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Welcome to Story Studio, a program put on by the Parkland Chamber of Commerce entreaty to and where we look at trying to find out why Parkland or better yet, for 30 minutes or so we're going to highlight some success stories as well as look at some of the work that goes into making the Parkland so amazing. So I'm Stephen Chychota.

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Stephen

I'm the executive director for the Parkland Chamber of Commerce, and I'm joined here by Kayla and by Roxane. So thanks so much for being here. Really appreciate it.

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Kayla

Thanks for having us.

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Stephen

We're going to kick things off really easily just with who you are and kind of what you do, what kind of story you want to tell. Kayla let's go with you, you're in the hot seat for.

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Kayla

All right. So my name is Kayla Luky and I am the owner of Old September in Gilbert Plains. We are a coffee and cocktail bar floral design studio. We are a merchandizer and we're known for hosting workshops. So we do a little bit of everything. And we opened in August of 2019, officially in Gilbert. Before that, I was doing the floral design part and workshops from my house.

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Kayla

I was on maternity leave with my second child and I thought I did a crazy project with my in my first maternity leave and I thought, well, I need to do something crazy in my second maternity leave just to

make sure my kids are equally screwed up. And so that's what I chose to do. And it kind of expanded and got it wasn't manageable anymore in the back porch of our house.

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Kayla

And I'm sure my better half would have left me if we did another Christmas in the house doing floral stuff. And the opportunity came to start up shop in Gilbert Plains. And so a good friend of mine was looking for studio space, and she didn't want to be there alone. So they purchased the building and it was completely renovated and and that's where we are now.

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Stephen

A big journey.

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Kayla

Yes, Yeah.

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Stephen

So interesting going from probably pretty different dynamic going from a home base to, you know, owning and operating a storefront kind of business.

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Kayla

Yeah, it was the opportunity was too good to say no to because at that point I wasn't sure if I was going to go back to my regular job or not. And so I thought, well, even if I go back to my regular job, I can still do this on the side in this space that isn't our house.

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Kayla

But as we were ready to open and as we were open for a few months, it was very apparent to me that I did not want to go back to my regular 9 to 5. And I guess the entrepreneurial bug got me there. Yeah.

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Stephen

Your story, Roxane.

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Roxane

I'm Dr. Roxane Plett. I'm a veterinarian and practice owner with the Dauphin Ste Rose Vet clinic. And I love being part of this community. I love to some of the areas that I'm involved in, as with the Parkland Paddling Club here in town, as well as with my with my church group here. And right now, because of all of the vet shortages across the country, there's not a whole lot that happens outside of work.

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Roxane

So just trying to provide the best service that we can for all of our clients, whether that is, you know, large animal or small animal, we take care of them all.

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Stephen

So you say a vet shortage across the nation. That's that's hitting here like we're you're understaffed kind of in a way like that's that's what you're getting out here or there's or there's like the network as well. Like you're you're finding that there's challenges with that territory.

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Roxane

Yeah. There's there's far more job openings across the country. And actually it's a global issue. It's not just Canada even. It's all of North America. It's other countries of the world as well. Just don't have enough veterinarians available to do the service that we need for as many animals that there are. And so we're now down to two and a half veterinarians between two practices.

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Roxane

So the on call and we are still trying to provide the best service that we can. So that means we're on call 50% of the time right now. Wow. So outside of work. Yeah. Still find time to volunteer? Both my business partner and I both like to be involved in the community as much as we can. And also balance that with work and home.

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Stephen

Yeah, it's so much fun to go there. Yeah. So maybe a bunch of reasons as to why the shortage or demand like a lot more pets or the operations for farms getting that much more vast and then the people aren't coming into the industry as quickly to support that that growth or is it the kind of opposite is that more people aren't getting into the roles as veterinarians and getting the specialties?

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Roxane

Lots of factors involved. Yeah. And these last three years have not been kind for a lot of professions. There's a lot that have shortages right now. So there's more people have gotten pets through COVID and people are requiring more and more specialized care. And that increases the pressures, the stresses that are on the team. So you're seeing more people retiring or more people cutting down their hours and not working as much maybe, and or just getting out entirely or not continuing.

