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Ashern firefighters answer call to battle northern Manitoba wildfires

By E. Antonio

Andrew McPherson knows what it means to step up when others need help.

The deputy fire chief with the Ashern Fire Department has now been deployed three times to battle wildfires in northern Manitoba – an experience he says is not for the faint of heart.

“Just knowing how many resources rural and small-town fire departments have – especially coming from one myself – there isn’t really a fighting chance to fight these fires unless you get outside resources,” McPherson said. “As firefighters, we want to help each other out and step up to the bar. If we can help others, others will hopefully help us if the situation ever arises.”

McPherson joined firefighters from Ashern, Lundar, Moosehorn, Fisher Branch and Eriksdale in responding to calls for assistance in Flin Flon, Snow Lake and Leaf Rapids earlier this summer.

During his deployments, he worked on value protection and hot spot teams, focusing on keeping structures safe from advancing flames. The Ashern crew brought a wildland truck equipped with a water tank – a key asset for fighting remote fires.

“This truck is beneficial for fighting



Smoky skies hang over Leaf Rapids during this summer’s wildfire season.

the fires up north because it is able to take on fire surges and access areas our regular pumper trucks can’t get to,” McPherson said.

Even with that added mobility, gaining safe access to the fires was among the greatest challenges. Many areas were surrounded by swamps and bogs, with few roads.

“The wind also played a big role,” McPherson said. “You can have everything in place and next thing you know, the wind changes direction and it throws everything into chaos.”

In Flin Flon, firefighters faced winds of 60 to 70 kilometres per hour, which

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Ashern Fire Department members deployed to help battle wildfires in Flin Flon, Snow Lake and Leaf Rapids earlier this summer. Pictured (left to right) are Ashern fire chief Ken Falk, deputy fire chief Andrew McPherson and captain Desmond DeFoort.



Leaf Rapids smoky skies.



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Gimli Community Dog Party returns Aug. 23

By Annaliese Meier

Eighteen years after declaring that “if people can have parties, dogs can have parties too,” Alec Baldwin is once again inviting pets and their people to gather for the Gimli Community Dog Party on Saturday, Aug. 23.

What began as a boy’s love of dogs has grown into one of Gimli’s most beloved summer traditions. Baldwin was inspired by P.D. Eastman’s children’s book *Go Dog, Go* and the dog shows he watched on television. With help from his parents, Joel and Tanis Baldwin, he turned the idea into an annual community celebration.

“When I was a little boy, I saw dogs for the first time, Chuckie and Junior,” Baldwin said. “I loved dogs right away. I love training dogs, watching dog shows and showing my dog at dog shows.”

That passion even took him to New York in 2014, where he attended the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. “At the Dog Show, the dogs are judged on the breed standard,” he said. “I set up a conformation ring for anyone who wants to practice showing their dog.”

The event has grown over the years from makeshift agility courses built with pool ladders and boxes to a professional setup featuring tents for

shade, sprinklers and a full set of obstacles. Even the pandemic couldn’t stop it: Baldwin adapted the gathering into a “Virtual Dog Party,” with participants sending in photos and videos of their pets.

Some of his favourite memories include seeing the sheer number of participants. “In 2016, we had 46 dogs and more than 80 people. That was incredible,” Baldwin said. “Since the pandemic, we have had fewer people, but all the parties are fun.”

This year’s party will run from 1 to 3 p.m. in the field beside Solvin Road, facing Highway 9. Activities include agility training, a giant lawn chair photo opportunity, a group walk, a group photo and plenty of time for dogs and owners to socialize. New this year is a “Guess the Dog Breed” contest.

Baldwin said his goal for the event is simple. “I hope they feel happy they came. I hope all the dogs are happy to meet other dogs. I hope everybody has fun.”

The event is free to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring a collar and leash, favourite toy, dog treats and a lawn chair.

For more information, contact Alec Baldwin and his parents Joel and Tanis at 204-642-9514 or beagle162@hotmail.com.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Cherry, a three-year-old Schnauzer, clears the bars in the agility course at a past Gimli Community Dog Party. This year’s event takes place Saturday, Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. beside Solvin Road, facing Highway 9, and features agility training, a group walk and photo, contests, and plenty of fun for dogs and their owners. Admission is free.

> FIRE, FROM PG. 2

pushed the fire 20 kilometres further in a single day.

Snow Lake and Leaf Rapids brought different conditions – lighter gusts and some relief from heavy rainfall – but the dangers remained.

“In Flin Flon, we arrived the day the fire went through Denare Beach (Saskatchewan) and the smoke was extremely heavy,” McPherson said. “In Snow Lake, the day before we arrived it reached a category six fire – one of the highest categories given to fires – and Leaf Rapids was probably the most serious of the three, having us evacuated twice within one-and-a-half hours of us being there.”

“But throughout all my deployments, the communication from lead-

ers was great and everyone was able to work together to produce a better outcome. It just goes to show all the efforts the fire departments and towns have been doing to prevent the fires from reaching a limited number of structures.”

McPherson says he’s glad to be in a position to return the kind of help Ashern once received.

In 2018, 24 outside departments came to the community’s aid when a series of wildfires tore through the area.

“It’s a small thank you and a way for us to repay the efforts the departments gave to us when we needed the help,” McPherson said. “This is just another example of us helping out where we can – something we value as firefighters.”

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Paws across the Prairies: Lending a paw to local pets

By Lana Meier

Animal lovers in the Interlake have a new way to help pets in need this month. In celebration of National Cat Day on Aug. 8 and National Dog Day on Aug. 26, ONE Insurance’s social committee has launched Paws Across the Prairies — a month-long donation drive to support local animal rescues and shelters.

From Aug. 1 to 31, residents can drop off pet supplies or monetary donations at ONE Insurance branches in Stonewall, Teulon, Lundar and Warren. All contributions from Region 1 will go directly to Penny’s All Breeds, a registered non-profit, volunteer-based animal rescue currently facing severe financial strain.

“They’re on the brink of not being able to operate,” said Janessa Cramm, a Farm Insurance Advisor for ONE Insurance and Region 1’s organizer for the campaign. “They have an intake freeze right now and are only looking for foster families because they don’t have the funds to bring in more rescues.”

Cramm has a personal connection to the cause. Seven years ago, she adopted her shepherd-husky-lab cross, Beau, from Penny’s All Breeds. She says the rescue’s work is vital for animals across Manitoba.

Penny’s All-Breed Animal Rescue Inc. focuses on saving animals — primarily dogs and cats — that have been abandoned, abused, or surrendered through no fault of their own. The organization places them in loving foster homes, where they receive medical care, rehabilitation and training until they are ready to find their forever homes through adoption.

Cramm said she was drawn to the idea of making the August initiative about supporting pets after seeing a plea for help from Penny’s All Breeds on social media.

“Everyone loves animals, so we put our heads together to do something good while having a friendly competition between the offices,” she said. “Each ONE Insurance region chose a different rescue to support, and I hope this becomes an annual initiative.”

She noted that financial donations are always welcome, but not everyone can give money — which is why the



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ONE Insurance Farm Insurance Advisor Janessa Cramm, with her foster fail dog Beau— stand with donations collected through ONE Insurance’s Paws Across the Prairies drive until Aug. 31.

drive is focusing on collecting items rescues need every day.

“Donations of food are perfect,” Cramm said. “Dog or cat food, wet or dry, even puppy food for older dogs is fine. Treats are a big one. Old towels and facecloths for bathing, and of course money to help with vet bills — every little bit makes a difference.”

Donation bins are set up inside all four Region 1 branches, and staff will collect items until the end of the month. Supplies and funds raised will go directly to Penny’s All

Breeds to help keep their doors open and support the animals already in their care.

“They operate completely on donations,” Cramm said. “Every item counts and every donation helps.”

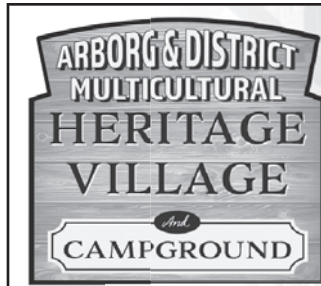
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Gimli resident hoping to get beloved pet turtles back after theft, offering \$6,000 reward

By Patricia Barrett

An RM of Gimli resident who lives just north of Sandy Hook is hoping that whoever stole his two beloved box turtles from his residence last month will have a change of heart and return them to him.

Benjamin Wiesenthal posted a \$6,000 “no questions asked” reward for their safe return. The turtles have a special diet and require special care.

He noticed his turtles missing one morning in mid-July when he went to feed them. He had noticed one turtle in its water bowl – turtles like to climb into their bowls to drink or to absorb moisture through their skin – the evening before they vanished.

The two female turtles – one an eastern box turtle and the other a three-toed box turtle – lives in large terrariums and liked to hide under boxes Wiesenthal would install in their enclosures.

He said he has had both turtles for decades and was naturally fond of them in the way someone would be of a pet dog or a cat or another animal.

“I’ve had my turtles for years and they’re like any other pet,” said Wiesenthal almost a month after his turtles were stolen. “I’m quite laidback as a person and easygoing, and



I’m surprised that someone would do this to me.”

His \$6,000 reward for the return of the two turtles far exceeds what they’re worth, he said, but he’s worried about their welfare.

He provides special supplements with their food and sometimes gives them superworms, a beetle larva that’s high in protein, fibre and fat.

“My main concern is the animals’ welfare and their safe return,” said Wiesenthal “I’m not interested in going after the person who took them; I just want to get my pets back.”

“MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE ANIMALS’ WELFARE AND THEIR SAFE RETURN... I JUST WANT TO GET MY PETS BACK.”



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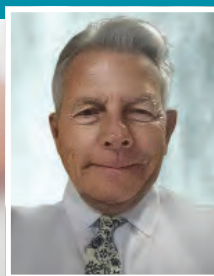
An eastern box turtle is shown. An RM of Gimli resident had two box turtles (not exactly as illustrated) stolen from his home in July.

No current native populations of the eastern box turtle are known to exist in Canada because of loss of habitat. Remains of the turtles have been found at archeological sites in Ontario, according to a 2014 status report from the Committee on the Sta-

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Walk for Water returns to Dunnottar Aug. 24

By Haley Cvar

The Village of Dunnottar will host a Walk for Water fundraiser on Aug. 24 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) — in the community where it all began.

