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# Tracia Owen honoured with bench dedication at Sergeant Tommy Prince School

By Katelyn Boulanger

Sergeant Tommy Prince School and the Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators(ISEE) teamed up to raise awareness about the importance of preventing the sexual exploitation of our youth with the dedication and blessing of a bench as well as the planting of two cedar trees in honour of Tracia Owen.

Tracia Owen was a 14-year-old girl who died by suicide in 2005. Her death became a major catalyst for anti-sexual exploitation efforts in our province after her story drew attention to failures in child welfare and protection for vulnerable youth.

Sergeant Tommy Prince School Principal Wendy McPherson started the dedication event by welcoming and introducing those who blessed the bench with a pipe ceremony.

She then spoke about Tracia. "Tracia Owen had a spirit name that was Butterfly Woman, and then we found out further it was White Butterfly Woman," McPherson said.

The school's kindergarten class took over from there, reciting a poem about butterflies and, in honour of Tracia, released the butterflies that they had been raising since they were caterpillars.

From there, Sherisse Picklyk, one of the Co-chairs of the ISEE committee, came forward to say a few words about why they chose to dedicate this space to Tracia.

"In August 2025, it was the 20th anniversary of Tracia's death. The province encouraged committees like ISEE

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Tobacco ties were given to the trees that were to be planted. The bench will be installed at a later date due to delivery delays.

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> TRACIA OWEN BENCH, FROM PG. 3

to honour Tracia's legacy by hosting an event in her name. We partnered with our friends and fellow committee members from the Sergeant Tommy Prince School, Wendy and Patrick, to create this beautiful tribute to Tracia in their community, for their community. This event not only honours Tracia, but helps to raise awareness of child and youth sexual exploitation, because it happens here too," said Dear.

The ISEE are one of several regional committees in Manitoba that work to educate children and parents about ways to prevent the sexual exploitation of children in our area, because, as Dear said, it can happen anywhere. They are funded by the provincial government, and Amanda Paul, the Associate Director for the Child Protection Branch in the Department of Families from the province, came up next to say a few words.

"We gather not only to bless this memorial bench, but to remember Tracia

Owen and to carry forward the responsibility of her story that has been entrusted to all of us. To be remembered is something that many of us think about later in life, and she never had that chance, yet she is remembered. She's remembered through community, through action, through the commitment to ensure that what happened to her is never repeated," she said.

Paul explained that this event was more than a memorial but a call to action to create a world where children are safe, free, joyful, and cared for.

"Today, as we bless this bench, we create a place of remembrance, but also a place of responsibility, a place where people can sit, reflect, and commit to action. Tracia's legacy is not only in memory, but it's in what we do next," she said.

Chief Gordon Bluesky spoke next,

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Principal Wendy McPherson speaking about Tracia Owen. The QR code McPherson holds links to resources to prevent childhood sexual exploitation.

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The kindergarten class releasing butterflies in honour of Tracia's memory.

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The ISEE Committee was at the event sharing information and supporting.



Greg Robson playing the handrum at the bench blessing.

thanking the students for caring for the butterflies that were released.

"I look at the young people sitting here, and I think about Tracia, and what she went through. We've got to learn from that, and we're going to move forward, and we're going to become stronger," he said.

He then told the children in attendance that he and other leaders in the community are always there if they need someone to talk to.

McPherson then asked Greg Robson to share his knowledge through a cedar teaching.

Robson explained how cedar was brought to the earth and the importance of the medicine to the Indigenous people of Turtle Island. He also shared how it is protective, and so it made sense to have a cedar bench and cedar trees planted in honour of Tracia.

McPherson concluded the ceremony by asking those present to drop a tobacco tie into the holes where the cedar trees were planted as Erica Bear drummed.

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# Selkirk Pride coming to the waterfront on June 14

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk is once again going to be celebrating inclusion and acceptance of all people regardless of their gender or sexual orientation, as Selkirk Pride is coming to the waterfront on June 14.

"There will be a handmade village with lots of different vendors. There will be lots of resource booths for different community organizations. There'll be music, fun, and joy throughout the day, and kids' activities. Also, one of the highlights, of course, is the drag performances, as well as the ribbon skirt fashion show," said Coral Kendel, Co-Executive Director of Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre.

Though when people think of Pride events they often think of parades, Selkirk's Pride is a little bit of a different take as it's taking place completely at the waterfront.

Kendel explained that it's important that more rural places like Selkirk and the surrounding area have Pride events like this so that we can show everyone that they are welcome in our community.

"Selkirk doesn't have a visible queer community, but there are significant numbers of individuals within Selkirk or in the bordering communities that identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ who need to know that the community is welcoming and that there is a place where they can come together and feel comfortable and feel like they're accepted. And to have an event like Pride is also important because we still see people who are not accepting of these identities, and in the end, Pride is a protest. It is an occasion to have a visible presence, and really to

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# Safegrad in search of volunteers to fill last remaining slots for graduation celebration

## Anyone can help our Comp grads celebrate safely this year

By Katelyn Boulanger

After the grads don their cap and gown, it's time to party, and to make sure that it's a safe celebration, more volunteers are needed for Safegrad.

"(Safegrad is) the celebration for the grads at the high school. It is a safe celebration, so none of the grads will be allowed to drive, only people who are 18 plus will be allowed to drink, so it provides a safe place for them to celebrate, and it's all run by volunteers," said Carla Vanwart, Co-chair of this year's Safegrad Committee.

The idea behind the event is to allow our grads to have a place to celebrate, and everyone gets home safely at the end of the night.

"It's pretty fun. We do have some inflatable-type things, where there's inflatable jousting. There are also casino activities where the grads get to participate in, like blackjack and things like that, and they earn tickets for auction prizes. We also have some karaoke. There are a few photo booths," said Vanwart.

She also mentioned that there are temporary tattoos and a DJ with a dance floor, so that everyone has something they are likely to enjoy.

Vanwart explained that this is a big milestone for the grads and it's important for them to take time to celebrate.

"And, to be able to not have to worry about getting to somewhere and then getting home safely, it is just a stress-free celebration for them to mark this milestone in their lives," she said.

However, to put on an event like this every year, the Safegrad committee needs volunteers who can help make the magic happen.

"We started with 584 open spots. We're currently at 73 per cent full, which is excellent, but there are a few holes in there, so we are really looking for some help," said Vanwart.

Specifically, they need help with the dinner portion of the event as parents of the graduates attend this event as well and cannot at the same time be volunteering.

"Another couple of spots that need some help would be the setup, so changing over from convocation to the dinner, there's a big empty spot there. We do get some volunteer firefighters to come out and help us with that as well, but we do need some extra people there. The other (area we need some volunteers for) would be during convocation, just to monitor some of the doors and make sure that

people are staying in the areas where we need them to stay, so that they're not interrupting the actual convocation," said Vanwart.

Anyone from the community can volunteer, but in particular, if you are a grandparent or future grad parent for an upcoming school year, it's nice to volunteer before your grad walks so that you can learn the ropes.

"Last year was actually my first year participating in the volunteering side of things for grad, and my first graduate is (walking) this year. It was interesting to see how everything is run for this year, so that I know what to expect when I get there with my own grad. All those parents who have kids in the high school from Grades 9 to 11, they are excellent volunteers, and it's like I said, it's interesting for them to see how it's all run. I also have the grandparents of my grad coming out to volunteer, so that they can see their grandchild all dressed up and looking nice," said Vanwart.

If you would like to sign up for a slot, you can check out <https://lsrcsgrad.my.canva.site/#volunteer-for-safe-grad> for instructions on how to sign up to volunteer, as well as a link to the volunteer sign-up.

Vanwart hopes the community can come together to fill up the last volunteer slots that they need.

"Come and see how everything is done, and what a huge event this is, and how it all comes together only with the help of volunteers. I've seen people who come back that have no connection to the grads of 2026 but they're out there and have been out there for 10, 15, 20 years. They come back every year just to be a part of it. It is such an exciting time in these kids' lives, and to be a part of that is so fun," she said.

## Support our grads!



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Soon to be Comp grads will be fundraising for their Safegrad celebration with a car wash on June 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Boyd Autobody and Glass. Bring your car that's in need of a wash and for a minimum \$10 donation, the grads will make it sparkle. They'll also be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts for \$20 per dozen. Pictured: Soon to be grads Danelle Robson, Ellie Tolpa, Ishwanpreet Kaur Bal, Kaitlin Vanwart, Sofia Kabanova, Aubrey Palsson, and Mackenzie Henry.