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Roxane

So we're very thankful the Manitoba government has increased the number of seats that they're going to be supporting for this next school year, I believe, which is going to be a help.

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Stephen

Yeah, yeah. Hopefully see some changes there quickly in a way. How long is the program like?

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Roxane

Okay, so once you're in veterinary school. Yeah. For your program. Yeah. Okay. In order to get in, there's a minimum two year program, and some will take three or four years to do that. So it's a minimum six years.

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Stephen

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, That's a lot to get through. Yeah, hopefully that helps.

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Roxane

Yeah, that would be good.

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Stephen

Yeah. Yeah. Yourself Kayla. So you've you've had that storefront for just a short little while kind of thing, but probably feels like forever in a way, but a fun opportunity and challenge. Like you kind of come in there and things. You know, it's, there's that welcoming kind of you recognize it, but, you know, you always got some things that are changing and different product stuff like what's some new opportunities and challenges that you have going there.

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Kayla

Yeah, So Gilbert hadn't had a florist in probably 20 years before I opened there. And then after six months into being a new business, COVID hit and we have three young kids and daycares were closed. So I think I think I was at home with them for probably six or eight weeks just before Mother's Day. And like all businesses and all everybody, I had to figure out what I could and couldn't do and how to be creative in the way that you market yourself as an essential service.

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Kayla

When we were all navigating that, that I'll just call it that. Yeah. And then yeah, so now that I guess we're going into year four or five or whatever. One of the things that I've noticed, and I'm sure COVID had a lot to do with that too, is how you have to just always be, especially in what I'm doing.

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Kayla

I always be thinking of like, how do I make myself, not myself, but the business relevance and something that people want and need. Um, and a lot of that to I think I, I often think about, you know, I, I want to be feel good about what I'm doing in the sense of I don't want to just have a bunch of stuff that people can buy because I understand what I do isn't essential in the sense of like a life or death, immediate life or death sort of thing.

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Kayla

So I when I am thinking about the store, I'm, you know, trying to make sure I'm bringing in merchandise that I can stand behind, that I believe in, that are supporting more local makers and, you know, might be and stuff that people can consume and consciously buy and not just like by buying stuff just for the sake of buying stuff, because that doesn't really resonate with me either.

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Kayla

So yeah, it's always it's always there. There's always something to be thinking about. And I also feel like I'm getting to the point where I'm not really new anymore. So yeah, you just have to keep keep plugging away.

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Roxane

Do you get to use a lot of local suppliers through it?

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Kayla

Um, yes and no. So when it comes to, say, makers in the area, for instance, I utilize Trocadero with their food coming from a commercial kitchen. But because my retail the size of my retail area is so small, I can't necessarily take people on for consignment because it doesn't feed my family when I'm selling for somebody else. So it's kind of a balance of things.

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Kayla

Yeah. And I use while I'm trying to think, yeah, I use a roaster from Regina because they were just my favorite roaster of all the different ones that I tried. And yeah, there's like different food products and stuff that come from, from Manitoba or Canada.

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Roxane

So yeah.

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Kayla

It's a mixed mixture of things.

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Stephen

Maybe a little bit of a selfish plug for you here, but like, I'm curious whether it's from that, you know, you've had a direct relation to or if it's maybe just overall things that you've seen change in your time in Gilbert Plains since you've opened? Like have you seen anything pop up for you?

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Kayla

Well, I think like I grew up in on a farm outside of Gilbert Plains and I went to school in Gilbert Plains and I left for a couple of years to go to school in Winnipeg. And that wasn't really my thing. And I stayed another year to work and I thought I can make minimum wage at home and be a lot more happy.

