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Interlake artists experience the busiest tour in years

By Nicole Brownlee

An artist co-operative celebrates the process of creating art through an immersive studio tour.

The Winnipeg Beach Arts and Culture Co-Op organizes the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour, which usually welcomes visitors to explore local artists' studios twice a year, but because of COVID-19 restrictions, the group limited the event to the September long weekend.

On Sept. 4 and 5, art enthusiasts learned more about pottery, painting, glasswork and more from over 40 artists throughout the eastern Interlake region.

"It's always been very successful," said Alan Lacovetsky, a WINNBAC member who has been involved with the WAVE tour for 20 years.

"Many people are interested in coming out and meeting the artists and seeing them demonstrate their techniques."

Lacovetsky specializes in pottery using traditional tools like a foot-powered potter's wheel and an ancient-style wood-burning kiln.

"People are always amazed that, you know, for 48 hours, you're going to be putting wood in every five to 10 minutes," said Lacovetsky. "That's, kind of, neat for people to see. ... That's how

people have been doing it for thousands of years."

He is also a co-chair of the jury committee, which selects artists to join the tour.

"Our role is to assess the application to see if it fits within the parameters of the philosophy of the WAVE," said Lacovetsky.

They look for artists that create quality work and have an accessible studio.

"The artist needs to have a situation at their place where they're going to provide the public with an experience," said Lacovetsky. "The public wants to see where you work and produce the art."

Lacovetsky's studio is on his home property near Oak Hammock Marsh in the RM of St. Andrews. While visitors can peruse his work in his yard, Lacovetsky enjoys socializing and answering questions about his process.

"There's more to it than just showing people your work and selling your work," said Lacovetsky. "They're really interested in seeing how we live and how we work."

This year was especially successful, seeing more visitors than the tour has ever had before, said Lacovetsky.

"We've always had lots of people. Hundreds of people always come



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Amanda Onchulenko has been involved with the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour for several years, showcasing her textile art and paintings at her Ponehmah cottage.

out," he said. "Well, this time, I'm sure thousands came out. ... There was never a moment when there wasn't a crowd of people here."

Amanda Onchulenko said the attendance at her studio almost doubled this year compared to previous years.

"I think, normally, we'd have about 300 over the two days, and we had over 500," said Onchulenko.

The visitors' energy at her cottage studio was infectious.

"It's a great experience," said Onchulenko. "Sharing the location of the Interlake and the creative processes and displays."

Onchulenko has been involved with WINNBAC for several years after buying a cottage in Ponehmah in 2012. Visitors toured her bunkhouse while browsing through her vibrant textile art and paintings.

"The biggest part of the WAVE is the human connection, community and celebrating the landscape," said Onchulenko.

The WAVE is looking for new artists to join the 2022 tour and are accepting applications until Sept. 30.

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James Bezan re-elected in Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman

Staff

While Canada elected a minority Liberal government, PC candidate James Bezan celebrated another victory.

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP Bezan secured his seventh term in office by a wide margin Monday night.

Mailed-in ballots weren't slated to be counted until Tuesday and special ballot results will take even longer, but at press time Bezan had received 57.1 per cent of votes with 27,240.

His nearest competitor was the New Democratic Party of Margaret Smith (9,190 votes) followed by Liberal candidate Detlev Regelsky (6,258), People's Party Ian Kathwaroon (3,716) and the Green Party Wayne James (1,276).

Bezan was first elected as a Conservative MP in 2004 and has retained his seat through the 2008, 2011, 2015, 2019 and 2021 elections.

Over the course of his parliamentary career, he has been a strong advocate for rural communities and the agricultural sector. He has chaired the standing committees for Agriculture and Agri-Food, Environment and National Defence.

"I am honoured to be re-elected and

humbled to continue representing our amazing riding. I wish to thank everyone who participated in this election and express my heartfelt gratitude to my amazing campaign team, countless volunteers and all who marked their ballot for our Conservative team.

"I look forward to continuing to advocate for the great people of Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman on the issues that are important to them. Fighting for our farmers and ranchers, supporting our commercial fishing industry, attracting new business opportunities to our rural communities, protecting our beautiful lakes and rivers, and of course being a passionate voice for our riding in Ottawa.

"To the other candidates who put their names on the ballot and the teams who supported them, I would like to acknowledge their vigorous participation in our democracy.

"Although the final national result is not what I was hoping for, I know that our Conservative caucus is more than prepared to hold Justin Trudeau to account in this minority parliament."

Voter turnout for the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman electoral district was 47,679 of 75,440 registered electors



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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan secured his seat in the 36-day 44th federal election on Sept. 20.

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Something for everyone at Interlake Outdoors Show & Market



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Incredible creatures: Tiger beetles – colourful and with blinding speed

By John Gavloski

What are the fastest animals in the world, relative to their size? Although the cheetah is the fastest land animal, if all animals were the same size, the fastest would be the tiger beetles. Not only are they fast, many are quite colourful. In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the fascinating lives of tiger beetles.

Blinding speed

Adult tiger beetles are easy to recognize due to their thin bodies, long slender legs and large sickle-shaped mandibles. They also have bulging eyes that provide a keen sense of vision. They are predators, eating other insects and spiders, and the long legs help them move extremely fast.

Adult tiger beetles locate prey by sight and give chase across the ground at astonishing speeds. But rather than chasing prey continuously, tiger beetles often pause momentarily during the chase before continuing at full speed once more. The tiger beetles can move so quickly that, beyond a certain point, light cannot enter the eye

fast enough to form an image of the moving prey item. At high speeds, the tiger beetle goes temporarily blind! Pausing during the pursuit allows the tiger beetle to relocate its prey, while its incredible speed still allows it to complete the chase successfully.

Bronzed tigers on the beach

Tiger beetles are a subfamily of ground beetles. There are more than 2,600 species worldwide, and we have 22 species in Manitoba. Most tiger beetles run on the surface of the ground, but a few in the tropics live in trees. Tiger beetles prefer habitats where they can run and fly in short bursts unobstructed by vegetation and are often found on woodland paths, sandy surfaces along lakeshores or sand dunes and on clay banks. Species that inhabit sandy areas are often light-coloured and match the environment, but there are other species that are metallic green or blue. The tiger beetle in the photo was found on a quiet beach near Opapiskaw campground in Whiteshell Provincial park. This species is called the bronzed tiger

beetle. There were a lot of them on the beach; so many that when you walked along the beach, there seemed to be a steady movement of beetles getting out of the way. They are alert and usually don't let you get too close to them, so sneaking up on them to get a good photo was a challenge. They have a reaction time similar to house flies.

Born to hunt

The larvae are also predatory, but rather than chasing and capturing prey, they use a "sit and wait" strategy. Larvae dig a vertical burrow in the ground, then patiently watch the entrance for small insects and spiders that get too close. The larvae have a large head that is at a right angle to the body and also have well-developed eyes and good vision. They also have powerful, upward-curving mandibles. The larva waits at the entrance of its tunnel, with its large head blocking the entrance and its huge jaws opened wide. When a prey item comes in range, the larva reaches out at lightning speed to grab its prey with their sharp mandibles and pull it down into



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Bronzed tiger beetle

their burrow to eat. A pair of hooks on the abdomen anchor the larva in their burrow so that it cannot be pulled out of its burrow by the struggling victim. The larval stage usually takes two to three years to complete.

Colourful, fast and predaceous, these are tigers safe and fun to get close to, if you can.

\$14 million announced to support COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing nearly \$14 million to support community-focused and one-on-one outreach to improve access to COVID-19 immunization and boost the number of first and second doses, Premier Kelvin Goertzen and Health and Seniors Care Minister Audrey Gordon announced Tuesday.