LWF was founded in 2005 when Dunnottar residents, concerned about the lake's declining health, decided to take action. From those grassroots beginnings, the foundation has grown to more than 1,100 members and partners advocating for the future of the world's 11th-largest freshwater lake.

Lake Winnipeg, however, is also considered one of the most threatened. Invasive zebra mussels, climate change, high phosphorus levels fueling algae blooms, and wetland drainage continue to impact its health. Sewage discharge and agricultural runoff remain among the key contributors.

One of the foundation's notable achievements has been its role in securing a phosphorus reduction system as part of the upgrades to Winnipeg's North End Sewage Treatment Plant. But executive director Alexis Kanu says there is still much more to be done — and fundraising is critical.

"These events are critical opportunities for education and change," Kanu said. "Fundraising brings a community together to share our impact. We get to learn, engage, and raise funds for the work that keeps LWF and Lake Winnipeg alive."

This year's Walk for Water marks a return to Dunnottar after a hiatus since 2019. A walk held last month in Victoria Beach raised \$62,250.

Volunteers are once again stepping up to lead the local event. Leigh Patterson, who spent summers in Mat-

lock and recently purchased a cottage in the area, said the walk is about both community and stewardship.

"It's a great way to show community support for the lake while highlighting the need to protect it," Patterson said. "Anyone who understands and appreciates its importance is invited to join us as we wrap up the summer and celebrate the memories we've made all season."

The Dunnottar walk runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting and ending at Whytefold Park. The four-kilometre route will feature points of interest along the shoreline. Information booths, children's crafts, and a 20th birthday party with refreshments will follow.

More details, including donation options, are available at lakewinnipeg-foundation.org/walkforwater2025.

RCMP make arrests in stolen vehicle investigation

By Haley Cvar

A man has been arrested and charged after RCMP tracked a stolen vehicle from Lac du Bonnet to Winnipeg earlier this week.

On Aug. 12 at 2 p.m., Whitemouth RCMP were patrolling Highway 11 for a vehicle that had just been stolen from a business on Prairie Road in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Officers spotted the vehicle turning onto the highway from Road 502 and attempted a traffic stop, but the driver failed to stop. A pursuit was not initiated.

Investigators later determined the vehicle had travelled to Winnipeg. Shortly after 4 p.m., the RCMP East District Crime Reduction Enforce-

ment Support Team (CREST) and Emergency Response Team (ERT), with assistance from Winnipeg police, located the vehicle at a business on Marion Street.

RCMP and Winnipeg police officers then arrested two people walking nearby on Lagimodière Boulevard. The driver, 25-year-old Riley Caie of Stony Mountain, was taken into custody. A 19-year-old woman from the RM of Rockwood was also detained but later released without charge.

Caie has been remanded in custody and faces multiple charges stemming from incidents between July 22 and Aug. 12, including:

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The Manitoba RCMP East District CREST unit continues to investigate along with the Lac du Bonnet, Selkirk and Beausejour detachments.

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Picnic to celebrate 118 years of Rondeau School history

By Emma McGill

The Rondeau School Picnic will return Aug. 23, celebrating one of Manitoba's few remaining country schoolhouses and raising funds to help preserve it.

The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Inwood-area landmark. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, a dish for the potluck and cash for the canteen. The afternoon will feature foot races, a nail-pounding competition, a water balloon toss, tug-of-war, and entertainment by Diamond Disc Dogs with Steve and Cindy. A silent auction will raise money to put new siding on the building.

First built in 1907, Rondeau School served generations of students before closing in 1967. That day left a lasting impression on former student and teacher Freida Jorheim.

"On the last day of school, I sat on the steps after all the children left and the birds were singing in the bush and it was so peaceful and so quiet and the school seemed to be so lonely," she said. "I said that morning, 'you'll never leave your foundation as long as I'm around.'"

Jorheim kept her promise. She formed a committee to save the building from being sold or demolished. Over the years, the group—now eight members—has secured grants and held fundraisers to keep the school standing.

About four years ago, they reshingled the roof, and last year they installed new steps.

Jorheim, who taught at Rondeau in the 1950s and 1960s, remembers the tight-knit school community.

"We walked two miles to school. There were no buses at that time. Just a dirt country road, no cars," she said. "The teacher also walked to school. They came and boarded in the community at one of the family's homes. The older children helped the younger ones."

She also recalls concerts and dances to raise money for student gifts. "Santa Claus always came in at the end of the program and gave everybody a present," she said.

Now, more than 100 years after it was built, Rondeau remains a gathering place—one the committee is determined to protect.



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The Rondeau School was one of the few in its area to stay open for 60 consecutive years.

"I was able to keep my promise to the old school," said Jorheim. "There was so much history in it, I didn't want to just see a bit of boards and

stones left there if they had moved it or ruined it. Our little committee worked hard to keep it there."

> PET TURTLES, FROM PG. 5

found in the U.S., can live to as old as 100 years in the wild. Three-toed box turtles were considered a sub-species of the eastern box turtle, but have been re-classified as a different species.

Wiesenthal said box turtles are not common as a pet in Manitoba, but they're not what would be considered "rare."

"I acquired one my turtles in 1992 from Vancouver [33 years ago] and the other one I acquired from Petland in Winnipeg in 2000 [25 years ago]," he said.

No one apart from close friends – and an acquaintance visiting him at the time of their disappearance – knew he had the turtles.

"They were in terrariums in a room off the kitchen and they'd hide under the boxes I would make for them. Someone walking in wouldn't notice them," he said. "Also, no one knew I had them out here except very close friends in Winnipeg – and they certainly would not have done this."

He did have an acquaintance staying at his place and later noticed his turtles missing after that person left, he said. He had gone out bicycling for about four hours on the day they must have been taken (July 19) and stopped in Winnipeg Beach to visit some friends.

"Nothing looked amiss when I came back. Whoever came in didn't go around opening doors or rummaging through rooms; the place wasn't torn apart," he said. "But I noticed a day later that the turtles were gone. A bag with \$5 or \$6 in change I had in a top dresser drawer and some gift cards were also taken. My car was in the driveway when I was out cycling but it wasn't rummaged through."

He said he tracked down the acquaintance in Winnipeg and the person denied taking his turtles.

Wiesenthal posted about the theft on a local social media

site, which resulted in hundreds of responses. He has a number of people on the case.

"There are other people actively looking into this, not just me," said Wiesenthal.

Social media users offered advice on what sites to look at online to see if his turtles are being offered for sale and also commiserated with Wiesenthal.

"So sad this happened to your beautiful turtles," wrote Dar Zayne. "Hopefully they will be returned knowing how much they mean to you."

Laurie Toback wrote: "Heartless people in this world. Hope you get them back."

Wiesenthal said he appreciates those keeping their eyes and ears out for his turtles. He's worried that the thief or thieves won't know how to properly feed/water his turtles or just dump

the animals in the wild.

"These animals are not native to this environment and they wouldn't survive outside – especially a Manitoba winter," he said. "It would be cruel if someone just stuck them outside and left them there."

Wiesenthal said he contacted the Gimli RCMP detachment the day he noticed them missing and reported the theft.

Spokesperson Cpl. Melanie Roussel confirmed the Gimli detachment received a report on July 20.

"The investigation is still ongoing," she said when asked about the status of the case.

Anyone with information about the turtles can contact the Gimli RCMP or submit an anonymous tip via Crimestoppers.

"If the public has information about the location of the turtles, they are asked to call either the Gimli RCMP detachment at (204) 642-5104, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com," said Roussel.

In addition to the police, Wiesenthal said people can also contact him at (204) 218-0913.

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RM of West Interlake schedules public hearing on new fire truck purchase

By Lana Meier

Residents of the RM of West Interlake will have an opportunity next month to share their views on how the municipality will pay for a recently purchased fire truck.

Council has scheduled a public hearing for Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Ashern municipal office to review Local Improvement Plan 2-2025. The plan outlines the financing of a 2024 pumper fire truck from Fort Garry Fire Trucks, which arrived in Eriksdale three weeks ago.

The total price tag is \$767,360, with funding to come from \$385,000 from the Protective Services Reserve, \$32,360 from the Fire Department Reserve, and a \$350,000 loan from the Province of Manitoba. The proposed loan would run for five years at an interest rate of 4.5 per cent.

Eriksdale Fire Chief Randy Mason said the purchase is long overdue, noting the primary pumper truck is nearly twice as old as industry guidelines recommend.

"The National Fire Protection Association says your primary piece of firefighting equipment should be no older than 15 years, and a secondary after 20 years," Mason said. "Ours should have been retired as a secondary years ago."

The existing 1996 pumper was rebuilt about a decade ago, including a new primer and pump, but Mason said it no longer meets the department's operational needs.

Finding the right fit

The search for a replacement began several years ago, with early esti-

mates during COVID-19 supply chain disruptions coming in at \$1 million or more. After reissuing a request for proposals, the department reviewed five or six quotes. Mason and firefighter Brian Botterill spent "hundreds of hours" visiting and assessing 30 different trucks, developing a rating system that considered both cost and equipment needs.

Fort Garry Fire Trucks and Quebec-based Maxi Metal were shortlisted, but Mason said Fort Garry's willingness to work with the department to make changes—such as adjusting the crew cab and adding a command light—helped seal the decision.

"Fort Garry dropped the price by \$60,000 after making the changes we needed," he said. "In the end, it came down to who could deliver what we required for the next 20 years."

The new pumper will carry 1,000 gallons of water—critical for rural firefighting where hydrants are scarce—and features foam capability on its four most-used hose lines, which Mason said can cut water consumption in half.

Other upgrades include:

A five-person cab with breathing apparatuses built into the seats for faster readiness.

A front-bumper "trash line" for quick deployment.

Hydraulic ladder system.

Additional storage for equipment and breathing apparatus bottles.

Command lighting, enhanced traffic lighting, and reflective chevrons for visibility.

"Grass fires are our bread and but-



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The Eriksdale Fire Department's new 2024 Fort Garry pumper truck, valued at \$767,360, arrived three weeks ago and will be the focus of a Sept. 9 public hearing in Ashern on how the RM of West Interlake plans to finance the purchase.

ter, and we never have enough water," Mason said. "Having that extra 1,000 gallons will go a long way in keeping our people safe."

While the new truck will primarily handle structure fires, Mason hopes to keep the old pumper as a secondary unit for grass fire support.

A benefit to the community

Mason acknowledged there was hesitation from council to commit to such a large purchase, but stressed it was necessary.