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Kayla

And so that's kind of what brought me back to this area. And I thought, Yeah, I like the open space and less concrete. And so I ended up buying a home here and I had no reason to leave but all that to say, being in Gilbert Plains as an adult and not just an angsty teen with the business has really made me see how much opportunity there is there, especially in the tourism sector with our the golf course being

there and the campground gets utilized very well and now we have the splash park down there and then seeing how many people come through with hockey and other minor sports.

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Kayla

So even though I haven't necessarily seen things crop up directly in our community because of, you know, what I'm doing, I just see opportunity, the opportunity that it has.

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Stephen

Yeah. Okay. Interesting. And any opportunities from your realm, like you're you're traveling a lot between, you know, different communities, particularly Dauphin and Ste Rose. Like, what are what are your things that you're noticing out on the road?

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Roxane

There's been opportunities for new producers to come in the area. So as some are retiring worse or selling out, there's been an influx of cattle producers from other areas that have picked up ranches and stuff like that. So we are seeing new people coming into the area. So that's kind of exciting.

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Stephen

Yeah. So yeah, turnover expansions, maybe some operations that are out there.

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Roxane

And at least not seeing a loss, like if some are retiring, at least there's other ones that are coming in to continue.

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Stephen

Mm hmm. Yeah, that's that's excellent. Yeah, you would you would not want to see things just. Just disappear. So. Excellent.

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Roxane

Yeah.

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Stephen

Um, and then outside of, you know, I don't I don't want to say 9 to 5 because, like, you guys are, you know, you got entrepreneurs and you've got, you know, on calls and everything like that. But like outside of that, yeah, it could be a little challenging, obviously. So to find those moments that you know, volunteering or meeting time to places that make you happy or whatever, but like, where are you finding that balance and where are you?

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Stephen

Where are you devoting some of those those hours to this?

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Roxane

This is such a fantastic community to be part of for that. I love being in a rural setting and with the proximity of all the parks and and lakes and everything else, I love it. So being part of the Parkland Paddling Club has been fantastic for me. Just it was in the it was started up, I don't know, probably what, 15 years ago, I think the club got.

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Roxane

And that has been kind of my favorite thing in the winter months because we're teaching kayaking classes in the pools. We're making use of the rec centre.

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Stephen

Cool.

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Roxane

And getting other people into boats, teaching them skills and, and just having a great time. And it's a fantastic way to start off the week and then to be able to put that into practice during the summer and be able to get the park to Moon Lake it's my favorite place. I almost feel like I should change the name to "My Lake".

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Stephen

But yeah, and then yeah, so that that time is probably coming up right away with, you know, spring melts and Summer coming.

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Roxane

So we've just finished up our adult intro to kayaking class and the pool. So yeah, hopefully with the lakes opening up in the next couple of months, we'll be back on the water again.

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Stephen

Yeah. Are you one to, to do the, the rivers and stuff that are flowing once they, once they get there. We've that some other individuals out here.

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Roxane

I leave that to some other I prefer the nice I actually my favorite place is Moon Lake and I get out there quite often during the summer and I get to see Moose quite often when I'm out there as well and bears and swans and I get to see a lot of wildlife. And that's started up my new hobby where my camera is in hand.

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Stephen

I was just going to ask about that. Yeah, like you are noticing a lot of pictures in the fall that you're posting and others. You got some amazing moments of there.

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Roxane

I probably saw about sixteen moose last summer while being out on the water which is amazing. Yeah my favorite.

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Stephen

Yeah yeah Lots of moose. You've got some loon pictures. Yeah. Eagles. Yeah. Okay. Pelicans. All good stuff. Yeah. And all. Moon Lake. What is that like 15 minutes from Dauphin.

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Roxane

From here, 20 minutes from my garage. I hook up my trailer and within 30 minutes on that. Yeah. And can be on the water 5 minutes after that. It's fantastic. It was so even when I'm on call, I'll still go out there and then go for early morning, go for sunrise or people are less likely to meet me at sunrise.

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Roxane

Most people are still sleeping, which is great. So I can go out and have uninterrupted time and and that's also my stress break or just kind of that for mental health just to be able to get out there because my job is stressful and it's nice to be able to just get out and have that peace and quiet and calm and and then come back and head back to the clinic.

