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RM of St. Andrews declares local state of emergency

Severe storm hits homes and farmers' fields causing flooding, damage, and limiting travel

By Katelyn Boulanger

A severe storm, which included rain, hail, and tornadoes, hit the province on June 9. After all was said and done, nine inches of rain fell in St. Andrews, and on June 10, St. Andrews Council declared a local state of emergency for the region.

"Over the course of the evening, when the storm started, we received approximately nine inches of rain, that created conditions that posed a serious threat to property, the environment, and the safety and well-being of our residents," explained St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul.

In addition to declaring a local state of emergency, St. Andrews Council issued a voluntary evacuation advisory on the same day, which affected the residents residing within the designated area, north of Clandeboye Road and east of PTH 8 to the most easterly boundary of the RM of St. Andrews, including the Petersfield/Netley Creek areas. This was not a mandatory evacuation, but the voluntary evacuation was declared for any resident who feels unsafe or uncomfortable staying at their residence.

Residents may have feel unsafe as roads in the RM were closed due to flooding, limiting travel for residential vehicles as well as first responders, and power outages occurred in the area.

Anyone evacuating is also required to register with the municipality as per the information on the RM's website.

Both the local state of emergency and voluntary evacuation advisory are still in effect as of press time on Monday, June 15.

Sul estimated that approximately 50 homes were directly impacted and that approximately 1000 residents will have had their regular routines turned upside down by this storm.

In addition to flooding affecting residents, the RM office itself was affected by the storm.

Viewers of the RM's online council meetings would have likely seen that during the June 9 meeting, the feed was cut off due to a power outage that affected the building for a few minutes before power was restored, and the meeting continued. Everyone in the building eventually made their way home, but that night, at approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 10, the Superintendent of Public Works for the RM received a call that an alarm had gone off in the RM office. Sul explained that when he arrived, there was approximately four inches of water in the building.

The RM office had to be closed, and though staff had to relocate to a mixture of working virtually and to the Clandeboye Fire Hall, Sul says that municipal services have been running as close to normally as possible given the situation.

"The restoration people, they've been working all weekend. We hope the main office to be open by (June 16)," said Sul.

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The most recent update on the situation before press time was a video

message uploaded to the RM's YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIzWHdynCMw>). In it, Sul empathized with the situation that residents find themselves in and spoke about resources for residents and what the RM itself is doing at this time.

"Over the past several days, many families have experienced flooded homes, damaged property, washed-out driveways, flooded fields, and the stress and uncertainty that comes with it. For some, this has meant losing cherished possessions and facing difficult cleanup and repair efforts. For our farming community, it has meant watching recently planted fields disappear under water. On behalf of Council, our hearts are with you. We know this has been an overwhelming and emotional experience for many residents. Please know that your municipality is working hard to support you, and helping residents recover remains our highest priority," said Sul in the update.

She explained that though water levels are receding, there are still challenges six days out from the storm.

"In the northwest corner of the municipality, debris continues to block drains and culverts, slowing the movement of water from fields. While water is moving, the drainage system remains at capacity, and it will take time for water levels to fully subside. Our Public Works crews continue to work long hours clearing blocked culverts, assessing road damage, and responding to priority concerns as quickly as possible," said Sul.

She explained that the municipality's resources are currently stretched to the limit and that she is grateful that Disaster Financial Assistance was recently announced by the province. Information about this assistance can be found on the RM's website for any resident who may need it.

"We know many residents have

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already asked how they can help. Our Recreation Department is coordinating volunteer efforts to assist residents, particularly seniors and those with mobility challenges, with

cleanup activities such as yard work, flooded basements, and crawl spaces," said Sul.

Information about how you can sign up to help those in the community

Highland Gathering returns



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The Manitoba Highland Gathering is returning for its 58th year on June 20 and 21. This year, the event will feature a free pancake breakfast and free family fun day on Sunday, along with all of the historical reenactment, sword competitions, and more. Get a full itinerary of events at <http://www.manitobahighlandgathering.org/>.

in need of a hand is available on the RM's website in a post from June 15.

Sul also said in the update that both RM landfills will begin accepting water damaged items free of charge from impacted residents. Details had not been posted as of press time, but should appear on the RM's website shortly.

Sul ended with a thank you to the administration team, public works crews, fire departments, volunteers, contractors, the MMF, the Petersfield Hotel, and everyone else who has worked tirelessly throughout this emergency.

She ended by saying, "Thank you as

well to our residents for your patience, understanding, and resilience. This has been an incredibly challenging time, but it has also shown the very best of our community. Many residents may still have limited internet access, so please share this message with neighbours, family, and friends. Continue checking the RM website and Facebook page for updates as recovery efforts continue. The worst of the rainfall event is behind us. The flooding has occurred, and now our focus is on recovery, rebuilding, and helping residents get back on their feet. Recovery will take time, but we will get through this together."

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Selkirk firefighters respond to surge in storm-related calls

By Jessica Eblie

A severe wind and rainstorm that swept through Selkirk on the evening of June 9 prompted a surge in emergency calls, with firefighters and city officials responding to downed power lines, fallen trees and storm-related

alarms across the city.

The Selkirk Fire Department received 14 calls between 8:33 p.m. on June 9 and 7:21 a.m. on June 10, according to the City of Selkirk. Calls continued to come in to emergency services following the storm's initial

impact.

Kristy Hill, the city's director of protective services and municipal emergency co-ordinator, said the majority of storm-related incidents were linked to hydro line damage caused

by falling branches, which in some cases resulted in sparking and potential fire hazards.

She said firefighters also responded

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Founded by local couple Adriana Payne and Tristan Read, the market was created to support local businesses while giving residents and visitors a place to gather, shop and enjoy the best of what the region has to offer. Held at the Selkirk Agricultural Building in Selkirk Park, the market will feature more than 40 local vendors offering everything from fresh produce and homemade foods to artisan goods, handcrafted products, unique gifts and specialty items.

Visitors can also enjoy food trucks, local entertainment and the vibrant community atmosphere that makes farmers markets a summertime favourite.

The market takes place on three Saturdays throughout the summer:
June 27, July 25 and August 29, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located just past the Selkirk Pool and Splash Pad and east of the dog park in Selkirk Park, the market is easy to find and offers free admission along with free parking in nearby City lots.

More than a place to shop, the market aims to be a gathering place where people can connect with local growers, makers and entrepreneurs while enjoying a great day out with family and friends.

Whether you're searching for farm-fresh produce, handcrafted artisan goods, delicious food, or simply looking for a fun community outing, the Selkirk Summer Days Farmers Market offers something for everyone. Follow our Social Media to Win a contest! See you there!

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ed to water-related issues, false fire alarms triggered by power disruptions and welfare checks at the Selkirk Park campground as the storm moved through the area.

"Most of the calls were related to hydro line issues or sparking," Hill said, adding that crews worked alongside city staff to assess hazards and co-ordinate responses across affected areas.

Despite the volume of calls, Hill said the city relies on coordinated emergency planning and an on-call structure that allows staff to monitor conditions and respond as needed.

"We try to be proactive rather than reactive," she said, pointing to seasonal emergency planning meetings and interdepartmental co-ordination ahead of winter storms and the spring flood season.

Hill also highlighted ongoing public education efforts, including information shared through the city's website and social media platforms on storm preparedness, flood prevention and emergency kit planning.

She said the city recently distributed an emergency preparedness booklet to residents outlining steps to take during severe weather events, including guidance on emergency contacts, pet safety and shutting off household utilities.

Selkirk Fire Department Chief Corey

Gagne said firefighters were already monitoring severe weather alerts before the storm hit Tuesday evening.

"We knew we were in for something," he said.

As calls began to pour in, firefighters responded to a range of incidents across the city, including downed trees, hydro line hazards and multiple alarm issues. Gagne said crews were initially deployed across town before regrouping at the fire hall to establish command and prioritize responses.

"We just split up crews and trucks and started dispatching (where needed)," he said.

Once power was restored and initial hazards were addressed, call volumes declined and responsibility shifted largely to municipal cleanup efforts.

Gagne said while Selkirk has experienced severe weather in the past, Tuesday's storm stood out for its intensity. He referenced a major storm in the early 2000s that caused widespread flooding and damage, noting similarities in both the damage and the strain placed on emergency services.

Both Hill and Gagne encouraged residents to remain prepared for future extreme weather events by keeping emergency kits stocked with water, food, flashlights and first-aid supplies, and by closely monitoring weather alerts.

Storm closes Selkirk Park



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The storm that brought hail, tornadoes and a downpouring of inches of rain on June 9 did some pretty major damage to Selkirk Park. Many trees went down and the park itself was closed for several days following the storm. The park has now been reopened.

Veteran's Dinner



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MPI expands response to storm-related vehicle damage

By Haley Cvar

Residents across the Selkirk and the Interlake region dealing with hail or storm-related vehicle damage are being encouraged to file claims as soon as possible as Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) responds to an unprecedented surge in claims.

MPI reported June 15 that it has received approximately 20,000 claims since last week's severe weather event and remains on pace to exceed the highest number of claims ever received from a single weather-related incident in Manitoba.

Customers in Selkirk can choose to have their vehicle assessed at MPI's dedicated Hail Response Centre in Winnipeg, obtain a damage estimate through an MPI-accredited repair shop or authorized paintless dent repair facility, or book an estimating appointment at the Selkirk MPI Service Centre by calling 204-985-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-665-2410.

Residents elsewhere in the Interlake can either visit an accredited repair facility for a damage estimate or book an appointment at their nearest MPI Service Centre.

MPI is urging customers with drivable vehicles to report damage online at openclaim.mpi.mb.ca. Those whose vehicles are not drivable should contact MPI directly by phone so severe claims can be prioritized.

Customers with glass damage can also contact an accredited autobody or glass repair shop directly to open a claim and arrange temporary repairs.

