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Egg carton lamp with secret powers sparks conversation, brings Moosehorn inventor to life

By Patricia Barrett

A unique item that came to light a few weeks ago as the result of an online auction has turned out to be pretty illuminating in many ways for a Mulvihill resident.

Tess Lindell bought a homemade egg carton lamp that has not only become a conversation piece, but has also revealed its surprising power to banish stress from vexing days and its inventor's enduring legacy.

"On my stressful days, I close my office door, turn out the lights and turn on the lamp, and it brings a completely different light into my office. I've been using it as a relaxation tool for my breaks. The light that comes off this lamp is very cool. It definitely gives me a bit of peace on stressful days," said Lindell, who works in a demanding job in the Highway 6 area.

She describes the lamp as "kind of abstract, like

Salvador Dali-ish" and "definitely recycled." The shade is made from coloured egg cartons and marbles, along with recycled, twisted tin that forms decorative trim along the top and bottom of the shade. The base is wood.

Lindell said her mom alerted her to the lamp when she went to buy an item she had found for sale on Facebook.

"When my mom went to the seller's house to pick up the item she bought, she saw this lamp and she was like, 'Oh my goodness, that's a cool lamp,'" said Lindell. "My mom knows I'm into unique things so she sent me a picture of it. I didn't even know what it was when I first saw it. I was like, 'What is that?'"

Knowing the kinds of objects she favours, Lindell's office colleagues were excited in the lead-up to the lamp's arrival at her workplace, she said.

"They were all waiting for the seller to come to my office with this lamp. When she brought it in, they came up with different interpretations of what they thought it resembled," said Lindell. "No one tried to buy it off me; nobody really appreciates it like I do."

In addition to its therapeutic power, the lamp embodies the character, creativity and flair of the man who built it.

Combining artistry with functionality, Fred Kiesman (1907-1984) apparently knew no bounds when it came to designing and building items from everyday materials.

Kiesman lived in Moosehorn, about 41 kilometres north of Mulvihill. He possessed



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TESS LINDELL

The egg carton lamp was designed and made by Fred Kiesman (1907-1984) from Moosehorn. Kiesman loved to combine artistry with functionality, using recycled everyday materials. The lamp now sits in Tess Lindell's office and has the power to banish stress from challenging days.

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Winnipeg Beach was buzzing this weekend with the 56th annual Wonderful Winter Weekend. The weekend was packed with family fun activities including a pancake breakfast, a scavenger hunt, IceX Day Racing on the Lake, a 3-on-3 road hockey tournament, a bonfire and marshmallow roast, lots of games which were all capped off with a fantastic fireworks display over the lake Saturday night.



Manitoba Conservation officer service enforcement update

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Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development advises conservation officers are continuing enforcement to protect Manitoba's natural resources through a variety of enforcement activities across the province including roadside check-stops in key locations to ensure compliance with natural resource and public safety legislation.

On Oct. 29, 2022, two individuals from Winnipeg and Landmark were found hunting moose along the Steeprock Road in the Porcupine Provincial Forest, which is closed to all moose hunting. Charges of hunting moose within the moose closure were laid. If convicted, a person can be fined up to \$25,000 or receive up to six months in jail, or both.

On Nov. 25, 2022, an off-duty conservation officer from the Swan River district observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road near Renwer. An individual was in the box of the truck and drag marks could be seen coming from the bush along the road. An on-duty officer was called to the scene, but the vehicle had left. The officer followed the drag marks and observed a large spray of blood and hair, and determined the direction from which a bullet had come from. The officer investigated a road about 75 metres away and located a single

spent cartridge. Officers subsequently located a vehicle matching the initial description and located a white-tailed deer carcass in the box of the truck. A passenger from Grande Prairie, Alta., claimed ownership of the deer and admitted to shooting it from the road. Officers seized the deer and rifle. The passenger was charged \$486 for discharging a rifle from a municipal road and issued a \$1,500 restitution notice for the white-tailed deer.

On Dec. 1, 2022, Boissevain conservation officers received a tip-line call about a white-tailed deer that was shot and abandoned near Carroll. Upon investigation, officers identified a suspect from Carroll. The individual was subsequently issued tickets totalling \$1,158 for wastage and failing to notch a white-tailed deer tag. One firearm was seized. The man also faces a two-year hunting suspension of his game bird and big-game licences.

On Dec. 8, 2022, Swan River conservation officers received tip-line information of a possible night-hunting violation. A responding officer discovered a truck stuck in the snow and passengers trying to dig out while the driver had gone for help. No immediate evidence of hunting was initially discovered. The three individuals managed to free the vehicle and left. Subsequently, another officer

searching the area via snowmobile discovered a freshly killed elk buried in snow on private land. Footprints were located coming from the area of where the truck was stuck. Officers found the individuals from Pine Creek First Nation and issued tickets for hunting on private land without permission (\$486) and possessing illegally taken wildlife (\$1,296). A rifle was seized and a \$2,500 restitution notice was also issued. The elk was donated to a local resident.

On Dec. 19, 2022, a conservation officer from the Riverton district received a call regarding the shooting of three elk off a municipal road in the Fisher Branch area. Officers investigated and located three elk kill sites and determined that two of the three elk were illegally shot from the municipal road. On Dec. 20, 2022, officers attended the residence of the two elk hunters who only had one tag. Both hunters admitted to each shooting an elk. A two-point bull elk and a bull calf elk were seized. Both hunters, from Morweena, were issued two tickets totalling \$3,564, one ticket for shooting from a municipal road and the second ticket for possessing an illegally taken big-game animal. Both hunters were also issued \$5,000 restitution notices.

In early January 2023, aircraft patrols were conducted by conservation

officers from Dauphin, Swan River, Neepawa and Shoal Lake in collaboration with the provincial wildlife health manager to detect illegal baiting, illegal feeding, or any attractants promoting nose-to-nose feeding within the tuberculosis/chronic wasting disease control zones. Several locations were observed and officers followed up by confirming findings once on the ground. Landowners were notified of the attractants and removal/clean-up orders were issued.

On Jan. 18, 2023, following an investigation into images posted on social media, conservation officers executed a search warrant in Dauphin. On Jan. 25, 2023, conservation officers charged a Dauphin man for killing a buck white-tailed deer without a licence, possessing illegally taken wildlife, possessing wildlife without a valid tag attached, and failing to cut out the correct date of the killing from the game tag. His fines and restitution totalled \$3,000.

Anyone with information on illegal activity is asked to call a local Natural Resources and Northern Development office or the Turn in Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800-782-0076.

Over \$123 million invested in initiatives to retain and recruit nurses

By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing over \$123 million in nine initiatives to retain, recruit and support nurses building on its commitment to end mandated overtime and add 2,000 health-care professionals through the Health Human Resource Action Plan, Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced Friday.

"Nurses are an incredibly valued member of the health-care workforce who provide critical services under sometimes extraordinary pressures," said Gordon. "These incentives improve nurse staffing where there are high demands and needs in the health-care system such as weekend coverage. We are already beginning to see positive results from these strategic investments and I want to assure all of Manitoba's health-care providers that more supports are on the way as the Health Human Resource Action Plan is rolled out."

The minister noted incentives for nurses include:

- a new hourly premium for nurses who work weekend hours;

- a new annual payment for nurses who hold the equivalent of a full-time position, as this helps to build more stability in the workforce;

- reimbursing the costs of nurses' professional licensing fees;

- an annual incentive for nurses who are eligible to retire but choose to remain in the workforce for up to an additional two years, to retain valued expertise and build capacity as new nurses are recruited into the workforce;

- an incentive for nurses who have previously left the profession but choose to return to the workforce;

- a new refer-a-nurse program for current nurses who refer a prospective nurse to a Manitoba employer;

- a provincial float pool to support nurse staffing needs across the province;

- a travel nurse incentive, which will provide an additional hourly premium for nurses who travel to work in remote locations; and

- a wellness incentive, which adds additional funds to the health spending accounts of full and part-time

nurses to help to cover the costs of eligible expenses.

"The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is experiencing higher staff vacancies as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic as is the case across Canada," said Mike Nader, president and chief executive officer, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. "We are beginning to see positive uptake on these new incentives. We thank the Manitoba government for this significant investment in support of the recruitment and retention of nurses in Winnipeg."

The minister noted that supporting the health and wellness of nurses who are providing care to others is a priority and the new wellness incentive is one of several projects underway to improve the work environment, safety and well-being of all nurses in Manitoba. The Manitoba government is consulting with stakeholders, including the Manitoba Nurses Union, to design additional programs to support the well-being of nurses, including mentorship and peer support, with more details to be provided

when finalized.

