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# Water First and Interlake Reserves tribal council launch new internship program

By Ami Gopal

Water First Education & Training Inc., in partnership with Interlake Reserves Tribal Council (IRTC) and participating communities, is proud to announce a new water treatment plant operator training program for local community members. The expansion to Manitoba marks the first Drinking Water Internship Program to operate outside of Ontario and supports Water First's commitment to help develop these critical projects with communities across the country.

Interns from the seven Interlake Reserves Tribal Council communities will participate in the 15-month Drinking Water Internship Program to pursue valuable provincial certifications, which help trainees begin their careers in the water field. The internship launched Feb. 12, with an Introduction Week in Pinaymootang First Nation, and will see 12 participants study safety, watersheds, water treatment and distribution, water chemistry and sampling, as well as tour the Lake St. Martin First Nation water treatment plant. This project was developed in collaboration with IRTC, with a focus on networking opportunities and sharing knowledge between the participating communities.

"Local, skilled people are critical in maintaining sustained access to clean



Walter Spence, left, and Jo-Dee Parenteau learning about the water treatment process during their first week as Water First interns.

water," said John Millar, executive director of Water First. "We're excited that the planning and collaboration with Interlake Reserves Tribal Council will result in this group pursuing further education and careers in the water sciences. We hope the success of this program leads to many more collaborative projects in Manitoba."

Regarding the launch of the internship, Interlake Reserves Tribal Council chief executive officer Karl Zadnik says, "On behalf of the Interlake Reserve Tribal Council, we are proud to be the first communities in Manitoba



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Interns and Water First trainers touring the Lake St. Martin water treatment plant.

to partner with Water First to establish a Water Treatment Internship Program for our people. This opportunity will provide members of our communities with skills and training to pursue further education and certification in water and wastewater treatment, leading to a greater pool of water safety experts to serve our communities and beyond."

During the 15-month internship program, each intern will accumulate 1,800 hours of on-the-job experience in their home community water and/or wastewater treatment plants, which is a part of the certification process. As part of the program, interns pursue certification as small drinking water and small wastewater opera-



In their first week together, interns dove into the content right away, studying safety, watersheds, water treatment and distribution, water chemistry and sampling, as well as touring the Lake St. Martin First Nation water treatment plant.

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# Gimli to spread biosolids on farmland near airport

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli issued a public notice to residents near the end of February stating the municipality will be applying stockpiled biosolids to farmland starting in May.

Biosolids, or biological solids, is also known as sewage sludge. The RM will be spreading about 8,000 tonnes of biosolids this year on six parcels of land that border the Gimli airport.

The RM's utility manager Darcy Hjelmeland said the biosolids will be transferred from the decommissioned wastewater lagoon, which is near Lake Winnipeg and Gimli's South Beach neighbourhood, to fields around the airport site. It is not a pilot project.

"The biosolids being land applied this year are from the former lagoon site for the RM of Gimli that was decommissioned in 2009," said Hjelmeland. "The RM's biosolids produced at the WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) are trucked to drying beds at the Arnes Landfill site."

Biosolids result from the treatment of human sewage and contain nutrient-rich matter including phosphorus that can be used as fertilizer to promote the growth of crops. The practice is said to be safe, but there have been scientific studies carried out to determine whether there's a risk of pathogens including bacteria, viruses and parasites, contamination of water

sources and bioaerosol emissions of bacteria.

The RM has a licence from the province to spread biosolids. On behalf of the RM, WSP Canada Inc., is notifying the provincial government's environment and climate change department of the land application as per Clause 47 of licence No. 2473 RR.

"The biosolids will be land-applied to the following parcels owned by the RM of Gimli beginning on or after May 1, 2024: NW 13-19-3-E1, NW 7-19-4-E1, SW 7-19-4-E1 and SE 12-19-3-E1," said Hjelmeland.

And there will be crops grown by a farmer who leases the land.

The application of the biosolids will be monitored by the consultant working for the RM, he said, and will be applied according to the guidelines outlined in the RM's licence.

"There are three clauses with respect to monitoring and reporting (clauses 51-53) that WSP will be able to help provide the required documentation after the land application is completed, as well as provide input to Gimli for the report required to be submitted to the province before March 15, 2024," said Hjelmeland.

A post on the RM's website alerting residents about the program says fields will be tilled within 48 hours for "proper odour and nutrient management."

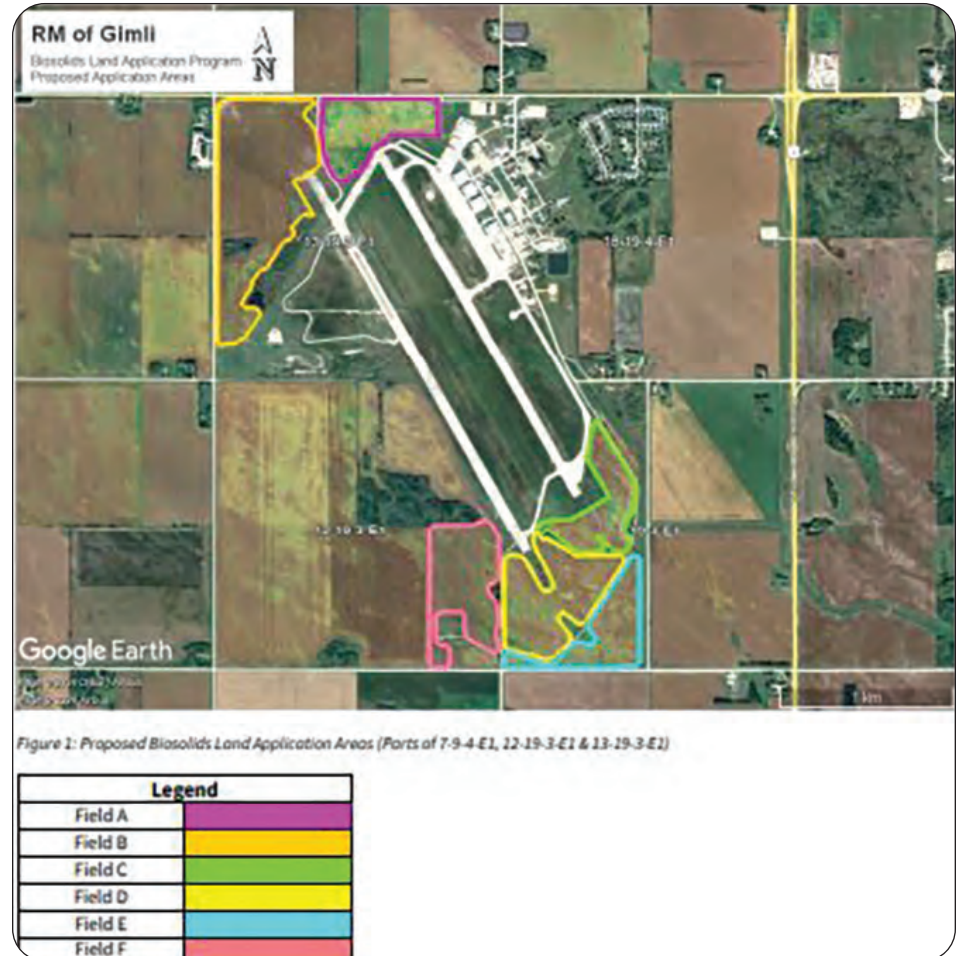


Figure 1: Proposed Biosolids Land Application Areas (Parts of 7-9-4-E1, 12-19-3-E1 & 13-19-3-E1)

ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF THE RM OF GIMLI

The RM of Gimli will be spreading biosolids on RM-owned land, of which at least four parcels are leased to a farmer. Biosolids stockpiled at the decommissioned wastewater lagoon near the lake will be spread on six fields starting in May. Field A (NW 13-19-3-E1 55), Field B (NW 13-19-3-E1 19), Field C (NW 7-19-4-E1 16), Field D (SW 7-19-4-E1 27), Field E (SW 7-19-4-E1 16) and Field F (SE 12-19-3-E1 25).

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# Fisher Branch brings back annual Winter Fun Festival

By Jo-Anne Procter

Community spirit was high in Fisher Branch the weekend of March 1 and 2 as families came together for two days of fun, laughter and friendly competition at the Winter Fun Festival.

The Fisher Branch Recreation Board and dedicated volunteers worked together with a shared goal of bringing a lineup of exciting activities for all ages at a festival that had been on a hiatus due to unforeseen circumstances.