MPI says customers may experience delays due to the high volume of claims but notes that staff are working around the clock to process claims and assist those affected by the storm.

Province invests \$21.2M in Interlake highway improvements

By Haley Cvar

The Manitoba government is investing \$21.2 million in highway infrastructure upgrades in the Interlake region, including projects in the Rural Municipality of St. Clements and near Winnipeg Beach.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor announced the funding, noting the projects are intended to improve road safety, support increasing traffic volumes and enhance connectivity for residents, businesses and visitors.

"Our government is pleased to share these important infrastructure investments with municipal partners as we connect with communities across the

province," Naylor said in a news release. "These projects will improve road conditions, enhance passing opportunities and support safe, reliable travel for residents, local businesses and visitors to the Interlake region."

In the RM of St. Clements, surface restoration work will be completed on Provincial Trunk Highway 59. The projects include \$1.1 million in southbound surface restoration between PTH 44 and PTH 4, as well as \$1.8 million in northbound surface restoration between PTH 44 and Provincial Road 317. Both projects are scheduled for construction this summer.

The largest investment is planned along PTH 8 near Winnipeg Beach,

where the province will spend \$18.3 million to reconstruct the passing lane between PTH 67 and PR 231. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2027.

According to the province, the improvements will extend the lifespan of the highways, improve traffic flow and provide safer passing opportunities for motorists, particularly during peak travel periods.

The projects form part of Manitoba's ongoing investment in transportation infrastructure aimed at improving safety and mobility across the province.

Two killed in motorcycle collision near Highway 4

By Haley Cvar

Two Winnipeg residents are dead following a motorcycle collision in the RM of St. Andrews on June 13.

According to Selkirk RCMP, officers responded to a two-vehicle collision at approximately 1:14 p.m. at the intersection of Provincial Road 320 and the access road to Highway 4.

Police said a large group of motorcycles was travelling north on PR 320 and was turning west onto the Highway 4 access road when one of the motorcycles attempted to make the turn and was struck by a southbound pickup truck.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 65-year-old man from Winnipeg, and

his passenger, a 65-year-old woman from Winnipeg, were pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the pickup truck, a 26-year-old man from the RM of St. Andrews, was not injured.

Selkirk RCMP and Manitoba RCMP Traffic Services continue to investigate the collision.

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Manitoba Cup coming to Selkirk this weekend

Don't miss checking out this amazing local competitive paddling event

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Canoe and Kayak Club (SCKC) has been bringing competitive paddling back to the community, and now is the chance to see it live. This weekend, the club will be hosting the Manitoba Cup.

"The Manitoba Cup is a little event, and it's just for Manitoba. It's going to be people from Winnipeg, Selkirk, and Minnedosa. Those will be the three groups that would be participating. It's (the) first Manitoba Cup this year and is going to be held at our club on June 21, which is a Sunday, and then there'll be another Manitoba Cup at Minnedosa and (another) at the Winnipeg Club," said Bonny Wynnobel, Director on the SCKC board.

This is part of the club's effort to bring competitive paddling back to the region after several years of more education based programming. Last year was the first year that the Manitoba Cup returned to the region, and

it has stuck with the annual paddling racing event happening again this summer.

"It's an opportunity for people who are just starting into paddling to see what potential opportunities there are, because new paddlers get to see experienced paddlers, but they also get to experience what it's like to race. It's kind of a win-win, if you're a new paddler, your goal is to finish the race in the boat, that's your goal, but you may surprise yourself and actually win a medal," said Wynnobel.

She explained that the races are done in a variety of types of boats.

"It's mainly the sprint competitive kayak, but, for example, there are master paddling boats that are a little bit more stable, so people can absolutely go in those. You're going in a race with a kayak or a high kneel, which is the Olympic style high kneeling. It's a very challenging boat, very tippy, but lots of fun. Last year,

I know we also saw some people in marathon boats, so those would be canoes that are for marathon racing, which are a different style of boat altogether. They're lightweight. They're very much a competitive style boat," said Wynnobel.

She explained that they will likely have races of varying distances as well as different boats.

The Manitoba Cup in Selkirk will start at 10 a.m. and wrap up around noon on June 21, and takes place at the SCKC's clubhouse in Selkirk Park.

Wynnobel explained that she and the rest of the club wanted this event to come to the community so that residents had the opportunity to get competitive again.

"We are really aiming to become a competitive club again. We were in the past. We've had two athletes that actually made the national team, and one athlete that made the junior national team, and we had some other athletes that medaled in the Western Canada Summer Games, Canada Summer Games, and Canadian Canoe Kayak Nationals. So, we have a really good history, and we've decided we're going back there," she said.

To get there, the club wants to let people know what the possibilities are, and that's where the Manitoba

Cup comes in.

If you are someone interested in paddling who likes a competitive atmosphere, people from the community are welcome to attend to watch the competition, cheer on local competitors, and get a feel for the club.

"We have the finish line, which is close to our dock, so we've got the bay area, which is excellent for viewing, and we'll have the area along the side, so people can definitely cheer on the people that are paddling," said Wynnobel.

If you are a competitive paddler looking to participate, you can contact Wynnobel at selkirkkayak@gmail.com to learn more.

She encourages residents to stop by and support our local paddlers.

"It starts at 10 o'clock, so if people want to just come and check it out, you can just feel the excitement. All the different people bringing their boats and getting ready for the races, we'll have some people from our club getting ready for the races, and it's lots of fun," she said.

If you'd like to learn more about the SCKC and the educational or membership opportunities that they are running this summer, check them out at <https://paddlelaskirk.ca/>.



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Stop by the Selkirk Canoe and Kayak Centre this weekend to check out the Manitoba Cup. Pictured: Selkirk Canoe and Kayak Centre hosted and open house last year and welcomed everyone to the clubhouse.

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Interlake Region Red River Métis national election candidates

By E. Antonio

Voting for the Red River Métis National Election began June 13 and continues through June 23. Red River Métis citizens are electing a new Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Cabinet, including a president, regional vice-presidents and regional executive officers from each of the MMF's seven regions. In the Interlake Region, voters will elect one vice-president and two regional executive officers to represent the region at the MMF Cabinet table and provide leadership and support to local communities.

The following Interlake candidates were invited to participate in this Q&A and answer three questions about their priorities, experience and vision for the region.

Vice-President for the Interlake Region:

- Alfred "Buck" Anderson
- John (Jack) Park
- Carl Chartrand

Regional Executive Officer for the Interlake Region:

- Mona Buors
- Keith Ginther
- Clint Webb

All candidates were asked the following questions:

1. What do you believe is the most important issue facing Red River

Métis citizens today, and what specific actions would you take to address it if elected?

2. How would you work to ensure the voices and priorities of citizens in this region are heard and represented within the Manitoba Métis Federation?

3. Why are you seeking elected office, and what skills, experience, or perspective would you bring to the role that would benefit Red River Métis citizens?

Editor's note: Responses have been published as submitted and have been edited only for minor spelling, punctuation and style.



Alfred "Buck" Anderson

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1. Being recognized. Acknowledged rights. Raise awareness of our Métis culture and heritage, which would be through our music and dance, our history, and our language. Bring it

into the schools, including dance, music, and flags.

2. Attend local and town hall meetings. Listen to the people and bring forward their ideas and concerns. Help guide them through programs that the MMF offers, such as housing, pharmacy, HELP (Home Enhancement Loan Program), post-secondary education, sports, and small businesses.

I encourage our locals to partner with each other, as well as schools and RMs.

3. To make a difference and continue to enhance the lives of the people. I have many skills that pertain to the role, including organizing events, access to several Métis entertainers, and being confident and comfortable with public speaking. I served two terms as Selkirk Local vice-chair and four terms (16 years) as Interlake vice-president. I



John (Jack) Park

also organized National Indigenous Peoples Day for 19 years and created the Métis Music Van during COVID-19.

John (Jack) Park

1. Knowing where we sit within the Constitution of this great country of Canada. Our President, Cabinet, and Senior Officials have worked hard at getting the Métis Treaty passed at the highest level of the country, and we are at the second reading stage at this time. Once that treaty has passed all the necessary stages of approval, we will be in the position of governing ourselves accordingly, at the direction of the citizens that we represent. Lastly, we have achieved that recognition through our province with the recognition of Louis Riel as the First Premier and Founding Father of Manitoba.

2. By continually updating our communication processes and ensuring that we reiterate those positions regularly with updates at Local Meetings, Regional Meetings, Annual General Assemblies, as well as through social and mainstream media.

3. Serving Métis citizens is in my blood. I have been the Regional Administrator for 16 years, at the request of the current Vice President and Regional Ex-

ecutive member. In my role as Chairman of Métis N4 Construction, I have worked to ensure the Interlake region remains a strong Métis community with sustainable economic growth in the areas of Energy and Infrastructure and Construction Management. Lastly, with the Team Interlake approach, I will be able to mentor our Regional Executive in being ready to take over the role when I retire. Our Elders have told us that mentorship is critical in preparing our youth for the future.



Carl Chartrand

Carl Chartrand

1. I believe one of the most important issues facing Red River Métis citizens is the rising cost of living. If elected, I would advocate for an action plan that explores practical ways to provide meaningful benefits through the Métis citizen card, including potential tax relief opportunities

such as discounts on fuel, hydro, and other essential costs. The goal is to ensure the citizen card delivers real value that supports citizens in their everyday lives.

2. I would ensure the voices of In-

terlake citizens are heard by shifting toward more direct, accessible engagement through one-on-one meetings and small group gatherings. This approach makes it easier for Elders, youth, and families to participate without barriers. I would ensure feedback from these sessions is documented, tracked, and brought forward to the Manitoba Métis Federation, so citizen priorities are acted on and not overlooked.