"As we move forward, our immunization strategy is shifting toward work at the community level to increase vaccination rates in the province to help protect our schools, our places of worship, our businesses and our health-care system," said Goertzen. "This financial support will help health-care workers across Manitoba engage in more targeted local outreach with the confidence and tools they need to make a difference in our immunization rates, one person and one community at a time."

"For the thousands of people who are still not immunized, and unprotected against the risks of COVID-19, we recognize the importance of hearing about the benefits of the vaccine from their trusted doctor or pharmacist close to home," said Gordon. "It's also critical that we provide tools to the regional health authorities and health-care providers who are having ongoing conversations with people about the vaccine. This will support our ongoing efforts to improve vac-

cine access and uptake in communities and neighbourhoods across the province."

The initiative will allow physician offices in Manitoba to develop a roster of their patients who are not fully immunized and support outreach to have those patients come in and have a conversation about their questions and concerns, with the goal of supporting fully informed decisions about immunization. Each office will be able to develop its own strategies to connect with patients, building on what would be most effective based on its knowledge of these individuals. Funding will be used to cover administrative costs and physician fees connected to the outreach, co-ordination and visits.

The province is also supporting the development of a training and support program for physicians and pharmacists focused on best practices to reach out to individuals who have not yet been immunized. This training is being developed by Doctors Manitoba, the Manitoba College of Family Physicians and the University of Manitoba, and will help to support health-care providers in communities

where additional support is needed to improve immunization rates. This approach has been piloted in British Columbia and is supported by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

These investments will support physicians and pharmacists to offer additional immunization clinics in communities with lower vaccine uptake rates, based on epidemiological evidence and other local priorities. The goal is to reach as many eligible Manitobans as possible, the minister noted, adding that up to 100 smaller clinics a week operated by health authorities will also be held across the province in the weeks ahead to help meet this goal.

The province will also make available new training opportunities for health-care professionals and paraprofessionals in regional health authorities, built around motivational interviewing techniques. This approach helps these health-care providers better understand, address and respond to

questions or concerns from individuals who remain unvaccinated with the goal of changing their attitudes and decisions about immunization.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine campaign in Manitoba, visit www.protectmb.ca.

Doctors Manitoba is inviting individuals to visit www.ManitobaVaccine.ca to find a physician offering vaccine information, as well as answers from doctors to common vaccine questions.

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Southern Health COVID-19 numbers continue to concern officials

By Lorne Stelmach

The Southern Health region and communities such as Winkler continue to be areas of concern in regards to COVID-19 in Manitoba.

The weekly Monday update by provincial officials, though, offered little new in terms of addressing the continued rise in cases in the area.

"We continue to follow that transmission," said chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "We know that we've seen a higher test positivity in those areas, certainly higher case counts as well as lower vaccination rates overall.

"Certainly, we're concerned about the transmission that's ongoing there and continue to assess that," he said. "It's really, as per usual, a multi-layered approach. We continue to offer testing, doing contact tracing and isolation. We have measures trying to increase the vaccine uptake in this area, and we have those restrictions."

Public health officials Monday reported two new deaths in people with COVID-19 including a female in her 70s and a male in his 60s, both from the Interlake-Eastern health region. The total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 is 1,205.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 2.3 per cent provincially and there had been 244 new cases of the virus since Thursday including 88 cases Friday, 54 cases Saturday, 60 cases on Sunday, Sept. 19 and 42 Monday.

Of those new cases Monday, 30 were in individuals not fully vaccinated, including eight out of the nine new cases reported in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region.

Overall, there were 598 active cases in Manitoba at the start of the work week, including, 14 in the Arborg/Riverton district; six in Beausejour, three in Eriksdale/Ashern, six in Fisher/Peguis, six in Gimli, three in Nothern Remote, one in Pinawa/LacduBonnet, 28 in Powerview/Pine Falls, one in Selkirk, three in Springfield, five in St. Clements, four in Stonewall/Teulon, one in Unknown, two in Whiteshell and three in Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews in the Interlake-Eastern region.

Overall, 66 Manitobans are hospitalized with COVID-19, including 14 in intensive care.

letter to the editor

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Has the time come to disband the pork industry?

Twenty-five years ago, the Conservative Filmon government insisted that most RMs in our province needed to support their expansion for more hog barns. They then dissolved the Manitoba Hog Marketing Board that forced the small family hog farmers out of business! In doing so, they also disrupted families income and the local economies!

They sent their minister of Agriculture, Mr. Harry Enns, to convince the Gimli council to get on board and

embrace their plan.

The council rejected the hog barns. Harry left disappointed. Instead they put in a bylaw (10-96). It banned such barns. Liquid manure was not allowed to be imported or to be spread, within their boundary. Council knew that untreated hog slurry is recognized as a public health hazard and known pollutant.

However, Manitoba Pork pushed on. Eventually many hundreds of hog barns were built throughout the

province. The barns were allowed to draw millions of gallons of water from deep wells. They could also have flush toilets for their herds of hundreds/thousands of hogs.

There was runoff from some spread fields! The polluted water ended up in some local ditches. Eventually and gradually Lake Winnipeg started to get polluted! Water always runs down hill. In some areas, wells also got contaminated!

The Manitoba hog industry is a contributing factor to the state of Lake Winnipeg. This lake, the 10th largest fresh lake in the world, now has the distinction and recognition world-

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A herd of Limousin cattle at Lakeside Country Farm were on the move to greener pastures while fencing was being fixed west of Eriksdale last weekend. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or families enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

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wide as being polluted. This is not the entire fault of Manitoba's hog farmers. Sloppy waste-water management and the lack of enforcement, inspections and certifications of all private sewage systems, and earthen storage lagoons and waste disposal throughout the province by all our governments plays a big part, which now is also a concerning cause for local commercial fishers. How come millions upon millions of gallons of raw liquid hog sewage is disposed of yearly in this manner? Is it because it's classified as a fertilizer?

It was suggested that the Manitoba government build a pipeline to south western Manitoba, for about 40 million tax dollars, to provide farmers with this amazing byproduct! Hum bug!

Years later, after Harry Enns passed away, the Conservative government rewarded Harry Enns for his accomplishments by renaming the Conservation area of Oak Hammock Marsh after him.

Has the time now come to disband this industry that pollutes air and water ?

- Peter Marykuca
Interlake resident

Firearms stolen from property in Rockwood

Staff

An investigation is underway after a number of firearms were stolen from a local property on the weekend.

RCMP Sgt. John Griegson said there was a break and enter to a property in the RM of Rockwood.

"It is believed that several firearms were stolen as a result," Griegson said.

"Our investigation is continuing with the assistance of our forensic identification section."

The property owner is a Rockwood resident who lives north of Stonewall.

"They attempted to break in on Thursday night by ramming my building and they were unsuccessful. There's a solid steel door that they could not bust in, so I made an RCMP report Friday morning," said the property owner, who didn't want to have his name published.

"They came back on Saturday morning and they entered two buildings.

One is a pump house where our well is. The other is our attached garage. That's the one that really bothers us."

Guns and ammunition were stolen, he added.

"It would appear that it was targeted. I run the Manitoba Junior Shotgun Association and I also run the junior program at the Winnipeg Trap and Skeet Club, so there are lots of people that know I have guns," said the prop-

erty owner, who has filed an insurance claim.

"Naturally, we'll be increasing our security to make sure it doesn't happen again. It happened once before 15 years ago. I think it's probably some of the same people. We upped our security at that time, but they ripped steel bars right off the window."