"We view this announcement as a very necessary and positive step in addressing the significant recruitment and retention issues for Manitoba's nurses," said Darlene Jackson, president, Manitoba Nurses Union. "We will always work diligently and share our ideas and approaches to get our health-care system back to where it needs to be. Nurses are problem solvers and we are anxious to develop and see the implementation of further effective measures for all nurses to solve the many challenges of our nursing human resource crisis."

These programs and incentives are part of the Health Human Resource Action Plan, which launched in November 2022 with a commitment to add 2,000 health-care providers, invest \$200 million to retain, train and recruit health-care staff across the province, and eliminate mandated overtime. Since that time, more than 330 new health-care providers have been hired including nurses, health-care aides, physicians and other staff who provide bedside care.

Gimli council introduces bylaw to increase council pay

By Patricia Barrett

With an emphasis on oversight and plans to modernize the way the municipality is run, council for the RM of Gimli reviewed and increased the amount of compensation that's paid to them.

At its Feb. 15 meeting, council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 23-0001, which establishes compensation and expenses for council members, and reviewed Policy No. COU5, titled Councillor Attendance at Municipal Government Events, which sets out reimbursement of expenses.

Mayor Kevin Chudd said the pay rise reflects an increase in councillor responsibilities as council moves towards greater oversight of municipal business.

"We're basically modernizing the evolution of the operation of the municipality with regard to council," he said.

The mayor's indemnity will rise from \$25,100 to \$36,000 annually, an increase of \$10,900 or approximately 43.4 per cent. Included in the indemnity are two regular council meetings, one committee of the whole meeting (discussion/planning) and three committee of the whole in camera meetings (legal, staffing, etc. issues), when required, plus any pre-meeting preparation.

The deputy mayor's indemnity will rise from \$20,900 to \$30,500 annually, an increase of \$9,600 or approximately 45.9 per cent. That will include two regular council meetings, one committee of the whole meeting and three committee of the whole in camera meetings, when required, plus pre-meeting preparation.

Councillor indemnities will rise from \$20,300 to \$30,000 annually, an increase of \$9,700 or approximately 47.8 per cent, and will include two regular council meetings, one committee of the whole meeting and three committee of the whole in camera meetings, when required, plus pre-meeting preparation.

Coun. Thora Palson said each member of council is taking on additional responsibilities — another full day of meetings, a second liaison area (which corresponds to geographic areas of the RM) and a second portfolio — all of which reflect council's focus on oversight.

"Additional responsibilities are being added to councillors' work. We have an additional full day of the committee of the whole, which is a discussion/planning meeting. We've also added an additional portfolio for each council member. We used to each have one portfolio, now we each have two. In the 2018-2022 council, I had the public works portfolio and now I've got finance and administration as well as public safety. We've also taken on another liaison area. I'm assigned to Sandy Hook and the town. Even though I share the town with another councillor, it extends my role and accountability to an additional area," said Palson. "Council has a larger focus on oversight, progressive action and accountability."

Each member of council will receive an hourly indemnity of \$31.25 an hour, up from \$25, for each hour spent within municipal boundaries for the performance of required duties, inspections, work or services.

Council members will receive a daily indemnity of \$250,

up from \$200, for events outside municipal boundaries.

Council members receive compensation for expenses that include vehicle expenses, travel expenses, travel health insurance, living expenses, registration and tuition fees, cost of materials for meetings, conferences or courses, and out-of-pocket expenditures, according to the bylaw. There are no specific dollar amounts appended to some expenses such as tuition fees and living expenses.

Council members will receive a vehicle travel allowance (per kilometre) that will be equivalent to the federal rate. Council used to receive 47 cents per kilometre. According to Canada Revenue Agency's website, the 2023 mileage rate is 68 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres and 62 cents after that.

For meals while on council business, council members will receive \$100 a day, up \$40 from the former \$60 per day reimbursement.

While attending municipal business inside or outside the RM, the mayor or his appointed delegate's applicable indemnities and expenses will be authorized for payment without requiring a council resolution for each separate event, according to the bylaw.

Each council member will also be enrolled in Blue Cross' extended health and dental plan.

Council members' indemnities and expenses will be adjusted annually on Jan. 1 each year in accordance with the Canadian Consumer Price Index.

"Our indemnities will be tied to the cost-of-living, inflation index," said the mayor.

Council had access to a survey carried out by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that looked at other municipalities and towns' compensation schemes for members of council, said Chudd. They compared the RM of Gimli with RMs that had similar populations, budgets and number of councillors.

"After we looked at the AMM survey, we modernized [our compensation] to where it really should be," said Chudd. "That's part of oversight; we looked at comparable municipalities. We also revisited the duties of council members and the whole [council] operation with that emphasis on oversight."

As an example of how council oversight will increase, Chudd said maintenance issues and the beautification of the community were major concerns heard during last October's municipal election, and that means council will have to create policies and directives to address it. To move the municipality forward, council will also be making a strategic plan, which will be a "big undertaking,"

modernizing its zoning bylaws and development plan and making processes more efficient.

Council's Feb. 15 meeting also included a review of Policy No. COU5, titled Councillor Attendance at Municipal Government Events, which sets out eligible compensation for council members who attend such events.

"Councillors who attend municipal government events benefit from learning about new approaches and the experiences of other municipalities that have had success in dealing with issues," states the policy. "The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there are established procedures in place with respect to councillor attendance at municipal government events, and to provide for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by those persons attending."

Expenses eligible for reimbursement include accommodation, event registration fees, meals (\$100 a day), incidental expenses (\$20 a day), hospitality, and transportation by air, rail, bus or automobile, which includes the cost of parking, travel cancellation insurance, incidental travel by taxi, subway or bus and departure taxes from transportation terminals.

Other council news:

- Council approved a tattoo business in a residential zone in Miklavik, a subdivision south of Gimli. The home occupation is a tattoo service called Lex & Lorde Tattoo Co. The owner said in their submission there will be no additional traffic or noise and fumes from the business.

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Province discontinues COVID vaccine app and card

By Patricia Barrett

Another significant number of Manitobans died from COVID in the second week of February, along with an increase in hospitalizations, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for Feb. 5-11 (reporting Week 6).

Seventeen people died from COVID in Week 6. The previous week's report showed 11 deaths.

Manitoba's COVID death toll was 2,439 as of Feb. 4, according to the federal government's COVID webpage, and Canada's death toll is now 50,863.

There were 61 new COVID hospitalizations, with eight intensive care admissions, according to the differences in severe outcomes between weeks 5 and 6. There were 53 people hospitalized with 10 ICU admissions reported the previous week.

There were 108 new COVID infections detected by PCR testing in Week 6, an increase of 43 cases over the 65 reported the previous week. Provincial data are an undercount of the true number of cases as the government restricts PCR testing and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

The provincial government no longer provides in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals experiencing COVID outbreaks.

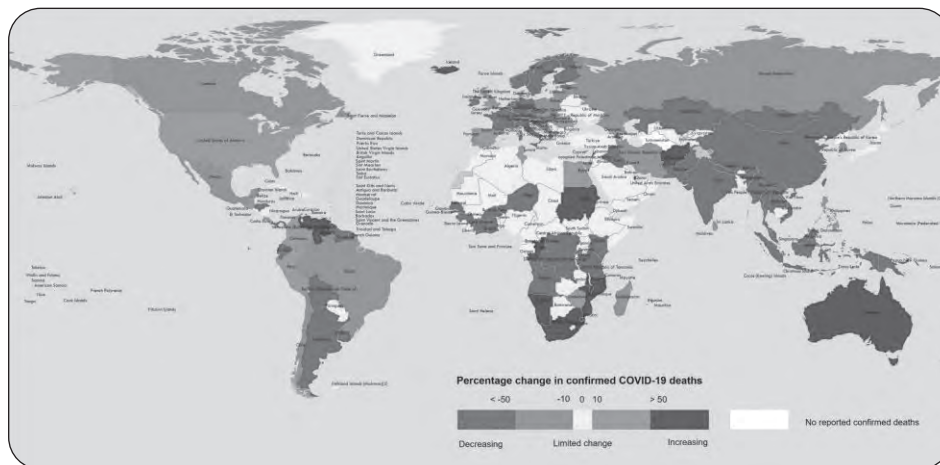
Wastewater surveillance data for COVID for Winnipeg and Brandon up to the end of Feb. 7 showed sustained activity.

