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Gimli Glider fundraiser honours hero pilot

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Capt. Bob Pearson autographs a model of the Gimli Glider during the exhibit's fundraising dinner on Sept. 6 at the Gimli Recreation Centre. The signed model was later auctioned for \$500 to support the museum's plans to mount the cockpit of the famed Boeing 767 at a commemorative park near the airport.

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Tales from the cockpit mark 42nd anniversary of the Gimli Glider landing

By Patricia Barrett

Normally, you'd think an airline cockpit and the stuff that goes on within its confines rather dry material for a good meal with over 100 friends until you realize it's no ordinary cockpit as it housed two extraordinary pilots who saved everyone on board a passenger jet whose engines cut out at 41,000 feet and sent the plane into a freefall.

The cockpit of the Gimli Glider, an Air Canada Boeing 767 jet that was carrying 61 passengers and eight crew between Montreal and Edmonton on July 23, 1983, and the two pilots working its controls have gone down in aviation history.

And the Gimli Glider Exhibit's annual fundraising dinner on Sept. 6 at the Gimli Recreation Centre celebrated this most amazing feat of airmanship, as well as the return of the cockpit to Gimli where the museum plans to mount it at a commemorative park near the airport on land donated by the provincial government.

Capt. Bob Pearson, who was flying the commercial airliner on that fateful day 42 years ago, and the people who were there after he and co-pilot



Brendan Yanta, director of systems operations for Perimeter Airlines, was the guest speaker at the museum's fundraising dinner. He spoke about the unique challenges facing Manitoba pilots in the cockpit.

Maurice Quintal made an emergency landing on a former Royal Canadian Air Force base runway in Gimli, reminisced about the aviation emergency and their respective roles in what could have been a tragedy after a re-fuelling error between metric and imperial left the jet grossly short of gas required to complete its journey.

Capt. Pearson's gliding skills were




EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

From left: Steve Bannister: France Bannister (standing, floral blouse): Capt. Bob Pearson, who saved the passengers, crew and the plane: Pearl Dion (standing), who was a passenger on the Air Canada flight: and retired Gimli fire chief Gary MacGregor, who also saved the plane. Bannister, who's a member at large on the Gimli Glider Exhibit board and built the museum's cockpit simulator that visitors can play with, said the board did well securing the Gimli Glider's cockpit from an aircraft boneyard in the Mojave Desert where the passenger jet ended up after retirement and has been sold off piece-by-piece ever since.


second to none as he manoeuvred the huge powerless airliner into a sideslip to reduce altitude and speed on his approach to the Gimli runway, which unbeknownst to him and Quintal

(who knew of the runway's existence from his RCAF training days) had been decommissioned and converted

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into a racetrack — and had a race underway as they descended.

They saved the day, though, along with the plane, which was flown out a few days later after Air Canada repaired it. But Capt. Pearson said he had no idea there was a battery under the cockpit's floorboard that could have ignited after the landing with a collapsed nose gear. The focus of pilots on commercial airliners is flying the plane, not the inner components of it.

"I don't know any airline pilot that does know [about disconnecting the battery]. Maybe pilots on small aircraft that are more intimate with maintenance. But we relied totally on maintenance for everything. Normally, as a pilot on a commercial airplane, you don't even see maintenance," said Capt. Pearson, who with his partner Pearl Dion — who was a passenger on board the flight and met Pearson years after the landing — are the most down-to-earth people you're bound to meet and enjoy speaking to legions of Glider fans who are still mesmerized by the astonishing landing.

"As a pilot I would get on board about half an hour before departure. The fuelling would have been done before I got there and the maintenance work, too. We don't even get to

meet the people who fix our airplanes — you just trust them. You sign the log book authorizing the aircraft for flight. But I didn't know about the battery. As Gary [MacGregor] said, the battery could have exploded and the airplane could have burned. That was a \$60-million airplane back in 1983."

It was Gimli's fire chief Gary MacGregor who knew the battery had to be disconnected straightaway to prevent possible ignition.

MacGregor and his wife Paulette, who live in Gimli, became good friends with Capt. Pearson and Pearl Dion. They met Pearson years after the incident during after a coincidental encounter in eastern Canada where Pearson recognized MacGregor as the firefighter with the aircraft-battery knowhow. The two couples now regularly visit each other.

MacGregor joked that Pearson didn't know how to operate the 767 and it was incumbent upon him to step in to save it. The first thing he did that day when he arrived at the scene with a pumper truck was "get in the cockpit" and ask the captain where the battery was located to which Pearson replied that he didn't know.

"You have to disconnect the battery; that's the source of heat. I met this

guy here," said MacGregor, gesturing to Capt. Pearson sitting beside him. "I said to him, 'There should be a hatch in the floorboard.' And he says, 'Yeah, I think it's here.' So, we ripped up the carpet and we lifted the hatch and I got in there and disconnected the battery."

How did MacGregor know the importance of disconnecting a plane's battery? He used to build airplanes at the Saunders Aircraft company in Gimli and had also worked at Bristol Aerospace in Winnipeg.

"I had lots of experience with airplanes and I was taking my pilot's licence," said MacGregor, who has earned a number of prestigious honours for his service as a firefighter.

Retired RCMP officer, former Gimli Airport manager and commercial pilot Bob Munro said he had been on police duty that day when he was



Winnipegger James Kotowich paid for 50 per cent of the cost of the cockpit.

alerted by RCMP headquarters that a powerless passenger jet was on its way to Gimli.

"I remember when Capt. Pearson first touched down and the big timbers on the metal railing along the

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Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson with Pearl Dion and Capt. Bob Pearson. Johnson, who has tried out the flight simulator at the exhibit and managed to land the plane once after a number of crashes, spoke at the dinner. He recognized the volunteers and the exhibit board's hard work over the past 10 years or so to make the Gimli Glider museum a reality and for helping draw tourism to Gimli.

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racetrack went flying through the air as he was hitting them and knocking them out of position," said Munro.

The gliding manoeuvre Capt. Pearson executed to slow the plane and lose altitude was something he had been trained to do as glider pilot, said Munro, who used to tow up gliders for the Gimli Air Cadet flying program.

"But [to do that manoeuvre with] a plane that size is phenomenal. You don't practise that with a 767. In small planes, I've done it hundreds of times. I would come in high and purposely drop down and, at the last minute, land on the ground," said Munro. "Bob and Maurice didn't have any hydraulics and couldn't move the controls because they're so massive. But a little arm with a propeller [a backup feature of the 767] wound up enough hydraulics so that they could get control of the airplane. Until the 767s, it wasn't in airplanes. It was a new device called the RAT."

The only thing lost that day was one shoe, said Munro. The RCMP recovered everyone's belongings from the plane and took them to the passengers who had been housed and fed at the old Viking Hotel in Gimli.

"I was standing on a chair in a room

with about 80 people, and I held up a set of false teeth and said, 'We've got an item here. We're not sure who it belongs to. But perhaps someone can identify it,'" said Munro. "And a lady in the back put up her hand."

Pearl Dion recounted how it felt to be a passenger in the cabin as Pearson and Quintal dealt with the falling jet after the engines failed over Red Lake, Ont.

Dion said she had been travelling with her husband Rick Dion, a maintenance engineer with Air Canada who was off duty at the time and travelling as a passenger. The couple was flying with their three-year-old son, Chris. Rick went to visit Pearson and Quintal in the cockpit to talk about the brand new 767. When an audible warning in the cockpit went off, she said Rick "knew" they were out of gas.

"We just couldn't believe [we survived]. Even Rick thought we were goners, that we were going to crash," said Dion. "He couldn't believe Bob could have landed that airplane."

She and Chris had been watching a movie while Rick was in the cockpit, she said. Suddenly, everything went dark in the cabin. The crew told them to go back to their seats and started putting them through emergency procedures.

"You go into shock and you just



Retired RCMP officer Bob Munro with Gimli Glider Exhibit president Barb Gluck. Munro took charge of the Gimli Glider scene after the plane glided onto the racetrack beside the Gimli Airport and everyone on board survived.



Glen Hooper, member of the Gimli Glider Exhibit board, drove down to the Mojave Desert in California this summer and brought back the cockpit and some humorous tales of his journey.

don't know what's going on. We knew something was terribly wrong. When Rick came back to the seat, he knew we were out of gas," she said. "I asked him, 'What is the matter?' ... and he said, 'We're a little short of gas.' I said, 'How short?' He said, 'Just a little' because he didn't want to scare me."

She said she and Pearson are "amazed everyone is still interested in the story" and that Pearson typically gets recognized wherever they travel.

Gimli Glider exhibit board mem-

ber Glen Hooper drove to the Mojave Desert this summer to pick up the cockpit of the retired airliner and brought it back to Canada. The board purchased the cockpit with the help of a generous donor.

Hooper took questions from guests about his trip through the U.S., telling them about his ICE-free entry to Canada on June 27 with the cockpit in tow and some amusing stories along his 7,000-kilometre round-trip journey that took seven days.

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"My first day driving back from Henderson, Nevada, just south of Las Vegas, I was fuelling up and a little kid maybe 11 or 12 says, 'Look Mom, there's the cockpit of the Space Shuttle that blew up over Texas,'" said Hooper. "So at I looked at the cockpit and thought that kid's not that far off."

What made the purchase of the cockpit possible was Winnipegger James Kotowich, who asked exhibit president Barb Gluck last year what her dream was in terms of the museum. When she told him it was buying the plane's cockpit, he offered to pay 50 per cent of the cost.

Kotowich said the glider is an important piece of history that landed in Gimli's backyard.

"This is an important piece of history not only for Gimli but the entire province and the world. This aircraft was landed by a man with great skill and who changed aviation throughout the entire world. When you're learning to be a commercial pilot now, you're taught how to land an aircraft like Capt. Pearson had to," said Kotowich.

The board is "passionate" about the Glider and preserving its history, and Kotowich said he himself has a "real attachment" to the aircraft as his aunt worked at Air Canada as secretary to the one of the company's vice-presidents.

"I did this for my aunt because she was proud of Air Canada. When this incident happened, she chewed her boss out because his reaction as an administrator was, 'We'll go with company lines.' Capt. Pearson probably knows what I'm alluding to," said Kotowich, referring to Air Canada's having disciplined Pearson and Quintal for the ground crew's fuel error. "She was mad at them because they didn't support an Air Canada employee. There were an awful lot of pilots who demanded manual dipping of fuel tanks after that because they wanted to make sure this would never happen again ... and they wanted to tell management this was not pilot error."

