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Congratulations are in order for the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School Class of 2021 graduates! It was another challenging year, but you've managed to pull through and reach the finish line. June 29 will be forever engraved in your lives.



## A ticket to change the world

Graduation Supplement to *The Selkirk Record* Thursday, July 8, 2021  
LORD SELKIRK SCHOOL DIVISION GRADUATION 2021

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The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School congratulated the Class of 2021 for graduating on June 29. Students and their families drove to the school in decorated cars to celebrate this milestone.

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# Congratulations from the LSCRSS superintendent

“You are ready! Ready to show the world the resilience you have.”

Hello grads, parents, grandparents, family members and staff,

It is my sincere privilege and honour to be able to say a few words to our graduating class.

Graduates, I wished that this day would be on a grand stage with all your family and friends around to help you celebrate this significant milestone in your lives, but it is not that type of year.

I know that the people around you are trying their best to make it as memorable as possible for you. I hope you enjoy the moment and the uniqueness of this day. Amidst the uncertainty of this year, I hope you carry forward your ability to persevere long after graduation.

As grads of 2021 you've had to cope with health orders and positive cases

that, in an instant, changed how your day, semester and year looked. Remote learning forced you to shift how and where you learn. From trying to make sense of a one day at school one day at home schedule, to missing out on traditions and high school activities, you've practiced perseverance over and over and over. Yet, through all these ups and downs you are here; you have persevered.

It would perhaps be fitting at this point to wish you continued success in challenging yourself and continuing to learn and grow, and although I wish that for each of you, I feel it more important to highlight the fact that YOU ARE READY! Ready to show the world the resilience you have by thriving in spite of so much uncertainty. You're ready for the curveballs

of life with skills like flexibility, creative problem-solving and adapting to constant change. I know you'll be able to maintain a positive outlook on the future in this current world of restrictions and limitations. You are ready to demonstrate those skills and with a renewed sense of hope that this world so desperately needs.

The bottom line is that, during the circumstances you faced, you not only remain focused, but you adapted and demonstrated the true definition of grit and determination.

Grads, as you leave here to go off and make your mark on the world, just know that we are proud of the character you've developed and the difference we know you'll make. As parents, guardians, family and school staff, we stand excited to see the next challenges you will overcome!

Congratulations and best wishes to each of you!

Jerret Long  
Superintendent  
Lord Selkirk School Division



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Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School students drive to their drive-thru graduation on June 29.

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# A graduation message from LSRCSS's principal

"To the amazing families and grads of 2021 - congratulations, you made it"

Hello parents, guardians, members of the Board, and the Class of 2021. My name is Darcy Nazimek and as the principal of the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, it is my absolute pleasure and honour to represent our school on Graduation Day 2021. This year's group of graduating students consists of 284 graduates, including 12 French Immersion students, 23 adult students, 79 honour roll students, and 42 students who are graduating with distinction. These are impressive numbers. Hats off to all our graduates.

Last August, Mr. Long asked me to become the principal of the high school. Being a former graduate and vice-principal of the high school, I accepted immediately. This past year has been an incredible experience. Some of the Grade 12 students and I have a long history together. I worked with many of these students when they were in Grade 1 at St. Andrews School as their vice principal, and many of them learned to read with me. Fast forward eight years later and I worked with this same group when they

were in Grade 9 at Lockport School as their principal. They were cool teenagers at this point. Our paths have crossed again, this time helping guide them through their final year before graduation. It is amazing how time flies when you're having fun and can see first-hand the growth of our students over the years.

Reflecting on this past year, there's no question COVID changed many things for our graduating students — only attending school on alternating days, always wearing a mask, having to give oneself a haircut, remembering to social distance, being reminded what it means to be socially responsible, not having very many extra-curricular activities, and friends informing you they need to self-isolate for two weeks.

And, to top it off, no elaborate graduation party. However, if you look past the negative and focus on what the year has done to our students in a positive way, it is quite remarkable. COVID has become a magnifier. School staff have been in the halls and classrooms all year witnessing students positively interact with one another.

Every day, our students have walked through the doors with smiles (under their masks) and are eager to connect with one another and their teachers. They have shown patience, compassion, and genuine concern for one another. The Grade 12s set a positive tone throughout the building and were seen as being strong role models.

COVID has also slowed everything down and given everyone a breather. This has allowed our students a chance to reflect, to say thank you to those supporting them, and time to have meaningful conversations with one another. It has made our students more aware of their surroundings and, in turn, created stronger citizens for our community. Our grads made this year a great one, and they should be proud of not only surviving but thriving.

Our school could not have made it through the year without the support of several groups. First, I would like to thank our school staff who made it their mandate to create a positive difference each day for our students. This year with alternating days due to the pandemic, their jobs became even harder to support our students at home and school, but they did it.

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## > NAZIMEK SAYS, FROM PG. 4

Mrs. Henrikson, Mrs. Dear, and Mr. Gurney were our grad teachers who found positive solutions to every problem facing graduation this year. Their patience with the constant changes is noted and appreciated. A special thank you to our graduation committee parents who never stopped coming up with ideas to support the grads.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Naayer,

our head custodian and her team who worked endlessly to keep our school clean and sanitized.

A shout out to Mr. Long, Mrs. Minaker, Mr. Townsend, and the school board team who supported the Comp this year and kept us open and safe the whole time. To have made it through the entire year is a huge accomplishment.

Next, I would like to thank our parents who did what they had to do to get their children to this day. Graduation is a special time for parents and caregivers as well. I've known many of our parents for years and want to

thank them for doing an incredible job of raising their children.

Finally, I would like to thank our graduating students. Your determination, hard work, and perseverance should be recognized and applauded. Your final day of school in the Lord Selkirk School Division has arrived. As you leave our school community there is so much to celebrate with all your successes and achievements over the last 13 years. You should be excited for the next phase of your life to begin, but remember the good things that happened and the life lessons learned along the way. As you

move forward, you have the support of the community behind you, and you should know that we are very proud of you.

Wherever life's journey takes you, we hope you all lead happy, healthy, and productive lives. To the amazing families and grads of 2021 - congratulations, you made it.

Darcy Nazimek  
Principal

Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive  
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# A graduation message from the LSSD School Board

"I wish you courage as you strive to be the change you wish to see in the world"

When the 2020/2021 school year started, we knew it would be different. For you, the graduating class of 2021, you no doubt had a vision for what graduation day would look like and the people you would celebrate this milestone with. And, although it looks vastly different, there have been lessons learned in the last 15 months that were not in a textbook.

We missed the drama production, the Art Show, the playoffs, the track meets, the Band and Choir concerts, Awards Nights, the celebration of PASS and all the PASS graduates — things that you anticipated and looked forward to, as did your teachers and your families. There are so many who have been part of the story that brings you here today.

I want to share with you the results of a research project done in Virginia. It found that participants viewed a mountain in front of them as 15 – 25% higher than it was when they thought they had to climb it alone. But these same participants estimated the same mountain to be 20 – 30% smaller when they were climbing it with someone else. The perception changed as did the likelihood of success.

To the teachers, EAs, custodians, bus drivers, librarians and secretaries who have inspired you, challenged you, encouraged you and poured time and energy into helping you, and

who climbed the mountains with you, thank you.

To the parents and families who stepped into that support role, who re-learned algebra, revisited Shakespeare and debated current events, your contributions to your child's success are immeasurable. You climbed the mountains also.

To the Class of 2021, this year has taught you resilience, the importance of community, and not taking things for granted. You are a diverse group of artists, musicians, athletes, critical thinkers, entrepreneurs and caregivers, of hands-on learners and academics — we need you all!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division, congratulations on your many achievements.

I wish for you strength and fellow climbers as you face challenges with confidence. I wish you adventure on your journey and may you always stop to help someone along the way. I wish you courage as you strive to be the change you wish to see in the world.

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# A message from the 2021 Comp valedictorian

“We have persisted through any and everything thrown at us”

I'd like to start this speech by answering my most asked question throughout all of high school — Yes, Constable Human is my dad, he misses coming to your classes too, and I will let him know that you think he's a funny guy.

Welcome parents, guardians, teachers, administrators, Board of Trustees, and of course, my fellow graduates. My name is Hope Human, and I am honoured to be giving your valedic-

tory address today. I would first like to acknowledge that the school which we've attended lies on Treaty One Territory. And in light of the tragedy of the residential school's unmarked graves being discovered in our own province and throughout the country, I hope that by using the lessons we've learned throughout our years here, we will continue pushing, seeking, and fighting for justice for victims of

the residential school system.

I can't say this is how I imagined I would be giving this speech. Three years ago, I walked in heels — way too tall for me — up to the podium of École Selkirk Junior High, and addressed the students in what would come to be my “first” graduation speech. I am grateful to fulfill this role once again — this time in shorter shoes — but there was no way of knowing what was to come throughout these three years.

I like to believe that's what high school is, though. A time full of changes, accomplishments, failures, and growth, where you push through and just hope you make it to the end. And if there is any group that encompassed that idea, it is the class of 2021.

Now, I understand nobody wants to hear any more about COVID, but I can't simply ignore something that has drastically changed the course of our high school careers. In March of 2020, I don't think any of us could have expected that “Two weeks to flatten the curve” would turn into “Masks on, hats off, stay right” a year and a half later. Our first lockdown allowed us to learn new things. And despite the COVID fatigue that we all feel now, you can't say that it didn't start at least a little fun. I literally tanned during my biology class.

It gave us time to breathe. Instead of being chased for assignments, we received text messages telling us we were past due. We got to figure out what we really wanted to do, who we wanted to be. And after dreading hearing that morning bell for so long, we realized how much you can miss it and all the events that come after it. COVID forced us to persist through the unknown, to keep going and learning when we didn't know what the outcome would be. But we're here today, and we're graduating, which means that our perseverance has paid off. In what will probably be some of the most impactful and challeng-



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Hope Human is the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School's class of 2021 valedictorian.

ing years of our young adult lives, we continued to push forward and drive for the future, and that is a show for what kind of class we are: the strong, persistent, resilient, class of 2021.

Thirteen years ago, we embarked on a journey that would shape us into the people we are today. We changed from young kids running off the bus crying into mom's arms, to “too cool” pre-teens who couldn't be bothered to mutter more than, “Good” when asked how our day was.

Now, as for me, I beamed with persistence from the second I stepped into that kindergarten classroom. Of course, my mom says I was stubborn, but I was most definitely just becoming the persistent person I would need to be. To give you an idea, our mornings consisted of screaming and crying until my mom would let me leave the house in my favourite outfit — that being orange pants and a green shirt.

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It was a show of resilience for both me and her, hers being the fact that she continued to parent me after that.