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Improvements to Crown land appraised at \$16,000; Armstrong offers \$2,200

By Patricia Barrett

Farmers in the Municipality of Armstrong say they're being lowballed for improvements they made over the years on Crown land they leased and surrendered in November 2020.

Marlice, whom everyone calls Charlene, and Victor Dziedzic said they had made improvements to land they leased east of Inwood by installing 10 and a half miles of fences, including cross fences, and building six dugouts. They used the land for hay and rotational grazing.

Victor had a 65-year lease on the lands, which are owned by the province. Last year they applied to the provincial government to surrender their lease. The RM of Armstrong was instructed to negotiate and compensate the Dziedzics for the improvements they had made.

The Dziedzics hired an appraiser from Meleb to value the improvements and submitted the assessment to the RM. But the RM hired its own appraisal company from Niverville without advising them.

When the Dziedzics were later informed and provided a copy of the company's report, they said the company had failed to physically inspect some of their improvements, appraised fences that didn't belong to them and valued the work at several thousand dollars lower than what their appraiser had estimated.

"I've spent many hours crying because I don't like what they've done to Victor. He's 81 years old. He's worked hard all his life," said Charlene Dziedzic, who earned a Governor General's Award in 2017 for organizing Charity Ride for Wishes every year and raising almost \$1 million for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. "It hurts me to see what they're doing to him. They're not treating us in good faith."

The Dziedzic farmstead has been in the family since 1908. The family acquired the Crown lands in the 1950s and over the years made improvements such as fencing, dugouts and clearing bush.

The Dziedzics hired a "professional



The RM of Armstrong sent the Dziedzics a cheque for \$2,200 as compensation for improving their leased Crown lands. The improvements were assessed at more than \$16,000 by a Meleb appraiser.

fencer" this spring from Meleb Agricultural Services to appraise the fences they had built, said Dziedzic. The appraiser has about 30 years of experience and does fencing for the provincial government and the RM of Armstrong.

"We had asked for \$15,000 in compensation," said Dziedzic. "For new fencing it costs \$6,000 a mile. Meleb Agricultural Services did the assessment for us and the appraiser said in his opinion it was worth \$16,600. That's what he told us."

The RM hired Red River Group from Niverville "without telling us they wanted to do their own assessment," she said. In July the Dziedzics received from the RM a copy of Red River's assessment that was completed June 6.

"Red River said [the improvements] were worth \$3,210. And they charged the RM \$2,121 to come up here and do this assessment. And they [the RM], in turn, nailed us for a percentage of that and deducted money from the \$3,210. We got a cheque from the RM for \$2,200."

The Dziedzics sent a letter to the RM in August, saying Red River appraised the work for a "very unfair amount." They noted inaccuracies and the assessment of fences "that didn't even belong to us."

One of the fences goes around the Sandridge Cemetery and doesn't belong to us, said Dziedzic. And Red River said all six dugouts were "older and of no value."

A section of the report called Scope



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Victor Dziedzic at one of the dugouts last week.

of Work #7 states that "not all of the subject improvements were physically inspected," she said. It was "assumed" by the company that the physical condition of the improvements it didn't view "were similar to that of the sample that was viewed."

Furthermore, council had not passed a resolution to have Red River do the appraisal until two days after the fair market value was provided "as at June 6," said Dziedzic. Council passed a resolution on June 8.

"That should make this null and void because there was no resolution made until after the fact," she said.

Dziedzic said she and Victor didn't cash the RM's cheque. They instead sent it back to the RM with their letter, saying they were unhappy with the outcome and were excluded from negotiations. They wrote that they'd be "reclaiming our fences which we will be taking down and back filling the six dugouts."

At its Sept. 14 meeting, Dziedzic said council gave them until Oct. 31 to remove the fencing and fill in the dugouts.

"I'm sitting in the council meeting [and] councillors Ted Sumka, Adam Krochenski, Paul Humeny and Ralph Hazelton made the decision that there would be no improvements paid for

because, according to them, the fences were worth nothing and the dugouts were dry," said Dziedzic. "Adam Krochenski said, and I quote, 'He [Victor] should be paying me \$10,000 to take the fences down.'"

She added that the dugouts are 12-14 feet deep and have water in them. The improvements they made means the land is ready to go for the next farmer.

"Who wouldn't want that land? It's fenced and cross fenced and each has a dugout. It's like buying a new car. All you do is get in, turn the key and drive. It's the same with that land. Open the gate, put your cattle in, shut the gate and you're good," she said.

She worries about other area farmers who are thinking of giving up their leased Crown land.

"We don't want them to go through this," she said. "There are farmers over 70 and 80 years old. This is taking advantage of seniors to reap the benefits."

The *Express* asked the RM for comment. CAO Corlie Larsen said by email that the *Express'* question about a decision to not pay for the improvements was "inaccurate." She didn't respond to a second email requesting clarification.

Armstrong gets extension to clean up garbage at Meleb Landfill

By Patricia Barrett

The Municipality of Armstrong was given an extension to clean up garbage strewn around the Meleb landfill and adjacent properties.

The provincial department of Conservation and Climate had ordered the RM to clean up the mess in July

after property owners near the dump made attempts to get the RM to address the issue. The garbage attracted bears over the summer.

The *Express* asked the RM for comment on the extension but it did not respond.

A spokesperson for Conservation

and Climate said the department works with municipalities and stakeholders to achieve compliance.

"If an individual or stakeholder requires more time to complete/comply with an order, we assess their reasons and may grant an extension as long as the request is reasonable and helps

achieve the ultimate goal, compliance," said the spokesperson by email last Friday.

"In this case, the RM needed more time to coordinate the work, but they have a plan in place now and the province has been assured the clean-up will be completed."

Major donations help local fire departments and schools

By Nicole Brownlee

The sale of a longstanding community building in the RM of Grahamdale is bittersweet, but donations from two community members soften the goodbye.

Joyce Stewart and Darlene Monk, two representatives from Camper Hall, have earmarked the money made from the sale of the hall to the Ashern, Eriksdale, Moosehorn and Gypsumville fire departments. The remaining funds will go to local schools.

"It just wasn't feasible to hang on to it," said Stewart. "I think it was only fair to donate it to the community."

Stewart lived at the first Camper Hall built in Camper, which is 14 kilometres north of Ashern.

She was born in her family's apartment above the hall in 1934.

"When we were about 10 or 12 years old, we used to go down with the ladies and help scrub the floors," said Stewart.

The hall bustled with dances and community functions back then, she said.

"They used to have dances all the time," said Stewart. "There was a big hump in the floor at that first hall."

The first Camper Hall closed in 1959, shortly after Stewart's sister was married at the hall in May 1959. The current Camper Hall is the third of its

name after the second hall burned down in the early '60s.

Over the past 10 years, the hall has declined, said Stewart.

"We were hardly doing any renting, and so many other halls in the communities closed down," said Stewart. "It's just not the same. People don't go to dances out in the country. They'll go to them in town where they can stay if they have to."

The hall was only rented about twice a year, so they knew it was time to sell, she said.

Stewart and Monk are donating around \$69,000 from the sale of Camper Hall. The Ashern and Eriksdale fire departments each received \$15,000, and the Moosehorn and Gypsumville fire departments received \$15,000 total on Sept. 9.

"The Eriksdale Fire Department is extremely honoured," said Brian Bottrell, deputy fire chief of the Eriksdale fire department.

"This generous donation will be used to purchase additional firefighting equipment for our department."

The Ashern fire department is also planning to use the funds for additional equipment for the fire hall, said Ken Falk, fire chief of the Ashern Fire Department.