"It's something that was desperately needed," he said. "We make our

equipment work to protect our community, but this truck is going to go a long way in keeping people safe."

Copies of the Local Improvement Plan are available at the municipal offices in Ashern and Eriksdale during regular business hours. Residents wishing to object can submit a written notice to Chief Administrative Officer Gary Campbell by mail or in person before the Sept. 9 hearing. Objections must include the name and address of the objector, identify the property concerned, and outline the grounds for objection.

letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor:
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Re: Closure of the Eriksdale municipal office

After reading the *Express Weekly News* article regarding the closure of the municipal office in Eriksdale, I am deeply concerned with both the decision itself and the way it has been presented to the public.

On behalf of the Eriksdale and District Chamber of Commerce, I wrote to council on Aug. 12 requesting an

explanation. To date, there has been no clear rationale provided for closing the office, no consultation with residents, and no answers to basic questions that affect the daily lives of people in Ward One.

Residents deserve to know:

What information was presented to council to justify this decision?

Why were those most affected not consulted in advance?

How will residents now access essential services such as cemetery records, sewer and water information, CEWDG resources, tax collection, and local planning or bylaw inqui-

ries?

What is the municipality's plan for the Community Resources Office, which is supposed to be supported by the RM?

Transparency is not optional when decisions impact an entire ward. The lack of information has created confusion, frustration, and mistrust in leadership. Community members are asking whether their voices matter in local governance, and right now the answer is far from clear.

The Chamber has invited council to respond in writing by Aug. 20, ahead of a public meeting we will host so

residents can hear directly how these services will remain accessible. Council members are personally invited to attend and explain the rationale to the people they represent.

This issue is not about politics — it is about accountability, accessibility, and ensuring residents of Eriksdale and surrounding areas are properly served. Our community deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,
Keith Lundale
President, Eriksdale and District
Chamber of Commerce

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Gimli resident calls for e-scooter ban on roads and sidewalks, regulations

By Patricia Barrett

Underage operators, lack of helmets, unpredictable and dangerous interactions with vehicles and pedestrians, and an upward tick in injuries are some of the issues Gimli resident Bill Buckels would like to see addressed with regard to electric scooters.

Buckels is calling on the RM of Gimli and the provincial government to address the current “regulatory vacuum” in Manitoba and escalating injury rates associated with two-wheeled e-scooters.

The use of the motorized vehicles has “outpaced” the development of regulations, and Buckels is advocating for a municipal ban of e-scooters on public roads, sidewalks and pathways.

Buckels told the *Express* last week he has seen and encountered e-scooters in Gimli being driven by underage kids on sidewalks and roads with vehicular traffic.

“They’ve gone right down Autumnwood Drive at around 2 a.m.,” said Buckels referring to e-scooter incidents in July. “They’re also doing it in broad daylight. I just about ran into a bunch of them coming down the road near the Klean-All [laundromat on Third Avenue]. They were coming right towards me while I was driving, no helmets on, short pants, underage kids, and here they are driving right down a paved road through Gimli, obstructing licensed traffic on the road.”

Just recently, Buckels said a youngster, maybe 11 or 12 years old, was travelling about “25 clicks” down a sidewalk in Gimli.

“They’re getting away with zooming down sidewalks because there’s no bylaw against it and no one is enforcing this activity, including their parents,” said Buckels. “These kids are driving e-scooters down the sidewalk and I have to stumble around them to get out of the way. They’re causing an obstruction and a hazard on the sidewalk.”

E-scooters are not a going concern in Gimli neighbourhoods that have had no municipal paving services such as the South Beach neighbourhood, he said. But in neighbourhoods that have paved roads and sidewalks, e-scooter operators can likely be found.

Buckels wrote a white paper titled “Mitigating E-scooter Risks in Gimli: A Proactive Approach” in July and shared it with the municipality and the provincial government after encounters with kids on e-scooters.

Even at moderate speeds, e-scooters are no match for a vehicle and collisions can result in serious or life-altering injuries for their operators. Children and adolescents may lack experience, judgment and the physical development necessary for safe navigation in traffic, he wrote.

The presence of fast-moving e-scooters on Gimli roads causes “stress” to and introduces “unpredictability” for people driving vehicles as they have to react instantly to e-scooters not following the rules of the road.

E-scooter regulations vary across Canadian jurisdictions, wrote Buckels, with some provinces mandating helmets for all operators while others requiring helmets only for minors. Some cities have launched pilot projects to assess e-scooter integration into existing transportation routes as they’re viewed as a sustainable mode of transportation while other cities have implemented strict controls over them because of accidents and their being regarded as a public nuisance. In Europe, some cities have imposed speed limits on e-scooters, relegated



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Gyrocopters' Flash 6.0 electric scooter, a 2025 model marketed for adults and teens, can reach speeds of up to 30 km/h with a range of about 30 km. Concerns about underage use, helmet safety and rising injury rates are fuelling calls for stronger regulations in Gimli.

them to bike lanes or banned them altogether because of accidents.

Rising e-scooter-related hospitalizations and fatalities among youth serve as a stark warning, wrote Buckels. Data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) show an “escalating public health crisis” associated with e-scooter use.

Over the course of a one-year period, between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, there were almost 1,000 Canadians hospitalized for e-scooter related injuries. That represented a 23 per cent increase over the previous year. Half of those injuries (498) were directly attributed to e-scooters, representing a 32 per cent increase in hospitalizations. E-scooter hospitalizations of children aged five to 17 increased 61 per cent.

Injuries ranged from minor abrasions and bone fractures to brain injuries and internal bleeding.

“Specific comparative national statistics on e-scooter versus e-bike fatalities are not always cleanly separated in public health data, as both fall under broader categories of ‘scooter’ or ‘micromobility’ injuries,” wrote Buckels in his study. “However, the CIHI data specifically highlight the disproportionate rise in hospitalizations related to motorized e-scooters and the concerning trend among children. While e-bikes also pose risks, particularly when used improperly or at high speeds, the inherent instability and common lack of protective gear associated with e-scooters appear to contribute to a higher severity of injury for operators, especially in collisions with motor vehicles. The design of many e-scooters, without seats or the ability to easily signal, further exacerbates risk in traffic.”

In the absence of provincial and municipal regulations for e-scooters, Buckels said “anybody can get away with driving an e-scooter,” on a road or a sidewalk or other public thoroughfare such as a path. But that doesn’t mean they’re “allowed” to do so. For instance, if someone drove an e-scooter down Highway 8, they’d likely face stiff penalties. Yet enforcement on roads in the municipality where they ride among traffic and can collide with

vehicles, and drive on sidewalks where they can injure pedestrians, is seemingly non-existent.

When e-scooters pose hazards on roads and sidewalks – and given the data showing increasing rates of hospitalization related to their use – it’s time to “use our heads” and come up with regulations as to who can operate them and where they can be driven, he said.

“I guess someone has to be seriously hurt or die before regulations are put in place,” said Buckels.

E-scooter operators at fault for accidents resulting in injury or property damage to a vehicle, pedestrian or cyclist can be held civilly liable for damages. Or their parents can be held financially liable, he said.

“This can arise under principles of ‘negligent entrustment’ where parents permit a child to operate a potentially dangerous device when they know or ought to know the child is inexperienced, incapable, or likely to operate it unsafely,” wrote Buckels in his study. “Parents may also be held vicariously liable for their child’s actions, particularly if they are found to have failed in their supervisory duty. The financial implications for parents could be substantial, encompassing medical costs, lost income, and pain and suffering for injured parties.”

Theoretically, e-scooters on the road can also be considered an “obstruction” under the Highway Traffic Act, he said, and be held liable for accidents.

“If a rock falls on the road from a truck and collides with a car and kills somebody, the truck driver is responsible for having created an obstruction – and subsequently an injury,” said Buckels. “It’s the same with a parent who gives their kid an e-scooter: if the kid causes an obstruction on the road either by suddenly popping up in front of a vehicle or by sliding under the wheels of a vehicle because they lose their balance, their parents should be liable.”

Similarly, municipalities – and the province – can also be exposed to potential legal liability, he argued, through the “absence of clear bylaws and robust enforcement” of e-scooter use. Municipalities have a “fundamental duty of care” to ensure the reasonable safety of their public spaces, including roads and sidewalks.

“If the Municipality of Gimli is aware of dangerous e-scooter activity (e.g., observed underage, unhelmeted riders on main roads) and fails to implement or enforce adequate bylaws to address it, it could be found negligent,” wrote Buckels. “This negligence could lead to civil lawsuits from individuals injured in e-scooter-related accidents, alleging that the municipality failed in its duty to protect the public. The increasing national data on e-scooter injuries establishes a clear foreseeability of harm, meaning municipalities cannot claim ignorance of the risks.”

The “regulatory vacuum” in the provincial Highway Traffic Act which lacks “actionable regulations” for the safe use of e-scooters can be seen as contributing to a dangerous environment, he said.

Buckels said he’s not trying to ruin anybody’s fun; he just wants to eliminate the chances of dangerous encounters between e-scooters and pedestrians in Gimli.

“The analogy of sharing roads with individuals on e-roller skates [or] walking dogs amidst heavy highway traffic on a long weekend vividly illus-

Esteemed author from Lundar celebrates turning 90

By Emma McGill

On June 18, Donald K. Johnson — a successful businessman, philanthropist and author — turned 90 years old. After many adventures and pursuits, Johnson continues to visit his hometown of Lundar, where he celebrated the milestone on Aug. 2.

Though he moved to Toronto early in life, Johnson said he thoroughly enjoyed growing up in Lundar, where his parents taught him the value of hard work, community service and education. His mother even sold their house to move to Winnipeg so he could attend the University of Manitoba, where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1957.

"That changed my life," Johnson said. "Because there were no jobs for an electrical engineer in Manitoba, other than working for the govern-



Donald K. Johnson (right) with his daughter, Jessica (left), during the birthday celebrations.

ment, I moved to Toronto and worked for Canadian General Electric."

At General Electric, Johnson joined a program that allowed him to spend two months in each of six different divisions. That experience helped him discover a love for marketing and finance. He later attended Western University, where he earned an MBA in 1963.

Johnson's philanthropic journey began in 1995 when he joined the board of the National Ballet of Canada, inspired by his wife's passion for ballet. During a campaign, he learned the art of fundraising and advocacy for the arts.

For 11 years, Johnson lobbied both Liberal and Conservative governments to eliminate the capital gains tax on donations of listed securities. When the policy change finally came in 2006, Canadian charities began receiving more than \$1 billion annually in stock donations.