3. I am seeking elected office to better represent citizens in the Interlake Region. I bring 14 years of leadership experience focused on communication, engagement, and community support. I understand the importance of listening to citizens and ensuring their voices are heard. If elected, I will work to strengthen participation, improve representation, and ensure that decisions made within the Manitoba Métis Federation reflect the priorities of the people I serve.



Mona Buors

Mona Buors

1. The most important issue facing our citizens is ensuring that every Red River Métis person, regardless of where they live, feels connected, supported, and able to access the programs, services, and opportunities available to them. If elected, I will focus

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St. Andrews building with funny slogan is no more



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Many residents will be saddened to learn that the 'Honk if you're happy' building that was on the corner of Hwy 9 and Hall Rd. is no more after the huge storm on Tuesday, June 9, that brought hail, tornadoes, and created flooding in much of the region. Pictured: Left - The building before the storm. Right- Just after the storm, with no building. The combines were previously stored in the structure.

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on strengthening communication, increasing outreach to communities throughout the Interlake, and advocating for equitable access to housing, education, health, and economic opportunities so no citizen feels left behind.

2. Representation begins with listening. I will be accessible, visible, and committed to regular engagement with citizens across the Interlake through community meetings, local events, and open communication. I will bring citizens' concerns, ideas, and priorities directly to the MMF leadership table and advocate for decisions that reflect the diverse needs of our families, Elders, youth, and communities throughout the region.

3. I am seeking this role because I care deeply about our people, our culture, and our future. My experience working with communities, building partnerships, and advocating for citizens has taught me the importance of collaboration, respect, and accountability. I bring a strong commitment to

service, a willingness to listen, and a passion for ensuring every Red River Métis citizen in the Interlake feels valued, represented, and heard.



Keith Ginther

Keith Ginther

1. I believe that our citizens deserve clear and open transparency for decisions that reflect the diverse needs of our families, Elders, youth, and communities throughout the region.

3. I strongly believe it is time for change. We need fresh ideas, new energy, and a renewed perspective while continuing to build on the many successes already achieved by the MMF.

To achieve this, we must be willing to engage in honest and sometimes difficult discussions at the cabinet level. These conversations will allow us to present information to our citizens in a timely, understandable, and re-

spectful manner.

2. I would ensure that I am accessible to constituents in person and through all available forms of communication. In our rural communities, effective communication requires using a variety of platforms and methods to reach everyone.

It is then our responsibility to bring those concerns forward to Cabinet and advocate strongly on behalf of our region, ensuring that the voices of our communities are heard and that their priorities remain at the forefront of decision-making.

1. One of the most important issues facing

There are excellent programs and initiatives that should remain in place and continue to grow. However, it is important that grassroots citizens have a stronger voice in shaping our future. By combining community input with the wisdom and guidance of our Elders, we can build a stronger and more united Métis Nation.



Clint Webb

Clint Webb

1. One of the most important issues facing

Red River Métis citizens today is ensuring equitable access to healthcare, housing, education, and employment opportunities. If elected, I would advocate for continued and increased investment in community services, support partnerships that improve access to these essential programs, and work to ensure Métis voices are represented in decision-making. Strong communication, accountability, and engagement with citizens would guide my approach to addressing these priorities.

2. I would ensure citizens' voices are heard by being accessible, responsive, and actively engaged with the community. This includes holding regular meetings, attending local events, seeking input from Elders, youth, and families, and maintain-

ing open communication channels. I would bring local concerns and priorities to the Manitoba Métis Federation, provide regular updates on decisions and initiatives, and advocate for solutions that reflect our region's needs.

3. I am seeking elected office to give back to my community and ensure local voices are represented in decisions that affect Red River Métis citizens. Through my experience in community involvement, leadership, and advocacy, I have developed strong communication, problem-solving, and organizational skills. I understand the challenges facing rural communities and would bring a practical, collaborative approach focused on transparency, accountability, and achieving positive outcomes for citizens.

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Kirstin's Walk for Kids hit ten year milestone



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It was a beautiful farewell at the tenth Kirstin's Walk for Kids. Everyone wore purple and supported the Sutherland family, who put this walk on in support of kids in our community and in remembrance of their daughter, Kirstin. Laurie Sutherland said, "Seeing everyone filling up this whole space, my heart is so full seeing how (this event) inspired people. We're very grateful and happy."



The winners are in for the 2026 SALP Community Writing Contest

Taylor Friederici, Hailey Payjack, Debbie Okun Hill, Iris Spence, Oksana Gusieva, and Rose Shahniewa take home top prizes

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Adult Learning Program(SALP) hosts a Community Writing Contest to find the best writers in the region every year. The contest allows entries of almost any genre, so poetry, non-fiction, and fiction writers are all able to submit their writing. After some very tough decision making on the judges' part, it was recently announced that Taylor Friederici, Hailey Payjack, Debbie Okun Hill, Iris Spence, Oksana Gusieva, and Rose Shahniewa took home the top spots with their writing.

There are two competitive categories of writing in the competition the first is for Learning Program students. In the student entries, Iris Spence took home the first-place prize for the poetry submission *Hate it or Love it?*, Oksana Gusieva took second for *Grandma Got Lost*, a non-fiction story, and Rose Shahniewa rounded out the group with the non-fiction composition *Letter to my Younger Self*.

The second submission group is the community category, which takes entries from anyone in our community, and competition is fierce. When all submissions were counted, Taylor Friederici's poetry entry, *honey and tea* took home the top prize, Hailey Payjack's Fiction story, *Adelaide* came in runner-up, and Debbie Okun Hill's fictional story, *Jonathan, Have you lost your marbles?* came in third.

The *Selkirk Record* spoke with Taylor Friederici to discuss her winning sub-

mission, as well as how she got her start writing, and how she felt about winning the contest.

"It was a very exciting experience for me. I've always wanted to enter writing contests, and I was just never able to find the right resources, and then I came across a post on Facebook about the (community writing) contest," said Friederici.

She said that the feeling when she found out she had taken the top spot was indescribable.

This contest was actually Friederici's first writing contest that she submitted work as an adult. Though she did mention taking part in a contest as a child that saw her work published in a book that's unfortunately been lost to time.

As for this contest, her entry was a poetry submission that draws the reader in through the use of metaphor and comparison. The poem speaks to the comfort that someone you love brings through their presence in your life.

Friederici has been writing for many years, and her inspiration comes from her life.

"It's more personal than most, which can be a flaw, but also a great asset as well," she said.

Her journey as a writer started when she was quite young, but after doing some writing in elementary school, she took a pause until she was an adult, and she's been writing on and off since.



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Photos from the 2026 Community Writing Contest award ceremony.

"I've always really enjoyed doing it. I find that writing really helps people express their emotions, and it's a good way to get things out as well, whether that be happy emotions, sad emotions, angry emotions, whatever. It's a good way to express your feelings. It's therapeutic," said Friederici.

Her best advice for someone just starting their writing journey is to share their work.

"(Don't) overthink it, share with your family, I just recently shared the one that was awarded to my grandma, and it brought her to tears, and she was like, 'I didn't know you had that kind of talent.'" said Friederici.

If you don't have a supportive fam-

ily, she also suggests that you could share with friends and try to find events in Selkirk or Winnipeg that allow you to share your writing.

"If it's how you can express who you are, if that's just something you enjoy doing in general. Keep doing it, and don't give up on it," she said.

She also encourages writers to enter next year's community writing contest.

"It was an incredible opportunity that I didn't know was available in our community, and if I knew people that were into writing, whether it was poetry, lyrical, non-fiction, or fiction, I would absolutely recommend it to

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Smallest grads get a huge head start



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Selkirk's Onashiwini Aboriginal Head Start Program students officially played, learned and grew this year, developing skills that will serve them well in elementary school. In recognition of all that learning, a special graduation was held for the 20 students with singing, special presentations, diplomas and some extra fun along with a feast at the end.



> COMMUNITY WRITING CONTEST, FROM PG. 13

anybody," said Friederici.

Feedback from the judges about Friederici's writing was naturally very positive, with them saying that their initial response was "Wow". Additionally, they added that Friederici

took home the top prize for her lovely choice of beautifully descriptive language, and the honey and tea metaphor opening the poem with evocative descriptions, then closing the poem by pulling it all together.

If you would like to read Friederici's winning writing, *honey and tea*, as well as all the other winning prose, they can be found online at <https://selkirkadultlearning.wixsite.com/salp/team-4>.

The Learning Program also has some great planning in store when they reopen in September.

They'll once again be offering literacy upgrading for adult learners, math upgrading and basic computer skills for adults who want to build confidence with technology. All programs are open to adults in Selkirk and surrounding areas, and newcomers are warmly welcome. Anyone interested can register on the SALP website (<https://selkirkadultlearning.wixsite.com/salp>), and they will hear back about their options when the program reopens in early September.

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The Learning Program would also like to thank Community Writing Contest sponsors Gerdau, the Rotary Club of Selkirk, the Knights of Columbus, the Selkirk Friendship Centre and Selkirk Legion Branch #42. They also appreciate the Gwen Fox Gallery's allowing them to use their space for the awards ceremony.

Infrastructure open house



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The City of Selkirk held an open house to discuss infrastructure in the City last week. You can stay up to date with infrastructure updates at <https://www.myselkirk.ca/city-services/public-works/infrastructure-projects/>.

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Your FARM



Lundar youth takes leadership role in Canadian Shorthorn community

By E. Antonio

A young Lundar cattle producer is helping shape the future of Manitoba's Shorthorn industry after being named Manitoba director with the Canadian Junior Shorthorn Association (CJSA).

Sigga Vigfusson, 18, said taking on a leadership role was important to her because it provides an opportunity to give back to the organization.

Her term as Manitoba director will last until she ages out of the junior association at 21. Vigfusson said she submitted an application for the role and was later welcomed onto the board.

"Being one of the few Manitoba junior Shorthorn members made me an ideal candidate," she said.