Special guest speaker Brendan Yanta, director of systems operations at Perimeter Aviation, told dinner

guests that pilots working the cockpit controls face a number of challenges when flying in Manitoba — which ironically is one of the best places to train as a pilot because of its flat terrain in the south.

The province's challenges include temperature extremes, remotely located communities in the north, lack of infrastructure in the north with gravel runways, no air-traffic control, limited ground crew, lack of navigational lighting and wildlife on runways, as well as trouble finding enough pilots willing to fly the north.

"Northern Manitoba represents one of the most operationally demanding environments for commercial aviation. The region is divided by vast, sparsely populated landscapes contrasted by boreal forests or rugged rock formations, tundra and seemingly endless lakes and rivers," said Yanta. "Within this isolated geography there are dozens of small communities, many of which have no year-round road access. For these communities, aviation is not a convenience or a means to a vacation or a business meeting but a critical lifeline. Many community services depend entirely upon air transportation."

The dinner wrapped up with questions from the guests for Capt. Pearson and Pearl Dion, prize draws and remarks from Gimli Glider Exhibit president Barb Gluck.

Gluck thanked the provincial government for donating the land at the airport where the Gimli Glider cockpit will be mounted, as well as the exhibit's board members and volunteers. She also thanked Kotowich for his donation and said she preferred to keep the total cost of the cockpit private.

Council backs Terry Fox



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Town of Arborg council members and CAO challenged each other to make personal donations toward the Arborg Terry Fox Run, contributing a combined total of \$1,750. Pictured left to right: Ron Rogowsky, Rob Thorsteinson, Donna Gislason, Peter Dueck, Ron Johnston and CAO Cindy Stansell.

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Fisher Branch schools to host Terry Fox Runs on Sept. 19

By E. Antonio

The Terry Fox Foundation is marking the 45th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, and Fisher Branch will be joining the nationwide celebration on Sept. 19. Both Fisher Branch Early Years School (FBEYS) and Fisher Branch Collegiate are hosting runs, inviting staff, students and community members to honour the Canadian hero.

Because there is no community-wide run planned in Fisher Branch, the schools are encouraging the wider community to participate alongside them.

At Fisher Branch Collegiate, the day begins with a short presentation in the gym at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Terry Fox Run. Afterwards, everyone is welcome at a community barbecue at the Fisher Branch Health Centre from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the afternoon, FBEYS will host its run from 2 to 3 p.m. Teacher Shauna Smith said students have spent the week learning about Terry's legacy and the importance of raising money for cancer research, especially in light of the foundation's 45th anniversary.

"Informational and motivational announcements will be read over the intercom to spark enthusiasm and increase understanding. Students receive stickers — on which they can write down who they are running for — and tattoos on the day of the run," she said.

Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, in St. John's, N.L., running 5,373 kilometres in 143 days. He was forced to stop near Thunder Bay, Ont., when cancer spread to his lungs. He died on June 27, 1981. Since then, communities across Canada have carried on his mission, raising more than \$900 million for cancer research through Terry Fox Runs.

Both schools are collecting donations. Students have been sent home with pledge forms, and contributions can also be made online at <https://tff-schools.crowdfunder.net> by searching for the school's name. FBEYS has set a fundraising goal of \$2,600, building on last year's total.

Smith said students will enjoy special rewards along the way.

"Once we raise \$1,000, the students will earn an extra-long recess. If we can get all the way to \$2,600, a special celebration event will be planned for the students," she said.

Carissa Robb, Terry Fox Foundation Manitoba and Saskatchewan director of community development, said she would love to see Fisher Branch eventually host a community run outside of school hours. Thousands of Canadians took part in their own community Terry Fox Runs on Sept. 14 in support of cancer research.

"Everyone has been touched by cancer in some form. Being a part of the

Terry Fox Run means contributing to the cancer research that allows survival rates to increase each year and gives hope to so many people," she said. "It's about being a part of something bigger that has a real and personal impact."

She invited anyone interested in hosting a run in Fisher Branch — or any other Manitoban community without one — to inquire with the Terry Fox Foundation by phoning 1-888-836-9786, visiting terryfox.org or emailing mb@terryfox.org.

"What we look for is passion. Someone who understands the importance of raising funds to support the research that will eventually put an end to cancer," Robb said.

She noted that hosts should know where the run can take place and how to promote it, but the foundation provides support every step of the way, including how-to guides for organizing and handling donations.

"We are so close to making big discoveries in cancer identification and treatment. We need financial support to make it happen," she said.

"Through the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres Network, scientists and clinicians from across Canada — including in Manitoba — are sharing information, discoveries and data in unprecedented ways. The more money raised for cancer research, the better for all of us."

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Curriculum made easy with virtual teaching platform

By E. Antonio

Educator Liz Halina hopes every teacher in the province can enjoy a stress-free, organized and engaging school year.

Halina, who grew up in Selkirk, is a Nelson educator and classroom success specialist. She is passionate about supporting fellow teachers and sharing the benefits of Edwin — Nelson’s online platform that offers curriculum-based lessons and resources designed for Canadian educators.

“I can’t even begin to count how many resources there are,” she said. “The possibilities are nearly endless.”

In Manitoba, Edwin provides curriculum-aligned content for core subjects from grades 2 through 10, including newly developed material supporting the recently updated provincial science curriculum. Halina said the update was long overdue.

“Manitoba put in a lot of work and collaboration into creating this curriculum. The most important thing is that it encourages students to explore the world and themselves — questioning, experiencing and connecting with information, rather than just memorizing facts and figures,” she said. “It allows students to engage with topics on a personal, social, political and economic level. It gives them a voice and helps develop agency, guiding their decisions both inside and outside the classroom.”

While adapting to a new curriculum can be challenging, Edwin is designed to ease the transition by offering comprehensive lessons, interactive activities, videos, planning tools, assessment resources and learning supports. The content is cross-curricular, often bridging multiple subjects.

“Yes, it’s about science,” Halina explained, “but it’s also about understanding different ways of life. Through communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, citi-



Selkirk’s Liz Halina is a Nelson educator and classroom success specialist who works with teachers across Canada promoting the Edwin program.

zenship and connecting to self — the six global competencies — students are able to live the good life, or Mino-Pimatisiwin.”

Edwin’s content is created by a team of education professionals who consult with local experts for insight and perspective. Content is added regularly, and the team incorporates user feedback when developing new material. Teachers can customize lessons to fit their students’ needs, save notes, organize small-group activities and track progress.

In the 2024–25 school year, the most accessed collection was Toward Reconciliation, highlighting the platform’s responsiveness to user requests.

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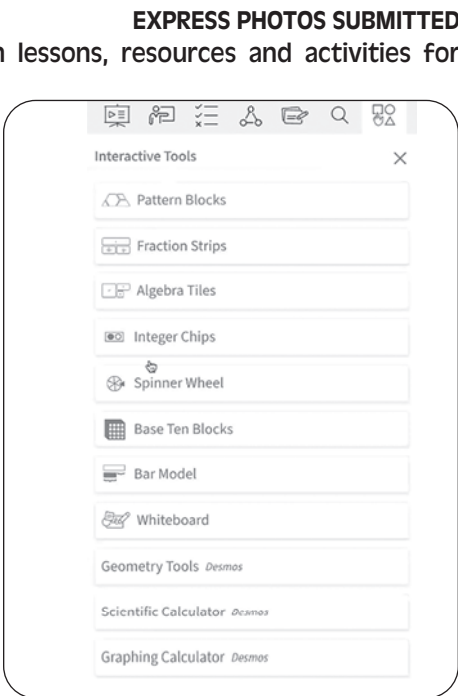
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Halina’s favourite features include the “Self-Check” tool and a wide range of built-in resources such as graphing and scientific calculators, fraction tiles, digital whiteboards and number blocks.

“It’s more than just a static page,” she said. “It makes it easier for teachers who are overworked and overburdened — anything you can do to make their lives easier is a win for us all. I really wish I had something like this when I was teaching full time in the classroom.”

User feedback shows both teachers and students find Edwin easy to use and student-friendly. They also value lessons on current topics such as the spring wildfires and the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

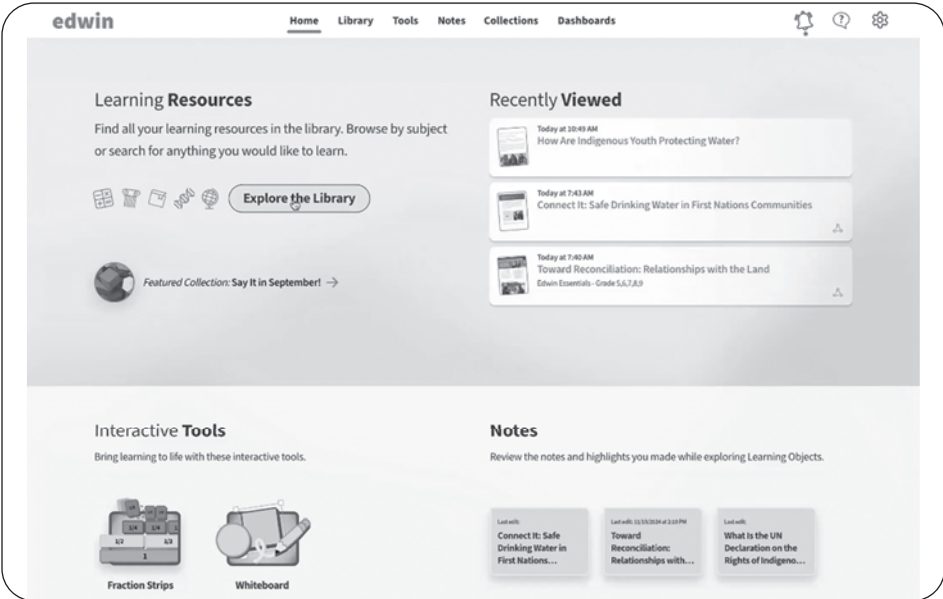
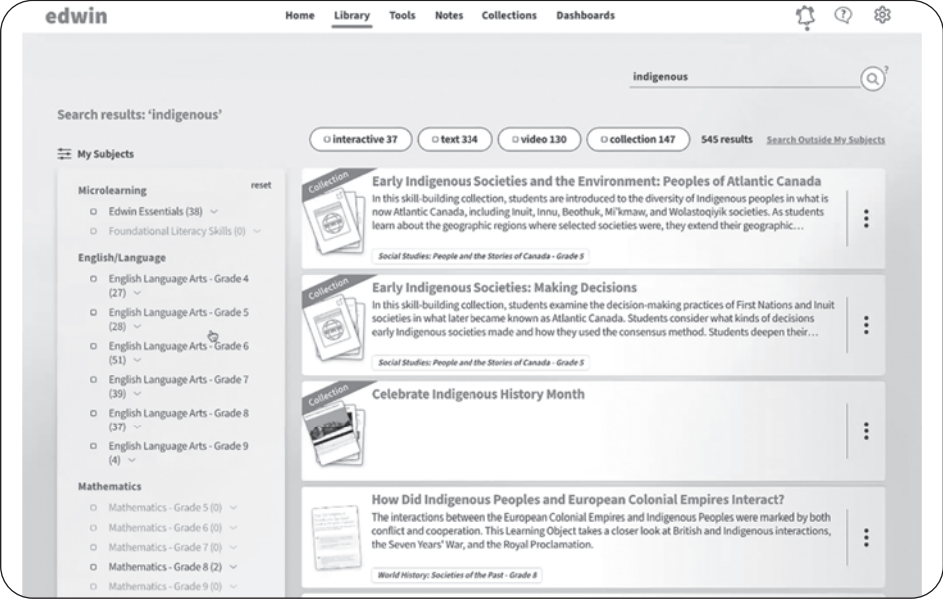
“These are things that are affecting students right now in their daily lives. It is important for teachers to address things that are currently happening, and it is important that they have access to these educational resources,”



Interactive tools are built directly into the Edwin website.