"We appreciate what they've done," said Falk.



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Joyce Stewart presented the two donations of \$15,000 to fire chiefs Ken Falk, Brian Bottrell and Keith Lundale on Sept. 9 accompanied by RM of West Interlake reeve Arnthor Jonasson and RM of Grahamdale reeve Craig Howse.

Alf Cuthbert School, Ashern Central School, Ashern Early Years School and Eriksdale School's cut will go towards Grade 12 graduation bursary awards and school field trips.

"We're really excited to see dollars being donated to the school division and the schools in particular," said Don Nikkel, "especially when it comes to things like graduation bursaries, obviously helping to prepare youth to go onward to the next step."

Donating money for school trips was a bonus, said Nikkel.

"That's always something that our schools need support with, especially because we live in an area that's extremely large geographically, and it costs a lot if you want to go to Winnipeg," said Nikkel.

The schools will meet in the coming weeks to decide how to disperse the money.

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Urban harvest raises funds and agriculture awareness

By Jennifer McFee

A new philanthropic initiative has cropped up in the local agriculture community.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, the first-ever Harvest on the Crescent event raised more than \$20,000 for Harvest Manitoba while also showcasing some cutting-edge advancements in modern-day agriculture.

The fundraising and awareness-raising event took place in Winnipeg at 703 Wellington Cres. at a heritage home purchased by the Rutherford family in 2019. For nearly a century, this local family has farmed in Grosse Isle using the most modern equipment available. In the early years, that meant toiling in the fields with horses plows and binders, later giving way to tractors and combines.

Today, the family farm uses a data-driven fleet of John Deere equipment, working closely with Manitoba-based supplier Enns Brothers. Over the past 100 years, the farm has expanded from 320 acres to more than 5,500 acres.

The Rutherford family, along with some of their agriculture friends, came up with a plan to showcase modern agriculture on Wellington Crescent while bolstering support for a good cause.

"I had a vision that I wanted to grow wheat and maybe a different crop each year in a garden in front of this place. I got ahold of some of my ag friends, and a lot of them thought it was a great idea," Rick Rutherford explained.

"At one time, Wellington Crescent was home to a lot of people who were involved in the grain trade. The idea is to bring wheat back to its roots."

Ray Bouchard, CEO of Enns Brothers and board chair of EMILI (Enterprise Machine Intelligence and Learning Initiative) Canada, suggested adopting Harvest Manitoba as a charity for the project. Jacqueline Keena, managing director of EMILI, and Tom



Kevin Barron used his plot combine to harvest the small wheat crop.

Greaves, president of Pitura Seeds, were also instrumental in launching the event.

EMILI is an agriculture-AI (artificial intelligence) accelerator in Manitoba, Keena explained.

"We're working to grow the digital agriculture ecosystem in the province and across the prairies. We want more people to be engaged in the industry, one that we know is filled with such meaningful work and is so important to our provincial economy," she said.

"We also work with businesses, from start-up to legacy, to highlight and promote the positive benefits of integrating intelligent technologies like AI and machine learning."

Harvest on the Crescent was a great opportunity to bring awareness of modern agriculture to people in the city of Winnipeg, she added.

"Through the summer, walking down Wellington Crescent is a pastime of many Winnipeggers. Through this event, we were able to raise the profile of the level of technology used in agriculture today," she said.

"For EMILI, we want to highlight digital agriculture to as many people as we can and engage them in meaningful careers in the industry. Through the harvest event, we were also able to raise funds for a very important cause in the city and in the province — Harvest Manitoba."

During the event, members of the public also had the chance to watch Kevin Barron use his plot combine to harvest the small wheat crop. Barron undertakes small plot research in the Interlake area.

Adding to the interest, the first 70 people who dropped off a non-perishable food donation for Manitoba Harvest received a freshly baked loaf



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Rutherford planted a small crop of wheat on his front yard to raise funds for Harvest Manitoba while highlighting agriculture advancements.

of bread from Warburtons, a U.K.-based bakery brand that has used Canadian wheat since 1885.

For anyone interested in learning more about agriculture technology, the garage served as a hub of information. Guests had the chance to learn about topics such as non-GMO gene editing, a soybean breeding program and various EMILI projects including precision farming techniques using artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms.

Lakeside MLA and agriculture minister Ralph Eichler auctioned off donated items that included a special contribution from Winnipeg-based Patent 5 Distillery of a limited-edition single-barrel whisky created with the harvested wheat. This one-of-a-kind whisky will be made with 100 per cent Canadian red spring wheat, Manitoba spring water and Lallemande yeast. The AAC Starbuck wheat is a descendant of Red Fife, which was used to create the last wheat whisky that was locally distilled in 1880.

"They got on board with us and decided to make a 100 per cent wheat whisky, which is something that hasn't been done for quite a long time. There was a distillery that actually did it in Winnipeg in the 1800s, so they're rejuvenating this idea," Rutherford said.

"They took the wheat from our plot and will use it for the wheat whisky. We auctioned off Bottle 1 of their Canadian Western Red Spring whiskey, and the winning bidder paid \$10,000 for it. That was one of the big successes."

Multiple other companies and individuals also sponsored the event, and they enjoyed a gala event in the house, complete with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

"We celebrated harvest — and 'harvest' can be defined in several ways. It represents Harvest Manitoba, the harvest of our crop on Wellington and

the harvesting of crops in the ag community," Rutherford said.

"At the end of the day, we raised more than \$20,000 for Harvest Manitoba. Really, it's about Manitoba's ag community giving back, even though many of the people there were dealing with the drought of the summer. At the same time, we're trying to educate people through modern agriculture because a lot of people in Winnipeg have lost their connection with the farm."

The innovative fundraiser was much appreciated by Harvest Manitoba, formerly known as Winnipeg Harvest.

Colleen McVarish, director of corporate partnerships, expressed gratitude for all involved with Harvest on the Crescent.

"We appreciate all events that are held in the community for Harvest Manitoba. This was a fantastic event," McVarish said.

"The idea was so original. Rick Rutherford did a great job, and the money and food raised will go to help those in need. We look forward to this becoming an annual event and we appreciate all his hard work."

Likewise, Keena said that EMILI was pleased to participate in the event this year, which was hugely successful.

"Many people learned about modern agriculture and digital agriculture practices throughout the summer, got to learn more about the work of EMILI and, in the end, raised more than \$20,000 for Harvest Manitoba," Keena said.

"We are looking forward to an even more successful event next year."

And for Rutherford, he's already looking ahead to the next urban harvest.

"It was great," he said. "We hope to have Harvest on the Crescent 2.0 next year and we're planning on planting canola."



Harvest on the Crescent founder Rick Rutherford.

Gimli High School student breaking down disability barriers, promoting inclusion

By Patricia Barrett

A Grade 12 Gimli High School student is breaking down barriers around physical disabilities and promoting inclusion with prize money he won for a disability awareness project.

After experiencing emotional and physical abuse and being excluded from activities while growing up and attending school in Alberta, Anderson Froese, who moved to Gimli in 2017, set out to promote understanding and compassion about people with hearing challenges and those with other physical and intellectual challenges.

Anderson won \$5,000 in the MPower Challenge, sponsored by Manitoba Possible (formerly called the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities) and the federal government, after he submitted his project on disabilities, which he had researched and written for his Grade 11 global issues class.

The Evergreen School Division asked him for recommendations as to how the prize money could best be used to help students with hearing challenges and to teach other students about disabilities and the importance of inclusion.

