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Antique tractors get the spotlight at Arborg event

By Nicole Brownlee

The Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village is putting a twist on a classic event, showcasing restored tractors from the 20th century.

Joe Stoyanowski was familiar with car shows because his family collected vintage cars like a 1955 Studebaker and two Chevy trucks from 1985 and 1955 and wanted to create a similar event that would be more accessible for community members.

“We know that a lot of people in the area have their tractors fixed up or older tractors that they’re still using in the fields, and there has to be something for them,” said Stoyanowski.

“Farmers are the main group for the area.”

The Heritage Village hosted the first Tractor Trek in 2019.

The tradition would have continued in 2020 and 2021, but the event was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyone who owns a tractor without a cab from the 1970s or earlier can enter the 2022 Tractor Trek, set for May 28 and at 8 a.m.

Spectators can enjoy breakfast at the Heritage Village while participants register for events.

The trek will start at 10 a.m., and rid-



The 2022 Tractor Trek is set for May 28.

ers will tour the town of Arborg and compete in a scavenger hunt.

“They’ll drive to town and drive past all the main residences, the seniors’ residences, the hospital and that,” said Stoyanowski, a volunteer at the Heritage Village.

Following the route around town, participants will play games like an egg and spoon race, balancing challenges and a chain pull on their tractors at the Heritage Village.

“There’s an egg where the hitch is, and they have to back up to it without breaking the egg,” said Stoyanowski, explaining another featured game.

Walter Hamm said the games and obstacles organized at the 2019 Trac-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JOE STOYANOWSKI

Antique tractors will tour Arborg on May 28 before heading to the Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village to compete in games.




Tractors without a cab and from 1970 or earlier can enter.

tor Trek stand out in his memory. “They were hilarious,” said Hamm. “There was one where they had to

push a barrel with their front tire.

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Gimli's Kris' Fish & Chips restaurant damaged by sudden fire

By Emma Honeybun

Kris' Fish & Chips, a family diner in Gimli, will be temporarily closed due to a fire inside the building. The owners, Jeff and Candy Badger, announced this on the restaurant's Facebook page on Sunday, May 8 at 5:56 a.m.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and the owners have not yet been allowed into the building, Jeff Badger said. He had received a picture of the scene and described extensive smoke damage on the inside of the building around the storage area. The roof in the damaged area has also collapsed.

Badger said there were already rumours surrounding the fire on social media, and that it did not begin in the kitchen. As of Monday, May 9, they weren't expecting to know the exact cause until later on in the week.

Badger said that he was sad about the damage and poor timing, but was thankful that there were no injuries. The fire had been active for approximately an hour and a half.

"I feel for our employees, 'cause it'll disrupt their employment," he said. "And I also feel sad for our clients



The interior of the building has extensive smoke damage.

and so many people or patrons. As I mentioned, they drive for a good 100 kilometres round to come to the restaurant to have their special meals. They usually bring along their family."

There is currently no set date for re-opening, but Badger is optimistic about insurance working fast and re-



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Kris' Fish & Chips will be closed indefinitely for repair after the flames caved in a section of the building, owners say.

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Commercial fishers are highway heroes after assisting man in vehicle rollover

By Patricia Barrett

Two commercial fishers from Gimli are highway heroes after coming to the rescue of a man whose vehicle had plunged into a ditch on Highway 8 last Thursday and rolled on its roof in the water.

Michael Reimer and Kevin Palson were cutting wood that afternoon at Palson's home near the highway and the junction of Siglavik Road, a curving stretch of highway, when they heard a tire pop, screeching tires and a crash.

They jumped into a side-by-side to see what had happened, said Reimer last Saturday. When they reached the highway, they couldn't see an accident and the traffic was speeding by, so they started driving southwards

along the verge. That's when they spotted a car upside down in a ditch filled with about a foot or more of water.

"I saw the gentleman with his arm out the window, trying to get people's attention. I went into the ditch because his car was flooded and I told Kevin to call 911," said Reimer. "The water was up to my knees. I sat in the ditch holding this gentleman's hand. I tried to keep him calm and kept talking to him, I asked who he was and tried to make sure he didn't have a concussion or any serious cuts or injuries. I sat in the ditch beside him until the firefighters [from Gimli] showed up."

From prior first-aid training, Reimer said he knew they weren't supposed



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Michael Reimer, left, and Kevin Palson were in the right place at the right time to save a roll-over victim on Highway 8 last Thursday.

to move someone trapped in a vehicle as that could potentially result in more serious injuries to the victim.

"We didn't want to try to get him out even though I have [first-aid] ex-

perience. You don't know if the person could be paralyzed and you can make it worse," said Reimer. "I asked him if he was OK and he said he was

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Walk to raise money and morale for Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer Society's annual walk is in Winnipeg May 28

By Nicole Brownlee

Clad in blue shirts, walk, run and connect with community to support the Alzheimer Society's annual Walk for Alzheimer's fundraiser.

After two years of solely virtual IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's, the Manitoba charity is hosting an in-person walk in Winnipeg on May 28 at 10 a.m. In the Interlake, the Gordon Howard Centre in Selkirk is hosting its in-person walk on June 3 at 1 p.m.

"People have been doing step challenges, hosting a barbecue and collecting funds from their family and friends," said Samantha Holland, regional coordinator of the Interlake-Eastern region.

"Whatever you want to do to show your support and collect those pledges."

The Alzheimer Society collects 85 per cent of its revenue from donations and fundraisers, enabling them to offer programs that support people with Alzheimer's across Canada.

The annual walk is the Alzheimer Society's most profitable fundraiser.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Manitoba organization would routinely raise over \$300,000 at the walk.

In 2020, the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba collected over \$230,000 at their virtual event.

"We've been blown away by the support that we've received in the last two years just being virtual, but we know that the energy of an in-person walk makes all the difference," she said.

"There's nothing quite like coming together and seeing that sea of blue."

Many of the walks hosted in the Interlake region



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Supporters can walk virtually or in-person this year to support the Alzheimer Society's annual fundraiser.

were organized by local personal care homes and schools.

Holland said she's heard few plans for in-person walks in the Interlake this year because personal care homes remain cautious as COVID-19 cases continue to creep across the province.

"They have a lot on their plate COVID-wise, and it's a lot to organize."

If supporters don't feel comfortable attending the in-person event, they can join the month-long Walk Your Way virtual program, which challenges participants to collect donations and learn more about Alzheimer's while getting their steps in.

The route for the in-person walk in Winnipeg at St. Vital Park varies from two to four kilometres, depending on mobility, but virtual

walkers can take as many steps as they like.

"We don't have a specific goal," she said.

Instead of focusing on distances travelled, the Walk for Alzheimer's unites people impacted by the disorder.

"Put on your blue walk shirt and walk as a team, just to get out in the community and make sure that people with dementia see that you're behind them," said Holland.

"Whatever gets you seen and makes people feel less disconnected."

To learn more about the Walk for Alzheimer's, visit Alzheimer.mb.ca/wfa2022.

> ANTIQUE TRACTORS, FROM PG. 2

That was very interesting."

Hamm had attended tractor pulls throughout Manitoba but thought the Heritage Village's Tractor Trek was a great way to display old tractors without straining them.

"There are quite a few antique tractors in this area, and they really have no way of showing them off," said Hamm.

Volunteers are also offering tours of the Heritage Village for visitors throughout the day.

Six prizes will be handed out at the end of the Tractor Trek to award oldest tractor, best restored tractor and other notable favourites.

In 2019, the event attracted around a dozen displayed tractors, but Stoyanowski thinks there will be a larger response this year.

"I hope there's a good turnout because it's a neat thing to see," he said.

"It all depends on seeding."

For updates, visit the Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village Facebook page.

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Disaster financial assistance announced

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba government has launched an assistance program for individuals and municipalities impacted by this spring's flooding.

"As we continue to assess, we are anticipating that costs related to the spring flood may exceed more than \$10 million," Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk said at a press conference Monday.

This includes damages to municipal infrastructure, private residences, farms, small businesses and provincial infrastructure, Piwniuk said, noting they will have to wait for the floodwaters to recede before final assessments can be made.

Whatever the final total ends up being, it's clear the road to repairing it all will be costly; the 2022 Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is meant to help offset some of those costs.

"We recognize the tremendous efforts Manitobans and their communities have put into disaster response and recovery this spring," said Johanna Botha, head of Manitoba's Emergency Management Organization.

"The DFA program provides finan-

cial assistance for certain losses when a widespread natural disaster, like the one we are currently facing, strikes and creates an unreasonable financial burden. Spring flooding and rain in certain parts of the province this year certainly qualifies.

"This program will ensure that non-insurable losses ... basic damages to basic and essential property, response costs and infrastructure damage are covered to help alleviate the burden so many of our residents, municipalities, non-profits, small business and farmers have felt this spring."

Manitobans are encouraged to check with their insurance providers to review their policy coverage before applying for DFA. Insurable costs, such as sewer backup, are not covered by DFA. Some Manitobans may have also purchased overland flood insurance, which means those covered costs will also not be eligible for DFA funds.

For more information about eligibility or to apply, visit www.manitoba.ca/emo/dfa or email dfa@gov.mb.ca.

Money for road repairs

Also on Monday, Premier Heather Stefanson announced \$15 million for a one-time grant program to provide municipalities with financial support for road reconstruction, rehabilitation and preservation projects.

"Manitoba municipalities are facing significant road infrastructure challenges as a result of this year's extraordinary weather conditions," Stefanson said in a statement. "Above-average precipitation and colder-than-average temperatures have caused a substantial increase in the number and severity of potholes on roads throughout the province, and inflation and supply chain issues have also added to this challenge."

As part of this grant program, the province will distribute \$15 million to Manitoba's 137 municipalities on a per-capita basis, with the City of Winnipeg to receive nearly \$9 million of the total.

"We are pleased to offer this extra support to reduce the financial burden on the City of Winnipeg and all municipalities during these unique times," Stefanson said.

Municipal election registration opens across Manitoba

By Nicole Brownlee

Municipal politics is often overlooked as minor issues compared to provincial and federal governments, but municipal decisions impact residents daily.

Municipalities rely on dedicated leaders to help regulate how communities look, operate and interact with surrounding areas.

"Councillors and heads of councils, we're the boots on the ground in direct connection to the residents of our municipality and the province," said

Kam Blight, president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

"We're responsible for providing many essential services that Manitobans depend on."

Registration to lead municipalities is opening across Manitoba.

The majority of Manitoba towns opened their registration for mayor and reeve positions on May 1, with a deadline of Sept. 20. Councillor candidate registration opens almost two months later on June 30 and closes on Sept. 20.