This kind of investment banking, channelled toward public good, remains one of Johnson's proudest accomplishments.

"My first advice to people choosing a career is to make sure that they really love what they're doing and enjoy working with people inside the company and the company's clients," Johnson said. "My next advice is that they have the discipline to live a healthy lifestyle. If you're not in good health, you will not be successful."

Johnson has practised transcendental meditation for more than 50 years, which he credits, along with diet, exercise and rest, for maintaining his health.

"We all live very stressful lives and stress weakens your immune system and makes you more susceptible to



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Guests prepared to slice into a birthday cake during Donald K. Johnson's 90th birthday celebration in Lundar, including (from left) Judy Gleich, Johnson and John Guttormson.



Friends and family gathered at the Pauline Johnson Library in Lundar to celebrate Donald K. Johnson's 90th birthday.

getting sick. Initially, I practised meditation for 20 minutes twice a day, but in the last few years I've been practising it four times per day. This has been a key factor for living a healthy lifestyle at the age of 90."

Along with health, Johnson emphasized the importance of spending time with loved ones. He celebrated his first of two birthday parties in his garden at home with 160 close family members and friends — with Paul Anka providing entertainment.

Over the years, Johnson has also turned to writing to preserve and share his knowledge. His first book, *Lessons Learned on Bay Street*, reflected on his business experiences.

"Having just turned 90 and having the good fortune of being healthy, both physically and mentally, I decided to write a second book to share with readers the keys to a healthy lifestyle," Johnson said. The new book is titled *Thriving at 90 and Beyond*.

"I hope that it will be an inspiration to each of the readers to practise the key factors to a healthy lifestyle."

Back in Lundar for his hometown celebration, Johnson was surrounded by friends and family once more. He received birthday greetings from Reeve Virgil Johnson of the RM of Coldwell as guests delivered speeches and songs in his honour, making it a memorable return home.

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Free cultural celebration brings music, dance and heritage to Arborg

By Lana Meier

The spirit of celebration was alive at the Arborg Heritage Village on Aug. 5 as the community gathered for an evening of cultural connection, traditional art and high-energy performances.

Co-hosted by Arborg Heritage Village and the Riverton & District Friendship Centre, the Feel the Music event drew a lively crowd to the outdoor stage despite the threat of rain. Guests brought their lawn chairs and appetites for a full evening of free entertainment, with food for purchase from Triple Bloom Catering and a 50/50 draw adding to the family-friendly atmosphere.

"This year marks the 150th anniversary of New Iceland—a milestone that called for more than just celebration," said Arborg Heritage Village organizer Pat Eyolfson. "We wanted to honour the Icelandic settlers who arrived in 1875 and, just as importantly, the Indigenous peoples whose footsteps were the first this land had known. It was their generosity, knowledge and guidance that helped the settlers survive that first harsh winter."

Eyolfson said she reached out to the Riverton & District Friendship Centre earlier this year to see if they would consider co-hosting, and they "immediately agreed." From there, the program took shape to blend cultures through music, dance and storytelling—"celebrating a shared history and the spirit of friendship that still echoes through our communities today."

Performers included Jason Lepine on fiddle and Lionel Desjarlais on guitar and vocals, as well as United Thunder, an Indigenous dance troupe whose movement and drumming "filled the stage with life," Eyolfson said. A highlight of the evening was a fashion show by Annríki Þjóðbúningar og Skart of Iceland, modelling handcrafted traditional costumes dating back to the 14th century.



Arborg Heritage Village organizer Pat Eyolfson, centre, joins Riverton & District Friendship Centre representatives Desarae Bilinski and Tanis Grimolfson, where the two groups co-hosted an evening of Indigenous and Icelandic performances in celebration of New Iceland's 150th anniversary.

"The fashion show was a living connection to the past," Eyolfson said. "Each garment is historically accurate, entirely handmade, and reflects designs worn in Iceland centuries ago. Bringing this show to New Iceland during the 150th anniversary celebrations allowed us to showcase our cultural roots and share them with people of all backgrounds."

The inclusion of both Icelandic and Indigenous performances, she added, was deliberate. "From the very beginning, these two communities—so different in language, culture and way of life—found common ground. They built a bond rooted in cooperation, admiration and mutual support. We wanted to honour that full history and the people who made it possible."

The audience, Eyolfson said, "was captivated from start to finish," clapping along with the drumming, admiring the beadwork of the dancers



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE EINARSSON

Indigenous dance troupe United Thunder brought powerful drumming, vibrant regalia and high-energy movement to the Feel the Music event at Arborg Heritage Village on Aug. 5, captivating the crowd and celebrating the shared history of Indigenous and Icelandic peoples during New Iceland's 150th anniversary.



Halli Jonasson of Riverton, right, with one of the ladies from Annríki Þjóðbúningar og Skart of Iceland, modelling handcrafted traditional costumes dating back to the 14th century.

and the elegance of the Icelandic costumes. MC Desarae Bilinski "created a sense of unity—at one point inspiring the entire crowd to rise to their feet in shared celebration."



Guðlaug Sigurðaradóttir shows off her traditional dress.

"People left with smiles, warm hearts and a renewed appreciation for the history and diversity that shape our community," Eyolfson said. "It wasn't just entertainment—it was a reminder of the bonds we share across cultures and generations."



Hamster balls, Jeepneys and wrestling in the street: Arborg's Street Festival a real treat

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg's iconic annual Street Festival served up two vibrant days of non-stop family-oriented fun and entertainment and once again captured the hearts of locals and visitors who turned out in the hundreds to enjoy the party on Aug. 8 and 9.

Street Festival chair Susan Bauernhuber, who co-owns The Watering Whole in town, said she and her committee were pleased by the turnout, the co-operation they got from Mother Nature and the response to some new offerings.

"We were all very happy with how things went. We had a couple of new events this year such as the human hamster ball (a giant inflatable sphere into which humans can climb into and roll around) and human soccer ball and they both went well," said Bauernhuber. "There were always kids there when I went around to see it."

The kids' tractor pull went viral this year with 72 entrants, said Bauernhuber.

The festival offered dozens of different events this year such as an art show hosted by the Creative Cocoon, axe-throwing, basketball tournaments, a fundraising pancake breakfast at the Arborg Legion, a vendor market, duck race, beer gardens, petting zoo, dunk tank, a local Amazing Race and plenty of performances from entertainers such as Leddwyn, Morgan Grace and a Filipino dance group.

Arborg's diverse cultural community was represented during the Street Festival's parade on Friday night. The Filipino community featured a Jeepney courtesy of Vickar Automotive Group in Winnipeg.

"It was nice to see the different cultural groups taking part," said Bauernhuber. "The Filipino community did a dance and had their Jeepney out. And they'll be back again next

year."

A Jeepney is a popular form of public transport in the Philippines. The vehicles, decorated in bright colours and designs, were originally made from repurposed Second World War U.S. military jeeps.

Festival favourites such as CWE Wrestling drew hundreds of people of all ages to the matches where they cheered on and interacted with the performers.

"The wrestlers are the only standing event that's been here since we started," said Bauernhuber. "And we have to keep getting them each year because if we didn't, I'd have a riot on my hands."

The Arborg-Bifrost Fire Department held a fundraiser during the festival to support R3VHC, an organization that helps foster healing among veterans, military personnel and first responders using horses at a ranch in Dallas, Man.

"A huge shout-out to everybody who came out to support your local fire department at the dunk tank today at the Arborg Street Festival," said the department in a statement on social media. "After paying our fees, we raised \$434 for charity. This will be presented to R3VHC to help support the important work they do. Arborg you are awesome!"

One of the nicest parts of the festival is that it brings former residents home to visit for the weekend and allows them to re-connect with family and friends.

"We had comments from people who don't live here anymore saying that when they come back for the festival, it's like a homecoming to see their old friends and family," said Bauernhuber.

Planning the festival is practically a full-time gig and Bauernhuber said she and her committee are meeting this week to start to plan for next year's festival.



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Lanny and The pipes took the stage at Arborg's annual Street Festival on Aug. 9, entertaining the crowd with a lively set that capped off a weekend of music, food and family fun.





Baldwin and other Gimli Dog Park Committee members had cut a delightfully winding path through the forest a few years ago so that the com-



"Hats off to the founding members of that committee who had the vision of creating a dog



merce's annual town clean-up. "They worked with the RM at that time to get the park going. I was part of the team that originally cut the path through the

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forest. The wood has been there for about two years and I said to myself this year, 'I'm going to clear that out.'"

Some of the wood left behind from that initial cut has been used creatively by people to make teepees in the forest, and Baldwin said he didn't touch them as he beautified the forest over the past several months.

Baldwin said another dog park user joined him in the effort to make the forest safe and enjoyable for everyone who brings their dogs to the park.

Brian Ellis, who regularly visits the park with his wife and their dogs, said he was happy to help with the forest cleanup. He brought along his chainsaw and helped cut up the dead trees.

"Volunteering a little time to improve the park was definitely worthwhile. Thanks to Joel for the idea and doing all the hardest work. Thanks to the RM for their contribution to the cleanup," said Ellis.

Scott Carman of Gimli's Ship & Plough pub was a founding member of the Dog Park Committee and said the group was instrumental in getting the park built. Once that happened, the committee disbanded.

"The dog park has always been a grassroots effort by members of the community, and Joel is to be applauded for his volunteerism," said Carman. "He's taken it upon himself to clean up deadfall in the bush and

beautify the park, and his work is appreciated by the many dog owners who bring their pets to the park every day."

With most of the hazards removed, dogs can run freely through the forest and their owners can keep an eye on them much better, said Baldwin.

He piled up the dead trees and branches by the fence of the dog park and was planning to haul it away himself. But the municipality's public works staff beat him to it.

"After Brian and I cut up the wood, we decided to pile it up near the park's gate for future pickup. I never even considered phoning the RM to haul it away; I was going to arrange to haul it away ourselves," said Baldwin.

Public works staff had been doing maintenance on the sports ground near the dog park and they noticed the wood neatly piled up by the fence.

"They just took it upon themselves to haul it away. They ended up taking nine loads away," said Baldwin. "I thanked them for carrying away the wood and also thanked them for doing such a good job on the recreational area, ball diamonds and soccer pitches, as well as the rest of the town."