The Week 6 report shows nine new cases of influenza A, one hospitalization and no new deaths.

There were 64 new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases reported in Week 6, down 11 cases from the 75 reported the week before.

Other health news:

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority declared on Feb.



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Iceland, Australia, parts of Africa and South America are currently seeing an increase in the number of COVID deaths while Canada is showing limited change.

10 a gastrointestinal outbreak at the Teulon hospital. Gastrointestinal outbreaks at the Selkirk Betel Personal Care Home (declared Jan. 31) and at the Ashern Personal Care Home (declared Feb. 6) continue, according to the IERHA's outbreaks webpage (viewed Feb. 17).

- The provincial government is scrapping the COVID vaccine verifier app and is no longer issuing physical vaccine cards, according to an announcement it made in COVID-19 Bulletin #589 of Feb. 10.

A spokesperson for the government said by email the changes come as the province moves out of the pandemic.

"As Manitoba transitions out of the pandemic, many of the related public health measures are no longer necessary. Manitoba's proof of vaccination requirement expired in March 2022 and with it the need for a verifier app. Neither measure was intended to be permanent," said the spokesperson.

The immunization card app is not being discontinued and it will be updated, said the spokesperson.

But it, along with the verifier app, has been removed from Google Play and Apple stores, states the bulletin.

"While Manitoba QR code access will no longer be available, Manitobans travelling abroad will continue to have access to their pan-Canadian proof of vaccination through the app and COVID-19 immunization information can continue to be updated," said the spokesperson.

When asked if Manitobans might have to pay out-of-pocket for COVID vaccines in the future — in the United States people will soon have to pay for the vaccines — the spokesperson didn't say.

"Manitoba continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations free of charge," said the spokesperson.

- The World Health Organization says the COVID pandemic continues as countries see high numbers of new infections and deaths.

Worldwide, there were over 6.7 million new COVID infections and more than 64,000 new deaths reported over the period Jan. 16 to Feb. 12, according to the WHO's epidemiological report published Feb. 15.

In total there have been over 755 million confirmed COVID cases reported globally and over 6.8 million deaths from the virus as of Feb. 12.

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> EGG CARTON LAMP, FROM PG. 2

"endless" creativity, according to his grandson, Bruce Meisner, who shared a story about his grandfather's creative spark after Lindell contacted the seller to find out more about the lamp-maker.

"My grandfather, Fred, was the ultimate recycler, changing beer bottles into drinking glasses, metal coat hangers into poodle bodies, and he used tin cans in footstools, lamps, doll furniture and wall art," said Meisner by email.

His egg carton lamps — he built more than one — earned him a lot of attention.

For lamp bases, Kiesman scoured his garage floor for wood scraps. He stacked up the wood until it was about 24 inches high then put it on his lathe to shape the wood for the base, said Meisner. He either stained and varnished the lamp bases or painted them.

But it was the lampshade that really made the creation shine.

"The shade of this lamp was constructed by using six Styrofoam egg cartons. Multicoloured Styrofoam egg cartons were very popular in the 1970s and Fred was happy to repurpose them for his many craft projects," said Meisner. "In an effort to permit light to 'shine through' the shade, Fred carefully inserted (and glued) clear marbles into all the Sty-

rofoam sections. Coloured pipe cleaners were used to cover the area where the egg cartons were joined together."

Once the lamp was finished and the electrical cord and socket were in place, Meisner said his grandfather attached twisted tin to the lampshade, an additional decorative detail. He would cut tin cans into long strips which he then "fringed." His grandfather also built a tool that could twist each fringe of tin into various designs, such as rosebuds or abstract shapes. He attached the tin to the top and bottom of the lampshade with furniture tacks.

He would also put large juice cans to good use to build footstools and soup tins to build doll's furniture.

Kiesman saw advances in industrial-produced objects in a whole new light in relation to how he could incorporate those advances into new creations.

"Grandfather made countless egg carton lamps and was proud of his crafts, which originated in his hometown of Moosehorn ... and ended up in homes all across Canada," said Meisner. "Creating these lamps kept him busy until one day he noticed clear plastic rectangular panels inside of beer cases. The beer case lamps then were imagined and created — but that's an entirely different story."

Manitoba government extends clinic hours, adds 80 physician-training seats

By Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is helping heal the health-care system by launching a new premium for physicians who offer extended hours in family medicine and pediatric clinics, adding 80 physician-training seats, and providing mental-health supports to doctors, Health Minister Audrey Gordon and Advanced Education and Training Minister Sarah Guillemard announced recently.

"Our government is making significant investments to heal health care and we know that physicians will be essential in that healing process," said Gordon. "We recognize the enormous contributions of primary-care providers and pediatricians and the care they provide to Manitobans. Providing an incentive to extend clinic hours will make accessing care more convenient and timely, while taking pressure off emergency departments and urgent care centres so the health-care system functions more efficiently overall."

Gordon noted the changes announced today fulfil promises laid out in the Health Human Resource Action Plan.

Effective Feb. 1, family medicine

and pediatric clinics offering extended hours can receive a 20 per cent premium on extended hour billings. This change will help ensure primary-care providers and pediatricians are readily available, Gordon noted. Eligible extended hours, which can be used to see existing patients or take walk-ins, are considered weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to midnight, and weekends and recognized holidays from 7 a.m. to midnight.

Participating clinics have been asked to advertise or promote extended hours and availability, Gordon said, adding that the Manitoba government will work with Doctors Manitoba to ensure the new premium will help increase overall capacity in the health-care system.

"The actions the government is announcing today all directly respond to advice we've offered on behalf of physicians," said Dr. Candace Bradshaw, president, Doctors Manitoba. "From an innovative and unique-in-Canada approach to help clinics with extending their hours, to a significant expansion in medical training, to new resources for supporting physician wellness and avoiding burnout, all

three of these actions will help to support better access to medical care for Manitobans."

The Manitoba government will also provide funding for 40 new undergraduate physician-training seats, a 10-seat increase in the one-year international medical graduate program and 30 seats in the two-year postgraduate medical education program for internationally educated medical students.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Manitoba, so prospective physicians can find a place to learn and grow in their chosen career path in the province," said Guillemard. "The Manitoba government will be investing in the education of those who will provide care to Manitobans for years into the future, recognizing that our workforce needs to attract students from Manitoba, across the country and around the world. This work will also support the overall goal of adding 2,000 health-care providers as part of our government's Health Human Resource Action Plan."

This funding will ensure access to undergraduate medical education programs will keep pace with Mani-

toba's population growth, while supporting a sustainable and growing number of physician graduates able to work in the province's health-care system, Guillemard added.

Additionally, the Manitoba government is investing in physician retention by supporting overall physician health and wellness through a \$450,000 contribution to the Physician Peer Support program run by Doctors Manitoba. The program offers peer support networks and training for peer supporters, as the support of colleagues has been shown to improve overall wellness and help reduce the risk of burnout. This funding will help ensure the program can continue and expand to meet the changing needs of physicians, the ministers noted, as recommended at a rural and northern summit hosted by Doctors Manitoba and the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce last fall.

These investments are part of the Manitoba government's Health Human Resource Action Plan, a \$200-million initiative announced in November 2022 to help retain, train and recruit 2,000 health-care workers.

Short-term rentals in King's Park subdivision prompts petition, appeal to RM of Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

Residents living in the King's Park subdivision in the RM of Gimli are wondering whether residential zoning (single family dwellings) has lost its meaning and can be relied upon to protect current and prospective homeowners from short-term rentals operating in their neighbourhood.

Terry Harris and her partner Ken specifically chose King's Park, about five kilometres north of the town of Gimli, in which to build their dream home about eight or so years ago because it was — and still is — zoned residential.

"This [short-term rentals] has turned everybody's life upside down," said Terry. "Quiet enjoyment is a human right and that's why we bought our property here. That's why everybody else here bought their property; a young couple told us that's why they wanted to live here. It's our right to have quiet enjoyment. We don't want to get involved in altercations with people partying and with intoxicated people."

No duplexes, fourplexes, etc. or businesses are allowed to operate within a residential zone unless a developer applies to council and council grants a variance. With the growing phenomenon of short-term rental companies and people who specifi-

cally buy one or more homes to rent them out, a residential zone is no longer a guarantee that a neighbourhood will retain its character.

