Thai language
- Earthy pigment
- Water nymphs
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Those who deal
- Apply a new fabric
- Confusions
- "To his own"
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Partner to pain
- A type of savings account
- In a way, felt pain
- Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- Consume
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Body part
- Midway between south and southeast
- Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Central American lizard
- Muslim military commanders

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- One who takes to the seas
- Select jury
- Parts of the small intestine
- Painter's accessory
- Honk
- Ballpoint pen
- Large, dark antelope
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Exhausts
- bo: exercise system
- Not written in any key or mode
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Company that rings receipts
- Rugged mountain range
- Commercials
- NY football player
- A form of be
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Kindnesses
- Natural electrical phenomena
- Your
- Diana, singer
- Upper surface of the mouth
- National capital
- Fluid in Greek mythology
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 October 2, 1937 - June 6, 2013

It has been seven years since
 God called you home,
 I still miss you even after so long.
 Didn't really have a chance to say goodbye
 There were so many things I wanted to say
 "You were my brother"
 Not by choice, but by the nature of our birth.
 I could not have chosen a better one,
 You were the best on earth,
 And in my heart you'll always be
 Loved, remembered and forever missed.

-Your sister Bernice

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Charles (Carl) Skrypec
 October 2, 1937 - June 6, 2013

Seven years have gone since you have passed,
 Seems like forever since we talked last.
 We miss your voice, our talks, our laughs,
 When will this pain end, I often ask.
 All the memories that are left behind,
 Just go to show you were one of a kind.
 Our lives go on without you,
 But nothing is the same;
 We have to hide our heartache,
 When someone speaks your name.
 Sad are the hearts that love you,
 Silent are the tears that fall;
 Living without you,
 Is the hardest part of all.
 Our hearts are heavy as again we recall
 All the love you gave us,
 Which we miss most of all.

-Loved forever

Nettie, children and grandchildren

*There is a link death
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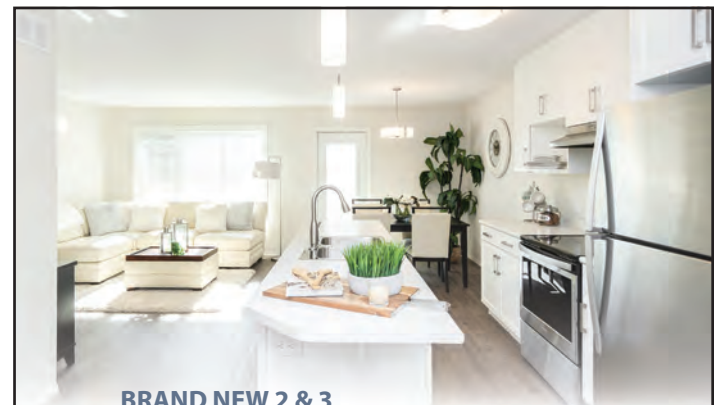
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October 15, 1974 - May 8, 2010

In Loving Memory of my
dearest daughter and best friend
With an aching heart I whisper low,
I wish that life could be
Just as it was before.
The gates of memory will never close.
I miss you Brandy,
More than anyone knows.

-Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
Love Mom
Rest in Peace "Hon"
XOXOXO

ANNOUNCEMENT

IN MEMORIAM



Al Barr
June 6, 2017

We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
But all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

-Love you forever and always,
Janice, Rob and Ruby

OBITUARY

Frederick Paul Luce

It is with deepest sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Frederick Paul Luce at Traverse Bay, Manitoba, on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the age of 63.

Left to cherish Fred's memory are his brothers, Thomas (Cindy) and Mark (Linda); sister Melissa (Rick); nephews, Evan and Sean; as well as many of his close friends.

Fred was predeceased by his father Frederick Joseph; mother Merlyn and his sister Leslie.
Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, a private funeral will take place.

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OBITUARY

William Steven Langlois



It's with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of my father William Steven Langlois (Big Apple) on May 25, 2020.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son Blaine; granddaughter Serenity; brothers Richard (Barbara), David, and Elwin (Rayne); sisters Lucille (Doug), Carol, Karen (Edward) and Sharon (Brad); along with numerous nieces and nephews.

William was predeceased by his parents William and Jesse Langlois.

Cremation has already taken place and the family will be having a private service.

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

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OBITUARY

Leonard (Len) Rebeck



Len departed this life peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of May 25, 2020.

Dad was predeceased by his parents Paul and Elizabeth; sisters Marian and Victoria, brother Carl; beloved daughter Cheryl (John).

Forever loved and missed by his beautiful and devoted wife Lucille "Luch" of 63 years; daughters Susan (Ernie), Sandi (Allan), Liana (Robert); grandchildren Ryan (Kim), Jessica (Joshawa), Jistine (Andrew), Jordan, Chase (Brienne), Jenna-Rae (Chris), Julien (Sophie); great-grandchildren Carson, James, Emma, Mya, Sophie; brother Doug (Fran) and sister-in-law Ethel; many friends and family.

Dad was an expert in the field of asphalt road paving and paved most of the highways and airports in Manitoba and Northern Ontario with Mulder Construction. After retirement Dad continued

to do consultation work, going out of province to bid on million dollar asphalt plants and equipment. I worked alongside Dad for numerous summers and admired him for his strong work ethic and his long hours of dedication to get the job done perfectly. His sacrifice of working out of town during difficult conditions provided his family with a beautiful life.

Mom and Dad travelled to Hawaii, Mexico and Las Vegas often.