In Victoria Beach, Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar, mayor and reeve candidates' registration opened on Feb. 1 and is open until June 16. Councillor candidates were able to register starting on March 31, but their deadline to register is June 16.

Ideal candidates have a variety of qualities and experiences, said Blight, but what matters most is their motivation to join council.

"It's individuals who want to do

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COVID outbreaks in PCHs; ER closures; April COVID data

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba's health-care system continues to grapple with new COVID-19 infections each week, and long-term care homes and a critical shortage of nursing staff and physicians are compounding the stress on the system.

A number of COVID outbreaks were experienced in personal care homes in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

- A COVID outbreak was declared on May 2 at the Red River Place PCH in Selkirk. As of May 7, it was ongoing.
- A COVID outbreak at the maple south unit of Tudor House was declared on April 27 and ended on May 2.
- A COVID outbreak at the Arborg PCH was declared over on May 5, said a spokesperson for the IERHA.
- IERHA emergency room data for hospitals across the region show the continuation of temporary ER closures because of physician unavailability. Communities such as Arborg are down to two doctors — one runs his own clinic and another works at the hospital-based clinic — who take turns working at the ER.
- Although recent data on new COVID infections released by the provincial government — based on scaled-

back PCR testing that does not reflect the true extent of COVID infections — show a decline, COVID patients continue to need hospital and ICU care and people die from the virus every week.

For the period April 24 to April 30, there were 1,042 new lab-confirmed COVID infections, according to the provincial government's weekly respiratory surveillance report on COVID. There were 185 new hospital admissions for people with COVID, of whom 12 were admitted to the ICU. Fourteen more Manitobans died of the virus that week.

For the period April 17 to 23, the government reported 1,436 new lab-confirmed COVID cases, 200 new hospital admissions, of which 12 cases required admission to intensive care, and 13 more deaths.

For the period April 10 to 16, there were 1,190 lab-confirmed COVID infections, 206 new hospital admissions, of which 22 required intensive care, and 12 more deaths from the virus.

For the period April 3 to 9, there were 1,694 new lab-confirmed COVID cases, 177 new hospital admissions, of which 19 cases required care in the ICU, and five deaths.

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ER closures in the IERHA from May 1 to May 15.

total of 5,362 people were granted a restricted PCR test and tested positive for COVID, 768 people required hospitalization for the virus and 44 Manitobans died.

The backlog of surgical and diagnostic procedures has now reached 169,198, according to Doctors Manitoba.

Free choir day planned for youth and adults

By Jennifer McFee

Music lovers will be singing a happy tune thanks to an upcoming Interlake choir event.

On Saturday, May 14, the Interlake Choir Day will provide an opportunity for a free day of choral singing for youth and adults.

For organizer Kendra Obach, it's both exciting and a little daunting to be planning an in-person event after such a long stretch.

"We are so ready to be singing together again and sharing musical experiences with singers from across the Interlake," she said.

"We also want to ensure that everyone feels safe and that we are taking appropriate precautions, including masks, distancing and sanitizing. The prospect of meeting new people, seeing old friends and singing together feels truly adventurous."

The Interlake Choir Day is simply an event when singers are invited to spend an afternoon making music together, she added.

"This is a kickstart to rebuild the Interlake Youth Choir program, which we hope will be back in full swing this

fall," she said.

"There are two awesome guest conductors coming to lead the afternoon. We have hosted Interlake Adult Choir Day in the past. This year, we are including a youth choir in the event."

The youth choir, conducted by Sonya Williams, is open to Interlake youth in grades 9 to 12. The adult choir will feature Dr. Catherine Robbins as the conductor.

"You don't need to be a strong or confident singer to come experience the day. We are hoping this will be a safe way to try group singing — again or for the first time — and anyone is welcome," Obach said.

"The afternoon will be mostly singing time, with each group rehearsing a few songs with their conductor. Then the two groups will meet and share the songs they have learned in the afternoon. There's no big concert event, but it's still a chance to showcase the hard work."

Even for those without experience, she encourages them to give it a try.

"Interlake Choir Day is awesome because it is a one-day-only commitment and anyone is welcome. We're



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The Interlake Choral Association is hosting a free day of choral singing for youth and adults on May 14 in Selkirk.

starting to rebuild singing safely in the area while singers get to learn from new conductors and have a fun day of singing together," Obach said.

"The Interlake Choral Association is offering this as a free event to encourage singers to come out; however, we are encouraging donations to the Interlake Youth Choir."

The May 14 event will take place at Happy Thought School in East Selkirk with a rehearsal from noon to 4 p.m. followed by a performance exchange from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, email iychoir@gmail.com.

New boat ramp at Gimli Harbour awaiting finishing touches

By Patricia Barrett

The federal government's newly constructed boat launch at Gimli Harbour is awaiting some final touches before it can open for the season.

Gimli Harbour Authority administrative assistant Lindsey Barabash said the concrete ramp, which can now accommodate two lanes of traffic, needs some backfill placed around it.

"There can't be a portion of the concrete lip sticking up," said Barabash last Friday. "Then we'll have to install a dock along the side of the ramp to lead to a gangway, as well as a bigger dock on the right-hand side for boats. Now the ramp is accessible to two lanes of traffic."

Compared to the old ramp, the new one has been "beefed up" substantially and is 105 feet long, she said. That means it extends quite far out beneath the water, past the fuel dock.

Gimli Harbour serves commercial fishers and recreational boaters and is under the administration of the Small Craft Harbours branch of the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans. The launch ramp reconstruction took place over the winter. The work included the installation and removal of a temporary sheet pile cofferdam, demolition of the existing ramp pads and concrete slabs, and the construction of a new reinforced concrete launch ramp, according to the federal



The harbour is closed until the new ramp is fully completed.

government's website.

Harbour master Trevor Cowie said the ramp is an estimated 15 to 18 inches thick and needed lots of concrete to build it.

"It took 100 metres of concrete; that's a lot of concrete — about 14 trucks," said Cowie.

Because it extends so far out into the harbour, low water years won't be a problem for boat launching, said Cowie, who is a CPA and oversees all the accounting functions of the harbour authority.

"The Coast Guard will be able to launch the Vakta [search and rescue vessel] in any conditions, even



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gimli Harbour Authority administrative assistant Lindsey Barabash and harbour master Trevor Cowie stand on the federal government's newly constructed, 105-foot-long boat launch that can now handle two lanes of traffic and low-water years.

in low water years," said Cowie. "The ramp is far enough out that they can get water underneath them."

In addition to the new ramp, Small Craft Harbours will be upgrading its security system and installing additional cameras.

"We'll also probably be expanding our jet ski port offering," said Cowie.

"We brought in 16 new berths over the winter. We're doing well."

The harbour authority will be supplying life-jackets on loan, he said, for kids and adults who may not be aware of boating safety protocols and how dangerous Lake Winnipeg can be.



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The Evergreen Foundation of Manitoba Inc. will receive applications from graduates or residents of The Evergreen School Division who are furthering their education in a recognized post-secondary institution to be considered for one of three general \$1,000.00 scholarships.

The Foundation will also receive applications from previous Gimli High School graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education specializing in a medical field at a recognized post-secondary institution for the \$1,000 Dr. R.C. Patel & Mrs. Shakuntala Patel Scholarship.

Application forms and criteria are available at the School Division Office in Gimli and the School Division Web Site (www.esd.ca). Successful applicants will be notified by June 30, 2022.

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what's best for their municipality as a whole," he said.

"It comes down to the person that wants to do this for the right reasons."

Any Canadian citizen who is a resident of Manitoba, has owned property in the municipality or LUD for at least six months and is over 18 years old can run for municipal office.

Members of council serve four-year terms, which start at 12 p.m. on Oct. 27 for all municipalities except for Victoria Beach, Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar, which start on July 23.

Working on council is time consuming and entails talking about a wide range of issues that may make some candidates uncomfortable, so Blight urges anyone interested in pursuing a position keep an open mind.

"It can be a very difficult position to be in at times, but it's also very rewarding."

Blight said one of his favourite aspects of joining council is having the opportunity to meet and work with interesting and diverse people.

"You're just one voice around that council table," said Blight, reeve of the RM of Portage la Prairie.

"I really encourage people to make sure they're good listeners and be willing to hear other people's thoughts."

For more information about running for municipal office, visit amm.mb.ca/issues/2022elections/.

Our apologies

Staff

In the May 5 edition of The Express Weekly News, "West Interlake presents a \$730,000 surplus" states "the municipality ended the fiscal year with a net operating surplus of \$737,002.40, which is six times more than the council expected."

RM of West Interlake Reeve Arnthor Jonasson noted on May 7 that the audited financial statements for 2021 have not been accepted by the RM of West Interlake council. He expects a slight surplus for 2021.

The article also states "This increase follows the 2020 fiscal year's surplus, which was budgeted to be \$21,983.76 and actually amounted to \$850,750.07."

Jonasson said the 2020 audited financial statements did not include an \$850,750.07 surplus. In 2020, the council ran a slight deficit, he added.

The Express Weekly News received a draft of the RM of West Interlake's 2022 financial plan, which did not include accurate projections.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DRENN CAMPBELL

In last week's edition of the Interlake flood coverage we published this photo without a photo credit. Our apologies to the photographer Drenna Campbell on the oversight.

> HIGHWAY HEROES, FROM PG. 4

fine. But sometimes people are in shock and say they're fine."

The Gimli Fire Department was first to arrive. Firefighters were going to use the jaws of life to try to extricate the man, said Reimer, but Palson said the vehicle's roof wasn't crushed and suggested that they might be able to get the man out through the door.

"I think what saved the gentleman from being crushed is the water in the ditch. When the car landed on the roof, it slid on the water and didn't get crushed," said Reimer. "Kevin suggested to the fire department that they first try to get the lock up and open the door. They did and we got him out. He was very lucky."

This is not the first time Reimer said he has come to someone's rescue. He has stopped at other traffic accidents on the highway, some far worse in which people had died.

"It's what we do. We help people," he said.

The man's family reached out to him to give him an update on his condition after the accident, said Reimer, and as far as he and Palson know, the man was taken first to Gimli hospital, about eight kilometres north, then to the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

"The granddaughter told me that her mom and dad want to meet me and say thank you."

The granddaughter also sent Reimer a message on Facebook with lots of heart emojis: "[Michael Reimer] that was my grandpa. Thank you so very much for saving his life. You saved us a huge heart break. Thank you sooooo much, seriously can't thank you enough."