Terry and Ken said there are two lots currently being developed next to them. The two homes will allegedly have six bedrooms and are destined to be short-term rental properties, according to information they received. That's prompted residents of King's Park to put their names on a petition opposing short-term rentals.

"You make an assumption when you hear that zoning is only for single family dwellings. You trust that there's not going to be a duplex or a fourplex built next to you unless a developer goes to council for a variance. You assume there are only going to be families living in a single home," said Terry. "Short-term rentals are a grey area."

And they're becoming ubiquitous in the RM of Gimli. In addition to King's Park, short-term rental properties have sprung up in residential subdivisions such as Sandy Hook, Willow Island, Miklavik, Odin's Green and Gilwell Estates, just north of King's Park.

"We already have a home across the street that has been used as a short-term rental and it was party central because this is the lake. Those home-



King's Park subdivision is about five kilometres north of Gimli and runs primarily along Royal Road. The residential neighbourhood already has a short-term rental property and will allegedly be seeing additional homes rented out.

owners didn't rent it out all the time, so it really wasn't being run as a full-time business," said Terry. "But the information we received indicated that the new homes going up beside us are going to be run as a business, full time."

With its beaches, festivals, shops and conveniences, the municipality is a draw. Terry said the majority of residents in King's Park are retired. Those who live on the "lake side" of the street and whose front yards are

on the lake are "very sensitive" and concerned about people "invading" their beachfront and holding parties on the beach.

During a party at the short-term rental across the street, Terry said some "guests" staggered onto and passed out on the road — the only road into and out of the subdivision.

"I think someone almost drove over the bodies and had to phone the po-

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letter to the editor

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During August 2022, I had a lengthy phone conversation with the general manager of Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) regarding the announcement by Keystone Agriculture Producers (KAP) that it intended to apply a \$262.50 plus \$13.12 GST membership levy to Manitoba cattle producers sales.

I offered that I would study the issue with the intent of drafting a resolution for presentation at the MBP District 5 annual fall meeting.

While researching the issue, I found that the Agricultural Producers Funding Act empowers KAP to apply its levy to cattle sales. This is not debatable. The act also provides balance by guaranteeing individual producers the right to be exempted from paying the KAP levy.

I noted that diversified cattle operations, marketing gain, oil seeds and pulse crops had the KAP membership levy deducted from the sale of those products. KAP's initiative appears to be focused at collecting its membership levy from those producers whose entire income is derived

from cattle sales. The number of producers that fall into this category is hard to determine — 1,000 cattle-only operations paying the \$262.50 KAP membership levy would contribute an additional \$262,500 to KAP's annual revenue. I assume that, in many cases, these new contributors would represent the same operations that bore the brunt of MBP's successful campaign to end the points-based system of Crown land allocation.

I presented a resolution to the District 5 annual meeting calling upon the MBP to utilize its publication *Cattle Country* to inform its members of their legislated right to notify KAP of their objection to paying the organization's membership levy and to make available to its members a fill-in-the-blanks form that could be used by those wishing to exercise their legal right of objection.

The resolution passed and proceeded to the MBP annual convention in Winnipeg, Feb. 2 to 3, 2023. When the resolution reached the convention floor, it was met by strong opposition from both the current president

of MBP and the immediate past-president of KAP. Both spokespersons were strongly opposed to making the MBP membership aware of their legislated right to be exempted from paying the KAP membership levy.

Comments made during the debate on the resolution led me to believe that there has been ongoing discussion between the two organizations regarding MBP joining KAP as a commodity group. If this comes to pass, the KAP levy would be automatically extended to all cattle sales.

Although the resolution was soundly defeated, the legislated legally binding right of an individual producer to provide KAP with written notice of objection remains intact.

Individual producers must retain their right to choose their choice of voice. It is a legislated right that is worth protecting.

Fred Tait
Rossendale

> GIMLI COUNCIL, FROM PG. 5

- Council approved a variance for Kris' Fish & Chips restaurant to establish three parking stalls on its First Avenue property. The main structure of the restaurant had to be demolished and rebuilt because of a fire in 2022. The restaurant will be located on the main floor with two dwelling units on the second storey.

"In the zoning bylaw, if you build a new building with the capacity they have, you would require a minimum of 27 parking stalls. We know that's not realistic for him to fit 27 parking stalls on that property — that would turn Kris' Fish & Chips into a parking lot," said Coun. Palson. "So, he has to go through the process and ask to vary the requirement from 27 to three parking stalls. That row of businesses [on First Avenue] would not be able to build the same number of parking spaces as a business such as Rona or Sobeys."

- Council approved an Abuse & Molestation Policy No. PER55 to ensure the RM maintains an environment free of abuse.

A zero-tolerance statement, which is part of the policy, says that individuals are "required to report instances of abuse or suspected abuse to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and Western Financial Group (hereunder referred to as the program administrator) to be immediately addressed under the terms of the applicable policy."

The policy covers physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, psychological and cultural identity/spiritual abuse, neglect and harassment. The hiring protocol entails a criminal record check and a vulnerable persons and child abuse registry check.

The policy falls under Coun. Pal-

son's portfolio.

"The policy is a requirement from the RM's insurance company, Western Financial. We had to put a policy in place ensuring any employees working with vulnerable populations have had the proper references checked," she said.

Mayor Chudd said all municipal entities in Manitoba are required to create such a policy and they have until Feb. 23 to approve it.

- Council adopted a media relations policy last month to provide oversight to council and the administration when dealing with media inquiries from sources such as newspapers, television, radio and online news services.

Media Relations Policy No. CS11 states that the purpose of the policy is to ensure professionalism and consistency in how the RM works with the media, that media inquiries are responded to in a timely manner and that the RM delivers accurate and clear messaging through the most appropriate spokesperson.

The RM responds to media requests to inform the public about an issue or provides the media with public notices, when necessary, regarding an event or an issue that affects the population.

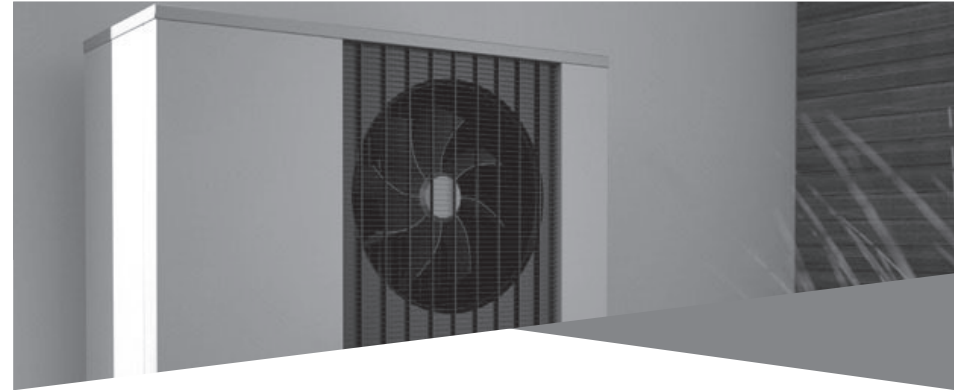
The policy identifies types of media requests by categories that include political, public safety, policy-related, special interest, legal and administrative, as well the designated spokesperson for those categories.

If an issue can best be discussed by a specific council member, the media request will be forwarded to that councillor.

"We brought in the media policy to allow different people to speak on be-

half of the RM of Gimli. For example, if there was a disaster such as flooding, the RM's emergency measures co-ordinator might be the best person to speak to the media about what

happened," said Palson. "The policy also gives council members more authorization to speak on issues that fall under their portfolios, their committees and other work."



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> SHORT-TERM RENTALS, FROM PG. 8

lice to get them off the road. There were campers and tents, and the cars were all the way down the street,” said Terry. “It’s disrespectful to residents. Everyone has put so much effort into their homes and they’re quiet and respectful to everyone else. This changes the whole dynamic of the street and we don’t want it changed.”

Ken said residential zoning is becoming a “lie” because of short-term rentals. Not only can they disturb residents’ peace, but they can also devalue other’s properties.

Short-term rentals really started to take off with COVID, when Canadians couldn’t travel, and it caught a lot of homeowners off-guard, he said. Because it’s so easy to get out of hand, it needs to be addressed by regulation.

“The thing is we’re in a residential zone in King’s Park, and when a short-term rental such as Airbnb comes into a residential zone, it takes that residential zoning and flips it on its side. It’s not a residential zone anymore because they’re allowed to do what multi-family zoning does, with no regulations,” said Ken. “This is a total lie to us; residential zoning means nothing now when short-term rentals are allowed. This is the part that’s so alarming for everybody here. We didn’t build here because we wanted to live in a multi-family zone: we wanted to live in a residential zone. This violates our zoning, simple as that.”