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## City of Selkirk invited residents to Infrastructure open house

Open house on June 11, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall

By Katelyn Boulanger

The City of Selkirk is welcoming residents to their Infrastructure Open House to learn about what infrastructure projects will occur this year and other long-term initiatives the city has planned.

"It's important for us that citizens know what's happening so we can be proactive. When we're doing our planning, the lived experience of people on those streets has informed the way we do the project, so it minimizes negative consequences," said Selkirk's CAO Duane Nicol in a recent release from the city.

"If we understand how people use their street better, then we can have less interruptions and plan around things. Someone will tell us, 'Oh, every year we have a block party at this time,' or whatever the case may be, we might be able to schedule the construction to minimize impact.

"If they attend the open house, there's still an opportunity to help shape and inform the project as we move forward."

Infrastructure investments in the City of Selkirk take place based on their Capital Asset Management Strategy.

"We have our asset registry that tells us what condition every street, every pipe, every sidewalk is in, and decisions on what work is done each year are determined by that," explained the City of Selkirk's Director of Operations Dan McDermid.

"We're doing a lot of asphalt resurfacing and overlays this year, and all of these are aligned with the condi-



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Learn about Infrastructure projects in Selkirk.

tions recorded in the registry."

Some upcoming infrastructure projects include:

- An asphalt overlay, curb replacement, and sidewalk renewal will be done on the 600 block of McLean Avenue, while an asphalt replacement will be completed on Morrison Avenue between Montgomery and Eveline.
- Replacement of curbs and asphalt surface, as well as sidewalk renewal, will take place on the 600 block of Vaughan Avenue, the 700 block of McLean Avenue and the 400 block of Queen Avenue.
- The existing sidewalk in the 300 block of Greenwood will also be replaced.
- Watermain renewal on three blocks of Main Street between

Sinclair and Sutherland and Toronto and Rosser will take place, with the city replacing a cast iron pipe that was put in in 1914. Sections along Main have been upsized over the years, and with this summer's work, there will be new pipe from Rosser to Sinclair.

In addition to the infrastructure projects, money is also being invested in long-term planning as well as the design work for future planning.

The open house is open to all, and the city is especially hoping to get input from anyone directly impacted by the infrastructure improvements to attend the event on June 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall

More information about Selkirk's infrastructure projects can be found at [MySelkirk.ca/Infrastructure](http://MySelkirk.ca/Infrastructure).

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push forward the progress that we're making for better human rights for everybody," she said.

Kendel wanted to emphasize that this is an event that everyone in the community is welcome to attend and will be met with kindness.

"Anyone and everyone who welcomes Pride to the Selkirk community is welcome to attend, so you don't have to be a resident of Selkirk," said Kendel.

You also don't have to be part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, as allies are always welcome.

"(We want) to have the largest presence possible and really show up for individuals in Selkirk who need to feel supported and need to know their community supports them," said Kendel.

The main entertainment for the evening will be the Drag Performance at 5 p.m. and the Ribbon Skirt Fashion show at 6 p.m.

"Drag Performances will all happen at the clock tower at the waterfront. There are a number of different performers that we're anticipating, and it really was the highlight of the last Pride in 2024," said Kendel.

The Ribbon Skirt Fashion show is at the same location and open to anyone with a ribbon skirt, ideally one they've made themselves, that they want to show off.

"They can be their own model, or provide their own model to walk in that fashion show and really show off the beauty and the art that exists in our community. (Having) that cultural piece as well is so important, especially knowing that Manitoba was the birthplace of the term Two Spirit," said Kendel.

She said that her favourite part of seeing this event hosted in Selkirk is

seeing the positivity that this event brings out in the community.

"(It's a) day where anyone can know that they are accepted and celebrated. On the day when Pride is taking place, to see the joy, to see the community, to see the celebration of it in that central place for folks to come together when that doesn't otherwise exist in Selkirk visibly throughout the year, I think it's just really impactful and really important. Some of the stories that we heard after the event in 2024 were really incredible about how people felt comfortable coming out to their loved ones after, or they felt seen and supported in their community," said Kendel.

She hopes that people stop by the waterfront anytime during the event, which takes place from 3 to 7 p.m. on June 14. In the case of rain, the event will move to the Gordon Howard Centre.

"Everyone's welcome, if it's their first Pride or if it's their 30th Pride, to come and celebrate," said Kendel.

As this event is hosted by Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre and the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network, Kendel also wanted to acknowledge the importance of taking care of each other and mental health.

"Knowing that everyone's at a different place in their journey, there will be mental health support available at the event too, if folks are feeling overwhelmed, or they're feeling like this is a new experience for them, or they're exploring their identity, there are folks there to provide that welcoming support," she said.

If you would like to participate in the Ribbon Skirt Fashion Show, you can sign up by connecting with Carly at outreach@survivors-hope.ca by June 5.

# Smile cookie success!



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The 30th annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign raised a record \$15,817 locally. Between the two Selkirk restaurants they sold an incredible 7802 Smile Cookies. Nationally, Tim Hortons raised a record-breaking \$23.3 million in Canada and the U.S. Proceeds from every Smile Cookie support charity and community groups across Canada.

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# Lockport Play and Learn Nursery School turns 50



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The Lockport Play and Learn Nursery School hosted a 50th anniversary celebration last weekend with activities and fun for the kids. In addition to the temporary tattoos, cleverly created balloon animals, and more, the kids also got to see a performance from legendary Manitoban musician, comedian and children's performer Al Simmons.



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# New laboratory providing health services in Selkirk

## No changes to services at Selkirk Regional Health Centre

By Katelyn Boulanger

On May 28, the Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara announced that our region is now home to a new Dynacare laboratory at the Interlake-Eastern Health Services building. This addition intends to provide improved access to

laboratory and diagnostic services.

"Improving access to care closer to home means making it easier for Manitobans to get the services they need in their communities," said Asagwara in a release from the province. "This new laboratory in Selkirk will help connect more patients and

families in the Interlake-Eastern region to important diagnostic services in a convenient community setting."

The new lab opened on May 21 at 100 Easton Dr. in Selkirk, which is just next to the Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

The site will now offer blood and urine collection services, Harmony non-invasive prenatal testing and glucose tolerance testing.

Shared Health Diagnostic Services

will continue to provide laboratory services for patients at Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

This new lab is a collaborative effort by the Manitoba government, Dynacare, Shared Health and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. It will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# I Care About a Cause raises funds for recreation, culture and heritage

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation (SDCF) focused on fundraising to improve the region's recreation, culture and heritage needs at their I Care About a Cause event last week at the Clandeboye Community Club.

The Foundation's Vital Signs report reflected the importance of recreation, culture and heritage to residents in our region and this event allowed hosts SDCF Chair Deborah Vitt and Executive Director Meredith Boerchers to highlight this area.

The evening featured a panel discussion, which included four organizations that received grants from the Foundation over the years: Rosalyn Ferguson represented the Clandeboye Community Club, Andrea Debiuk spoke for the Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance, Jessica Bullen shared from the Selkirk & District Arts Festival and Rob Bruce, President of the Clandeboye Pipe Band, came to the podium bringing donors first hand stories of ways that

their donations have helped our area.

"The panellists all had great stories about what they do in the community, and it was true, that recreation, culture, and heritage emerged as defining components of all our communities," said Vitt.

Grants to the Clandeboye Community Club have allowed the club to redo flooring in the building, paint the interior and buy a floor sweeper, fondly nicknamed Henry.

"We've been around a long time, (the club) is kind of like the centre or the heart of this little village," Ferguson said.

"Our hall is very busy, it's hard to find a Friday or Saturday night, especially during the summer, where there isn't something going on. It's a wonderful problem to have."

A grant to the Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance helped them buy new costumes, ordered from war-torn Ukraine.

"This past year, we actually replaced costumes that were 40 years old," Debiuk said.



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Photos from the I Care About a Cause event.

"We were able to buy the new ones directly from a company in Ukraine, and they could only work during the hours they had electricity, because of the bombing, but we were able to support that company in the war, for our beautiful brand-new costumes."

The Selkirk & District Arts Festival was able to pay for things like rentals, adjudication fees, and piano tunings.

"As a team, we really wanted to see all art forms represented, that includes visual arts, piano, band, small ensemble, dance, speech, vocal, strings and choir. We wanted to see all

of our artists perform," said Bullen.

