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4 The Selkirk Record Thursday, June 19, 2025 Libau Summer Fest coming back with fun for the whole family

Time to make some summer plans

By Katelyn Boulanger

It's the third year in a row that the Libau Summer Fest has taken place in support of the Libau Community Club and the fun for all ages event is back again this year to bring some beginning of summer nostalgia to the region.

"It's our biggest 100% volunteerrun fundraising event of the year. It's geared towards people of all ages to have fun while supporting our Community Club's future goals," said Adrienne Mannhart, Director of Events and Volunteers for the Libau Community Club.

The idea for the Summer Fest started in 2023 as a field day style event that aimed to help raise funds for a leaky roof for the Community Club. Once people in the community found out about it, the event snowballed from a humble smaller idea into a full-blown festival. This year promises to be the same good time. "We have all sorts of activities for kids, like face painting, bounce houses, a petting zoo, train rides and field games such as three-legged races, water balloons and tug of war. For adults, we have a wide variety of things to do. We have made the entire grounds one massive beer garden with a huge selection of cheap drinks (18+). There is a brand-new menu in our canteen, (there's the) farmers market, the silent auction, 50/50, the Libau haybale toss," she said.

There will also be a live band at the event, Blue FX which will hit the stage starting at 8 p.m.

While the event is obviously a lot of fun for participants to attend, it's more than just a good time. The Summer Fest supports the Libau Community Club which is a non-profit group that maintains a space in the community in which people can gather with their neighbours.

"The Community Club serves as basically the social hub for Libau and the surrounding communities. We love hosting events, and we also rent out our hall for birthday parties, cor-



Have some fun at Libau Summer Fest.

porate events, social gatherings and more. In the past two years, we have raised enough money to replace the floors, ceilings, and re-paint the main hall, renovate the outdoor canteen

and put a new roof on the building," said Mannhart.

This is pretty impressive for a club that, though they do receive some

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By Katelyn Boulanger

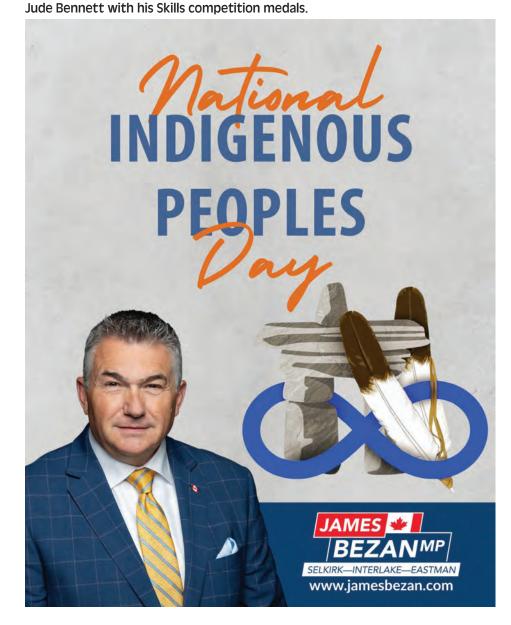
After taking home a gold at the Skills Manitoba Competition last month, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School student Jude

Bennett has impressed again winning a bronze medal at the Skills Canada competition.

Bennett went out to Regina, Sask. and competed in the Automotive



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Technology Secondary category at the And, instead of 45 minutes, you had end of last month.

"It was all in a big convention center so that was kind of interesting to compete with everybody (around)," said Bennett.

He says that the national competition was very much like the provincial one where he was tested in a variety of different categories.

"There was still a suspension station, a brake station, an engine station, a transmission station, an electrical station and a drivability station, but it was kind of just more difficult.

an hour and a half at each station. So, it was kind of just more in-depth," he explained.

He said that the tests were definitely more difficult than the provincial competition.

"The electrical diagnosis was a little challenging for me, but I was still able to put my head to it and get it figured out. They threw some tricks in there that you wouldn't see in real life," said Bennett.

After completing the skills challenge

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v Patricia Barrett The Swedish Cultural Association of Manitoba is inviting Interlakers of all ages to join them in Winnipeg for the association's annual midsommar (midsummer) celebration on June 22, which will include decorating a maypole with flowers, a parade and plenty of games.

Midsommar is a traditional Scan-

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dinavian tradition that celebrates summer and brings everyone of all ages together for a day of fun and relaxation, said Sonja Lundstrom, president of the cultural association's board.

The day will start with the raising of the maypole and lively ring dances around it. A parade is set to start at 1 p.m. After the parade, the Scandia Fun dancers and the Young Scandia dancers will perform. People can get into the action with games such as including water-balloon tossing, fryingpan throwing, nail-driving and racing. There will be prizes and a raffle.

There will be hamburgers, chips, drinks and ice cream for purchase on site.

The association will be taking part in

Gimli's Icelandic Festival of Manitoba parade on Aug. 4.

The midsommar celebration takes place on Sunday, June 22 at the Swedish Canadian Home located on 5419 Roblin Blvd. Parking is free. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Attendees are welcome to arrive at 11:30 a.m. if they want to donate flowers and/or help decorate the maypole.

Contact the Swedish Cultural Assoc of Manitoba at svenskclub17@gmail. com for more information about the midsommar celebration or other upcoming events such as a crayfish party on Aug. 28 and a tour of New Iceland on Sept. 13.

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Bennett explained that he wasn't sure if he'd gotten a medal but he knew he wasn't at the bottom.

Once he found out that he'd won he was glad.

"It was nice. Always would have been nice to do better, but it was still nice to have gotten something for all the work we did," he said.

As for next steps, Bennett being a grade 12 student, will be graduating this year and, because of his participating in the automotive technology program at the high school, he's got some great options open to him.

"Currently, I am a level two automotive apprentice working at X-Pert Auto. So, I think I'm just going to work on my apprenticeship. When something else pops up, then we'll see. But for now, that's the plan," he said.

Bennett is very humble about his win and wants to share his belief that other students are able to follow in his footsteps.

"It's possible for anybody to do what I did. You just have to take pride in what you do and do the best you can," said Bennett.

His teacher Lucas Macintosh is proud that he was able to make it so far in the competition.

"I'm proud of Jude. He worked very hard for his whole career as a high school student. Three years he's dedicated himself to vocational and academic programming and has shown huge effort, and his successes show not only is he just smart and skilled, but he has a large peer group that really appreciate all of his efforts. And I think that whichever path he chooses to go down, he'll be a much appreciated and contributing member of society," said Macintosh.



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State of the Region sees local leaders talk about region's successes and challenges

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Selkirk Biz recently hosted its annual State of the Region Address. The event saw local leaders including Mayors Carla Devlin, East St. Paul; Debbie Fiebelkorn, St. Clements; Larry Johannson, Selkirk; Joy Sul, St. Andrews and; Peter Truijen, West St. Paul, as well as Red River North MLA Jeff Wharton and Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan give an update on what's been happening in our region and plans for the future.

The event kicked off when Brett Mitchell, the Past-President of the Selkirk Biz, which is the chamber of commerce that represents the RMs of East St. Paul, St. Andrews, St. Clements, West St. Paul and the City of Selkirk, welcomed attendees.

"I also want to say thanks to the City and to the RMs who continue to support our organization by coming to events like this and being members of the organization. It helps us survive," he said.