Whether mastering the bunny ear shoe tie method, or learning the exact time you need to leave your house to catch the bus, we've been learning and practicing persistence for years. As insignificant as these challenges may now seem, they were once our biggest obstacles. They prepared us to be the people we need to be today, just like how our challenges today prepare us to persist in the future.

Crazy how that works, isn't it? But we've always known that. We have always looked to the future. We made friends, hoping that they would be those standing by our side today. We dreamed big dreams, knowing that our high school graduation would be the start of it all. I encourage you, just like you did thirteen years ago, to continue dreaming, continue pushing forward, as we come to enter this new journey in our lives.

Though before looking too far into the future, it's important to recognize the accomplishments we've made along the way. The past three years has held numerous championships, performances, art displays and so many other highlights for our students. Nothing beats the Royals Pride that comes along with standing and cheering, or sitting and observing our fellow student's accomplishments. Because coming together as a class to "wear blue, get rowdy" is more than just a party in the bleachers, it's showing support for our students when they need it most.

We watched JV players turn into varsity; we sat in crowded cold arenas and cheered our boy's hockey team to the semi-finals; we walked through our halls and heard choirs singing, bands playing and Ms. Diaz yelling at any given moment. We revelled at the talent displayed in student's art along the walls, and attended multiple volleyball finals, crowding the floor when our teams won three KPAC championships throughout our years. The Royals Pride that runs through us is not confined within the brick walls of the Comp.

I know this because of the amount of Instagram stories I had to swipe through congratulating every athlete who signed at a university; "Big things coming, my man." Or how many cake orders I heard about from our favourite quarantine-made cake business, Mia Loeppky's iconic: Meeps and Sweets. No matter where we're off to in our next stage of life, our support for our fellow Royals will always run deep, and we will all always "Bleed Blue."

High school is a time where persistence is especially important. Throughout elementary school, you have parents, teachers, basically everyone, pushing you forward. In junior high, you start to smell a little bit, so they tend to push from a distance. But in high school, it's all up to you. And, as I'm sure we all know, it can truly be an uphill battle getting to graduation day.

Let's think back to Grade 10 when all the girls were learning how to braid, no one could drive, and JM Malinay's style only consisted of t-shirts and jeans. We once couldn't tell the difference between the Math and the Physics hallway; in the halls, we now walk effortlessly. We endured those first Shakespeare readings and learned just how far SparkNotes could get us through a class. And, as much as those first real Grade 10 exams scared us, we couldn't be the seniors we are today without that precious learning year.

Now, what can I say about Grade 11 — It was a great 6 months! We went from worrying that our gym absences would run out, to not showing up to gym at all for 4 months. And, let's be real, freezing the marks 4 weeks into the semester when everyone knows your marks are at their best was the greatest thing to happen all year. And yet, after that extended summer vacation, we came back to Grade 12. And, while we may have spent half of our year learning from our beds, this year was one that surely needed an extra push. I mean, I can't tell you the number of times I've heard the words, "I'm going to drop out" from my fellow classmate's mouths — most often heard in Mrs. Dear's classroom the lunch hour before the hard trig test.

Then, of course, we have those early mornings after a long night of finishing that Bio project you forgot was due — Tim's iced coffee in hand — only to be greeted by the sounds of straight-piped exhausts when you entered the lot. It all doesn't make walking through those front doors very appealing. But each and every one of us got up, came through those doors, and took a larger step towards our future every day.

Now, it's not to say that Grade 12 hasn't been a good one. First and foremost, not one of us sat in the theatre, arms cramped on that tiny table, and wrote a provincial exam. It almost beats the fact that the Caf went from "Chicken Tender Thursday" to chicken tenders EVERY day. That may have been the best news of my senior year. Though, we also made our last weeks of high school the best that we could. From riding in the back of your friend's cars throwing water balloons at your fellow seniors, to a slip and slide, and finishing it off by tak-



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Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School grads arrived at their graduation in decorated cars.

ing over the teacher lot; we took a difficult year, and made it not so terrible. And, I know I can't mention the KPAC games, Skip Day, Grade Wars, or any activity exceeding 25 per cent capacity of an indoor space, but I believe that each and every one of us made memories in the best ways we could, with the people closest to us. And those are the kind that last a lifetime; those are the kind that sets our Class apart from all the others as the class of 2021.

I haven't seen half of you in nearly a year and half. I can't say it was easy writing this speech when I only know half of our stories. But, we're all walking the same red carpet today. And, while you may not fully recognize the person receiving their diploma in front of you, you know that you will always be connected in at least one way. You are the class of 2021.

Now, I'd like to leave you with one

last piece of advice. As we know, sometimes life sucks. You can do everything right and still get the worst luck of the draw. And, this may not be the inspiration you want to hear, but I don't think it's ever going to get easier. We will face hardship after hardship in these long lives we hope to lead. The good news is: we're ready for them. We have already faced so many challenges throughout the past thirteen years, and we've still got to this point. We have persisted through any and everything thrown at us. Life is going to be hard; it's going to be stressful, but sometimes you have to walk through the doors when you least want to, you just have to fight to wear the orange pants and the green shirt. Because that is how the Class of 2021 does it. Congratulations graduates!



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# Pandemic's days are numbered: Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced 65 new cases of COVID-19 and one more death on Monday.

The daily numbers continue to drop as the number of Manitobans getting vaccinated is on the rise, providing hope for an end to the pandemic that has upended everyone's lives for the past year and a half.

"We know that all pandemics end, and this one will be no different," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"Looking at other jurisdictions that have had high vaccine rates, we can see that perhaps these pandemic's days are numbered," he continued. "It's certainly reason to be hopeful considering Manitoba's vaccine uptake."

As of Monday, 74.8 per cent of eligible Manitobans had received their first dose and 50.2 per cent their second.

Monday's COVID numbers were part of 177 total new cases announced since Friday.

They brought the total number of active cases in Manitoba to 1,022 and recoveries to 54,309. Deaths due to COVID are at 1,151.

There are 156 Manitobans in hospital due to COVID-19, including 46 in intensive care (six in ICUs at hospitals in Ontario).

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate on Monday was at 6.3 per cent provincially and 6.1 per cent in Winnipeg.

Soon, the health care system won't be under strain, daily COVID-19 briefings will be a thing of the past, and public health restrictions will no longer be needed, Roussin said of what a post-pandemic Manitoba will look like.

"With each passing day, more and more Manitobans are getting vaccinated," he said. "Nearly 1.5 million doses have been administered in Manitoba already."

"This is really a tribute to the vaccine team and to Manitobans for stepping up and getting that vaccine as soon as they can. We need Manitobans to

continue to do so...our ability to reopen businesses, services, facilities, to gather with each other once again relies on Manitobans getting those two vaccines. Immunization is our key to a post-pandemic Manitoba."

All people age 12 and up are eligible to make first- and second-dose appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. You can do so online at [protectmb.ca](https://protectmb.ca) or by calling (toll-free) 1-844-626-8222.

## By the numbers

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health reported nine new cases on Monday bringing the total to 161 active cases with 3,633 recovered.

A number of districts continue to report zero cases including Arborg/Riverton, Gimli, Pinawa/LacduBonnet, St. Laurent, Whiteshell and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrew's. Fisher River/Peguis reported 81 active cases, Eriksdale/Ashern 36, Powerview/Pine Falls 19, Selkirk 10, Unknown 4, Stonewall/Teulon 3 and Beausjour, Springfield and St. Clements all with one.

# Pfizer COVID vaccine protection lasts up to almost 4 months

By Patricia Barrett

Whether or not COVID-19 vaccines can induce long-lasting immunity is a key research focus as the virus' most highly transmissible and deadly variants such as delta and delta plus ramp up in countries around the world.

An American study led by researchers at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo., looked at the longevity of Pfizer-BioNTech's mRNA COVID vaccine. It suggests that the vaccine induces persistent immunity after 15 weeks and up to 12 weeks after the second dose.

The peer-reviewed study titled "SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines induce persistent human germinal centre responses" in the journal Nature was published online June 28 as an accelerated article preview (not yet copy edited).

The study had 14 participants undergo a procedure to extract serum samples from their axillary (armpit) lymph nodes (the vaccine is injected into the deltoid muscle, which primarily drains to the lateral axillary lymph nodes). All participants had received two doses of the Pfizer-Bi-

oNTech vaccine. Researchers focused on the response of germinal centre B cells, which are induced by mRNA vaccines.

B cells are a class of white blood cells, which are part of the immune system. B cells make antibodies to destroy antigens, which are pathogens/foreign invaders such as viruses and bacteria. Human lymphoid organs such as the thymus, bone marrow, spleen, lymph nodes, tonsils, and mucous membranes have germinal centres. B cells enter germinal centres to proliferate and diversify in response to an invader, much like a massing army, with its infantry, artillery and cavalry, on a 19th-century battlefield.

After the booster shot (dose two of Pfizer), researchers found that B cells increased "transiently" in all 14 participants and "persisted at high frequency" in most of them for at least seven weeks. At the 15-week mark, they found that the B cells of eight participants had remained "at or near their peak" and had high proportions of S-binding cells.

S refers to the SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19] spike gene, to which B cells

bind and secrete antibodies.

"In the draining LNs [lymph nodes], we detected robust SARS-CoV-2 S-binding GC [germinal centre] B cell and PB [antibody-secreting plasmablast] responses in aspirates from all 14 participants. These responses were detectable after the first immunization but greatly expanded after the booster injection," the researchers wrote. "Notably, S-binding GC B cells and PBs persisted for at least 15 weeks after the first immunization (12 weeks after secondary immunization) in 8 of the 10 participants sampled at that time point."

The researchers say this is the first study to provide direct evidence of a "persistent" antigen-specific B cell response after vaccination in human subjects.

The researchers don't note any limitations to their study, such as whether the serum samples collected from participants can be considered representative of the general population.

However, they say the persistence of B cells and plasmablasts in draining lymph nodes is a "positive indicator" of a long-lived response.



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# Lily Pad Cruisers driving through region

A new event scheduled for this weekend is turning into their annual show and shine

By Katelyn Boulanger

Lily Pad Cruisers would normally be hosting their annual show and shine this weekend, but with COVID-19 regulations being what they are, they've had to be a bit more creative in bringing their classic cars to the community this year.

On the morning of July 10 starting at 9:30 a.m., the club's members will be getting together, socially distanced, and driving through our community travelling to some of the local senior homes and attractions.

"COVID and restrictions only allows us to have 25 people where we are right now. We have 77 members in our club that (would) gather and it's impossible for us, but we can socially distance doing this," said Marcel Lemire, president of the Lily Pad Cruisers.