Dad had a passion for hockey and played into his senior years. He coached his daughters in hockey at Kelvin and East St. Paul and won many city and provincial championships.

Dad enjoyed golfing at Transcona Golf Club and the simple things in life, like picking a ripe tomato from the garden or savoring one of Mom's freshly made dill pickles. Watching the birds, squirrels and bunnies in the yard brought him joy in his final years.

Dad treasured all his pets but especially his Rocky.

Grandpa's eyes would sparkle with seeing pictures of his precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had a special bond with Julien that death cannot change.

Cremation has taken place. A private family celebration of Dad is planned for a later date.

Family requests no visitors to the house at this time.

Donations can be made to The Winnipeg Humane Society in lieu of flowers.

Rest In Peace Dad and May God have Mercy on your Soul.

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OBITUARY

Stefan Allan Jones



Captain Stefan Allan Jones passed away on May 19, 2020 at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre on his 83rd birthday in the arms of his loving wife.

Stefan is survived by his wife Eileen (nee McKay) of 60 years; his children Allan (Debbhra), Stefan (Mona), Harold (Lynn) and Kathy (Brent) Mayo; grandchildren Amanda (Dan) Everett, Derek (Mallory), Vanessa, Brittany (Evan) Hamilton, Jennifer Mayo and Cameron; his precious great-

grandchildren Zane, Bentley and Rosalie Hamilton; brother Gerald (Maria); nephews Brian and Eric; his in-laws, cousins, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Allan (1939) and Lovisa (1964) Jones.

Stefan was born in Selkirk on May 19, 1937 and was raised on Hecla Island and later in Selkirk. He began working on the Keenora at a very young age and this is where he met the love of his life in 1957. They married in 1959 and the rest they say is history. They raised their four children in Selkirk. Stefan worked many years on Lake Winnipeg eventually receiving his captain papers in 1969 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Stefan captained many boats on the lake until 1978 when he went back to school and obtained his power engineering certificate from Red River College. He worked various jobs until his retirement from the Federal Government Customs Canada in 1998.

Stefan had many hobbies but his favourite was watching Kevin Martin curl or listening to Hank Williams while working on puzzles.

Mom and Dad travelled extensively in their younger years from coast to coast in Canada and all throughout the United States. One of the most memorable and disappointing trips was to Los Angeles to see the Boston Bruins play. However, his favourite player Bobby Orr wasn't in the line-up that night.

Dad was a dedicated family man as he named all his children after family members. He would worry about each of us. If anyone was away or on a trip he would not relax until he knew we were home safely.

Mom and Dad got to have the party of their lives when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last September at the Legion with many relatives and friends in attendance. "Wasn't that a party".

Dad was the smartest man we ever knew. All his children and grandchildren would seek advice on many things and he would have an answer for everything. His best words of wisdom were, "I'll give you some advice but it is up to you what you do with it". We will treasure every moment we got to spend with him and will miss him more than words can say.

We will always love you Dad/Grandpa/Great Grandpa.

Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

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OBITUARY



Travis Neil Schmidt

Suddenly and unexpectedly on May 25, 2020, Travis Neil Schmidt passed away. He was born December 2, 1991 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the son of Neil and Bonnie (nee Hacking) Schmidt.

Travis is remembered for his happy-go-lucky personality, his amazing memory of movie quotes, and his love of music. Travis had a sharp sense of humour which mimicked his mother's perfectly. Travis grew up around cousins and friends at his family's pool. He also enjoyed playing hockey and staying up late watching movies with his mom. As Travis grew up his love for music became prominent and he made many lifelong friends in the music scene.

Travis was predeceased by his mother, Bonnie. Travis is survived by his father, Neil, and sisters Miranda (Brayden), Tanis, and Cindy. He also leaves his nieces and nephews Deven (Amanda), Alex, Thomas, Kessa and Averi. He is also survived by his grandmother,

Leona, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

At this time, due to the current pandemic, the family will be holding a private ceremony for close family and friends by invitation only. Travis' friends are encouraged to safely remember him within their own ceremonies.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY



Robert Bliss Arthurson

With a heavy heart we announce the passing of Robert Bliss Arthurson, on May 26th, 2020 at the Selkirk Regional Health Center.

Bliss leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Connie; his children Jacqueline, Robert, Sherry (Wayne), Brad, and Karen (Victor). He will also be missed by his seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Sarah, Lillian, Merdina (Percy), Ila (Doug), Ivy (Terry) and by his brother Ralph (Virginia). He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Bliss was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Susan; three brothers; and several in-laws.

Bliss was born in Norway House, Manitoba on January 10th, 1931. In his younger years he worked as a trapper, fisherman and forest ranger. He also worked for the Manitoba Government until his retirement. He was happiest writing songs and singing with his band members, Pat and John Mowatt, The Nelson Rivers Ramblers. Later, he enjoyed his time fishing with his grandchildren, golfing, traveling and spending time with friends. Bliss and Connie also enjoyed their time working at The Marina at Hecla Island.

In keeping with his wishes, a memorial service was held at Gilbert Funeral Home and his ashes were laid to rest at St. Clement's Churchyard.

The family would like to thank the Dialysis Team, Dr. Prematilake, Homecare providers and the many nurses and support staff at SRHC for the wonderful care given to Robert.

Donations in Bliss' memory can be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

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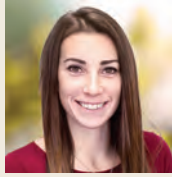
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