Friday evening proved to be a perfect start to the weekend festivities with a fun ice skate and light show with a DJay Bryce Dubek while a Ukrainian perogy dinner was served at the canteen. The weekly Chase the Ace took place and there were cribbage and card games for anyone interested.

First thing Saturday morning was a pancake breakfast put on by the Access Credit Union ladies, and the local daycare set up an arts and crafts area for children.

Throughout the day there was skating and carnival games, a chuck-a-puck, a pluck-a-duck, face painting,

bouncy house, bean bag toss, scavenger hunt, candy toss and maple sugaring demo by Carla and Real DesJardins.

There was a draw to the button contest at the curling rink, which was won by Steven Ferris, and a dart tournament, which was won by Charlie Howland and Trevor Allen, with John McCormish and Loretta Allen finishing second.

One highlight throughout the weekend, was the successful silent auction, made possible by generous donations from local businesses and individuals. Proceeds raised will help enhance recreational activities and programs in the area.

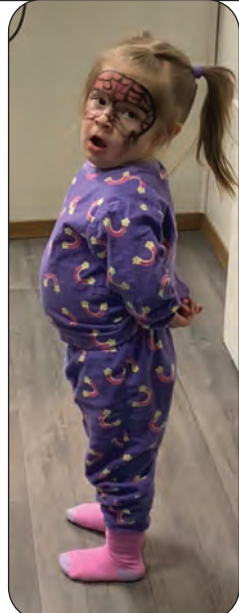
To conclude the weekend there was a tug-of-war and a senior men's hockey game where the hometown Fisher Branch Blades defeated the Peguis River Hawks 7-3.

Some families chose to attend a family movie and popcorn night.

The Fisher Branch Winter Weekend captured the essence of community spirit and unity and created lasting memories that will carry on for years to come.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY KAREN ABAS  
An old fashioned tug-of-war took place at the Fisher Branch Winter Fun Weekend along with many other fun activities on March 1 and 2.





# Evergreen Band Boosters raising money to send local youth to band camp

By Becca Myskiw

The Evergreen Band Boosters are currently collecting funds to help fund band camp for young musicians in the local community.

The dedicated members are working to provide opportunities for talented musicians in the community to attend summer band camp.

Since 1998, the Evergreen Band Boosters have supported music programs in the community by providing financial aid for participating students. Through hosting events and seeking external funding, the committee is dedicated to assisting in any way possible.

At present, monetary donations are being accepted for two camps. One will be held at the International Peace Garden for six consecutive days and

is specifically geared towards older musicians. The other, designed for middle schoolers, will take place during daytime hours and run for a week.

The Evergreen Band Boosters are seeking to alleviate the burden of increased fees and overall expenses by receiving support from the community, since both camps have seen a rise in registration costs due to the current economic climate.

"We may not be able to provide the full funds," said Nancy Humniski, chairperson of the committee. "But we can supplement them."

According to Humniski, families may face various obstacles when it comes to offering extracurricular activities for their children. While the Evergreen Band Boosters can't help with all of them, they can help with

a main one.

"I always felt that music is good for connection and team building and mental health," she said.

There are currently nine volunteers on the committee, one of them being Humniski. Their main responsibility is to secure grants for the students at Gimli and Winnipeg Beach schools as well as their music programs. They also organize fundraisers to support these students, attend their performances and assist staff in any way they can. Additionally, the Evergreen Band Boosters have donated funds towards bringing in guest speakers to improve student development on specific topics, aside from the usual band camps.

Recently, the Lakeside Lions donated \$225 to the committee to supplement

the band camp costs. Humniski said the money will be divided among all students who enrol. They don't know how many students plan on going yet and won't for a while.

"It's really interesting because the students share at the end of school what band has done for them and it's pretty amazing on how it influences them," said Humniski. "It's a strengthening program for them. It gives the students a sense of belonging."

To donate to the Evergreen Band Boosters to support young local musicians attending band camp this summer, mail a cheque payable the committee to PO Box 375, Gimli, MB, R0C 1B0.

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tors as well as Class 1 water treatment and wastewater treatment. Interns also round out their training with additional workshops in water quality analysis, introduction to environmental water sampling, introduction to mapping and geographic information systems, as well as career readiness training.

These trainings can lead to work in drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment and environmental water careers. The internship also encourages increased participation of women in the water sciences and offers wrap-around supports to reduce barriers to participation, including childcare services and transportation. Graduates of the program become part of the Water First Alumni Network, with access to continuing career development and education opportunities, as well as an ever-expanding professional network.

"I'm very happy to be a part of the Water First Internship. Sharing ideas and supporting each other while making those ideas become reality will be a huge boost for our respective communities and their water treatment programs," shares Walter Spence of Peguis First Nation. "Water is sacred; it is where we began our journey in this world. Now we are making career choices about working with water. It is a big responsibility but one we can manage by continuing to work together. I am very excited to learn what I can over the next 15 months."

Sustainable access to safe, clean water in Indigenous communities in Canada continues to be a critical issue. In Canada, 14 per cent of First Nations are affected by a drinking water advisory. The challenges are complex and layered. Communities may face issues relating to infrastructure, source water quality or people to manage water systems — or more than one of these issues at a time.

Water First works with Indigenous communities that have identified education and training as part of their solution to the water crisis. Safe water needs skilled people.

The IRTC Water First Internship is funded through Indigenous Services Canada, Indigenous Skills and Employment Training, and First People Development Inc., together with the support of Water First's donors. This collaboration will support the IRTC in training future water operators and in increasing local, technical capacity and autonomy in the water management field for today and for generations to come.

This is Water First's sixth Drinking Water Internship Program. To date, 46 interns from 31 Indigenous communities have graduated from Internship programs and logged approximately 117,000 hours working in local water plants and attending workshops.

About Water First Education & Training Inc. (Water First):  
Water First is a registered Canadian charity that works alongside Indigenous communities to address water challenges through education, training, and meaningful collaboration. Since 2009, Water First has collaborated with more than 90 Indigenous communities located in the lands now known as Canada while supporting Indigenous youth and young adults to pursue careers in water science. Learn more: [www.waterfirst.ngo](http://www.waterfirst.ngo).

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## Selkirk in process of establishing community safety officer position

By Patricia Barrett

The City of Selkirk is in the process of establishing a position for a community safety officer, who will assist the local RCMP and help keep the city safe by undertaking duties that could include assisting the RCMP on mental health calls, responding to traffic violations and conducting bylaw related activities and enforcement.

The provincial government announced March 4 that it proclaimed legislation (Bill 34) passed in 2023 and enacted regulations to expand the role of community safety officers and First Nation safety officers. They can now be called on to perform duties such as searches and seizures, detentions and arrest, crisis response tactics and strategies, road safety and traffic enforcement and Indigenous awareness.

Two or more municipalities are allowed to jointly operate a regional community safety officer program.

Safety officers will have to receive required training that is currently offered by Assiniboine Community College. The training will equip them with the powers and protections of a peace officer.

The City of Selkirk's chief administrative officer Duane Nicol said the city currently does not have a com-

munity safety officer, but it has budgeted for a position and is in the process of obtaining one.

"City council had approved the position in the budget and project scope for 2024. However, with the most recent [provincial government] announcement, the city will be reviewing the new changes to the Police Services Act with Manitoba Justice and our local RCMP detachment to determine if any changes need to be made to the city's agreement prior to it being finalized, and if there are any additional authorities the city would like to take on that have now been included in the most recent act changes," said Nicol.

The position would deal with all the authorities available under the act that have been approved by Selkirk council. Some of the authorities Selkirk might consider include minor infractions under the Highway Traffic Act. Those could entail improperly stopping at stop or other traffic authority signs or failing to wear a seatbelt. The CSO might also be called upon to direct traffic in an emergency situation.

"Additionally, the city may choose to approve authority under the Off-Road Vehicle Act for helmet usage or under the Mental Health Act to assist

members of the RCMP when requested," said Nicol. "This position would also be responsible for conducting by-law related activities, including gaining compliance, enforcement actions when required and providing public education to citizens about city by-laws and initiatives."

The CSO would be given authorities within Selkirk's boundaries unless the city chooses to sign an agreement to provide services in another RM, he said.