The mayors then took turns having their names drawn each talking about their region.

Carla Devlin, East St. Paul

Devlin started the presentation first giving an update about East St. Paul.

"East St Paul as a whole, over the years, has been really focused on single-family dwelling, which is great, because we have a beautiful community," she said.

She did talk a little bit about how they've had some difficulties continuing to develop properly for the past few years because of the lack of capacity of their wastewater treatment plant and that they hope to get some infrastructure dollars which will help to promote more growth not just for people, but for business as well.

From there, she spoke about what was to come.

"We have a splash pad now in East St Paul that we just opened up, and that's going to bring a lot of community out together, and that was the focus of our council, is to have projects that, bring [the] community together. You find that in our lives today, we're all so busy, and everyone's running, and their kids are in multiple sports, and business individuals are busy, and then there're those who have

Kirstin's Walk For Kids

Thank you so much to all the businesses and individuals who contributed to the silent auction, thank you so much for all of your generous donations. Thank you to everyone for coming out to do the walk, and for participating all of the nine years.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers. We could not have done it without you. We really appreciate all of your help on Saturday and Sunday and throughout the years. There are so many people to thank including the Selkirk firefighters for bringing the truck the kids love it. And Bucky for leading the walkers. We cannot possibly thank all of you enough for helping the volunteers, sponsors, donations, participants, the SDCF for their guidance in helping build Kirstin's Walk Fund. You have all helped in your own way to help create Kirstin's Walk a successful event in a way we could never have imagined. To this date Kirstin's Walk has donated \$11,945 children's programs in the Selkirk, St. Andrews, and St. Clements areas. Our hearts are filled with the love

and dedication you have shown to Kirstin's Walk For Kids and our family. Kirstin touched many people in her lifetime, she would be proud of the work the Walk has done and very grateful.

Thank you to everyone Rick Laurie, Katie Kelsey





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Mayors Carla Devlin, East St. Paul, Larry Johannson, Selkirk, Joy Sul, St. Andrews, Peter Truijen, West St. Paul, and Debbie Fiebelkorn, St. Clements, as well as Red River North MLA Jeff Wharton(far left) and Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan(centre right) and Brett Mitchell, the past president of the Selkirk Biz(far right) at the 2025 State of the Region Address.

have 9 to 5 jobs. So, we thought (of) incorporating different events and different projects (to) bring community together," said Devlin.

She spoke about East St. Paul Day which will take place on June 21 and residents are once again being invited to participate, by walking in the parade, building and entering floats, or attending the event itself.

"Apart from that, we're developing a secondary plan for the East Side portion of 59 Highway. East St Paul is one of the only RMs that doesn't have a secondary plan in place, and those secondary plans are crucial for to work collaboratively in achieving development projects," she said.

Devlin concluded by sharing about their community safety officer(CSO) program.

"We had an issue with speeding and just small infractions that the RCMP, of course, they're heavily

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Seniors Dinner brings around 100 to Petersfield Community Club

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By Kieran Reimer

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Past and present collided in Petersfield last Tuesday.

The Petersfield Community Club was once again the setting for the annual Seniors Dinner, which brings together current and former senior residents of the town.

With attendees up to 95 years old, the event drew around 100 people for an evening of food, conversation and prizes.

Guests came not only from Petersfield and across Manitoba, but also from Ottawa, Vancouver Island, and Surrey — returning to the place they once called home.

For some, the Petersfield Seniors Dinner has replaced a beach vacation or overseas trip as their regular annual getaway.

Petersfield Community Club president Sandra Pruden believes that sentiment is tied to the feeling of coming home.

"I think Petersfield just kind of settles in your heart, and you're coming home when you're coming here," said Pruden. "You might be away, but you still call Petersfield home and these are still your friends - your childhood friends. They're with you all your life, and I really do think that. Petersfield is just such a warm community and people want to come back."

For those who never left, some have lived in town longer than the club building itself, which has stood for more than 60 years.

As part of the dinner, organizers announced who travelled the farthest to attend, who was the oldest guest, and who had lived in Petersfield the longest.

Pruden, who has now attended more than 30 of the annual dinners, said it's important to honour the town's seniors.

"The people, you know, being able to honour the seniors, because it's so important," she said. "They built the community — we're keeping it going



The Petersfield Community Club Annual Seniors dinner served around 100 people meals of shredded chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and buns with butter all catered by Danny's Whole Hog BBQ & Smokehouse.



Petersfield Community Club president Sandra Pruden, 62, has been to over 30 of the dinners all over Canada.

— but it's important to honour them and to give them the opportunity for reuniting and seeing each other and visiting and everything."

Dinner was catered by Danny's Whole Hog BBQ & Smokehouse and included shredded chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables and buns with butter. Dessert was ice cream with strawberries, served by the club.

The event was supported by a team of around 30 volunteers, coordinated by Jackie Rimmer, who helped prepare and serve meals throughout the



George Hacking helped serve attendees evening.

With another successful dinner in the books, the community club now looks ahead to upcoming events, including its annual sports day, golf day, and ongoing pickleball league.



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understaffed right now, and have a lot of serious concerns that they need to deal with. So, if we can take the weight off them and provide support, that's what the CSO program does. And, I think that other RMs are recognizing this, the success in the program, and have reached out to maybe collaborate to make a regional CSO program," she said.

Devlin ended her speech on a positive note for the future of the RM.

"We have about a year and a few months left in our term, and we hope to see some other growth and different projects happening. And we really hope to see that we'll have a new wastewater treatment plant, at least in design and shovel ready for when we leave our terms," she said.

Peter Truijen, West St. Paul

Truijen was up at the podium next giving his take on the goings on in his RM.

"West St. Paul is continuing to grow in sports, in residential, commercial and industrial," he started.

He discussed the expansion of the RM's developments that are continuing to grow to meet the needs of the community as the RM, according to the most recent census data, is growing in a big way.

With that increase in population comes more need for businsses in the area and Truijen said that a new school and many new businesses are being developed in the RM's industrial and commercial areas.

"Council has reduced the municipal rates while still being able to invest in equipment and resources for the municipality without borrowing. The mill rate, the reduction this year was 18.7% with a 1.7% increase in property taxes. We are proud of the growth that we have in West St. Paul and benefits that it provides our communities, and residents in the region," he said.

As for West St. Paul's water projects, Truijen explained that they are currently undergoing an expansion that will increase capacity.

"We are also working on a \$1.2 million water extension on Main Street, North of Rivercrest, which includes additional fire hydrants and adds to our fire protection resources," he said.

Debbie Fiebelkorn, St. Clements,

Fiebelkorn's time was spent talking about how the positive vision that council has had for the region is becoming a reality.

"As the mayor of the RM of St Clements and a proud resident of one of Manitoba's most dynamic and forward-thinking communities, the state of our community is strong, growing, and filled with unprecedented opportunity. Our journey over the past year has been guided by our unwavering vision (of) creating welcoming, diverse, and growing communities that support a safe lifestyle for all ages to live, recreate and prosper," she said.

Fiebelkorn not only highlighted St. Clements but wanted to feature the projects that the RM was doing in collaboration with other regional municipalities that benefit all.