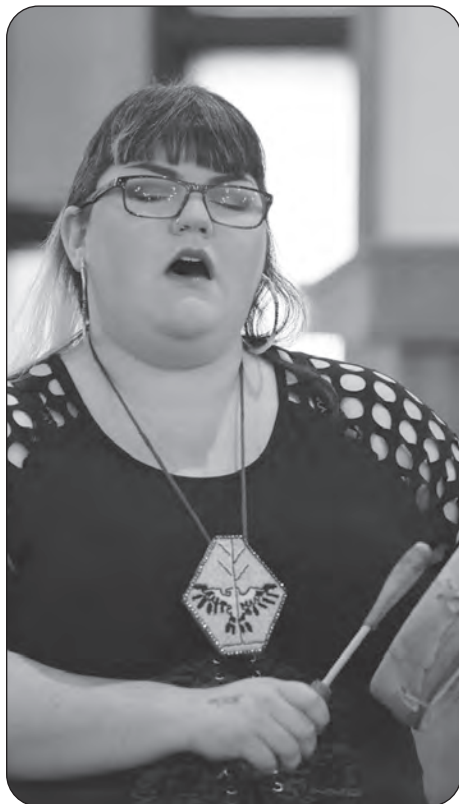
The Clandeboye Pipe Band used grant money to purchase matching kilts.

"We're a community-based pipe band, not for profit. We raise our own funds...but sometimes, given what the expenses are, we needed a bit more help," Bruce said.

If you would like to give to the SDCF's funds and help out our community with grants that do good, visit <https://sdcf.ca/> to learn more.



# Selkirk Community Choir's Celebrating Home: A Spring Concert



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The Selkirk Community Choir sang it loud at their Celebrating Home: A Spring Concert event that took place on May 31. The concert featured musical guest Marlena Muir and took place at the Church of the Good Shepherd with refreshments afterwards.



# Five voices combine for Gwen Fox Gallery show with great variety

Join Lorraine Bartecki, Deb Bazylewski, Sue E. Cowan, Courtney Jensen, and Deanne Miller for a fun show this month

By Katelyn Boulanger

Five artists have combined their talents for a multi-media show with inspiration from a wide variety of subject matter this month at the gallery. Lorraine Bartecki, Deb Bazylewski, Sue E. Cowan, Courtney Jensen, and Deanne Miller have come together to put on June's Five Voices show, which runs now until June 27. If you would like to visit the gallery and meet the artists, your best bet is to attend the artist's reception on June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free.

Lorraine Bartecki

Bartecki is an acrylic artist who is bringing some of her abstract acrylic pour work to the gallery this month.

"My art is more abstract, and if (visitors) see it, they would know exactly who I am, because none of my pictures are the same. Every one is different, none of them are the same colours, none of them are the same. There's some variation in every one of them, and I never do anything the same," said Bartecki.

She has 23 pieces in this month's show, and she explained she takes an intuitive approach to creating.

"I have a disability. Two years ago, I started painting. I just started all of a sudden, for meditation rather than taking something (more medical), I

started painting. I don't know what I'm painting. I cannot look at something and say I can paint that. I don't do that. What I do is I put out five colours, get the canvas, and then just go for it," explained Bartecki.

Her art journey started with normal soft body acrylic painting, and the acrylic pouring came later as she's evolved in her art-making style.

Bartecki joined the Gwen Fox Gallery two years ago and makes the trek to Selkirk from Winnipeg.

"I was looking in Winnipeg for something to join, but I wanted something smaller, because I'm not a technical person, I'm more of a small time person, and I wanted something that I can relate to. I come from a farm, and I wanted a smaller city and small time vibe, that's what I wanted," she said.

Bartecki found just that in the Gwen Fox Gallery.

"I love the people, I love the paint-

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ings, I love seeing the different people doing different things in different mediums. There's so much going on here. Every time I come here, I'm very pleased," she said.

For people who are just starting to create art, she says not to be scared.

"Start small and work your way up and evolve," she explained.

Bartecki hopes that people stop by this month's show.

"There's some amazing artists here and all different. You're never going to see anything the same here. It's totally different, and you're going to be amazed by everything that you see," she said.

**Deb Bazylewski**

Bazylewski, like Bartecki, is responsible for some of the brighter and more abstract works in this month's show.

"My art is very abstract. I do what's called an acrylic pour, so the work, a lot of it will have a lot of flowy things, a lot of bubbles here and there, that's most of it. I don't always do abstract, I've learned a few other mediums, but I think that's primarily what you're going to see here," she explained.

Bazylewski says that she's inspired by a variety of subjects.

"Everything, nature, birds, the water. I love the water. Palm trees," she said.

Bazylewski's art journey started when she was quite young in a rather

unique way.

"I used to love sketching when I was a young girl. They used to have this little contest that used to be in some of the comic books, and I used to enter it all the time," she said.

She then moved to oil paints when she got into painting.

"I started off doing oils at first, and one time I did have one of my oil paintings shown here, but it's only one, because back in the day when I used to do them, they took a long time to dry," said Bazylewski.

"So then I switched to acrylics, and I did some inspired by the ocean water and waves, and stuff like that. At first, I started just painting waves, and I would always find dolphins in my waves. I don't know if any of those paintings that I painted back then are here today, but I do have some other waves that I did with acrylic pours. You'll see a lot of blues in my painting, teals in my painting, pink and purple, but occasionally I'll go to the other colours as well," she said.

Bazylewski joined the Gwen Fox Gallery last year and came all the way from Winnipeg at the advice of some friends.

"I thought I'd come meet some people. I talked to some people here and asked what they thought about it, and they loved the group, so I thought, well, you know what, nothing ventured, nothing gained. I'm going to give it a try," she said.

Her advice for people just starting is to embrace the phrase 'perfectly imperfect'.

"Whether it be a person, a place, a thing, a painting, so many things are perfectly imperfect. I don't

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Lorraine Bartecki.



Deb Bazylewski.

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think perfection is out there. It's not something that I try to achieve," said Bazylewski.

She welcomes residents to the gallery this month.

"There's amazing work by so many different artists. I just love it, and to me it's inspiring. Whether they like abstract or realism, there's a little bit of something for everybody," said Bazylewski.

**Sue E. Cowan**

Cowan's art is very nature focused, and her more realistic wildlife portraits stand out from the rest in this month's exhibit.

She doesn't limit herself to one medium, embracing oils, acrylics, and pastels, which are a new venture she's added recently.

Cowan explained that she started being creative at a young age.

"I always drew when I was a kid, and then I stopped doing all that when I had a family. Then, after they were starting to grow up, and I had more time, I did decorative painting around the house, and then I started watching Bob Ross, and the different (artists) like that, and then it evolved. But, I learned really quickly I didn't want to be a Bob Ross artist, because everybody was doing Bob Ross," she said.

Cowan makes her way to Selkirk from Sidney, Man.

She was inspired to get a membership at the Gwen Fox Gallery last year, despite the drive, thanks to some family pressure.

"My sister-in-law was a member. She's also an artist, and she brought me over here, and this is just such a friendly place. I was a little shy about putting my stuff in here, I didn't think I'd ever get into a gallery," said Cowan.

Despite not being sure of her art when she started, gallery members recognized it for how amazing it

truly is, and she's now got about a dozen pieces in this month's show.

For artists just putting brush to canvas, she suggests just starting and learning.

"The more you do, the easier it gets," said Cowan.

She encourages residents to check out this month's show.

You can also check her art out online at <https://www.sueecowan.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/sue.el-len.cowan/>, or [https://www.instagram.com/sue\\_e\\_cowan\\_artist/](https://www.instagram.com/sue_e_cowan_artist/).

**Courtney Jensen**

Jensen is an abstract artist who uses symbolism in her art to express feeling.

She is an acrylic and ink artist, though this month she has about a dozen pieces, all in acrylic, in Five Voices.

She explained that she doesn't know exactly where her inspiration comes from.

"I see something, and usually I just think of what it would mean to me, or (what it) symbolizes or a theme that I've been exploring," said Jensen.

Her art journey began when she was in school.

"We had to learn about certain things like the colour wheel and whatnot and (my art teacher) she really gave us the freedom to do whatever it is that we wanted to create as long as we made something, that was her rule. I feel like it took off there from there," said Jensen.

In high school, she ended up doing an internship with a mentor artist, which also greatly inspired her.

"She showed me that art can also be expressive, and whatever you are feeling, you can use that. That's where (my inspiration) comes from, and I feel like it took off further from there," said Jensen.

She's been part of the Gwen Fox Gallery for many years and is a former



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**Sue E. Cowan.**

Selkirk resident with family in the area, so being part of the gallery just made sense.