There are a number of benefits to Selkirk having a CSO. The position would provide increased visibility throughout the city to proactively reduce crime and give citizens an increased feeling of safety, provide support to Selkirk's existing bylaw enforcement and public education program, provide support to the RCMP, increase response to citizen complaints for less serious infractions that are often "low priority" for the RCMP, said Nicol.

The process to obtain a safety officer includes the city having to review the authorities available to the position and sign an agreement with Manitoba Justice and the RCMP "to determine which authorities the city would like to enforce," said Nicol. Once that hap-

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## letter to the editor

Cam Dahl of the Manitoba Pork Council tells us "every business" cannot be sustainable without being profitable in his opinion piece published in the *Express Weekly News* on March 7.

Even if this was true, it would mean our plundered planet likely has little chance in sustaining life as we know it. He ignores movements like Sustainable Ag, which with the help of

the federal government is assisting farmers in being responsible citizens and profitable. Most people are OK with taxation to provide services like roads, medicare and climate change mitigation. The goal of the carbon tax is to use money generated to help in this and dissuade over-use.

Multi-million-dollar industrial operations (it's hard to see how these are not profitable) need to find ways

to use less fossil fuel and therefore pay less carbon tax. Dahl mentions "collaboration" but history shows big business's only goal is profit. He blames the carbon tax on reducing profitability, but what about the cost of all the other inputs — fossil fuel being top of the list? Why does he not request oil companies reduce their profits to help out his clients?

- Diane Robertson

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## The eagles have landed



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BEN HEWSON

A burst of winter blew through the Interlake region on March 6 dumping anywhere from 6 to 25 centimetres of snow. The following day, local photographer Ben Hewson captured a convocation of bald eagles outside of Gimli. Eagles usually fly alone, although some may follow others to feeding grounds. The white-headed bird of prey travels alone or in pairs and breeds in central Canada and migrates south in autumn to the west-central and southwestern United States to warmer climates during the winter for easier access to food, especially fish. They return north in the late winter or early spring. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: [news@expressweeklynews.ca](mailto:news@expressweeklynews.ca)



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pens, the city works with the province and RCMP to determine standard operating procedures, training requirements and interdepartmental interaction.

Nicol broke down the cost to the city for a safety officer.

There would be no cost to train the officer as the province is providing that at no charge. The position would earn \$80,533 (\$33.62/hr) including on-call and budgeted overtime, plus \$17,890 in benefits. The uniform and equipment for the position would cost \$2,500. The vehicle budget — a hybrid vehicle including decaling and retrofit with a cage and electronics containment — would be \$77,100.

The province said in a news release

that the changes made to the Police Services Act will afford communities greater protection.

"Bill 34 expands the role of safety officers in assisting their local policing authority and enables safety officers to provide an initial response to safety threats and detain individuals posing a safety threat," said the province in the March 4 release. "The updated community and First Nation safety officer regulations expand these authorities further, adding additional provincial offences and enforcement powers."

The Express contacted the RM of Gimli for comment on the community safety officer program but did not get a response.



## Wintertime beauty



EXPRESS PHOTO BY EDWARD PENNER

Edward Penner from the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton took this bucolic wintry photo on March 7 of the aftermath of Manitoba's last significant snowfall, saying he's waiting for summer but winter can be so beautiful.

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# Social media posts about 'active shooter' in Gimli cause difficulties for RCMP

By Patricia Barrett

The RCMP found themselves working on two fronts late last month after someone reported gunfire at a residence on Lake Avenue in Gimli and social media posts claimed there was an active shooter in town.

Schools went into lockdown shortly after 1 p.m. on Feb. 29 after notified by the Gimli RCMP that the service had received a report of gunfire. Then some time later, social media posts began popping up about an "active shooter" in town, resulting in a degree of panic and some businesses locking their doors.

Posts on community social media sites such as Meanwhile in Winnipeg Beach had a post saying, "Active shooter in Gimli they are in lock down," and Meanwhile in Gimli had a post saying, "Due to an active shooter in Gimli and lockdown at schools [a program] is cancelled."

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A post about an active shooter in Gimli on the community Facebook page Meanwhile in Winnipeg Beach.

Paul Managire said the information the Gimli RCMP received from the caller who reported gunfire at the residence and the information that was eventually posted on social media sites were greatly at odds, and RCMP media relations realized it was "getting out of hand" and they'd have to do something.

"The information that was provided to police was vastly different than what was put on social media by rumour. So that's why [media relations] reached out to the Gimli RCMP detachment, saying, 'What's going on here?'" said Managire. "Once we made them aware of what was out on social media, they said, 'That's not what's going on.'"

The Gimli detachment had responded to a report of a male discharging a firearm towards to people during a dispute at a house on Lake Avenue on Feb. 29. Two people had left the scene and contacted the police. The following day, RCMP issued an arrest warrant for 28-year-old Joseph Henderson of Fort Alexander, who has yet to be located.

RCMP media relations became aware of social media posts about an active shooter at about 2:15 p.m. on the day of the incident, said Managire. The department then called the Gimli detachment to gather facts about the incident and write an advisory notice, which was posted online around 3 p.m.

The notice advised the public that the Gimli RCMP had responded to a "shots fired complaint" at a residence where the suspects and residents were known to each other and that nobody was injured. The suspect had fled the



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An RCMP vehicle is shown at the former detachment in downtown Gimli.

scene and the RCMP were patrolling the area.

Managire said the RCMP's call to schools (or the Evergreen School Division) just after 1 p.m. was precautionary after officers had undertaken a risk assessment of the situation at the residence. There was also no need to send out an emergency alert via cell phones.

"I don't think it was needed. If you think there's a gunman on the street, then that would be the right response. But that's not the call that came into

the police," said Managire. "That's where the problem is. What was reported to us is not what social media put out. And that's why people are upset by this."

The call that had come into the RCMP detachment indicated there had been an argument at the house, a firearm was drawn and pointed, and as the male suspect exited the house, he fired the gun into the air.

"That's a very common type of call for RCMP in Manitoba to get," said Managire. "We knew someone had discharged a firearm, but we also knew there was no one running around town shooting at people or trying to scare people. This was isolated. It then became a matter of tracking the suspect down and finding out where the gun is."

The municipality was told about the incident after the RCMP was made aware of what was being posted social media, he added. The service's focus was on finding the suspect rather than monitoring what was being said

on social media.

Managire said the Gimli RCMP response was appropriate to their training.

"If we get a call about gunfire, we have to do a risk assessment of the situation. Someone could be discharging a firearm on a rural property and it turns out someone is just target shooting out back. Or someone is hunting in a place they're not supposed to be. Or sometimes it's a call about a disturbance at a house party where things get out of control and someone pulls a gun and fires shots in the air," said Managire. "The RCMP has to gather information to find out exactly what is going on then respond accordingly based on that risk assessment."

He said RCMP also acted accordingly during a "high-risk takedown" of a person that day that police had thought might be the suspect they were looking for and who might be armed.

Because it was determined that a shooter was not running around the streets of Gimli, the Evergreen School Division was notified that they could proceed to release their students at the end of the normal school day.

Managire said there's really no way to prevent rumours spreading on social media in future.

"It's something the RCMP can't focus on. It's up to people to not spread false rumours," he said. "I can understand you might want to post a concern if you've heard gunshots. But for someone to say there's an active shooter running around Gimli, that's twisting things dramatically. That's fearmongering."

The *Express* reached out to the RM of Gimli and council for comment but did not get a response.

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# Safety top of mind for farmers, governments

By Autumn Fehr

As the agriculture industry continues to evolve, so do the challenges with farm safety — pushing producers to embrace a culture of safety in the industry.

On Jan. 24, the federal and provincial governments, through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership — a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by the governments to support the industry — announced they will invest more than \$1.5 million over the next five years in the Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) for the FarmSafe Manitoba program to promote safe and healthy farm operations in Manitoba.

“As equipment and practices evolve and change the day-to-day realities on Canadian farms, it’s vitally important that we take steps to protect our agricultural workers and their families,” said federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay. “This important investment will help farmers access essential tools and information to manage risks effectively and keep farming operations in Manitoba safe, sustainable and productive.”

The Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting’s most recent findings prove this investment to be crucial.

The report found that between 1990 and 2020, 2,814 agriculture-related fatalities were reported in Canada, averaging 91 deaths per year. However, between 2006 and 2020, the average number of fatalities dropped by 70 a year.