"We're not just talking about collaboration. We're really trying to deliver it. With our neighbours in St Andrews, we've embarked on an ambitious water-sharing initiative that will transform how our communities access this vital resource. Our large water treatment plant, already servicing Lockport and East Selkirk will soon extend its reach across the Red River through an innovative underwater pipeline, a testament to what's possible when municipalities unite around common goals," she said.

With East St. Paul, they also have made commitments to share water infrastructure.

"This year marked a turning point in addressing our region's housing needs. Our comprehensive housing study revealed opportunities that we've already begun to capitalize on," said Fiebelkorn.

She discussed the plans that the RM has in place for housing that serves all members of the community before moving on to talk about their road improvement strategy, including a big investment in roads in their latest financial plan.

"Another one of my favourites this year brings the long-awaited grand opening of our crown jewel, the St. Clements Activity Center. This \$6 million facility and \$2.7 million in site improvements on Donald Road represents more than just a building. It's a 10 acre community hub featuring walking tracks, water features, playgrounds and programming space that will serve families, visitors and individuals of all ages," said Fiebelkorn.

She concluded her presentation by talking about tourism and how the RM is capitalizing on the beauty in the region and working with partners to bring people to the area. "The state of the rural municipality isn't just strong, it's transformational. We're witnessing the emergence of a truly integrated regional community where municipal boundaries become bridges rather than barriers. Our investments in infrastructure, housing, recreation and economic development are creating a foundation for sustainable growth that will benefit our children and grandchildren. The future of our region has never been brighter," she said.

Larry Johannson, Selkirk

Johannson started his presentation by talking about the growth that the City of Selkirk was making in housing and more.

"I'm thrilled to once again be participating in the State of the Region Address with my colleagues to talk about the great things happening in Selkirk. According to data from Manitoba Health, Selkirk's population is now in excess of 11,200, (and) that is significant growth for a City that for decades was stalled below 10,000 people," said Johannson.

He discussed the city's planning department and how the city is working on a development plan.

"Infrastructure renewal and repair is another strategic plan priority. We've made significant improvements to Main Street North of Manitoba to Lake Avenue. Last year, we invested 4.9 million into making the area vibrant, safe, accessible and pedestrianfriendly," he said.

Johannson then talked about the work that they've been doing to improve the City's streets and active transportation areas like sidewalks and bike lanes.

From there, he moved on to wastewater infrastructure, which like its neighbouring communities, the City has also made investments in.

"The force main that runs along Main Street carries 90 per cent of the city's sewage to the wastewater treatment plant, so obviously it's a critical piece of infrastructure. The pipe is about 40 years old, and having it fail,

as we've seen in other communities, is simply not an option. Last year, the city installed a new sec**The Selkirk Record** Thursday, June 19, 2025 **9** al municipality ondary pipe to enhance this system and prevent failure," said Johannson.

He then went on to talk about the environmental initiatives that the City is doing which include planting a lot of new trees and upgrades to the new water treatment plant so that it no longer needs to use lime. This not only eliminates the need to buy lime but also saves the City from needing to dispose of it in the end.

Johannson then turned to talking about Selkirk's downtown which the City has been making investments into in a big way the past few years.

"Our community renovations are underway with the nonprofit community-led Garry (Theatre) set to open later this year. This is more than a movie theatre. It supports our strategic plan by revitalizing downtown, strengthening Selkirk as a regional hub and expanding recreation. It's also a powerful driver of community development, keeping entertainment dollars local, boosting nearby businesses, creating jobs, building connections and enriching our cultural and our creative life," he said.

Johannson's last point was to make sure to share the expansions that the City has made to their transit system which include an additional stop near the Canadian Tire as well as increased hours of operation.

"Selkirk is growing faster than it has in decades, and that's no coincidence. Smart growth comes from smart planning, and in Selkirk, we're making strategic investments into infrastructure, housing and core services, while growing towards sustainability in every sense, financially, socially and environmentally. We're building a community where people will want to be today, a year from now and generations to come," he said.

Joy Sul, St. Andrews

Sul was the last mayor to take to the podium at the State of the Region event.

She started her speech by talking

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is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)



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about how exciting it was to see some of the RM's long-term projects coming to fruition and the new projects that they are working on getting done.

"Some of the key items we have are the grand opening of the Little Infinity Daycare Centre, which took place on March 24 after several years of planning by the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Infinity Women's Secretariat. It is a state of the art daycare center, bringing much needed daycare spaces to our community," said Sul.

Another long-term project in the RM is the Captain Kennedy House renovation. Sul mentioned that they are now at their final stages and that the RM is hopeful about its success in bringing the space back as a tea house and cultural gathering place.

From there, she mentioned the return of the Skinner's Locks Market to Lockport after a hiatus as well as the other markets that give small businesses in the region venues to share their wares with the community.

"(It) will be open every Sunday until September. We are also lucky to have the Petersfield Market being held during the summer on Sundays as well at the Mallard Duck Park on number nine highway," said Sul.

As for future projects, Sul talked about the RM moving forward with gauging interest in curbside pick-up for solid waste. She explained that they had recently put out a survey for resident feedback. It was a very successful survey with over 1000 responses from the community.

Sul discussed their plans for the Hwy 44 active transportation path and, like Fiebelkorn discussed, the RM's excitement about partnering up with St. Clements on bringing water under the river.

As for environmental initiatives St. Andrews will be removing green lawn at their municipal office in favour of a natural design with native plants and grasses, not only making a statement about their dedication to our planet's future, but eliminating the maintenance cost of grass as well. Sul finished her presentation by talking about some of the other joint projects that the municipalities in our

region are doing. "With St Clements, Selkirk and St Andrews, we support our Red River North Tourism group. The President, Lois Wales, came up with a brilliant idea of Sovereignty Gardens. You may have read about this in the (*Winnipeg*) *Free Press* a while back. They are encouraging all to plant red and white flowers in gardens or a planter and pop in a Canadian flag to show our pride in Manitoba and Canada. We



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are participating in this project, and it would be great if all of you could take this idea back to your communities as well," she said.

Sul concluded by talking about the re-opening of Oak Hammock Marsh's Wetland Discovery Centre and encouraged everyone to take advantage of their updated facility.

MLA Jeff Wharton

Wharton made his presentation next, discussing our area from a provincial perspective.

"The growth here is just incredible. It's great for this area and a great choice for Manitobans to come and live and play in this wonderful region," he said.

He said that he would touch on some of the areas that he's been able to support in our region.

"We were pleased to partner with the City of Selkirk on the new water wastewater treatment plant when we were in government. And I can see that based on the mayor's comments, things are going well. It's helping the community grow and we congratulate you, Mayor (Johannson), on your leadership. As well, and in St Clements in East St Paul, where I have the privilege of serving the great residents of Red River North, we've done some great partnerships," he continued.

Wharton's speech was brief but promised continued commitment to residents.

"Even in opposition, we can continue to work together to ensure that your voice is down on Broadway being listened to every single day. We've done a lot. There's a lot to do, but we're going to be there to continue to support you and your communities as well as we move forward," he said.

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan

Bezan like many of those speaking at the State of the Region, talked about the wildfires affecting our province. Thoughts went out to all those who have been evacuated and hopes for success and safety go to the brave firefighters from our entire province, and the region in particular, who are helping our fellow Manitobans in this time of need.