Jensen's advice for beginner artists is to keep an open mind to learning and get to creating.

"You don't have to be a professional artist to create art, you can just curate whatever and do it," she said.

She invites residents to this

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Courtney Jensen.

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month's show.

"We all have a variety of styles of art. I feel it's really amazing. The voices in the show and the colours are just amazing," said Jensen.

**Deanne Miller**

Miller is an artist who is sharing

work in many different mediums in the show this month, and all are worth a second look.

"I like to focus on portraying the light in different landscapes. I think the light really portrays the joy of the moment in time. I think the nature is so beautiful that I just want to portray that and share it with the world," said



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Deanne Miller.

Miller.

In addition to her acrylic and water-colour pieces, Miller recently started making pottery, and some of her clay creations are also in the gallery this month.

Her inspiration really comes from that want to portray the light and the positivity that it brings.

"I just love a sense of peace in the

paintings and in nature, and just the light. Light means a lot to me," she said.

Miller lives near Birds Hill Park and often takes from her environment when creating her art.

"I ride horses there, I paint horses, but I also see wildlife. I see beautiful flowers, trees. One of my favourite spots is through one of the northern trails. It's just a long row of aspen trees. In autumn, there's just the golden leaves with the light coming through, and then the golden carpet that you're riding on," she explained.

Miller said that her art journey started when she was a child, but she kept going because of joining an art class.

"I was always a doodler as a child. Always drawing horses, but in my early 20s, I moved. I moved into Winnipeg, got married, and I didn't know a soul, so I joined a community club and did some watercolour classes, and fell in love with watercolour. So that was the start," said Miller.

She joined the gallery last year, and this is the first show that she's taken part in other than the recent all members show.

Miller explained that for her, the convenient close by location of the gallery was the initial draw, but she's found a community since joining.

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**SETTING THE SCENE**

Germany invaded much of Western Europe in the spring of 1940, during the opening months of the Second World War. A narrow stretch of sea, the English Channel, was all that separated the surging enemy forces from Great Britain, but the island nation held firm. The conquered countries on the continent would suffer greatly under a harsh occupation in the years that followed. An Allied raid on the French coast at Dieppe in August 1942 would result in heavy losses, especially for Canadian troops, but the Allies would slowly turn the tide against the powerful enemy war machine in North Africa, Italy, on the Eastern Front, in the skies over Europe and on the Atlantic Ocean. To win the war, however, Germany would have to be defeated on the ground in Western Europe and 1944 would be the year the Allies would finally return and powerfully strike back.

The target for the Allied landing forces

would be the beaches of Normandy in France. Planning and preparation for this immense undertaking, codenamed Operation Overlord, began more than a year earlier. Land, sea and air forces trained extensively and the necessary troops, ships, tanks, supplies and other equipment were steadily amassed. Misinformation was deliberately leaked to the Germans to confuse them over where the landings would actually take place. Huge portable docking facilities, called "Mulberry harbours," were prepared for use by Allied transport ships to unload their cargoes in France. Long flexible pipes, nicknamed "PLUTO" (pipe lines under the ocean), were designed to carry fuel under the English Channel. The Allies were ready but had to wait until the weather, tides and phase of the moon were right in order to be able to attack.

**"FORTRESS EUROPE"**

Successfully establishing a beachhead in occupied France would be a huge challenge for the Allied forces. The Germans had turned the coast of Europe from the Spanish border to Scandinavia into a daunting series of defensive positions. Dubbed "Fortress Europe" by Adolf Hitler, its shores were studded with land mines, barbed wire, concrete bunkers, artillery batteries, machine-gun nests, anti-tank walls, and thousands of watchful enemy troops.

An Allied defeat on the beaches of Normandy would have been disastrous as there was no way to safely evacuate troops in large numbers, so huge casualties would be inevitable. If the landings were successful, how-

ever, our forces would finally gain that all-important foothold in Western Europe and could begin the liberation campaign after years of harsh German occupation.

**ON LAND, BY SEA AND IN THE AIR**

Allied warplanes helped pave the way for the Normandy landings. They undertook countless missions attacking coastal defences and lines of transport in occupied Europe in the months leading up to Operation Overlord. Despite questionable weather conditions, the Allied high command made the decision to attack on June 6, 1944—a date that has become known in history as "D-Day." A massive Allied force would cross the English Channel, heading for an 80-kilometre stretch of the Normandy coast. There were five landing zones assigned to the forces of different nations: Juno Beach (Canada); Gold Beach (United Kingdom); Sword Beach (United Kingdom and France); and Utah Beach and Omaha Beach (United States).

Some 7,000 naval vessels of all types, including 284 major combat ships, took part in Operation Neptune (as the sea-borne assault phase of the D-Day offensive was codenamed). Destroyers and supporting craft of the Royal Canadian Navy shelled German positions onshore and cleared sea mines in the approaches to the French beaches. Many Royal Canadian Air Force planes were among the some 4,000 Allied bombers and 3,700 fighters / fighter bombers that relentlessly struck at shoreline defences, inland targets and enemy squadrons that day.

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nadian Parachute Battalion jumped inland before dawn on June 6 and were the first of our soldiers to engage the enemy on D-Day. A few hours later, some 14,000 Canadian troops from the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade—composed of military units from coast to coast—would begin to come ashore at Juno Beach. Their mission was to brave heavy fire to establish a foothold along an eight-kilometre stretch of coastline fronting the villages of Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer, Courseulles-sur-Mer, and Graye-sur-Mer. Our soldiers would then push inland towards the city of Caen, an important communications and transport centre.

**A HARD-WON VICTORY**

Many Canadian soldiers were young and new to battle, but our infantry and armoured troops would be thrown into action against some of the best of the German forces in Normandy. The Canadians successfully captured their shoreline positions at Juno Beach and penetrated the farthest inland of any of the some 155,000 Allied troops who had landed on June 6, 1944, but D-Day was only the beginning of the struggle to liberate France. Clashes in the days that followed badly bloodied our soldiers and they repeatedly found themselves pitted against the elite 12th SS Panzer Division, manned by fanatical troops under the command of ruthless and experienced German officers. The first month of fighting was an exercise in grim endurance for the Canadians as the combat intensified and

capturing Caen remained elusive.

The Canadians would bend but not break; however, the memory of the bitter fighting they encountered in villages like Authie, Buron and Carpiquet would haunt our Veterans for years to come. Our navy and air force continued to support the campaign as they kept the sea lanes clear of enemy shipping and swept German warplanes from the skies over Normandy, while also pounding countless groundtargets. Caen finally fell to British and Canadian troops on July 9-10, but the fighting would continue through the choking dust and intense summertime heat in the countryside south of the city. Canadian troops battled forward despite desperate struggles at places like Verrières Ridge, which our soldiers helped capture only after multiple bloody attempts had cost many hundreds of lives, with even more being wounded.

With an American breakout against weakening German troops in western Normandy coming in early August, the stiff enemy defenses in France finally began to collapse. As the German forces began to stream eastward away from the surging Allied lines, Canadian troops would be called on to help close the so-called “Falaise Gap” in mid-August to trap the retreating enemy units. It would take repeated efforts on a chaotic battlefield, but the pocket would finally be completely cut off by August 21, resulting in the taking of tens of thousands of desperate German prisoners. On August 25, 1944, Paris was liberated by the Allies, officially bringing the Normandy campaign to a close.

**SACRIFICE**

Victory in the Battle of Normandy came at a terrible cost. The Canadians suffered the highest casualties of any divisions in the British Army Group during the campaign. Some 359 Canadian soldiers were killed on D-Day alone, and a total of more than 5,000 of our men would die during the two-and-a-half-months of fighting in Normandy. Most of these fallen heroes lie buried in France in the beautiful Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery and the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery. Over 13,000 more of our soldiers were wounded in Normandy, with many suffering injuries to body and mind that they would carry for the rest of their lives.

**LEGACY**

Normandy was the beginning of 11 months of hard fighting in Northwest Europe. Canadians would also go on to play an important role in bitter struggles at places like the Scheldt, the Rhineland and the Netherlands during the Allied offensives that would eventually help defeat the Germans and see Victory in Europe (V-E) Day declared on May 8, 1945.

Canada’s impressive efforts in the Second World War remain a point of great national pride, even many decades later. The brave Canadians who came ashore on D-Day and saw action in the Battle of Normandy were among the more than one million men and women from our country who served in the cause of peace and freedom during the conflict. Sadly, over 45,000 of them would lose their lives.