Anderson said being tapped for his experiential knowledge about how people with disabilities can be discriminated against and how to address it showed the division's commitment to promoting positive action.

"People With Disabilities (PWD) want to be included and accepted. I receive non-discrimination in my community. I just want to be able to understand and hear my teachers, the same as my hearing peers. Because my school asks me every year what I need, or what they can do for me to allow me to succeed, I feel that the barriers associated with my disability are reduced at Gimli High School," said Anderson last week.

"I feel that the staff think about me when they are planning their year out. My input doesn't just help me in the school; as we move forward, it will help any child attending school with a



Anderson used his prize money to buy 100 books on disabilities.

hearing loss. What this really means, is when we are asked for our opinion, it will help change the future for the better."

Anderson's prize money was spent on a super-sized television screen that has already been installed at the high school to display announcements and information on events and programs. It will allow students with hearing challenges to stay up to date. The balance was used to buy about 100 books on disabilities for all of the division's early and middle years schools.

Anderson said he thinks teachers have a responsibility to educate kids at an early age to understand the challenges faced by some of their classmates and learn to accept them.

"[Teachers] can do this through a buddy system or finding common interest with the children through play. Reading stories about different physical and mental challenges would help as well. This way when a child meets another child with a disability, the disability is not who the child becomes," said Anderson. "No child wants to be seen as different than their peers. Children at this young age are extremely accepting, so it is important to teach everyone that these children belong with the group and that every-



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Anderson handed out books on disabilities to SSES staff and students.

one deserves friends."

He added that parents could also assist in making society more inclusive by teaching their kids about others with disabilities.

"Kids are quite inquisitive, and they should be shown that it is OK to ask questions about someone if they are curious. This way it takes fear out of the unknown," said Anderson.

When asked why he thinks kids without physical challenges ignore or bully kids who do have challenges, Anderson said kids without a lot of support seem to be targeted.

"It is easier to pick on someone with physical or mental challenges because they tend to have a smaller support system of friends," he said. "People with disabilities find it harder to make friends in school."

Anderson distributed the books to early and middle years schools last week. Students at Sigurbjorg Stefanson Early School joined him outside (using COVID-safe protocols) to receive their books.

Anderson also wrote a letter to the teachers of those classes, telling them about the discrimination and abuse he endured in Alberta and explaining the importance of teaching children from a young age to become aware of and accept others with challenges.

"My parents taught me early on to self-advocate; to make changes when I see the need for change. This gave me the drive to want to change the way we see people in our communities," said Anderson in his letter.

That was underscored by Anderson's mom, Tracy Froese. When Anderson's global issues teacher Daniel Wallach told him about the MPower competition, she said he jumped at

the chance to see whether he could create change.

"I was so proud when Daniel called to let us know that Anderson won. I think I cried on the phone. It was a long project for Anderson with a lot of late nights. It was a real struggle for him to put what he wanted from ASL [American Sign Language] into English to get his points across in a way that people weren't going to feel sorry for him, but would want to make a change," said Tracy, who accompanied Anderson on his book deliveries. "We taught him to advocate for himself and I think that shines through in this, so I'm very, very proud. And the high school has been fabulous trying to make things work for him."

When the family moved to Gimli from Alberta in 2017, Tracy said she noticed a difference in attitude towards people with challenges. She doesn't know if that's down to the rural community or if it was "just Manitoba in general," but Anderson was accepted "right off the bat," and the school system made sure he was included in activities such as band and choir.

Anderson's project was a "step in the direction" to furthering awareness in schools about the importance of inclusion, she said. Having the right tools (i.e., assistive technologies in the classroom) is important, but teaching kids to accept differences is the framework on which other kids with challenges can thrive.

"It starts within the division, teaching the kids to be accepting of other kids who are different," said Tracy, who formerly worked in kindergar-



GHS teacher Daniel Wallach (left) with Tracy and Anderson Froese.

Virtual IERHA menopause workshops to improve women's quality of life

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) is offering a seven-week workshop on perimenopause and menopause to help women understand and deal with the symptoms that a majority of women will experience.

IERHA community wellness facilitators Jan Keryluk and Marilyn Sitar co-ordinated the sessions, which are free and start this week. They're designed to improve women's quality of life.

Keryluk said the workshops were offered about three years ago in Gimli, and there has been great demand for additional workshops. The virtual format will allow more women to participate.

"The wonderful thing about these workshops is they are very interactive. We encourage women to speak up and use the chat feature," said Keryluk. "Each session will have an opportunity for participants to ask the presenters questions."

Perimenopause means close to menopause, a time when a woman's body starts to transition to menopause. Menopause is defined as the cessation of menstruation for 12 consecutive months. Both are normal processes of aging.

The menopausal transition typically begins between the ages of 45 and 55 and could last for seven to 14 years, according to an IERHA infographic.

Symptoms can be unpredictable as to when they occur and how long they'll last. They include hot flashes, sleep disruption and fatigue. But women can also experience bone loss and be at increased risk of heart disease and stroke.

There's a stigma attached to menopause and lack of understanding of what many women will likely experience during the transition. But awareness is slowly growing.

"From my personal perspective, it's changing," said Keryluk. "I've seen some positive movement around how women are portrayed and the opportunities that are open to them, but I still feel there is a stigma around aging. Menopause is part of aging and we don't talk about it."

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the workshops will be offered virtually and at night so that women who work have an opportunity to participate.

Keryluk said the sessions will be led by IERHA health-care staff as well as by staff from community partners such as Quarry Physiotherapy, Gimli

Pharmasave and the Manitoba Fitness Council. They'll be offering their time and expertise free of charge.

Session topics include diet, regular exercise, pelvic floor exercises, abnormal bleeding, moods, disrupted sleep, which can occur with or without hot flashes, and natural and pharmaceutical interventions to help manage symptoms. There will also be a question-and-answer session with gynecologist Dr. Michael Boroditsky.

"You can help alleviate symptoms with foods you eat because certain foods can make menopausal symptoms worse," said Keryluk. "Another wonderful intervention is physical activity. We've got a fitness leader to talk to women about that and take them through their paces."

Participants can sign up for some or all of the sessions. They run from Sept. 21 to Nov. 2 on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. To register call 1-877-979-WELL (9355) or email wellness@ierha.ca.

Visit the IERHA's Facebook page for more information about programs, services and vaccine clinic locations.

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The transition to menopause often begins between the age of 45 and 55 and can last for about seven to 14 years. Women can experience a range of symptoms, including hot flashes, disrupted sleep, fatigue and have a higher risk of heart disease and stroke. A healthy lifestyle can make the transition easier.

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ten and grades 1-2 classrooms. "Kids at that age are so impressionable, accepting and empathetic. They're very accepting of kids that have different needs. I think that's where it starts in reality, and how to make life better for Anderson and others.

"It's about being accepted by his peers, being able to have relationships and friendships and have that social aspect. He didn't get that when we were in Alberta. It was very segregated. There were nine deaf students in a school of 1,500 and Anderson was really separated."

GHS teacher Daniel Wallach, who

taught Anderson in his global issues class last year said he had tasked his students with completing a project (worth 25 per cent of their grade) based on their own ideas or ideas offered by Take Action, a federal government organization dedicated to global issues.

"I tried to get my students to do something where they'd foster change in the community or contribute to the betterment of society by doing something positive within their community," said Wallach, who accompanied Anderson on his book deliveries. "I told students pick a topic they were

passionate about and this is where Anderson went with it."

In addition to the curricula, the division provides practical supports such as amplifiers in classrooms — a sound system that increases teachers' speaking volume and clarity — which benefit all students, not just those with hearing challenges.