Halina said. “We are giving students the chance to come up with creative solutions to the challenges we are fac-

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Lakeshore wellness hub opens in former curling rink

By Lana Meier

The former curling rink in Ashern has been transformed into a year-round Health, Wellness and Active Living Centre that aims to serve more than 6,000 residents across the North-West Interlake.

The Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission (LRWC), a non-profit, says the barrier-free facility will provide inclusive programming for families, seniors, youth and people with mobility needs. Features include a cardio and strength gym, indoor walking track, pickleball and shuffleboard courts, a dance and yoga studio, and multi-purpose rooms.

"By repurposing the former curling rink, we have preserved an important piece of community history while creating a modern facility that meets the needs of today and tomorrow," said Tim Cameron, past-president of the LRWC. "This project is about bringing people together, improving health and wellness, and strengthening the quality of life in our region."

Cameron said the idea began in 2016 when the ice plant required major repairs and the curling club decided to fold.

"A group was formed to find a use for the building, which was built in 1974," he explained. "A community needs assessment showed a strong wish for a year-round, multi-use, accessible and regional recreation facility. That really set us on the path."

Planning began in 2019 with the formation of a 14-member volunteer board. Since then, fundraising has included everything from ball tournaments and duck races to raffles and dinners, supported by accessibility and community grants, municipal contributions and corporate sponsorships.

"We've had incredible local support," Cameron said. "Access Credit Union and Federated Co-op helped us name the studio and the walking track, and dozens of volunteers pitched in with painting, construction and cleaning. It's hard to put a number on it, but I'd say well over 100 people have helped in some way."

Accessibility has been a priority from the outset. The three-level build-

ing now has exterior and interior ramps, four accessible washrooms, and modified doors.

"People told us they needed barrier-free washrooms and a way to move between levels safely. We knew those changes had to be front and centre," Cameron said.

Community input also shaped the design.

"Residents asked for a walking track, especially in winter, along with a cardio gym, pickleball, shuffleboard and social spaces," Cameron noted. "It's the same spirit as when the very first curling rink was built in 1947 — a place to gather, stay active and connect."

Memberships will be offered at daily, monthly, annual and lifetime rates, with subsidies available through corporate programs.

"We've strived to keep fees reasonable and accessible," Cameron said. "Active living promotes a happier, healthier and stronger community, and we don't want affordability to be a barrier."

Programming has already started to bring the new facility to life.

"We offered guitar jams where people could bring their instruments and play along with lyrics on a big screen, which turned into a really fun social night," Cameron said. "Chair yoga, kids' yoga and games for families have been popular too."

With the official opening, new activities will include floor shuffleboard, table tennis, junior pickleball, floor hockey, indoor soccer and walking groups on the Co-op Community Spaces Walking Track. The Access Credit Union Studio will host yoga, crafting, puzzle-making and community-led classes.

"We hope to see people of all ages and backgrounds using the space," Cameron added. "It could be a senior trying chair yoga, a youth playing floor hockey or parents bringing strollers to the walking track. It's about blending health with social connection."

Much of the project has been powered by local volunteerism. Community members helped with every step — from painting and cleaning, to



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The new pickleball courts at the Lakeshore Regional Wellness Centre in Ashern are part of the transformation of the former curling rink into a year-round health, wellness and active living facility for the North-West Interlake.

moving equipment, selling raffle tickets and donating supplies.

"The community has been amazing — we couldn't have done it without them," Cameron said. "I'm sure we've had well over 100 volunteers contribute their time and energy."

To keep that spirit alive, the commission is forming a new group called Friends of the Wellness Centre.

"It's a way to encourage ongoing volunteerism," Cameron explained. "We'll have opportunities for people to pitch in at events, help with programming or lend a hand around the facility. And we want to recognize those contributions through appreciation rewards."

Partnerships are also growing. The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is supplying equipment through the Healthy Together Now program, and outreach is underway to schools and Indigenous groups.

"We want to see beadwork, ribbon skirt making, Indigenous teachings and multicultural sessions alongside sports and fitness," Cameron said. "This is about wellness in every sense — physical, social and cultural."

The centre is designed to welcome residents of two municipalities and five First Nations and Métis communities.

"Medical transportation drivers and patients will be welcomed while they're in town, and the travelling public up and down Highway 6 will have a place to stop, stretch and connect," Cameron said.

A grand opening and wellness expo

is set for Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at the centre and adjacent Centennial Hall. The free event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an opening ceremony at 1 p.m. It will feature guided tours, health and wellness exhibitors, demonstrations and family activities.

"The expo is our chance to showcase what the centre can offer," Cameron said. "There will be yoga, pickleball, floor shuffleboard, live demos and exhibits from groups like CancerCare Manitoba and the Alzheimer Society. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and True North Sports have even donated prizes for our free draws."

Cameron added that the project is still evolving, with future plans including a covered solarium addition to enclose the accessibility ramps, green landscaping and solar panels.

"Our end goal is a community that is healthier and stronger together," he said. "We hope this facility inspires people to invest in themselves and in each other."

EVENT AT A GLANCE

What: Lakeshore Regional Wellness Centre Grand Opening & Wellness Expo

When: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (opening ceremony 1 p.m.)

Where: Lakeshore Regional Wellness Centre & Centennial Hall, Ashern, Man.

Cost: Free admission (exhibitors free as well)



Gimli RCMP investigate serious collision on Highway 8

By Haley Cvar

A 31-year-old man from The Pas was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries after a two-vehicle collision on Highway 8 in the RM of Gimli on Sept. 10.

Police said Selkirk RCMP first received a report around 2:05 p.m. of

an erratic driver travelling north on Highway 9 in the RM of St. Andrews. Less than an hour later, at 2:50 p.m., Gimli RCMP responded to a serious crash at the intersection of Highway 8 and Highway 229.

According to RCMP, an SUV travelling west on Highway 229 failed to

stop at a mandatory stop sign and entered the intersection, where it collided with a semi-truck heading south on Highway 8. The impact caused the semi to roll onto its side in the west ditch, while the SUV came to rest in the northbound lane of Highway 8.

Investigators later confirmed the

SUV was the same vehicle reported for erratic driving earlier in the afternoon.

The semi-truck driver was not injured.

Gimli RCMP, assisted by a forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

Win tickets to Ikons of Rock Winnipeg concert Sept. 29

By Lana Meier

Stonewall's own Darren Moore is bringing his Las Vegas-based band Ikons of Rock back to Manitoba for a Canadian tour stop at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall on Sept. 29.

The band, known for its spot-on im-

personations of classic rock legends from Fleetwood Mac to Ozzy Osbourne, will hit the stage just months before starting a one-year residency at the Hard Rock Café Las Vegas Strip.

We're giving one lucky reader the chance to win a pair of tickets to the

Winnipeg show plus a shirt of their choice from the merch table.

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Send entries to jen@stonewallteu-

lontribune.ca with "Ikons of Rock contest" in the subject line on or before Sept. 26.

The winner will be contacted directly and featured in the paper after the show — along with a photo of them at the concert.

Correction

Staff

A photo credit in the Sept. 4 edition of the *Express Weekly News* was incorrect. Photos accompanying the article "Dunnottar residents walk to protect Lake Winnipeg's future" were taken by Carla Buelow, not Mackenzie Nicolle.

The *Express* regrets the error.

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No Shot Racing draws riders to Oak Point for mud and grass drags

By Lana Meier

Quad engines roared and mud flew as No Shot Racing hosted its second Oak Point Mud and Grass Drags Sept. 5 and 6, drawing racers, families and fans to the lakeside community for two days of head-to-head action.

The event featured grass drags on Friday and mud races on Saturday, with competitors ranging from youth riders to seasoned open-class veterans. Jayden Allary, who co-hosted the event with his brother Bryce, said the team's goal was simple: to share the sport they love while building a tradition in Oak Point.

"Our main goal hosting the event is to have our friends and family come and enjoy the sport we love as well as add to the list of events we already attend and give an opportunity for other race teams to compete," Allary said.

Preparation for the weekend began long before the first quad hit the oval track. Allary credited volunteers and sponsors, particularly Waasa Indigenous Services, for supplying equipment and operators to shape a competitive course.

"Without the track, we wouldn't be able to race, so the volunteers and sponsors definitely helped us get the track in the right condition," he said.

Unlike most race weekends, Oak Point's event included both grass and mud racing — something Allary hopes will help attract newcomers.

"We are one of the few events that do grass drags, so I feel like that's a unique way that will get more people involved because not everyone wants to race on the mud track," he said.

Racing was organized in brackets, with riders matched head-to-head in single-knockout heats across about a dozen classes, divided by engine size from youth quads to the high-powered open class. The oval track required two laps to decide each winner, usually with two or three quads running side-by-side. Speeds reached up to 110 km/h on the grass and 75 km/h in the mud, with water depths ranging from eight inches to 2.5 feet. Trophies were handed out to the top



Rogan Pozernick of Poz Boys Racing powers through the course.

three in each class — about 36 in total — and entry fees were paid back out as prize money.

"The open class is the biggest and most sought after to compete in and watch," Allary said. "It has the fastest and most expensive quads, so that makes it the most interesting."