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# Interlake artist to feature fused glass at WAVE tour

By Lana Meier

Interlake artist Heather Dawson is inviting the public into her creative world this summer as part of the annual WAVE Studio Tour, offering visitors a chance to experience how she transforms local plant life into lasting works of glass.

Dawson, the artist behind the Interlake Impressions fused glass collection, draws inspiration directly from the landscapes around her, using real plants and flowers gathered from her yard and the surrounding region to create detailed textures in her work.

"I've always been drawn to gardening and nurturing new growth and flowers," Dawson said. "By using the actual plants and flowers from my surroundings, I can capture those often very fleeting moments, like a short-lived bloom, and preserve that memory in glass. It becomes a way to hold onto a moment in time."

The upcoming WAVE tour, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, will give visitors a rare opportunity to step inside Dawson's Winnipeg Beach studio, see where her pieces are created and engage directly with her process.

Her technique begins by pressing plants into clay to form detailed impressions, which are then fired and used as molds. Coloured glass frits and powders are added and melted into those textures, permanently capturing the intricate details of the original plant.

"The Interlake is a very unique and diverse area," Dawson said. "There are open fields, wooded trails, and beaches on either side. Being able to pull inspiration from those different landscapes really reflects the patchwork of the entire province."

The Interlake region plays a central role in that process, providing a wide range of natural textures — from open fields to wooded trails and lakeshore environments — that are reflected in her work.

Dawson's pieces are known for their tactile quality, often prompting viewers to reach out and touch the surface, creating a more interactive and personal connection with the art.

"I love when someone instinctively reaches out to touch the surface," she said. "Glass is such a familiar material, and it invites that interaction. It becomes more than just something you look at; you're experiencing it, and often connecting it to a memory of your own."

As part of the WAVE tour, visitors to her studio will also have the opportunity to take part in hands-on activities inspired by her techniques, offering a deeper understanding of how natural elements are transformed into glass.

The tour itself is designed to give the public access to artists' working spaces, allowing them to explore at their own pace while learning about different creative processes across the region.

In addition to the tour, Dawson's work has recent- Continued on page 21



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Interlake artist Heather Dawson will have her fused glass creations featured in her Interlake Impressions collection on the WAVE studio tour.

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> HEATHER DAWSON'S GLASS

WORK, FROM PG. 20

ly reached a broader audience, with pieces from her Interlake Impressions collection available at The Leaf in Winnipeg, where visitors can experience her nature-inspired glass art in a setting that celebrates botanical beauty.

"It's very fulfilling to have my work in a space where people are already seeking a connection with nature," Dawson said. "I hope they can take a small piece of that experience home with them."

Dawson has also been expanding access to her studio through monthly virtual sessions, offering behind-the-scenes looks at her tools and techniques for those who may not be able to visit in person.

"Not everyone feels comfortable stepping into a studio or asking questions in person," she said. "These online visits are a low-pressure way to explore, ask questions, and even see things like the inside of a kiln while it's firing — something most people wouldn't otherwise experience."

The WAVE Studio Tour will give local residents and visitors alike a chance to experience that work firsthand in Winnipeg Beach while connecting with the artist and the natural inspiration behind each piece.

"The tour is a chance to step inside creative spaces and see where the work happens," Dawson said. "You can explore at your own pace and really connect with the artists and their process."

The WAVE Interlake Artists Studio Tour runs June 13 and 14. A full list of artists and studio locations can be found at [watchthewave.ca](http://watchthewave.ca), while more information about Dawson's work is available at [glassbyheather.com](http://glassbyheather.com).



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Interlake artist Heather Dawson's fused glass creations featuring wheat impressions.

> FIVE VOICES, FROM PG. 16

"I've found just some fantastic people here, just good friends, and we get a wide range of people coming through," she said.

For people just starting out, Miller recommends finding a class you're interested in.

"I would recommend taking a course in the medium that you're interested in, but also really learn to observe. Observe what's around you. Observe colours and the nuances of colour in different lighting. If you're wanting to do more realistic art, learn to draw what you see and get the per-

spectives and proportions right," she said.

She hopes to see anyone interested stop by this month's show.

"We have a group of five talented people who are kind of new to the art world. It's a wide variety, but with this one, our theme is Five Voices, and it's five voices looking at five very different ways of doing art, different mediums and methods," she said.

To see more of Miller's art, you can find her on Facebook at Art by Deanne Miller.

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# Rotary Club comes in with another successful Lobsterfest



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# Evolution Dance Company celebrates 20 years with original production

By E. Antonio

Evolution Dance Company (EDC) is celebrating its 20th season, and the studio is ensuring it is nothing short of spectacular.

To mark the anniversary, 56 dancers aged seven to 18 dazzled crowds with an original tap production called Tootsie Takes New York. Choreographed by Melissa Michalski, Andrea Myers and Jenna Wynnyk, the production showcased the studio's talent and creativity.

Michalski, owner and director of EDC, said the faculty was eager to create another special routine following the success of the studio's Wonka production for its 10th anniversary.

Tootsie Takes New York is an original story about aspiring Broadway actor Tootsie, portrayed by senior dancer Madison Cooley. Featuring songs from four different musicals, three major costume changes and 27 props, Michalski said the production brought plenty of pizzazz to the stage.

"The dancers really came together



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Dancers display medals earned for the overall top-scoring routine at the Canadian National Dance Championships.

as a large team and were able to execute a magical, entertaining piece," Michalski said. "Tootsie Takes New York will go down in history here at

Evolution." Cooley, 16, has been dancing for 13 years and described taking on the role of Tootsie as a magical experience.

"Being picked as Tootsie and celebrating 20 years of EDC is so hard to describe," she said.

"As a whole, it shows who we are and what we are, and it's been so amazing see-

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 water  
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## Air Fryer Cottage Cheese Toast

each slice of sourdough bread.

Transfer slices into fryer basket. Cook about 7 minutes, or until cottage cheese is golden, bubbly and lightly set.

Remove toast from air fryer. Drizzle 1 teaspoon hot honey and 1 teaspoon chili crunch over each slice and serve.

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Servings: 2  
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 2 teaspoons hot honey  
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 hot sauce or chili powder (optional)  
 Heat grill to medium-high heat.

## Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Today's column is going to be a little different from the usual. I have a mini-tip for you, and then I have a question. That's right — I want your input.

First, the mini-tip: Don't just jump through hoops for your health. Jump through them, then get your hips moving and hula those hoops until you can't hula those hips anymore.

"Susie, have you lost your mind?" you ask. (Yes, but this is not proof of that. Stick with me.)

I am currently lost in one area of the healthcare system here in England. More than a year ago, one doctor who works in London — at least a three-hour drive for us — asked another doctor closer to us in the Midlands to order some tests for me to save multiple trips to London. The tests still have not even been ordered.

I've contacted the secretaries for the Midlands doctors several times to follow up on these tests, always being assured someone will get back to me within a week or two. And then? ... crickets.

It's time to start hula-hooping those hoops.

What does that look like? Embarrassing. Can you picture me hula-hooping? Guaranteed to end with me on the floor and suffering the largest plastic wedge conceivable to humankind.

Seriously, though, I think I'm going to have to show up at the hospital clinic in person and speak to someone there. If I get nowhere in the clinic, I may need to involve the patient advocacy liaison.

So, my tip? Do whatever you have to do to get the job done for your health. You don't want to pay the consequences of not doing so.

Now, about my question for you. I want to serve you as best I can in my little corner of this newspaper, and I'd love your help doing that.

I'm wondering if you could send in any topics you'd like explored to the email address below. (Within my area of expertise, of course. I can't help you learn how to do your taxes or groom a pet monkey.)

Do you enjoy articles about coping mechanisms for dealing with ill health? Practical patient advocacy tips for building relationships with your doctors? Emotional support? Are you a caregiver who would like more columns aimed at supporting you?

I'm open to all suggestions. This column is here for you, and I want it to reflect that.

I'm excited to read your messages and better understand what you need and want.

Less health stress, yes?

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Place corn directly on grates and cook 10-15 minutes, turning every 2-3 minutes, until charred and cooked through.

While corn is still warm, squeeze lime juice on all sides. Brush or spoon mayonnaise on each ear, ensuring all sides are coated.

Evenly sprinkle Elote seasoning over coated corn. Using hands, gently press seasoning into mayo.

Arrange Elote on serving platter, sprinkle with cotija cheese and garnish with fresh chopped cilantro. Serve with hot sauce or chili powder for extra heat, if desired.