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Stephen

Back to business. Yeah. Yeah.

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Roxane

And it's great. Just good cell service on Moon Lake. So if people need to reach me. I can still be out there and deal with my problems. Mm.

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Stephen

Yeah. Fairly easy access resource that we have over here. That's Yeah, that's not that far.

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Kayla

I would say I am in a season of life where I do not have a work life balance at all. I have three kids aged 15 months, almost five years old and almost seven. And so, you know, between working and trying to do that and then taking kids where they need to go, we don't do a lot, but someday maybe we will eventually.

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Kayla

But at the same time, I also think that we in or I enjoy my day to day life enough that I don't feel the need to necessarily escape all the time. So, you know, around our own house, we we love to be outside. Yeah. We often go up to the duck mountains if we can, or, you know, we'll be we have an outdoor oven that we like to cook in.

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Kayla

I like to stress cook sometimes, So I'll just spend the day cooking. Yeah. Because I don't know what else to do.

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Stephen

That accessible year round or is that just more of a summer?

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Kayla

You we have used it in the winter before, but it's easier to use in the summer. And yeah, just enjoying time with our kids because those those young years go by so fast.

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Roxane

That you know, just before you know it, they're teenagers and they don't necessarily want to come with their mom.

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Kayla

And so, yeah.

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Roxane

Two daughters who are 16 and 18 and they don't always want to come with me anymore.

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Kayla

Yeah. So I'm so I'm just enjoying time with them as much as I can.

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Stephen

You know, they help at the shop.

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Kayla

They do come once in a while. Forest really likes to count the money and and Mavis likes well, she's very artistic, like she likes to do all kinds of things and is at the stage where she's just she just can't exactly be there because she touches everything and rips everything apart at home and at the shop.

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Kayla

But that's fun too.

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Stephen

You're talking about like we've got Riding Mountain here on one side, we've got Duck mountains on the other. You know, those little things here and there to experience life and and finding that work opportunities out here. But like making roots like you guys are, you've been here for some time. You've come and gone and like, everything like how are you finding, you know, that day to day life and the resources that are kind of available in the area?

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Roxane

For me, that was a huge draw because I didn't grow up here. I grew up in south eastern Manitoba and and then was working in Musgrave, Saskatchewan for three years. And the huge draw for me to come here was the parks and the, you know, the hiking, camping, fishing opportunities that we're all here. And that's definitely a huge draw for me still to stay because we have such a beautiful places to to visit and, and then now with Northgate as well.

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Roxane

That's another huge addition I think is really, really good for the Parkland to draw a lot of people in as well. Mm hmm.

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Stephen

Yeah. And it seems to be doing that already with very minimal kind of promoting that they've done. Yeah. Just that word of mouth and people utilizing it.

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Roxane

Yeah. And I think that's getting rented out fairly commonly as well. Yeah. Awesome. Mm hmm. It's great to get people out. And just for one, being outside and, you know, getting exercise and enjoying nature. And so a lot of good reasons to get out there.

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Stephen

Yeah. And on your side, Kayla how are you utilizing like an a regional approach or at all like I guess in a sense you are using some Trocadero products. Um, but is there anything else that you're working with there?

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Kayla

I know what Well, speaking of Northgate, so last fall I am known for even before I started this up, I always loved picking things from nature in the ditch and whatever. So. So I would do the last couple of years I've done a foraged wreath workshop from just stuff out of the ditch, and we ended up doing a workshop at the wax for Northgate to put up these foraged wreaths everywhere.

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Kayla

So if you've been there, then you've probably seen those.

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Roxane

Gorgeous love it. I had no idea where they came from.

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Kayla

Yeah, yes, yes.

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Stephen

Mystery solved. And there's lots of them.

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Roxane

Yeah.

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Kayla

Yeah. There must I want to say there was like 40 people there maybe that made them between 30 and 40. So that was kind of a neat partnership and a way to showcase a beauty in our in our area, in a in a different way. Yeah. I don't know if that answered your question.