Attendance was smaller than at some other races across the province, but organizers see that as room to grow. Free camping and a live band rounded out the weekend as No Shot Racing worked to make the Oak Point event as much a community gathering as a competition.

"Our races in Oak Point are a little smaller compared to others that we have been to, but this is why we are putting it out there that we want to grow our event into more than just races," Allary said. "Hopefully in the coming years we can grow it into an event that people look forward to every year."

Youth classes, he added, remain the heart of the sport.

"The most loyal group of racers that we have are the youth classes, which in my opinion are the future of our sport," Allary said.

Looking ahead, No Shot Racing plans to expand to two events in 2026 — one in early summer and another in the fall.

"We have already started planning for next year," Allary said. "We hope to see everyone there."

If interested you can follow their Facebook page No Shot Racing.



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Brothers Bryce (left) and Jayden Allary of No Shot Racing co-hosted the Oak Point event.



Stephan Weibe of No Shot Racing (left) and Gyn Sinclair of Heartbreaker Racing fly off the line.



No Shot Racing co-hosts Bryce Allary (left) and Stephan Weibe (right) with youth winners, with youth winners, Where's the Finish Racing's Leo Michaleski and Team DGR's Remy Dinwoodie.



Dominic Abbors of Team Not Normal (left) and Austin Courchene of CPS Racing battle in the mud during the Oak Point Mud and Grass Drags.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Pumpkin Pie Kefir Smoothie

1 cup Maple Hill Creamery Vanilla Kefir, plus additional for serving
20 grams unflavored collagen peptides

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/4 cup ice
ground cinnamon, to taste

In high-speed blender, blend banana, pumpkin puree, 1 cup vanilla kefir, collagen peptides, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice and ice until smooth.

In glass, add drizzle of additional vanilla kefir then layer smoothie on top. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon, to taste.

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1/2 frozen banana
3 tablespoons pumpkin puree



Fresh Salad with Grilled Strawberries and Celery, Berries and Burrata

make dressing. In jar, mix orange juice, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, honey, olive oil and salt.

Cut grilled and remaining raw celery sticks at angle into 1/4-inch pieces.

In mixing bowl, toss celery, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, burrata, arugula and hemp seeds with dressing. Mix well.

Recipe courtesy of Marie Reginato on behalf of Duda Farm Fresh Foods

Servings: 2

Salad:

4 sticks Dandy Celery, divided
4 strawberries, cut in half
1 handful blackberries
blueberries
raspberries
1 medium burrata ball, cut in half
3 cups arugula
1 handful hemp seeds

Dressing:

3 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 pinch sea salt

Using grill pan or directly on grill, cook two celery sticks and strawberries until soft with grill marks on either side.

While celery and strawberries grill,



What makes weight loss so challenging for some people?

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

After I stepped away from training competitive athletes for fitness contests, it seemed nearly every client who walked through my door had the same goal: weight loss. It's common to struggle to shed fat—especially around the midsection—and research shows it can be more difficult for some people than for others.

Fair or not, genetics plays a major role in body composition and response to food. Some genes are linked to a higher risk of obesity, while others affect fat storage, appetite or metabolic health. Age is another factor you can't control; it influences the rate at which your body converts food into energy (your metabolism). Hormonal imbalances can slow metabolism and lead to weight gain. So can alcohol use, stress, poor sleep and chronic inactivity.

Rather than feel discouraged about what you can't control, use this information as motivation to focus on what you can—your nutrition. Working with an expert can help you identify the dietary choices that support your individual goals.

Regular exercise and healthy daily habits also make weight loss easier. If behaviour change has such impact, it's a no-brainer to build movement into your routine. Environment matters too, but Manitoba offers plenty of options—great hiking trails and fun indoor classes



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

for all fitness levels. If you're navigating other barriers, such as limited access to healthy food or a tight budget, ask for help. Two brains are better than one when it comes to finding creative ways to get fit and break through plateaus.

Discuss your health goals or fitness challenges by booking a free online consultation: www.calendly.com/juliegermaine, or email me at julie@juliegermaine.com.

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to lifelong health. She is an active mom, a registered personal trainer, a two-time pro fitness champion, and a certified nutrition expert and fitness specialist. She has helped thousands worldwide improve their health since 2005.

Thai Lime Chicken Salad

Servings: 4

4 stalks Dandy Celery, sliced on bias
1 cucumber, split, seeded and sliced on bias
2 carrots, peeled and julienned
2 cups Jasmine rice, cooked and cooled slightly
1 bunch scallions, green section finely chopped and white ends julienned
2 cups poached chicken breast, shredded

3 tablespoons avocado seed oil
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 tablespoon palm sugar
2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
2 tablespoons lime juice

2 tablespoons tamari
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1/2 teaspoon crushed chili flakes (optional)
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
1 cup roasted peanuts or cashews, crushed

1 cup fresh cilantro sprigs
4 lime wedges
In medium bowl, combine celery, cucumbers, carrots, cooked rice, scallions and shredded chicken.

In another bowl, whisk avocado seed oil, rice vinegar, palm sugar, sesame oil, lime juice, tamari, fish sauce and chili flakes, if desired, until sugar is dissolved. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

Pour mixture over celery and shredded chicken mixture; toss to mix.

To serve, portion out salad and top with crushed nuts, cilantro sprigs and lime wedges.

Young actors bring fairytales to life in Into the Woods Jr.

By Annaliese Meier

The Creative Cocoon is set to raise the curtain on its latest youth production, *Into the Woods Jr.*, bringing fairytales and fresh talent to the Arborg Bifrost Community Hall on Sept. 20.

The musical features 13 students from Riverton, Gimli, Arborg and surrounding areas, aged 10 to 13. Lisa Klym, co-chair of The Creative Cocoon, said the show is a chance to showcase their skills and enthusiasm on stage.

"The Creative Cocoon is thrilled to announce our upcoming community production," Klym said. "We're excited to showcase their skills and enthusiasm on stage."

For cast member Meadows Naylor, the production is a second time performing with the group after playing the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"I had so much fun, and I wanted to do another performance," she said.

This time she takes on the role of the Baker, a character she described as "a loving and caring husband, but also bossy and insecure." Naylor said performing duets and dance scenes with her stage wife, Isabel Klym, has been a highlight of rehearsals.

She added that improv exercises

have been her favourite part of preparation.

"It can be really funny to see what people come up with," she said.

Naylor said she is especially excited for audiences to see the opening scene, which took weeks to perfect.

Directors Amy Platt and Emilie Cardinal said the young cast has grown immensely since rehearsals began. Platt, who grew up performing in the Arborg community hall, said choosing *Into the Woods Jr.* was personal.

"As a long-time theatre lover, *Into the Woods* has always been a show I hold close to my heart," she said. "We knew the kids would love it, and the locals who come to see our production would find comfort in seeing recognizable characters like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack."

Platt said the focus has not been perfection but exploration and confidence.

"We've really seen these kids come out of their shells," she said. "It's never been our main concern to make these kids perfect. What we're focused on is helping them explore the arts, let loose, have fun and grow from the experience."

Cardinal said the production has



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Cast members of The Creative Cocoon's youth theatre program gather ahead of their upcoming production of *Into the Woods Jr.*, set for Sept. 20 at the Arborg Bifrost Community Hall. The musical features 13 young performers from Riverton, Gimli, Arborg and surrounding areas, aged 10 to 13.

been shaped by community input and support. Local artists contributed to set design, and parents have gone out of their way to support rehearsals.

"The support has been incredible," she said. "Parents have gone out of

their way to bring their children to rehearsals, and the community has rallied behind us with sponsorships and advertising. Their generosity has

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made this production possible.”

Platt credited volunteer Brenda Gulay for helping students master the show’s intricate music.

“She made the rehearsal process so much smoother, and we couldn’t have done it without her,” she said.

The directors also see the production as the beginning of something larger.

“This is just the beginning,” Platt said. “It’s so important to have programs like this in small towns. It makes art more accessible for everyone, and it keeps the community alive.”

Cardinal agreed, adding they hope to build a tradition.

“Our hope is to establish this as a yearly tradition here in Arborg,” she said. “One that continues to nurture young talent and bring the community together through the arts.”

Naylor, for her part, said the experience has taught her lasting lessons.

“I think the musical shows us to do the hard things in life, and good things will come,” she said. “We need to not always take the easy road, and it will be worth it in the end.”

Into the Woods Jr. runs Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Arborg Bifrost Community Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by emailing info@thecreativecocoon.ca



Cast members sort through racks of costumes in preparation for The Creative Cocoon's youth production of *Into the Woods Jr.*

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“My desire to serve began when my oldest child started school. I wanted to ensure that parent voice was present at the board table and be involved in contributing to public education — and that commitment has never wavered.”

Gladys has served on over 25 committees, including roles as Vice-Chair, Finance Chair, and currently as Chair of the Policy Review and Employee Recognition Committees. She is a strong supporter of initiatives such as our Band and Music Program, Literacy and Reading Initiatives, RTI programming, and more.

Her proudest moments come from building lasting relationships throughout the school community and ensuring fair and equal opportunities for all students. She lives by the belief that *“it takes a whole community to raise a child.”*

Fun fact: Gladys has spearheaded a Centennial Heritage Project and volunteers or has volunteered with the local Sports Club, Community Hall, Stand with Ukraine, and Canada GenWeb. She’s currently working on a project recognizing former school districts of Evergreen School Division prior to consolidation.





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Stoney Acre salvages pumpkins after crop losses

By Lana Meier

A string of early frosts has cut deep into Stoney Acre Farms' pumpkin and corn crops, capping off what Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk call one of the most challenging growing seasons they've faced.

The Fraserwood couple, who grow strawberries, corn and pumpkins, said their season began with hurdles long before the first frost.

"Our season starts in early May when we bring the strawberries out of dormancy and plant new plants, followed by planting sweet corn and pumpkins," said Mike Melnychuk. "The dry weather that followed planting is when problems started happening. In the strawberries we had sluggish growth, despite irrigation nothing replaces rain. Then severe wildlife damage at the hooves of white-tail deer caused a crop loss of well over 10,000 pounds of fruit."

Pumpkins and corn, seeded on about 1.25 acres, also got off to a shaky start with poor germination and high weed pressure. Still, by late summer, optimism returned.

"Every day we would go out and see positive growth," said Melnychuk. "By early September we had pumpkins ripening and sweet corn ready — some of it only needed a few more days."

That optimism faded quickly. A soft frost June 24 was followed by a hard frost on Sept. 5 and another on Sept. 7.