"We know that Manitobans have been very generous, so I encourage everyone to continue to give to the Red Cross and help in the evacuation. So many people have opened up their wallets, but also have opened up their homes as well as helped man the shelters that have been set up across the province," said Bezan.

He then went on to talk about the Throne speech which he described as short without a lot of detail.

"We don't have a budget either. But we will continue to push the government to give us the plan, give us the budget so we know what's happening with your hard earned tax dollars and how we can better support all of your communities and businesses," he said.

Being in federal politics and part of the official opposition, Bezan outlined his priorities.

"We have a number of priorities that we're going to be working on through this parliament, and the first one is, of course, cost of living. It is continuing to go sky high. We know that groceries and food inflation continues to rise unabated. We saw today that unemployment numbers have increased. Another 190,000 Canadians are out of work, so that's 7% of the workforce. So, we need to make sure that that we are supporting families and individuals," he said.

The second priority that Bezan discussed was getting more homes built quicker for people.

"The third is that we want to make sure that we unleash the power of our economy. That means getting our resources to market. That means making sure that we become the Energy Superpower that we should be," said Bezan.

His fourth priority was to discuss creating safer communities and getting crime under control.

He concluded by discussing international relationships which have been on the minds of many local workers.

"I know there's a lot of concern still with Donald Trump, and we have many concerns about this as well. We're watching the government closely to make sure that we do get to a place that we remove the job killing tariffs that are happening, including right here, impacting the steel industry that we have in Selkirk and area. We want to make sure that any plans forward on how we expand NORAD and cooperate with both the United States and the European Union are in the best interest of the Canadian Armed Forces and the best interest in securing our own country and protecting our sovereignty," said Bezan.

Mitchell then took to the stage to thank the participants in the State of the Region Address and make sure that residents knew about upcoming Selkirk Biz events. The Selkirk Biz Parade will be back again on July 12 and residents are invited to contact the Biz to register their floats. In addition, he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the Biz Bucks program. It's a local gift card program that has not only become incredibly successful with many local businesses taking part but is being duplicated in other regions because of its proven success keeping money flowing locally and supporting businesses and community in our area.

LSRCSS celebrates students

Awards night recognizes academic accomplishments of young people

By Staff

The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School held it's 2024/25 Academic Awards Night celebration earlier this month. Many students were recognized for the hard work that they put in and the achievements that they made this past school year.

The award recipients are:

- 99 Years of Class Scholarship/ Bursary - Owen Giesbrecht, Ashton Raimo, Jayden Boucher, Seth Stanford
- Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship - Elizabeth Hladun
- ANAVET Scholarship Max Maxwell, Jayce McDonald-Ross
- Bob Jefferson Century 21 Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary - Mya Senchuk
- Captain Cecil "Cec" Lenton Bursary - Rory Tardi, Emily Dropko, Noah Unrau
- Centennial School Scholarship/ Bursary - Kayla Walker
- Chapter "P" PEO Bursary Abbygail Mowat
- Chesley Family Foundation Bursary - Ashley Gidilewich, Danika Jakabek, Madyson Asher, Eli Carter, Ava Cooley, Logan Streich, Sophia Trippier
- CUPE Local #1522 Bursary -Keira Miller, Gavin Moldwon
- CWL Notre Dame Church Bursary - Jade Vitt, Drake Vermeulen, Max Jehle, Cameron Pennell, Jevin Paradoski
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- Doreen Barlishen Memorial Award - Madeline Beerling
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smaller grants, gets most of its funds through community fundraisers like this.

This year the funds will go into a new renovation.

"This year, we are hoping to meet our goal of \$80,000 to replace the current bathrooms with new, wheelchair-accessible, fully-functional bathrooms. So far, we raised about 50 per cent of the funds, and we're hoping to complete our goal and begin renovations in the fall," she said.

Mannhart explained that the Community Club still has a long list of improvements that they want to make to the space but that wheelchair accessibility has been made a priority because they want the space to be accessible for all so that they can serve everyone in the community.

To that end, they hope that residents, not just from Libau but from all over the region, stop by the Summer Fest.

"We've got bounce houses for all ages and there's all sorts of things for them to do. Families, singles, couples, (older folks). There's tons of stuff for them to do and see, and then just a lot of different ways that they can help support," said Mannhart.

Tickets for the event are free for kids 3 and under, four to 17-year-olds get it with a \$10 ticket, and people 18+ pay \$15 each. There's also a special deal where families can get a family pass for a maximum of 5 people for \$50 and any additional children are \$5 each.

The fun starts on July 5 at 2 p.m. and continues until 12 a.m. Mannhart says that her favourite part of the event is the smiles that she gets to see on people's faces.

"(People) enjoying every aspect of our hard work. An event like this is a huge undertaking. Every year, we're all volunteers putting in hundreds of hours of blood, sweat and tears to try and better our community. So, you know, seeing those smiling faces just makes it all worth it," she said.

Mannhart encourages residents from the region to head out and have some fun in Libau at Summer Fest

"Everybody loves this event. Everybody can't wait. The whole community is a buzz. They just, they absolutely love it. They think that it's the best thing that Libau has ever put on," she said.

They are still accepting sponsors for this event if there is anyone in the community who would like to contribute that way. Mannhart says to just give her a call or send an email.

Also, if there is anyone in the community who would like to volunteer to help make the magic happen at this event, Mannhart also welcomes calls or emails.

You can keep up with the Libau Community Club on Instagram, Facebook or check out their webpage at https://libaucommunityclub.square.site/. Mannhart is available at 204-227-6398 or by email at adrienne.libaucc@gmail.com.

Students volunteer for SafeGrad



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Students did a little volunteer work recently fundraising for the SafeGrad event which provides a safe celebration space for our local high school graduates to come together for a fun evening. The recent carwash and doughnut sale at Boyd Autobody in Selkirk raised \$3318.



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More than a fad: Teulon-area farmer growing herd of Highland cattle

By Becca Myskiw

For Fran Wilkinson, Highland cattle aren't a novelty — they're the backbone of a growing operation rooted in tradition, sustainability and a love of the land.

Originally from Wales, Wilkinson grew up surrounded by the shaggy, horned breed on moorlands and hills. When she moved to Canada, her boyfriend — then training horses — expressed an interest in raising cattle. For his 30th birthday, she bought him a few Highland cows.

Seven years later, the couple has grown their herd to 40 animals at their farm near Teulon, with Wilkinson now caring for them full-time alongside her boyfriend and her 13-year-old daughter Gracey.

"Even when this fad goes away, we will never not have Highlands," she said. "You're working your butt off and with farming, it's overwhelming sometimes... but at the end of the day, when you go on your side-by-side, it's a beautiful evening, the sun's going down, and you look at your cattle, you're like, 'Oh, this is what I'm doing this for.'"

Highlands are believed to be the world's oldest cattle breed, dating back to the sixth century. Known for their long horns and shaggy coats, they have a lifespan of up to 20 years — longer than the average beef cow — and are well-regarded for their lean, marbled meat, which is lower in cholesterol and higher in iron. Queen Elizabeth II reportedly ate only Highland beef and kept her own herd.