She comes from a long line of cattle farmers, and her family's farm has around 150 head, primarily commercial cows. She is also finishing her first year of Animal Science Technology, majoring in beef science, at Lakeland College.

"Within our herd, we have always had commercial Shorthorn influence, but in 2023 I purchased my first purebred heifer from Ray and Susan Armbruster of Birdtail Shorthorns," she said. "I first got involved with the Canadian Junior Shorthorn Association through showing cattle and attending junior events, where I quickly found

a strong and supportive community."

Vigfusson has been showing cattle from a young age and has been an active 4-H member since she was six, stepping into her first show ring at age three.

"The experiences I have gained over the years have really shaped who I am today," she added.

As Manitoba director, her role is to represent and support junior Manitoba members, help organize CJSA events, and contribute to growing the organization. She said she takes pride in the opportunity and hopes to make a meaningful impact — both within the junior Shorthorn community and personally.

While Manitoba's junior Shorthorn membership numbers are relatively small, Vigfusson said the province has a strong reputation within the industry.

"While the number of junior Shorthorn members in Manitoba is small, our cattle quality and community make up for it," she said.

She also believes the Interlake region has a solid Shorthorn presence.

"I would say so, yes," she said. "At the auction marts in the fall, you'll always see a few Shorthorn cross cattle."

Although she does not know the exact number of local youth involved in the breed, Vigfusson said there are



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Lundar's Sigga Vigfusson is serving as the Manitoba director for the Canadian Junior Shorthorn Association.

several young producers across the Interlake participating in Shorthorn programs and events.

"Through the CJSA, I have gained confidence, leadership skills, and the

ability to connect with people from across the country," she said. "It has helped me grow not just as a cattle producer, but as a person. The CJSA has also given me the opportunity to learn from experienced breeders, which provides valuable insight into how the industry has evolved and where it is heading."

The CJSA supports young Shorthorn farmers by developing showmanship skills, leadership abilities, and networking opportunities within the agriculture industry. Throughout the year, members have access to events, workshops, educational opportunities, and scholarships. Membership is open to Canadians under the age of 21.

"Members gain a wide range of skills, including leadership, public speaking, teamwork, responsibility, and a strong work ethic," Vigfusson added. "These are all skills that carry far beyond agriculture and into future careers."

One upcoming CJSA event will take place in Carman on July 11: the Mani-

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Wetland tested by historic storm at Oak Hammock Marsh

By Lana Meier

As historic rainfall inundated communities across the Interlake region last week, one of Manitoba's most important wetlands was facing its own battle with rising water.

Oak Hammock Marsh received more than 240 millimetres of rain during the June 9-10 storm, causing widespread flooding across the site, damaging infrastructure and forcing a temporary closure of the popular wildlife destination.

While the flooding disrupted operations and affected wildlife habitat, marsh officials say the wetland also demonstrated why wetlands remain one of nature's most effective flood-mitigation tools.

"Our rain gauge located on the roof-

top indicated that we received over 240 mm of rain during the storm," said Jacques Bourgeois, manager of Oak Hammock Marsh.

The rainfall overwhelmed portions of the marsh and surrounding infrastructure, particularly near the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre.

"Sadly, the most affected areas were the ones closest to the Discovery Centre, including our Willow Retreat Building adjacent to the Centre," Bourgeois said.

The storm left its mark throughout the site. Water entered the Wetland Discovery Centre and flooded the theatre, while power outages and flooding created additional challenges for staff.

The marsh's drinking water well

was flooded, the sewage lift station stopped operating and several trails and boardwalks were submerged. Floating boardwalks were lifted by rising water, portions of raised boardwalks disappeared beneath floodwa-

ters and some dikes were breached. The damage forced officials to temporarily close the facility and cancel

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> SIGGA VIGFUSSON, FROM PG. 16

toba Summer Show. While Vigfusson is not directly involved in organizing the event, she said it will offer junior members opportunities to develop their skills through a full day of cattle shows, a welcoming atmosphere, and a chance to connect with others who share similar interests.

Organizers are expecting a strong turnout this year, and the event is open to the public.

Vigfusson said experiences like this are important for young farmers.

"The local agricultural community is very supportive, whether that's through mentorship, sponsorship, or simply encouraging young people to

get involved and grow within the industry," she said. "Local events make agriculture more accessible and give young people the opportunity to get involved without having to travel far. They also help strengthen community connections and promote both the breed and the industry as a whole."

She encourages youth to get involved, giving them the opportunity to learn, share, and explore a future in Shorthorn cattle.

"Without young people, the future of the breed and the industry would not be possible," she added. "Their passion and ideas help keep agriculture moving forward."

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Richard Perchotte recognizes Marcel Lemire at Manitoba Legislature

Lemire recognized for dedication to community

By Katelyn Boulanger

A few weeks ago, Selkirk MLA Richard Perchotte took some time at the Legislature to again recognize a resident of our region who is making our community a better place for all. Marcel Lemire was recognized for his efforts on May 5.

In his speech, Pechotte highlighted

Lemire as an unsung hero in the area, thinking of others, and always giving of himself.

Lemire is incredibly qualified for this honour as he's given back greatly to the community. He was a volunteer firefighter in the RM of St. Andrews for 14 years. In this role, he served as the Fire Chief of Hall #1 and eventu-

ally became Fire Chief for all three halls in the municipality.

Perchotte explained that his volunteering didn't stop there.

"After a devastating fire destroyed the Petersfield Curling Club, Marcel stepped up once again, spending six years as President. He worked tirelessly with the club to bring the community back its beloved hall. The new Petersfield Curling Club is a vital part of the community, and we have members like Marcel to thank for it," he

said.

Perchotte then spoke about what Lemire is most well known for these days, the Lily Pad Cruisers.

Lemire and some other founding members of the Cruisers in 2000 brought their passion for classic cars and hot rods together with a desire to see good things happen in the community, creating the car club. The Cruisers now have 137 members, and Lemire is president of the organiza-

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> MARCEL LEMIRE, FROM PG. 18

tion. They host an annual car show in Petersfield that fills Mallard Park with all kinds of wonderful vintage and antique rides. They also host many

annual club events with a tin for the bin drop, which directly benefits the soup kitchen in Selkirk. In addition, the group participates in the Burgers



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MLA Richard Perchotte and Marcel Lemire at the Manitoba Legislature. Lemire was recently recognized by Perchotte at the Legislature for his contributions to our community.

to Beat MS event annually, bringing their vehicles to A&W.

The Cruisers, through these types of events, raise thousands of dollars annually, which they give back to the community. Each year, they provide two \$1000 scholarships to high school students, a \$2000 donation to palliative care, and a \$1000 donation to the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Additionally, they've created a fund at the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, which they add to regularly, and which will continue to give back to the community even if the group should happen to disband at some point in the future.

Perchotte ended his acknowledgement of Lemire, saying, "Marcel's contributions in Selkirk and St. Andrews are truly inspiring. Please join me in recognizing the wonderful efforts of this incredible man."

For his part, Lemire was absolutely astounded when he found out that Perchotte had chosen to honour him in this way.

"I was very humbled and honoured by that act of kindness," said Lemire.

Lemire explained that it wouldn't be possible for him to do everything that gets done without the support of many people who help him, including his wife.

"It's not just one person that makes the club, it's all the people that pitch in to help," he said.

If residents would like to support the fundraising done by the Lily Pad Cruisers, they can come to the group's annual car show on July 11 at Mallard Park in Petersfield. The Cruisers will also be at the Burgers to Beat MS event at the Selkirk A&W on August 20.

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Correction

In last week's edition of the *Selkirk Record* in the article about Paul Human's retirement, his Come & Go Retirement Celebration at the Selkirk Legion will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and his Ordination on Friday, June 26 in Winnipeg has changed to a 7 p.m. start.

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to reconciliation:
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concerns everyone**



Every June, Canada celebrates National Indigenous History Month. During this time, citizens are invited to learn about the cultures and traditions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. These resilient communities continue to fight for recognition of their rights and the often-told injustices they've endured. Find out how you can take meaningful steps toward reconciliation.

LISTEN TO TESTIMONIALS
Do you want to learn more about the perspectives, knowledge and current issues facing Indigenous people? Start by exploring the music, books, films, artwork and other cultural creations produced within Indigenous communities. Many directories, social media accounts, radio or television programs highlight the voices of Indigenous women, scientists, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and others who share their unique insights on the world.



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3 notable figures in Indigenous history

During National Indigenous History Month, take a moment to learn more about these notable figures from First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.

ALANIS OBOMSAWIN

Born in 1932, this renowned Abenaki filmmaker has more than 50 films to her credit. In 2008, New York's prestigious Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) presented a retrospective exhibition celebrating her work. In 2026, as a woman in her nineties, she continues to produce powerful, influential films.



Alanis Obomsawin

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JORDIN TOOTOO

He became the first Inuk athlete drafted into the National Hockey League (NHL). After overcoming a difficult childhood in Nunavut, he went on to play 13 seasons with the Nashville Predators, Detroit Red Wings, New Jersey Devils and Chicago Blackhawks. He retired from professional hockey in 2017.



Jordin Tootoo

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TANTOO CARDINAL

Born in Alberta in 1950 of Métis and Cree heritage, she has starred in many unforgettable roles. One notable role was that of Black Shawl in the 1990 film *Dances with Wolves*. She's also widely recognized for her environmental activism.



Tantoo Cardinal

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Discover other inspiring Indigenous personalities through books, music and movies.

By deepening your knowledge of these peoples, you help their cultures to flourish and gain visibility, recognition and protection. Keep an eye out for events in your area, especially on June 21, which is also National Indigenous Peoples Day. You can find a host of local initiatives promoting activities that celebrate First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.



The tragedies experienced by Indigenous peoples, including residential schools and violence against women and girls, must be acknowledged if Canada aspires to true reconciliation. Learn more by exploring documentation from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at nctr.ca.