Short-term rentals are a business, he said, because they make money, but there’s “nothing on the books” saying you can ban them. It’s a loophole for property owners to exploit.

“There goes the retirement home you built and it also degrades your property value,” he said. “There’s nothing good about this.”

Terry said they started a petition against short-term rentals, and about 85 per cent of King’s Park residents have so far signed it. They’ll be taking the petition to Gimli council. They’ve already reached to council to express their concern.

Winnipeg city council brought in rules last week to enforce the operation of short-term rentals there, imposing a five per cent accommodation tax and limiting people to the number of properties they can rent.

Gimli mayor Kevin Chudd said council is currently spending a lot of time coming up with a plan to address what has been a “long-standing issue” in the RM with short-term rentals.

“There will be a major announcement next week (week of Feb. 20) with regards to a process dealing with short-term rentals. As a council we’re in the planning stages to come up with a process, with an emphasis on public consultation,” said Chudd last week. “The guiding principle is we want to protect people’s assets, people who are doing things responsibly, and protect the neighbours and neighbourhoods in which these activities are being conducted. We need to find a balance.”

Chudd said council will want to hear from everyone affected by short-term rentals, including businesses such as hotels that are obliged to meet certain requirements, as well as from the people who run short-term rentals.

“We’ll need to hear from the public and we’ll need their input into the development of regulations for the community,” he said.

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Tom Cochrane headlines 2023 Fisher River Community Celebration

By Jeremy Neault

The Fisher River Cree Nation is excited to announce that Grammy-nominated and Juno award winner Tom Cochrane as this year's headliner for the 17th Annual Community Celebration, taking place Sunday, July 30 at the Leigh Cochrane Memorial Visitors Centre.

An iconic career — which started in the pubs, rough-neck bars and coffeehouses of the roads and highways of first Ontario and then the rest Canada and then the world — has spanned over four decades and is characterized by creative, adventurousness and musical and personal integrity.

From 1980-84, Red Rider released four acclaimed studio albums that married imaginative musicianship and lyrical eloquence. Songs like "Lunatic Fringe" and "White Hot" are still relevant today, and they brought Red Rider significant sales and rock radio play in Canada and the U.S. "Lunatic Fringe" went on to become one of the most played songs in history on American rock radio.

After some personnel changes, the group resurfaced as Tom Cochrane & Red Rider in 1986. Their self-titled album produced major hits in "Boy Inside the Man" and "Untouchable One," and was followed by the hit albums *The Symphony Sessions* and 1988's *Victory Day* — an album that included one of Cochrane's signature songs, the haunting Canadian tune "Big League." A Juno award (one of many) as Songwriter of the Year in 1992 confirmed the respect Cochrane now enjoyed within the industry.

Red Rider eventually folded, but Cochrane's solo career quickly took him to new heights. His 1991 tour de force, *Mad Mad World*, became one of the biggest-selling Canadian records of all time, scoring Diamond status (for a million sales) here. Its heartland rock sound travelled well, thanks to smash hit single "Life is a Highway," and the album notched two million in international sales. His subsequent album, 1995's *Ragged Ass Road*, included the poignant single "I Wish You Well," the first song in Canadian radio history to enter both the singles sales chart and airplay chart at No. 1 simultaneously. Cochrane has continued

releasing albums every few years, including the 2002 compilation *Trapeze* and 2015's *Take it Home*.

In addition to his musical career, Tom Cochrane has thrown his support behind a wide range of causes. He has travelled to Africa on behalf of World Vision four times. His 2002 single "Just Like Ali" benefited research into Parkinson's, a disease that afflicted his father.

Tom Cochrane is a recipient of eight Juno awards and is a member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame, Walk of



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Fisher Branch RCMP execute search warrant and seize firearms

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Fisher Branch RCMP, along with assistance from the Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Services and National Weapons Enforcement Support Team, conducted a search warrant at a residence on Peguis First Nation as part of an ongoing investigation on Feb. 8.

Officers seized four firearms, ammunition and prohibited magazines.

Two adults, a male and female, both aged 27, were arrested at the scene and are facing charges of unauthorized possession of a weapon x4, careless storage of a firearm x3 and unauthorized possession of a prohibited device.

Fisher Branch RCMP continue to investigate.



Fisher Branch RCMP seized four firearms, ammunition and prohibited magazines and have arrested and charged two adults with a number of offences.

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Snow groomer breaks through ice at Narrows Bridge

By Autumn Fehr

A potentially fatal accident involving a provincial Snoman Inc. (Snowmobilers of Manitoba) groomer occurred earlier this month.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, a snow groomer broke through the water at the Nar-

rows Bridge.

Two of the Ochre River Snowmobile Club members were grooming trail No. 5 from Ochre River to Lake Manitoba, the Narrows. At this point, they went to turn around to go back, but with poor visibility, they went too far, and the ice began to crack and let go.

The two members calmly exited the groomer to find it sinking and sinking fast.

Executive director of Snoman Inc. Yvonne Redoubt said thin ice conditions were the cause of the incident.

Two members of the Ochre River Snowmobile Club were present when the incident occurred, but they both walked away with no injuries.

The groomer was retrieved and lifted onto solid ice late Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023.

Snoman's operation manual that oversees the ice operations is currently under review. It will be updated accordingly.

Since the incident, Snoman has been working on putting a plan in place in case an incident like this one were to

happen again.

Redoubt said they have been in contact with Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks and have put a procedure in place. In addition, a letter was sent to their clubs to inform them of the process to be followed should an incident as this one happens again.

The update sent to club members outlined the process to be followed should a groomer or sled be immersed in water. Due to the potential of a pollutant or contaminant being released into the environment, the club president or designate must call the 24-hour environmental emergency response line as soon as possible when it is safe to do so. The number to call is 1-855-944-4888.

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Gimli's Einarson looks for Scotties four-peat

By Ty Dilello

Manitoba is well represented at this week's 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops, British Columbia, as the keystone province boasts an all-time high of four teams in the event.

Gimli's Kerri Einarson (Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris) enters the Scotties as the betting favourite to win the championship. They will be playing as Team Canada since they've won the three previous Scotties events.

Einarson's team has been Canada's finest over the past five years. They've won everything except the last Olympic Trials. With one more Scotties win this year, the Einarson foursome will tie Nova Scotia's Colleen Jones for the most consecutive Scotties titles in history with four when they won every year from 2001 to 2004.

Jennifer Jones and her rink (Karless Burgess, Mackenzie Zacharias, Emily Zacharias, Lauren Lenentine) out of the St. Vital and Altona Curling Clubs are Team Manitoba and hold a ton of experience as Jones is a six-time champion at the event.

Team Kaitlyn Lawes (Laura Walker, Jocelyn Peterman, Kristin MacCuish, Selena Njegovan) out of the Fort Rouge will be playing as Wild Card #1 as the team ranked highest in Canada that failed to win their provincial playdowns. Finally, Team Meghan Walter (Abby Ackland, Marquette's Sara Oliver, Mackenzie Elias) is entered as Wild Card #3 for their remarkable season on the World Curl-



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The other teams that make up the 18-rink field are Alberta's Kayla Skrlík, British Columbia's Clancy Grandy, New Brunswick's Andrea Kelly, Newfoundland and Labrador's Stacie Curtis, Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville, Nova Scotia's Christina Black, Ontario's Rachel Homan, Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Birt, Quebec's Laurie St-Georges, Saskatchewan's Robyn Silvernagle, Northwest Territories' Kerry Galusha, Nunavut's Brigitte MacPhail, Yukon's Hailey Birnie, and Wild Card #2's Casey Scheidegger.

The event follows the same format as the past two Scotties that includes



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Manitoba is well represented at this week's 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kamloops, British Columbia, as the keystone province boasts an all-time high of four teams in the event. Team Einarson, left to right: Shannon Birchard, Val Sweeting, Kerri Einarson and Briane Harris.

Team Canada, the 14 Canadian curling member associations (including three territories and Northern Ontario) and three Wild Card teams that are the top three teams who did not qualify from their provincial playdowns based on CTRS standings.

The Scotties Tournament of Hearts runs from Feb. 17-26 at the Sandman Centre in Kamloops, British Columbia. The winning team will represent Canada at the 2023 World Women's Curling Championship at the Göransson Arena in Sandviken, Sweden.