He says that the show should have vehicles from as far back as the 1950s and newer cars probably from the 1970s.

These cars are being kept on the

road by members of the club for the love of the vehicles.

"The guys still like to go back to their childhood and say, 'Oh, I remember driving that. So I went and bought one and I fixed it up, so I can do it again.' It's just reliving your childhood," said Lemire.

In addition to being into cars, the cruisers love their community. They regularly raise funds for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and the Interlake Regional Health Authority's palliative care and this year will be no exception. Cash donations and tins for the bin are accepted during stops at the Selkirk Waterfront, Skinners' parking lot, and The Boot Tavern parking lot, along the driving route.

"Nobody should go hungry," said Lemire.

The route the cruisers will travel through the region starts at the Walmart/Dollarama parking lot in Selkirk and travels to Cambridge House at 300 Tudor Rd. They will then drive to Tudor House Personal Care

Home at 800 Manitoba Ave. via Manitoba Ave. and Annie St. Next, they will go straight down Manitoba Ave. to the Selkirk Waterfront. They will next travel to Red River Place at 133 Manchester Ave. at 10:30 a.m. and cross to Betel Home at 212 Manchester Ave. After that, they will head to River Road and all the way out to Lower Fort Garry.

Their next stop will be Skinners in Lockport which they will reach via Highway 9, Highway 27, and then Highway 44. They will finish the day in East Selkirk by heading back on Highway 44 where they will then transfer to the Old Henderson Highway and make their way to The Boot Tavern. They'll then end the day on St. Peters Rd. heading to Highway 4 and then splitting up when they reach Highway 9.

This will be the first time in a while that the club will drive together as they've been meeting up through Zoom, since the pandemic stopped

in-person meetings, but hopes to meet in person again.

"We're looking forward to our wind up that is in September, so we're hoping that by then everybody gets on board, and we can all get back together again," said Lemire.

He also said that although they are having their event differently this year, that doesn't mean the show and shine is going away. Residents should still mark the first Saturday in July of their 2022 calendar as they intend to be back in Mallard Park in Petersfield, as long as regulations allow. For now, he invites people to come out along the driving route and check out the cars as they pass by.

"Come out for a great time to see some great cars and to contribute to your end to give back to your community," said Lemire.

If you'd like to learn more about the Lily Pad Cruisers or join the club, Lemire invites residents to shoot him an email at [mlem@mymts.net](mailto:mlem@mymts.net)



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Lily Pad Cruisers Marcel Lemire, Faye Drummond, and Dale Hiscock with a 1956 Ford Farlaine.



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# Selkirk grad wins mental health award

## McKenzie Wendall takes home Mark Dickoff Memorial Scholarship

By Katelyn Boulanger

Before graduating, McKenzie Wendall, a former grade 12 student at the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, snagged herself one of two Mark Dickoff Memorial Scholarships.

The awards are given out through the Manitoba School Board Association in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association and Councillor Brian Mayes to students who show leadership and advocacy in mental health and well-being in their schools and communities. The virtual awards ceremony took place on June 17.

Wendall primarily won this award for a video that she created for her Global Issues class, which centred around a girl who did not receive the proper mental health help she needed and the consequences of shutting

herself off from her support system.

"It was like a short, like, five minute video about a day in the life of someone who's getting bullied. I took it upon from personal experience and I wanted to raise awareness about bullying and teen suicides," said Wendall.

For her class project, Wendall was instructed to tackle something that she was passionate about. She decided to make this eye-opening video because she didn't want others to experience the same bullying that she experienced in junior high.

"When I'm older, I want to become a psychiatric nurse to get into social work to help our children because throughout my junior high years, I was always bullied pretty badly. That's kind of like, what really influenced me to make the video — it was a personal experience. And, it's true, it happened to me [but now] I kind of look at the

positives and say, 'Hey, at least now I can, you know, help spread awareness so the same issue doesn't happen to, like a friend,'" said Wendall.

She is planning to become an instructor for the Red Cross' mental health program, in addition to becoming a psychiatric nurse through the program at Brandon University, which she is taking this coming fall.

Wendall says that she was thrilled when she received the email letting her know that she won this award and says that she was influenced to follow this path thanks to the amazing professionals that helped her when she was being bullied.

Her message to students and all members of the community that are having mental health struggles is the same one that was in her short video "You are not alone."

"Don't keep it in. Talk to people. There's always help out there. Find like a trusted adult or a counselor or just basically like, reach out when you need help and you're not alone," she



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McKenzie Wendall winner of the Mark Dickoff Memorial Scholarship.  
said.

# Celebrating our region's adult graduates

## The kids weren't the only ones celebrating an important milestone

By Katelyn Boulanger

Just because COVID-19 changed our way of life this year doesn't mean that the Lord Selkirk Education Centre took a break.

In 2021, the Centre had 23 high school graduates which include adults that decided to come back to the classroom and get their diplomas.

"I would say we've had a pretty normal year, we didn't have any cases in the building. We just had the two-week mandatory closure after Christmas that everyone had to do. Other than that, we were able to run, basically, how we would run normally other than we had smaller numbers in the building at one time, and just doing the sanitizing and masks and following the basic protocols," said Deanna Henderson, Director of LSEC-Adult Learning Centre for the Lord Selkirk School Division.

She said that this year's graduates and continuing students faced some increased challenges in balancing home, school, and work life around the restrictions but that the education centre was more flexible and had students working independently from

home rather than coming in when needed.

Even with all of these challenges, the 23 graduates were about an average number for the education centre.

Henderson attributes this to education still being a motivating factor for her students.

"They come to this point in their life that they realize, 'I need to go back and finish that diploma,' or 'I need to go back and I need to redo that course, because I want to make that next step.' Whether that next step is a better opportunity for a different type of job, or whether it's getting into a training program or a post-secondary program, we can offer those courses and they can take it locally, they don't have to go to Winnipeg," said Henderson.

The education centre, in addition to helping students get their diplomas, also has many students who return to improve or get credits for classes that they will need for post-secondary education.

Henderson said that though many of the 23 graduates are still weighing their options, she has heard some plan to attend university, and others

planning to specialize in teaching themselves.

One graduate who will now have options should he choose to pursue them is Thomas Mah who graduated this year alongside his wife Monica Ross.

Mah is an employee at Home Hardware and a photographer. He wanted to get his diploma to set a good example for his children.

"I was always harping on my kids about graduating on time and they said, 'Well, you're not graduating,' and I was like, 'Okay, well, I'm going to graduate.' Because of COVID, I used to play darts every Tuesday at the Legion so this was an opportunity since we don't play anymore, this is something to do," he said.

He was only three credits short of graduating and was able to complete them during the first and second semesters of the last school year. He also took his final English class with his wife so that they finished together.

He's glad that he was able to accomplish this goal even if he isn't considering post-secondary education right now.

"I can actually be proud of it and so now my employer knows I got my Grade 12 and if anything was ever to happen in the future with this job, at

least I got something to say look, I'm a Grade 12 graduate so I can be hired for some jobs that wouldn't allow me to," said Mah.

He says that being able to walk across that graduation stage with Ross was an amazing experience.

"She got excited when she got there and my kids were excited for us to graduate. It was a really exciting time," he said.

In addition to Mah and Ross achieving their goal, two other students saw some success this year. Shane Anderson and Cuylla McRorie received achievement awards that came with bursaries to help them along with their future endeavours.

"We wanted to recognize their work ethic, and that they were a model for other adult students," said Henderson.

If you or someone you know would like to pursue education at the education centre, they will be starting registration for the first term of the 2021/2022 school year on Aug. 30. Online registration will be available at the LSSD website, and once completed Henderson will contact them to start talking about what their goals are and what they need to finish.

Next year's classes start on Sept. 13.

# WSP public hearing discusses rezoning

## Objections mean this matter will go to Red River Planning for review

By Katelyn Boulanger

The RM of West St. Paul strapped in for the long haul last week and the week before when a public hearing concerning the by-law No. 2021-07 "P" & S21-2900 came to council and received a large response from the community.

This by-law concerned the rezoning of property on both sides of Masters Ave. east of Main St. The application sought to rezone the subject lands to "RS" serviced residential and "RMF-1" services multi-family residential 1, and to create 185 lots for single family residential use in addition to new public roads, public reserves, and residual lots.

The meeting started with opening remarks from the mayor about how a public hearing into rezoning takes place and the requirements around the Manitoba Planning Act.

"Any person can apply for a variance conditional use rezoning or subdivision as part of the Manitoba Planning Act by making the application with West St. Paul's planning authority, the Red River Planning District. This does not mean Council has endorsed the planning item," said Mayor Cheryl Christian.

She went on to explain that when an application is submitted council is required to hear from the applicant and everyone for and against and that council gets this information at the same time as residents. Christian also mentioned that council members cannot speak with the applicant or any other person who may be seeking information or wants to speak in support or opposition of an open application to guard against anyone influencing their decisions.

Planner from the RRPD David Paton then took the floor to present information from his report as well as recommendations to Council.

After an explanation of the zones and the requirements that would be put on the potential future properties Paton explained his recommendation should council approve this application.

"The proposed zoning by-law amendment application is generally consistent with policies in the development plan and secondary plan. Should council approve the rezoning the applicant will still require subdivision approval from council in order to create additional developable lots for residential use in the "RS" service residential zone. However, in the "RMF-1" zone, no further planning applications or council approvals would necessarily be required, and so council should require that the applicant enters into a development agreement as a condition of approval for the rezoning application," said Paton.

He also pointed out to council that the applicant was proposing a 300-metre cul-de-sac which is over the 230 metre limit as outlined by the province. However, the applicant is providing an emergency exit from the turning circle and the regulation states that if compliance with the standard is unreasonable or impractical, an

application which substantially complies may be approved.

Another portion of Paton's presentation discussed the Middlechurch secondary plan policy which recommends that development be primarily limited to single family residential uses. He explained that 50 of the 58 acres being discussed would be single family homes. He then went on to add that eight acres are being considered for multi-family. He discussed the second part of the policy which states that the development should generally respect the existing development density of approximately two lots per acre, the physical character of current development streetscapes, and open space patterns in the adjoining neighborhoods. The proposed development would have a gross density of approximately 3.7 lots per acre.

"The language in the policy and specifically the term generally, approximately, and subject to, do allow the Council to have the flexibility to consider an increased density so the policy doesn't require two lots per acre, nor does it prohibit a density that would be higher than the two lots per acre," said Paton.

Paton was followed by the applicant from Terracon Development Ltd. represented by Matt Glavin, who explained in more detail exactly what was being proposed for the site. Brad Cook also spoke about the traffic impact assessment that was done.