"Waking up at 6 a.m. and seeing the thermometer showing minus 3, my heart definitely dropped," Melnychuk said. "Still, at the time, I felt confident one frost couldn't stop it all. But by the next day, the corn was wilt-



Pumpkins and gourds salvaged from Stoney Acre Farms will finish ripening off the vine in the barn after early September frosts wiped out much of the Fraserwood farm's crop. Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk and their sons Mitchell and Matthew (pictured) were busy picking what they could on Sept. 6 in anticipation of more frost.



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ing and browning. We had to leave over half of our pumpkins in the field and were only able to harvest about 15 per cent of our sweet corn."

Extended family pitched in to salvage what they could, hauling the best pumpkins and gourds into storage, while immature squash were already going soft in the field.

"Luckily, we did what we did because that night it dipped down to minus 2 for over four hours, which would have damaged everything that was out there," Melnychuk said.

Despite the loss, he said the support from friends and customers has been a bright spot.

"Throughout all of this, we had lots of offers to help from friends and community, which was greatly appreciated," he said. "The whole north Interlake has been super receptive to us. It's amazing how far people come to buy our produce."

The Melnychuks are already plan-

ning for next season. They hope to build a high-tunnel greenhouse to start pumpkins earlier, move up seeding dates and expand to nearly five acres of strawberries.

"This was our first major year of production and I still feel optimistic," Melnychuk said. "You can't really learn to deal with challenges unless you face them. At the end of the day farming is farming — no matter what

we grow, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. That's where being a close-knit community really helps, sharing experiences to make us resilient. Stay positive. There's always next year."

For news, updates and to see when and how to purchase their pumpkins, gourds or other produce, follow them on Instagram [stoneyacrefarms](#) or Facebook [@stoneyacrefarms](#)



Early September frosts scorched Stoney Acre Farms' sweet corn near Fraserwood, leaving leaves wilted and brown. Mike and Kathleen Melnychuk said they were forced to abandon much of their crop after temperatures dipped as low as -3 C, capping off what they called one of their most challenging growing seasons.

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Manitoba Animal Alliance holding first-time 'open to all' veterinary exam clinic in Fisher Branch



FILE PHOTO BY DEBRA VANDEKERKHOVE

The August 2024 veterinary clinic that MAA hosted in Fisher Branch for residents of the RM of Fisher Branch saw a total of 74 animals treated, including this girl's large livestock dog.

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba Animal Alliance (MAA) is hosting an upcoming "open to all" veterinary clinic in Fisher Branch later this month to supplement residents' access to rural veterinary medicine.

MAA founder Debra Vandekerkhove said this is the first time they've held a clinic that's open to all Interlake residents.

The clinic will not only provide access to vet care for some rural residents who don't always have a con-

venient way to access it, but also provide a low-cost alternative for families struggling with the high cost of living.

"When on a tight budget sometimes a little bit of help goes a long way," said Vandekerkhove. "Rural homeowners sometimes don't see the same opportunities as in the city. We want to change that."

In August 2024, the MAA teamed up with area veterinarians, the RM of Fisher, sponsors and volunteers to hold a low-cost veterinary spay, neuter and vaccination clinic in Fisher Branch for RM residents only. Seventy-four animals were treated last year, making it a very busy clinic and showing the demand for veterinary services in that municipality alone.

This year's clinic will consist of a full veterinary exam, two vaccines to protect pets from rabies and distemper, and a copy of the exam for \$60. Cats will receive ear mite medication and dogs will receive de-wormer medica-

tion. MAA will also be bringing what pet food it can secure for clients since a delayed shipment of food may not be available by the time of the clinic on Sept. 27.

Headquartered in Sandy Hook, MAA is a registered charity that Vandekerkhove founded in 2013. It provides remote veterinarian clinics in partnership with veterinarians and communities, as well as emergency animal services. It flies companion, homeless, injured and abandoned pets out of remote and northern communities and works with communities to support pet-management programs.

MAA's veterinary clinic in Fisher Branch is open to all residents of the Interlake. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Ukrainian National Home (hall) at 33 Provencher St. from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Visit animal alliance on social media. To book an appointment, email FBspayneuterclinic@gmail.com.

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Gimli Garden Club invites residents to grow together

By Patricia Simcoe-Rosenbaum

The Gimli Garden Club is encouraging residents to “Come Grow With Us” as it celebrates a busy year of projects, tours and new initiatives.

Known for the colourful planters that brighten Gimli’s downtown each summer and for its popular annual plant sale, the volunteer club has grown steadily since three local women launched it during the Communities in Bloom movement of the mid-1990s. Today, the group has 29 members from across the Interlake, including Matlock, Sandy Hook, Fraserwood, Winnipeg Beach, Camp Morton, Gimli and Fisher Branch.

Members take part in a wide range of activities, from community planting

and parades to workshops, presentations and tours. This year’s highlights included a visit to a local bison farm and a tour of the Hillside Memorial Garden designed by Inwood resident Fred West and area gardeners.

Education is central to the club’s mission. Past guest speakers have included environmentalist Dr. Eva Pip, *Free Press* columnist Colleen Zacharias, radio host Dorothy Dobbie and designer Fred West. Workshops may carry a small fee to cover speaker costs.

The club is funded in part by a grant from the RM of Gimli, which supports the purchase and planting of flowers to beautify the community. Addition-

al funding comes from membership fees and the annual plant sale. Members also work alongside Nadine Gislason, a full-time gardener hired by the RM, who has been improving local greenspaces by removing diseased and damaged trees.

This year marked the launch of the club’s first annual gardening contest, Come Grow With Us, open to amateur gardeners across the RM of Gimli. Categories included perennial, annual, fairy, balcony, unique and vegetable gardens. Entries closed Sept. 14.

The Gimli Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. on the third Monday of the month from September to December and April through August at the

Gimli Multi-Purpose Room, 17B Loni Beach Rd., behind the Gimli New Horizons building. Membership is \$10 per year and open to all residents, with non-members welcome to attend some presentations for a silver collection.

The club has also launched a Facebook page and encourages new members to join, share ideas and take part in community beautification.

“We welcome everyone — you don’t have to be an expert gardener,” said organizers. “Our goal is to learn together, build community and have fun.”

For more information, email gimli-gardenclub@hotmail.com.



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Hidden Treasures launches new year of after-school art programs



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RAYME THOMSON

Hidden Treasures Studio students displayed their work at the "Just Gogh Picasso" art show earlier this year at Gimli's Lakeview Hotel.

By Annaliese Meier

With the arrival of fall colours and a new school year, Gimli's Hidden Treasures Studio is preparing to welcome young artists back for another season of creative exploration.

The "Just Gogh Picasso" after-school art classes, which began in 2021 with only four students, have grown steadily and will return for the 2025-26 year with an expanded lineup. This year's curriculum includes

five two-month units covering mixed media, Art 101, handbuilding clay, sketching and drawing, and acrylic painting with colour theory.

"Our goal isn't just to create more professional artists but to help young people become more complete human beings — curious, creative and critical thinkers," said owner Barb Stein.

Classes run Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for students in grades 1 to 4 and Wednesdays during the same time

slot for grades 5 to 8. A program for homeschooled students in Grade 1 and up will also be offered Wednesday mornings.

In addition to studio work, participants will showcase their art at local events such as Culture Days, Nuit Blanche in late September and the Gimli Ice Festival. Young artists will also have opportunities to sell their work through art shows hosted by Artists of the Lake. Photography workshops, guest artists and visits to the Gimli Art Club will further broaden the learning experience.

New this year is a teen program, created in partnership with the Gimli Art Club, which gives older students the chance to learn directly from established local artists. The first unit will focus on pottery, including instruction on the pottery wheel.

Classes will be held Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Gimli Art Club.

The program year will culminate with a two-day "Just Gogh Picasso" art show at the Lakeview Hotel, where students' work will be celebrated.

Registration is open until Sept. 23. Parents can sign up their children online at Hidden Treasures' website, in person at the studio, or by calling 204-642-3003.

Stein expressed thanks to Lakeview Hotel and Hailey's Way for their ongoing support, and noted they continue to seek sponsorships to ensure more children can access the program.

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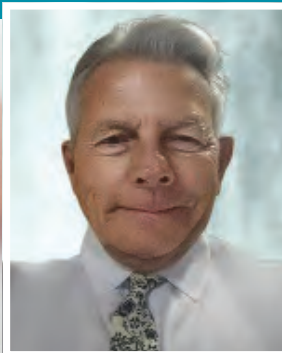
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Local patient stories of how their dentures fit so differently

BY ELISHA VANDOR

Today we are highlighting the denture stories of two patients, Ron and Sara, who happily shared their denture experiences with us at their most recent appointments last week. Both Ron and Sara have something in common that makes their dentures fit differently, so let's dive into their stories together.

Ron came to see us for a consultation earlier this year knowing he had to have his remaining 26 teeth removed. When he came in for the consultation with the Denturist Brock to discuss his teeth replacement options, he found out that his dentures could fit tighter with dental implants and the procedure would be done simultaneously with extractions. Right after Ron had the teeth extracted and dental implants placed, he was smiling with the same dentures you see in his picture. The only difference now is that his full lower denture clicks

into 4 dental implants, which was able to happen about 3 months after the dental implants were placed. We asked Ron what it's like having the lower denture with the dental implants and he said, "it's almost as good as my regular teeth. I've had no issues with them at all. They are very comfortable. I am very pleased with the bottom teeth. I've can chew steak, fish, potatoes, chicken, pizza, lasagna...no issues at all eating with the bottoms. The best thing I could have done for me, was getting the clip-in denture. The procedure, including the teeth extractions, and Brock doing his thing, it all worked out well for me. If you're thinking about it, then it's the way to go!"

Now, there is two differences between Ron and Sara. For Sara, she had two lower dental implants placed instead of 4, like Ron and she didn't need any teeth extracted since she was already wearing full dentures for many years prior. When we asked Sara about the procedure to have the dental implants placed,

she said, "My lower denture kept moving around, it didn't stay in place, so that's why I wanted to get the dental implants. Having the dental implants put in wasn't scary. In fact, I felt really good after. I could feel the drilling pressure into the bone, but it didn't hurt after, I went home and it felt good. On a scale from 1-10 for soreness afterwards I would say it was a 1, no problem, really. I just kept rinsing with warm water. Now having the denture clicked in feels right; it's not moving. For someone thinking about the dental implants for their denture, I would say, if it'll work for you, then why not, eh?"

Isn't it wonderful to hear real stories of people in your neighbourhood who have made the decision for dental implants? Ron and Sara improved their quality of life and we can help you can chew better with dentures too. Our consultations are free, so we look forward to hearing from you soon to book your appointment!