Wilkinson raises her Highlands as she would any beef herd — grazing in summer, hay-fed in winter — but the breed offers additional benefits. They feed on marshes, shrubs and trees, using their horns to rip branches and knock back brush in dense areas, making them land-friendly grazers.



Bullrush Highland Acres near Teulon is home to a growing herd of 40 Highland cattle, known for their long horns, gentle temperament and lean beef.

While Highland calves take longer to wean — about a year more than typical beef cattle — they eat about a third less due to their smaller size and slower growth rate, making them economically viable for small farms.

The breed is also known for its docile temperament. Wilkinson and her family know each cow by personality, and the animals return the favour.

"They're very smart," she said. "If we have to work with them, I have to prepare a couple of days in advance to make sure they're hungrier so I can motivate them with food."

The demand for Highland cattle rose sharply during the pandemic. With people spending more time at home, Wilkinson suspects hobby farmers sought animals they could bond with. While some bought Highlands as pets, others now seek them for meat



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Clarke Childs, left, and Fran Wilkinson co-own Bullrush Highland Acres, where they raise Highland cattle and other animals.

or breeding, giving farmers like Wilkinson more opportunities.

"The breed's been pushed to the bottom and they're finally coming back up," she said.

Wilkinson also appreciates how well Highland cows protect their young. In seven years, her farm

hasn't lost a single calf to predators a stark contrast to a nearby commercial beef farm that has lost several.

Each Highland cow will protect all calves in the herd, not just their own, she said.

"All these people buying them for pets are realizing they're more than that," said Wilkinson. "They're functional. They're tough. They're smart. They're amazing mothers."

All of Wilkinson's Highlands are registered purebreds, but the farm has kept a few unregistered cows they were too fond of to sell. Their calves are raised and sold at a lower cost. Last year, the family also purchased six Shorthorns and plans to grow that herd while experimenting with crossbreeding.

The farm, Bullrush Highland Acres, is also home to free-range chickens, ducks, cats, seven dogs, a few pigs — and even emus.

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Prescribed burns offer a path forward in wildfire prevention

By Lana Meier

As wildfires rage across the province this spring, one Interlake resident is helping blaze a safer, more sustainable trail forward — with fire.

Tammy Skogan, a landowner and nature park operator in the RM of Armstrong, recently completed formal training in prescribed fire through a new grassroots initiative aiming to make controlled burning more accessible in Manitoba.

"I was motivated to find a solution for managing my land myself on a greater, more productive scale," said Skogan, who owns Nature's Neverland, a private park near Fraserwood. "Prescribed fire is the missing piece to restoring prairie ecosystems — and managing fire the right way can reduce the risk of wildfires before they start."

Skogan was among 15 participants in a 15-hour course called Intro to Prescribed Fire in the Grassland Environment, offered by the University of Saskatchewan and developed by the Canadian Prairie Prescribed Fire Exchange (CPPFE). The course was made accessible locally thanks to the newly formed Stuartburn Prescribed Burn Association (SPBA), which arranged a discounted group rate for members.

Five of those participants, including Skogan, also took part in a five-day hands-on training exchange hosted in Gardenton, Man., by CPPFE and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. The event brought together 37 land stewards, conservation professionals and fire specialists from across Western Canada, Newfoundland, Quebec, the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

For Skogan, the training was transformational.

"TREX was possibly the most positive experience of my life," she said. "The professionalism, the depth of knowledge, the hands-on learning it gave me the confidence to use fire as a management tool on my land, and hopefully to support others in my region too."

Participants learned how to safely plan and execute a prescribed burn using the Incident Command System, practiced with tools such as drip torches, pumps and fireline hand tools, and helped develop burn plans for real grassland sites like the Pansy community pasture.

Skogan, a longtime carpenter and environmental educator, has spent the past decade rewilding an 80-acre homestead into a nature park. She's also a butterfly ranger with the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project and operates Yard Candy, an eco-friendly workshop that funds the park through repurposed materials and crafts.

But despite her conservation background, she said breaking into prescribed fire work wasn't easy.

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Tammy Skogan, left, of Fraserwood recently completed prescribed fire training through a grassroots initiative aiming to make controlled burning more accessible in Manitoba. Skogan, who runs Nature's Neverland park in the RM of Armstrong, hopes to use fire to restore prairie habitat and reduce wildfire risk.

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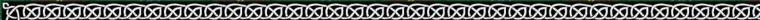




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1 medium jalapeno pepper, halved, stemmed and seeded

1/3 cup lightly packed cilantro leaves

11/2 tablespoons lime juice

1 clove garlic, minced

Burgers:

- 2/3 cup cooked black or green lentils
- 2/3 cup cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup dry breadcrumbs
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed, drained and patted dry

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To prepare burgers: In food processor, pulse lentils, rice, walnuts, onion, breadcrumbs, lime juice, chili powder, cumin, beans and eggs until coarsely chopped with some small pieces still visible, scraping down sides and moving mixture from bottom of bowl to top to blend evenly.

Using wet or lightly oiled hands, shape into eight patties. If mixture is too soft, freeze briefly to firm. Coat on both sides with olive oil spray and, in two skillets over medium heat, cook 10 minutes, turning occasionally and coating with additional olive oil spray. Burgers should be browned and cooked through.

Place lettuce on bun bottoms and top with burgers, avocado slices, grape salsa and top buns.

Frozen-Yogurt Grape and Coconut Bites

ifornia 1 Greek yogurt

3/4 cup unsweetened coconut flakes Using bamboo skewer, pierce one grape on tip and swirl stem end into yogurt, covering about 3/4 of grape to show color. Sprinkle with coconut,

turning skewer to coat all sides.

ired Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

Do you think we're going into a recession? Roy L.

Hello Roy, Yes – and it's a great time to invest. Here's a quote from James O'Shaughnessy: "Fear, greed, and hope have destroyed more portfolio values than any recession or depression we have ever been through."

I know most people are upset when looking at their retirement portfolios these days and with our current economic environment we may be in for a much longer ride on this uncertainty-rollercoaster. It's very hard to be a Canadian investor today with the Trump tariffs, the looming election and all the nonsense about annexation with the USA. But, with all that going on, please remember that even though it may feel somewhat counterintuitive to many Millennial investors, recessions can be a great time to maximize your wealth. If you can, maximizing your RRSP now would be a great investment move.

During recessions, securities undergo significant pressure from the Bank of Canada, punctuated by unemployment scares, lower income projections and increased inflation. Recessions force people to reduce consumer spending causing stock markets to suffer significantly. Sprinkle in a little global uncertainty, maybe some overseas civil unrest, and a war or two and you've got the perfect recipe for a down-homedepression.

Now I don't mean to upset any of my readers, but please remember that since the 1900's the average length of a recession is only 17 months. The longest recession was in 1929 which lasted 43 months and since then the second longest was 18 months in 2008. Many investors get spooked by the "R-word" and run around like chickens proclaiming that the sky is falling. Honestly, by remaining invested and

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then adding to your portfolio during these times, you can significantly increase your wealth over the long term. Let's look at some facts. Here are the cumulative returns after significant recessionary events.