Reimer said as far as he and Palson are aware, there was no other vehicle involved in the man's accident.

Palson said the curve on Highway 8 at Siglavik Road is a "crash-zone."

"I've been living here since 1985 and I don't know how many deaths there have been on this

curve," said Palson last Saturday. "It's a terrible curve. People just crash there steady; I don't know why. It has been a crash-zone for years. This is the first one this year. But last summer, there were three pretty good wipeouts and one death."

He said it was fortunate the accident happened at the very moment he and Reimer decided to take a break and shut off their chainsaws otherwise they wouldn't have heard it.

"In another minute we would have fired up the chainsaw again and we wouldn't have heard it. We heard the squealing tires, a pop and boom, bang," said Palson. "Holy crow, and we gun-smoked the side-by-side up to the highway."

Because they couldn't see an accident and traffic was speeding by as though nothing had happened, Palson said he figured a tire must have blown on a semitrailer. But he then spotted the vehicle with its wheels up in the ditch farther down the way and they raced to the man's rescue.

After Palson spoke with 911, the man asked him to call his wife, who works in Gimli. Shortly after that, the ambulance arrived.

"The paramedics were there within 10 minutes. And the fire department was great; Ken Arnason, the deputy fire chief, he was

Johnny-on-the-spot," said Palson, who like Reimer, has taken first-aid training.

And like Reimer, this accident wasn't Palson's first. He saved a man who accidentally stepped through a hole on the ice on Lake Winnipeg and has rescued boaters.

"I've been pulling people out of the lake. I've lost track; at least six people I've saved from drowning. I'm just a lifesaver, I guess, because I'm always around at the right time," said Palson.

If he were to be involved in an accident, he said he hopes "someone does it for me."

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Town of Arborg OUR IMMENSE GRATITUDE FOR THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT

We want to express our immense gratitude for the overwhelming support the Town of Arborg has received this past week. When our community faced adversity, it was you the people who answered the call to help your community.

The Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services stepped up and coordinated the sandbagging efforts. A big thank you to Fire Chief Leroy Loewen and Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Pearce for providing the leadership that we have witnessed time and time again. **Thank you** to all of those who came out to fill sandbags and built sandbag dikes around properties in an effort to save homes and businesses. A special **thank you** to the schools and church groups who came out to assist. This action helped to save countless properties throughout the Town of Arborg and also in our neighboring Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

Thank you to those who have provided donations of food and water for the volunteers. A big **thank you** to Karen Loewen and all those who have assisted her for spearheading and coordinating these efforts.

Thank you to our Public Works Department, Bruce, Wes and Brent, who worked tirelessly to seal manholes, check on properties that were flooding and ensured the continued operation of Water and Wastewater Systems. After facing a relentless winter, they have continued to show up and get the job done.

Thank you to our CAO Cindy Stansell for her leadership and guidance, and to our Administrative Staff Kristin and Nancy for their dedication yet again. The support they give and diligent work they do for our community is valued by Council.

Thank you to our Emergency Coordinator Warren Toderan for all of your work in providing support and coordination to our Council, Staff and residents. To our Public Information Officer Doug Anderson for coordinating communication efforts. To Kurt Janzen for being the On-Site Incident Commander during the pumping operations just west of Arborg.

Thank you to our neighbors the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton. We are so appreciative for the continued collaboration of efforts for our communities. Together we are stronger.

As the flood waters begin to recede within the Town of Arborg, our neighbors in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, RM of Armstrong and RM of Fisher as well as our friends in Peguis First Nation and Fisher River Cree Nation are continuing to deal with the devastation from this flood. Our hearts go out to all that are affected and offer our solace and comfort to these communities.

**"Alone, we can do so little; Together,
we can do so much." Helen Keller**

- Town of Arborg Mayor & Council

Indigenous perspectives considered at inaugural U of M conference



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Dr. Marcia Anderson will discuss blending traditional healing with Western medicine at the Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference.

By Nicole Brownlee

The University of Manitoba is shining a light on the role Indigenous healing methods can have in school, medicine and daily life.

The Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference will take place from June 14 to 16 at the University of Manitoba.

"We think it's important to widen appreciation for Indigenous perspectives," said Dr. Teresa de Kieviet, associate dean of special initiatives and co-organizer of the conference.

"Indigenous people have really been at the forefront of scientific breakthroughs for centuries."

Over 20 speakers from across North America will discuss scientific knowledge embedded in Indigenous lan-

guages, traditional medicine and health, Indigenous scientific perspectives and Indigenous engagement with the land and environment.

One concept threaded through each presentation is two-eyed seeing.

Two-eyed seeing encourages academics to value all perspectives and consider things from both a traditional scientific analysis and the Indigenous Way of Knowing, which acknowledges that Indigenous people don't just learn from human interaction but also their deep respect for the land and environment.

Instead of focusing on solving one aspect of a problem, scientists approach issues by considering the bigger picture and how different components interact.

"Traditional Western science tends to focus on things in isolation, say a given cell or a virus or a piece of a protein and how it works; whereas, from an Indigenous perspective, it's all part of a whole," said de Kieviet.

When researching a contaminated body of water, a scientist using Western techniques may test a water sample and try to find the pollutant. A scientist using Indigenous techniques may instead analyze the migration of fish and the health of vegetation in the area.

"There's a benefit to using both together."

Dr. Marcia Anderson, who has family from Peguis First Nation and Norway House Cree Nation, will cap off the first day of the conference by exploring her experience working with

knowledge keepers and traditional healers.

"I'll also focus on how both Indigenous and Western science around health and healing can be used together to support the health of Indigenous peoples," said Anderson.

An example of blending the two perspectives was holding a ceremony at a COVID-19 vaccine site.

"That really recognized the importance of traditional healers and knowledge keepers as health providers," said Anderson.

"As well as their knowledge and role modelling of using traditional medicines themselves and getting vaccinated."

When Anderson was completing her post-secondary education in the early 2000s in Manitoba, few programs discussed Indigenous perspectives of science.

Anderson had to pursue learning about traditional medicine through Indigenous doctors outside of the prairies.

"Teaching, and the emphasis on strong cultural identity as an important part of our health as providers as well as the health of our communities, was really reinforced," she said.

The University of Manitoba now offers a 70-hour Indigenous health course in the undergraduate medical

graduate program, which focuses on anti-racism and understanding colonial impacts.

Elders and knowledge keepers also teach at the university, and the Bannatyne campus grows medicines.

Indigenous science needs to be recognized as an independent subject, separate from what students may traditionally be taught in university, said Anderson.

"We're taught to try to understand or validate other forms of knowledge based on what we learn in the university setting," said Anderson.

As the vice-dean of Ongomiizwin (Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing) at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Anderson said she hopes more land-based courses will be integrated into

health programs to create healthier habits.

"Burnout amongst health-care providers and health professional learners — that is one area where I see that land-based education, Indigenous science and knowledge of health and healing could be beneficial for all of us."

For more information about the Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference, visit <https://event.fourwaves.com/turtleisland2022/pages>.

"INDIGENOUS SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HEALTH AND HEALING COULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR ALL OF US."

Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton volunteers celebrated

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission hosted its 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Gala on April 30 to honour volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make community events in Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton a success. The ABPRC hosted the event at the Arborg community hall where volunteers with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161, the Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, the Town of Arborg and the ABPRC were presented with awards.



The event was organized by the Volunteer Recognition committee including, from left, Bailey Sigvaldason, Gordon Klym, Cory Koomen, Kyle Foster, Dimitri Caldeira and Ron Johnston.

EXPRESS PHOTO PHOTO BY VALERIE KLYM

Nova House Community Wellness Day May 19

By Katelyn Boulanger

Nova House is once again hosting its annual Community Wellness Day where residents can learn about local wellness resources that they may not know about in our community.

The event will take place on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Selkirk United Church.

This day focuses on many aspects of wellness not just being physically well. Over 20 organizations will be at the event to people get in touch with all aspects of wellness including mental health, self-care and spiritual health resources.

Some of the organizations that will be there will be people from the mobile crisis unit, people from the local school division, Survivor's Hope, a person doing Henna art, and nail painting.

"Often people that live in the community don't even realize that these agencies and resources do exist," said Jola Hnatiuk, the outreach coordinator for Nova House.

The public health outreach van will also be in attendance outside of the event space.

Some other fun activities will be the prizes. There will be a silent auction at the event.

Nova House is a domestic/family violence shelter in Selkirk that serves

the entire Interlake area and parts of Eastern Manitoba. They provide emergency accommodations for people leaving domestic and family violence situations with their women's shelter but also can direct anyone who comes to them in similar situations to resources and accommodations that would be right for them. They also provide counselling and additional resources in the community that are open to all residents even if they are not staying with them.

The event is free to attend and open to all members of the community.

Nova House is asking that if possible residents register for the event in advance so that they can have an idea of how many people may be there for the light lunch.

To register for the event call NAME at 204-485-1711 or email outreach@novahouse.ca.

To learn more about Nova House check out their website at novahouse.ca.

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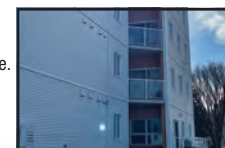
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Small town Komarno raises over \$8,000 for Ukraine

By Nicole Brownlee

While its sister city in Ukraine has three times the population, Komarno, Man., proved the community's strength outweighs its numbers.

The RM of Armstrong community raised over \$8,000 on May 1 to support Ukrainians impacted by Russia's invasion.

"A few members from the community hall and volunteers in the area got the idea to start raising funds for Ukraine," said Mona Buchkowski, one of the event's organizers.

"Before we knew it, we had everything moving along."

Within three weeks, volunteers booked several local entertainers, collected prizes for a silent auction and sold over 100 tickets.

A few community members from Komarno were personally touched by the attack on Ukraine because they have family members forced to stay in the war-torn country.

"We've got a lot of people in this area of the Interlake that have family back in Ukraine, and it's been a very difficult time for us to be sitting across the world," said Debbie Kozyra, another event organizer.

At 1 p.m. on May 1, 175 residents



Callia and Zuri Cook

from across the Interlake attended the last-minute event at the Komarno Community Hall, metres away from a giant mosquito statue honouring the community's namesake.

Komarno, which means mosquito-infested in Ukrainian, is known as the mosquito capital of the world.

"The fundraiser went very well," said Buchkowski.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE KOZYRA

Local talent like the Gem Stars band, Greg Chic, and Callia and Zuri Cook performed at Komarno's fundraiser for Ukraine on May 1.