# BINGO

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# Motion Performance takes over Gimli raceway

By Lana Meier

The return of drag racing to Gimli is set to mark a major new chapter for Manitoba motorsports as Motion Performance Raceway prepares to reopen the former Interlake Dragway facility later this spring.

After months of uncertainty following the announcement last fall that the drag strip near Gimli would close, the facility is now moving forward under new leadership with a tentative reopening planned for mid-June.

Motion Performance Raceway, formerly known as Interlake Dragway, will operate under the direction of Sheldon Root, owner and operator of Motion Performance and a longtime member of Manitoba's drag racing community.

Root is well known among racers for his work building, tuning and racing high-performance vehicles, and supporters say his involvement is bringing renewed energy and optimism to

one of Manitoba's most recognizable motorsports facilities.

While taking over the facility was not originally part of his plans, Root said concern for the future of racing in Gimli eventually changed his mind.

"Originally, I wasn't interested in taking over the track, but around mid-December I started thinking more seriously about it," said Root. "I had a few people give me a nudge to step in, and after a few weeks of thinking

it over and running the numbers, I decided to give it a try."

The decision was also deeply personal for Root, who has been involved with the Gimli drag strip for decades.

"I started racing in Gimli back in 1997 and then spent 10 years there with our Motion Parts Truck attending every event," he said. "As the owner of Motion Performance and being in the performance parts and

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## WAVE studio tour marks 25 years in Interlake June 13 and 14

By Annaliese Meier

The WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour is celebrating a major milestone this year as Manitoba's original self-guided studio tour marks its 25th anniversary season.

The 2026 tour will welcome visitors across the Interlake region during two free weekends — June 13 and 14 and Sept. 5 and 6 — featuring 21 artists working in communities stretching from St. Andrews to Hecla Island.

Since launching in 2002, the tour has grown into one of Manitoba's signature arts and cultural experiences, combining studio visits, road trips and tourism throughout the Lake Winnipeg region.

"This tour has always been about more than viewing artwork," said the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour organizing committee. "It's about exploring communities, meeting artists where they create, and enjoying a road trip experience that combines art, conversation, and discovery."

The self-guided format allows visitors to create their own route while travelling through lakeside communities including Matlock, Winnipeg Beach, Sandy Hook, Gimli, Camp Morton, Arborg and Hecla Island.

Along the way, visitors can step inside working studios and meet artists specializing in painting, fused glass, pottery, wood carving, jewelry, sculp-

ture, illustration, photography and paper art.

Organizers say the tour has helped strengthen connections between artists, visitors and communities over the past quarter century while also promoting tourism throughout the Interlake.

This year's anniversary season includes five new artists joining the tour: glass artist Catherine Bastedo, painters Shirley Cummer, Dawn Sul and Marissa Willms, and illustrator Alice Smith.

Wood carver Greg Palsson will also return to the tour this year at a new studio location on Hecla Island.

Visitors can attend for a single stop

or spend the weekend exploring the entire route while also taking in local restaurants, beaches, shops and attractions throughout the region.

To help visitors plan their trip, WAVE offers downloadable maps, a mobile app and printed tour guides featuring participating artists and studio locations. Printed guides are available at participating studios as well as Winnipeg pickup locations including Travel Manitoba and McNally Robinson Booksellers.

Admission to the tour is free.

More information, maps and artist details are available through WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour.

## > TOOTSIE, FROM PG. 23

ing everyone get so excited to see and perform this dance."

She added she had been waiting 10 years to perform in a tap production of her own after watching her older sister, Ava, perform in *Wonka*. Being cast as Tootsie was an added bonus.

"It means everything to me. Ever since watching *Wonka* and seeing the older dancers transform the stage into another world, I have dreamed of being able to do that myself. Finally getting the email was so special — I was completely over the moon."

Michalski said Cooley was the perfect fit for the role from the beginning, commending her talent and work ethic.

"Madi is truly who EDC is," she said. "Kids look up to her, she works hard, she's a performer, and she absolutely deserved it. We knew she would take on this role, work hard, and be humble and kind to the younger dancers who look up to her and are inspired by her."

Cooley said the journey from the first rehearsal to taking the stage was long and tiring, but ultimately rewarding.

"It involved late Saturday nights, but once it all came together, you knew it was worth it because everyone could feel the excitement in the room and knew this was going to be something everyone wanted to watch."

She added *Tootsie Takes New York* taught her perseverance, especially while managing all the props, costumes and people on stage. Most importantly, she said it taught her leadership and how to act professionally around younger dancers.

She hopes to continue developing those leadership skills and one day become a teacher at Evolution, perhaps even choreographing the studio's 30th-anniversary spectacular. She is currently a junior faculty member, assisting younger classes while rehearsing multiple days a week with her senior competitive team.

The creative process for *Tootsie Takes New York* began in September, and competitive dancers started attending rehearsals in November. The routine officially debuted at the Move Dance Competition in March. In April, dancers attended the Canadian National Dance Championships (CNDC), where the production and its choreographers received multiple

prestigious awards, including the Junior Overall Choreography Award, Audience Choice Award and Highest Score of the Competition.

To Michalski, the achievement means everything. She said her favourite moment is when all 56 dancers come together on stage at the end of the performance.

"Seeing the dancers, faculty and choreographers come together and create this magical piece will leave a mark on the studio for years to come," she said. "It's become an instilled memory knowing that everyone wants to see this piece again."

Capping off the season, *Tootsie Takes New York* opened both year-end recitals before competing once more at the View Dance Challenge.

Andrea Myers, co-founder of EDC, said choreographing *Tootsie Takes New York* was incredibly fun and meaningful, adding it felt like a full-circle moment to see so many people come together again.

Reflecting on the significance of the 20th anniversary, she described it as an emotional and rewarding year.

"When Sonja, Laura and I opened the studio in 2006, we truly had no idea what it would grow into," she

said. "What started as a small studio became such a meaningful part of the Selkirk community and has impacted so many dancers and families over the past two decades."

She said EDC's values have always centred on creating a positive and inspiring environment where dancers can learn and grow, while encouraging hard work, creativity, teamwork and community.

"Looking back, I feel incredibly proud of what was built and deeply grateful to the dancers, families, faculty and community members who supported us and were part of the journey along the way," she added.

Over the years, Myers said there have been many highlights and achievements worth celebrating, but her most treasured memories involve watching her daughter, Leyna, develop the same love of dance that she has.

She said she is proud of the passion and leadership Michalski has brought to EDC and wishes everyone continued success.

"It's been exciting to watch her honour the foundation of the studio while continuing to grow and elevate it for the next generation of dancers."

> MOTION PERFORMANCE, FROM PG. 25

car-building business, I've spent a lot of time at the facility over the years, so it was hard to watch the condition of the track and see what was happening to a place that means so much to the racing community."

Plans are currently underway to welcome both quarter-mile and eighth-mile racers back to the track located at Gimli Motorsports Park.

For many in the racing community, the reopening represents more than simply bringing a racetrack back into operation.

"This is exactly what Manitoba racers needed," supporters said following the announcement. "A dedicated, well-run drag racing facility gives people a safe place to race, test, compete and continue growing the sport for the next generation."

The drag strip first opened in 1978 and has hosted generations of racers, spectators and motorsports enthusiasts over the decades. The facility became known for its family atmosphere, competitive events and longstanding role within Manitoba's grassroots racing scene.

Root said one of the major goals moving forward is rebuilding excitement around the facility while helping younger racers become involved in the sport.

"Our hopes are to bring back excitement, racers, and a facility the community can be proud of again," he said. "We really want younger people to become part of the sport because, like many industries, we're all getting older and we need the next generation to get involved."

To help encourage younger racers, Motion Performance Raceway plans to introduce a new Junior Street class for drivers aged 13 to 16.

"We'll be adding a Junior Street class for the 13-16 age group to help get young drivers involved early and hopefully spark that passion for racing," said Root.

The reopening is also expected to provide an economic boost to the Gimli area, with race weekends anticipated to attract competitors and spectators from across Manitoba, neighbouring provinces and parts of the northern United States.

That increased traffic is expected to benefit local hotels, restaurants, gas stations and businesses throughout the community.

Support for the project has already been expressed by members of the motorsports community, local businesses and municipal officials from the Town and Municipality of Gimli.

Organizers say the return of drag racing will not only preserve an important piece of Manitoba motor-



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Drag racing in Gimli is officially entering a new era under the leadership of Sheldon Root owner/operator of Motion Performance.

sports history, but also create new opportunities for racers and fans for years to come.