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Stephen

Kind of sort of like, I don't know, we were just kind of going off of like, you know, maybe some, some projects that kind of utilize some resources from the area, which is a great addition because it adds a lot of value to Northgate. So like, I appreciate as a as an active user of it, like that's, you know, you catch the rice every once in a while, like either you know, it's coming or it catches you off guard and all that and look at it as a program.

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Stephen

Yeah.

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Kayla

Yeah, it was, it was fun. Um.

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Stephen

Anything else like that in the, in the works or table anything or.

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Kayla

Well, one thing I'm also known, I like, I've always loved pumpkins. And so every fall I grow like a obscene amount to many and I have those at the shop too and I would I've always dreamt of kind of doing more with that side of things because I've always been crazy about Halloween and about pumpkins. And so anyways, I, I can't say I have officially put any of my dreams in motion on that side of things, but that's always something that, that I do or that I have been doing every year in the shop.

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Kayla

And yeah, we also, when we host our workshops, we ask people of all different whatever it is that they might do. So for instance, Holly Bryson does watercolor, Amy Rae maker does watercolor five foot one perspective just fine, making Heather Huska does sign making my kind of partner in crime at the shop. Sarah She does literally everything, but she's she's done a lot of needle felting workshops.

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Kayla

I'm trying to think of who else Ingrid did macrame. I do floral arranging or doing wreaths. Um, so we're always looking for different artists, I guess, to share their craft and.

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Roxane

To do.

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Stephen

Sort of parkland, like quite a bit of a stretch, but we've had leatherwork.

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Kayla

Yeah.

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Stephen

Come in and stuff too.

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Kayla

Like, yeah, we've had a Earson Hyde come in, and that was scheduled I think around when everything was falling apart with COVID. And then he finally came last fall and did that. And there's another maker that I've reached out to from, from, from outside of the Parkland to come and do a workshop. Oh, my friend Hannah Vick did different weeks, different workshops, and Easter egg writing.

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Kayla

And we've kind of been dreaming up some different things with that, of having a kind of folk art camp here that, you know, does a whole bunch of different things. But I probably shouldn't talk about it because it's not like an official thing at all.

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Roxane

So how often are you holding the workshops?

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Kayla

We usually do workshops every Wednesday, and then we usually take a break break during the summer because people are busy with camping and whatnot. But it was one of the one of the main pillars that we kind of started Old September on. And the other unique thing about it is that we have a recreational liquor license, whereas the recreation is crafting.

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Kayla

So as long as crafting is made available, people can stop in for a beer or wine or cocktail. We do have some in-house favorites. You know, if you feel like knitting and drinking at 9 a.m., we can legally do that. And so yeah, that's kind of unique because I think I think we're the only place in Manitoba that has that type of license.

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Kayla

There was another one, but COVID. COVID got them.

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Stephen

Oh, that's amazing. Okay. Never, never heard of that one before.

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Kayla

Yeah.

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Roxane

Yeah.

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Stephen

So and yeah, you don't know that there's anybody else there that that has things like that.

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Kayla

Well, when I was going through the licensing process, I had asked the fellow that I was working with and there was one in the city who that had the same license, but yet COVID just wasn't kind to wasn't kind to them, and they ended up closing their doors. So, as far as I know, were the only other one, but I haven't.

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Stephen

Mainly.

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Kayla

Yeah.

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Stephen

Have a beer and do the morning crossword or something like that, right?

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Kayla

Yeah. I mean, I can't be the judge of what you think art is or crafting is, I should say.

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Stephen

Yeah, but you have a safe space in order to do it.

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Kayla

Yes.

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Roxane

Interesting.

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Stephen

Yeah. Yeah. What? What a unique opportunity that we have in the Parkland. I know. Great Gilbert Plains. That's amazing. Just hope that up a little bit more often. What time does the store open? When you open the doors in the morning?

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Roxane

Like when is this open?