Baldwin said he also purchased topsoil using his own money and filled holes on the dog park lawn where a woman earlier this year fractured her



Joel Baldwin stands beside a pile of deadfall and hollowed out dead tree trunks that he and another volunteer cut up and dragged out of the forest that's part of the Gimli Dog Park. The RM's public works staff hauled the wood away. It took nine loads.

foot. He spread a pile of sand – which had been brought in by the RM but not used for quite a while – on the footpath leading to the park.

People on a local social media site expressed their appreciation for the cleanup effort.

Beverley Einarson said the forest cleanup made it less susceptible to fire.

"If a fire had got in there, it would have raged right through," she wrote.

And Sharon Cory thanked the mystery person who was doing the clean up, as well as the RM, and posted

photos online of the newly cleared forest.

"Someone's doing a great job of cleaning out the underbrush in the dog park, along with help from RM employees who are hauling it out. Great job! Thx!" she wrote.

In terms of future developments at the park, Baldwin said he'd love to see the municipality extend the water lines from the nearby sports ground to the dog park and build a covered picnic shelter where people can go for shade while their dog's frolic.

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Alberta cyclist rides 1,440 km to join Gimli MS Bike

By Haley Cvar

When Lee Cooper wheels into Gimli later this month, it will mark the end of an 11-day, 1,440-kilometre journey with one clear goal — to fight multiple sclerosis.

The retired Red Deer, Alta., resident is riding solo across the Prairies to take part in the MS Bike – Gimli, a two-day fundraising ride set for Aug. 23 and 24. The event brings cyclists together to raise money for research, advocacy and services through the MS Society of Canada. Participants choose from various route lengths, each winding through the scenic Interlake region, with the Gimli ride offering distances suited to both seasoned cyclists and casual riders.

Cooper, a veteran of MS Bike events, has taken part in the Alberta and Saskatchewan editions for years, but says the Gimli ride has been on his cycling “bucket list” for close to a decade.

“I’ve been looking at the ride for eight to 10 years, just waiting for the right opportunity to make it happen,” Cooper said. “Even though I grew up in Saskatchewan, I’ve never been to Manitoba in the summer. Everything just fell into place this year.”

His journey began Aug. 11 in Red Deer, with planned stops in Castor, Oyen, Kindersley, Outlook, Nokomis, Ituna and Melville. Cooper is expected to arrive in Russell on Aug. 18, Minnedosa on Aug. 19, Portage la Prairie on Aug. 20, and Gimli on Aug. 22 — just in time for the ride’s opening day.

His itinerary includes days ranging from 56 to 176 kilometres, with the longest stretches in the early legs across Alberta and Saskatchewan. The distance doesn’t include detours to campsites, restaurants or roadside attractions, which he deliberately works into the trip. Unlike many riders who stick to busier highways, Cooper

mapped his route to pass through smaller towns, giving him a quieter, more scenic ride and the chance to connect with people along the way.

The Gimli ride is a smaller event compared to the large tours Cooper is used to, but that’s part of the appeal.

“After COVID, a lot of charities saw fundraising drop and participation fall,” he said. “The Gimli ride used to have closer to 500 people, but this year there’s about 115. That means an individual can make a bigger difference.”

Determined to do his part, Cooper launched a new team this year — Road Kill MS — and has already recruited four other riders to collect pledges alongside him. The name, he explained, comes from jerseys he purchased eight years ago with the idea of one day building a team.

“I knew nothing about MS and nothing about the ride — it was totally out of the blue,” he said of his first experience. “I’d just started a new job, got the invitation, and thought, ‘I’m a cyclist, they’re going to give me a team jersey, this is great.’ That’s how it all started, and it’s been a fixture in my life every year for the next 25 years.”

Cooper’s passion for the cause grew as he met researchers and heard directly from people affected by MS. He has tackled the Saskatchewan MS Bike Waskesiu event — riding solo from Red Deer to Waskesiu, a 785-kilometre trip — as well as multi-day tours from Jasper, Alta., to Whitefish, Mont., and several “Golden Triangle” rides through the Rockies.

Now, his focus is firmly on Manitoba.

“Creating a new team for Gimli and being able to support a smaller event is something I’ve wanted to do,” he said. “It’s a beautiful part of the country I’ve never experienced in summer.”



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Lee Cooper, of Red Deer, Alta., is riding solo across the Prairies to take part in the MS Bike – Gimli later this month, capping an 11-day, 1,440-kilometre trek to raise funds and awareness for the MS Society of Canada.

The Road Kill MS team has already surpassed \$8,000 in pledges, with Cooper aiming for \$2,500 to \$3,000 himself. He believes the team approach keeps everyone motivated.

Along the way, he’s been reminded how much his efforts resonate with others. On just his second day on the road, two strangers bought him meals after hearing why he was cycling.

“It’s a bit of a shock when you realize your ride means more to people than you may know,” he said. “Two strangers bought me meals after hearing why I was cycling — that kind of kindness really stays with you.”

For Cooper, the trip is as much about the people as the kilometres. That’s been true since his early rides, when his work team in Alberta forged friendships that have lasted decades. Even during the pandemic, when in-person events were cancelled, he and his teammates rode on their own to keep the tradition alive and the fundraising going.

The MS Bike – Gimli will take cyclists along lakeside roads and through rural Interlake communities, with riders and volunteers sharing a common purpose — raising funds and awareness for MS.

Cooper hopes his cross-Prairie trek inspires others to sign up, whether they’re seasoned cyclists or weekend riders.

“You don’t have to ride 1,400 kilometres to participate,” he said. “There’s an entry point for everyone — 30K, 80K, whatever you’re comfortable with. If you’ve got a bike, a helmet and can fundraise \$500, you can do it. That’s how I started 25 years ago, and it’s made a big difference in my life.”

And while his body may be sore when he reaches Gimli, his first priority will be pitching in.

“I’ll probably go down to the rec centre and meet the organizers and volunteers, maybe help them set up,” he said. “In a lot of ways, I’m just another volunteer helping raise money for the MS Society.”

“It’s not just the ride itself,” Cooper said. “It’s the people, the stories and knowing you’re part of something that’s making a difference.”



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Your FARM



Winnipeg restaurant serves up Interlake rhubarb and more

By Jennifer McFee

A popular Winnipeg eatery is not only serving up a taste of Manitoba, it also features hyper-local flavours from the heart of the Interlake.

Originally from Stonewall, restaurateur Jay Lekopoy is the owner of Promenade Brasserie located at the corner of Provencher Boulevard and Tache Avenue, with a spectacular view of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Esplanade Riel Bridge.

The restaurant's history is rooted in French food, yet Lekopoy wanted to zero in with a Manitoba focus.

"If there's someone coming here who really wants some good Manitoban food, where would you take them? As much as I love Julia Child's French cooking, it doesn't speak to Manitoba and our heritage — the Métis and the voyageurs and all these beautiful cultures that have specifically made Manitoba what it is," he said.

"Why aren't we celebrating everything that comes from Manitoba? We have such an opportunity and a bounty right here."

Growing up, Lekopoy spent time in northern Manitoba with family members who would gather Saskatoon berries, chanterelle mushrooms and more. Today, he continues to be inspired by the abundance of flavours



The Rhubargarita at Promenade Brasserie offers a tart twist on a classic cocktail, made with fresh rhubarb from a Stonewall-area farm, Manitoba raspberries, tequila and limoncello.

that our province has to offer.

In an effort to introduce a more local approach, Lekopoy connected with Allison Pauls, who has farmland south of Stonewall. Lekopoy grew up with alongside Pauls' children, so their connection runs deep through the decades.

In particular, they've been partnering to provide a versatile and healthy ingredient for Lekopoy's restaurant — fresh homegrown rhubarb.

Pauls currently grows about 300 rhubarb plants. She started most of



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Allison Pauls and Jay Lekopoy enjoy a Rhubargarita, made with locally grown rhubarb, in the newly renovated dining room at Promenade Brasserie. Lekopoy owns the Winnipeg-based restaurant, which incorporates fresh ingredients grown by Pauls.

them from seed last year, although her original eight rhubarb plants are now 25 years old.

"These eight plants can yield 30 pounds from each one," Pauls said.

"They are enormous."

The duo decided to focus on rhubarb since it's a vitamin-rich ingredient that's full of organic goodness.

"We don't have to fertilize or use any chemicals. It is a farmyard staple, surging in popularity," Pauls said.

"It literally grows like a weed and is very hardy. The leaves, once cut off, are laid on the ground to naturally suppress weeds."

Lekopoy is experimenting with a variety of sweet and savoury rhubarb creations, as well as a selection of beverages including the Rhubargarita.

"It's a light and playful margarita-style drink. I'm actually using rhubarb straight from the ground. I get the dirt off of it and then put a little bit of tequila and limoncello and Manitoba raspberries," Lekopoy said.

"I'm excited about it because I can get the pure acidity right from Manitoba rhubarb. Sitting on the patio, doing some people-watching, sipping a Rhubargarita — it's not a bad way to spend an afternoon."

Looking ahead, Lekopoy is work-



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ing on a rhubarb compote that would lend itself well to a multitude of uses.

In addition to rhubarb, he also incorporates other fresh produce from Pauls' garden, as well as wheat grown on her land. Many Promenade Brasserie dishes are enhanced with the flavours of fresh Stonewall veggies, including the Three Sisters risotto bowl that features beans, corn and squash.

"She just shows up with a beautiful cornucopia of everything, and she makes it look so effortless. Her to-

matoes are absolutely gorgeous. Last year, we used her tomatoes really consistently, whether it was just making a burger better or a caprese salad or a fresh chunk of tomato," he said.

"We also did tri-coloured carrots last year, as well as squash and herbs. Her dill is gorgeous as well. And the smell of a cucumber fresh from a garden — is there anything better in life?"

Check out Promenade Brasserie at Unit C-130 Provencher Blvd. or visit promenadebrasserie.ca

Hundreds of rhubarb plants thrive in the sun on Allison Pauls' farm south of Stonewall. The hardy perennial is grown without chemicals and supplies fresh flavour to dishes and drinks at Promenade Brasserie in Winnipeg.



Petition calls for silver alert cell phone notifications

By Jennifer McFee

A local woman is joining the chorus of voices who are calling for silver alerts to be sent to cell phones to help locate missing vulnerable seniors.

Lana Knor of Teulon is a relative of Stewart Campbell, a 69-year-old man who was last seen at a friend's place near Stonewall on July 15 at about 3:30 a.m. He was reported missing two days later, and his car was found in east of Starbuck on July 24.