The sold-out event at the Komarno Hall raised over \$8,000 for Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

"The big thing about Ukrainians is we like to get together, and we like to enjoy ourselves," said Kozyra, whose family is from Ukraine and Poland.

"People that have been isolated for the last two years were able to actually get out and see their neighbours."

Local band Gem Star, violinists and singers performed at the afternoon event before the volunteers awarded 21 silent auction prizes donated by businesses and residents, two 50/50 draws and 15 grand prizes.

"A lot of people donated not only funds but also food, supplies, advertising and printing tickets."

The organizers were stunned when they found out they raised \$8,135.


"We were really proud of our whole group," said Buchkowski.

"The community came together," said Kozyra.

All proceeds were donated to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal, which supports Ukraine and displaced Ukrainians.

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Local restaurants serve up tasty submissions for La Pizza Week

By Jennifer McFee

It's La Pizza Week, a weeklong festival that celebrates the best pizza in Canada.

To participate, restaurants across the country create a special pizza, and diners have the chance to vote for their favourite at lapizzaweek.com until the event wraps up on May 14.

Several Interlake eateries are serving up creative entries for the festival, which aims to help restaurant businesses increase their sales and awareness.

At Kahleigh's Brew Barn, located at 40 Main St. in Riverton, they're serving up a creation called "Buffalo Chicken Pizza."

"It is a spin off of our buffalo chicken ranch fries. Buffalo chicken ranch fries are one of our most popular menu items," said owner Kahleigh Dubois.

"We used all the same ingredients, just switched out fries for pizza dough. The pizza has ranch as the base, mozzarella and cheddar cheese topped with tomato, bacon, green onion and crispy buffalo chicken."

Dubois decided to participate in La Pizza Week based on their success during La Poutine Week, which took place in February. Kahleigh's Brew Barn was recognized for its entry called "The Big Dirty Parm Poutine,"



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Pictured left to right: Frydays is serving the Chicka-BBQ pizza, Kahleigh's Brew Barn has a Buffalo Chicken Pizza and Seagulls has a pizza called Smoke on the Water.

which was voted as a top Manitoba fave.

"It's fun to try new things and come up with ideas for these speciality weeks. The community really comes out to support us, which is such an amazing feeling," Dubois said.

"It's nice to see so many people coming out and enjoying the pizza. After years of not meeting new customers, this really brings people in. We are so happy people are able to dine in with us with no restrictions."

Frydays Restaurant & Lounge in Teulon also boasts a mouth-watering entry in La Pizza Week.

"Frydays decided to participate in

La Pizza Week this year, as within our first year of new ownership, we have planned and designed our very own brand new pizza menu. We offer monthly pizza features that showcase our cook's creative pizzas to the Interlake, and La Pizza Week is a great way to share this across Manitoba," said manager Amanda Hargreaves.

"All our pizzas are served on a delicious, light and crispy crust, glazed with our 'Johnny's on the edge' garlic seasoning. Air fried in Frydays' in-house pizza oven, our pizzas come with fresh pizza mozzarella and Frydays' signature pizza sauce."

You won't want to miss Frydays' entry for La Pizza Week, called "The Chicka-BBQ."

"Our Chicka-BBQ pizza starts with Frydays' New York style pizza crust slathered in smoky barbecue sauce and topped with grilled chicken, red onion, jalapenos and mozzarella cheese," Hargreaves said.

At Cornerview Tables, located at 185 Main St. in Selkirk, they're dishing up a creation called "Donair Special."

"It starts with our special dough

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Arborg, Bifrost-Riverton flooding has community pulling together

By Patricia Barrett

Extensive overland flooding around Arborg that put the town's hospital and personal care home on evacuation alert last week saw the community come together to try to prevent damage to properties.

The Town of Arborg and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton declared a local state of emergency on Sunday, May 1 to deal with floodwater from the south that swamped the intersection of highways 7 and 68, surrounded the Friendly Flowers Garden Centre and flooded Riverdale Place Homes' group home, southwest of town on Highway 68. It also put thousands of acres of farmland under water.

"The water was really high in Arborg on May 1. It was an inch below the bridge [on PR 326] over the Icelandic River," said Doug Anderson, public information officer for the Northeast Interlake Emergency Measures Organization, last Wednesday. "It dropped a couple of inches on May 2 and dropped some more on May 3. Today [May 4] it's about a foot or so from the bottom of the bridge so that's good news."

Riverdale's group home had been diked by a tiger dam, but the water moved so fast and spilled over the top of the dam, he said. Apart from that dwelling, there were no flooded basements or homes lost to water and no evacuations were necessary.

About 20 homes were sandbagged and tiger dams were placed around the hospital and the personal care home as a precaution, said Anderson. Had the health facilities flooded, patients and residents would have most likely been moved to Winnipeg.

"This flood in Arborg rivals the 1974 flood," he said. "The same thing happened then: the water came from the south and backed up at Highway 68. The same house was flooded at that time."

The province decided to close the intersection of highways 7 and 68 because a culvert had washed out.

That's when it was decided that they needed to get the water moving towards the river.

"We had an emergency meeting and decided to pump water from the south side of 68 to the north side of the highway and into the Icelandic River because by that time the river was able to handle more water," said Anderson.

About 10 tractors and pumps were rounded up and set in place on Tuesday night, half a kilometre west of the intersection, he said. They were able to lower the water by a few inches.

Anderson said he asked the province how long it might take to repair the intersection of highways 7 and 68. The province wasn't sure, saying it could be "days or weeks."

The Icelandic River flows east to Riverton, and Anderson said it looks as though Riverton won't be affected by floodwater.

"This year Riverton doesn't seem to be an issue. But in previous years, with ice backing up the water at the bridge, it was a problem. We had a major emergency along the river in 2011," he said.

Although Arborg was spared the worst of the flooding, the surrounding Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hasn't been so lucky.

"The municipality has been contending with a huge amount of overland flooding. As we speak, there are thousands of acres underwater that has yet to drain," said Anderson. "A lot of dirt and gravel roads have had water across them and they're too soft to drive on."

That's created an issue for livestock producers who rely on daily deliveries of feed for animals such as pigs and chickens, he said. And cattle producers are "in a fix" because they're short of feed. Cows are also calving and wet ground is not good for calves.

Arborg-Bifrost Fire Department chief Leroy Loewen said the community really came together to help with the flood mitigation efforts, includ-



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Aerial views of Arborg to the east and west of town show the extent of overland flooding in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and along the Icelandic River, which winds through Arborg.

ing supplying some of the pumps and tractors to move floodwater over Highway 68 into the river.

"Some of the pumps were supplied by the RM and some came from private contractors," said Loewen last Thursday. "Local community members supplied the tractors. It was a joint effort."

The fire department organized and helped get sandbags made for home-

owners and others who needed to protect their properties.

"We were filling the sandbags at the RM building. The fire department facilitated that and helped fill the bags, but we had tremendous community support with that," said Loewen. "We filled a total of 29,000 sandbags. It was a massive undertaking. We were making well over 1,000 bags an hour. I give full credit to the community."



Friends and family helped out quickly with sandbagging and saved Friendly Flowers Garden Centre from being flooded.



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Poplar River Freighter fire



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By Patricia Barrett

A freighter from Poplar River caught fire in dry dock at Hnaua Harbour on Lake Winnipeg after an explosion on board, but no one was injured.

The Riverton-Bifrost Fire Department was dispatched to the scene May 6 to extinguish the fire. It also discovered fuel leaking from the barge and received help from the

Arborg-Bifrost Fire Department.

"Fire crews mobilized pump trucks and [started] to contain the spill," states the department on its Facebook page. "MB Emergency Environment response team, Office of the Commissioner and Workplace Health & Safety were all notified. Luckily, no injuries were reported. Thank you to Arborg Fire for assistance."

Boundary Creek destruction



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Prospect Street at the Boundary Creek Marina was destroyed.



A close-up of the destroyed road.



Boundary Creek flows into the marina.

By Patricia Barrett

The aftermath of flooding in the town of Winnipeg Beach saw the destruction of the road on Prospect Street at the Boundary Creek Marina.

The town declared a state of local emergency near the end of April and removed the culverts on Boundary Creek at Prospect to bring down water levels in order to "protect properties from further flooding," states an

April 30 notice on the town's website.

"With the removal of the Boundary Park and Prospect culvert we have improved the water flows to the lake," states the notice. "We would like to remind our citizens to stay away from that area."

Boundary Creek flows into the marina, which is used by commercial fishers and recreational boaters.

Inwood duo calling all women for female-only ATV rides

By Nicole Brownlee

Ladies' night in the Interlake includes rough terrain, mud-splattered jeans and "girl talk," according to Drenna Campbell and Rae Vaughn.

After knocking on doors throughout Inwood to gauge interest, the duo started a Facebook group in late April to attract women throughout the region to join their ATV trek.

"We had some really good conversations. People actually brightened up, and they were excited," said Vaughn.

Within two weeks, the group grew to over 90 members.

"We're both experienced riders and the thought of getting together with a group of women just felt right," said Campbell.

"It's a reason to get out and have fun on the trails."

The duo also wants to encourage women to try a new sport they may not have considered before.

"We interpret it as being a more male-dominated sport, and we know a lot of women who do have access to machines, but they're not confident to go out with their friends," said Campbell.

"There are women who said their quads are gathering dust."

The group will explore trails that range in difficulty, obstacles and location to teach inexperienced riders how to approach challenges like getting stuck, safe driving and scouting.

"It's a judgment-free zone," said Campbell.

With input from the Facebook group, Campbell and Vaughn want to plan a variety of ATV outings for riders to bring their children, their parents or to have adult-only time.

"We want to try and invite as many women in as we can," said Campbell.

"It's an opportunity to just be women and do girl stuff."

At their first group meeting on May 4, Campbell and Vaughn tackled ATV safety, permits and trail etiquette.

"We've been heavily researching existing trails, respecting the land and also the landowner," said Campbell.

"We want to build positive relationship with our community," said Vaughn.

They also want to ensure every group ride is prepared for any situation.

At the May 4 meeting, Vaughn guided viewers in-person and online on supplies to include in an emergency



EXPRESS PHOTO SUPPLIED BY DRENNA CAMPBELL

Drenna Campbell and Rae Vaughn founded the ATV trek group to give women the opportunity to connect while riding.

kit.

"We know these girls have kids and husbands, and we all need to get home in one piece every ride with no exceptions," said Vaughn.

The group hopes to head out for their first ride within a few weeks, but Campbell and Vaughn are taking their time to scout trails beforehand.