"This is a healthy neighborhood that's fully serviced with sewer and water and land drainage. We're preserving a substantial area of the natural area, promoting active living and we're concentrating development into areas that have been identified in higher planning documents," said Glavin.

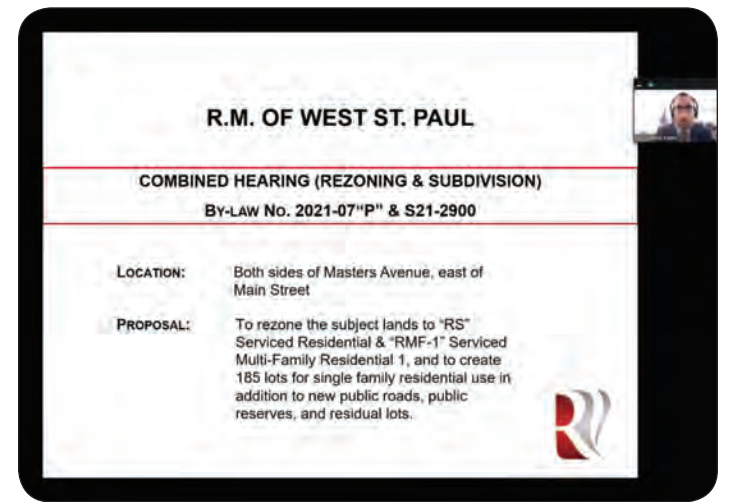
When addressing lot sizes he indicated that he thought that the development as proposed was in a middle density range and that they've found an appropriate density taking into account the larger lots around the development. He indicated that the lots created in the way they have been proposed would meet needs of people new to the area who may not be able to afford a larger lot as the price of housing has increased faster in the past 20 years than the average income.

He highlighted the greenspace in the development of ten acres and their intended preservation of trees.

Cook then discussed traffic flow and stated their intent was to funnel increased traffic down Masters Ave. In the application, Masters Ave. would be widened to a four lane road.

People who were for and against the project then had their opportunity to speak, with eight residents speaking against.

These residents had many concerns about the new development. Though the development is meant to have homes for people at various stages of life to create an inclusive community, there was a great deal of conversation about ac-



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The public hearing for by-law No. 2021-07 "P" & S21-2900 was completed in two sessions on June 24 and 29.

cessibility with sidewalks, which makes it easier for strollers and wheelchairs to get around, being avoided across people's drivewalk in the proposal and a woodchip path, which is an option that would preserve more old growth, being put forth.

There were also many concerns about the community's ability to school all of the new students that would come along with the new development. Though West St. Paul is slated to get a new school in the coming years, residents are worried that it may not come in time for the students. The third major concern from residents were the lot sizes being smaller than the Middlechurch secondary plan's recommendation and whether that would fit in with the aesthetic and lifestyle of the area. Residents were also largely against more multi-family housing being constructed in the area.

Glavin then responded to some of the concerns stating that they opted for interconnected pathways instead of hard sidewalks, as sidewalks on driveways can get blocked or be uneven. He also indicated that the variety of lot sizes was to give people different options for different stages of life and said that the multi-family portion was proposed for similar reasons.

Council also received 22 letters for, 69 letters against, and one letter for information.


Council concluded the meeting with the second reading of the application in which a motion was put forward by Coun. Giorgio Buscetti to remove the multi-family section of the rezoning application from consideration at this time. He felt that this needed to be done because there was a great deal of discussion about the lots in the proposed single-family section of the development but not enough on the multi-family.

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The rest of council agreed and the second reading of the bylaw was passed with a three to two vote in favour of changing the A4 and RG sections to RS or serviced residential zone without the approval of the re-assignment of the A4 and RG section.

Because of the large number of people who indicated their opposition to this application the matter will be forwarded to Red River Planning District for an appeal hearing where everyone will be able to speak to the board.

Ryan Kuryk, a resident of West St. Paul who spoke at the public hearing and later spoke with the Record, indicated that it was the result that he expected from the council and the developer but that he's glad that council decided not to go forward with the multifamily development at this time. He still has concerns that developments like this will make West St. Paul seem more like a part of Winnipeg than a rural community. He's also concerned about not having enough room for students in the community's schools. He indicated that though he didn't like the proposed develop-

ment, he wasn't against development in the area and believes that a majority of residents are not opposed to complimentary development.

"You rely on your mayor and councillors to really put the screws to developers to make sure that this is a West St. Paul that everyone can love and enjoy," said Kuryk.

This public hearing occurred in two sessions on June 24 and continued onto June 29.

When asked about how often this has occurred Mayor Christian indicated that it was uncommon.

"We've recognized that we want to make sure everyone is heard. Everybody who registered gets that opportunity to speak and so this is the second time in our term, and it's a long process. But, at the end of the day, I want to feel that everyone who wanted to speak had that opportunity that you're not cutting anybody off. They get to speak for as long as they like, and everyone gets that fair opportunity," she said.

As this is an open application West St. Paul council cannot speak on it at this time, however, the Red River Planning District staff can answer resident's questions at any time.

# Happy Canada Day!



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The RM of West St. Paul made the sky shine on the evening of July 1. In celebration of Canada Day, the RM invited residents to watch a fireworks show from their cars (or homes, if they were close enough).



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# Enjoying summer safely

The Lifesaving Society Manitoba shows boaters and swimmers how to stay safe in the water and prevent accidents

By Ligia Braidotti

After long winter months, everyone is eager to enjoy the warm weather when summer arrives, but it's important to do it safely.

According to the Lifesaving Society Manitoba, approximately 22 Manitobans die from drownings every year. In Canada, there's an average of 400 fatal drownings per year. Recently, the Selkirk RCMP responded to a drowning in the RM of St. Andrews. A 4-year-old boy drowned near Petersfield on July 4 after slipping into the water at the gravel pits. These types of accidents are relatively common during this time of the year, but several protocols that swimmers and boaters can follow to ensure their safety.

The Lifesaving Society Manitoba recommends people who can't swim, especially children, wear a lifejacket or PFD at all times while in the water. Not wearing them accounted for 61% of boating deaths in Manitoba.

They also suggest people don't consume alcohol while boating and say that impaired boating is just as dangerous as impaired driving. In regards

**"WHENEVER THERE'S A NORTH WIND, THE WATER LEVELS WILL INCREASE, AND IF THERE'S A SOUTH WIND, THE WATER LEVELS DROP IN THE MARSH AREAS. IF PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THESE AREAS, IT COULD BE DECEIVING."  
- PASKARUK**

to children in the water, they should always be accompanied by an adult and never out of sight.

"If you turn your back to answer the phone or respond to a text message your child could be gone forever. Whether at the beach or in a pool or hot tub children can get into trouble

very quickly and can slip under the water very quietly without shouting and waving.

"Lack of adult supervision is a major contributing factor to child drowning deaths in Manitoba. In 100% of such cases an adult supervisor was found to be either absent (not present at all) or distracted (present but not watching the child)," their website states.

Ed Paskaruk, chief of the Clandeboye Fire Department, said that it is essential that people know the area they are swimming or boating and have all the proper boating accessories — life jackets, signals, paddles, etc.

He also explained that the wind directions affect the water levels — something not many people know nor understand.

"Especially in the Netley-Libau Marsh and Petersfield Marsh areas, whenever there's a north wind, the water levels will increase, and if there's a south wind, the water levels will drop in the marsh areas. If people are not familiar with these areas, it could be deceiving," Paskaruk continued, adding that they've responded to several water rescue situations with jet skis and boats. "There might only be a half foot of water or a foot of water and when the boat goes into these water areas, they'll get stranded on a mudslide."

"If people are not familiar with the area, a lot of things can go wrong."

The Canadian Safe Boating Council has launched a new free boating app called Weather to Boat. There, boaters and anglers can get all the information they need to plan a safe trip — marine and local weather forecasts, pre-departure checklists, geo-referenced marinas and boat launches, and a trip planner with emergency contact alerting.

Paskaruk said people should always have a plan. Those going on the water should tell other people what time they are leaving, where they're planning to go, and what time they are expected to be back.

July 18 to 24 marks the National Drowning Prevention Week that will focus on efforts to make the community aware of drowning prevention. For more information go to [lifesaving.mb.ca/lifesaving-society/ndpw/](http://lifesaving.mb.ca/lifesaving-society/ndpw/)



## Communities in Bloom 2021

The Selkirk Communities in Bloom Yard of the Week and Commercial Property of the Week contest continues to showcase well cared for yards and businesses within the City of Selkirk. If you would like to enter a yard or business, please email [ads@selkirkrecord.ca](mailto:ads@selkirkrecord.ca) and let us know whose place is looking great!

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# Art pieces that reenergize the soul, mind

*Visual Escapology* brings viewers something to look forward to and escape reality

By Ligia Braidotti

Renay Taylor-Besant's first solo exhibition has been delayed for far too long, but thanks to improvements in the health situation in Manitoba over the past year and a half, she is now ready to take on this new endeavor.

From July 8 to July 20, the St. Clements' artist will be presenting a solo art show called *Visual Escapology* at Cre8tery Gallery and Studio located at 125 Adelaide St., in Winnipeg. The collection showcases her abstract artwork filled with colours and textures that represent happiness, connection, energy, and movement.

Taylor-Besant, who has a background in social services, says she was inspired by how she feels refreshed after making art.

"I've always used art as a little bit of an escape or a way to rejuvenate myself," she said. "Those of us who work in human services, I say, we give little bits of ourselves away all day long. We're working with and supporting people dealing with some of the

most challenging times in their lives — addictions and mental health challenges, abuse — so it takes from us in a way. It's a rewarding work, but we need a way to build ourselves back up, and art has always been my way of filling back those little holes, the pieces I give away in my day job."

Her artwork invites viewers to explore the details and to immerse themselves in their own experiences. Taylor-Besant's interpretations of reality provide a momentary escape into memory or fantasy. She said she hopes the viewers immerse themselves in the paintings and find something to connect with, and enjoy a small holiday from the real world while at the gallery.

She has been an artist her entire life, but it's only in recent years that she's decided to showcase her talent to the world. A number of her works have been collected across North America and won awards at juried art shows. Taylor-Besant credits Cre8tery for inspiring her to share her art.



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Renay Taylor-Besant from the RM of St. Clements is hosting her first solo art show at Cre8tery gallery and studio in Winnipeg, from July 8 to July 20. *Visual Escapology* showcases her abstract work that she creates when she needs to refresh her mind.

"Cre8tery has been a wonderful venue for helping me move from a hobbyist and into the world of being a professional artist over recent years. Owner and artist Jordan Miller provides a great venue and opportunities, and the community of artists connected there has really supported and encouraged me to share my art with the world," she commented.