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Rare crossbreed reunites Crawford brothers with a one-of-a-kind animal

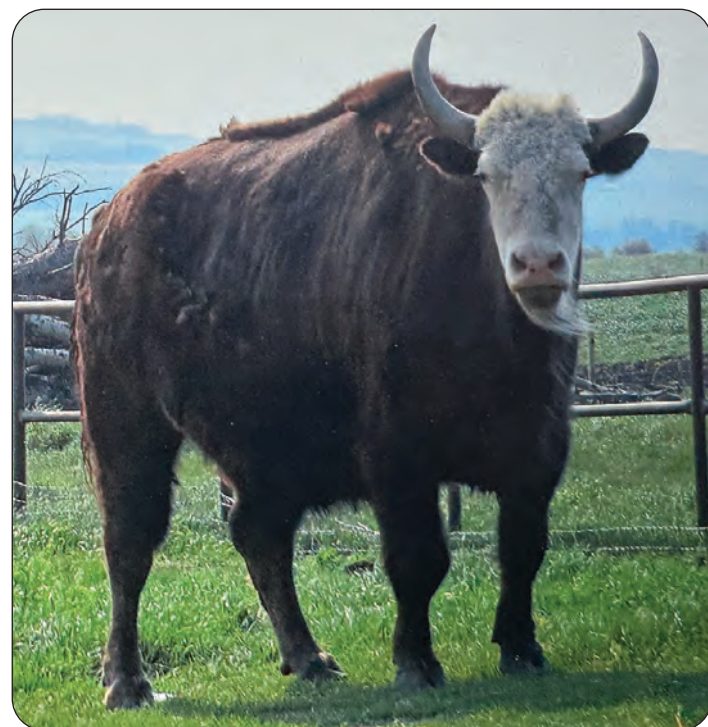
By Lana Meier

A pair of Manitoba brothers stumbled across a remarkable animal this summer — one they had last seen a decade ago under extraordinary circumstances.

Ten years ago, Ken and Don Crawford were visiting a Hereford cattle operation in Alberta when they heard the story of an unusual birth.

A bull buffalo had escaped its enclosure and found its way into a Hereford pasture. In that single day, it bred with a cow.

Months later, the cow struggled during calving, prompting the rancher to call in a veterinarian. A caesarean section was performed, and a very large calf — half buffalo, half Hereford — was delivered.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY KEN CRAWFORD

Ken and Don Crawford of Argyle were reunited this summer with a rare buffalo-Hereford cross they first saw as a calf 10 years ago in central Alberta. Now fully grown at about 2,500 pounds, the sterile hybrid has been kept by a rancher as a pet.

"It was incredible to see," said Ken Crawford. "Nobody expected the calf would even survive."

Because of genetic differences between the two species, calves like this are almost always sterile and cannot be used for breeding. For that reason, many are kept as novelties or raised for meat rather than as herd animals.

Fast-forward a decade and the brothers were back in central Alberta, seeking directions to another farm when they noticed an unusually large animal standing in a pasture. Curious, they asked a rancher friend about it the following day.

"He just laughed and said, 'I know exactly which one you mean,'" recalled Don Crawford.

The rancher took them out on a side-by-side to the pasture, where they came face to face with the same calf they had first encountered years earlier. Now fully grown, the rare crossbreed tips the scales at about 2,500 pounds.

What are the odds, the Crawfords mused, of meeting the animal again after so many years — not only alive and thriving but kept as a kind of pet?

"It was just one of those once-in-a-lifetime things," Ken said. "To see it again all grown up — you couldn't script a story like that."

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Your FARM



Manitoba farmers compete for national sustainability award

By Lana Meier

When you manage more than 20,000 acres of prairie, your biggest business partner is the soil beneath your feet.

Clayton and Shauna Breault have built their ranch around regenerative practices that have tripled soil organic matter, supported biodiversity and kept their cattle healthy.

The Breaults were recently recognized by Manitoba Beef Producers as the provincial Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA) recipients for their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable ranching.

"The award recipients show the variety of beef production systems that thrive across Canada," said Jessica Davey of the Canadian Cattle Association. "What sets the Breaults apart is the sheer scale of their herd and grasslands, and their ability to remain sustainable by applying regenerative practices with measurable results."

The couple raised cattle in southern Saskatchewan before purchasing the home of Breault Ranches Ltd. in Manitoba in 2002. As first-generation farmers, they built their own beef herd from the ground up. Today, they manage 4,300 head of cattle, including 2,500 breeding females — 1,800 cows and 700 heifers — on a ranch that spans 22,000 acres of pastureland. They also operate a feedlot south of the home ranch with cropland dedicated to producing winter feed.

At the heart of their approach is soil health, which they believe is the foundation of their operation and the key to its long-term success. Over time, they have roughly tripled their soil organic matter, a major improvement that enhances both soil fertility and carbon storage.

"When you run an operation of this size you have to work with nature, because at this scale you cannot work against it," said Clayton. "We've learned over the years that when you work against Mother Nature it drastically increases the challenges."

Rotational grazing is a cornerstone of their system. Cattle are moved through 137 pastures in 11 groups, a highly managed approach designed to mimic the natural movement of keystone grazers like bison. This allows grass to rest and regrow, im-



Clayton and Shauna Breault

proving plant health, soil structure and overall biodiversity.

"We are most proud of the increase of plant diversity on our pastures, as well as the wildlife, insects and birds," said Shauna. "The rapid improvement of organic matter in the soil gives us more structure, water infiltration and water holding capacity. That helps during drought or excessive moisture, keeps water from running into rivers and streams, and stores carbon in the soil."

Over the past two decades, the Breaults have applied six key principles of regenerative agriculture:

- Context – understanding local climate, soil types and natural resources.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Cattle graze in one of the 137 pastures at Breault Ranches Ltd., where Clayton and Shauna Breault use rotational grazing to improve soil health, biodiversity and herd sustainability.

- Minimize disturbance – avoiding tillage and chemical inputs.
- Armour the soil – keeping the ground covered with living plants or crop residue.
- Diversity – encouraging a wide range of plant and animal species.
- Keep living roots in the soil – maintaining green cover to support nutrient cycling.
- Livestock integration – using animals strategically to improve soil

health. They have also moved away from monoculture crops in favour of diverse polycrop blends, sometimes planting up to 14 different species. These blends provide a more balanced and nutrient-rich diet for cattle while improving soil biology. The shift has led to healthier animals, reduced disease and improved environ-

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Carman farm hosts demo of advanced agricultural drones

By Lana Meier

A low hum rose above a soybean field east of Carman last week as a 100-kilogram agricultural drone lifted into the air, drawing the attention of farmers and industry reps gathered to see the machine in action.

On Aug. 28, Eric Melvin, a licensed advanced pilot with Vantage Drones Canada, demonstrated the DJI Agras T100 — the company's fully loaded flagship model — during a public event designed to showcase how drones can support agriculture and other industries.

"These drones are another tool for the toolbox," Melvin told the crowd. "They aren't meant to replace aerial spraying, but they can be used for wet holes, fence lines, headlands and drownouts where traditional equipment struggles."

The Agras T100 is equipped with dual sprinklers, a spreading system and advanced radar sensors that allow it to fly at low altitudes of 10 to 20 feet with centimetre-level accuracy. Its maximum payload is 100 kilograms, giving it the capacity to spray or spread across 70 to 80 acres an hour while avoiding soil compaction.

For many producers in attendance, the demonstration highlighted both the promise and the practicality of drone spraying. Melvin noted that crop compaction alone can reduce yields by up to two per cent — losses that can add up to tens of thousands of dollars.

"These drones have very advanced safety features," Melvin said. "At five per cent battery life it lands automati-



The T25 is a compact agricultural drone operated by a single person and carries payloads of up to 20 kilograms for spraying and 25 kilograms for spreading. It is equipped with phased array radars, a binocular vision system and a high-resolution FPV gimbal camera for precise and efficient field work.

cally, and it will stop if it detects a pole, tree, person or even a wire. But you still need to be aware of your surroundings — don't rely on the safety system to do the flying for you."

Agricultural drones are considered aircraft under Transport Canada rules. Operators must hold an advanced pilot certificate, register their drones, and apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate to conduct spraying. Training can involve in-person coursework or self-study, with exams starting at \$10.

Adding to the challenge is the limited range of products that can legally be sprayed. Health Canada currently allows only five chemicals to be applied by drone, a bottleneck Melvin expects will ease in the coming years as regulators approve more labels.

"Drones have only been in Canada



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS YOUNG

Eric Melvin of Vantage Drones Canada demonstrates the DJI Agras T25 east of Carman on Aug. 28.

for five years," he said. "We expect more approvals to come as the industry grows."

The T100 retails at about \$48,500 in its core package, with upgrades such as GPS positioning, mapping systems and extra batteries. Battery life can be as short as 10 minutes when flying with a full tank, making multiple batteries essential for larger jobs.

Melvin emphasized that Vantage Drones also provides Canadian-based service and repairs, meaning producers won't face delays from overseas shipping. Most damage, he added, comes from human error such as crashes, with replacement arms or landing gear among the most common fixes.

Melvin acknowledged that holding a demo in the middle of harvest season wasn't ideal but said curiosity about the technology drove the event forward.

"People are curious, and we want to show them what this technology can do," he said.

While drones are unlikely to fully replace aerial applicators, Melvin said the technology offers farmers more flexibility, efficiency and safety. For those looking to cut input costs or reach areas of a field conventional equipment can't, drones may soon become part of everyday operations.

For more information or consultations, Melvin can be reached at eric@vantagedrones.ca.

> AWARD, FROM PG. 21

mental outcomes, including increased songbird populations and more beneficial insects.

"The most rewarding part has been seeing the overall health of both soil and cattle improve, along with the increase of wildlife, insects and birds," said Clayton. "The hardest part was getting everything to work together. There are a lot of different pieces that have to fall into place."

The Breaults say they've even spotted endangered bird species on their land, a sign that their efforts are creating real ecological change.

As first-generation ranchers, they also hope to inspire others.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions," Shauna said. "Use resources like Manitoba Forage and Grasslands, Understanding Ag, tours, podcasts, and find a mentor. Learn and follow the six soil health principles."

Asked how they balance profitability

with their environmental goals, Clayton said it comes back to letting nature lead: "By working in sync with nature, you cut down on crop inputs, and in the long run that leads to healthier plants, healthier cattle and healthier people."