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Dr. George Johnson Middle School career day sets students' sights on the future

By Patricia Barrett

Students in grades 5 to 8 at Dr. George Johnson Middle School in Gimli said they really liked learning about different jobs during career day held at the school last Friday.

The event, which took place in the school's gym, featured 15 participants from Gimli and surrounding communities, as well as from Winnipeg. Gimli businesses such as Pharmasave and Lucky Stone Bookshop, and organizations such as the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority and the Winnipeg Police Services' cybercrime unit, took part in the day, telling students about their jobs and what training they'd need to have.

Grade 5 student Izaiah said career day was a good opportunity to learn about different jobs, and that he already knows what he wants to do when he graduates from high school.

"I think it's really cool to see different people and their careers so you can focus on what career you might want to pick," said Izaiah. "I really like the Winnipeg Police Services. Since I was little, I always wanted to be in the police. I would like to work in Gimli. I'd like to be in the canine RCMP unit."

Izaiah may be a shoo-in for the job as he has pets and knows how to handle dogs.

The career fair was organized by counsellor and resource teacher Kelly Croy. She invited people to spend a few hours at the school and answer questions about their jobs. Participants weren't required to deliver a presentation, only chat informally with students.

"I do career day every year, but COVID, of course, cancelled the last two years. We like to focus on careers and have real people come in so that the kids can ask them questions," said Croy. "When they're thinking about their future careers, this creates hope for them and something to look forward to. It also promotes what's happening in the community."



Gimli bookstore owner and semi-retired teacher Kristine Dubois said she has to find books as well as sell them. She has a list of requested titles, stocks her store with in-demand books and is always bringing in new titles.

Croy also invited students from Winnipeg Beach School to attend the event later that morning.

Grade 5 and 6 teacher Pam Einarson said the students were free to take notes on what each career entailed. They were given a list of questions they could ask the participants, in addition to coming up with their own questions.

"Kelly gave the students a question sheet that provided them with direction about what to ask. They asked questions such as what do you like about your job, what education do you need, what is a typical day like and what are the disadvantages of this job. The students go around to each table and ask questions," said Einarson.

Grade 6 students Henrik and James said career day helped them learn about what job options are available.

"I think it's really great to have all these people come here. We can learn about other people's careers, and what they do and what you have to earn [degrees or diplomas] to get into them," said Henrik.

"I think it's very interesting see-



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Students take notes while speech therapist Britney Morrish tells them about her job.

ing how people work and what they do all day," said James.

Croy assembled a good selection of people representing different careers that included a small business owner, an anesthesiologist, a pharmacist, an occupational therapist, a nurse, a firefighter, a metal worker, a plumber, an electrician and the Namao's [Lake Winnipeg research vessel] superintendent of vessels operations.

"I'm a marine engineer. A typical day for me starts at 6 a.m. when I get all the engines up and running and get ready to sail," said Ryan Johnson, who used to attend Dr. George Johnson school before taking a three-year course in marine engineering in Owen Sound, Ont. "We monitor all the systems while we're on the lake to make sure everything works prop-



Grade 5 and 6 teacher Pam Einarson with some of her students, including Henrik and James (middle), who liked learning about different jobs.

erly. We also carry out maintenance and repairs."

Students Paityn and Layla stopped by the table of legal assistant and law student Alana Cosby. They wanted to find out if they'd be interested in a career in law.

Cosby said becoming a legal assistant takes about nine or 10 months of college, but becoming a lawyer takes about five to six years.

Both students were unanimous that law might require "too much work." It was good to find out ahead of time.



Grade 5 student Izaiah said he wants to be a police officer in the canine unit.



These students were enthusiastic about learning about career options



Legal assistant and law student Alana Cosby told Paityn (left) and Layla about a career in law.



Machinist Marcy Skoryk tells students how to become a machine operator.

Municipalities to receive \$15 million to support road repairs

Submitted by the Manitoba government

To recognize the impact of recent severe weather on Manitoba's roads and highway infrastructure, the province is investing \$15 million in a one-time grant program that will provide municipalities with financial support for road reconstruction, rehabilitation and preservation projects, Premier Heather Stefanson announced Monday.

"Manitoba municipalities are facing significant road infrastructure challenges as a result of this year's extraordinary weather conditions," said Stefanson. "Above-average precipitation and colder-than-average temperatures have caused a substantial increase in the number and severity of potholes on roads throughout the province, and inflation and supply chain issues have also added to this challenge. In addition to our Budget 2022 investments in highways and municipalities, we are pleased to offer this extra support to reduce the financial burden on the City of Winnipeg and all municipalities during these unique times."

As part of this grant program, the province will distribute \$15 million to Manitoba's 137 municipalities on a per-capita basis, with the City of Winnipeg to receive nearly \$9 million of the total, the premier noted.

"After one of the snowiest winters on record and a freeze/thaw cycle that is finally letting up in May, Winnipeggers are now facing a pothole season like no other," said Mayor Brian Bowman, City of Winnipeg. "With a forecasted shortfall of over \$56 mil-

lion in the City of Winnipeg budget as a result of pandemic impacts, this is a welcome funding announcement from the Province of Manitoba to help with the pothole issues being felt across the province. This funding would build on another historic road construction season in Winnipeg of \$164.7 million."

Municipalities will be granted the funding for costs related to road infrastructure improvements, including accessing repair materials and addressing workforce shortages, the premier added.

"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) commends the Province of Manitoba for investing \$15 million to help support municipal infrastructure repairs," said Kam Blight, president, AMM. "As municipal roads connect local communities and support economic growth, these additional dollars help underscore the importance of long-term predictable funding to properly maintain and protect municipal infrastructure within our communities."

The funding is in addition to any disaster assistance municipalities could receive due to excessive flooding. Full details of this grant will be made available to municipalities in the coming weeks.

"The funds the Government of Manitoba is making available immediately are sorely needed by municipalities throughout Manitoba to address the extraordinary issues with roads and streets this spring," said Chris Lorenc, president, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. "The Manitoba



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The provincial government announced \$15 million in a one-time grant program to support municipalities with road reconstruction, rehabilitation and preservation.

government's recognition of this as emergency assistance is a sign a bigger conversation regarding long-term solutions is needed to help municipalities regularly maintain infrastructure."

The grant is equivalent to a five per cent increase to the comprehensive operating and infrastructure funding support municipalities receive annually through Manitoba's basket funding model, the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

"Our government is committed to working collaboratively with municipalities to build and maintain safe and reliable streets, which contribute to healthy and vibrant communities," said Stefanson. "This basket funding

model reduces red tape and allows municipalities the flexibility to set priorities based on their communities' needs."

The premier noted Budget 2022 supports the government's three-year \$1.5-billion commitment to enhance the safety and connectivity of Manitoba's highway network with more than \$578 million allocated to highway projects this year alone. Additionally, Budget 2022 provides \$313 million in funding to municipalities to ensure they have the support they need to invest in what matters most to their communities, said Stefanson.

For more information on municipal grant funding, visit manitoba.ca/mr/mfpp.

> LA PIZZA WEEK, FROM PG. 13

made homemade every day. Everyone who tastes our pizza talks about how good the dough is, so that's one of the reasons why we're very, very proud of it. Everyone sells pretty much the same toppings on every pizza, but it's the dough that makes a big difference," said owner Jorge Mogatas.

"Then it has donair sauce, donair meat, onions, red and green pepper and we top it off with our special sauce and mozzarella cheese. We're very proud of our pizza."

By participating in La Pizza Week, Mogatas hopes to draw more visitors to the Selkirk area.

"The more people that come into Selkirk, it's better for the other businesses out there. It's not just Cornerview Tables, but it's the entire city celebration," he said.

"I think it's good to let people know Selkirk as a city so people from other parts of Manitoba hopefully will come here and taste our pizza."

And at Seagulls Restaurant and Lounge, located at Lakeview Hecla Resort, they're featuring an entry called "Smoke on the Water."

This 12-inch house-made pizza is topped with in-house smoked salmon, smoked bacon, crispy capers, red onion, mozzarella, bocconcini, fresh dill and a saffron crème fraîche.

"Even though we aren't located in Winnipeg, we have decided to take part in these types of events. It's fun for our employees and our guests," said Scott Lenahan, general manager of Lakeview Hecla Resort.

"Chef Kelly wanted to do a 'Creole Alligator Pizza' originally, but we couldn't get our hands on alligator in time. So we decided to come up with a pizza to showcase our in-house smoked salmon."

For a full list of restaurants participating in La Pizza Week, visit lapizzaweek.com.

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> MEAL IDEAS

Walnut Chorizo Pizza Bites

Walnut Chorizo:

1 1/2 cups California walnuts
1 cup pinto beans, drained and rinsed

2 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon chipotle powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon olive oil

Pizza Bites:

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup sliced sweet onion
5 mini bagels
1 large zucchini, sliced 1/2 inch (10 slices)

1 cup marinara sauce
1 cup walnut chorizo
1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
1/2 cup chopped basil

To make walnut chorizo: In food processor, pulse walnuts until finely crumbled. Transfer to mixing bowl.

In food processor, pulse pinto beans, lime juice, paprika, oregano,

cumin, chipotle powder, salt and garlic powder until mixture resembles ground meat. Stir bean mixture with walnut pieces.

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add walnut chorizo and cook 5-7 minutes until lightly browned, using spatula to break into crumbles.

To make pizza bites: In pan over medium heat, heat olive oil and add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, 15-20 minutes until onion is soft and golden brown.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Halve bagels and place on baking sheet. Place zucchini slices on second baking sheet.

Top each bagel and zucchini slice with 1 tablespoon marinara; spread with back of spoon. Add 1 tablespoon walnut chorizo crumbles to each bagel and zucchini slice. Sprinkle with caramelized onion and goat cheese.

Bake 10 minutes.

Cool 5 minutes on baking sheets. Top with basil.

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Einarson earns fourth GSOC women's title with Champions Cup win

From Grand Slam of Curling

Kerri Einarson capped off the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling season by capturing her fourth career women's title in the series.

Einarson and her Gimli rink defeated Eun-Ji Gim's team from South Korea 10-6 during the KIOTI Tractor Champions Cup women's final Sunday at the Olds Sportsplex.

The team of Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur earned \$25,000 from the \$210,000 combined prize purse.

While the end of the Olympic cycle has signaled a flurry of lineup changes, Team Einarson will remain intact for next season, and for good reasons as they also claimed two Princess Auto Players' Championship titles plus three consecutive Canadian women's championships during their four years together.