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3 tips for keeping your home (almost!) always tidy

Fed up with the mess in your home? You can fix it! To enjoy a tidier home, try these three pro tips.

1. Follow the two-minute rule

If a task takes less than two minutes, do it right away instead of putting it off. Folding a throw blanket, taking out the trash, putting a book back on the shelf or hanging up your bathrobe requires very little effort but prevents clutter

from piling up. This approach takes discipline at first, but over time will become habit you'll be glad you developed.

2. Use a designated container for items to put away

Are your days a little hectic? Avoid letting things get out of hand by designating a bin or basket as a catch-all for items you can sort later, such as mail, toys and accessories. When you have a quiet moment, go through the container



and put each item in its proper place. It's that simple.

3. Get rid of unnecessary items

Sort through your belongings regularly. Donate, sell or throw away anything you no longer use. Having fewer items automatically means less clutter. You have everything to gain by letting a few things go.

With a little confidence and everyone pitching in, you can quickly regain control of your living space.



152 Grand Circle, Peterfield - \$1,199,900 Experience the perfect blend of luxury and nature in this stunning waterfront home. Designed with comfort and elegance in mind, this residence offers 3 beds and 3 baths, showcasing beautiful rift and quartersawn white oak flooring throughout and an abundance of natural light. Step into the foyer and become drawn to the water views beyond. The chef-inspired kitchen features granite countertops, a large island with seating and custom oak cabinetry with integrated lighting. The open-concept living/dining area is highlighted by expansive windows and a fireplace with a striking live-edge mantel. The spacious primary suite is a private retreat complete with a 4pc ensuite and WIC. A bonus room above the oversized garage provides flexible additional living space, perfect for a home office, studio, guest area, or rec room. Outdoors, enjoy direct waterfront access with your own private dock, spacious deck, hot tub and sauna. Exceptional craftsmanship is evident, with premium features including geothermal heating, heated slate flooring in the foyer and laundry room, durable Hardie Plank siding, white oak verandas and decks. This remarkable property offers peaceful waterfront living without compromise.



36 Donald Road, St. Andrews - \$1,099,900 Welcome to this stunning custom-built Mannington home set on a beautifully treed 1.63-acre lot in St. Andrews! Offering 1879 sqft of thoughtfully designed living space, this 3-bedroom, 2-bath residence showcases an inviting open-concept layout filled with natural light from expansive windows and centered around a warm, cozy fireplace that creates an elegant yet comfortable living area. The adjoining dining space flows seamlessly into the well-appointed kitchen, featuring sleek porcelain countertops and dual built-in ovens. The spacious primary suite offers a private retreat with a walk-through closet leading to a beautiful 3-piece ensuite complete with dual vanity. A bright sunroom extends the living space and opens onto the deck, providing the perfect setting to relax while taking in the serene views of the mature, tree-lined yard. The large, partially finished basement has a separate, private entrance with the potential for a secondary suite or a dream workshop with oversized windows. Additional highlights include a triple attached garage and an expansive lot surrounded by established trees, creating a rare sense of privacy while still being nearby city amenities!



2 Schubert Lane, St. Andrews - \$619,900 Welcome to this spacious 2-storey home offering 1930 sqft, ideally located in the sought-after Mapleton area of St. Andrews. Experience peaceful country living just minutes from the amenities, shopping, and recreation in Selkirk. The granite kitchen seamlessly connects to the living and dining spaces with easy access to the deck and pool, perfect for enjoying summer days at home! The home features 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, including a primary suite with a jetted ensuite. Carpeting adds comfort to the living room and upper-level bedrooms. A fully finished basement and a generous second-floor family room provide plenty of additional living space, all set within a private, treed lot with scenic country views. Outdoors, the property features two garages with the detached garage being insulated and heated for year-round use. The spacious deck leads to a newer above-ground heated pool with updated equipment (2024), ideal for entertaining and relaxing. Additional recent upgrades include new shingles on the home (2025). The beautifully landscaped yard is complete with fruit trees, adding to the charm of this fantastic property.



5 Red River Place, St. Andrews - \$899,900 Nestled on 1.38 acres along a quiet road in St. Andrews, this beautifully maintained home offers space, comfort, and extensive upgrades throughout. The wonderfully open-concept design seamlessly connects the entire main level, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere ideal for both everyday living and entertaining. The stunning kitchen, remodelled in 2019, features abundant cabinetry, two sinks, a large square island, and dual built-in ovens, thoughtfully designed for functionality and style. The spacious primary bedroom serves as a relaxing retreat complete with a luxurious 5-piece ensuite and walk-in closet, while in-floor heat in the bathrooms adds an extra touch of comfort. The finished basement provides versatile recreation space along with ample storage options to suit your needs. Outside, enjoy the beautifully landscaped yard featuring a deck and fenced area, perfect for relaxing or entertaining outdoors. Additional highlights include a double attached garage, heated shop, and numerous upgrades including interior and exterior paint, windows, furnace, septic pump, and so much more. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy peaceful country living just minutes from the city!



468 Liss Road, St. Andrews - \$619,900 Situated on 5 acres in St. Andrews, this spacious 5 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom cabover home offers the perfect blend of comfort, functionality, and space. Featuring a thoughtfully designed 2022 addition, this property is ideal for growing families or those seeking a private country retreat. Step inside to a welcoming foyer complete with a large walk-in closet for outerwear and storage. The living/dining areas flow seamlessly into the kitchen featuring upgraded appliances, an island, and pantry space for convenience/everday living. The primary bedroom serves as a relaxing retreat with its own walk-in closet and 4pc ensuite. The impressive addition creates the ultimate space for relaxation and hosting, complete with its own living/dining area, sunroom, endless pool, and sauna. The fully finished lower level adds even more versatility with a 2nd kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and a full bathroom. Outside, enjoy the expansive yard from the comfort of your deck and pergola while taking advantage of multiple storage sheds and the double attached garage. Offering peaceful country living just minutes from city conveniences, this remarkable property is one you won't want to miss.



468 Hanton Road, St. Clements - \$849,900 (SOLD) Set on a 1.72-acre parcel, this custom-built home offers a refined blend of comfort, space, and thoughtful upgrades throughout. Inside to an inviting living area adorned with gleaming hardwood floors, seamlessly flowing into a spacious dining area. The beautifully renovated kitchen (2018) showcases timeless design and functionality. The main-floor primary suite provides convenience + privacy, complete with its own 3pc ensuite. Upstairs features 2 bedrooms, a full 4pc bath, and an expansive bonus room above the garage with baseboard heating (ideal as an additional bedroom). A stunning 4 season sunroom (reno'd 2020) offers year-round enjoyment with the warmth and charm of a wood-burning stove. The fully developed lower level is designed for entertaining, featuring a spacious rec area, wet bar, 3rd bedroom, 3pc bath, and ample storage. Outdoors, the landscaped grounds create a private oasis, complete with a deck, fire pit area, and 2 newer sheds. Both attached and detached garages are insulated and drywalled, offering exceptional utility and comfort. Notable upgrades include new shingles and HWT (2020), adding peace of mind to this exceptional property.



164 Millview Avenue, East St. Paul - \$599,900 (SOLD) Custom built by Marie Homes, this well-maintained 1610 sqft 2-storey home offers timeless character, functional space, and a beautifully landscaped mature lot. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, + a fully finished basement, this home is designed for comfortable family living and entertaining alike. The main floor offers a spacious layout with a dedicated dining room and a cozy living area centered around a charming wood-burning fireplace. Upstairs, the primary bedroom retreat includes a private ensuite complete with a jacuzzi tub, neo-angle shower, and balcony access. The finished basement adds exceptional versatility with a custom wet bar, exercise room, large closet space, and utility room with additional cabinetry and sink. Outside, enjoy the beautifully treed landscaped lot featuring inground sprinklers, a newer deck and patio, and a backyard tool shed. The double attached garage includes built-in benches and cupboards for excellent storage and workspace. Recent upgrades include shingles and eavestroughs (2023), and new heat pump and furnace (2025). A solid custom-built home with space, character, and outstanding potential in a desirable setting.



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Tips for choosing a water-repellent treatment for your wooden deck

Varnish is commonly used to protect decking from the elements. However, this type of product tends to flake off over time, prompting many homeowners to turn to water-repellent treatments. Are you interested in this alternative? Here are a few tips to help you make an informed decision.



UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES

Varnish creates a waterproof layer on your deck's surface. Although it provides a protective barrier, it can eventually break down and flake off when wood repeatedly warps and swells due to weather variations. Water-repellent treatments work differently. They penetrate deep into the pores of the wood, preventing other liquids from seeping in.

CONSIDER THE TYPE OF WOOD

Always consider the type of wood your deck is made from before buying a product. There are two main types of water-repellent treatments:

1. **Water-based formulas** dry quickly and contain fewer volatile organic compounds (VOCs), making them a healthier and more environmentally friendly option. They work best on porous woods, such as pine, spruce and red cedar.

2. **Solvent-based formulas** contain higher levels of VOCs but penetrate more effectively into dense or oil-rich woods. They're best used on hardwoods like teak or ipe.

APPLY IT PROPERLY

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By Brock Vandor

This is the biggest and best innovation in dentures I have ever seen! Brock Vandor - The Denturist here, and I just have to tell you about the new way we do partial dentures. It is so rare to see something new in dentistry. It's instantly noticeably better than the old way; and not just for me, but my patients notice INSTANTLY as well. As soon as I put in a new 3D printed metal partial, with its nice smooth (no scratching) "click" firmly into place, I still smile and say "amazing" every time.