Even though this report shows a significant decrease in fatalities on Canadian farms, it still shows that lives are being lost in the workplace, which means work still needs to be done to promote farm safety education and support.

The FarmSafe Manitoba program provides resources for farm safety, such as machinery operation, livestock handling, chemical handling and emergency preparedness. The program aims to reduce workplace injuries and fatalities and promote a safety culture within the agricultural community.

The program is led by Keystone, Manitoba’s general farm policy organization representing farmers and commodity organizations across the province.

FarmSafe Manitoba provides farm-specific resources, safety assessments, hazard identification, risk management guidance and training sessions.

“This funding provides KAP with the ability to deliver the FarmSafe



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While farm-related fatalities have decreased in recent years, lives are still being lost in the workplace, prompting a welcome investment in safety initiatives by government stakeholders.

Manitoba program, which provides Manitoba producers with a suite of resources, tools and services to help them manage safety on their farms,” said Jill Verwey, president of KAP. “With an increased demand for these tools and services, KAP will be able to support Manitoba producers in their efforts to be safer in their operations and continue to promote what they have available at their disposal.”

For farmers like Craig Riese, who has worked as a producer in the Selkirk area for 30 years, farm safety is a “day-to-day thing.”

“They (KAP) put the tools and the resources in place so farmers like myself can contact them, and they can help you put your safety plan in place. They will come out and tour your farm. I’ve had them out in the past. KAP can’t fund this program themselves — they need the money from the provincial and federal government to keep this program going,” Riese said.

Growing up on a farm, he’s seen the firsthand evolution of technologies and the importance of considering farm safety in all his daily operations as a grain farmer, harvesting wheat, canola, soybeans and corn.

Riese’s daily duties vary depending on the season. For example, a day in January is very different from a day in May through November, he said. But no matter the sea-

son, safety is always a part of it.

“No longer can a farmer just be enrolled in the Workers Compensation Board and think that’s a farm safety plan. When you have employees, as many farms have now, that are not family members, you are, under the law, obligated to have them in Workers Compensation, but that’s not the end of where the farm safety needs to be. That’s just a starting point,” he said. “We have to, as farmers now with employees, prove that we are taking safety seriously, that we are training our staff and that we’re giving our staff the tools that they need to work safely.”

Riese has taken advantage of the FarmSafe program. Specifically, the documentation aspect has been enlightening for him, and he has learned just how important it is to know your plan and what you are doing.

“It’s unimportant until something goes wrong, but if something goes wrong, the onus is on the farmer to prove

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# Winnipeg Beach School raises over \$2,100 for GHS and CancerCare

By Patricia Barrett

Students at Winnipeg Beach School raised \$2,108 last month for the Gimli Humane Society and CancerCare Manitoba to show their appreciation for the services the two organizations provide.

Teacher Kayla Mellen said students in her grades 4 to 5 class spearheaded the fundraiser after receiving a donation of two Winnipeg Jets tickets from Prairie Docks, which supplies floating docks. The class created a Jets prize package, which was raffled off to raise the money.

"The class discussed this and decided that in some way and at some point in their lives, they've all been affected by the hardships of cancer, thus their support of CancerCare Manitoba in this fundraiser," said Mellen. "The other cause that the class felt deserved some support and recognition is the local humane society in Gimli. They all agreed that sometimes the animals get forgotten in difficult times, especially in the winter season."

The humane society and CancerCare each received \$1,054. Mellen said although it was her class that initiated the fundraiser, the entire school banded together to sell tickets for the draw.

"After a month of fundraising, the school brought in \$2,108. The proceeds were split evenly between the two selected causes, and both organizations were incredibly grateful," said Mellen. "CancerCare Manitoba acknowledged the donation and certified Winnipeg Beach School as official Heros for Hope. They shared a video representing how donations can be made and how much donations mean to those battling cancer or the families af-



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF KAYLA MELLEN


Animal control officer Cindy Salamandyk (left) from the Gimli Humane Society accepted a cheque for \$1,054 from grades 4 and 5 students at Winnipeg Beach School. With help from their teacher Kayla Mellen (right), the students organized a fundraiser last month to help the humane society and CancerCare Manitoba. The entire school helped with the fundraiser.

ected."

Animal control officer Cindy Salamandyk of the Gimli Humane Society went to the school to meet the students and teachers and receive the funds, which will be put towards the welfare of the animals the shelter cares for and puts up for adoption.

"We are exceptionally proud of all the students and deeply grateful to be one of their selected

charities, along with CancerCare Manitoba. It was a pleasure getting to meet the students and their teachers. The proceeds will be used directly to the benefit of the animals," said Salamandyk. "Today's children are the future generation of animal lovers and animal advocates. Let us all do our share to set a good example as the future of animal welfare depends on it."




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# Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to plan for #FarmSafetyEveryday

By Lana Meier

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) takes place March 10 to 16, and this year, farmers, farm families, farm workers and farming communities are encouraged to consider how they plan for #FarmSafetyEveryday.

CASW, a yearly event organized by CASA, aims to promote the significance of safe agriculture throughout Canada. The concluding phase of their three-year safety campaign, titled "Your Farm, Your Family, Your Success: Safety is Our Heritage," continues to emphasize the importance of safety in agriculture.

This year, the focus of organizers is on offering practical safety tips and promoting discussions about farm safety. The goal is to highlight the significant role that safety plays in ensuring the prosperity and lasting impact of farming businesses.

"There is no question that farm accidents can have a devastating toll with physical, psychological and financial consequences," says Andrea Lear, CASA's chief executive officer. "But we also know that many on-farm incidents are preventable. That's why we want to provide Canadian producers with the tools and resources they need to protect the health and safety of everyone who lives and works on or visits farms and ranches. Canadian Agricultural Safety Week serves as a

reminder that farm safety is important year-round and that by working together, we can ensure a safer agricultural sector."

Annually, CASA promotes safety on Canadian farms through CASW. This year, CN, Syngenta Canada, Canadian Canola Growers Association, Fertilizer Canada and Parrish & Heimbecker are sponsoring the event.

More resources and information related to CASW can be found at [agsafetyweek.ca](http://agsafetyweek.ca). The media kit on the website includes a variety of materials such as feature stories, safety advice articles, public service announcements and graphics.

The CASA is a non-profit organization that works towards enhancing the well-being of farmers, their families and workers in the agricultural sector. It receives partial funding from the Canadian government through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a joint effort between federal, provincial and territorial authorities. For more information, visit [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca), find them on Facebook or LinkedIn or follow them on X @planfarmsafety.



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## How to save extra money this tax season

Personal income tax season is coming and with a more complex system every year, it makes good sense to have an expert prepare your taxes to ensure you're receiving the best return possible. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has put out a lot of new legislation this year, with what seems to be a record number of changes. Erica Minarik, owner of ELM Chartered Professional Accountant Inc. (ELM CPA), is here to walk you through some of those changes that could affect the way you file this year.

One of the bigger changes is how remote employees can claim expenses while working from home. Since 2020, remote employees have been able to claim the temporary flat rate method of \$2 per day as working-from-home expenses. As of this year, employees now need to meet certain criteria and obtain a signed T2200 form from their employer before being able to claim expenses.

Minarik says if you recently renovated your home, consider if you are eligible to claim the existing Home Accessibility Tax Credit or the new Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit. The CRA has also added to the list of eligible medical expenses this year, including the additional cost of an aspher-

ic lens over a basic lens during cataract surgery.

If you are looking to maximize your return, Minarik recommends seeking out professional tax preparation services and advice. "Find someone you trust, someone that is staying on top of these changes, and takes time to analyze your tax return, not just prepare it."

Before starting her firm, ELM CPA, in October 2023, Minarik worked as an accountant for the last 16 years in Winnipeg. Staying rooted in the values of accessibility is important to Minarik, so this tax season she is bringing her personal tax preparation services to the Interlake region by offering a Gimli pick-up and drop-off service. For those who prefer to submit their documents electronically, she also offers a secure portal on her website.

Gimli holds a special place in Minarik's heart as her happy place and home of her late Amma and Afi, Benna and Don Martin. "I've only ever missed one Islendingadagurinn and was especially proud to be one of my Amma's attendants when she was Fjallkona."