"It definitely wasn't easy starting off, that's for sure," Einarson said while reflecting on the quadrennial. "We've put in a lot of work on and off the ice. My teammates have done a lot. They've been through a lot of physical and been through a lot of mental work. We work hard at the game and we're always looking to get better and better."

Although Team Einarson posted a 3-2 record through pool play, a poor draw-to-the-button shootout score dropped them into a tiebreaker scenario against Team Eun-Jung Kim of South Korea. Einarson clipped Kim 7-4 to qualify for the playoffs then ousted Ottawa's Team Rachel Homan 5-3 in the quarter-finals and Sweden's Team Anna Hasselborg 6-4 in the semifinals during a marathon three-draw Saturday with elimination on

the line.

"It feels pretty amazing, especially to end the season on a win," Einarson said. "We played so well all week. We had a couple losses, back-to-back losses, but we never let that get us down. On Saturday, we really battled out there, played three games and I'm beat."

It might have been the closest draw-to-the-button shootout for the hammer to start a final as Team Gim landed just 0.7 cm away from the pinhole but Team Einarson edged them out finishing 0.1 cm from the dot. That proved to be crucial as Einarson drew for two in the opening end.

"Hammer is so important and that draw to the button is crucial," Einarson said. "You can tell by how it threw us in a tiebreaker. We just battled through it and it's tough to keep a lead, that's for sure. We've been there before."

Einarson drew to the button once more in the second and Gim followed the out-turn path; however, her shooter ran heavy to give up a steal and slip behind 3-0.

Gim, playing in her first GSOC final, was able to get back into it in the third end with a bump for two points to close the gap down to 3-2.

Einarson broke the game open in the fourth end. Gim crashed on her own guard and Einarson capitalized big time with a draw to score four to make it 7-2.

The game was far from over though. Gim pulled off the high-pressure in-off shot to the button to score her single point while facing six counters and the intrigue continued into the sixth end. Einarson let Team Gim off of the hook and was light on her last while facing three counters. Although



EXPRESS PHOTO FROM GRAND SLAM OF CURLING

Kerri Einarson's Gimli rink defeated Eun-Ji Gim's team from South Korea 10-6 in the KIOTI Tractor Champions Cup women's final Sunday at the Olds Sportsplex.

Birchard and Meilleur were on it from the start, they were unable to drag it far enough into the four-foot circle to give up a steal of two that cut the deficit in half 7-5.

Gim closed within one in the seventh as Einarson's slash double attempt to score two missed the back counter to concede another stolen point.

"Team Gim played really well," Einarson said. "They started off a little shaky at first but then in the last half of the game they put some pressure on us. Just came short on a draw but we just squeaked it out."

Einarson looked more like herself in the final frame making a routine double takeout on her first skip stone to sit two stones and lower some of the tension. Gim drew for shot rock into the four-foot circle mostly buried — keyword being mostly as Einarson was still able to punch it out and add three points for insurance.

"We're very gritty and resilient,"

Einarson said. "We just never give up. We just keep making shots and putting pressure on our opponents. I'm very proud of my teammates and they definitely make my job easy."

The team of Gim, third Min-Ji Kim, second Su-Jin Kim and lead Ye-Eun Seol picked up \$15,000 from the purse for finishing runners-up.

Earlier, Brad Gushue and his crew from St. John's, N.L., upended Kevin Koe's Calgary club 8-5 in the men's final. Gushue captured his 13th career GSOC men's championship and 12th with second Brett Gallant, who now departs the team to play with Brendan Bottcher.

The 2022-23 Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling campaign kicks off with the Boost National, Oct. 4-9, at Memorial Gardens in North Bay, Ont.

Full-event passes are now available for all six events for next season, visit theGrandSlamOfCurling.com/tickets for more information.

Interlake posts 0-4 record at Director's Cup

Staff

Interlake had a tough time at the Di-

rector's Cup 2022 DC Prospects Tournament, finishing with an 0-4 record

last weekend at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

Interlake started action Friday with a 16-2 loss to Central Plains. Daniel Koss and Noah Smolinski scored in the losing cause.

On Saturday, Interlake was defeated 18-1 by Yellowhead. Maculla McKay scored Interlake's lone goal in the second period.

Later that day, Interlake dropped a

7-4 decision to Norman.

Brody Slatcher led Interlake with two goals while Ryder Kirk had a goal and two assists and Layne Stuart also tallied.

Interlake wrapped up action Sunday with a 13-2 loss to Eastman. Smolinski and Lucas Miller scored for Interlake. Kirk had two assists.

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HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME REPORTER WANTED. Northern Manitoba (The Pas) newspaper. Excellent communication and writing skills. Photography an asset. Send resume to Opasquia Times at optimes@mymts.net

ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT is NOW HIRING: Service Managers, AG Equipment Techs, Heavy Equipment Techs - Journeyman & Apprentices, Parts Techs. View open roles. Apply: www.rockymtn.com/careers Relocation offered.

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LIVE FARM AUCTION SALE

For Marlene & the late Bob Wuskynyk
Dallas, MB

Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Sale Site: Go through Peguis First Nation to the Dallas Store - follow PR #224 to PR #412, follow #412 for 1.5 km North, turn West for 4.1 km to Red Rose Hall sign, turn North for 4.9 km, turn West for 0.5 km (watch for signs)

Machinery & Equipment: Hesston 100-90 DT Tractor, w/3 pt, Cab, Dual hyd, pto, grapple, loader, 18.4 x 34 rear tires, 14.9 x 24 front, FWA - not working (ser #D6M4774MAAOH); Case Int 5250A, triple hyd; cab, Allied 795 bucket & grapple, 18.4 x 38 rear, 14.9 x 24 front (like new tires); 6T-590 1989164C1 (ser #X52130543X); Case Int. Baler RBX 563, good cond, pickup, belts; Case Int. 8830 Haybine, 14ft, (ser #8830 CFH0101430); Allied bale stoker; IHC breaking plow; 3 bottom plow on steel; 12ft Shurflex; Int. R160; MFL Waterlod separator; McCormick-Deering Threshing machine, 22" cyl; MF Drill, 13ft, seed & fertilizer attach, on rubber; 10ft Deep tiller; Cockshutt 535 Combine; 100 bu side slip Wagon; Westfield Auger 36x6, 9hp, w/B&S motor; Rock-omatic 546, pto (ser #OM513976); Douglas 7.5 ft Swath roller; J.D. 14T Baler; J.D. 37 Sickle mower; 894 Side delivery rake; J.D. 24T & 14 T Balers(needs work & 1 for parts); Versatile 400 15ft, hydrostatic, oper, (needs work); 28ft Cultivator w/Ajax harrows; D7 Caterpillar w/10ft blade (needs work); J.D Side delivery rake (LR223960); 10ft Hutchmaster, RP series 79 (ser #10-1170); White 253 Disc, on rubber

Vehicles & Trailers: 2010 Dodge Ram 2500 Power wagon, dark red, 5.7 hemi, comes w/mag wheels (Custom "Ballistic off road" 18" rims) factory winch w/operating controls, sunroof, 128,514 km, complete power wagon package, custom seat & backseat cooler, beverage cooler, short box, set up for gooseneck w/plug on cab wall, bed protected w/LineX spray, some damage to tailgate (ser #3D7TT2CT8AG182281); 1952 Dodge truck; D66-52, 64,000 mi, 2 spd axle, pto (ser #D4002610A); Stock trailer, 5x16, metal, wooden floor, needs work; Ford F600 w/metal box & hoist, 4 spd od, 49447 mi; 1996 Dodge 1500, red, (VIN #1B7HC16Y4TJ198383); 1979 Dodge Power wagon, w/o (VIN #W14JF98189426); 1985 Dodge Ram Charger, 2 tone brown/black (VIN #1B4GW12T0FS603971); 1972 Chrysler Newport Royal, 2 dr hardtop, 400 auto (ser 3CL23M2C234011); 2008 Jeep Cherokee, 369,264 km

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Yard & Miscellaneous: Elec wood splitter; Craftsman 22 hp lawnmower; Yard wagon; Yard sprayer; (3) Water backpacks; 4 bales twine; 70 gal slip tank w/pump; 3 rolls barb wire; Various scrap iron; Winch for D7; (2) School buses; Polaris Colt; McCullough Boat, trailer, Evinrude 40hp motor, fiberglass, model 13 Sport, (DOT: 113314); Cream cans; Horse rake & mower

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SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Eriksdale Museum

35 hr. per week, Tuesday to Saturday
from July 5 to August 27, 2022
\$13.50 per hour

To act as **Community Heritage Tourism Guide** providing tours, event planning, and various tasks under the direction of the Museum Board.

Must meet the requirement of the Canada Summer Jobs and the Young Canada Works Programs.

Basic computer skills required.

For information contact:
Doreen @ 204-739-5322 or
Sandra @ 204-739-2067

Please submit resumes by
Tuesday May 24th, 2022 to:
Eriksdale Museum

Box 71, Eriksdale MB ROC OW0
Email: eriksdalemuseum2@gmail.com

We thank all applicants; however only those
selected for an interview will be contacted.



On behalf of Families and Youth
Support Team (F.Y.R.S.T.)
Board of Directors
Evergreen School Division
invites applications for

Families and Youth Support Team (FYRST) and Re-Start Coordinator (Full-Time)

Effective: August 1st, 2022

FYRST and Re-Start are client centered programs for adolescents and adults, respectively. The Program Coordinator reports to an interagency Board of Directors and supports at risk clients to identify, plan for and achieve individually set goals. Based in the North-East Interlake and inclusive of Gimli, Riverton, Arborg and Winnipeg Beach, these collaborative, consent-based and culturally inclusive programs are in search of a full time Program Coordinator.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years relevant experience with youth / adults in social services.
- Post-secondary training in social service delivery (i.e. applied counseling certificate) and/or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Experience in interviewing, coordinating, and planning for clients and interagency groups.
- A clear Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check; Child Abuse Registry Check; and Adult Abuse Registry Check.

For more information about the position and how to apply, see www.esd.ca under Employment & Human Resources, Support Staff Postings.

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2022 (3:30 pm)

We wish to thank all applicants for their interest, however; only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



Town of Winnipeg Beach INVITATION TO TENDER

Town of Winnipeg Beach Piers

The Town of Winnipeg Beach is accepting quotations for the construction of Piers on Lake Winnipeg. Three piers (3) are built and removed annually; located at Poplar Avenue, 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue. An additional set of stairs are to be placed at Maple Avenue. Construction is to be completed no later than June 15th of each year and removed no later than Mid-October.