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Kayla

Officially we open at 930. But I mean I think the license says nine to it would be the same as say a legion or whatever or. Yeah. You know, I can't remember what's.

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Stephen

Not to like I guess make it seem like, oh man, I got to get to the shop. That's they're drinking at eight in the morning.

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Roxane

Oh, you want to take up a craft?

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Stephen

But yeah, really? Coffee. Coffee and Bailey's.

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Kayla

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's one of those things that I know it is unique, but I also don't want people to feel like, you know, that's all we do is like liquor all the time. So I try to be sensitive about that, but.

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Stephen

It's just another layer that makes you so diverse and unique.

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Kayla

Yeah. You know, And so that's kind of spawned into some other opportunities where we've been bartending at people's private functions and whatnot so that we can serve craft cocktails and do that or offer another service for them from parties and, and weddings, which kind of goes hand in hand with the floral aspect of it. And Andrea, my employee can legally or she's I don't know what they're called like when you marry people she's an ordained no, she's not ordained.

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Kayla

She's like I don't think she's just like a commissioner. Commissioner of oaths? That's something I don't know. She's got some kind of paper that she can marry people.

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Stephen

Different show altogether to figure it out.

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Kayla

But she can marry people. And so yeah, we're going to have to have a package deal of we can get you married, get you your flowers and get some booze.

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Stephen

Just pull it up.

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Kayla

Yes. Or Yeah, yeah.

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Stephen

Come out to the shop. Yeah. You can have the dedicated parking space.

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Kayla

Yeah.

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Stephen

Yeah, right. Yeah. It's right here. Yeah.

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Kayla

We got to workshop that idea a bit more yet.

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Stephen

You can have your beverages and craft the cans.

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Kayla

Yeah.

00:28:46:02 - 00:28:46:09

Stephen

Yeah.

00:28:48:11 - 00:28:49:12

Kayla

Oh, boy. Oh.

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Stephen

That's cool. Okay. Or any anything else that we want to kind of cover. Do you want to any final thoughts that you want to kind of go over what's happening. You know, the the Vet clinic anything big new and exciting.

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Roxane

Yeah I mean I just try and routine as many people in the parkland as I can so if we ever have students that come through that are from the area and are doing their training or practicum with us, I just hire them, keep them straight. Yeah, yeah. Health care. I got two, got two vet techs that I've hired now that they didn't really have a job opening when they came.

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Roxane

But like we're gonna snap you up.

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Stephen

Try to keep up.

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Roxane

Keep you here yeah. So the you know, there are some when we were talking about the advantages of like, you know, a smaller rural setting or community and I love living here for a big reason is, is that all of the professions know each other as well and they know you. And there's it's a personal touch. And so you can have your your financial planner and your accountant and your lawyer and and everyone else working together for you.

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Roxane

And they can also communicate with each other on behalf of you as opposed to being in the city where everything is very separate. And you might not know they might not know each other. And so you have everyone working together to be great just to, you know.

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Stephen

Yeah. Makes things easier, right? And, and, and like and I'm, I'm efficient. Oh, yeah.

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Roxane

Love it. I'll have to send an email to each of or to all of the professions and this is my. And then they can work on whatever they can do the solutions for me.

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Stephen

Yeah. Yeah. You know. Excellent. Anything else, final thoughts is there anything you want to cover?

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Kayla

I don't know. I think I covered it all, but yeah, the Parkland is a great place to raise a family. We were kind of talking about this outside, but it was anyways, an affordable place to start up in. And it's. I feel safe in the community. I'm in and I love that my kids can run around in the dirt and not have concrete buildings and not have to play in the shadows of those.

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Kayla

And I think that that is important for everybody internally to get outside and be nice to one another. People are nice here.

00:31:32:12 - 00:31:51:07

Stephen

Yeah exactly. Yeah. Okay. Well, thank you so much for being here with us today and and being part of the conversation and our take at Story studio. And thanks to the team at Grow media for capturing all the moments. All right. Well, till next time.