Police conducted an aerial search and asked area residents to check their properties and security cameras. Campbell hasn't been located, and the RCMP are concerned for his well-being. They noted that Campbell might be confused or disoriented.

A silver alert system provides notification when a vulnerable adult with dementia or other cognitive impairment goes missing so they can be brought home safely. Knor believes a silver alert should be sent to cell phones, just like amber alerts, which exist for vulnerable children.

"I believe if an alert had gone out on cell phones when Stewart first went missing, someone would have seen him. Stewart is quiet and minds his business. He is the guy that can go in and out of a store full of strangers without being noticed. If people saw his picture, there would have been a better chance he would have been noticed," she said.

"Stewart has been missing since July 15 and his car was located July 24 off Highway 2. A search was done in the area but he was not located. We suspect he may have caught a ride to get gas and is now lost in another unknown community. The alert on cell phones would have helped locate him."

She points to a petition calling on the federal government to work with provincial authorities and law enforcement to develop a national silver alert system that would geographically target mobile devices and broadcast information to media about missing vulnerable adults. Brittany Moberg started the petition after her father Earl



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The Manitoba RCMP continues to search for Stewart Campbell, a 69-year-old male who was reported missing on July 17, 2025. Stewart Campbell was last seen near Stonewall on July 15, and his car was found in the Starbuck area on July 24. Campbell is described as approximately 5'8" tall, 110 pounds with grey shaggy hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a burgundy sweatshirt, light-coloured blue jeans and black work boots. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call 911 or Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015.

went missing almost two years ago.

"I have never met Brittany or Brenda, Earl's wife of almost 50 years. I only recently heard about the petition and that Earl is missing still,"

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Community gathers for fun at Meleb Park Picnic



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE EINARSSON

Families took part in games, music, food and dancing at the annual Meleb Park Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025. Highlights included children's races, face painting, homemade French fries by Ron Krasey, plink with Mike Melniuk, and three generations of Blahuts enjoying the day together. Proceeds from the picnic supported park maintenance.



Fundraising dinner on Sept. 6 supports Gimli Glider legacy

By Haley Cvar

Aviation history will take centre stage in Gimli on Sept. 6 when supporters gather for a fundraising dinner in honour of the world-famous "Gimli Glider."

The event, hosted on the second floor of the Gimli Recreation Centre, will include a meet and greet, dinner, and an evening of stories from special guests. Among those attending will be retired Capt. Bob Pearson, the pilot who brought Air Canada Flight 143 safely to the ground in Gimli in 1983, and Pearl Dion, a passenger on the fateful flight. Guest speaker Brendan Yanta, director of system operations control for Perimeter Aviation, will share insights on today's aviation industry.

"We are always pleased with the public support through their attendance at our annual fundraiser," said Barb Gluck, chair of the Gimli Glider Exhibit. "Each dinner ticket sold goes towards keeping the Exhibit operating so that our volunteers can continue to educate visitors from around the world about the famous Gimli landing."

Tickets are \$100, with a portion eligible for a CRA donation receipt. Proceeds will support the Gimli Glider Exhibit, which continues to preserve and share the story of one of the most remarkable emergency landings in

aviation history.

On July 23, 1983, Air Canada Flight 143 was en route from Montreal to Edmonton when it ran out of fuel midway through the journey. A miscalculation during refueling — partly due to Canada's ongoing transition to the metric system — left the Boeing 767 carrying only half the fuel it needed.

With both engines dead at 41,000 feet, Pearson and first officer Maurice Quintal were forced to improvise. Using a combination of glider techniques and quick decision-making, they guided the powerless aircraft toward Gimli, where a decommissioned air force base offered the best chance for a landing.

Unbeknownst to the crew, the strip was being used that day as a drag racing track. As racers and spectators scattered, Pearson touched down the plane on the tarmac, avoiding catastrophe. Although the nose gear collapsed, the aircraft came to a halt without fatalities. The dramatic save earned international acclaim and cemented the "Gimli Glider" as a symbol of skill, composure, and a little bit of luck.

More than four decades later, the Gimli Glider Exhibit stands as a tribute to the incident and the people who lived through it. Located in Gimli, the volunteer-run museum

Fifth Avenue sidewalk completed



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

After spending a number of years asking the RM of Gimli's council to build a sidewalk on Fifth Avenue between Centre Street and Lady of the Lake Drive, residents at Rotary Towers got their wish this summer. The RM built a super wide sidewalk on Fifth just before the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba earlier this month. Rotary Tower residents and other residents who live south of Centre can now easily access the Co-op grocery store and other businesses in the central core without having to walk on the road with traffic. An upcoming grand opening is planned.

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Captain Bob Pearson with Ram Air Turbine
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displays artifacts from the flight, including the aircraft's ram air turbine that provided crucial power during the descent.

"With very special guests, Capt. Pearson, the pilot, and passenger Pearl Dion, we are always reminded of how extraordinary that day was for aviation, and how important it is to preserve these memories," said Gluck.

She added that organizers are looking forward to the restoration of a cockpit artifact acquired for the Exhibit.

"We are looking forward to the restoration of the acquired cockpit artifact and installing it within the new Commemorative Park area at

the landing site," she said. "This current project will ensure that visitors to the Gimli area will have access to the history at all times, along with the information provided with the large section of the famous aircraft."

The annual fundraising dinner has become a highlight for aviation enthusiasts and community members alike, offering an opportunity to hear directly from those who played a role in the extraordinary event. Organizers say the evening not only raises funds but also helps ensure future generations understand the significance of the Gimli Glider story.

Tickets are available until Aug. 29 at the Gimli Glider Exhibit or online at www.gimliglider.org.

Riverton-Bifrost firefighters claim title at annual truck pull

By Katie Wallmuth

Crowds gathered in Winnipeg Beach on Aug. 9 for the Lance Spencer Memorial Annual Fire Truck Pull, where strength, teamwork and community spirit came together in support of the Firefighters Burn Fund.

The event, held each year to raise money for the volunteer-run initiative that assists burn survivors and their families, drew 12 determined teams competing for the coveted trophy.

For the past two years, the Gimli/Fraserwood squad had held an unshakable grip on first place, entering the day as undefeated reigning champions. After the first pull, Gimli/Fraserwood once again surged into the

lead, while Riverton-Bifrost Fire Department, Matlock and The Palomino were locked in a tie for second.

The competition went down to the wire, with the final pull proving a nail-biting finish. In a dramatic show of determination, Riverton-Bifrost Fire Department outlasted their rivals and broke Gimli/Fraserwood's winning streak, pulling their way to the championship.

The annual fundraiser not only honours the memory of Lance Spencer but also channels the strength of local fire departments and community members toward a cause that provides vital support to burn victims across Manitoba.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY KATIE WALLMUTH

Riverton-Bifrost Fire Department digs in during the final pull at the Lance Spencer Memorial Annual Fire Truck Pull in Winnipeg Beach on Aug. 9. Their effort powered them to the championship, snapping Gimli/Fraserwood's two-year winning streak.



> SILVER ALERT, FROM PG. 19

Knor said.

"It made me realize Brittany is right — there needs to be a silver alert sent to cell phones. A silver alert system going out to cell phones gives vulnerable adults a better chance to be found and brought home safely."

Raquel Dancho, MP for Kildonan-St. Paul, is supporting the petition and intends to bring it forward in the House of Commons when it resumes in the fall.

The petition notes that, according to the Alzheimer Society, nearly one million people in Canada will be living with dementia by 2030 and this number will increase to more than 1.7 million by 2050.

Public Safety Canada notes that 60 per cent of people living with dementia will go missing at some

point. If a person with Alzheimer's disease is not found within 12 hours of being lost, there is a 50 per cent chance they will be found injured or dead from hypothermia, dehydration or drowning. As a result, any search should be considered an emergency.

"There are many missing vulnerable adults all over Canada," Knor added. "It is not as many as children, but the numbers are still increasing."

To view the petition, visit ourcommons.ca/petitions and search for the petition called "e-6491 (Public Safety)." So far, the petition has garnered more than 3,300 signatures from across the country, with more than 1,900 coming from Manitoba.

Buffalo Creek Mills receives funding for processing expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

Buffalo Creek Mills in Altona will be doubling its capacity for oat-flaking and production thanks to a funding partnership of the federal and provincial government.

It is one of 19 food processors in Manitoba approved for funding for things like equipment upgrades, facility expansions, and new technologies that will improve efficiency, production capacity, and environmental performance.

The two levels of government are investing more than \$6 million to help grow the economy by increasing food production facilities and supporting jobs across Manitoba under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

"We've been very, very pleased with the involvement of both federal and provincial and local governments to assist us and the industry over the years ... they have been wonderful partners," said Buffalo Creek Mills CEO Ryan Penner. "I think the funding amount is probably in the order of about \$150,000 of potential benefit."

"Buffalo Creek Mills is aggressively working to increase our production capability of ready-to-eat products, and so this funding will assist us in solving that new equipment required to put that capacity in place," he explained. "We're very excited to receive that, and I think we are also excited to bring that additional level of production and to connect with the local producers to bring more product to market."



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Buffalo Creek Mills will use the money its receiving from the federal and provincial governments to purchase new equipment at its Altona processing plant.

"Over the last three years, we've entered a new market which is the human edible market. Before, we were more focused on pet food and feed ... so having that change with this new market to open that up further is exciting."

Penner emphasized they are fully

committed to building strong relationships with their oat producers, so it is exciting as well that this expansion will further support their partners.

"The more that we can bring in, the more that we can partner with and support the producers and grow the industry in southern Manitoba," he said, noting they plan to have the expansion completed by the end of 2026. "This is a great thing that supports our growth in southern Manitoba."

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3.5 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. It includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities, and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost shared 60 per cent federally and

40 per cent provincially-territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

"When we invest in food processors, we're helping them grow, stay competitive and ensure they can keep putting their high-quality food on tables here in Canada and around the world," said federal Agriculture and Agri-Food minister Heath MacDonald. "These projects will help build a stronger, more resilient food system while supporting good jobs in the process."

"These investments support our economy, strengthen our communities and ensure sustainable food security for generations," noted Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn. "By enhancing our local food infrastructure, we help to create jobs, reduce our carbon footprint and foster a resilient food system that benefits everyone."