For decades, partial dentures had been a problem for many people. The metal could scratch on the teeth, the metal could rock a little bit, or just be too uncomfortable to wear. The main reason for that is, it's very hard to get a partial to fit just right because the metal shrinks after you melt it into shape. Resulting in the partial fitting tight, or loose, or scratching, and only with some careful artwork can we get it to fit well. But now, wow, using new

technology, partial dentures fit like a dream. It is truly hard for me to express how much better they are than the old way, they are just so precise, so satisfying to put in and have it fit so intricately to the patients' teeth, I've never seen anything like it.

I first saw this new technology in 2023 at a dental convention in Germany. My wife and I looked at the machine, thought it was really neat, but didn't know just how great it was. Then, this past February at the Chicago Dental show where all the newest technologies are on display, a friend told me he had this machine to make 3D printed metal partials and said "just try one, Brock". I did, and when I put it in the patient's mouth, it was probably the best fitting partial I have ever seen. But that could have been a fluke, so I did another, same thing! Then another, which put another big smile on my face and said another audible "amazing" when I felt the crisp click into place. Since then, 3D printed

partial dentures are all we do!

So, what exactly is this 3D printing metal? Well, we design the partial on a computer from scans of your mouth (no more gaggy impressions) and a printer uses something called Selective Laser Melting (SLM) to actually use a laser beam to melt very fine metal powder one layer at a time into the shape of the partial. This method is so good because it's so accurate. We are only melting a tiny little bit of metal at a time, so we only have a tiny little bit of shrinkage, as opposed to the old way of melting ALL the metal at once for it to flow into the denture shape which means lots of shrinkage when it cools.

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 2 tablespoons butter
 1 small shallot, finely diced
 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped



Simple Lemon Butter Pearl Couscous

Prepare pearl couscous according to package directions, adding lemon juice to water.

In small pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add shallots and lemon zest. Cook 3 minutes. Stir pearl couscous into pan.

Divide pearl couscous into four bowls and top with parsley.



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How to motivate yourself during exercise

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine

The battle never ends! You've motivated yourself to put on your runners and start your workout, but quickly feel your drive fading, or perhaps you are even tempted to call it an early day. Having the right mindset is important to achieving your fitness goals, and it can take practice to consistently click into "training mode."

Here are a few hacks to try next time you can relate to this scenario:

Take it one step at a time. Don't think ahead to what's next in your workout. Instead, stay in the moment and apply all your energy toward the next rep.

Know your why. You have a solid reason for being in this position, spending your valuable time engaging your body in movement. Remind yourself of that reason to help kickstart your motivation again.

Be happy with your efforts. Don't beat yourself up for having an off day. We all have them! Just like everything else in life, there will be ups and downs in your fitness journey, and those who stick with an active lifestyle long term learn to accept this fact. Keep doing your best in the current workout, even if your best today isn't what your best was last week.

Have a plan and stick to it. If you have a workout program you are following, you don't have to think about what you have the energy to do today or be tempted to only do two exercises before going to watch TV on the couch. Having a written plan that details how many sets, reps and rest periods are required will make it easier to push ahead.

Vibe check. Is your environment



Fitness Expert, Julie Germaine and daughter Amelia

a motivational one? Look at your space and think about ways to enhance it to help you stay in the mood to train. Music is often an easy way to boost the vibe and create a fun experience. Create a playlist that is going to pump you up and keep you going.

If you're not seeing the results you are after with your workouts, try these strategies to take your fitness to the next level.

Discuss your health goals or fitness struggles by scheduling a free online consultation at Calendly or email Julie directly at julie@juliegermaine.com.

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to lifelong health. She is an active mom, registered personal trainer, two-time pro fitness champion, certified nutrition expert and fitness specialist. She has helped thousands of people worldwide improve their health since 2005.

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 1 1/2 cups sliced Grapes from California
 ice

Partially strip rosemary branches, leaving 3-4 inches of greenery. Skewer three grapes on each branch.

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Selkirk Pride brings a crowd to the waterfront



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The crowd at the Selkirk waterfront on June 14 was all decked out in rainbows and ready to celebrate the inclusion of all people in the 2SLGBTQ+ community in our community. There were vendors throughout the loop and drag performances, as well as a ribbon skirt fashion show, celebrating culture, community, and art.



> OAK HAMMOCK MARSH, FROM PG. 17

scheduled school field trips.

According to Bourgeois, the scale of flooding exceeded anything staff had experienced previously.

"While we had some high water in the past, the extent of the flood caused by last week's rainstorm was unprecedented," he said.

As conditions worsened during the storm, maintenance staff worked around the clock to protect facilities and limit damage.

"The maintenance staff was on high alert during the night of the storm and dutifully worked around the clock to mitigate the impact of the flood to the Wetland Discovery Centre," Bourgeois said.

Crews focused on identifying priority areas where water was entering buildings, pumping water and sand-bagging vulnerable locations.

Since then, recovery efforts have progressed steadily. Power has been restored, the sewage lift station is once again operational and water levels have receded significantly across much of the site.

Staff are continuing work to restore drinking water service by disinfecting the flooded well once water levels

drop further.

The improvement in conditions has allowed most areas of the marsh to become accessible again, and school programming has resumed.

Officials expect the marsh to fully reopen to visitors this weekend, in time for its annual Father's Day Waterbug Derby.

While infrastructure can be repaired, the storm likely had lasting consequences for some wildlife species during an important nesting period.

"Many species likely lost their nests during the flood, including some ducks, shorebirds and songbirds nesting on or near the ground," Bourgeois said.

Although some species may attempt to nest again this season, others will have to wait until next year.

Despite the challenges created by the storm, Bourgeois said the event also highlighted the vital role wetlands play during extreme weather events.

Oak Hammock Marsh is designed to capture runoff from surrounding lands and store water before slowly releasing it over time. The process helps reduce peak flows and provides natural flood protection for neighbouring areas.

"The marsh performed its duty very well as it did capture a very impressive amount of runoff water," Bourgeois said.

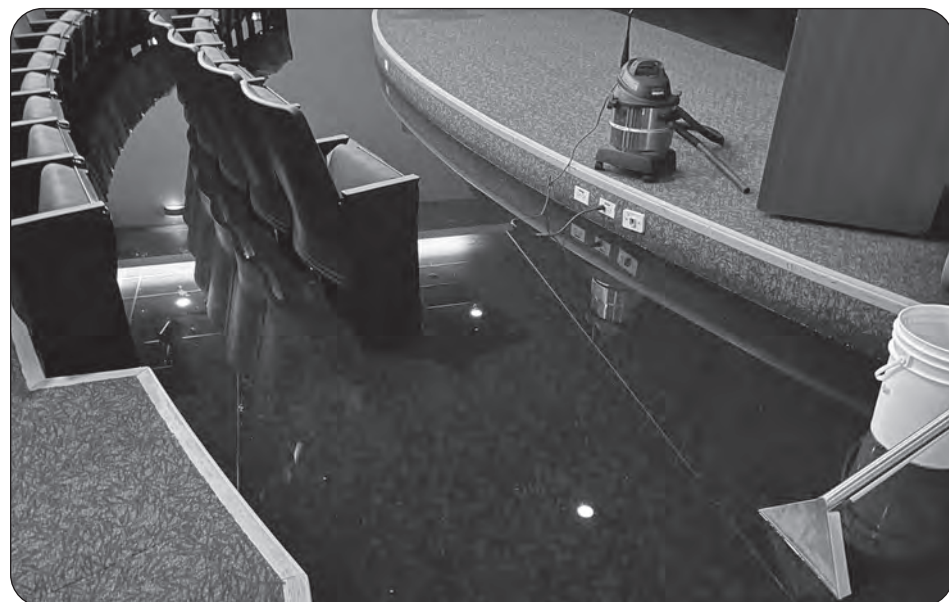
The ability of wetlands to store excess water has become increasingly important as communities face larger and more frequent rainfall events.

"Wetlands help mitigate the effects of flood and should be an integral part of the landscape," Bourgeois said. "In the case of a large rain event like we had, or after the snow melts in the spring, wetlands are our best allies as they store the excess water that would otherwise cause damage to property."

While a few trails remain underwater, conditions continue to improve daily. Bourgeois said the organization will review the event and consider



Rising floodwaters at Oak Hammock Marsh submerged sections of boardwalks and trails following the historic June 9-10 storm.



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Historic rainfall left large areas of Oak Hammock Marsh underwater following the June 9-10 storm. More than 240 millimetres of rain fell at the marsh, flooding trails, boardwalks and infrastructure while also demonstrating the important role wetlands play in storing excess water and helping reduce flood impacts.

whether additional flood-control measures are needed to prevent future disruptions.

"We may have to revisit our flood control strategies to make sure that such an event doesn't interrupt our regular operations," he said.

For now, however, staff are focused on reopening the site and welcoming visitors back to a marsh that not only endured the storm, but also helped lessen its impact beyond its boundaries.

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We look forward to your submission: news@selkirkrecord.ca

Navy League Cadet Corps #96 Lord Selkirk



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

The cadets and officers of the Navy League Cadet Corps #96 Lord Selkirk hosted their 53rd Annual Ceremonial Review on June 8. The event honoured the dedication and achievements of the cadets, and the cadets didn't disappoint. Dignitaries and families were impressed with their skills.



Passing lanes for Highway 8 under construction: province commits \$18.3 million to improve safety

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government announced last week it has committed funding to passing lanes on Highway 8 and road safety improvements in the RM of St. Clements.

Construction of the passing lanes on Highway 8 has begun and will cost an estimated \$18.3 million.

The combined \$21.2-million investment for both projects will support growing traffic volumes, improve safety and enhance connectivity.

"Our government is pleased to share these important infrastructure investments with municipal partners as we connect with communities across the province," said transportation and infrastructure minister Lisa Naylor in a June 10 news release. "These projects will improve road conditions, enhance passing opportunities and support safe, reliable travel for residents, local businesses and visitors to the Interlake region."