Taylor-Besant has been a member of Cre8tery for more than 11 years and has joined in other group exhibitions, but this is the first time she is doing it by herself. She has been planning the show for two and a half years, but the current pandemic hampered her plans. Although she won't have an opening reception, she is still excited to meet the people that come to appreciate her art.

"As we're opening up a little bit more and people are feeling anxious to get out again and interact, and see things, that being able to come out to see a

show is hopefully something that can be fun for people," Taylor-Besant added. "I hope that the abstract allows people to find their own meaning in it and their own way to connect with the art and uplift them."

"Certainly, my art is full of colour and texture and energy, that if someone enjoys that kind of art, I think it can be very uplifting."

*Visual Escapology* opens July 8 and can be viewed from Tuesdays to Fridays from 12 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. Taylor-Besant will be at the gallery to chat with viewers about her art. Also, since Cre8tery can only be open at 25 per cent capacity, she will be posting video tours to her Instagram and Facebook pages. For more information, go to [www.renay-taylorbesant.com](http://www.renay-taylorbesant.com), <https://www.facebook.com/artbyrenaytaylorbesant>, or follow her on Instagram at @art\_by\_renay

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# Winnipeg is your urban oasis this July

Clockwise from left: Assiniboine Park's English Gardens (Mike Peters); Oodena Celebration Circle at The Forks (John Slipec); Explore The Forks (William Au)

**T**emperatures and vaccination rates continue to rise, while Winnipeg's outdoor attractions are back and better than ever.

Now's the time to rediscover the city's lush new attractions—where hidden gems will be music to your ears and hotels will have you sitting poolside within the city's glittering skyline. Here are some options for a full day of exploring this month.

### Great gardens, goats, mini donkeys and massive dinos

Assiniboine Park and Zoo is a peach of a place to spend a morning, providing a little something for everyone. The English Garden

and Leo Mol Sculpture Garden provide a brilliant bouquet for the senses, from the smell of fresh flowers to visions of Mol's wondrous bronze works, which depict everything from local ambassadors to scenes from Greek Mythology.

The Gardens at The Leaf are new for summer 2021 and open July 9. This near 30-acre horticultural exhibit surrounds the impressive, 90,000 sq. ft. conical Leaf building, which is currently under construction. The outdoor gardens consist of The Indigenous Peoples Garden, the Kitchen Garden, Sensory Garden, Performance Garden, Seasonal Garden and the Grove, providing a bountiful showcase of plant species, all interconnected by charming pathways.

Assiniboine Park Zoo also offers plenty of new things from the cute and whimsical to the fierce and ferocious.

On the cute side of things, there's Aunt Sally's Farm. This new exhibit is such good fun with inhabitants that include goats that traverse right over your head via rainbow-coloured bridges. Pot-bellied pigs, mini donkeys and llamas that frolic to and fro, guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

For something more ferocious, Dinosaurs Uncovered has returned, with 17 life-sized animatronic dinos lurking in the Zoo's forested trails. This time around, Dinosaurs Uncovered also includes museum-quality fossils and interactive archeological fun.

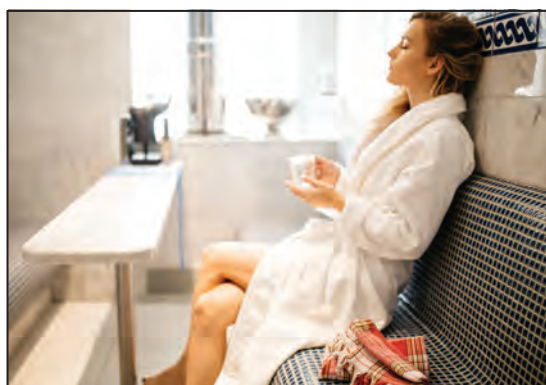
Plus, while you're at the zoo you might even encounter some stars—and we're not just talking about the polar bears that swim right overhead in the Sea Ice Passage. Several of the zoo's caretakers and research scientists were recently featured in CBC Television's *Arctic Vets*, which you can still stream.

### Find it at The Forks

For the afternoon, adventure awaits at The Forks, where the Red and Assiniboine rivers meet and inspirational new works are ready to welcome visitors.

In the past few years The Forks has become, to quote national award-winning columnist Niigaan Sinclair, "One of the largest collections of Indigenous-led public expressions in any historical site in Canada." Sinclair is the Indigenous Curator at The Forks and the host of *The Forks: A self-guided audio tour*, which reveals some of its 6,000-year history and public works of art. This includes the massive Niimaamaa ("my mother")—a huge sculpture by KC Adams, Jaimie Isaac and Val Vint that is a must-see on the south-east side of The Forks. You'll also find signage throughout the area in Cree, Ojibway and Michif.

The Forks Market is open for shoppers and culinary enthusiasts. It's the place to be for locally made fashions, products and gifts. End your day by sipping wine or craft beers under a spacious, tree-covered patio, while sampling food from kiosks run by some of the city's best chefs.



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# Boomers Funny Farm open, follow COVID guidelines

By Jules Stevenson

Boomer the donkey is the namesake for a brand-new petting zoo, and his owner, Janet Thorvaldsen, says he comes with a lot of personality.

"Pretty much it's my goal to make everyone fall in love with donkeys," says Thorvaldsen.

They hold one hour farm tours, where families can collect chicken eggs and pet the animals. They provide cups of oats and treats to feed the animals.

Boomer's Funny Farm has goats, lambs, cows, and ponies. They also have baby animals who were neglected by their mothers and need to be bottle fed, which guests are allowed to do.

"Everyone is so amazed when I open the gate and say, 'come in' and all the animals come to them. You can pet them and hug them, our donkeys love to cuddle," says Thorvaldsen.

She says they've had many families bring their kids for their birthdays, since they can't do anything else right now.

They also have areas like Donny's Playground, Molly's Picnic and BBQ

and Sparky's Fire Pit Area.

Boomer's Funny Farm also has a boutique where they sell handmade goods like tote bags, mugs, donkey stuffed animals, just like Boomer.

"We're really trying to give people something fun to do," says Thorvaldsen.

Thorvaldsen started Boomer's Funny Farm with her husband after they decided to buy chickens for their three young boys, ages five, three, and one. Thorvaldsen says this was just the beginning.

Soon, they started receiving messages about horses and donkeys in need of homes, too.

Thorvaldsen started a Facebook page to share photos of the animals and received messages from families wanting to visit their farm.

Thorvaldsen says they're doing very well. They are booked some days from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and anticipate they'll be even busier once schools end.

Boomer's Funny Farm is located at 18064 Gimli Park Road, 1 km west of HWY 8. Feel free to call or text at 1-204-891-0211, or email boomersfunnyfarm@hotmail.com

# Ride Don't Hide



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The Interlake's branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association came together for a celebration of Ride Don't Hide an event that promotes mental health awareness in our communities. This year members of the Ride Don't Hide team biked from Selkirk to Hecla-Grindstone Provincial Park on June 26.

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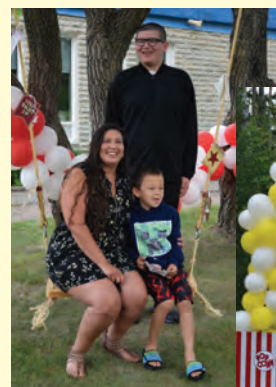
In the Lion: Aidan Caine, Luke Green (blue hoodie), Ring of Fire: Nerissa Lusty, Back right: Jeanine Patzer, Front Right with 2021 sign: Hailey Feakes



Aidan Caine with the Kyle Resksiedler Memorial Award



Left: Luke Green (blue hoodie) Centre back: Jeanine Patzer Right: Aidan Caine (green hoodie)



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Gr. 9 class in the gym for the afternoon presentation.



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Feakes Family: Gr. 9 grad: Hailey Feakes on swing L-R Sara Feakes, dad Chris Feakes, Dana Feakes, mom Sherri Feakes



Gr. 9 Student Elias Kent by the 2021 sign, Staff: L-R: Carolyn Farquharson, Madame Savoie, Rob Simpson, Bryan Ryz, Amy Clarkson, David Juvonen, Gloria Juvonen



Luke Green's personalized bag

# Keeping up with the Magnusson's: Arnes golf course gets another reboot

By Nicole Brownlee

The previously monikered Arnes Golf Course gets a second chance with the help of the Magnusson family as they prepare the course to open next spring.

Shawn and Aaron Magnusson purchased the course at the end of April and started renovations in early May, bringing their families together to revitalize the course they grew up on.

"It was definitely a family atmosphere there," said Shawn. "A nice atmosphere and a good group of people that were always around there."

"The boys grew up around the golf course," said Della, Shawn's wife. "The property really meant a lot to them... and to the community around it."

"It was a place to get together with family and friends, so they really wanted to reopen it for the community to enjoy again, and to give our children the chance to enjoy it the way they did as kids," said Della.

There are six children between the two families, all dedicated to nurturing the course, said Della.

"[Shawn and Aaron] have owned businesses in the past, and so taking on the new adventure is not anything new for them, but it was really about like doing something that we do together as a family," said Della. "Every weekend, the kids come out, so they've been helping with jobs around the course."

The first steps to the project are resurfacing the greens, cleaning up natural debris and maintaining the reseeded grass, said Della. Afterward, they'll focus more on organizing the business side of the course, like the clubhouse.

"It's your normal landscaping things that you would have to do on any properties, so we're just doing it on a very large scale," said Della with a laugh.

"It's definitely a steep learning curve, but we have lots of friends in different industries who offered their support and their advice."

The Magnusson's have received support from the community and one of the course's original owners, Ed Luprypa.

Luprypa opened the course with his late brother Fred in 1965.

After being turned away from the Sandy Hook course on a busy tournament day, the Luprypa brothers decided their community needed a place to play closer to home.

"[The Arnes Golf Course] was a very popular course," said Luprypa. "We had people from Fisher Branch, Arbog, all over the place."

Since the Luprypas sold the course in 1998, it has changed owners several times and has sat vacant for over a decade.

"I'm glad to see it operating again. People have been asking about it," said Luprypa. "I'm wishing the boys good luck."

Luprypa added he'll be grabbing his clubs for the course's opening next year.

Cody Magnusson, a Gimli councillor and distant relative of the golf course owners, said he often played the old Arnes course with his family and friends growing up.

"We had a lot of fun," said Cody. "When we were young, a small course, affordable to play, just learn-



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(From left: Aaron, Crystal, Lilly, Bailey, Olivia, Julie, Johannes, Della and Shawn Magnusson) The Magnusson family is working hard this summer preparing the old Arnes Golf Course to open next spring.

ing the game and everything like that, it was fantastic."