> E-SCOOTER, FROM PG. 5

trates the inherent danger and absurdity of allowing unregulated devices driven by inexperienced individuals on public roadways," wrote Buckels. "It highlights the fundamental incompatibility of these vehicles with a safe and orderly traffic environment, es-

pecially in rural settings where dedicated infrastructure is limited."

The Express reached out to Gimli council asking what it's hearing from other residents regarding e-scooters, whether it feels public safety with regard to e-scooters driving down sidewalks and public roads falls under its purview and whether it's willing to

ban e-scooters from public thoroughfares, among other questions.

Council did not respond.

A provincial spokesperson said the government is looking at ways to establish regulations for e-scooter use.

"E-scooters are not currently regulated under the Highway Traffic Act, and there are no specific enforcement

measures or municipal by-laws in place at this time in Manitoba," said the spokesperson. "As the use of e-scooters continues to grow, the Manitoba government is actively exploring options to establish a regulatory framework to guide their safe and responsible use across the province."

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French-Style Cheesecake with Strawberries

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

1 row vanilla cream cookies, plus additional for topping

1/2 stick butter, melted

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

1 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, powdered sugar, divided

2 cups heavy whipping cream

4 tablespoons sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla

2 cups chopped strawberries, plus additional for topping

1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Crush cookies and mix with melted butter. Place in bottom of 9-inch springform pan and pat down until smooth.

With hand mixer, mix cream cheese and 1 cup powdered sugar.

In separate bowl, using hand mixer, beat heavy whipping cream, sugar and vanilla until formed into whipped cream.

Mix cream cheese and whipped cream. Mix remaining powdered sugar with chopped strawberries.

Pour half cream cheese mixture on top of crust in prepared pan. Spread evenly with spoon. Pour strawberry mixture on top and spread evenly with spoon. Top with remaining cream cheese mixture and spread evenly with spoon.

Refrigerate at least 3 hours, or overnight, before serving. Garnish with additional crushed cookies and strawberries.

Tips: For thicker crust, double cookies and butter. Substitute desired berries for strawberries.



Hamburger Baked Beans

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Servings: 4

1/2-1 pound ground beef

1/2 small onion, diced

2 tablespoons ketchup

1 teaspoon spicy mustard

28 ounces Bush's Original Baked Beans

In skillet over medium heat, cook ground beef with onion.

Drain fat. Add ketchup, mustard and baked beans. Stir together until heated through.

Grilled Chile Rellenos



Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 40 minutes

Servings: 6

6 large poblano chiles

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

2 jalapenos, seeded and chopped

1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon cumin

1 can (28 ounces) Bush's Vegetarian Baked Beans, drained

1 1/2 teaspoons hot sauce

12 ounces pepper jack or Monterey Jack cheese, coarsely grated, divided

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers:

If you read my columns regularly, you know I am a big advocate for planning. I have always believed that without a life plan and directional purpose it's hard to personally grow and prosper. The catch phrase used by many financial advisors is: "If you don't plan to succeed, you plan to fail." Now, I am not saying I still don't believe this – yes, planning helps you push yourself out of your comfort zone to accomplish more, forcing you to try harder and believe that you are worth success. We all know this to be true, but today I want to suggest we lower our expectations on life, just a little. You see, your happiness in life is irrevocably tied to your expectations.

Let's look at your current income. Income is a key predictor of life satisfaction and mental health, regardless of the actual amount you earn, and success is expected of you. If you were to get a raise today, but it was less than you expected or believed you were worth, you most likely would be less happy with this income increase. On the other hand, if you had more modest expectations, you would likely be happy with the raise. Now before you get all tied up in the fact that I am telling you to lower your outlook on life, I most certainly am not. Instead, I want you to avoid a "false-hope syndrome" where you stick to crazy expectations way past the point at which you should. False-hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism gives us the ability to expect the best and have a contingency plan for the worst. False-hope on the other hand, means we always need to expect the very best and generally ignore the worst when it occurs. Put another way, when facing an uncertain future, the rose-colored glasses of optimism serve us just fine, as long as we can take them off from time to time for a dose of reality. I believe self-improvement is always important, but it needs to be conducive to your happiness.



Having modest expectations in our relationships is also something that could reduce your stress and overall unhappiness. Believing that a coworker, partner, or child should provide you with a higher standard of care, interest, love or support only guarantees your disappointment. People will never live up to your expectations. When we let our expectations define our experience, we're far more likely to be disappointed, unhappy, and resentful. Usually, the actual situation is not as bad as we think it is, it's just different than our expectations.

Those positive or negative expectations will always be harmful to your future happiness. When your planned expectations are too high, you most likely will always experience disappointment, since things didn't work out the way you expected. But if you could bring your expectations down a bit, into a more modest viewpoint, you will be more likely to experience exactly what you expect and be content and happier with the outcome.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady
Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer and Syndicated Money Coach on BNN Bloomberg. Christine is also part of the everyday lineup on CTV Your Morning in every province. No AI. If you have a money question you want answered FREE – send it to: info@askthemoneylady.ca

salt, to taste

freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Cut poblano chiles in half lengthwise to create boats for filling; scrape out seeds.

In nonstick skillet, heat olive oil. Add onion, garlic, jalapenos, red bell pepper, cilantro and cumin; cook over medium heat until golden brown, about 4 minutes.

Remove pan from heat and stir in vegetarian baked beans, hot sauce and 8 ounces cheese. Add salt and pepper,

to taste.

Spoon mixture into hollowed chiles and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Preheat grill to medium heat.

Arrange chiles on grill away from heat. Cook until chiles are tender and cheese is browned and bubbling, 30-40 minutes.

Remove from grill and serve.

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Storm FC fall a step behind in playoff race

By Kieran Reimer

There's a month left in the regular season, and the schedule is only getting tougher for Storm FC.

Last week they ran into two top-five Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 4 clubs, hoping to pull off another pair of upsets.

On Tuesday, third-place Akal FC had its chance at a rematch after the Arborg-based club defeated them 4-1 earlier this season. This time it was a much closer contest, with both sides getting on the scoreboard at Buhler Recreation Park.

Akal benefited from the services of Division 4's leading goal scorer, Gurpreet Gill, who netted twice to lift them to a 2-1 victory. Dalen Penner scored the lone goal for Storm.

The result snapped Storm's two-game point streak and dropped them to 3-7-1 heading into Sunday's match

against fifth-ranked Real Sociedad, also at Buhler.

Storm entered just two points out of a playoff spot, but couldn't close the gap as Real's offence erupted for four goals in a 4-2 victory. Rogan Dueck and Keyler Klassen tallied for Storm in the defeat.

After back-to-back losses, Storm FC's playoff hopes remain alive, but the clock is ticking. They sit two points back of the final spot with a month's worth of games ahead, many of them rescheduled from earlier postponements.

This week offers a chance to climb back up as they take on ninth-place Mecs FC on Thursday at Buhler. Both teams will enter tied with 10 points. Mecs hold a 3-4-1 record while Storm stand at 3-8-1.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

Thunder kickoff weekend action



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Kaleb Lisecki of West St. Paul ran the ball for a touchdown in the first half as the Interlake Thunder PeeWees opened their season with a spirited 30-18 loss to the Eastman Raiders at home this past weekend. The Atoms fell 23-0 to the Portage Pitbulls in Portage la Prairie, while fans cheered on the Cruncher U10 Black and U10 Gold teams during their home openers in Stonewall.

Purvis cousins return from Canada Games with precious cargo

By Kieran Reimer

The Jeux du Canada Games are well underway with Team Manitoba already racking up hardware in St. John's, N.L.

As of Monday, Manitoba sat sixth on the medal chart with six gold, six silver and five bronze through the first 10 days of the two-and-a-half-week competition.

Responsible for a share of those medals were a pair of cousins who dominated the pool at The Works – Aquarena in St. John's.

Selkirk's Teagan Purvis, 22, and Winnipeg's Ben Purvis, 20, returned home last week with precious cargo after winning a combined six Special Olympics medals in swimming.

"It was very nice that both of us got medals and it was a really special moment," said Ben Purvis.

Ben earned a silver in the 50-metre backstroke and a bronze in the 100-metre backstroke in what was his first-ever Canada Games.

Teagan, meanwhile, spent her time in St. John's setting records and reclaiming medals she won back at the 2022 Games in Niagara.

This year she came home with triple gold in the 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle, along with a silver in the 50m breaststroke.

Her swim in the 50m backstroke also broke a Canada Games record that had stood for 20 years.

"I'm proud of myself. I worked very, very hard on it," said Teagan Purvis.

She might have added another medal in the 100m freestyle, but an accidental false start put her out of contention.

Teagan credits her coaches Melissa Diamond and Jamie Flint for helping her move past what could have been a crushing moment.

Team Manitoba athletes supported her and Ben every step of the way, as did their families who came out to watch them compete.

"I just love making my family proud," said Teagan.

Teagan's reign at the Games now comes to an end as she will age out of Canada Games eligibility.

Ben, however, remains eligible for one more, and he intends to return.

"It was awesome. I really loved the ceremonies, the teams were nice and everyone was very social. It was definitely something that I would work hard to do again," he said.

And while Teagan's time at the Games is over, she is already looking ahead to her next major competition — the 2026 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games, to be held Aug. 11-15 in Medicine Hat, Alta.

But before that, it's time to celebrate.

On Aug. 25, a drive-by celebration will be held in Teagan's honour to congratulate her on her accomplishments at this year's Games and throughout her swimming career.

The event will run from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Selkirk Waterfront, where people are encouraged to drive, bike or walk by to show their support.

Her sister, Zoey, is also competing at the Canada Games in girls' volleyball. Team Manitoba opens its tournament Tuesday against Team New Brunswick at 11:30 a.m. at The Works – Field House.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Selkirk's Teagan Purvis, 22, and Winnipeg's Ben Purvis, 20, celebrate their combined six medals at the 2025 Jeux du Canada Games in St. John's, N.L. The cousins' success helped Team Manitoba sit sixth on the medal chart.

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON BY-LAW NO. **09-2025**
Being an amendment to the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Zoning By-law No. 04-2024, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION:

Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Council Chambers
329 River Road, Arborg, MB

DATE & TIME:

September 11, 2025
9:00 am

APPLICATION:

MBR-25-04R

AFFECTED AREA:


Pt. SE ¼ section 4-22-4 EPM
Roll 82200

GENERAL INTENT:

To rezone an area in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton from "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "RCR" Recreation Residential Zone as per condition of subdivision approval.