The province first announced the passing lanes in September 2025. Highway 8 is a heavily travelled

route to and from the Interlake region and can experience significant traffic congestion during peak travel periods, particularly during the summer tourism season.

Passing lanes are designed to improve traffic flow and safety by providing designated opportunities for vehicles to overtake slower-moving traffic without crossing into oncoming lanes. Typically, one lane shifts toward the shoulder while an additional lane in the same direction allows faster-moving vehicles to pass.

Four sets of passing lanes will be constructed between Highway 67, near the Stonewall and Selkirk turnoffs, and PR 231 near Gimli. Each passing lane will be approximately two kilometres long.

A spokesperson for the department said the passing lanes are now under construction.

"The locations of the passing lanes, which are currently under construction, have been selected to avoid high-volume intersections and driveways, bridges, culverts and horizontal curves," he said.



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Four sets of passing lanes will be built on Highway 8 between Highway 67 and PR 231 in Gimli. The junctions of Highways 8 and 67 is shown here looking south.

The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2027.

Provincial road improvements in the RM of St. Clements include surface restoration on Highway 59 from Highway 44 to Highway 4 in the southbound lanes and from Highway 44 to PR 317 in the northbound lanes.

Madeline's Closet opens flood relief centre in Balmoral

By Lana Meier

As communities across the Interlake continue to recover from last week's devastating flooding, Madeline's Closet has stepped in to provide emergency assistance to residents who have lost essential belongings and are struggling to rebuild their lives.

The charitable organization has opened an emergency response centre at the Balmoral Recreation Centre to serve residents affected by flooding throughout the region.

Since the flooding began, Madeline's Closet has responded to more than 200 emergency calls for assistance, said Shannon Dupont, who is coordinating the organization's flood relief efforts.

"We're worried about the people," said Dupont. "Municipalities are worried about infrastructure. We worry about the people. People need to know somebody cares about them."

The centre is operating Monday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone affected by flooding, regardless of which municipality they live in.

The flooding prompted states of emergency in six Interlake municipalities and communities, leaving many residents facing significant losses.

Dupont said requests for help range from clothing and household items to basic toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

"Some people have lost everything," she said.

One encounter particularly underscored the need.

"I had a lady come in and she said, 'Can I please just have a toothbrush and some toothpaste? Our bedroom

and bathroom were downstairs,'" Dupont recalled. "She said they couldn't even afford to go buy those things."

While Madeline's Closet has long provided emergency assistance to residents in need, Dupont said the scale of the flood response is unlike anything she has experienced in 18 years with the organization.

The organization has moved large quantities of inventory from its Inwood location to Balmoral, including the equivalent of three trailers, eight trucks and four SUVs filled with supplies.

Most of the items being distributed are new, although the organization is accepting donations of toiletries to help meet growing demand.

"Toiletries are going really, really quickly," said Dupont. "I cleaned out three dollar stores on the weekend of deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste."

The organization is also seeking volunteers to help operate the centre. Current duties include sorting donations, stocking tables, assisting visitors and helping manage the facility.

At present, only five volunteers, including Dupont herself, are staffing the operation.

Compounding the challenge is the fact that many of Madeline's Closet volunteers are flood victims themselves.

"Out of my 30 volunteers, 25 have been affected by the flood," she said. "It's everything from a little bit of water to people who have lost everything."

One volunteer lost their home after floodwaters reached approximately eight feet inside the residence.



RECORD PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Shannon Dupont, coordinator of the flood relief response at Madeline's Closet, stands inside the organization's emergency response centre at the Balmoral Recreation Centre. Pictured, left to right, are Margaret Watts, Shawna Christie, Shannon Dupont, Brenda Dykstra and Linda Barca.

Dupont said the emotional toll is becoming increasingly evident as residents begin coping with the aftermath.

"The flood part is gone, but the aftermath won't be gone for quite a while," she said. "People have lost family mementos, photographs and everything they've collected over a lifetime."

The Balmoral Recreation Centre was selected as the location because of its central position and because the facility was made available at no cost.

"The recreation centre has been super awesome. They donated the facility to us," said Dupont.

The emergency response centre is expected to remain open for at least

several weeks, with operations being evaluated on a week-by-week basis.

Dupont said volunteers are urgently needed as demand for assistance continues to grow.

"We don't know if we're going to have two people come through the doors or 2,000," she said. "We're taking it one day at a time."

Anyone requiring assistance or interested in volunteering can contact Madeline's Closet by calling or texting Shannon at 204-861-8336 or visit the Balmoral Recreation Centre during operating hours.

"We need to get back to having a sense of community and helping each other," said Dupont. "Without that help, people are going to struggle."

Comp's Spring Choir Concert singing success



RECORD PHOTOS BY E. ANTONIO

Comp students in Grades 9 to 12 put on a show for a crowd at their Spring Choir Concert on June 2, featuring their mass Concert Choir, and smaller auditioned ensembles Chamber Choir and Perplexity. Directed by Maureen Bloodworth, students sang a variety of hits, including *The Greatest Show* from *The Greatest Showman*, *Sweet Dreams (are made of this)* and *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*.

The Comp gets jazzed at Spring Jazz Concert



RECORD PHOTOS BY E. ANTONIO

Grade 10 to 12 Jazz students from the Comp entertained an audience at their Spring Jazz Concert on June 4. This is the final high school jazz concert under the direction of Kenley Kristofferson, who will be moving onto new ventures at the end of the school year.



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Selkirk Royals win Volleyball Canada Gold

By Kieran Reimer

The Selkirk Royals 16U Boys Volleyball Club accomplished what it set out to do this season.

Ahead of the campaign, players and coaches were on the same page about finishing in the top five at tournaments and later finding success at nationals.

After recording two first-place finishes and two second-place finishes in tournament play, the Royals capped their season on May 31 by defeating Fraser Valley Volleyball Club Eric 25-17, 25-27, 15-13 to win the 2026 Volleyball Canada 16U Nationals Tier 8 championship.

"We have really strong captains on our team that really kept the guys laser focused, and reminded them that the big points come from little victories," said coach Jamie Evans. "Whether you're down by 10 or you're up by 10, it really is about one point at a time and digging in when it matters, so a super shoutout to our captains for really just keeping the boys on track and on point there."

All 13 Royals players saw court time in the championship match, something that is often not the case in a game of that magnitude.

Evans said her favourite part of nationals was being able to win as a group effort.

"That last gold medal game was really a full team contribution to the gold," said Evans. "It was really wonderful, and such a proud moment for families, for the kids, for all of us coaches, just really getting a chance to see them achieve together with everybody having that court time for the full set."

Nationals took place at the BMO Centre in Calgary, where the Royals were one of 125 teams competing during the three-day tournament, which ran from May 29 to 31.

The roster consisted of eight current Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School students and five others from communities around the Interlake.

The Royals entered the tournament fresh off a fifth-to-eighth-place finish at Volleyball Manitoba provincials, where they had hoped to place even higher.

When they arrived at nationals, the team unlocked a new level of play that made it an unstoppable force.

"Our defence definitely was our focus for the whole season on improv-

ing, and you could really see that come together," said Evans. "Whether it was the blocking or the coverage, just really being scrappy and staying in the play was fantastic. We also had two of our left-side hitters who just

really came to the peak of their career this season at nationals. Those left-side hitters really got the job done for us. Those two boys just killed every ball that they were handed."

Royals host provincials



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Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School hosted the 2026 Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association G3 Provincial Baseball Championship from June 4-6. The Royals finished 0-2 at the tournament, while the Northlands Parkway Nighthawks captured the provincial title. Pictured left to right, back row: Assistant coach Mathew Dueck, Luz Niemeyer, Jono Aime, Cohen Linsenmeier, Jensen Freiter, Xander Lippoway, Owen Coe, Hudson Panting, Asher Stepaniuk, Jake Larter, Jaxon Beattie, head coach Michael Buffie and assistant coach Nicole Koropas; Front row: Emmett Nazimek, Hayden Suderman, Chase Bishop, Nolan Edmonds, Nolan Stewart-McDonald, Liam Netchek, Grayson Gilbert and Kane Mowat.



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Members of the Selkirk Royals 16U Boys Volleyball Club celebrate after defeating Fraser Valley Volleyball Club Eric 25-17, 25-27, 15-13 to capture the 2026 Volleyball Canada 16U Nationals Tier 8 championship on May 31 at the BMO Centre in Calgary. Pictured left to right, back row: Jamie Evans (head coach), Hayden Hirst (captain), Kellan Hermiston, Evan Brown, Kohen Brooks, Cy Wakley, Ryder Drzytek, Kypton Hopkins, Abinet Pruden, Owen Epp and Tanner Wyrha (assistant coach); Front row: Tate Hofer, Rex Wytinck, Connor Evans (captain) and Lucas Marana.

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Family-led basketball team captures Peg City title

By Kieran Reimer

Selkirk-based senior basketball team Flip The Script lived up to its name during the 2026 Peg City Basketball League season.

It was the team's second season in existence, competing in Division 11 of the league. The roster is made up of family members from the Selkirk area, along with a few friends from the Interlake and Winnipeg.

With players ranging in age from their mid-20s to early 70s, and only four players having previous basketball experience, Flip The Script was not considered one of the league's most intimidating teams in its early days.

The team began the season by losing four of its first five games. Through practice and a commitment to improvement, however, Flip The Script turned things around midway through the season.

The club rattled off several victories and soon found itself defeating teams that had beaten it earlier in the year, often in tightly contested games. The dramatic turnaround propelled Flip The Script all the way to a championship matchup against The Magic.

The two teams had met twice previously. The Magic won the first meeting convincingly before Flip The Script evened the season series with a mid-season overtime victory.

In the championship game, Flip The Script reached another level, defeating The Magic 73-58 to capture the title. Jon Kuz led the way with 28 points.