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# NHL alumni face off in support of Arborg co



**EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RAYME THOMSON**  
Fans cheered on their favourite legendary NHL Winnipeg Jets alumni and friends when they faced off against Arborg Ice Dawgs and local rec hockey players in a fundraising hockey game last Friday. The Jets alumni won the game 9-3 and featured players like Nigel Dawes, Dustin Boyd, Derek Meech, Perry Miller, Andrew Murray, Shaun Heshka, Justin Kurtz, Ryan Garbutt, Russ Romaniuk, Ray Neufeld, Darryl Stanley and others. Approximately 400 fans enjoyed the unique up-close and personal experience. "It was a great community event with smiles from ear to ear on the kids, especially when the Jets players handed out autographed mini sticks after each period," said Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission's recreation manager Tom Chwaliboga.





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# Canada's best shares tips with future curling stars

By Autumn Fehr

World-class curler Kerri Einarson and husband Kyle recently led a curling clinic in Eriksdale, with a particular focus on youth as the driving force for developing this foundational sport.

On March 2, 21 curlers aged nine to 17 attended a curling clinic hosted by the Einarsons, including their two daughters, Khloe and Kamryn.

"Doing clinics like this one is so important for youth in sports and getting children involved in curling. It's such a great sport, and I love giving back to this amazing game as much as I can," said Kerri.

"Curling is a grassroots sport, and we need to grow it more, so getting youth involved as much as we can will help."

The Eriksdale Curling Club offers "learn to curl" events like this one throughout the season. This is the first clinic with world-class curlers providing their knowledge but certainly not the last.

The curlers were split into three groups in the morning. Kerri went back and forth between the groups, imparting her expertise to each individual. The clinic was filled with a variety of drills, sweeping tips and delivery techniques. In the afternoon, they engaged in games while the instructors offered guidance on strategy.

Access Credit Union supplied drinks and snacks, and the Arena Café provided a delicious lunch for the group.

"The event was a huge success. Many of the curlers and their parents commented on how much fun they had and how much they learned. Viewers enjoyed watching Kerri and Kyle Einarson sharing their knowledge," said Donna Pool, treasurer of the Eriksdale Curling Club and one of the clinic organizers.

Kerri instructs two of Eriksdale's high school curlers, Aiden Spalding and Jersi Godfrey. Melanie Spalding contacted Kerri to schedule the event, Pool added.

Freya Darknell, a Grade 6 student and attendee of the clinic, expressed her enjoyment in meeting the Einarson family.

"They taught me lots of tips and tricks about sliding out, throwing the rock and how to position my body in the hack to get the perfect shot. ... Thanks to Eriksdale Curling Club and everyone for organizing the amazing opportunity," she said.

The curler's top pick of the day's games was aiming and throwing the rock between two cups.

Darknell participates in the curling club's after-school program on Wednesdays, run by Brad and Dianna Drews for students in grades five and up. The club offers affordable rates to its school curlers with free curling on Fridays, monitored by curling club members.

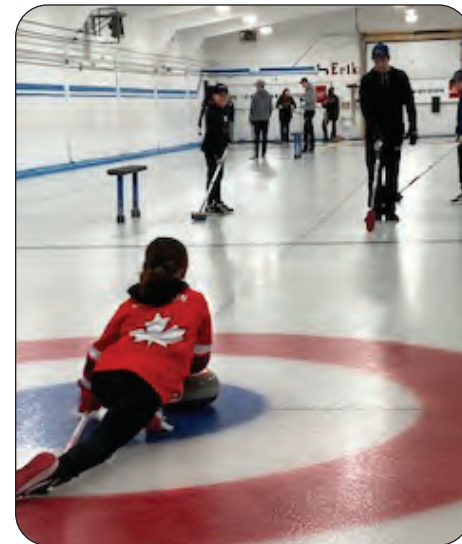
"There are very limited opportunities for youth to socialize and exercise and have fun in rural Manitoba. The clinic showcases the skills of our curlers while offering the opportunity to excel at a higher level. Curling is part of our fabric and offers a very affordable sport. Community does not exist without our youth," said Pool.

The clinic would not have been possible without the generous grant given by the Darryl K. Seaman Canadian Hockey Fund at the Calgary Foundation.

Attendees from the local community came by the clinic to observe the event at various times.

According to Pool, the community was thrilled by the incredible opportunity presented to its youth and was grateful for Kerri, Kyle and their family's selfless dedication.

"The Einarsons are amazing ambas-



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY DONNA POOL**  
Cimli's Kerri Einarson and husband Kyle were in Eriksdale on March 2 to help youth curlers better their game.

sadors, focusing on fun, learning and sportsmanship. Kerri, having worn the Canadian flag on her back, speaks for itself. Sharing the ice with the Einarson family provided a glimpse into the bigger picture of curling."

Meanwhile, Kerri said she and Kyle had fun teaching the students.

"There were so many talented kids that I could see having a future in this sport. Our daughters, Khloe and Kamryn, also helped us teach. They absolutely love the sport just as much as we do," said Kerri.

As the curling season is coming to an end, Pool said plans are already underway for next year, including adding additional clinics and hopefully adding another world-class curler to the mix.

In 2025, the curling rink will mark its 60th anniversary. Keep an eye out for upcoming events that will be highlighted in the *Express Weekly News* next year.

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# Movement forward for Selkirk solar glass facility

By Katelyn Boulanger

Premier Wab Kinew and Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt joined Mayor Larry Johannson to announce the solar glass manufacturing facility is moving forward.

"Today (Feb. 14), we are moving forward with Canadian Premium Sands (CPS) to mine critical minerals here in Manitoba. They will mine silica sand that will be used to manufacture solar glass panels at a brand new facility right here in Selkirk," said Kinew.

He said that this project would position Manitoba as a leader in the low carbon economy of the future.

"We will support CPS to establish impact benefit agreements with First Nations and Métis governments. We want to ensure that our commitment to economic reconciliation is brought to life and how we carry this project to fruition," said Kinew.

The Manitoba government has released information stating that this glass facility is projected to produce up to 800 tonnes of solar glass per day. The Manitoba Bureau of Statistics has assessed the overall economic impact of these projects, which it re-

ports would create 250 direct jobs for Manitobans as well as 600 to 700 jobs during the construction phase. The extraction project is estimated to create another 30 jobs near Hollow Water First Nation.

Schmidt said, "Manitoba has an opportunity to become a leader in clean energy and this project will move us forward towards that goal by helping us meet our net-zero targets. Today's announcement helps us do just that. It comes after months of careful review of the appeals by our government and this is over and above the lengthy review done by our departmental experts who issued the licences first in 2023. Dismissing these appeals removes the final unknown for the company as they continue moving forward with the goal of having shovels in the ground this summer."

The projects received Environment Act licence approvals between 2019 and 2023.

Mayor Johannson called this announcement fantastic.

"We know the importance of a new clean green future for the generations of Manitobans to come. With this



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Premier Wab Kinew and Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt joined Mayor Larry Johannson at the Gaynor Family Regional Library to announce that solar glass facility will move forward.

plan, and with Manitoba Hydro electricity, this green initiative will lead to Manitoba what oil and gas was to

Alberta in the past. This is going to be the future," said Johannson.

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# East Interlake Watershed District expecting 16,000 trees

By Becca Myskiw

This spring, the East Interlake Watershed District (EIWD) will be receiving more than 16,000 seedlings to be planted in the Interlake.

Through the federal government’s 2 Billion Trees program, EIWD will be able to distribute the 16,000 seedlings to landowners, producers and communities that applied to be part of the watershed district’s tree planting program.

EIWD’s tree planting program is in partnership with the provincial and federal governments. The program aims to provide landowners and municipalities within the watershed boundaries with multiple tree-planting opportunities. Individuals or groups can also apply to EIWD for assistance with plan design, seedlings, mulch, planting equipment or funding support to plant trees.

Tree planting projects the watershed district supports are traditional shelterbelts, eco-buffer shelterbelts (also known as native, diverse or dense, shelterbelts), reforestation, agroforestry, riparian enhancement/shoreline protection and urban tree planting projects, in areas like parks, boulevards and public spaces. Currently, their tree planting programs are supported by the Government of Manitoba’s Growing Outcomes in Watersheds program, the Manitoba Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program and the federal government’s 2 Billion Trees program.

Zoe Bailey, EIWD project co-ordinator, said most of the 16,000 seedlings coming this May will be planted into eco-buffer shelterbelts on agricultural land with assistance from EIWD staff.