Contract will be awarded for a (3) Three-Year period, for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

A site visit is recommended; as well as a review of supplies that are stored at the town's Public Works Yard. Please contact the town office at 204-389-2698 to schedule a time for the site visits.

Submissions clearly marked "2022 Pier Construction" are to be submitted to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. (CST) on Tuesday May 24th, 2022.

Town of Winnipeg Beach
Attn: Kerry Swanson, CAO
29 Robinson Avenue
P.O. Box 160
Winnipeg Beach, MB
R0C 3G0

The Town of Winnipeg Beach reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the town. Lowest bid may not be accepted. Contractors must comply with the town's requirements for business licensing to be eligible to be awarded the contract.

EASTERN INTERLAKE PLANNING DISTRICT
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

The Eastern Interlake Planning District By-Law No. 01-2022

HEARING LOCATION:	RM of Gimli Council Chambers 62 – 2nd Avenue, Gimli, MB
DATE & TIME:	June 2nd, 2022 5:00 pm
GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW:	To adopt a new Development Plan for the Eastern Interlake Planning District to manage land use and development as per Section 45 of The Planning Act. By-law 01-2022 replaces the existing Development Plan By-law 02-2010 and all amendment thereto.
AREA AFFECTED:	The Plan affects the RM of Gimli, Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, Town of Arborg and Town of Winnipeg Beach
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:	Nancy Thom, CA/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District 62 - 2nd Ave. PO Box 1758, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0 Ph: (204) 642-5478 Fax: (204) 642-4061 Email: eipd@mts.net Website: www.interlakeplanning.com

A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday.

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Town of Winnipeg Beach CAREER OPPORTUNITY

MUNICIPAL CLERK

We are currently seeking a Municipal Clerk who is self-motivated, responsible, and well-organized. Primary responsibilities include general office administration: Greeting the public, answering/directing calls, providing information, processing payments and permits, billing, deposits, issuing certificates. The successful applicants require the ability to work independently, while supporting the needs of a busy Town Office. Days and hours of work are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Qualified candidates will have a minimum 5 years' experience in an office atmosphere and completed a minimum of Grade 12. An Administrative Assistant Certificate/Diploma would be considered an asset.

The ideal applicant will have:

Experience in general accounting, be excellent in interpersonal communications, have time management/organizational skills, be analytical, be adept at research & problem-solving, and have excellent proficiency with Microsoft programs. Experience with Municipal MuniWare Software Applications is considered an asset. Municipal experience and thorough knowledge of local government and municipal administration and records keeping is also considered an asset.

Wage will be determined by qualifications and experience.

The Town of Winnipeg Beach provides an attractive benefits package, including Health, Dental & Vision, Pension Plan, Long Term Disability, Life Insurance and AD&D.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume marked "Municipal Clerk" to the undersigned by 4:30 PM; Friday, June 3, 2022. Please list previous experience and at least 3 references.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit resume to:

Kerry Swanson, Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Winnipeg Beach
Box 160
Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0
Email: cao@winnipegbeach.ca
204-389-2698

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Recreation Assistant

32 hrs/week

June 27 – Aug. 20, 2022

Riverdale Place Homes Inc. provides supported living residences for adults living with a developmental disability. We are looking for a summer student to assist with our recreational programming. This will involve working directly with our individuals in their homes and on outings in the community and beyond, under the supervision of our direct support workers, to provide interesting and enjoyable recreational experiences.

The successful candidate will be mature, creative, outgoing and energetic, willing to take on a variety of tasks. Post-secondary enrollment in a related field of study and/or demonstrated interest in supporting individuals with a developmental disability would be definite assets, but not requirements.

Successful completion of a Criminal Record Check and Child and Adult Abuse Registry checks will be required, as well as willingness to be trained in CPR & First Aid. Valid and clear driver's license also needed.

Please apply in writing to:
Executive Director
Riverdale Place Homes Inc.
Box 968, Arborg MB R0C 0A0

Or email: kfinnson_rph@outlook.com

Application Deadline: May 27, 2022

For more info contact:
Kathy Finnson, Exec. Director 204-376-2940

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- Mature and responsible with sound decision-making and problem-solving skills
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- Ability to learn fast and work independently

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laura@ronagimli.ca

Official Notice to Control Noxious Weeds SELKIRK WEED CONTROL DISTRICT

City of Selkirk, Town of Winnipeg Beach,
R.M. of St. Andrews, R.M. of St. Clements

As indicated in the Noxious Weeds Act of Manitoba, (S.3(1)) a person must destroy or control Noxious Weeds that are on land that the person owns or occupies. All residential, commercial, agricultural, and public lands are subject to this Act.

If weeds are not destroyed or controlled as per the laws and regulations of the Act, particularly on SUBDIVIDED but not fully developed land (S.20(1)), and on certain vacant or unoccupied land (S.19(4)), the Weed Control District may enter upon the land and destroy or control Noxious Weeds without further notice. The cost of weed control will be charged to the property owner through the tax rolls (S.27(1)). The Weed Inspector will make systematic inspections and will enforce the provisions of the Act. Noxious Weeds discovered to be present on the forementioned lands after May 23, 2022 will be destroyed or controlled by mowing, cultivating, or application of herbicide.

Each Municipality reserves the right to levy a service fee on the weedy property's tax roll in addition to the cost of weed control.

Reports of Noxious Weeds as well as information on weed identification and methods of control is available through the Selkirk Weed Control District Office:

630 Sophia Street, Selkirk, MB, R1A 2K1
Phone: 204-785-3638, E-mail: slkweed@gmail.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is seeking a permanent full-time Financial Administrator to be responsible for all aspects of financial and administrative duties for the WIWD. Under the supervision of the Manager, the Financial Administrator will report to the Manager and Board. Office located in Lundar, Manitoba.

Duties include:

- Developing detailed accounting in accordance with acceptable procedures and financial audit purposes
- Payroll, invoicing, project coding, preparation of tenders, inventory, reception, maintaining public relations, recording meeting minutes, and preparing financial reports
- Various duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Experience preparing and monitoring budgets, and financial reporting
- Excellent computer skills with ability to use various Microsoft office packages
- Strong time-management and organizational skills
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Strong communication (verbal & written) and interpersonal skills
- Experience using Sage

Assets:

- Knowledge and experience in agricultural practices
- Experience working with/in; non-profit organizations, municipal governments, and provincial governments
- Experience working for or being a part of a board of directors
- Knowledge of beneficial management practices and general resource management planning would be an asset.

Salary dependent on skills and qualifications

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume describing how you meet the specified qualifications by 4:00 p.m., June 1st, 2022, to the:

West Interlake Watershed District
Box 732, 9 Main Street
Lundar, Manitoba R0C 1Y0
Fax: 204-762-5862
Email: manager@wiwd.ca
Phone: 204-762-5850

The West Interlake Watershed District would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

SUMMER Employment Opportunity

Maintenance Assistants in various facilities for various locations within the IERHA:

Locations: Arborg, Ashern, Eriksdale, Fisher Branch, Lundar, Teulon, Selkirk & Stonewall

Competition number: IERHA 936/22

Please refer to complete job posting at:
<https://selfservice.ierha.ca> and search under "View All" and scroll to : Student Maintenance Assistants.

Deadline for submissions is
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 11:59 pm.



Interlake-Eastern
Regional Health Authority



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MANAGER

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is seeking a permanent full-time Manager to develop and deliver environmental incentive programs to improve the soil, water, and general environment in the west Interlake region, under the direction of the Board. Office is located in Lundar, Manitoba.

Duties include:

- Development, promotion, and delivery of local watershed programs, projects, and initiatives within the provision of the Watershed Districts Act
- Preparation of external grant funding proposals and annual program budgets
- Provide technical and professional advice to the Board, participating municipalities and landowners on soil and watershed programming
- Develop and maintain cooperative relations with the public, stakeholder organizations and all levels of government.
- Coordination, development, and implementation of surface water management plans.
- Development and implementation of surface water management planning initiatives and projects.

Qualifications:

- Graduation from a recognized program with a degree/diploma in natural resource management, agriculture, environmental studies/science, environmental engineering, and/or experience in land and watershed programming
- Strong communication (verbal & written) and interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills with ability to use various Microsoft office packages
- Experience working with/in; non-profit organizations, municipal governments, and provincial governments
- Strong time-management and organizational skills

Assets:

- Knowledge and experience in agricultural practices
- Experience using GIS software
- Knowledge of beneficial management practices and general resource management planning would be an asset

Salary dependent on skills and qualifications

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume describing how you meet the specified qualifications by 4:00 p.m., June 1st, 2022, to the:

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Box 732, 9 Main Street
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Fax: 204-762-5862
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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

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Duties: Assist ECEs in the care and guidance of children ages 9 months to 8 years of age. Assist ECEs in leading children in a variety of activities i.e., arts & crafts, music, reading, songs, games and outdoor play, to stimulate and develop their intellectual, physical and emotional growth.

Qualifications: Must have grade 12, first aid & CPR training, be 18 yrs. of age, must enjoy working with children, possess initiative/motivation, flexibility and be enthusiastic, child abuse registry check and criminal record check required.

Please submit resume by May 31, 2022 to:
Arborg Play Group Inc. Box 805, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
or email: hloweapg@mymts.net

For more information, please contact Heather Lowe 204-376-5109



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MUNICIPAL CLERK - CASUAL POSITION

This casual clerical position requires a dynamic individual who is responsible for providing secretarial, clerical, and administrative support in order to ensure that municipal services are provided in an effective and efficient manner.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Receptionist duties such as greeting clients at front desk, answering calls/dealing with inquiries and complaints, processing payments and permits
- Distribution of messages & mail
- Word processing, spreadsheet design and data entry and general secretarial support
- File maintenance
- To relate positively to a wide variety of people, often in stressful situations

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have excellent communication, organizational and time management skills with the ability to set priorities and meet deadlines; strong customer service skills and the ability to effectively interact with other support and professional staff and the public; experience with Microsoft Office applications is required; demonstrates ability to work under minimum supervision and in a team setting.

Preference will be given to applicants who have Manitoba Municipal experience in providing administrative support services.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a written application including 3 references by 4:00 pm on May 20th, 2022 to:

Kelly Cosgrove
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli
62 - 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Email: gimli@rmgimli.com
Fax: 204-642-6660

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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The Yarema and Hokanson families would like to thank everyone for the generous outpouring of love and support shown to us since Chad's passing. Your kind tributes, texts, cards, along with flowers, food and visits are very much appreciated and have touched our hearts.

-Connor and Delaney
Janine, Bradley, Jillyan, Daggur
Jerry and Brenda

BIRTHDAY



Happy 9th Birthday
Jase!