1929 Great Depression = +365%5-year cumulative return

1982 Recession = 275% 5-year cumulative return

1994 Recession = 250% 5-year cumulative return

2009 Financial Crisis = 180% 5-year cumulative return

I know these current times are unnerving and most Canadians believe that this time it could be different. It's not. The stock market will recover. The real estate market will recover. Believing that these events we're immersed in now are so different from those in the past and that today's market will never recover is truly a false narrative. If you don't want to increase your portfolio now as suggested, your next best course of action is to do nothing. Running for the exits, although you may want to, will never make you wealthy.

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

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"I have no formal education in conservation or firefighting," she said. "Getting this training was a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity — I had to sacrifice work and sleep to make it happen. But I hope it shows others, especially in rural municipalities like Armstrong, that it's possible."

Skogan plans to begin restoring 20 acres of her land currently overgrown with aspen and invasive grasses. She believes the SPBA model — a citizenled, community-based fire association — could be adopted more broadly across Manitoba to support landowners, reduce fuel buildup, and relieve pressure on local fire departments.

"Education is the key to removing the fear of fire," she said. "Fire has always been part of this landscape. If we want to protect it — and ourselves — we have to bring it back safely."

Skogan hopes to help launch an Interlake chapter of the prescribed burn association in the future and encourages municipalities to consider holding local info sessions to build awareness.

"This isn't just about fire," she added. "It's about reconnecting people with the land, restoring habitat, and giving future generations the chance to experience the ecosystems we're in danger of losing." A public Facebook page for Nature's Neverland includes photos and updates on Skogan's land restoration efforts. She says she's looking forward to joining future SPBA burns — and maybe leading some herself one day.

WHAT IS PRESCRIBED FIRE?

Prescribed fire — also known as a controlled burn — is the intentional, carefully planned use of fire on a landscape to meet ecological and land management goals.

Unlike wildfires, which are often destructive and unpredictable, prescribed burns are carried out under specific weather and fuel conditions by trained personnel. Burns are designed to restore native plant communities, reduce the buildup of flammable materials, and maintain healthy habitats for wildlife.

In tall grass prairie ecosystems like those found in southeastern Manitoba and parts of the Interlake, fire is a natural and essential process. Historically, wildfires and Indigenous fire stewardship helped shape these landscapes for thousands of years.

Today, prescribed fire is used to:

Control invasive species and woody encroachment (e.g., aspen)

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Allergy Season in Manitoba: What You Need to Know

By Selkirk Pharmacy

As spring and summer unfold in Manitoba, so does allergy season — bringing with it itchy eyes, sneezing fits, and constant congestion. For many residents in Selkirk and surrounding areas, seasonal allergies are more than a mild inconvenience. They can interfere with sleep, work, and quality of life.

The main culprits? Tree pollen in early spring, grass pollen by late May, and ragweed in late summer. Dry, windy days often make symptoms worse by spreading pollen farther and faster.

What Can You Do?

The good news is, there are effective ways to manage your symptoms. Over-the-counter antihistamines like cetirizine or loratadine can offer 24-hour relief without drowsiness. Nasal sprays such as fluticasone or mometasone reduce inflammation and are especially effective when started before symptoms peak.

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About the Stuartburn Prescribed Burn Association:

Formed in 2023, the Stuartburn Prescribed Burn Association (SPBA) is a volunteer-led group that helps landowners in southeastern Manitoba access training, resources, and peer support for using prescribed fire safely and effectively.

SPBA is one of the first citizen-led

burn associations in Manitoba and is working in partnership with the Canadian Prairie Prescribed Fire Exchange (CPPFE) and conservation organizations like the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

The group also hosts training exchanges (TREX events) that bring together landowners, firefighters, biologists and others to learn hands-on fire management in real-world prairie settings.

To learn more, visit www.prairieshore.ca or search "Stuartburn Prescribed Burn Association" on Facebook.





















National Indigenous Peoples Day Σ June 21

Submitted by Manitoba Métis Federation

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day and the Manitoba Métis Federation – National Government of the Red River Metis (MMF) will be celebrating the day in Selkirk honouring the rich history, culture, and heritage of the Red River Métis.

The day begins with a free pancake breakfast and includes Red River Métis fiddlers, square dancers, jiggers, a Red River Métis market, a free BBQ lunch, and children's activities run by the Selkirk Friendship Centre.

Minister Alfred (Bucky) Anderson of Culture and Heritage recalls that the very first National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in Selkirk was planned in his living room back in 2005. A small team came together to make it happen with a five-thousand-dollar budget and most of the food and entertainment were donated. It was held at the AG Building and included a pancake breakfast, hot dogs, hamburgers, entertainment, and fireworks.

"We used fireworks for the first few years," Anderson said, "but it just wasn't working. We were waiting all day for it to get dark, and the mosquitoes were eating us alive."

They relied heavily on support from the Selkirk Friendship Centre and had about fifty volunteers helping that first year.

Some of the original organizers and volunteers included: Minister Anderson himself, Sharon Anderson (his wife), Lorne and Gail McDonald, John (Chubby) Langlois, Myrna Stamne, Jack Park, and Ronnie Fewchuk, who chaired the Local and later ran as a Liberal candidate. It is also important to acknowledge and honour the late Billy Robinson and Elmer Neault, who were some of the first performers and strong supporters; and the late Gail McDonald, John (Chubby) Langlois, and Myrna Stamne, who were organizers. The entertainers and volunteers who have passed are not forgotten, they helped blaze the trail for the current day event.

"National Indigenous Peoples Day is a way to raise awareness about who we are," said Anderson.

This celebration is a day to bring everyone together to celebrate Red River Métis culture and heritage. The way the MMF shares our pride in being Red River Métis people is by celebrating our culture with our families and our community.

National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Selkirk



"Selkirk has the largest Red River Métis Local in Interlake Region, so it makes sense that we are out there sharing our story," said Anderson.

Minister Anderson described it as a family-friendly event where everything is free.

"It's not just for kids or elders," he said. "It's for everyone to come out and enjoy. The whole day is about bringing people together, sharing our culture, and making sure

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everyone feels welcome."

Minister Anderson mentions that "Over the last 18 annual renditions of this event, volunteers have served over twenty-six thousand hotdogs, twenty-six thousand hamburgers, more than seven thousand pieces of bannock, and over seventy thousand bottles of water."

Over the years, attendance grew from a couple hundred people to over twenty-five hundred. With that came more recognition, a bigger budget, and greater visibility.

Anderson mentioned that the city now proudly displays Red River Métis flags throughout Selkirk during the event, including over one hundred Red River Métis flags down Main Street the week of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Anderson shared that the Mayor of Selkirk once referred to National Indigenous Peoples Day as "The jewel of Selkirk," during his opening remarks.

"You do not see that anywhere else," Minister Anderson said. "You come to a Métis home, you get fed. That's how we do it. We welcome you with open arms and an open heart."

The event has strong partnerships with local businesses. Minister Anderson stated "We support one another. Businesses in Selkirk, and the surrounding area, have always been behind us from day one. They see the value and I'm grateful for their support."

He mentioned that many young performers have grown through the event, including Morgan Grace, who plays at National Indigenous Peoples Day and has continued to grow into a talented and recognized artist. "It's been amazing to see young people like Morgan go from performing here as kids to doing so much more with their music and talent," he said.