FOR INFO CONTACT:

Eastern Interlake Planning District
Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer
62 – 2nd Avenue PO Box 1758 Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
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Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION:

RM of Gimli Council Chambers
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DATE & TIME:

September 11, 2025
6:30 pm

APP NO.:

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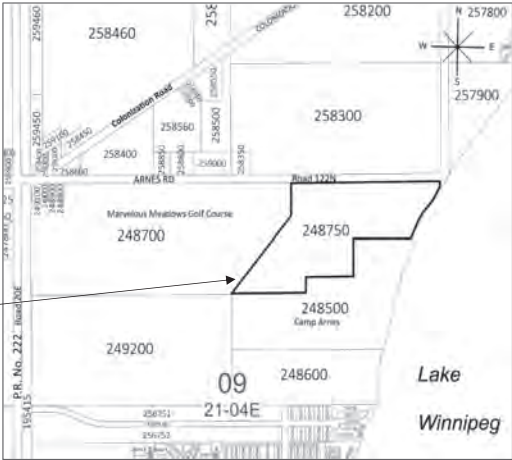
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GENERAL INTENT:

To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from "O" Open Space Zone to "SRR" Residential Resort Zone, for the construction of a dwelling on the parcel.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Ron Hahlweg
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- 32. Hat
- 35. In agreement
- 37. A person's brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units
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- 43. Performer ___ Lo Green
- 44. Beach accessory
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- 46. Partly digested food
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- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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6	1	3	4	6	8	2	5	7
8	2	5	7	3	1	4	9	6
4	6	7	5	2	9	1	8	3
1	3	2	9	8	6	7	4	5
6	5	8	2	4	7	9	3	1
7	9	4	3	1	9	6	2	8
3	8	9	6	7	4	5	1	2
2	4	6	1	5	3	8	7	9
5	7	1	8	9	2	3	6	4

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION
2026 ASSESSMENT ROLL &
2025 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2026 Assessment Roll and 2025 Supplemental Taxes** for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong have been delivered to the Municipal Office at Inwood, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications for revision made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property; or
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- (c) Set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the ground for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated below, or serving it upon the secretary, **on or before September 8, 2025.**

Colleen Mayer, Secretary Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Armstrong
Box 69, 1094 Hwy #17
Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0
Phone: (204)-278-3377
Fax: (204)-278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com



Town of Winnipeg Beach EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Winnipeg Beach is now accepting applications for the following contract position:

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Contract Duration: One Year (with possibility of renewal)
Start Date: Immediately

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To view the full job description and detailed responsibilities, please visit our website at: www.winnipegbeach.ca

Please forward applications to:
Town of Winnipeg Beach
By-Law Enforcement Officer Contract
Box 160

Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0

Email: admin@winnipegbeach.ca

Subject Line: Application – By-Law Enforcement Officer
Deadline for applications: August 27, 2025

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



PUBLIC NOTICE R.M. of West Interlake

Regarding Local Improvement Plan 2-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 318 of *The Municipal Act* that the council of the RM of West Interlake has scheduled a public hearing at the Ashern Municipal Office on the 9th of September, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the following local improvement plan:

Purchase of a 2024 Pumper Fire Truck from Fort Garry Fire Trucks to be levied on all taxable and grant-in-lieu properties in the RM of West Interlake.

Total cost of project is Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty dollars (\$767,360.00) of which the RM of West Interlake has secured funding from:

West Interlake Protective Services Reserve
in the amount of \$385,000.00

Ward 1 Fire Department Reserve in the amount of \$32,360.00

Borrowing from the Province of Manitoba
in the amount of \$350,000.00

The particulars of borrowing are for Three Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) over a 5 year term at an interest rate of 4.5% per annum.

Potential taxpayers wishing to object to the local improvement plan may file a notice of objection, by mail or in person, with the Chief Administrative Officer, at Box 370, Ashern, MB, R0C 0E0 no later than 9th of September, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. A notice of objection must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the property in respect of which is filed and state the grounds of objection.

Copies of the Local Improvement Plan No. 2-2025 are available for review and may be examined by any potential taxpayer during the regular office hours of the municipal office at 38 Main Street, Ashern.

Gary Campbell
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of West Interlake
August 8, 2025

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER CUSTODIAN – PERMANENT/PART TIME POSITION HODGSON TRANSFER SITE - HODGSON

The Rural Municipality of Fisher invites applications for the position of Custodian (permanent/part time) for the Hodgson Transfer Site.

Requirements for this position are:

- Valid driver's license
- The applicant must be prepared to obtain legislated certification that is required for the position.

Job Description: The Custodian is required to direct waste disposal and recycling activities, and perform other duties relating to maintenance of the site as assigned. Coverage to other locations as required.

Days/Hours: The Transfer Site is open two (2) days a week - Tuesdays, and Saturdays. Summer hours (T) 3 pm-8pm and (S) 9 am -5 pm Winter (T) 12 pm-5 pm and (S) 9 am-5 pm

Pay will be \$15.80 per hour and \$16.56 after 6 months. Blue Cross available. Resume, cover letter and three work related references to be submitted in confidence. **Deadline for applications is September 2, 2025 4:00 pm.**

RM of Fisher "Custodian Position-Hodgson"
P.O. Box 280
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OBITUARY

Walter Stanley Davidow

March 4 1933 - August 13 2025

Dad past quietly with his children by his side at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Walter was born and raised in Fisherton, MB. He is predeceased by his parents Fred and Anna Davidow, and his wife Josie Davidow.

Dad is survived by his son Lucky Davidow (Vanessa), daughters Koko Davidow, and Joann Hamrlik, grandchildren Hunter McPherson, Tyler, Chase, and Lendyn Larocque, Chantara and David Wadsworth, two great-grandchildren Blaire Lillequist and Walter McPherson.

Graveside service will be on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fisherton Cemetery, in Fisherton, MB.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Fisherton Cemetery.

Thank to Gord Wevursky with Fisher Funeral Home Inc.

FISHER FUNERAL HOME INC.

In care of arrangements.

204-372-6803 or 204-372-6271

OBITUARY

James Alfred Appleyard

May 6, 1939 to February 21, 2025

A Celebration of Life for James Appleyard will take place on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Grassmere Cemetery. Family warmly invites all to join them afterward for lunch and shared memories at the Ag Society Barn just south of Stonewall.



204-886-0404

OBITUARY

Gail Blahey

It is with deep sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of (Norma) Gail Blahey (nee Ching) at the St. Boniface Hospital on August 6, 2025.

Gail is survived by her beloved son Jeffrey, brother Lloyd, brother-in-law Carl, and sister-in-law Louise. Gail is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and one great-great-nephew, all of whom were the light of her life. Gail's cousins, neighbours and friends will all miss her greatly.

Gail was predeceased by her devoted husband Jim Blahey of 46 years, parents Victor and Norma Ching, in-laws Steven and Marie Blahey, uncle Gord (Ruth) Ching, uncle Vernon (Leona) Spangelo, her uncle Edgar (Phyllis) Spangelo, brother-in-law David, sisters-in-law Sandra and Ruthie and cousins Kathleen and Bev.

Gail was born in Morden, MB on June 2, 1952. She grew up on a family farm near Darlingford, Manitoba and after attending Lorne Country School, she finished her studies in Manitou. After school she moved to Winnipeg and worked for an insurance company. She married Jim in 1979 and they created a beautiful home together in Skylake, Manitoba near Arborg. She worked at Robinson's and then as a nurse's aide at the Arborg Personal Care Home, where she made many lifelong friends. Gail and Jim were blessed with Jeffrey and from that moment on she lived her dream of being a mother. Gail will be dearly missed by her community. She was a regular volunteer, serving as President of the Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary for many years. Gail was also a member of the Chatfield Community Club and always looked forward to getting together with the members to prepare the perogies, meatballs and other foods for the annual fall supper. She was a talented cook whose home cooking was always a treat and she loved sharing her recipes. She absolutely loved animals, sharing her home with many dogs and cats.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice are appreciated.

Thank you to the staff at the Gimli Community Health Centre and St. Boniface Hospital for the care they provided.



204-886-0404

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

STAFF HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT FOR INTERLAKE-EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (IERHA)



Capital Commercial Real Estate Services Inc. (Capital) has been engaged by the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA), in collaboration with Shared Health and community partners, as its Exclusive Broker Representation to identify opportunities for the development of staff housing accommodations in the community of Ashern, Manitoba.

The IERHA is seeking 20 units (minimum 450 sq. ft. each), and 3 single-family homes (minimum 1,200 sq. ft. each) in Ashern through ownership, leasing, or hybrid delivery models. The sites are to support both short-term (locum) and long-term (permanent) workforce housing.

This is not a formal tender. All EOI submissions for this requirement shall only be submitted by owners, developers, landlords, property managers and agents. If applicable, all submissions shall include a letter of authorization executed by the owner of the property to verify the authority to submit on behalf of the owner. Submissions must include, at a minimum, the following:

- A brief company profile and relevant experience (including remote, modular/pre-fabrication, sustainability best practices, and Indigenous partnership projects)
- An outline of potential delivery models (e.g., design-build, lease-back, modular construction, public-private partnership)
- Preliminary cost indications and timelines
- Considerations around property ownership, operations, and facility maintenance
- Any innovative financing, partnership, or governance models
- High-level architectural or conceptual design approaches (if available)

Interested parties are requested to submit their response to this EOI in PDF format to the following address no later than **August 29, 2025**:

Attn: Capital Commercial Real Estate Services Inc., 300-570 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G4

Email: marketing@capitalgrp.ca

Phone: 204-943-5700

Please indicate **File No. IERHA-2025-A** on all correspondence.



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100TH ANNUAL MEETING

Riverton Cooperative Association Ltd
is CELEBRATING THEIR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

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When: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Location: Riverton Curling Club (175 Reggie Leach Drive, Riverton MB)

We wish to extend a Special Invitation to past board members to attend

Riverton Coops 100 Year Anniversary AGM.

Agenda items to include:

Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting • Audit/Financial Report • FCL Delegate Report • General Managers Report • Board Report • Appointment of Auditors • Board Elections

Call For Board Members

Riverton Cooperative Association Ltd invites nominations for the positions of Director

Nominees must meet the qualifications and requirements specified in Coop's Bylaws.

Details on the qualifications and requirements can be picked up at Riverton Coop.

Contact Darlene at 204 378-2251.

Interest for board member must be submitted to Darlene by September 15 in writing.



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