As of Monday night Team Canada (Einarson) had five wins defeating Quebec 11-8, British Columbia 9-4, Wild Card #1 (Lawes) 10-9, PEI 9-2 and Nova Scotia 9-4. Einarson had three games to go in the round robin.

Team Manitoba (Jones) lost their first game 8-11 to Northern Ontario but went on to defeat Team Walter 12-5, Newfoundland and Labrador 7-4 and Team Ontario (Homan) 6-4. Meanwhile, the other Manitoba team, Team Wildcard #3 (Walter) had one win and three losses.

CRJHL playoffs begin this week

Staff

The Arborg Ice Dawgs wrapped up their Capital Region Junior Hockey League regular season Friday evening with an exciting 3-2 overtime win over the Beausejour Comets.

Kaydyn McMahon scored the game winner in OT.

Michael Crave and Cadrick Dueck tallied power-play goals for the Ice Dawgs.

Dueck finished the game with three points while Tyson Barylski chipped

in with two assists.

The Comets' Merrick Hurcul scored with the man advantage in the second period and then Carter Reid added a shorthanded goal in the third.

Tre Strachan made 32 saves for the win.

Arborg finished the regular season in third place with 50 points.

The Ice Dawgs will now battle the sixth-place North Winnipeg Satellites in a best-of-five series.

Game 1 was played this past Tues-

day in Winnipeg and Game 2 is set for Friday (8 p.m.) in Arborg.

The Ice Dawgs will also host Game 3 on Saturday at 6 p.m.

If necessary, Game 4 is slated for next Tuesday (8 p.m.) at Billy Mosienko Arena.

A series-deciding fifth game would be played March 1 at 8 p.m. in Arborg.

The Lundar Falcons also closed out their regular season Friday with a 3-1 home loss to the St. Malo Warriors.

Carson Gudmundson scored a first-

period goal for the Falcons to open the game's scoring.

St. Malo goals were tallied by Brady Gregoire, Colton Magne and Kaden Rioux.

Lundar finished in fifth place in the six-team league and will face fourth-place Beausejour in a best-of-five series.

The dates and times for that series were not known at press time.

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U17 AAA Lightning end regular season

Staff

The Interlake Lightning U17 AAA hockey team ended their regular season on Saturday with a 5-1 loss to the Brandon Wheat Kings in Teulon.

Troy Johannesson scored a second-period goal for the Lightning, assisted by Preston Crate.

Wheat Kings' goals came from Loughlan McMullan (two), Liam Pui-chailo (two) and Lucas Newman.

Last Friday, Interlake was defeated 8-3 by the Eastman Selects in Teulon.

Cedrick Puffalt scored twice for the Lightning while Evan Deprez also tallied.

Eastman goals were scored by Cameron Sylvester (two), Calyb Moore, Noah St. Laurent, Ryan Reynolds, Easton Stoesz, Chase Holdnick and Nathan Forster.

Interlake will now play the Wheat Kings in a best-of-five playoff series.

Games 1 and 2 of the series will be played in Brandon on Thursday (7

p.m.) and Saturday (3 p.m.).

Game 3 is set for Sunday (3 p.m.) in Arborg. If necessary, Game 4 is slated for next Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) in Warren.

A series-deciding fifth game returns to Brandon on March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The U15 Lightning, meanwhile, posted a 1-2 record in their B-side playoffs last weekend.

Interlake started action Friday with a 12-2 loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers Blue. Layne Stuart and Jacob Keck scored for the Lightning.

On Saturday, Interlake defeated the Norman Wolves 7-4.

Lightning goals were tallied by Ryder Kirk (four), Brody Slatcher, Mad-den Van Kemenade and Mason Bernier.

Owen Coe made 30 saves for the win.

Sunday saw Interlake lose 4-1 to the Central Plains Capitals. Kirk scored a third-period goal for the Lightning.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Lightning goaltender Owen Coe made 35 saves in a 4-1 playoff loss to the Central Plains Capitals on Sunday.

Lakers in action



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Gimli Lakers' Ivy Alexander dribbles the ball past an opponent during tournament action last Friday at Warren Collegiate.

U18 Lightning seasons end

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning lost 7-0 to the Winnipeg Ice in Manitoba U18 Female Hockey League playoff action on Sunday at the Scotiabank hockey for all centre.

Ice goals were scored by Stephanie Jacob (two), Alycia Ross (two), Ava Bergman, Katelin Moffatt and Kianna Saillant.

Winnipeg won the best-of-five series 3-0.

Last Friday in Warren, Interlake was beaten 4-1 by Winnipeg.

The Ice scored twice in the second period and then added two more goals in the third.

Brooke Barylski scored an unassisted goal in the third for the Lightning.

Winnipeg goals were tallied by Ella Maternick, Ross, Annika Russell and Selene Wozney.

On Feb. 14, Interlake was edged 2-1 by Winnipeg.

Shelby Staples scored the Lightning's goal in the second period, assisted by Veronica Asquith and Barylski.

Haley Braun and Jacob replied for the Ice.

Meanwhile, Interlake's U18 male hockey team's season ended on Saturday with a 9-3 loss to the Winnipeg Bruins.

Talon Hogg, Joel MacMillan and Blake Farthing scored for the Lightning.

Nick Giasson (two), Hayden Moore, Luke Wagner, Tyler Bernier, Tyson Vounot, Reeve Sukut, Nathan Brown and Peyton Allard replied for the Bruins.

The Lightning finished in ninth place in the 12-team league with an 18-23-0-3 record and 39 points.

Interlake was three points behind the Southwest Cougars for the eighth and final playoff spot.

Ladies bonspiel returns with 16 teams rocking the weekend



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Sixteen teams competed in the Arborg Ladies Bonspiel on the weekend of Feb. 17-19, with teams from Arborg, Riverton, Gimli and Moosehorn. The weekend was a great success, with the costume party providing plenty of laughs. Brenna Collins won the Make the Shot raffle. In addition, there was a free elimination draw for all participants where they could win an MMF team Kerri Einarson broom signed by Einarson herself. Keanna Kovacs from Riverton won the elimination draw, winning the first broom she ever owned. Photos left to right: The first event, sponsored by Interlake Co-op, was won by skip Amber Isfeld, third Stacey Johnson, second Janelle Deneka, lead Lauren Johnson; the second event, sponsored by Arborg Royal Canadian Legion, was won by third Alexis Magnusson, skip Kenna Sahaidak, second Olivia Magnusson, lead Mercedes Sigurdson; the third event, sponsored by Norstar Consulting, was won by third Taylor Kiesman, skip Trish Rae, lead A-Lynne Kiesman and second Kim Fenning.

Pawluk to represent Canada at 2023 World Cup of University Hockey

By Brian Bowman

Teulon's Brayden Pawluk will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in April.

Pawluk was one of 23 players chosen to the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Team Canada squad that will compete in the 2023 World Cup of University Hockey from April 14-19 in Cârța, Romania.

He will be joined on the team by St. Andrews' Carter Barley.

"It's very humbling and I'm excited for that opportunity," said Pawluk, who plays hockey for the Minot State University Beavers, last Friday. "I've never been able to represent Team Canada and wear that maple leaf on my chest before so to be able to wear it playing the sport I love, it's going to be an unbelievable experience."

Minot State University leads all schools with five representatives on the Canadian team.

Canada will be competing in Group B along with Romania, Poland and Czech Republic.

Travelling to Romania is going to be

quite the experience.

"It's definitely a different world over there and it's a great opportunity to experience a different country," Pawluk said. "I don't think I would ever go to a country like Romania if it wasn't for hockey. It's going to be cool to say that I've gone there and not many people have. There will be a lot of sights to see — there's lots of history in that country."

In the meantime, Pawluk will continue to help his Minot State team win hockey games. The Beavers were an impressive 27-2 heading into a home game last Sunday.

On Saturday, Pawluk scored the game winner in overtime as Minot State defeated University of Mary.

"We have a really good team. We had a strong team last year and we ended up falling short in our national tournament in the first round and it was quite upsetting," he said. "Thankfully, we didn't lose many players throughout the offseason, not many graduated, and we brought in a really strong recruitment class and



Brayden Pawluk

the freshmen have really stepped in and have made an immediate impact. It's exciting to see the team that we've formed throughout this year and we're excited to go to Boston in March for nationals to see what we can do there and hopefully we have a better outcome than last year."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY SEAN ARBAUT

The American Collegiate Hockey Association announced the 23-player roster for ACHA Team Canada, which includes Teulon's Brayden Pawluk, that will compete in the 2023 World Cup of University Hockey April 14-19 in Cârța, Romania.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Salmon Chili Bites

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
2 bell peppers, cored and cut into 2-inch squares

1 green onion, thinly sliced
minced cilantro
black sesame seeds

In bowl, combine salmon, chili crisp, vinegar and sesame oil.