This spring’s plantings are focused between Stonewall and Arborg, but Bailey said anyone within the watershed’s boundaries is welcome and encouraged to apply. All program participants’ planting sites will be monitored by an EIWD staff member for five years, and the trees are expected to stay in place indefinitely.

EIWD is also working with the 2 Billion Trees program to provide municipalities within the boundaries with trees for public property plantings in boulevards, parks and other public spaces.

“Municipalities will be responsible to tend these trees for three years and maintain them until maturity,” said Bailey.

Participating in the program is easy. Successful applicants will receive seedlings or funding for them, mulch and use of the tree planter in exchange for preparing the land, planting the seedlings, and watering and weeding the plants until establishment. Successful applicants are determined based on the ecological goods the service will provide, eligibility, available funding, how the project aligns with the Integrated Watershed Management Plan goals and board approval.

“Planting trees is essential to creating a sustainable and resilient future,” said Bailey. “Trees play a crucial role in climate change mitigation by sequestering carbon, regulating local temperatures and creating microclimates. Treed areas reduce runoff after rain events and spring runoff, which reduces flooding and also increases groundwater recharge. Additionally, trees reduce erosion, stabilize soils and provide important wildlife and



**EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
The East Interlake Watershed District will be planting 16,000 trees with landowners, producers and communities to support the watershed program.

pollinator habitat.”

Bailey said it’s never too late to apply for EIWD’s tree planting program, as applications are always open. Currently, the watershed district is planning for fall planting projects, so applications received now would be for the 2025 spring plant. Continuous support of programs like this one allows EIWD to continue supporting local landowners, producers and municipalities in all their work.

“Planting trees increases biodiversity, which improves overall ecological function,” said Bailey. “Outside of the environmental benefits of planting trees, there has also been a lot of research done around the importance of trees for human health and well-being. It is critical that we keep planting trees for the next generation.”

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that they’ve done safety training and have a safe plan for their farm,” said Riese.

Riese encourages all Manitoba farmers to take advantage of the free program to find out where their shortcomings are or what they can do to take some small steps to start documenting safety on the farm.

“As the owners and operators of their farming operations, farmers and ranchers need to be supported in the efforts they take to protect themselves, their families and their workers,” said Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn.

“FarmSafe Manitoba is an invaluable resource that gives producers the ability to use their knowledge and experience to foster a safety culture that promotes physical and mental well-being.”

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# Gimli's Baldwin wins three gold medals at Special Olympics nationals

By Patricia Barrett

An athlete from Gimli picked up three gold medals at the Special Olympics games earlier this month and is continuing his training while he waits to hear whether he'll qualify for the international winter games in Italy next year.

Alec Baldwin, who has autism, won the three gold medals in snowshoeing after competing for Team Manitoba in the 800 metre race, the 1600 metre race and the 4 x 400 metre relay at the winter games, which were held in Calgary a few weeks ago.

"I'd like to thank the coaches, staff, volunteers and medics who helped me be better and strong," said Alec, who is a member of the Selkirk-based Interlake Athletics Club.

The Special Olympics Canada Winter Games were held in Calgary from Feb. 27 to March 2 with over 400 visitors, including athletes, coaches and families and friends. A team of 56 athletes represented Manitoba.

Athletes with intellectual disabilities from across Canada competed in the games to achieve personal bests and have an opportunity to be named to Special Olympics' Team Canada. Participants who qualified through provincial and territorial games, competed in eight sports including curling, cross-country skiing, figure skating and snowshoeing. Team Toba placed 4th behind Ontario, BC and Alberta with 16 Gold, 24 Silver and 16 Bronze medals. Interlake Athletics athletes Savannah Thompson (who trained with Sargent Park Racers) Nolan Penner and Alec Baldwin accounted for 9.

Savannah Thompson achieved personal best times in all her races and won Gold in the 222m, Silver in the 333m and Bronze in both the 111m and 500 m races.

Nolan Penner came home with a Bronze in 100 m and Gold in the 4 X 100m relay in Snowshoeing.

Alec has participated in four Special Olympics winter games. In addition to Calgary this year, he competed in Alberta in 2012, Newfoundland and Labrador in 2016 and Ontario in 2020. He has taken part in summer national games in Nova Scotia and British Columbia and also competed last year at the international games in Berlin, Germany, where he won two gold medals and a bronze in track, relay and the running long jump.

A lack of snow this winter didn't stop Alec from perfecting his snowshoeing technique and speed. When Manitoba did receive snow, Alec practised with his club in Kildonan Park in Winnipeg. He also trained with the club at the high school in Selkirk and with two other Manitoba teams at the University of Manitoba's Max Bell Centre.

"For training, I did plenty of exercise. I did power bursts, agility training sets, long running, sprinting and intervals," he said. "I did my best running on the track with Team Bulldogs and Team Navvies in Max Bell Centre."

During periods of heavy snowfall while he was training, he went "full sprint, pressing through the harsh winter conditions," he said.

Alec said he is looking forward to finding out whether he will be selected to compete at the international winter games in Italy in 2025. Selection of the athletes has not yet been announced and he doesn't know when that will happen.

He had been invited to compete at an international games in Russia, but that got delayed by the start of the COVID-19 pandemic then cancelled altogether



Alec visits with therapy dog Rocky, who was part of the Special Olympics games. Alec loves dogs and has competed with his own dogs at dog shows and is well known in Gimli for hosting an annual outdoor dog party in the summer.

after Russia invaded Ukraine.

"I have a good chance to go to Internationals. I qualified with points and that's what telling me I did well for qualifying. It could be interesting and I can hardly wait. It would be what I'd like. I've never gone to international winter games, just summer games. Last year it was my first time at international summer games," he said. "And this year I'm getting better. I didn't have a false start [he had once started a fraction too early during a 2023 non-qualifying race] when I was listening to the gun shoot in the air. I didn't have a false start since."

While he waits to find out whether he'll be going to Italy, Alec said he's picked up his training routine.

"I am going to continue to train and my mom helps me with running on the treadmill [at home]," he said. "I also appreciate that she helps me and make me strong enough."

Alec's mom, Tanis Benson, said she sees how dedicated he is to training and was so pleased he earned three gold medals in snowshoeing.

"I was really happy for him because I'm here with him all the time and I know how much he trains, and how much he changed his diet. He didn't eat Christmas candy because he was monitoring his diet, eating healthy and going to bed early. Even at the games he didn't go to a movie because he wanted to get a good night's sleep," she said. "He's taking an active role in his own training, deciding what training he's doing. We have a personal trainer who has developed some routines for him. That includes yoga. He got two gold [in individual snowshoeing competitions] and he really worked hard for that all year. He trained six days a week."

Alec's Interlake Athletics coach Lena Kublick said he is an "incredibly dedicated and gifted athlete" that gives it his all every time.

"Running in snowshoes unbelievably challenging



**EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF TANIS BENSON**  
Alec Baldwin won three gold medals at the Special Olympics national winter games held in Calgary earlier this month.

from a cardiovascular standpoint as well as requiring strength, and Alec had been training since July [2023]," said Kublick. "He participated in cross-training, with cycling and running involved. He did the 4 x 400, the 800 and the 1600 metre races, which are incredibly demanding races, and Alec makes it look easy."

Kublick said athletic training requires a huge time commitment not only from Alec, but also for his parents as they have to commute between Gimli and Selkirk and Winnipeg.

"Alec is dedicated and his parents are equally dedicated," she said. "They're committed to getting him to club practices and following through with his fitness regimes outside of practice times."

The Interlake Athletics club has a diverse group of athletes whose youngest member is 10 years old and the oldest member is 69 years old, said Kublick. And spending time with them every week is the "best hour" of her week.

Alec and other athletes had to qualify for the games in Calgary as part of Team Manitoba.

"The fact that Alec and other athletes from our club qualified was super exciting for the club," said Kublick, who in the past had periodically volunteered with the club to help with special events and who's now in her second year of volunteer coaching. "The other members who didn't qualify were equally involved in terms of cheering them on and following the games. We have developed a real community with our athletes and with the families and caregivers that are involved. Everyone is supportive of each other."

She doesn't know what the criteria will be for the upcoming world games in Italy, but Kublick said she'd be surprised if Alec doesn't qualify.

The 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games are scheduled to take place in Turin, Italy, from March 8-17. It will feature eight sports, including figure skating, snowshoeing and skiing.