Cody heard from several community members over the years that the golf course was a central and well-appreciated part of the area where people could gather.

"I know everyone in the area is very excited to see what it's brought back to," said Cody.

Cody said he's glad to see some amenities return after seeing several local establishments close throughout the Interlake and northern communities over the years.

"It's just wonderful to see from the perspective of community spirit and community growth," said Cody. "I'm planning on spending a lot of time there."

For updates on the golf course, visit the Keeping Up With The Magnusson's Facebook page.

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# Incredible creatures: A scavenger hunt for flying, crawling and cryptic critters

By John Gavloski

Look closely and there are usually a lot of interesting insects living in or visiting any yard. Got some down time this summer, or the kids need an outdoor activity? This month's Incredible Creatures is a scavenger hunt; see if you can find these six types of insects over the summer.

## A bee, or not a bee?

At first glance the insects in the first photo may look like bees, but they are not. They are called hover flies. Look for them around flowers. They can be valuable pollinators. There are 593 species of hover flies in Canada. Adults of many species resemble bees or wasps. But don't worry, they can't sting you. Flies do not have stingers. Hover flies can often be seen hovering and darting around. Their larvae feed

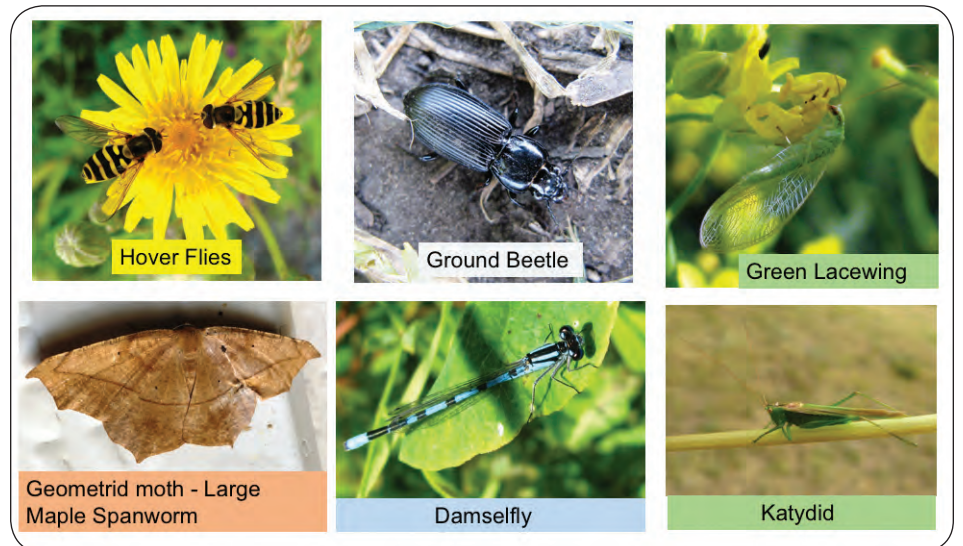
on aphids.

## Night-time hunters

Ground beetles are common, mostly predaceous beetles. They mainly hunt at night, and like to hide during the day. Look for them under stones, boards, etc. Many ground beetles like to feed on caterpillars, slugs, larvae and pupae of flies such as root maggots, etc. There are some ground beetles that in addition to being predators also eat plant seeds and are considered valuable consumers of weed seeds.

## Green Lacewings

Adults of green lacewings have wing veins that look like netting, and gold eyes. Adults feed on nectar, honeydew produced from aphids, and a few species are predaceous. There are 26



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A scavenger hunt in your backyard can be a fun outdoor activity.

species in Canada. Look for them on plants. They may also come to lights at night.

## Cryptic Moths

To many, moths may seem bland, but have a second look. Some can be quite fascinating. The moth shown here belongs to a group called geometer or geometrid moths. The front pair of wings in this group of moths are usually relatively broad, and intricate wavy patterns on the wings are often continuous from forewing to hindwing. When at rest, many will hold their wings flat against what they are resting on, in contrast to some other groups of moths that tend to fold their wings over their abdomen. They are often highly camouflaged. You may see many species and variations of geometrid moths over the summer. The species shown here is the large maple spanworm, and is a fall-flying leaf mimic.

## Darting Damsels

Damselflies are very closely related to dragonflies; they are different sub-orders of the same order of insects (called Odonata). In dragonflies, the

rear wings have a broader base and are larger than the front pair. Damselflies, by contrast, have front and hind wings similar in shape, and as a result they fly slower than dragonflies. Also, dragonflies can't fold their wings together when resting, and damselflies can. Both feed on other insects, which as adults they catch on the wing. In Canada there are 154 species of dragonflies and 60 species of damselflies.

## Calling Katydid

If you see what looks to be a grasshopper, but it has antennae that are larger than the body, odds are it belongs to a group called the katydids. None of our species of katydids are pest species that will devour crops, like a few of the short-horned grasshoppers (those with shorter antennae) can. Katydid are usually green, and male katydids are noted songsters.

See how many of these insects you can observe this summer, or get a field guide to insects from your library and add other insects to the list. You may find it amazing what you can find in your yard, or out for a summer walk. Have fun exploring!

# Sharing memories



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Friends and Comp grads Dezarae Meade (left) and Jalonda Roulette (right) celebrate their graduation by the waterfront in Selkirk.

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# Goodbye Junior High



**RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL**

Lockport School held their Grade 9 farewell on June 28. A drive-thru ceremony was held to congratulate students for their educational achievements and wish them good luck in their high school years.

# Farewell to a generous and loyal friend

By Ligia Braidotti

Dozens of people attended an emotional motorcycle procession in honour of Selkirk's Jessie Iwasiuk.

Iwasiuk, 34, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Springfield on June 26, leaving many people mourning the loss of such a loving and caring friend. He loved to ride his motorcycle and was always ready to help anyone in need, said friend Frank McLeod.

"He has the biggest heart of anyone I've ever met," he continued. "Everybody that he was around, he just helped with no conditions. He was always there for everybody, even strangers."

McLeod is just one of the people who Iwasiuk's generosity and cheerful personality have touched. Both have been best friends for 15 years and would chat every day.

"He's basically my little and big brother. He's family to me," McLeod added. "He was just always there. That's one of the things that I have to deal with is that he was always there, and now he's not."

To honour his best friend, McLeod organized a motorcycle procession on July 2, the day the family held Iwasiuk's funeral. Riders left Gilbart's Funeral Home and headed to St. Clements Cemetery. The departure was full of fellow motorcycle riders who came to honour a friend that was so dearly loved by so many.

Iwasiuk was well known in Selkirk and throughout Manitoba because of his work at Badgers Daylighting, for which he traveled the province. The company's trucks featured a small sign with the words "We love you, Jessie" in remembrance of the loyal employee.

McLeod mentioned that even past co-workers joined Badgers' drivers to attend the service and honour their friend.

"Jessie was never anybody but Jessie. It doesn't matter if he was around a bunch of suit-and-tie guys, or he was around kids, or whether he was around family, or just friends, or even strangers, if you talked to him once and then talked to him a year later, he was the exact same person," McLeod continued to describe his friend. "He was very comfortable being himself."

McLeod and Iwasiuk's family continue to honour him by promoting motorcycle awareness and ensuring that more and more car drivers become aware of riders on the roads. McLeod pointed out that since Manitoba has a long winter, some drivers still forget they share the road with motorcycles come summertime and riding season.

He added he has been planning on buying a new motorcycle but is now hesitant to do it.

"I'm at the point where I don't even know if I should (get another bike). I love it. I want to. But I really don't want to put my family in a position where this could happen to them," he commented.

In May, during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada's chair Chris Bourque said that "motorcycle safety is everyone's responsibility."

"We encourage all on-road and off-road users to Watch Out For Each Other. Rather than adding to people's sense of anxiety and feeling like we are being told what to do, we simply ask that everyone doubles down on being safe," Bourque stated.

Promoting motorcycle awareness is a way to ensure the loss of McLeod's friend will not go in vain.

"Jessie was a professional driver and a really good one. To have somebody in his position of experience and knowledge and capability driving end up like this is very sad to me because



RECORD PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI

Motorcycle riders attended a procession in honour of Jessie Iwasiuk, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in Springfield on June 26.

I know he was a good driver, and an aware driver," McLeod commented. "No one should end up like Jessie. If only people paid more attention and looked for motorcyclists."

Iwasiuk will be missed by many people. McLeod said he was happy

to see a large crowd honouring his "brother by choice." He and Iwasiuk's family would like to thank all of the people and businesses who participated in the procession and facilitated a beautiful service and memorial.



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> MEAL IDEAS



## Blackened Salmon Sliders with Pickled Beet Relish

combine diced beets, scallions and radishes. Set aside.

In small bowl, combine yogurt, feta, parsley and oregano. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt and black pepper. Set aside.

Cut salmon into 12 roughly 2 1/2-inch squares, about 1/2-inch thick. Slice thick parts of fillets in half to make thinner, if needed.

Sprinkle fillets with salt, to taste, on both sides. Sprinkle evenly with blackened seasoning until well coated.

Heat nonstick skillet or cast-iron pan over medium heat and add oil. Add salmon, in batches if needed, and cook, turning once, until salmon is crisped and almost cooked through, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Remove and let rest.

Spread each slider bun with about 1 tablespoon yogurt sauce. Layer arugula, salmon and beet relish on each slider and serve.

Recipe courtesy of tarateaspoon.com  
 Prep time: 40 minutes  
 Yield: 12 sliders (2 per serving)  
 4 single-serve cups Aunt Nellie's Diced Pickled Beets  
 1 finely chopped scallion (about 2 tablespoons)  
 1/2 cup shredded radishes  
 1 cup plain Greek yogurt  
 1/2 cup finely crumbled feta cheese  
 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley  
 2 teaspoons chopped oregano  
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided  
 1 pinch ground black pepper  
 2 pounds salmon fillets, skinless  
 3 tablespoons blackened seasoning  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 12 slider buns  
 1 cup baby arugula  
 Drain beets well. In medium bowl,



## Power Packed Popcorn Cookies

dried fruit, chopped  
 1/2 cup sunflower seeds or chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside.

Cream butter and brown sugar together then add egg and vanilla; mix well. Stir in flour mixture, wheat germ and oatmeal until well blended. Add coconut, popcorn, raisins and sunflower seeds, if desired; mix until well blended.

Drop rounded teaspoons onto baking sheets with 2 inches between cookies.

Bake 7-8 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Allow cookies to cool on pan 5 minutes before removing to racks to cool completely.