"I think we surprised them because in practice we were working on the whole-court press and they weren't used to that," said coach Greg Kuz Sr. "We had guys pressuring the ball as they were bringing it up the court. They (The Magic) were more worried about what our defenders were doing than what their players were doing."

Flip The Script also received strong performances throughout its lineup.

Nico Morrow scored 16 points, Marcus Foreman



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Members of Selkirk-based Flip The Script celebrate after defeating The Magic 73-58 to capture the Peg City Basketball League Division 11 championship on April 12 at the Sport for Life Centre in Winnipeg. Jon Kuz led the team with 28 points in the title-clinching victory. Pictured left to right, back row: Troy Martin, Chris Morrow-Litke, Matt Tworek, Eric Brinkworth, Nico Morrow, Marcus Foreman, James Swirsky and Eric Thompson; Front row, Greg Kuz Sr., Jon Kuz, Steve Lam and Greg Kuz Jr.

recorded 13 points and 16 rebounds, and Greg Kuz Jr. finished with 15 assists.

Kuz Sr. said the team's commitment to practice helped it overcome its early-season struggles and ultimately led to performances like the one in the championship game.

He pointed to a key moment midway through the season when the team executed a half-court alley-oop play to beat the halftime buzzer.

It was a defining moment and one that dem-

onstrated the team's potential.

"Our dedication to practice and just going over simple offences, and what to do, responsibility on defence. It took a few games, but the guys picked up on it," said Kuz Sr.

He added that celebrating the championship alongside the many family members on the team "meant the world" to him.

Now, with the championship trophy in their possession, the team's next family gathering is sure to be a celebration.

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Between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026
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Between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

at the office of

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during the regular hours of business.

Registration Forms may be obtained at the Rural Municipality of Alexander office or by contacting the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

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Selkirk's Zoning By-Law Update

**Gaynor
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June 24
6:00-8:00pm

As required by provincial legislation,
the City of Selkirk is updating its Zoning
By-law. The update will better reflect
community priorities.

You are invited to attend a public open
house to learn more about the proposed
improvements and updates.

At the Open House, you can:

- Review information about the proposed improvements and updates
- Ask questions
- Speak with City representatives

**What's A Zoning
By-law?**

A **Zoning By-law**
sets standards
for how land
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developed in the
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located and
includes rules for
things like building
height and lot size.

Scan to visit the project website or learn more at
MySelkirk.ca/MySelkirk.ca/ZoningUpdate



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION
Red River Planning District

Under authority of The Planning Act, the Red River Planning District Board will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed below to hear from those who wish to speak in support or objection, or to ask questions. For more info on how to register for the public hearing please contact the RRPD at 204-669-8880.

**Wednesday
July 15th, 2026
5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers
3021 Birds Hill Road
RM of East St. Paul, MB**

Note: property owners are responsible for notifying "tenants"

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application File: DPA 294-25
Applicant: BlueStem Development
Property Location: PTH 44 North Service Road,
RM of St. Clements.
Roll # 252200, 252250, 252350
Application Purpose: The applicant proposes to re-designate the properties to "General Development," to facilitate future development of a multi-use complete community.



| Current Designation | Designation Proposed by Applicant |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Resource and Agriculture | Re-Designating to: General Development |

A copy of the above-noted proposal and supporting material is available on the Red River Planning District website at <https://www.redriverplanning.com/hearings.php> or by contacting the Red River Planning District in person during normal business hours Monday to Friday at 2978 Birds Hill Road, East St. Paul, by phone at 204-669-8880, or by email at info@rrpd.ca



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OBITUARY



Alice Anne Parkes
November 13, 1940 - June 4, 2026

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Alice Anne Parkes. Mom was surrounded by her children and has left to join her beloved husband, Frank.

She leaves to mourn her children Michael (Theresa), Wayne (Doris), Lori, Keith (Cheryl), Frank (Sue), Derek and Dawn (Brad); the lights of her life, grandchildren Lisa, Michael, Lyanna, Owen, Ryan, Shayne, William and Franklin and her special great-grandchildren Alicia, Alexis, Ava, Kennedy, Asha and Avni. Mom also leaves her sisters Edith and Lillian and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was predeceased by parents George and Mary Taylor; siblings, Richard, Sarah, Dorothy, Georgina and Mary and foster parents Howard and Laura Smith; her in-laws Lawrence and Clementine Parkes and Gordon, Marie, Harry, Alfred, Helen and son-in-law Ron Spence.

Alice lived most of her life in Selkirk, marrying Frank in 1958 and together they raised our family. Mom was a great cook and was very talented with a needle and thread with much of her handy work passed down through the family.

We would like to thank the staff at the Selkirk Regional Hospital for their care and understanding during this difficult time, their help to keep Mom comfortable was wonderful.

In keeping with Mom's wishes cremation has taken place and no service will be held.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



Call 785-1618 or Email lucy@selkirkrecord.ca

OBITUARY



Helen Marion Wasney (nee Wozney)

Helen passed away peacefully at Betel Home on June 12, 2026 at 100 yrs. old. She is mourned by her sons Bill (Donna, Trevor, Shaney), Gerald (Mary-Jane, Jeremy, Ela), four great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and her brother Edward (Judy) Wozney. She was predeceased by her husband Walter in 2008, and her sisters Frances, Rosemay, Jennie, Florence, Carrie, and Adeline.

She was born on March 5th 1926 and lived most of her life on the farm in Highland Glen. She had a joy for cooking with her most memorable dishes being perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, and dill pickles. She tended to a large garden and sold multiplier onions.

Helen was a kind and gentle mother, wife, and granny. She especially loved her grandchildren and cherished every phone call and visit she had with them.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 22/26 at St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church in Cooks Creek at 11:00. Interment to follow.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Rachelle Tougas

November 22, 1959 - February 4, 2026

The family of Rachelle Tougas would like to invite her colleagues, students, and fellow members of the community to celebrate her beautiful life and legacy.

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OBITUARY



Florence Marion Haluk
December 20, 1932 - June 15, 2026

Florence Marion Haluk of Selkirk, Manitoba, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, with her family by her side. She was 93 years old and the beloved wife of the late Ben Haluk.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 269 Jemima Street, Selkirk, Manitoba.

Cremation has taken place.

A full obituary will be published at a later date.

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SELKIRK MARKET WATCH



47

homes sold



\$336,228

avg sold price



-0.78%

avg sold price change*

JAN 1/26 - JUN 16/26 stats for Single Family Attached, Single Family Detached, & Townhouse properties in Real Estate Zone R14. *over previous year

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Don't Delay, Connect Today!



FEATURE OF THE WEEK! | 2 KEITH CRESCENT, ALEXANDER | \$980,000



WATERFRONT WALKOUT! Commanding views on your Lakefront Retreat! Welcome to this truly unique walkout bungalow, perfectly set on 1.49 private acres with stunning views, mature trees & direct access to the water. Whether you're looking for a year-round residence or the ultimate getaway, this property offers an unforgettable lifestyle. Main floor features a beautiful kitchen, dining room & living space with wrap-around deck, inviting you to soak in the gorgeous panoramic views from every angle! Primary bedrm with 3pc ensuite, 2 more spacious bedrooms, 2pc & main flr laundry. Downstairs, the walkout basement offers an awesome bar area, huge rec/games areas with direct access to covered patio & yard, 2 more large bedrooms & 4pc bath. Step outside to discover the benefits beyond the house: multiple outbuildings include your own bar/speakeasy-style space making hosting a breeze, storage shed & garage. Head to the lake where you will find a beautiful covered deck & a staircase leading you right down to the beach! Host the second Stanley cup party to be held here (cup not included) or simply relax in peace & privacy. This setting truly feels like a private retreat, checking every box for lake living!

BNG + 4.45 ACRES!

NEW LISTING

44 Willow Street
East Selkirk
\$449,900

LAKEFRONT!

NEW LISTING

1226 Twin Lakes Beach Rd
St Laurent
\$1,200,000

3+1 BED, 3.5 BATH!

NEW PRICE

OPEN HOUSE JUN 20TH 12-2PM!

112 McKellar Dr
Charleswood, Wpg
\$644,900

WATERFRONT!

2 Keith Crescent
Alexander
\$980,000

LAND FOR SALE!

128 Autumnwood Dr, Gimli
\$69,900 | 78' x 197'

201 Dunara Ave, Petersfield
\$79,900 | 124' x 140'

81 Harry Waytiuk, East Selkirk
\$128,900 | 80' x 166'

50040 Railroad Ave, Molson
\$15,000 | 1 Acre of Land

4704 Henderson Hwy, Narol
\$99,900 | Riverfront

5 ACRE LOT!

351 First Street SW
Teulon
\$69,900

2 ACRE LOTS!

Build Now or Build Later in Peaceful Petersfield

41 Tom Prince Dr \$79,900
45 Tom Prince Dr \$79,900
49 Tom Prince Dr \$79,900
53 Tom Prince Dr \$79,900

CREEK LIFE LIVING!

73 Tom Prince Dr
Petersfield
\$79,900

EVELINE ESTATE!

285 Eveline Street
Selkirk
\$388,000

CHARMING CONDO!

9-716 Corydon Ave
Winnipeg
\$149,900

POWER PLAY!

58 Main Street
Selkirk
\$1,299,000

COMMERCIAL!

415 Main Street
Selkirk
\$565,000

5.25 ACRES + SHOP!

SOLD!

37075 Lynn Cassidy
Anola
\$729,900

CHERITON CHARM!

SOLD!

221 Cheriton Ave
N. Kildonan, Wpg
\$319,900

2 BED, 1 BATH!

SOLD!

512 Robinson Ave
Selkirk
\$289,900

2+1 BED, 2 BATH!

SOLD!

459 Redonda St
Transcona, Wpg
\$379,900

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,735 sq ft 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,420 sq ft 3 bedrooms 2 baths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,711 sq ft 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,484 sq ft 3 bedrooms 2 baths |

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