Receiving the provincial TESA has also been affirming.

"It's shown us we're on the right track," Shauna said. "We'll continue to practise regenerative agriculture because we've seen large benefits within our soil and cattle health."

And for those still on the fence about whether to make the leap, Clayton is blunt: "Just go for it. You are improving the environment, livestock, human health and your bottom line. It's a win-win for everyone."

Davey added that Manitoba beef producers are leaders in sustainability, preserving endangered grasslands while producing high-quality beef.

"Ranchers like the Breaults provide benefits well beyond their operations,

ensuring healthy ecosystems for future generations and earning the trust of consumers," Davey said.

Each year, provincial TESA winners vie for the national award, a partnership initiative between the Canadian Cattle Association, Birds Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. This fall, the Breaults will join six other provincial nominees in competing for the 2025 national title.

While the award has been presented for more than 26 years, recent years have brought growing recognition of the positive role beef cattle can play in the environment. A national survey conducted in July 2025 found 80 per cent of Manitobans agree beef is an environmentally friendly food choice — among the highest rates in Canada and up seven points since 2023.

The Breaults' commitment to soil health, biodiversity and herd management has created a ranching operation that works with nature, not against it.

> HYBRID, FROM PG. 20

creating hybrids in the late 1800s and early 1900s in hopes of producing a hardier animal with good beef qualities, natural occurrences remain uncommon.

Hybrids typically inherit the size and strength of a buffalo along with the temperament and beef traits of cattle. Mature bulls can weigh well over 2,000 pounds.

Because of genetic incompatibility, most hybrids are born sterile and cannot reproduce, limiting their long-term use in breeding programs.

Though some commercial herds of beefalo exist in Canada and the United States, most accidental hybrids are one-off stories that spark local fascination — much like the Crawford brothers' chance reunion.

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Tesluck storms home at Sandy Hook junior golf tourney

By Annaliese Meier

The “Home of Champions” produced another memorable finish last Wednesday, Aug. 6 as the Sandy Hook Golf Club crowned its latest junior winner.

Thirteen-year-old Jagger Tesluck rallied from a rough front nine to take the overall title with a round of 80. After grinding out a 10-over-par 45 on the outward nine, Tesluck caught fire on the inward side, rolling in three birdies en route to a one-under-par 35. He also claimed closest-to-the-pin honours on No. 7.

In the 15-17 age flight, Tyler Michaluk fired an 81 to top the leaderboard. His steady play included birdies on Nos. 12 and 16, the only competitor to card red numbers on those holes.

The tournament drew 17 juniors aged 10 to 17, with plenty of highlights across the scorecards. Nathan Ortynski was the lone player to save par on the tricky par-3 second. Henrik Vigfusson jarred a birdie on the fifth, while Emmett Flasha stuffed an approach to pick up a rare birdie on No. 13. Tanner Humniski closed in style, rolling in back-to-back birdies on Nos. 17 and 18 to cap his round with a flourish.

Tournament chair Ken Porteous praised Tesluck’s composure under



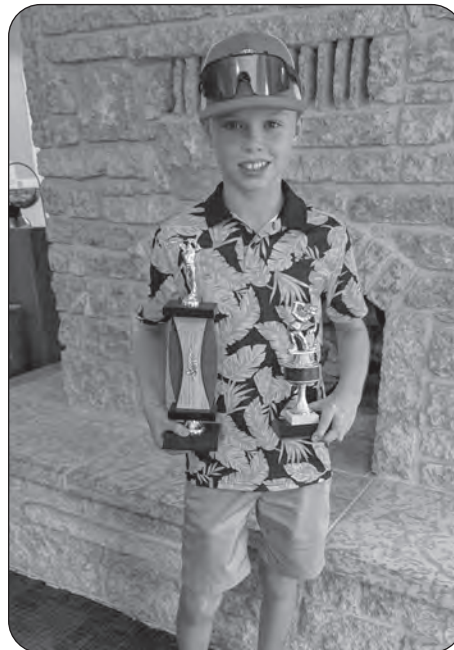
Seventeen juniors and tournament organizers gather on the first tee at Sandy Hook Golf Club, the “Home of Champions,” before the start of the annual Junior Golf Tournament.

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pressure.

“I’m predicting a bright future in golf for this young man,” Porteous said. “He’s only 13 and already breaking par. That’s impressive. We’ll be sending him to next year’s Manitoba Junior Golf Championship.”

The day wrapped up with prizes, a meal, and thanks to Sandy Hook Golf Club and its volunteers.



Jagger Tesluck displays his hardware after storming back with three birdies on the inward nine to win the Sandy Hook Junior Golf Tournament with a round of 80.



Tournament organizer Ken Porteous congratulates Tyler Michaluk, who topped the 15-17 age flight with a steady round of 81 that included birdies on Nos. 12 and 16.

Storm FC to play spoiler after missing playoff cut

By Kieran Reimer

Storm FC’s quest for another post-season run officially came to an end last week.

The Arborg-based club was defeated 4-1 by Crescentwood Saturday on Sept. 8, eliminating them from playoff contention after reaching the post-season a year ago in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 5.

Cyranno Dueck had the lone Storm FC goal in the match, which took place at Buhler Recreation Park.

That turned out to be Storm’s only action last week as player availability forced them to forfeit Thursday’s

game against Purple Cobras FC. The match is recorded as a 3-0 loss, leaving Storm with a 3-13-1 record for 10th place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 4.

Storm now has just one match left on the calendar — a date with Southside FC on Monday at Shaughnessy Park Field.

They’ll have the chance to play spoiler, as Southside enters the match tied with Crescentwood Saturday for the final Division 4 playoff spot.

Due to press deadlines, the score from that match was unavailable at press time.

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Fisher Branch athlete shines in provincials

By E. Antonio

Konnor McTavish is proving himself a rising star on the track and field stage.

The Fisher Branch Collegiate student capped his Grade 8 year with a silver medal in discus at the Junior High Provincial Championships in June, hosted at the University of Manitoba.

McTavish has been competing for two years, first drawn in after a physical education class.

"I remember doing track and field activities in P.E. class and our P.E. teacher, Mr. Lee, showed us the proper technique of how to throw a discus and from that moment I was interested," he said.

Although he has also entered high jump and shot put, discus has become his strongest event. He especially enjoys the energy of the meets.

"I was proud of my place-

ment (at provincials) and that I have achieved it two years in a row," McTavish said. "I started the day with high jump so I was very nervous but felt a lot calmer throwing the discus as I had done that event there last year. My first throw was my furthest, which was exciting."

Before each competition, McTavish focuses on both body and mind, practising his throws and relying on deep breathing to ease nerves and sharpen focus.

Amanda Percival Bouchard, Fisher Branch Collegiate's middle-years track and field coach, said his medal is especially meaningful given the size of the field.

"Konnor is a friendly, quiet athlete who is encouraging of others," she said. "He is very humble but also excited about throwing discus and looking to improve on his technique and

future meets."

Looking ahead, McTavish is preparing to move into high school competition where he will face older athletes.

"I am hoping to continue to improve in throwing the discus and would love to get first place one year," he said. "I would like to seek out some private coaching in throwing and know of some opportunities in the Interlake to do so, which is exciting."

Percival Bouchard said McTavish sets an example for other students.

"It is so exciting to see them excel in a new area that they may have never realized was possible," she said. "Track and field is a sport that offers many athletic avenues and we know that he is a great role model to show anything is possible if you put your mind to doing it."



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Konnor McTavish, a student at Fisher Branch Collegiate, displays the silver medal he won in discus at the Junior High Provincial Championships in June.

Varsity Thunder: Group effort leads to week two blowout over Sabres

By Kieran Reimer

The Varsity Interlake Thunder continue to flex their muscles early in the Rural Manitoba Football League season.

On Sunday, the Thunder faced two questions: whether they would beat the Southwest Sabres to improve to 2-0 on the season and whether starting quarterback Jessie Batenchuk would be back slinging following an injury in their week one victory.

Both were answered in the week two matchup as the Gimli product threw for 197 yards and four touchdowns in his return, and the Thunder claimed a 55-13 victory on the road at Souris School.

The Thunder struck early with touchdowns on their opening two drives. After extending their lead ahead of the second quarter, they were able to coast through the remainder of the game with nearly their entire roster seeing action.

Usual offensive suspects AJ Na-

don and Jamie Dandeneau got much of the game off after both found the end zone to help the Thunder's cause. Kicker/defensive back Mario La Pierre turned out to be one of the busier Thunder players that evening, going seven-for-eight on extra points.

Head coach Christof Hasselfield highlighted the play of Grade 12 middle linebacker Cooper Ponton for setting the tone on defence, helping the Thunder set a new season-best for points against.

"The biggest takeaway from the first two weeks is that we've started fast both weeks, which is phenomenal because that's something we've struggled with in the past — coming out looking crisp and executing," Hasselfield said Monday. "To start the year like that is very promising for sure."

At this time last year, the Thunder sat 1-1 in a shorter RMFL Urban Division season, which they went on to finish 2-2 in the regular season.

Through just two games this year, they are sharing first place in an eight-team RMFL Doug Steeves Division — a position they plan to maintain.

"We won on the scoreboard. Any win is a good win, but there were definitely lots of things we need to work on going forward," Hasselfield said.

He added they will be working more on their physicality and run game this week, two areas that will be more important when their schedule hits October.

On Sunday, Hasselfield and staff also got another glimpse into the program's future beyond this season with another strong showing from Grade 10 quarterback Colten Leger.

Leger stepped in for the second straight week — this time not because of injuries, but rather the lead Batenchuk and the offence had built.

He threw for a touchdown and went four-for-five for 51 yards during his snaps.

It was also a big evening for Grade

11 rookie Kaiden Reimer, who scored his first career receiving touchdown.

The Thunder receiver finished with 51 yards over four receptions and added three tackles on kickoffs — a standout performance in the eyes of Hasselfield.

"He really took the opportunity that was given to him this week with us getting up big early," Hasselfield said. "I think he earned himself some extra playing time going forward based on the effort and results of what he did out there, so I was very impressed with him."

The Thunder now look ahead to week three as they return to Stonewall for the first Saturday game of the season against the Swan Valley Tigers.

Kickoff is slated for noon at Collège Stonewall Collegiate Field as the Thunder look to extend their winning streak to three games.