Wallach said the sound system will make a "mumbling" voice very crisp and clear. And the school also acquired see-through [COVID-19] face-masks so that hearing impaired students able to read lips can do so.

GHS principal Leona Groot said other technology, such as voice-to-text in which a teacher's words are translated into text on a screen, is also used in

the high school to help students with hearing challenges.

And "inclusion" is infused into the school curricula and based on provincial guidelines that promote it and other positive behaviour in Manitoba schools.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic made teaching challenging, Groot said there has been a positive aspect to it.

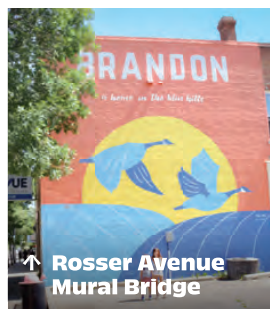
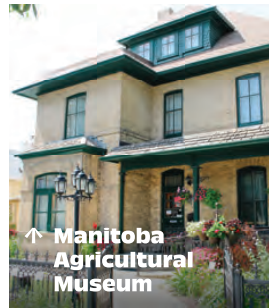
"I think we have become so much more technology savvy because of the pandemic," said Groot. "Everybody ventured into becoming more tech savvy and we've increased the amount of technology we're exploring."

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1 BRANDON BRINGS YOU BACK

Brandon's historic downtown, nicknamed The Hub, is centered along Rosser Avenue. This handsome collection of heritage architecture with faded ghost signs is a testament to Brandon's prosperity at the turn of the 20th century. Visit the independent local businesses that now occupy these buildings, including coffee shops, bakeries and favourite eateries as well as shops selling creative gifts, home decor and beauty items.

Learn about Brandon's early life at **Daly House Museum**, the Victorian-style home of Brandon's first mayor. The **Brandon General Museum and Archives** has three permanent exhibits that highlight the history and nature of the area. The **Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum** is full of historic aircrafts and artifacts that commemorate the role that the prairie sky and Brandon played in the Royal Canadian Air Force training school during World War II.

Check out local art

at the **Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba** and do the self-guided walking tour of the city's colourful murals before grabbing a bite to eat. Brandon boasts a great selection of restaurants, including a range of multicultural kitchens – ranging from Indian to Ethiopian – that are standouts in the community.

Next, discover the **Riverbank Discovery Centre** in the centre of the city. This network of 17 kilometres of walking trails connects you with the Assiniboine River ecosystem. Ten kilometres south of Brandon off Highway 10, the **Brandon Hills Wildlife Management Area** is an all-season playground and is particularly well known for single-track mountain biking.

Brandon has a number of great hotels, including many with pools and waterslides for the kids. There are four campgrounds in the area, including one at Grand Valley Provincial Park, along with bed and breakfast options.



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Spend the day road tripping east of Brandon to some unique museums found within an hour's drive.

The **Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Museum** at CFB Shilo is dedicated to the history of the more than 200,000 Canadian Gunners who served in war and peace since 1855. See large artillery pieces, vehicles soldier dioramas and more.

Spend the latter half of the afternoon learning about Manitoba's pioneer past at the **Manitoba Agricultural Museum** just outside the town of Austin. The Homesteaders' Village represents prairie village life in the late 19th century with an 1883 schoolhouse, a post office that once served all of northwestern Manitoba, an elegant clapboard mansion and a general store.



3 DAY TRIPS WEST FROM BRANDON

This second day trip heads west from Brandon to discover some gems in the region that mostly only the locals know about.

Oak Lake, located 45 kilometres west of Brandon, is a jewel hidden in the seemingly endless farmland of southwest Manitoba. The main draw at **Oak Lake Provincial Park** down Provincial Road 254 is a sandy, family-friendly beach. A marina allows you to put a boat into the water for a day of fishing or watersports. Next door to the beach is **Oak Island Resort**, an all-inclusive getaway that touts a pristine 18-hole golf course and massive 400-site campground.

Continue west along the Trans-Canada Highway to **Virden**, known as the gateway to the Canadian Prairies and the centre of

Manitoba's small oil industry. Check out the historic CPR Station, which is now home to the **Arts Mosaic Gallery** and the Aud Theatre, an ornate concert hall built in 1911.

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Arborg dance club looking for pre-school dancers

By Nicole Brownlee

Arborg's dance club is calling out for new students to join after the COVID-19 pandemic has dwindled their number of dancers.

"Our club has gotten smaller over the last couple years," said Jenna Pearce, Arborg Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club president.

The Arborg dance club has offered classes for around 30 years, but students have gradually graduated or chosen to dance in Winnipeg instead, but COVID-19 made a big impact on their attendance, said Pearce.

"Last year, we only got in about two or three classes and then the mandates closed us all up."

Arborg Reechka also wasn't able to hold classes over the summer because of public health regulations.

Initially, fewer than 10 students between seven and 13 years old signed up to return to fall dance classes.

"We would have tried to do it the best we could so these people that are interested still have something to do, but it would definitely have been tougher with so few," said Pearce.

The dance club began to consider of-



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Arborg Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club is opening up classes for children between three and five years old.

fering beginner classes for kindergarten students to attract more dancers.

"We hadn't really ever had too many young ones," said Pearce.

Pearce was surprised when parents approached her to ask about pre-beginner classes for younger children between three and five years old.

"If we can get people back into the dance club and excited to dance, then we can kind of start building our club right back up from scratch again," said Pearce.

"We've had lots of interest, so this is kind of exciting."

Children don't have many activity options in Arborg because of COVID-19 restrictions, said Pearce.

"That's kind of why I think that I've had some boys' and girls' parents have interest, just because it can get their kids out," said Pearce.

Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to join classes.

"You don't have to be Ukrainian to do Ukrainian dance."

The club plans to hold dance classes on Mondays at the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre starting at the end of September and hopes to have a spring showcase for the dancers.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with the club or wants to learn more about Arborg Reechka dance classes, contact Jenna Pearce at 204-641-1082.

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Eriksdale Youth Goose Shoot back on track

By Jo-Anne Procter

Guns were a blazing early last Saturday morning around Eriksdale as the annual youth goose shoot was back after a one-year hiatus due to COVID.

Nine teams of four hunters and two mentors took to their assigned fields, excited for the annual hunting competition hosted by the Eriksdale Game and Fish Club.

Points were awarded for Canada geese, snow geese, ducks and cranes. This year there were no ducks or snow geese taken.

First place was claimed by Kohl Sigfusson, Kole McKay, Logan Guenther and Warrick Guenther for the 32 Canada geese (160 points) they harvested. Second place went to the team of Zac Halldorson, Slater Farthing, Logan Miller and Mark Goodman for their 28 Canadas (140 points), and in third place was the team of Carter Sweetland, Kade Laughlin-Sweetland,

Jayden Dyck and Kenady Christensen for their 20 geese (100 points). Another 45 Canada geese and five cranes were taken by the other six teams.

All hunters were entered in a draw, and Carter Sweetland was the lucky winner of the gun safe donated by Donald Law. Gage Kinkead was the lucky winner of the .243 donated by Michael Desjarlais.

Jayden Cramp, Cole Lindell, Keidyn Lindell and Colin Cramp won the Hard Luck prize, a set of knives donated by Kevin and Amanda Halldorson.

The club promotes and encourages responsible and respectful hunting, and all fowl are cleaned and remains disposed in accordance with the Manitoba Conservation rules and regulations.

For more information about the Eriksdale Game and Fish Club, contact Jodie Thorgilsson 204-280-0052.



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First place winners won Winchester shotguns. Pictured left to right: Logan Guenther, Warrick Guenther, Kole McKay and Kohl Sigfusson.