# U15 AA Lightning drop Game 1 of final series to Rebels

Game 3 is set for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Century Arena

By Brian Bowman

The U15 AA Interlake Lightning lost 4-1 to the Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels in Game 1 of their best-of-five championship series last Sunday in St. Norbert.

"That game wasn't very good. We were a little low on energy, but we'll see how the rest of the series will go," said Lightning head coach Cody King.

The Lightning started slow this season but improved quite a bit to reach the final series.

"We had a lot of first-year kids and it was their first year of body contact so

they were trying to figure out (what it is) and we got off to a really slow start," King said. "But we just kept plugging away and keeping focused on getting better throughout the year and we're playing our best going to the playoffs. We had a pretty good finish to the season and have carried it onto the playoffs. I'm pretty happy with how we're playing."

Interlake wants to quickly turn this series around into their favour.

"Hopefully, we can get back on track and go from there," King said.

Game 2 was played this past Tuesday but no score was available. Game 3 is set for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Century Arena in south Winnipeg.

King added that this group of young players — and their parents — were enjoyable to work with this season.

"They are a great group of kids and a good group of parents. No issues," he said. "It was a pretty fun year."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The U15 AA Interlake Lightning's Ryder Jacobson heads up the ice against a Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels' player in Game 1 of the championship series on Sunday. The Rebels won the game 4-1.

## U18 AAA Lightning lose to Wild in Game 5

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning took the Winnipeg Wild to Game 5 of their best-of-five Manitoba U18 Hockey League playoff series.

But, unfortunately, their season is over.

Winnipeg won the series after a

hard-fought 2-1 home win on Saturday.

The Wild's Declan Siwicki scored in the first period and then Interlake's Brandon Burak replied in the second.

Winnipeg's Hudson Kowalchuk notched the game winner in the third.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Interlake Lightning defencemen David Johnson (7) and Tytan Johnson (3) battle a Wild player in front of their net. The Lightning lost 2-1 in Game 5 of the quarter-final playoffs in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League.



The Lightning's Johnathon Gilmore looks to make a pass in Game 1 of the championship series against the Lord Selkirk/Seven Oaks Rebels. The Rebels won the game 4-1.

## Falcons trail 2-0 in CRJHL semifinal series

By Brian Bowman

The Lunder Falcons are trailing the St. Malo Warriors 2-0 in their CRJHL best-of-seven semifinal series.

Lunder lost 3-1 to St. Malo at home on Sunday afternoon.

The Warriors snapped a 1-1 third-period tie with a pair of goals.

Liam Russell scored a second-period goal for Lunder while Keston Worley, Rylan Keck and Ashton Dubois replied for St. Malo.

Last Friday, the Falcons had a rough start to the series with a 9-0 road loss.

St. Malo blew the game wide open with five second-period goals.

St. Malo goals were scored by Dubois (three), Kaden Rioux (three), Keston Worley, Zachary Maynard and Ben Dias.

Lunder played at St. Malo this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

The Falcons will host the Warriors on Friday (8 p.m.) and then head back to St. Malo on Monday (8 p.m.).



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## EASTERN INTERLAKE PLANNING DISTRICT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

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### THE EASTERN INTERLAKE PLANNING DISTRICT BY-LAW NO. 01-2024

Being an amendment to the Eastern Interlake Planning District Development Plan By-law No. 01-2022, as amended

**HEARING LOCATION:** Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Council Chambers  
329 River Road, Arborg, MB

**DATE & TIME:** April 4, 2024  
5:00 pm

**FILE REF:** RMB-24-01A

**GENERAL INTENT:** To re-designate an area in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton from "Commercial General Area" to "Urban Residential Area" to accommodate a multi-lot residential subdivision.

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## VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR PUBLIC NOTICE Regarding the 2024 Financial Plan

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Village of Dunnottar intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing on **Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office. A copy of the financial plan will also be posted on the Dunnottar website ([www.dunnottar.ca](http://www.dunnottar.ca)) at that time.

Please contact the office, [info@dunnottar.ca](mailto:info@dunnottar.ca) or call 204-389-4962, to register to attend this hearing or review a copy of the 2024 Financial Plan.

Dated this 26th day of February 2024.

Sarah Palson, C.M.M.A.  
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## RM OF COLDWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL- BY-LAW NO.03/24 FOR THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL FOR THE RM OF COLDWELL.

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#### OBITUARY

Richard Riemer

June 26, 1952 - March 9, 2024

For this weekend's funeral service information go to Friends Funeral Services website: [friendsfs.ca](http://friendsfs.ca)  
See full obituary in next week's paper.



Your memory will live forever  
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#### OBITUARY

Wolfgang Gerhard Jahnke

January 23, 1940 – February 12, 2024

Wolfgang Gerhard Jahnke passed away on February 12, 2024 at the age of 84, at his home near Arnes, MB.

He was predeceased by his parents Gerhard and Hildegard Jahnke and sister Gertie Krampitz.

He leaves to mourn his wife Erika; stepsons Tolv Neuendorff (Nancy), Rex Neuendorff (Maureen); grandchildren Matthew, Amanda (Brad), Laura (Matthew) and Scott (Courtney) and great-grandchildren Lucy, Lia and Kai.

A private gathering with family will be held at a later date. A donation can be made in Wolfgang's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

Rest in peace Wolfgang.

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

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## OBITUARY



**Janice Elaine Smith**  
July 5, 1957 – March 10, 2024

Peacefully, surrounded by the LOVE of her family, we sadly announce the passing of our BEST sister, Aunt, Nanty and friend EVER, Janice; or as many called her, "Jano." She has been taken from us way too soon. She will forever be etched in our hearts.

Left to cherish her memory is her brother Lorne and sister-in-law Susan; the loves of her life, nephew Raymond (Jenny), Mackenzie, Raymond; niece, Tabby (Brian), Myla, Tori and Will; aunts, uncles, cousins along with a boatload of great friends near and far.

She was predeceased by her loving parents, Raymond and Dora.

Janice was born and raised in Gimli. She loved her family, curling, bonspieling, watching curling, cooking, a great bargain, hanging out with friends, being the hostess with the mostest and most recently heading down with her friends to the Legion meat

draws. Aunt loved to travel to warm destinations. Her love was her home in Mexico, 'Casa Del Ray,' which means "home of Ray." She spent many years living in Mexico and made so many friends that she will forever cherish.

She always had a love for children. She took night courses and Saturday courses at Red River so that she could get her ECE II Diploma. She'd always say that on a good morning, she could make it from home to Red River in 57 minutes! She dedicated 26 ½ years of her life working at the Gimli Children's Centre. She embraced every minute of it! She loved the kids and all of her co-workers. She was so thankful to work with them, they were like family.

Alongside being an extremely dedicated childcare worker, she was the BEST Aunt/Nanty anyone could ask for! Blizzards for breakfast before the waterslides at Wet and Wild, most definitely; Tinkertown every summer, of course; Wheelies and bring your friends too, let's go; breakfast at the Lake Inn every weekend, who's coming; practice driving for your driver's test all over the Interlake, be right there; take you out to Gimli Countryfest when you're 12, we'll be safe; a ride anywhere, what time; watch us while they were in the fish shed, never a question; drive to hockey or ringette, undoubtedly; trips to the States, buckle up; come watch hockey games, anytime; take you to the beach, always; Red Lobster, Olive Garden, you name it; wedding days, wouldn't miss it; Christmas concerts, I'll be there before the doors open; cruising with the top down in the Stang, "hell yeah;" all day shopping excursions, pick you up at 7:30; take you to your first concert (New Kids on the Block), let's do dinner first; graduation days, with pleasure; your favourite cheesecake, coming right up; McDonald's Playland, I'll sit here as long as you want; Mexican perogies, no problem; Paco's party, absolutely . . . the list goes on . . . so making sure she was at peace and pain free, without question. Our lives wouldn't have been the same without her.

Her true passion was when she was gifted the "grands," as she would refer to them. She was always extremely thankful that her brother and sister-in-law shared their "grands" with her as if they were her own. It meant the most to her in her life.

We have lost the BRAVEST, kindest, best, most giving, joyful soul with the largest heart of gold. She had so much love for everyone. She has touched so many lives in her journey and was forever grateful for all of the friends she made along life's path.