Yield: 4 dozen cookies  
 Nonstick cooking spray  
 1/4 cup whole-wheat or all-purpose flour  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, softened  
 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
 1 egg  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 cup toasted wheat germ  
 1/2 cup oatmeal  
 1/2 cup flaked coconut  
 3 cups popped popcorn  
 1 cup raisins, dried cranberries or other

# Expert Patient Here to Help!

By Susie Schwartz

Which is worse? Brain tumour removal surgery or a pandemic?

Having experienced both, I could spin forever in circles but can land only on this:

Try to find the good in the bad. (Note: Not instead of.)

What I'm saying is, by no means should we stuff down or ignore the hard bits of life. In fact, in my opinion, that makes things worse. 'Ignorance is bliss' is only true when truly ignorant. When our body, spirit, or mind knows something, it knows.

But.

While we are feeling frustrated, impatient, sad, grief, in physical pain – all or any of it – there will also be a plus side. Actually...I take that back. Life is not about balancing positive and negatives. It just is. Circumstance and thoughts and emotions in constant flux.

Here's a couple of personal examples: While lying in my hospital bed after my brain surgery, I felt weirdly thankful for my catheter, removing the need for movement (Plus, no more brain tumour!); While at the bedside of my uncle as he died from Diabetes complications, my heart broke, my mind flashed to my possible future (also having type 1 diabetes) fear choked as I cried, and I also felt honoured that he waited for me to be there with him for his journey 'home.' We also laughed as my aunt carried his fake leg down the hospital corridor - the most bizarre leaving present he could give her. By the time we left the elevator, we had designed it as a feature plant stand for their living room. Since I was almost delirious from 24 hours of travel on my own,



Susie Schwartz

knowing Uncle Ivan would approve of the dark humour freed me up of guilt over the jokes. (I maaay have instigated them.); As a 'vulnerable person' in this never-ending pandemic, the need to isolate hard-core style has triggered a felt loss of freedom, fear, given me time to observe the divide of the human spirit with such strong opposing views on the subject- causing me a deep sadness (And joy at watching so many people step up to help the weak, elderly and vulnerable). I have also: taken an online course, made more music, moved more outdoors, bought less shoes (although lately...) and got a puppy.

So yeah, life is all of it. I'm taking this as a reminder to myself to recognize and feel it all.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and motivational speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. She welcomes feedback and questions. Find her on FB @ medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suschwa and her website lesshealthstress.com

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## LSMHA preparing for upcoming season

By Brian Bowman

It may not seem like it with the recent scorching temperatures hitting the province, but hockey season is right around the corner.

The Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association (LSMHA) is preparing for, what they hope, is a return to a normal hockey season beginning this fall.

"It's looking pretty positive that there will be looser restrictions so we can get back on to the ice," said LSMHA president Chad Balmer last week. "It was a very difficult season last year in terms of refunding all participants and everything else. It was a long process and we appreciated the patience of all of

our members. Hockey associations aren't set up to give back refunds and, at the same time, we were waiting for decisions from the governing bodies."

There will be some major changes to minor hockey this season.

The U11 age group is now a double-aged group and all players born in 2011 and 2012 will be part of the U11 team formation process.

Hockey Canada has come out with a U11 pathway which is development focused.

"We're probably going to have six teams in that age group as opposed to three," Balmer explained. "The focus on that (age group) is purely develop-

mental. (Hockey Canada) would like to see players rotate positions. It's a massive change so (player) evaluations will be non positional. For example, we would normally take five defencemen for a team but now we will take the kids that have the skill level regardless of position."

Meanwhile, U15 "AAA" is also now a double-aged group. Hockey Winnipeg has gone to nine city "AAA" teams for this age group. LSMHA players will be trying out for one of the three Winnipeg Thrashers teams.

The Wild and the Bruins will also have three teams apiece.

## 2021 Baseball Manitoba provincial championships cancelled

Staff

Baseball Manitoba has made the difficult decision to cancel all provincial championships in 2021.

The announcement was made on Baseball Manitoba's website on June 29.

"The decision was made with the safety and de-

velopment of our members as the top priority," read a statement. "Provincial championships create environments with large gatherings with people from across the province. Also, by cancelling provincial championships, we believe that there is more opportunity for a longer season for more players, as

they compete late into summer within their regions.

"Baseball Manitoba would like to thank our 2021 championship host groups for all the work they have done this year. We will be working with each host, as we plan our 2022 provincial championships."

## MJBL season gets underway this week

Staff

Baseball is finally back.

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League's season officially gets underway Wednesday with three games on its schedule.

One of those games features the Interlake Blue Jays hosting the Carillon Sultans for a 7:30 p.m. game at Fines Field in Stonewall.

But the current provincial health guidelines still present a long list of challenges to sport organizers and coaches in Manitoba.

The current rules, which came into effect June 26, allow for outdoor organized sports and recreation activities for groups up to 25 people.

That poses a problem for older-aged teams, spe-

cifically the MJBL, which voted on expanding its rosters to 20 players for this season.

The MJBL has been discussing the scenario of having home teams with 13 players each game and the visiting clubs only 12.

The group of 25 doesn't include coaches or officials and a maximum of 25 spectators are also allowed if they can be physically distanced by at least two metres.

The MJBL schedule has been reduced to 18 games this season. The St. Boniface Legionaires were not able to field a team this year so the league is down to seven teams this year.

At press time, the playoff format had not been announced.

## Albert edges Korman and Zamrow

Staff

Selkirk's Mikyla Albert fired rounds of 83 and 77 for a two-day total 160 to edge Cala Korman of Killarney (86-75) and Crystal Zamzow of Swan River (86-75) by a single stroke to win the Girls 15-19 Division at the the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour's Manitoba Series held last week at the Selkirk Golf & Country Club.

Albert carded three birdies during both rounds.

Jeri Lafleche of Winnipeg won the Under 15 Girls Championship at 173 (87-86) for a nine-stroke victory over Addison Kartusch, also of Winnipeg.

The PeeWee Boys Championship needed a playoff as Winnipeg's Mason Chubey (82-79) and Hudson Hunnie (79-82) tied at 161. Chubey was the winner after a second playoff hole on a count back.

Jackson Delaurier of Dauphin (77-75) won the Bantam Boys Division by four strokes over Payne Wood of Winnipeg (78-78).

It was a five-stroke victory for Jack Taylor of Winnipeg (73-72) in the Juvenile Boys Championship. He defeated Jack Rudick (76-74) and Jacob Taweel (76-74), both of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg's Noah Fiks (70-75) won the Junior Boys Division by two strokes over fellow Winnipegger Braxton Kuntz (74-73).

Next stop on the MJT Manitoba Series is July 17-18 at the St. Boniface Golf Club.

## Peake, Kuntz, and Ross lead after junior championships' first round

Staff

Clara Peake, a Golf Manitoba Public Players Club member, was the first-round leader at the Manitoba Women's Junior Championship at the Shilo Country Club.

Peake carded a 12-over par 82 on Monday to lead Swan River Golf & Country's Crystal Zamzow by a single stroke.

Rounding out the top five placings in the 11-player field were St. Charles Country Club's Addison Kartusch (87), Elmhurst Golf & Country Club's Armaan Dhillon (89), Golf Manitoba Public Players Club's Cala Korman (90), Clear Lake Golf Course's Jeri Lafleche (90), and Glendale

Golf & Country Club's Payton Oakden (90).

Meanwhile, Breezy Bend Country Club's Braxton Kuntz and Rossmere Country Club's Trey Ross were the first-round leaders at the junior men's championship in Shilo after firing even par 72s on Monday.

Rounding out the top five after Day 1 were Golf Manitoba Public Players Club's Jose Mekish-Lacquette (74), Pine Ridge Golf Club's Noah Fiks (76), and Golf Manitoba Public Players Club's Fearor Valaquentia (76).

Action for both junior tournaments continued Tuesday and Wednesday of this week but no scores were available at press time.



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The Board of the Brokenhead River Planning District, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at: The Brokenhead Municipal Office 72013 Road 42E JNCT PTH # 44 and PR # 302 Beausejour, Manitoba on: **Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

At which time and place the District Board will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of **By-Law No. 174-21**, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 138-09, being the Brokenhead River Planning District Development Plan, as amended.

A copy of the above mentioned **By-Law No. 174-21** and any supporting material may be inspected at the office of the Brokenhead River Planning District, R.M. of Brokenhead Office Building, # 72013 Road 42E during normal office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday.

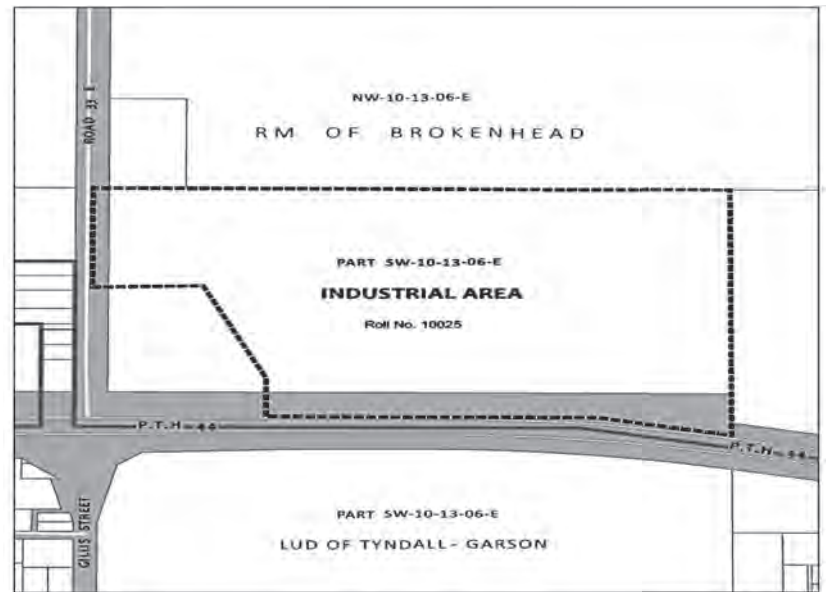
Copies may be made and extract taken therefrom, upon request.

The general intent of the above **By-Law No. 174-21** is:

To amend Map No. 3, being Part of the Brokenhead River Planning District Development Plan Map as amended, is hereby further amended so that the area generally described as follows:

Part of the SW ¼ of Section 10-13-6 EPM

and more specifically shown outlined by a heavy broken line on Appendix "A", attached hereto, presently designated Future Industrial Area be hereby re-designated Industrial Area.