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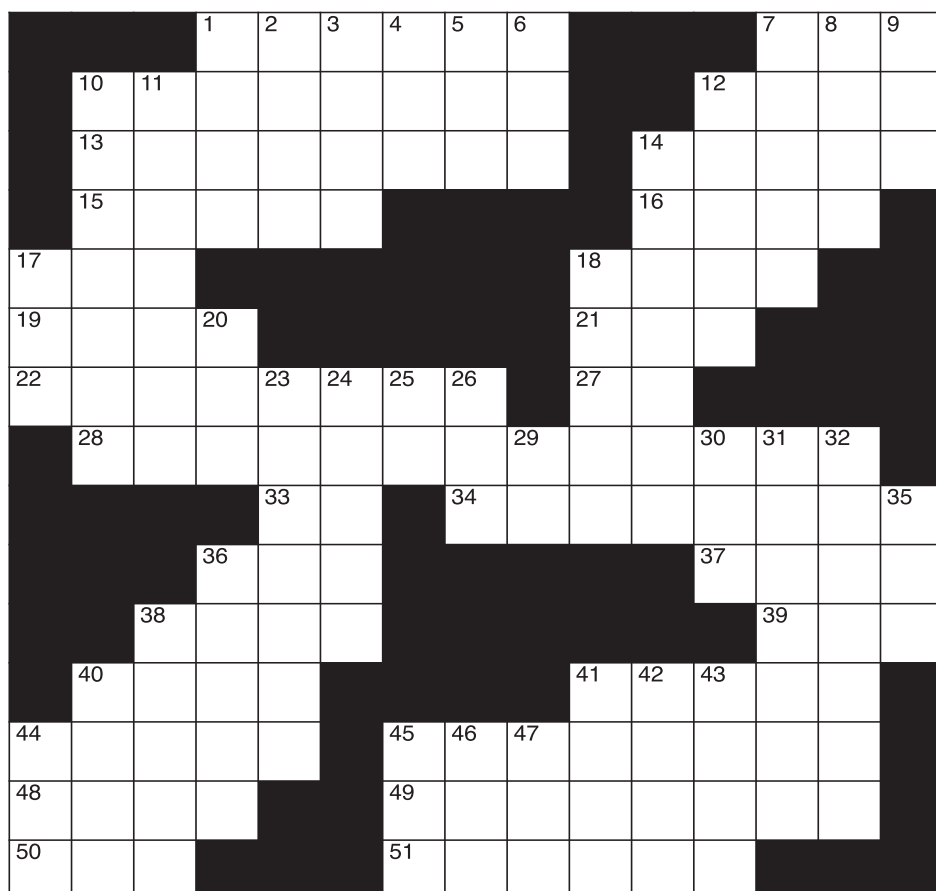
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **9th day of October, 2025**, at the hour of **10:30 AM**, at Town of Winnipeg Beach, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
45200	LOT 2 PLAN 55568 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SE 1/4 33-17-4 EPM - 429 TEMPLE AVE, TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH	L -\$32,100 B -\$167,800	\$10,449.95
92500	ELY 25 FEET OF LOT 21 AND WLY 25 FEET OF LOT 22 BLOCK 10 PLAN 2226 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 33-17-4 EPM - 435 SPRUCE AVE, TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH	L -\$28,500 B -\$79,000	\$4,098.49

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Town of Winnipeg Beach as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Managed by:



Jodi Mitchell
Chief Administrative Officer
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19. Perimeter
21. Chicago ballplayer
22. Animal body part
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28. Fictional ad exec
33. Mr. T character Baracus
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36. Subway rodent
37. Armor plate
38. Hair on the head
39. Strong insect

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION			
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA			
Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 2nd day of October, 2025 , at the hour of 02:00 PM , at Rural Municipality of Alonsa, 20 Railway Avenue, Alonsa, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:			
Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
154400	AT ALONSA AND BEING LOTS 5, 6 AND THE WLY 10 FEET OF LOT 7 BLOCK 2 PLAN 673 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 7-21-11 WPM - 107 MAIN ST, ALONSA	L -\$800 B -\$20,800	\$10,696.04
235239	LOT 14 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48614 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC NW 1/4 16-24-10 WPM - 48 MOON SHADOW DRIVE	L -\$18,700	\$2,634.18
236200.133	LOT 33 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 7 BUFFLEHEAD BAY	L -\$23,600	\$2,429.13
236200.134	LOT 34 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 5 BUFFLEHEAD BAY	L -\$21,800	\$2,404.98
236200.137	LOT 37 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 2 MALLARD BAY	L -\$19,700	\$2,341.71
236200.138	LOT 38 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 4 MALLARD BAY	L -\$19,700	\$2,341.69
236200.139	LOT 39 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 6 MALLARD BAY	L -\$23,000	\$2,441.11
236200.14	LOT 40 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 7 MALLARD BAY	L -\$23,300	\$2,450.50
236200.141	LOT 41 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 5 MALLARD BAY	L -\$20,400	\$2,362.45
236200.142	LOT 42 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 3 MALLARD BAY	L -\$19,700	\$2,341.72
236200.143	LOT 43 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 1 MALLARD BAY	L -\$19,700	\$2,341.71
237121	LOT 8 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 79 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$12,800	\$2,131.33
237122	LOT 9 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 77 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$12,800	\$2,131.63
237123	LOT 10 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 75 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$12,800	\$2,131.62
237124	LOT 1 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 73 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$12,800	\$2,131.62
237125	LOT 2 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 71 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$12,800	\$2,131.62

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Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025.
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Jennifer Diane Donohoe
May 5, 1969 - September 2, 2025

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, Jennifer lost her hard-fought battle with cancer.

Waiting for Jennifer above were her dad Desmond, brothers Desmond and David, all of her grandparents, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mom and Grandma were Jen's favourite names and her proudest role.

Jen leaves to cherish her memories, her son Braden, wife Danneaka, grandsons Oakley and Everett and Braden's dad Ryan, who has been a steadfast friend to Jennifer in all of their years together. Also feeling this huge loss is her mom Diane, who was with her until the end, Michelle (Mike), Jeff (Andrea), Lori (Richard) and Domonique, nine nieces and nephews and six great nieces

and nephews. In addition are her cousins who were like sisters and brother growing up are Shane, Jamie and Michael. Last but not least, friends who went above and beyond, Colleen and Mike, Hilda and Albert who always provided Jen with constant faith, her Minerva Road family and Kris.

Jen had been raised on the family farm in Petersfield, with many memories made here and at the family cabin in Manigotagan with family and friends.

Jen was employed at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre and while there, had made many true and endearing friendships that have helped in guiding Jennifer.

To know Jennifer, was to know a feisty and free-spirited soul who stood for what she believed in. Jen would champion the underdog and defend who she thought was wronged.

Jen was very loving and giving, while also having a way about her that you would walk away laughing and thinking "that's Jen". Everything about Jen will be truly missed.

After being diagnosed, Jen had been able to travel to BC to meet her first grandson and also was able to make many more trips back to her family in BC. With much regret, Jennifer had not been able to travel to hold Everett, who was born June 30, 2025, however she was able to meet him through Facetime. This is truly the reason she fought as hard as she did, they were her purpose.

Thank you to her Cancer Care team, the staff at Home Care and the Selkirk Regional Health Center who all went the extra mile for Jennifer, all of her extended friends and family for everything that everyone had helped with and had made such an impact.

Flowers gratefully declined, donations in lieu of can be made to CancerCare Manitoba or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jennifer at Gilbert Funeral Home in Selkirk, Manitoba on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. with Chaplain Lindsay Drabiuk officiating.

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Lori Jennifer Siwak (Brandstrom)
November 6, 1972 to September 7, 2025

With profound sadness and broken hearts, we announce that Lori passed away on September 7, surrounded by her loved ones. She fought cancer with courage and determination.

She leaves to mourn her beloved husband, Terry, who loves her beyond words and cannot imagine life without her, and her cherished daughter, Kassie, to whom she was not only a devoted mother but also a best friend. Their family was filled with love, laughter, and adventure, which Lori treasured endlessly.

Lori was born on November 6, 1972 in Eriksdale to her parents, Neil and Anna Brandstrom. She grew up in Eriksdale as a friendly, bubbly child whose outgoing nature carried throughout her life. She loved sports, the outdoors, and time with her friends and family.

Later, Lori moved to Winnipeg, where her strong work ethic and vibrant personality opened doors to many opportunities. She was invited to join the Royal Bank, where she built a highly successful career as a Mortgage Specialist, helping countless families achieve their dream of home ownership. Tireless in her efforts, she was also deeply involved in volunteering, giving her time generously to numerous events and causes.

It was in Winnipeg that Lori met the love of her life, Terry. They married in 2002 and, after several moves, made their home in Stonewall. Terry was Lori's world and she was his, and in 2008 they were blessed with their daughter, Kassie - the light of Lori's life. The bond between mother and daughter was unbreakable; they shared adventures, laughter, and an immeasurable love.

Lori supported Kassie in every endeavor - whether on the volleyball court, hockey rink, or ball diamond. She was Kassie's driver, cheerleader, scorekeeper, and number one fan, always present on the sidelines and in the stands. Together they shared countless hours traveling to practices, games, ball camps, Academy, and tournaments across North America, memories both treasured deeply.

Lori and Terry had a special bond, built on love, trust and deep respect for one another. They took care of each other.

Family trips were some of Lori's greatest joys—whether to Disney, Hawaii, Atlanta, or a baseball/volleyball tournament, each one was an adventure shared together. A particularly meaningful journey was a special family trip with Rob and Michelle after her diagnosis, which she cherished deeply.

Lori also had a passion for shopping, always on the hunt for unique gifts and the perfect bargain. Annual back-to-school trips to Fargo with Kassie became a treasured tradition. Her love of shopping extended to plants as well—blessed with a green thumb, Lori's small garden overflowed with beauty and abundance year after year.

Throughout her illness, Lori displayed incredible bravery. She faced cancer with unwavering strength and grace, never complaining and fighting with everything she had.

Lori's love extended far beyond her immediate family. She adored her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, always making time to support them at their games and activities. She was a cherished Auntie to all.

She leaves to mourn her devoted husband Terry, her beautiful daughter Kassie, her loving parents Neil and Anna, her sister Leana (Brian), brothers-in-law Merv (Diane) and Dave, sisters-in-law Karen (Gord), Brenda (Larry), and Diane, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and special friends Rob and Michelle.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre with Dawn Tober officiating. All in attendance are ask to dress casually (jeans preferred). A luncheon will follow.

We were not ready to say goodbye. Lori, we love you, and we cannot imagine life without you. Rest easy, fly high, and breathe free.

Best Mom Ever. Best Wife Ever.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lori's memory to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Inc., 675 McDermot Ave., Room ON1160, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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