On behalf of Aunt and our family we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to friends and family, near and far, who have supported us during this difficult time. Heartfelt thanks to Dr Ade, Trudy, Gimli EMS and the wonderful staff at Gimli Hospital. She was so at ease knowing you were there Cindy. Sincerest thanks to Lori, Tracy and Bernie, we couldn't have done this without you.

At Janice's request, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, if you so choose, Janice would like you to think of her at Christmas time and donate a toy to your local toy bin. This was always very near and dear to her heart.

Aunt always said to live life to the fullest, you never know what tomorrow will bring. How true is that.

Like Aunt said, "It's all good; it is what it is! I had a wonderful life."

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years."

~ Abraham Lincoln

Hasta la vista, baby!



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## OBITUARY



**Richard Joseph Ducheck**

Peacefully, surrounded by family, Richard passed away on March 1st, 2024 at the age of 80. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 56 years, Betty, daughter Amber (Kevin), son Chad (Nancy) and grandsons Nolan and Matthew, sisters Evelyn (Roy), Barbara (Morris), Janet (Rick) and Teri, sisters-in-law, Nancy (Werner) and Gwen (Kurt).

Richard (a.k.a. Roam) was born in Selkirk on January 3, 1944 and grew up on the family farm in Lockport helping his parents with potato and grain farming, and always getting into trouble with his best buddy, Eugene.

He attended Lockport School and decided farming and a desk job weren't for him; so, after various jobs he settled into his occupation of pressman at the Winnipeg Free Press for 36 years, retiring in 2001 as night foreman.

Richard enjoyed hunting, but, he loved to fish! His greatest joy was camping and fishing with his grandsons at Lake of the Prairies. Weekends and holidays were spent at Black Lake, Lee River and the Whiteshell. Every spring Richard and his fishing buddies, Ron, Keith, Wally, Ray, Brian and Andy, flew out to various lakes throughout Manitoba. Once retired, you could find him fishing his favourite spots at Grindstone and Hecla.

Cooking was Richard's passion! He spent countless hours searching for the best recipes filling 4 three-ringed binders. He will always be remembered for his delicious hamburgers and was renamed "Richieburger".

Richard and his Uncle Bill built our family home on Lockport Road where we spent over 30 years raising our family and forming lifelong friendships. In 2002, our retirement home was built at Pelican Beach north of Gimli. Richard enjoyed building decks, developing the backyard, and putting in his haven, his garage. When he wasn't fishing, you could find him on the golf course at Links at the Lake golfing over 100 games in 2004! Over the past 22 years on Corona Crescent, Richard has developed a close bond with all his neighbours and his Gimli Texas Hold'em buddies.

After retirement, Yuma, AZ became our winter home. For 13 wonderful years the people at Desert Paradise became our winter family developing bonds that we cherish today. Lovely Loma Linda in Guayabitos, MX was Richard's final winter retreat for three more fun-filled years enjoying the beautiful weather, cooking for our new friends, playing cards and walking barefoot along the sand beaches.

Richard will always be remembered for: his sense of humour, his love of buying gadgets, his creative ability to build and fix just about anything, and, by his nieces and nephews for "THE CLAW".

Richard lived his life to the fullest and took total control of it right to his very last breath!

A special thank you to Dr. Ade and Trudy for their compassionate care and understanding while helping Richard through these challenging times. The nurses and support staff at the Gimli Hospital were angels.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to: Manitoba Lung Association, M.S. Society, and MAID.

A private celebration to honour Richard will take place in the spring of 2024.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Craig Hughson**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Craig Hughson, on February 24th, 2024 at the age of 86.

Craig was born on May 1, 1937 in Pilot Mound. He spent his early years working on the family farm and playing baseball with the Pilot Mound Pilots. Craig met Laurette (Ret) Desrochers in high school, and the two married on November 8, 1957. Craig and Ret worked on the farm in Pilot Mound, raising their two young boys, before moving to Eriksdale in 1973, where they worked for the new Credit Union. Their hard work helped the Credit Union grow to three branches in three different towns.

In 2002, Craig retired, and then he and Ret moved to Warren to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Craig became an active member of the community in his new home, volunteering with the Warren and District Lions Club and the Prairie Dog Central, while

staying active golfing and competing in the Manitoba 55+ Games for years. Craig will be deeply missed in each of the communities that he called home.

Craig is survived by his grandchildren Jennifer (Mark), Adam (Candace), Mark, Jay, and Max, and his six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ret; and his two sons, Ken and Woody.

Craig's family would like to thank the staff at the Eriksdale Personal Care Home, and Rosewood Lodge in Stonewall for their excellent care.

A celebration of Craig's life will be held Friday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the MacKenzie Funeral Chapel in Stonewall.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Warren and District Lions or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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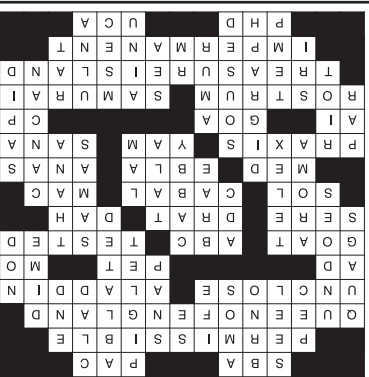
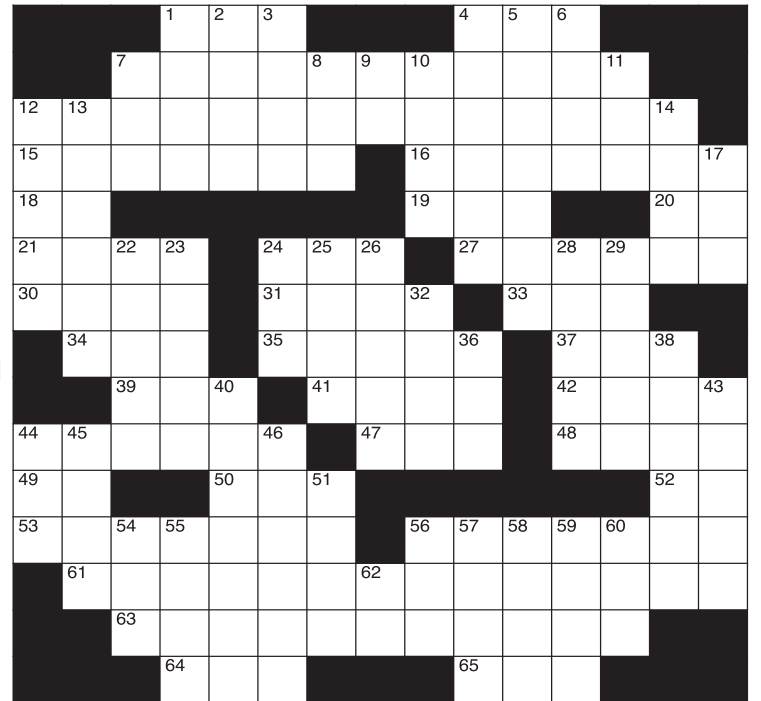
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4. Political action committee
7. Allowed
12. Olivia Colman played one
15. Open
16. He had a notable lamp
18. Promotional material
19. Domesticated animal
20. Larry and Curly's buddy
21. The best ever
24. TV network
27. Checked for

## CLUES DOWN

30. Dry or withered
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Dash
34. Fifth note of a major scale
35. A secret clique
37. Partner to cheese
39. \_\_\_ school: where to learn healing
41. City in ancient Syria
42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
44. Established practice
47. Thanksgiving side dish
48. District in Peru
49. It's becoming more prevalent
50. State in India
52. Measure of illumination
53. Raised platform
56. Japanese warrior
61. R.L. Stevenson novel
63. Transitory
64. Advanced degree
65. Fiddler crabs

## CLUES ACROSS

2. Czech city
3. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
4. A young pig
5. Removed surgically
6. Covered with
7. Chest muscle (slang)
8. Nigerian City
9. Midway between south and east
10. A way to shut
11. Stop playing
12. Marshy places
13. Takes apart
14. Ten cents
17. A gesture of assent
22. Scent
23. Teletypewriter
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Hillside
26. Taxi driver
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Town in India
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on the \_\_\_
38. Type of dance
40. Two letters, one sound



Crossword Answer

43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
44. Golf score
45. Mayhem
46. Drenched
51. River in northeastern Asia
54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)

55. Part-time employee
56. A very large body of water
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