To serve, top each bell pepper square with some salmon, green onion, cilantro and sesame seeds. If leftover pieces of bell pepper remain, chop and add as additional garnish.

Note: If serving with cheese plate, place salmon mixture in small bowl and garnish with green onion and sesame seeds.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Servings: 2
2 pouches (2.5 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Low Sodium Wild-Caught Alaska Pink Salmon
1 tablespoon chili crisp
2 teaspoons rice wine vinegar



Mediterranean Tuna Salad

Chunk Light Tuna, drained
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
1/3 cup sliced Kalamata olives
1 cup chopped English cucumber (about 1/2 cucumber)
1/4 cup feta
1 tablespoon minced parsley
pita chips (optional)
crackers (optional)

To make dressing: In large bowl, whisk lemon juice, olive oil and oregano.

To make salad: In dressing bowl, add tuna, tomatoes, olives and cucumber. Gently toss to cover salad with dressing then top with feta and parsley.

Serve with pita chips or crackers, if desired.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Servings: 1-2
Dressing:
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
Salad:
1 can (5 ounces) Chicken of the Sea



Kale and Kimchi "Fried" Rice

1/4 cup kimchi, chopped
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 egg, lightly beaten
Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium microwave-safe bowl, combine kale, kimchi and soy sauce. Cover and microwave 1 minute.

Add rice and egg; mix well to combine. Cover and microwave 30 seconds. Stir and serve.

Serving Suggestions: Drizzle with sesame oil. Add cooked shrimp.

Prep time: 2 minutes
Cook time: 3 minutes
Servings: 1
1 Minute Jasmine Rice and Red Quinoa Cup
1 cup kale, chopped



Mexican Breakfast Scramble

1 Minute Jalapeno Rice Cup
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons salsa
2 tablespoons queso fresco

Heat rice according to package directions.

In small microwave-safe dish, combine egg, salsa and rice.

Microwave 1 minute. Stir in cheese; microwave 30 seconds.

Serving Suggestion: For meal to go, wrap scramble in warm tortilla.

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady: I am planning to buy a home with my new partner, and I have the money for the down payment or more. My boyfriend Mike has no savings but has the income to get the mortgage. I am currently working part-time, but I don't make enough to pay the mortgage payment. We each have adult kids from previous marriages. Can you tell me what is the best thing to do? Maryanne.

Dear Maryanne, I am so glad to share your question with our Canadian readers because this is a common event with older couples, especially those divorced and now wanting to start a new life with someone else. I have seen this before where one partner may be asset rich – meaning they have the savings, but they do not earn much, and the other partner may not have the savings but earn a larger income. When you go into the banks, they are only interested in facilitating the transaction of setting up a new mortgage, however without a clear division of the asset, if you were to split in the future, there are a lot of grey areas. Also, the partner who makes more money most likely would end up paying more towards the monthly expenses which could be a problem over time.

The other reason I would want you to clearly define your new asset together is in the event of a death. What happens if the adult children of the deceased force the sale of the home to capture their inheritance? And, if you were to separate, would you sell the property and split the proceeds equally? What if one partner wants to stay and the other wants to sell? The best solution is a collateral charge. Let me explain why you want this type of product instead of a standard mortgage.

With a collateral charge you can capture 100% of the value of the residence, (I know you don't require that much equity, but stay with me and I will explain why you want it). A collateral charge also has no term or renewal so once you get approved for it you can keep it for the next thirty years if you like, even with a zero balance; always available to you in the future if needed. The other reason I would recommend this product is that you can clearly define the percentage of ownership and if needed, a collateral charge can be split into multiple segments to be used for investments, business loans, helping family, etc., (with most segments being setup as tax write offs on the interest of individual segments).

In your situation Maryanne, I would suggest you split the cost of the purchase 50/50. You put down as much as you can on your 50% ownership



Christine Ibbotson

and then setup a segment for your remaining amount owing. If you have enough for the full 50% ownership, then I would suggest you put it all down, so you do not have a loan payment. Mike would have a segment for the remaining 50% and have a monthly payment that he would be responsible for. Each segment will be labelled with your names and clearly defined; however, title will be registered equally under the full collateral charge. If Maryanne were to put down the full 50%, she could now have the 50% available credit in the equity of the collateral charge should she need this in the future. I would suggest Mike take out separate life and disability insurance on his loan so that if he were to die, the debt would be paid out. Better still, it is best if you both have additional life insurance naming each as beneficiaries. By doing this, you will eliminate a forced sale if one were to die, allowing the surviving partner enough funds to pay out half of the value of the property to their partner's estate and continue living in the property debt free. With the collateral charge now free and clear with no debt, the surviving spouse does not have to worry about qualifying for a future loan and can have access to credit should an emergency arise. Remember, the collateral charge has no term or renewal and is not a mortgage. Once you get it setup you are free to use it as you please, changing segments, paying it off, drawing it down again or leaving it for years with a zero balance. You can even switch it to interest only payments if needed. For more information on how a collateral charge works and how you can qualify, watch my YouTube video: "What is a Collateral Charge/ Ask the Money Lady."

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, National Radio Host, YouTuber, and Author of 3 Canadian. Send your questions through the contact page at www.askthemoneylady.ca

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INVITATION TO TENDER

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Noon

The Rural Municipality of Gimli is accepting tenders for the following:

- SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF LIMESTONE AGGREGATE:** for the supply and delivery of limestone aggregates; to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli, or hauled to stockpile at the Public Works Shop yards, as directed by the Municipality. The material to be applied in one main haul approximately during the period of June 1, 2023, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2023.
- GRAVEL HAULING & LOADING:** for the hauling of gravel to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli from the pit located in SW25-20-3E. The material to be applied in one main haul during the period of June 1, 2023, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2023, approximately 12,000 cubic yards. While the Municipality would normally be responsible for loading, contractors are asked for the option of supplying a loader.
- GRAVEL CRUSHING:** for the gravel crushing and stockpiling at the pit located in SW25-20-3E. Traffic Gravel to Department of Highways Specifications, approximately 14,000 cubic yards.
- 2023 EQUIPMENT RATES:** the RM of Gimli is seeking proposals from qualified bidders for hourly rates on various types of privately owned equipment for the purpose of establishing pay rates and hiring order of private equipment for the 2023 works season ending March 31, 2024. Contractors who do not submit pricing and/or do not hold a valid business licence or business tax will not be considered for municipal projects.
- DUST CONTROL:** Application of Magnesium Chloride or Calcium Chloride dust control product. Product must be Magnesium Chloride Liquid or Calcium Chloride Liquid with a 30% to 35% Brine Solution and an Anti-Corrosive Inhibitor to meet Corrosion Rate of less than 4.0 mils per ASTM G 4-84. Bidders may provide a quote for one or both. The product shall be available for delivery to various locations in the Municipality from June 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023, as required by the Municipality.
- GRAVEL SCREENING FOR WINTER SAND:** for the screening of gravel for winter sand from the pit located in SW25-20-3E. Screened Gravel for winter sand must be to Department of Highways Specifications. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards required. Gravel Screening is to be 25% complete by June 30th, 2023 and 100% complete on or before August 31, 2023 weather permitting.
- FUEL:** for the supply of fuel for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, for municipal equipment. The tenders are for approximately 40,000 litres of gasoline, approximately 50,000 litres of clear diesel fuel, approximately 90,000 litres of purple diesel (at pumps, card lock system). To be delivered to the Public Works Yard in the Gimli Industrial Park.

Detailed tender packages complete with specifications are available to interested bidders on the RM of Gimli website, www.gimli.ca, or at the Municipal Office, 62 2nd Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Any questions or concerns related to the tenders can be directed to:

Kevin Franz
Public Works Coordinator
Rural Municipality of Gimli
Phone: (204) 642-6688
publicworks@rmgimli.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Ernst Jensen, late of Gimli, Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL claims against the above estate, supported by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the attention of: Robert Jensen, 55 Elm Drive, Oakbank Manitoba on or before the 4th day of April, 2023. Dated at Oakbank, Manitoba, this 21st day of February, 2023.