Second place winners won Executioner hunting blinds. Left to right: Logan Miller, Slater Farthing, Mark Goodman and Zac Halldorson.



Third place winners won game cameras. Left to right: Kade Laughlin-Sweetland, Jayden Dyck, Carter Sweetland, Jayden and Kenady Christensen.



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The sound of vinyl: Gimli entrepreneur creates record label to showcase Interlake talent

By Patricia Barrett

The owner of Gimli's Ship & Plough Tavern came up with a groovy way to showcase Interlake musicians.

Scott Carman started a record label called Fleece Records and is set to release a compilation record featuring 12 artists from the region.

"We got tracks that were already recorded by the artists, and the first album will be called *Interlake All-Stars Vol. 1*," said Carman last week. "It features all the great talent that's out here in the Interlake."



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Gimli musician Scott Petrowski, who performs under the name Van Allen, released his first solo album on Scott Carman's Fleece Records label. Petrowski will be hosting an album release party at the Ship & Plough on Sept. 23.

Records were invented in the 19th century, periodically undergoing modifications to size and capacity as time marched on. They fell out of favour in the late 20th century with the rise of other media, such as CDs and online streaming. But diehard music fans say you just can't beat the audio quality of vinyl. Records came back into vogue in the mid-2000s and sales continue to grow.

"Records are making a big comeback," said Carman, whose pub serves up delectable dishes with made-in-

Manitoba ingredients and entertains patrons with live musical performances and British-style pub quizzes. "I think it was last year that records outsold CDs for the first time since the late '80s or thereabouts."

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, which arrived in Manitoba in March 2020, Carman said he started buying, cataloguing and pricing records, ending up with "thousands of records." He intended to open a brick-and-mortar record shop in Gimli, but a series of provincial public health orders would have kept the business closed.

Mandated closures of non-essential businesses such as pubs affected the livelihoods of performing artists, and the concept of starting a record label to help them recover economically and get more exposure emerged from that record-collecting process.

"I reached out to local musicians about putting together a compilation album," said Carman. "Because of the pandemic, artists weren't performing, touring and making money. And venues like the Ship & Plough were struggling. So I thought let's do this compilation album and hopefully make a little bit of money for artists and venues where they play."

The compilation concept is similar to that of Winnipeg-based company K-Tel, which started releasing thematic compilation albums in the 1960s featuring a wide selection of artists.

Interlake All-Stars, Vol. 1 features 12 artists from the region: Mise en Scene, Micah Erenberg, Jerry Sereda, Deborah Romeyn, Kate Ferris, This Mad Desire, Jamie Lillie, Lindy Vopnfjord, The Paps, Sol James, Little Miss Higgins and Jaxon Haldane.

The album is currently in the process of being pressed with a release date expected later this fall or early winter, said Carman.

Another musician who worked with Fleece Records is Gimli-based Scott Petrowski, who performs under the name Van Allen. He just released his first solo album called *Small Eclipse*.

"I've been working with Scott to put out his first recording. We have an album called *Small Eclipse*. He's played in bands over the years but this is his first solo project," said Carman. "We're really excited about this. It's a unique solo artist project. We want to work with emerging talent and help them get their music out there, not just on compilation albums but on their own albums."

Petrowski will be holding an album release party at the Ship & Plough on

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Carman said they'll be streaming *Small Eclipse* and Van Allen will be performing two or three songs live. There will be Fleece Records merchandise for sale at the event, which is open to the public.

Carman said he's already working on a second all-stars album and is considering creating other thematic compilation albums.

"There are all kinds of things we can look at. Maybe a compilation of some of the early fishermen's music or a compilation of Métis music from the area," he said. "We've got a lot of young emerging talented artists in the area and I'm interested in working with them to put their first recordings out on record."

Carman said he's eyeing opportunities to open a record shop in Gimli that will house both records and the Fleece Records label. The closest record shop he's aware of is in Selkirk. A record store closer to home will serve a number of communities.

"Even though we're a record label, I still want that storefront component. Down the road when things get back to normal, we'll be looking at opening up a shop offering new and used vinyl records, audio equipment, music

memorabilia and other things," said Carman.

Visit Fleecerecords.ca for more information about albums. The label is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Ship & Plough is located at 43 Centre St. in Gimli. For more information about the upcoming events and mandatory public health orders, including vaccination cards, call 204-642-5276 or visit its website: shipandplough.ca.



Fleece Records label.



A compilation album called *Interlake All-Stars, Vol. 1* features 12 tracks from Interlake musicians.

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Province offering third doses of COVID vaccine; vaccine name changes approved

By Patricia Barrett

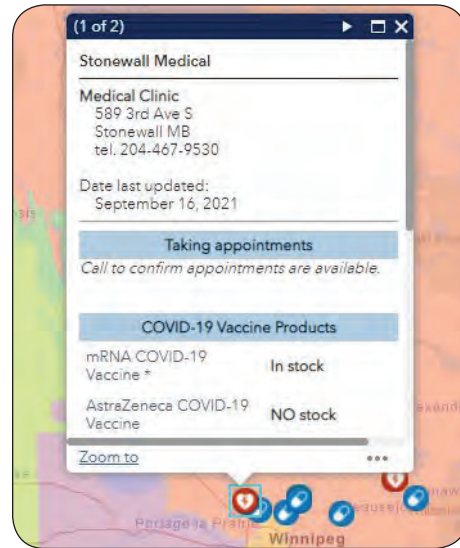
The province is making third doses of COVID-19 mRNA vaccines available to select groups of Manitobans.

Manitoba's Vaccine Implementation Task Force medical lead Dr. Joss Reimer announced last week that the province will be offering third doses to people who are immunocompromised, people who want to travel and those who received one or two doses of a vaccine that hasn't been approved by Health Canada.

The announcement comes a few weeks after Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommended third doses of mRNA vaccines be made available to people who are immunocompromised, as well with advice from the Manitoba task force's medical advisory committee.

"We know that people who are immunocompromised may not be able to develop a good defence against COVID-19 with just two doses of the vaccine," said Reimer in a Sept. 15 news release. "This initial plan for the third dose recognizes those who are at increased risk of severe illness. It also responds to the individual challenges faced by people travelling outside of Canada."

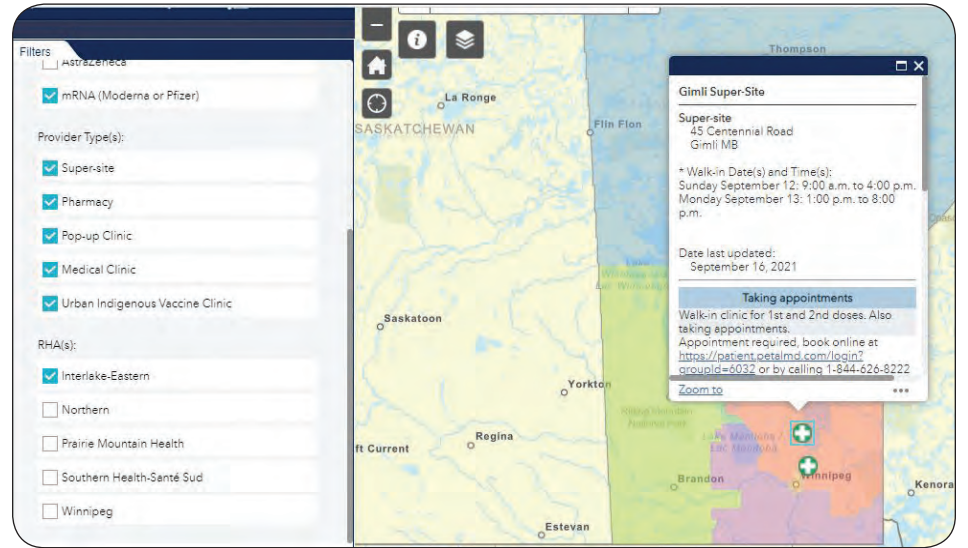
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The Stonewall Medical Clinic is one of many centres across the Interlake that is offering appointments for mRNA COVID vaccines.

that result in someone becoming immunocompromised include chemotherapy, organ transplants with chemotherapy or immunosuppressive therapy, HIV-AIDS, medications that severely affect the immune system and those born with immune system dysfunctions. A full list of those eligible for third shots is available on the government's vaccine webpage.