SCHEDULE "A" Attached to By-Law No. 174-21, of the Brokenhead River Planning District, amending Map 1 of By-Law No. 138-09, being the Brokenhead River Planning District Development Plan, as amended. Date: Apr 30, 2021



Jacqueline VanWalleghem, Development Officer  
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Specifications and Tender packages including submission documents are available online at [www.weststpaul.com](http://www.weststpaul.com).

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The Municipality retains the right to reject the lowest or any bid if it does not meet the needs of the Municipality.

All inquiries related to the Tender should be directed to Rick Friesen, Public Works Manager by e-mail [rfriesen@weststpaul.com](mailto:rfriesen@weststpaul.com) or by phone 204-334-0092.

Mr. Brent Olynyk, CAO  
 Rural Municipality of West St. Paul  
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- Willingness to work in outdoor environment.
- General knowledge of the construction industry.
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- Pay the current year's Property Tax Bill.
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- Withdrawals will come out of your account every 5th day of the month.

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If full payment is not received by July 30, a penalty will be applied at the end of day, each month against the outstanding balance. Monthly penalties are calculated at the rate of 1.25 % per cent.

**All property owners are reminded that they are responsible for payment of the 2021 property taxes WHETHER OR NOT they receive a tax notice.**

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Kevin Richter, CPA, CMA  
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**Stonewall & Area Mobility Services  
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 293 Main Street, Box 250  
 Stonewall, MB ROC Z20  
[SAMS@stonewall.ca](mailto:SAMS@stonewall.ca)

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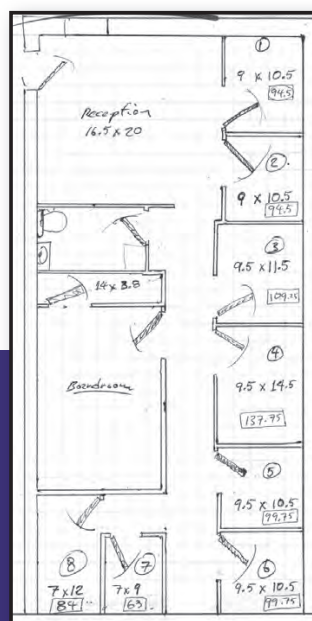
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## R.M. OF ST. CLEMENTS ZONING BY-LAW 5-2002 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 13-2021 PUBLIC HEARING

As per *The Planning Act*, any person can make representation on the matter at the meeting.

### We are Listening.

Public Hearing  
Tuesday,  
July 27, 2021  
6:00 PM  
ONLINE ONLY

### What is BL-13-2021 about?

To amend the R.M. of St. Clements Zoning By-law No. 5-2002 by making various text amendments related to land drainage ponds. The text amendments make a distinction between ponds on private property (e.g. decorative landscape ponds) and those used as municipal infrastructure for managing overland drainage (e.g. land drainage ponds). In addition, the text amendments expand the definition of a Public Utility (e.g. gas pipelines, wastewater & water pipes, roadways, etc.) to include land drainage facilities (including land drainage retention ponds), and, allows Public Utility as a permitted use within various zones.

Attendance at the Council meeting will be restricted to virtual only due to Covid-19. Planning meetings will be available live through YouTube via link provided at [www.rmofstclements.com](http://www.rmofstclements.com). Any person who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to Council during the Public Hearing must register online at [rmofstclements.com/planning-hearings/](http://rmofstclements.com/planning-hearings/) or by calling 204-482-3300 prior to 2:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

For more information please contact the Red River Planning District.  
Red River Planning District Mon-Fri\*  
806A Manitoba Ave. Selkirk, MB. 8:30am-4:15pm  
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\*NOTE: Property owners are responsible for notifying "Tenants"

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Chapter A P.E.O. Award Recipient



Chapter A P.E.O. would like to congratulate  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**ANNIVERSARY**



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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**IN MEMORIAM**



Drew M. J. McDonald  
April 6, 1974 - July 10, 2020  
July comes with sad regrets,  
It brings back a day I'll never forget.  
The tears I shed will never wipe away,  
The ache in my heart that will always stay.  
Life goes on, I know that's true,  
But not the same since I lost you.  
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## OBITUARY



**Marian Audrey Walker**  
(nee Kalawarny)

**October 7, 1928 – July 1, 2021**

With great sadness we announce the passing of Marian at the Red River Place Personal Care Home during the early morning of July 1st, Canada Day.

She leaves to mourn her sister Elsie Dorosh and Joyce Hanson of L.A.; nieces, Nadine Dorosh and Dori Hanson; nephews Marlin Dorosh, Tim Hanson, Terry and Ken Kalawarny, Mark and Pat Kalawarny, Strohan brothers, Wayne, Richard, Dwight, Larry and Neil. Marion leaves her daughter-in-law Lori Betker; grandsons Brian II and Bryce in B.C.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lena and Anthony and her two sons, Kevin Betker in 1985 and Brian Betker in 2007 and a dear friend John in 2017; sister Adeline in 2007; brothers Dan in

2014 and Edward in 2021.

Marian was born on October 7, 1928 in Winnipeg. She was a strong lady and worked hard. She worked at BMO Bank for 42 years and could sure tell some stories about some customers that came into the bank.

When able and feeling ok she used to like going to South Beach Casino, playing the Knox machines and clicked on a jackpot a few times. Then they finally changed them and spoiled all the fun.

She liked going to the Legion for the over 60 Club and of course to play the VLTs. She was a member of the Legion for many years and enjoyed going there.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Rest in Peace Marion. You will be lovingly remembered.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Jessie Garrett Iwasiuk**

**March 7, 1987 – June 26, 2021**

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of our son and brother Jessie.

Jessie was predeceased by his brother and best friend Joshua, grandma Jessie and grandpa Peter Iwasiuk, grandpa Wallace Webb and aunts Clarice Lavallee and Pauline Heckert.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents Charlene and Jerry; sisters Jamie (Trevor) Monkman, Michelle (Adam) Polkowski; brother Jerry Jr.; uncle Roman (Joyce) Iwasiuk; nephews Cory (Liz), Anthony (Bethany), Trevor Jr. (Riley), Liam and Aiden; nanny Sarah Webb; best friends (cousins) Miranda, Michaela and Ryann Karatchuk, Frank McLeod (brother by choice), little buddy Madison and his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jessie was born and raised in Selkirk, MB and employed with Badger Daylighting, a job he loved that took him all over Manitoba.

Jessie lived for his family, friends, and his Lola. He had a huge heart and cared deeply for the people in his life. As big a man he was, he was as gentle as a teddy bear, as tough as he liked to sound, he was very caring and had compassion for all. He worked hard and no matter how tired or busy he was, he was always there to help you with anything. If you needed the shirt off his back, he would give it to you without expecting anything in return. Perfect strangers benefited by his help.

Anyone who knew Jessie will agree that he had a very contagious laugh. Whether you thought what he was laughing at or about was funny or not, you laughed with him. And YES, he loved to give people a hard time but only because he loved you and wanted you to be happy.

He had a passion for riding and enjoyed cruising the open road with his riding buddies which were many. When he wasn't riding he was talking and dreaming about the next ride.

He was most passionate about kids and we can all understand why, he was a just big kid at heart. Whenever he was around little ones, his eyes and smile would light up a room. The kids were always excited to see him. If they knew he was coming, they would anxiously watch for him and with the endless amount of energy he had, you would get tired just watching them play and most of the time he would outplay the kids!

When you were around Jessie no matter what mood you were in, he always knew how to make you laugh, his personality and heart were larger than life.

Cremation has taken place and service was held on Friday, July 2, 2021 at St. Clements Cemetery where Jessie and Joshua together have been laid to rest with Reverend Anthon Bouw officiating.

The family welcomes you to view the service and interment via the link on the Gilbart Funeral Home website which will be available by Saturday, July 3.

Jessie and Joshua are together again. Until we are together once more, may they rest in peace in the loving arms of our loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Margaret Valerie Malis (nee Besson)**

**February 26, 1948 – June 20, 2021**

It is with sorrow and heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Margaret Malis after a long battle with cancer. It is a relief that Mom is no longer in pain and suffering.

Margaret was predeceased by her beloved husband Thomas. Loving mother of Kirsten and Anders. Loving Amma of Ava. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daveena, her relative Rosa in Iceland as well as her brother and sisters-in-law Ron (Gisèle) and Greg (Mary Anne), Elizabeth (Robert), as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father Walter and her mother Emma as well as her brother Stephan.

She was loved and will be greatly missed.

Due to current COVID restrictions a Memorial Service will be

held at a later date.

Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Margaret, please consider the Canadian Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Kelly Funeral Home – Barrhaven Chapel, 3000 Woodroffe Ave, Nepean, 613-823-4747.

Condolences and sharing memories at [www.kellyfh.ca](http://www.kellyfh.ca)

## OBITUARY



**Verna Wusaty (nee Ungrin)**

**August 22, 1940 - July 2, 2021**

Peacefully on July 2, 2021, with her family by her side, Verna Wusaty went to be with her husband and her lifelong sweetheart Julian.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Terylene (Robert) and Lenora (Edward); granddaughters, Stacey (Kevin) and Courtney (Tyler); grandsons, Riley and Tyler, and great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Briella and Huxtin. As well, she leaves her siblings, James (Rose) and Clayton (Colleen), and will always be remembered by her many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Mom loved to be outside, especially in the summer. You could find her tending to her gardens, raising chickens, and helping Dad on their farm just outside of Libau. She went to teachers' college and taught in a one room schoolhouse before starting her most beautiful journey of being a mother. She was such a proud grandmother and her great-grandchildren held her heart.

Mom loved to cook and was known for her traditional 12 meatless dishes at Christmas; that turned into 25, with enough leftovers for everyone. She cooked for fall suppers, many dinners at the church and adored dancing with Dad at the hall banquets. Mom was the happiest when she had a house full to feed so she could make perogies, roast a chicken and cook the best potatoes ever.

Once retired, Mom and Dad loved traveling to Mexico, Florida, Hawaii and Cuba with their families, and were never far apart from one another. The two of them enjoyed 55 years of marriage and an amazing life together, before his passing almost four years ago. He took part of her with him when he left, and it brings us some comfort to know they are together again.

No matter who she met she always had a pleasant greeting and left a lasting impression on the hearts of many.

Her family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Home Care as well as the staff at the Betel Personal Care Home that assisted her during her short stay. A gracious thank you to Dr. Randune, Dr. Sexton and especially Dr. Brown who gave Mom comfort during her last days. And additionally, the nursing staff at the Selkirk & District General Hospital for their kindness and compassion.

Come sit down and visit,  
We can only stay for awhile,  
We know that Dad is holding you close,  
But we can still feel your smile,  
Be together again,  
It's okay to go,  
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In keeping with her wishes, a private family service will be held.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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