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RM of Armstrong is looking for a Municipal Clerk to work 3 days a week. The Municipal Clerk reports to and supports the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer. He or She is a key player in the day-to-day operation of the Municipality, ensuring smooth operation of the Municipality and providing services to the citizens of Armstrong and visitors.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Performs clerical duties including typing, filing, and completion of simple forms.
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- Answers phones, directs calls to appropriate individuals, and prepares messages.
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- Prepares letters, memos, forms, and reports according to written or verbal instructions.
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- Maintains filing systems either manually or electronically.
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- Performs other related duties as assigned.
- Maintain Website, Bulletin board, Connect, etc.
- Prepare bank deposits and month end reports.

Required Skills/Abilities:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office

Education and Experience:

- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Administrative Assistant Course/Certificate
- 2 year Clerical experience preferred.

Please submit your resume and three reference to:

RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Email: **cao@rmofarmstrong.com**

Deadline to apply for the position is Monday, February 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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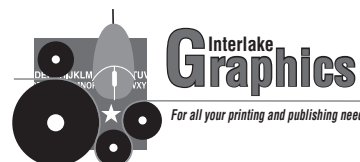
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Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or equivalent experience in a related field
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is accepting applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Found in the heart of the Interlake region of Manitoba, northwest of Teulon on Hwy #17, the RM of Armstrong is home to a number of small hamlets offering a mix of urban and quiet country lifestyles.

Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality including: administration, supervision of staff, policies and planning and financial management.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Recommends new initiatives, programs, policies, and plans for Council to consider.
- Advising Council as to current and future policies, programs and budgets.
- Acting as the coordinator and team leader of the administration in areas of staff, personnel, policies, plans and programs.
- Develops and implements a process for preparation of annual capital and operating budgets.
- Assisting Council in determining the future vision of the Municipality.
- Working closely with all levels of government

Skills & Qualifications

- Ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders.
- Ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws.
- A graduate of the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators, or equivalent education.
- A background in Accounting is considered an asset.
- Ability to read and understand Municipal Financial Statements and manage a budget.
- A minimum of three years direct experience in municipal administration.
- Computer experience with a municipal software program, preferably Asyst, and demonstrated abilities with Windows, Microsoft Office 365: including Word, Excel, Power Point.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The RM of Armstrong provides an excellent group benefits and pension program. A detailed job description is available upon request.

Please submit your resume and three reference to:

RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Fax (204) 278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

Deadline to apply for the position is Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

CASUAL LABOURER B.A.R. Waste Authority Co-op Ltd.

B.A.R. Waste Authority Ltd. is seeking a qualified individual to work on a casual basis at the landfill site at 13098 Road 128N in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

This casual part-time position involves general labour to maintain a clean site, record keeping, some equipment operation/maintenance, and other related duties as required. This position requires minimum a Class 5 Driver's License. The ideal candidate will have a willingness to obtain a Manitoba Landfill Operation Certificate from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), with all expenses covered by BAR Waste. Compensation will be \$17.00/hour.

Written resumes to be submitted in confidence by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 10, 2023 to:

BAR Waste Authority Co-op Ltd.
Attention: Joe Zelisko, Manager
Box 70, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
Fax: (204) 376-2742
Email: bifrostriverton@mymts.net

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Position: Summer Location Assistant
Location: Arborg, MB
Company: Foster Ag Services
Job Type: 6-month term
Start Date: April 1, 2023
Salary: Based on experience

Foster Ag Services is an independent crop inputs retailer located 15 minutes Northwest of Arborg, MB and we are currently looking to fill a 6-month term position for Summer Location Assistant

Duties and Responsibilities for this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Administration • Warehouse and inventory management
- Shipping and receiving crop inputs
- Seed dispersal and treating • Yard Maintenance

Required Skills and Experience:

- Organized, self-motivated, and positive attitude
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Be flexible in work hours and days throughout the busy season (May-June)
- Have a valid Class 5 driver's license
- Ability to drive a forklift
- Previous experience is an asset, but not required

Qualified candidates may submit a cover letter and resume in confidence to:

Kyle Foster, Kyle@fosterag.ca

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Sudoku Answer

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Sea grape
5. European public health group (abbr.)
9. A way to delight
11. Appetizers
13. Ancient heralds' wands
15. Make a booking
16. '___ death do us part
17. Pearl Jam frontman
19. Spider genus
21. Fill with high spirits
22. A major division of geological time
23. Catch
25. An independent ruler or chieftain
26. Electronic music style (abbr.)
27. Influential Spanish cubist painter
29. Illegally persuades
31. A way to derive
33. British School
34. Appear alongside
36. Surely (archaic)
38. Harsh cry of a crow
39. A day in the middle
41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
43. The longest division of geological time
44. The first sign of the zodiac
46. Appetizer
48. Link together in a chain
52. A bacterium
53. In a way, forces apart
54. Cheese dish
56. Combines
57. In an inferior way
58. Colors clothes
59. Dried-up

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1. Gastropods
2. Confusing
3. Romanian monetary unit
4. The rate at which something proceeds
5. A prosperous state of well-being
6. Asked for forgiveness
7. Makes less soft
8. Part of speech
9. Outside
10. Advice or counsel
11. Badness
12. Protein-rich liquids
14. Not moving
15. Call it a career
18. Poetry term
20. Not wide
24. Pastries
26. Turns away
28. Satisfies
30. Gift adornments
32. San Diego ballplayers
34. Manufacturing plant
35. Check or guide
37. Dogs do it
38. Chilled
40. Scorch
42. Unproductive of success
43. Electronic counter-countermeasures
45. Attack with a knife
47. Feel bad for
49. Enclosure
50. Assert
51. Geological times
55. Midway between east and southeast

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We wish to offer our sincerest and heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming acts of kindness, love and support shown to us. Thank you for the baking, casseroles, flowers, visits, calls, texts, cards and donations made in Don's memory to Gimli Lutheran Church and other charities.

Thank you to all who attended and all who participated in the funeral service - Pastor Keith Peterson for his wonderful service; Ginny Parent for her beautiful piano music; Dennis Carlson for his warm tribute; choir members from Gimli Lutheran and the Westshore Choir singing the hymns and Go Now In Peace; Ken Krebs for sound system; Gimli Lutheran Ladies for all their help; our family for their beautiful tributes and video for their dad, afi, langafi and father-in-law.

Sincerest thanks to Gilbert Funeral Home for their professionalism, kindness and courtesy offered to our whole family.

-Hedy Bjornson, Don Jr.,
Cindy, Peter, Judy
and families

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Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, family, neighbours and community for your kindness over the last few months. Your support, messages, food and visits were very much appreciated. Thank you to John and Karen Gray of ARNASONS FUNERAL HOME and to Cindy Thorkelson for your guidance through these hard times and to everyone that helped with Darlene's tribute.

-THE LAW FAMILY

BRIDAL SHOWER



Please join us for the Bridal Shower in honour of Amandine Sigurdson bride-elect of Dylan Orbanski on Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Arborg Community Hall. Ami and Dylan are registered at Arborg Home Hardware and would also welcome gift cards from Home Hardware, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, HomeSense and The Bay. Donations are being collected at Arborg & Riverton Co-op Grocery stores.

BRIDAL SHOWER



Bridal shower and Social in honour of Emily Bouvier and Keith Weik Saturday, February 25th, 2023 Arborg Bifrost Community Hall 409 Recreation Centre, Arborg Shower 1 p.m. and Social 8 p.m. Donations can be made at Arborg Co-op, Home Hardware and MYREGISTRY.com Unwrapped gifts preferred

BRIDAL SHOWER



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There will be a fundraising Ice Fishing Derby held for this wonderful couple on Saturday, March 4th at Sandy Bar beach, in Riverton. If you are unable to attend but would like to support, support tickets are available from any of the parents. A shower is also being planned for August 5th.

We invite all of you, our family and friends, to join us in congratulating this beautiful couple, and hope to see you come out in support of their events. We wish you both a lifetime of love, health and happiness!

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Michael, loving husband to Janet, passed away on February 13, 2023 at Luther Home, Winnipeg, MB. following a courageous battle with Parkinson's and Dementia.

A graveside memorial service will take place in the Ashern United Church Cemetery at a later date.

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OBITUARY

Jack Henry Clark
March 17, 1949 – February 16, 2023

With his family by his side, Jack Clark, aged 73 years of Grahamdale, MB. passed away at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern, MB.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial graveside service will be held in the Grahamdale Cemetery at a later date.

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