Minister Anderson emphasizes that "National Indigenous Peoples Day is an important event to me, it reminds me that anything is possible when we all work together, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to put on such a fun event, that represents Red River Métis culture and heritage."



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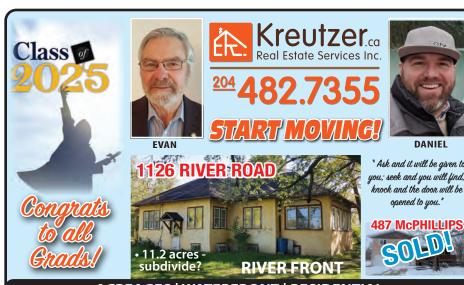
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Emilie Thiessen-Jagodnik got the Selkirk Sportsmen's Dinner Association Award.



Eli Carter came away with the William S. Patterson School Scholarship.



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Spontes upside down

Lancers shine at divisional and provincial track meets with record-breaking performances

By Lana Meier

The Lockport Lancers capped off a standout track and field season with several podium finishes at the provincial championships and two recordbreaking performances at their divisional meet.

At the Lord Selkirk School Division meet held May 28 at École Selkirk Junior High, Grade 9 sprinter Carson Salmon broke the division record in the boys' 100 metres with a time of 11.86 seconds, surpassing the previous mark of 12.08 set in 2019 by Dylan Duguay.

East Selkirk's Wade Shymko also etched his name into the record books, clearing 1.62 metres in the Grade 7 boys' high jump and toppling the previous record of 1.47 metres, also set in 2019, by Edward Peto.

The Lancers went on to capture three of the six overall title banners at the divisional level, along with three second-place finishes—an impressive haul that showcased the depth and versatility of the school's athletes.

Among the standouts were Caiden Laing, who claimed gold in both the shot put and discus in the Grade 7 boys' category, and Liam Romaniw, who dominated on the track with first-place finishes in the 800 metres and long jump.

In the Grade 7 girls' division, Emma Bullen was a triple threat, earning wins in the 100 and 200 metres and placing second in multiple other events to help lead her team.

The strong results continued into the provincial meet, where 45 LSSD students qualified to compete against the best athletes from across Manitoba at the Junior High Track and Field Championships, held at the University of Manitoba.

Kaden Pierre had a stellar day, becoming a double provincial champion with wins in the 800 metres and 1200 metres. His time of 2:19.89 in the



Aurora Marynowski earned silver medals in both the triple jump and long jump at the provincial championships.



Grade 8 girls were led by Maya Korell, who earned first-place finishes in the 300 metres, shot put and discus at the divisional track meet.

800m broke the Grade 9 boys' division record previously held by Heath Kurys (2:21.0, 2017), and his 3:45.04 in the 1200m shattered Kurys' 2017 record of 3:48.45.

Kasey Forman finished third in both the shot put and discus.

Aurora Marynowski earned silver in



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Kaden Pierre became a double provincial champion, winning the 800m and 1200m at the Junior High Track and Field Championships and breaking both division records in the process.

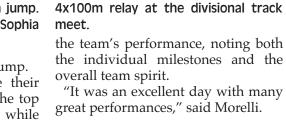


Sadie Sinnock swept the grade 8 jumping events at the divisional track meet, earning first-place finishes in the triple jump, long jump and high jump. She also helped Maya, Anna and Sophia to win the girls' 4x100m relay.

both the triple jump and long jump.

Grade 8 athletes also made their mark. Anna Wiebe placed in the top five in hurdles and long jump, while

Sadie Sinnock secured top-five finishes in high jump, triple jump and long jump. Coach Marco Morelli praised



Anna Wiebe of grade 8 took first place

in the hurdles and teamed up with

Maya, Sadie and Sophia to win the girls'

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PHOTO SUBMITTED Selkirk's Purple Pickles faced off against the East Selkirk Storm on Monday, June 9 at the Selkirk Rec. Both teams now have their sights set on the Big Selkirk Soccer Jamboree, taking place June 20 to 27 at the same venue.







Strikeforce suffer first small slip-up of the season

By Kieran Reimer

For the first time this season, the Selkirk Strikeforce came away with a result other than a win.

On Wednesday, Strikeforce hosted the Wasps at Selkirk Recreation Complex, aiming for a fifth straight victory to open the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 3B season. The Wasps entered the match near the bottom of the standings with just one win early in the campaign.

But a combination of missed chances and steady defensive play from the Wasps saw the game end in a 1-1 draw—the first non-victory of the season for Strikeforce. "We had many chances, just couldn't put it away," said Strikeforce's Kris Pellaers. "We outplayed them. We just kind of played down to their level. The tie felt like a loss."

Despite the draw, Strikeforce's unbeaten run remains intact. The club now sits at 4-0-1 on the season, collecting a single point in the draw.

Evan Bedard scored the lone goal for Strikeforce, continuing his strong start to the season. He now has four goals.

The team looks to return to the win column with a busy week ahead, playing two matches—Monday and Friday. Monday's match was set for 7:30 p.m. against Maples FC at Selkirk Recreation Complex. Due to press deadlines, the score was unavailable.

Strikeforce will face Pescara FC on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Buhler Recreation Park.



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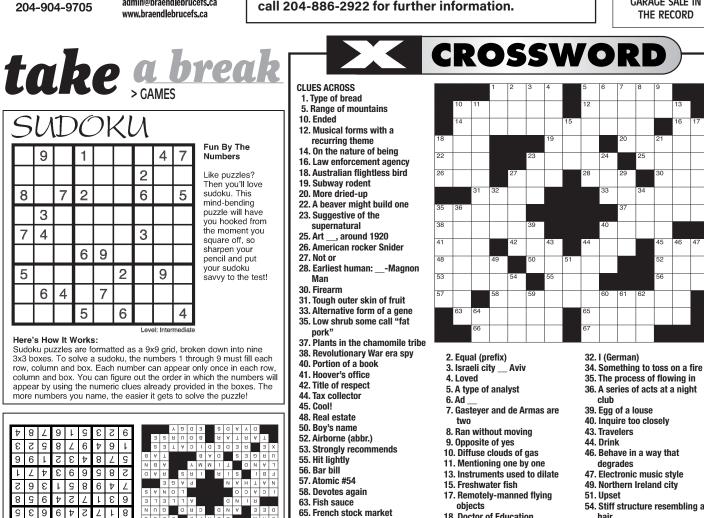
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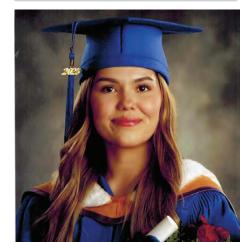
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-Your loving family

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Henry Goerzen October 7, 1941 - June 18, 2024 It has been a year, feels like yesterday. -Your loving family wife Shirley. Shane and Glenda and family, Cheryl and Jed and family

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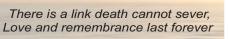
Betty June Skrypnyk (nee Babisky) June 14, 1932 - June 15, 2023 In loving memory of our devoted, strong and independent mother, grandmother, great-grandmother (Nanny) Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close, We miss you more than anyone knows. -Your loving family

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IN MEMORIAM Dolly Hardwick (Mother) June 7. 2021

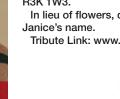
Kay Onofreychuk (Hardwick) (Sister) June 19, 2016 **Dan Zarichney (Husband)**

June 30, 2020 I wish I could climb up to heaven To give a big hug to my sister. Mom and husband And tell them how much I love and miss them. -Love Always, Ingrid,











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in Winnipeg, Scott in London, ON and Lisa in Edmonton. After retiring from the service, he moved the family to Selkirk where he started a second career in the Lord Selkirk School Division until finally retiring for good in 2005.