-Love,
Mom, Dad and Aubrey

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest (Ernie) Johnson
September 12, 1930 – May 6, 2021
Days and years fly by,
Like autumn leaves,
But heartache and tears remain.
All we have left
Are precious memories of you
For today, for tomorrow
And until our lives are through.
Forever loved,
Always in our thoughts.

-Gloria,
children David and Martina,
Norman and Della,
Linea and Steven,
and their children
also great and great-great-grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM



MATHESON
In loving memory of our dear
mother, grandmother and
great-grandmother, Elma,
who passed away on May 18, 2021

The things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say
Because we, your family, love you
In a special way
To hear your voice
To see your smile
To sit and talk with you awhile
To be together in the same old way
Would be our dearest wish today
No one knows the sorrow we share
When the family meets
And you are not there
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again

-Forever loved and deeply missed by
Sharon, Joanne, Arni and families

IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of
Marvin Stocki

July 27, 1943 - May 16, 2021

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear
-Lovingly remembered by wife Janet,
son Kevin, Kristen and Khloe

OBITUARY

John Victor



On April 28, 2022 at Actionmarguerite Personal Care Home in Winnipeg, Canada, John passed away peacefully at the age of 94 years.

He leaves behind children Christine, Anthony, Stanley (Brenda), Helen and Irene; grandchildren Lee, Jake, Zack, Travis, Samantha, Amber and Jaclyn; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He is predeceased by his loving wife Lucy; parents Walenty and Franciszka; and siblings Wladyslawa, Antoni and Aniela.

John was born Jan Piechuta on the family farm near Sokolow, Poland in 1928. As a child, he attended school in the nearby town, while also contributing significantly to the farm's operation. All this forever changed with the outbreak of war in 1939, and deportation of his family to a labour camp in northern Russia in 1940, where he lost his father and brother to disease. This led John to leave

his studies at the make shift school and commence work with adults to help earn the credits necessary for the family to eat and survive. Although a challenging and tragic time in his life, John never lost his sense of hope or faith in humanity. Much later, he occasionally shared stories of adventure in the Russian wilderness.

When a brief amnesty was declared in late 1941, his family was allowed to migrate to Uzbekistan in southern Russia. There, John enlisted in the Polish JSK cadet program, while his family continued their journey to refugee camps in East Africa. John remained in this cadet program at various locations in Israel, until the war ended in 1945, and then continued to the Polish Merchant Navy College in England, where he studied until 1947. Then, as a qualified seaman, he began a five year career on various ocean freighters that took him to all corners of the globe.

John reunited with family in Winnipeg in 1952 and began a 40 year career with Dominion Bridge Co. There, he managed construction teams that built innumerable structural steel bridges, buildings and towers to serve a diversity of infrastructure needs.

Canada provided John with an abundance of opportunities. Here, he met his loving wife Lucy, and together they raised their family in a manner that embraced the Canadian culture and experience, but also honoured their shared Polish heritage. John and Lucy enjoyed socializing with friends, ball room dancing, travel, sailing, canoeing, camping, fishing, reading, and daily walks. Later on, they developed a unique cottage at Steep Rock on the shores of Lake Manitoba, where they thoroughly enjoyed the serenity, simplicity, solitude and beauty.

John's spirituality and trust in God were ever present in his life, and provided him the courage and strength to endure the difficult times and appreciate the good. He exuded a confident, yet humble charisma, and his strength of character drew people toward him. John possessed a firm manner as a father, yet readily gave of his time and his wisdom. He shared generously with family, friends and charities, even if it required tempering his own personal aspirations.

A celebration of John's life has taken place at St. Andrew Bobola Church, 541 Marion in Winnipeg on Thursday, May 5, 2022, followed by interment at Glen Lawn Memorial Gardens.

OBITUARY

Gladys Mae Gudmundson (Eastman)



It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Gladys Mae Gudmundson at the Arborg Personal Care Home on April 30, 2022.

Gladys leaves behind to cherish her memory, her loving Husband of 59 years Robert; her children Jennifer and David, Jason and Kirsten, Erin and Kory; grandchildren Erik (Melissa), Karl, Nik, Bobby, Ellie, Mattias and Colby; her sisters Margaret, Irene and Rosemarie (Roger) and brother Buddy; in laws Florence, Doris and Joan (Allan); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents Halldor and Herdis; grandson Kristjan; brother Dori; in laws Pat, Sandra, Steini, Emily, Inga, Joyce, Lillian, Oscar, Walter, Leonard, Paul, Kjartan, Alice, and Oli.

Gladys was born in Riverton, Manitoba on May 9, 1939, the third of six children in the Eastman family. She married Robert on July 14, 1962. They made Arborg their home where she was active in the church and the community.

She was an educator and taught at Island School and Arborg Elementary School. Later she was a stay at home Mom and worked as a manager at Sunrise Lodge.

Gladys will be remembered for her wonderful smile, her generosity, her acceptance of everyone and her amazing baking. Her door was always open and the coffee on.

Her love, her faith in God, her kind and caring personality made her unforgettable, which is why it was so hard to watch her slowly forget as Alzheimers set in over the last 18 years. Although the disease that took Gladys's life was cruel, her dignity was safeguarded by the staff at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre and the Arborg Personal Care Home.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 28 at the Ardal-Geysir Lutheran Church in Arborg, Manitoba at 1:00 p.m.

It was a long goodbye.... we will miss you dearly Gladys, Mom and Amma.

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If desired, donations can be made in memory of Gladys to the Alzheimer's Society.

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OBITUARY

Irene Gottfried
Peacefully, on February 18, 2022, at the Gimli Betel Home, Irene Gottfried, aged 95 years, passed away.
A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Hotel, Gimli, MB.
Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



NOTICE OF MEMORIAL

Shirley Nordal
July 21, 1943 – December 2, 2021
A memorial for Shirley will be held on June 4th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lundar Legion Hall, followed by interment of ashes at the Lundar Municipal Cemetery and then a return to the Legion Hall for a reception and celebration of life.
In lieu of flowers we ask that a donation in Shirley's memory be made to the Pauline Johnson Library in Lundar.

MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

**Memorial Luncheon
For the late
Don and Ronelda MacLennan**
A luncheon will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022 in the Ashern Legion Hall to celebrate and honor the lives of Don and Ronelda.
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OBITUARY



Donald Skelly
December 4, 1924 - May 3, 2022
The family of Donald Skelly is saddened to announce the passing of our dear husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend on May 3, 2022. At 97 years young, the man we nicknamed the "energizer bunny" peacefully passed away. It's hard to believe but we are shocked by his passing, and anyone who knew him would feel the same. Besides the hole in our hearts, he leaves behind the wife he cared for, loved, and cherished for 72 years, Patricia; his brother and best friend, Bill, (daughters Julie and Diana and family). His children, Don, Bill (Jan), Bob (Jodi), Greg (Kate) and Maureen (Dennis). Grandchildren, Lauren (Dustin and great-grandchildren Jack and Charlie), Kristen, Christopher (Brittney and great-granddaughter Emerson), Samantha (Eric), Ian (Lindsay and great-grandson Connor), Tim (Candace and great-granddaughter Joni), Megan, Janelle (Darren and great-grandchildren Kashton and Logan), and Mathew.
He also leaves behind the many special friends he has made. He always made an effort to be kind and caring to everyone he came in contact with - he truly had a special way with people and has touched many lives.
At 97 years of age, there are so many things that remind us of him and it's hard to express the impact he has on our lives. Everyone who knew Don, always remarked on how friendly he was and how much they enjoyed his company. If you met him, you already know this.
Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us to express their condolences - we truly appreciate it.
In accordance with Don's wishes, there will be no funeral service. A small family gathering is planned.
In true Don fashion, we found a note in his papers, which sums up some of the things he felt.

"The Last Word"
When I die, I just want to be cremated, and if it happens in Florida, scatter my ashes in the ocean at South Lido and if it happens here, scatter my ashes in Lake Winnipeg.
There is no need for a service, the only ones who would attend would be all of you. All of our friends are gone, my brother Robert has passed away and my brother Bill and I have said our goodbyes.
All of you are my legacy, all of you have been my greatest joy and source of happiness. To have watched all of you grow and age and succeed, each on your own pathway has been a great ride for me, so shed no tears, I went smiling and content.
Now, if it happens, and your Mother doesn't get her wish, and I go before her, there are a few things I must say.
We were married in 1949 and that was the very best decision I ever made. Your mum had to endure raising you while I worked all over the country, gone for weeks and sometimes months. Incidentally, that's why I never took up golf, the last thing she needed to hear when I got back was that I was going to play golf. Instead, I took you fishing or to Birds Hill Park where we cooked hot dogs, fun days.
The two of us had a great life together, before retirement, we bowled, spent time on the farm in Arborg, built a cottage, looked out for bears and then came retirement, and Florida became part of a new life, new friends, new adventures, cruising the Caribbean.
So my dear, how lucky I was to have found you those many years ago. I couldn't have loved anyone more than I have loved you. Take Care
PS If you do have a little gathering when I go, have fireworks."

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at the Arborg Hospital for being so amazing to Don while he was in hospital.
In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choosing.
Voyage Funeral Home has been entrusted with our precious father, feel free to leave a comment or memory on their website <https://voyagefuneralhomes.com>
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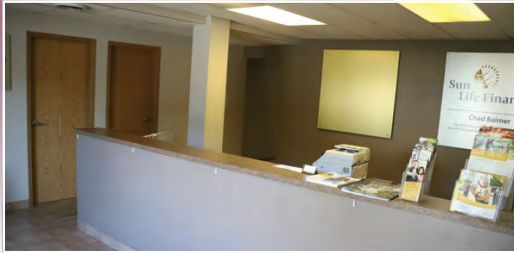
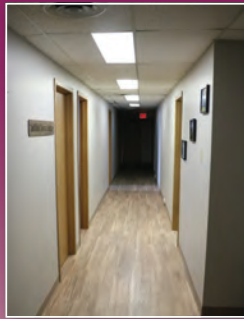
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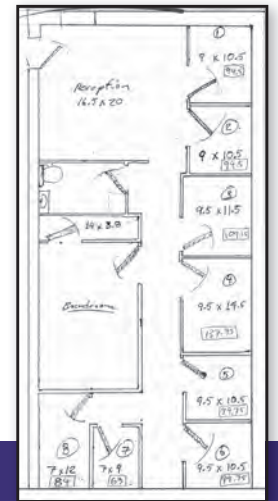
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