The 2026 event schedule currently includes race weekends on June 13-14, July 11-12, Aug. 1-3, Aug. 29-30, Sept. 5-7, and Sept. 26-27, along with an additional weekend planned for Oct. 10-11, weather permitting.

Additional details regarding race

classes, test days and opening weekend activities are expected to be released in the coming weeks as preparations continue toward reopening day.

Updates and announcements are being shared through the Motion Performance Raceway and MPR social media pages.

# sports & recreation

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## 18U Orioles collect second win against top-ranked Black Sox

By Kieran Reimer

It wasn't a perfect week, but the 18U AAA Interlake Orioles will be pleased with how they opened it, with a win over the first-place Bonivital Black

Sox.

The Orioles bested the now 6-2 Black Sox with a 4-1 triumph at Stonewall's Quarry Park on Tuesday for their second win of the season.

record now after last week's games which puts them fifth in the 11-team Premier Baseball League.

Coming up next for them is a trip to

Winnipeg on Saturday to take on the Elmwood Giants in a doubleheader.

Saturday's games are scheduled for 1 and 4 p.m. at Koskie Field.

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The win moved Interlake to 2-4 at the time before playing another three games later in the week, which featured a 6-0 loss to the North Winnipeg Pirates on Thursday in Stonewall and a pair of doubleheader defeats, 12-3 and 11-1, against the South Central Cubs away Sunday at Arctic Field.

The Orioles officially hold a 2-7



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Interlake Orioles first baseman Shay Pedrick attempts the tag as a North Winnipeg Pirates runner dives back safely to the bag during Manitoba Premier Baseball League action at Quarry Park in Stonewall last week. The Orioles opened the week with a 4-1 victory over the first-place Bonivital Black Sox before dropping three games later in the week.

# sports & recreation

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## Young triathletes to take on Arborg course July 4

By E. Antonio

The Interlake Kids of Steel Triathlon is returning to Arborg for a third year on July 4, inviting athletes aged six and older to compete in a fun-for-all event.

Race director Paula Anderson said community support for previous events has been tremendous, and she is excited to witness the thrill of the day again.

"We strive to make the triathlon more than just a triathlon," she said. "We want to create a friendly, cheerful and supportive environment for youth of all ages and abilities."

Presented by the Sulong Triathlon Group, the Kids of Steel Triathlon divides athletes into six age groups, each competing in varying distances of swimming, biking and running. New to the event this year is the Super Sprint Triathlon, open to athletes aged 16 and older. Anderson said it is an ideal race for older competitors looking to participate in a safe and comfortable environment. Athletes are required to supply their own gear, except for a swim cap, which is provided.

The event begins with a swim in the Arborg pool, followed by a guided bike ride through the east side of town, and concludes with a run on the Arborg Collegiate track. All races wrap up with a cookie medal and certificate presentation, as well as a pizza party and celebration where everyone is encouraged to stay.

"Competing in a triathlon is a tremendous feat, and it's important everyone's accomplishments are honoured," Anderson said. "The goal is to bring joy, excitement and fun so the kids have something to look forward to and want to come back to each year."

Ten-year-old Arla William is from Stonewall, and she competed in her first triathlon last year with Kids of Steel. Previously, she took part in her school's run club, took swimming lessons and enjoyed bike rides with her family. When she saw her cousin compete a year earlier, it inspired her and her siblings — Sawyer and Nora — to register.

"I like triathlons because when I finish it, there is a sense of accomplishment," she said. "I feel proud of myself for finishing."

She added she likes how it is hosted in a smaller community, so there isn't as much pressure. Plus, she enjoys how the only competition is herself.

"You can run your own race and can focus on yourself. I like to imagine there is nobody else there and I am doing this just for me."

Two of her favourite memories from last year include her family cheering her on as she crossed the finish line and the celebratory pizza party with other athletes afterward.

This year, her goal for the Kids of Steel Triathlon is to have fun and beat her time from last year. Her mom, Jessica, said as a parent, it fills her with pride seeing how much effort Arla and her other kids put into the race.

"It's physically and mentally challenging," she said, describing the race. "There were times that



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Registration is now open for the Kids of Steel Triathlon in Arborg on July 4. Athletes aged six and older will take once a swimming, biking and running challenge before celebrating with a cookie medal and pizza party. Pictured are 2025 athletes, Sawyer Williams, Easton Kanteluk, Nora Williams and Arla Williams.

you could tell that she was pushing herself as hard as she could, but she never gave up. Once she passed the finish line, she was exhausted and went through a roller coaster of emotions. She initially said she never wanted to do it again, but after catching her breath, she realized that it was such a good accomplishment and she was proud of herself."

For Anderson, when she looks back at her triathlon journey over the last decade, she said she quickly fell in love with the sport after realizing how accepting and inspiring the community was. She said she enjoys looking back on her own races and hopes similarly happy memories are created for young athletes competing in the Kids of Steel Triathlon.

"Kids already come energetic and excited on their own, and seeing them excited makes me excited," she added. "They bring so much energy to everything they do."


Aside from the athletes, Anderson said the event is made possible by its many volunteers. She

noted there is about a one-to-one ratio of racers to volunteers. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, including registration, counting laps, directing athletes and traffic, helping racers with equipment, serving food and more.


"There is no shortage of volunteers — they are everywhere," Anderson said.

Athlete and volunteer registration is open until June 2 at 4 p.m. Pricing varies depending on the registration date, with early-bird pricing ending May 31.

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Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between northeast and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes
- 38. Defunct European currency
- 41. Small American songbird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard

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- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene
- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City of Selkirk's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the Supplement to the Auditors' Report have been received. They are available for inspection on the City of Selkirk's website at MySelkirk.ca/FinancialPlan or by contacting CitizenSupport at 204-785-4900 or citizensupport@cityofselkirk.com.

DATED at the City of Selkirk this 27th day of May, 2026. ISSUED pursuant to section 194 of The Municipal Act.

Kevin Richter, CPA, CMA  
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The projected dates of application will range from April 20th, 2026 to November 15th, 2026. All applications are part of a comprehensive IPM strategy. The duration of each program will vary within this time period, depending on weather conditions and pest thresholds. All of the pesticides used and procedures followed will be according to federally approved label recommendations and will only be used on Netley Creek Golf Course property.

The public may send written submissions or objections to specific pest control program(s) within 15 days of the publication of the notice to:

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**BIRTHDAY**



Happy 80th Birthday  
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You are the best grandma in the world!!  
I love you, Grandma, Happy Birthday!  
-From Amelia  
Your beautiful gardens reflect the warmth  
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Wishing health and happiness  
as we celebrate together.

-Much love,  
from your family!

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**BIRTHDAY**



You are invited to the Come and Go  
100th Birthday Celebration for  
Joyce Harbour  
Date: Thursday, June 18th  
Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Location: St. Clement's Church Hall  
1176 River Road  
Selkirk, Manitoba  
Cake Cutting: 2 p.m.  
No gifts please.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**IN MEMORIAM**



To my son-in-law, Roger  
May the winds of love blow softly  
And whisper in your ear,  
I love and miss you son-in-law  
And wish that you were here.  
-Your forever coffee partner and  
mother-in-law,  
Clara

In Loving Memory, Pa  
These words are just for you and come with  
love to say,  
We think about you constantly and miss you  
more each day.  
To lose you left us devastated, but when we  
feel the pain,  
We only have to close our eyes and you're  
with us once again.  
A special smile, a special face,  
A special Pa we can't replace..  
Memories are a gift to treasure..  
And ours of you, Pa, will last forever.  
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-Missing you always from your kids,  
Dusty, Roddy, Lisa, Misty and Windy

Roger Goetz  
March 31, 1952- June 09, 2024  
In loving memory of my dear husband  
Roger,  
who left this earth June 9, 2024.  
Of all the special gifts in life however great  
or small,  
To have you as my husband was the great-  
est gift of all.  
I have all the memories of times we shared  
together;  
These will live inside my heart from this day  
until forever.  
And when I get to Heaven, I know what I  
will do,  
You'll be there with open arms and I will run  
to you.