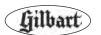
Frank was predeceased by wife Aurise; brothers Barney, Roddy, Joe and sister Carmel.

Left to mourn are his brother Paul (Kay), sons Steve (Deanna), Rob (Jackie), Scott (Coral) and daughter Lisa (Danny) as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, MB.

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Roderick (Rod) Nerbas

An invitation is extended to honour Roderick (Rod) Nerbas at his Celebration of Life.

It will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk, Manitoba. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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Frank was born in Svdnev. NS to parents Roderick and Mary Black. In 1957, Dad enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and saw the world from Egypt to Inuvik, NWT. During his time in the service,

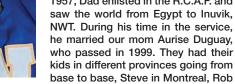
Francis (Frank) Black

Ret. SGT/RCAF

December 17, 1940 - June 6, 2025

Peacefully on June 6, 2025. Frank

passed away with his son Rob by his



We are sad to announce the passing of Janice Graham, who passed away on June 7th, 2025 at the age of 74.

A service will be held on Monday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, **R3K 1W3**

Janice Graham

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Eric Keith Davidson November 11, 1934 – May 6, 2025

It is with full hearts and fond memories that we announce the passing of Eric Keith Davidson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, who passed away peacefully at Selkirk General Hospital surrounded by his family on May 6, 2025 at the age of 90.

Born in 1934 in Selkirk, Manitoba, Eric was a proud Icelander and a tough Selkirk boy through and through. He was raised on Clandeboye Avenue by his loving parents, Emil and Lyla, alongside his brother Lyall. He built his life on the foundation of hard work, loyalty, family, and a well-timed joke. His roots trace back to Iceland and the Viking spirit never left him.

Eric married the love of his life, Margaret, in 1964. Together, they built a life filled with joy, adventure, and family. He was the devoted

father of Paul (Sue), Lisa (Andy), and Sue (Mark), and a proud and deeply adored Afi to Emily, Abby, Lexi, Lauren (Dawson), Liv (Will), Michael (Cassidy), and Maggie. He was also a much-loved uncle to Rob, Katie and Bryce Davidson and had dozens of cousins he was incredibly proud of.

Eric was a builder in every sense of the word—he built his family home, and spent a lifetime building community through friendships, volunteer work, and storytelling. He worked as an electrician, had Town and Country Electric and later Davidson Electric, drove a school bus for many years and served as a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years. He was a lifelong member of Knox Presbyterian Church, serving on the Board of Managers and as an Elder. He was a longtime member of the Khartum Shrine Club, where he proudly drove his vintage cars in the local parades.

Eric was a man of many passions: curling, golf, piloting his own plane, hunting and dancing. He fixed anything and everything. His yard was immaculate, his stories were outrageous, and his sense of humour was unmatched. He believed that if you had a rum and Coke-it better be Cokenot Pepsi. He made everyone feel welcome - always finding one more chair to pull up for a visit. Eric never missed morning coffee with 'the boys' - he truly cherished those daily gatherings and the lifelong friendships he shared with his firehall crew, and many lifelong friends.

He spent his winters down south, his summers at the lake, and his life making others laugh. His grandchildren will forever cherish the red convertible rides to Skinner's, the last-day-of-school tradition that made their childhoods feel magical.

Eric lived with grit, grace, and a twinkle in his eye. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, quiet courage, fierce loyalty, and laughter.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him - but especially by those lucky enough to call him Afi. We know that he passed through Valhalla on his way to his eternal resting place. The family would like to thank the staff at Selkirk and District General Hospital for the excellent care and compassion for our dad in his final days.

A celebration of life will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church on June 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Knox Presbyterian Church, Selkirk and District Community Foundation or a charity of your choice.

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March 20, 1932 – June 12, 2025 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Russell Skalesky on June 12 at the age of 93.

Russell Skalesky

Russ will be missed by his beloved wife of almost 72 years, Theda; children Rusty (Michele), Ted (Sandra), Shelley (Bill); grandchildren Nicole (Jeff), Alice (Keaton), Amelia; great-grandchildren Owen and Landon as well as many nieces and nephews; extended family, Kayla (Andrew) Robinson and children Alivia and Jax, Darren McFetridge (Chelsey) and son Declan.

Russ was predeceased by his first born son Baby Skalesky; parents Augustine and Amelia Skalesky; sister Olga Simpson and husband Jim; mother and father-in-law Ted and Pearle Jorginson; sister-in-law Darleen Rowley, husband Barry and nephew Wayne; brother-in-law Murray Jorginson.

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Russ was born and raised in Selkirk and spent his entire life in Selkirk and East Selkirk. Russ worked hard all of his life. One of his first jobs was working at Oscars Stand serving hotdogs. Eventually he apprenticed to be an electrician. Russ first had his own business Town and Country Electric with Jim Laye before he went to work as an electrician at Manitoba Rolling Mills for over 30 years. For part of his time at the mill, Russ was the Local Union President for the United Steelworkers of America.

Russ joined the Selkirk Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1967 and served for 25 years.

Russ was very involved in the community all of his life starting with T-ball and football. He was a member of many organizations and boards including Selkirk Parks and Recreation, Selkirk Learning Centre and Selkirk & District Community Foundation. After retiring from the mill, Russ was a member of CSTEC, a company/union group that helped displaced steelworkers across Canada.

Russ was also a member of the Selkirk Rotary Club for over 30 years, serving one term as President. Russ was very proud of his accomplishments there, including being the Co-Founder of the annual Selkirk Lobster Fest with Mike Davies that the two of them started 32 years ago. He was also very proud of the fundraising he and other Rotarians did to raise funds for the Dialysis Machine for Selkirk Hospital.

Russ was named Citizen of the Year in 1999.

Even though Russ had a very busy life, he was a very devoted husband and father. Family was the most important thing to him and he was always there for us, from the kids activities to special moments. We have many fond memories of family time.

After retirement, Russ enjoyed his "paradise" in East Selkirk, enjoying the outdoors, tending his garden and getting together with friends.

Russ enjoyed sports of almost any kind and was a fan of the Bombers and Jets. He also loved to go hunting and fishing with his sons and his friends.

Russ and Theda travelled the world, going on many memorable vacations including Hawaii, Columbia, Portugal, Barbados, South Padre Island, Alaska, England, Africa and a River Cruise down the Rhine.

Russ was very much a people person and had more friends than anyone else we know and was always making new ones.

Russ/Dad you are loved by so many. We will miss you forever.

A service will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk. The service will be livestreamed via a link on his obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers, a donation in Russ's memory could be made to the Selkirk Rotary Club, Marine

Museum of Selkirk, Selkirk & District Community Foundation or Plant a Tree in his memory. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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