-Your loving wife, Gloria

*There is a link death cannot sever,  
Love and remembrance last  
forever.*

For Papa, our number one fan  
We miss your voice cheering from the  
sidelines,  
And the proud smile always on your face.  
But more than the games, we miss your  
stories, your laughter, and the love you gave  
so freely.  
Though life feels emptier without you,  
No one could ever take your place.  
We carry your spirit with us every day.  
-Love you forever, your grandchildren,  
Ramey, Randey, Rayley, Hayley, Riley, Harley,  
Theodore and Emmanuel

To Our Funny Papa  
Papa, though two years have gone by,  
We still miss your jokes and funny smile.  
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## OBITUARY



**Valerie Krut**  
October 9, 1950 – May 26, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, family member, and friend, Valerie Krut, at the age of 75, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She will be deeply missed by her children Chad and Bridget (Jarrod); her cherished grandchildren; her brother, Gary (Darlene); extended family; and many dear friends.

Valerie was a proud and loving grandmother to five very special grandchildren—Davis, Carys, Cali, Dexter, and Maddison—whom she absolutely adored. Her love for them was endless, and they brought immeasurable joy and happiness to her life.

Mom was fortunate to have many special people in her life, including her dear friends Vivian, Val, and Loretta, as well as her special cousin, Sharon, with whom she shared a close and

meaningful bond with.

A special thank you to her niece and godchild, Sharisse, for the love, care, and friendship she so generously provided.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Darrel; her parents, Mary and John Chizick; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Catherine and Stanley Krut; and her sisters-in-law, Joannie Krut and Debbie Brown.

Valerie worked at CP Air before becoming a devoted stay-at-home mom while her children were young. She later returned to the workforce part-time at Gerdau MRM Steel, eventually moving into a permanent position. She retired in 2006, allowing her the opportunity to spend more time with her grandchildren, watching them grow and cheering them on in their many sports and activities, and spending time with her beloved grand dogs.

Though small in stature, Mom was incredibly strong, independent, and carried a heart of gold. She found joy in the simple things in life and never complained, no matter what challenges came her way. She loved cooking and baking for those she cared about, tending to her garden and flowers, shopping for the best deals, and, most of all, spending precious time with her family.

Mom's love, strength, and quiet kindness will remain in our hearts forever. Her memory will continue to inspire all who knew and loved her.

A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses, and healthcare staff who cared for Mom over the past 18 months.

Respecting Valerie's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a celebration of her life will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Selkirk Golf & Country Club.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY

**Ralph Stewart Bolin**

Peacefully, on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Betel Home, Selkirk, MB, Ralph Bolin, aged 89 years, passed away.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the St. James Anglican Cemetery, Poplar Park, MB at 11:00 a.m.

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**Elizabeth (Betty) Schultz**

A Celebration of Betty's life will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 1 - 4 p.m. at Bourkevale Community Centre, 100 Ferry Rd, Winnipeg.

## OBITUARY



**Gordon Lyle Hopko**  
February 26, 1937 – April 17, 2026

It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our father and grandfather at Betel Care Home in Gimli.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 13, 2026 at St. Joseph's Church, 2 Olive Street, Stony Mountain, MB.

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

Arrangements entrusted to:



## OBITUARY



**Steve Fedak**

With heavy hearts, on May 30, 2026, at the age of 88 after a short hospital stay, surrounded by his wife and family, Dad took God's hand and went to rest eternally.

Dad will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Ruth of 65 years; his daughters, Bev (Brent), Theresa (John), and Sharon (Andy); his adored grandchildren, Matthew (Kate), Dylan, Mikala, Martina, Mitchell, and great-granddaughter Makenna. Also missing him will be many nieces, nephews and friends that meant so much to Dad, along with Dad's siblings Adeline, Anne, and Metro.

Dad was predeceased by his brothers, Alex, Mike, Fred, John, Pete; sisters, Doris and Mary.

Dad's career in construction spanned 57 years which included BACM Construction, Municipality of St. Clements, and City of Selkirk. Dad was an active member of Narol Knights of Columbus.

He was also a devoted member and volunteer of St. Stanislaus Parish.

Dad was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, friend but most of all he was our Gigi. Dad and Mom built their first family home in Transcona. When they outgrew that home, they decided to buy some land and build in East Selkirk. Dad took pride in his yard, gardens and back shop. He always had a project on the go. He had a very strong work ethic, working long days and then in the yard until dark.

Dad and Mom took many vacations with friends which took them to Hawaii, Vegas, California and Dominican. Not to mention the many road trips he took with Mom and his girls.

The family would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre for their gentle care of Dad.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Gilbart Funeral Home in Selkirk, Manitoba. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed via the link on his obituary on Gilbart's website.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Stanislaus Parish, Box 59, East Selkirk, Manitoba, ROE OMO, in memory of Steve Fedak.

To my Husband...

Softly out of the shadows, there came a gentle call.

You took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.

And although I cannot hold you, I will never let you go,

Because in my heart, you will live forever because I loved you so.

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**OBITUARY**



**Moira Mary Setter (née Cunningham)**  
June 16, 1945 – May 25, 2026

Peacefully on Monday, May 25, 2026, on a beautiful sunny afternoon, Moira passed from this world with family by her side.

Moira is survived by her loyal companion of 45 years, John Bullivant ("Boogie"); her children, Rick (Leanne), Jackie (Trevor), and Lana (Dave); her grandchildren, Kylie (Troy), Brenden (Jana), TJ (Tayler), Olivia (Dylan), Stephanie, Ellen, Connor, and Jillian (Nolan); and her great-grandchildren, Raiden, Rowan, and Renley. She is also lovingly remembered by Leanne's children, Bretton and Jared, as well as her brothers, Alex and Bob Cunningham.

She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Violet Cunningham; her first husband, John Setter; her brother Donny; her sisters Vi, Betty, and recently Adelaide; and daughter-in-law Val Setter (Paskaruk).

Moira was born on June 16, 1945 to Robert and Violet Cunningham and was raised in Clandeboye, Manitoba. She later moved to Selkirk, where she married John Setter and raised her three children. Over the years, Moira often fondly recalled her times at the West Kildonan Legion (Branch 30), the early days at Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, and her retirement from the old clubhouse at the Selkirk Golf & Country Club.

Moira contributed greatly to her community while raising her family and continued to lend a helping hand whenever there was a need. Her garage sales became well known to many who came, not only for treasures, but also for her homemade perogies, jams, and pickles.

Mom lived a full and meaningful life and was a strong-willed woman whom later in life faced life's health challenges with resilience and determination with support from her kids. She will be deeply missed by her many longtime friends, especially Gladys Zinnick.

As per Moira's wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. She will be interred at a private family gathering at a later date.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Selkirk Ambulance Service and the Selkirk Emergency Department for the care shown to Mom in her final days. A special thank you is also extended to the staff of the Selkirk Dialysis Unit for their compassionate care of Moira.

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**OBITUARY**



**Blair Richard Colles**

With heavy hearts, the family of Blair Colles announce his passing. Born on January 31, 1988 in Selkirk, Manitoba and has now gained his wings.

Blair is survived by his loving daughters Sequoia Mayo (Kaiden Morris-Izzard) and Zyrah Mayo; mother Shelly Wright (step-dad Tim Wright); sister Brooke Colles; step-mom Lise Colles; step-sisters Kristy Donald (Richard Warren), Ashley Donald and step-nephew Cody Donald; lifetime friend and mother of his children Melissa Mayo; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Predeceased by his father Richard Colles; uncles Nick Colles and Bill Colles; cousins Wesley McRae and Cody Colles; grandparents Joe and Dagny Lenchuk, Henry and Wilma Colles.

Blair grew up in St. Andrews area and attended Clandeboye School, Lockport Junior High and Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School.

Blair was an active child and had a love of the outdoors. He loved to build forts in the backyard or in the bushes. He loved fishing, snowmobiling and riding his dirt bike.

Blair had a love of music, the louder the better.

Blair loved art. He drew and sketched many pictures. He loved to show off his tattoos, many of which he gave to himself, family and friends.

Blair's greatest love and pride were his girls, Sequoia and Zyrah. He would brag how beautiful they were.

We are sincerely grateful to family and friends that have shown us love and support in assisting with the search for Blair. We wish to thank the following: HSC (Dr. Eric Johnson) and treatment team, SMHC (Dr. Zinko) and treatment team, RCMP Missing Person Unit (Constable Merrick), Selkirk RCMP (Constable Wegner), Winnipeg Bear Clan, Morgan's Warriors, Lawyer Shimon Segal, Gilbert Funeral Home (Erin) and Rev. Anthon Bouw.

In keeping with Blair's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his life will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Home, 309 Eveline St. Selkirk, MB. If you are able, please wear red as this was Blair's favourite colour.

Blair wanted freedom, you are now Free!  
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