"People who are immunocompro-



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The province has an online map of Interlake clinics, including the supersite in Gimli, that are offering first and second doses of mRNA COVID vaccines, as well as third doses to those who received a vaccine that hasn't been approved by Health Canada.

mised can be immunized by their health-care provider. Individuals who would like to receive a third dose for travel purposes must be vaccinated by their health-care provider and go through an informed consent process, or present a prescription to a pharmacist," states the news release. "People who have previously received a vaccine not approved by Health Canada can be immunized at super sites, pop-ups or mobile clinics or by a health-care provider."

The task force is also setting out policies to guide temporary or permanent medical exemptions to immunization. They'll be applicable to those who had a severe reaction (e.g., myocarditis, Guillain-Barré syndrome) to the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, those receiving treatments that affect their ability to mount an immune response or people who had a severe

allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a COVID vaccine.

"The process to submit medical exemptions will be finalized as soon as possible, along with updated clinical guidance for health-care professionals," states the release. "The province is also developing a way to ensure individuals with a valid medical exemption are able to access the same benefits as those with an immunization card."

There are a number of clinics and pharmacies across the Interlake region, including supersites in Gimli and in Selkirk, that are offering first and second doses of mRNA COVID vaccines, and are expected to offer third doses to those who received an unauthorized vaccine. They include the Ashern Medical Clinic and Phar-

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Instagram page hopes to attract physicians to Interlake

By Nicole Brownlee

An Interlake doctor is using Instagram to hopefully recruit more health-care workers to the region.

Dr. Jade Young chose to practise as a family physician in her home community of Eriksdale to be close to her family and the things she loves.

"It was really easy for me to choose because I've been there. My family's there. That's my home," said Young. "But when I was trying to recruit some of my classmates ... none of them actually ended up coming because they couldn't experience the community."

Young wants to remind medical students that they should explore different communities when considering where to complete their residency but understands that it's difficult to understand the charm of rural living if you're not familiar with the place.

"In medical school, we get these presentations from the regions about job opportunities," said Young.

"Up until two years ago, there wasn't really an opportunity to go see the Interlake, whereas the other regions having had residency programs, you had an opportunity to go and experience the community."

The COVID-19 pandemic also created barriers for students to experience rural communities because of strict public health orders.

"I started the Instagram page with the goal to help someone who is not from the community experience, virtually, what it is like to live here," said Young.

Attracting more physicians to the area will benefit everyone in the region by increasing access to family doctors.

"It's a very prevalent thing in these communities where people will drive hours if they can afford to because they would like a provider who is going to be consistent," said Young.

With the help of her three sisters, Cayleen Mathews, Megan Parkes and Jayden Nickel, Young collected photos of their favourite as-



The Instagram features scenic landscapes, fishing spots and cute animals like Pepper.

pects of living in the Interlake to create the Instagram page @life_between_the_lakes.

"I started (the page) myself, but then I saw that, you know, I was one perspective of living here, and I wanted to try to incorporate other perspectives," said Young. "When a health-care provider moves to a community, it's not just that person who's living there. Often, it's their family and their kids."

Parkes contributes photos of what it's like as a family living in the region, often featuring her three-year-old daughter, and showcases her artistic side with scenic landscape photos.

"I send her little glimpses of my life with my girl. ... And, other than that, I send her any sort of art that I do," said Parkes.

Parkes also has experience running her own art and design Instagram, @m.lee_artdesign, which includes photos of the region.

"I'm very in love with Manitoba landscapes," said Parkes.

Also featured on Young's page are fishing



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY DR. JADE YOUNG

Dr. Jade Young's Instagram page @life_between_the_lakes highlights some of the things she and her three sisters love about the Interlake region to try and attract more health-care professionals to work in the area.

spots, hikes, riding trails and more, but something Young enjoys about the community is missing so far.

"It's been hard the past couple of years because there hasn't been a lot of community events," said Young. "We do hope to make more posts about the different events."

Several students have already reached out to Young through the Instagram page with questions about options in the area.

"I've had a pretty good response to it so far," said Young.

To learn more about residency programs in the region, contact Dr. Jade Young through the life_between_the_lakes Instagram page.

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macy, Fisher Branch Pharmacy, Lifestyle Pharmacy in St. Andrews and Rexall Pharmacy in Stonewall.

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In other vaccine news, Health Canada announced on Twitter Sept. 16 that it authorized brand-name changes of three COVID vaccines.

Pfizer-BioNTech's mRNA vaccine is now called Comirnaty, a portmanteau of community, mRNA and immunity. Moderna's mRNA vaccine is Spikevax and AstraZeneca's viral vaccine is Vaxzevria.

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at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday November 10th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Monday, October 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

The Applications must be sent to the address printed below:

Dated at Moosehorn, Manitoba, this 20th day of September, 2021.

Shelly Schwitek, Secretary, Board of Revision
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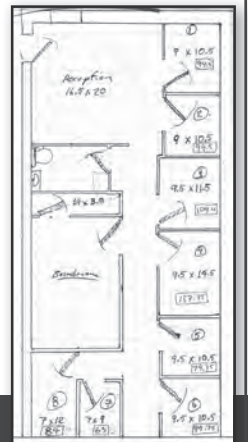
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| Roll Number | Description | Assessed Value | Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 48300 | SECONDLY: FRAC NW 1/4 OF SECTION 22-23-9 WPM EXC: PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 7235 WLTO - DESC NW 22-23-9 W | L -\$46,500 B -\$59,000 | \$4,048.99 |
| 48400 | FIRSTLY: FRAC SE OF SECTION 22-23-9 WPM | L -\$12,500 | \$1,494.48 |
| 48500 | FIRSTLY: FRAC SW 1/4 OF SECTION 22-23-9 WPM | L -\$17,100 | \$1,555.90 |
| 52850 | NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13-23-10 WPM EXC FIRSTLY: NLY 1070 FEET PERP AND SECONDLY: ROAD PLAN 704 WLTO (P DIV) SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN. | L -\$27,200 B -\$230,300 | \$9,714.52 |
| 53000 | LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 1, 2 AND 7 OF SECTION 13-23-10 WPM EXC OUT OF SAID LEGAL SUBDIVISION 1 THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR ROAD PLAN 704 WLTO (P DIV) SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN | L -\$29,500 | \$1,682.81 |
| 57700 | NE 1/4 OF SECTION 36-23-10 WPM | L -\$31,500 | \$1,610.66 |
| 66800 | THIRDLY: LEGAL SUBDIVISION 4 AND THE S 1/2 AND NW 1/4 OF LEGAL SUBDIVISION 3 IN SECTION 27-23-9 WPM EXC OUT OF SAID LEGAL SUBDIVISION 4 PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 7235 WLTO | L -\$16,600 | \$1,530.11 |
| 67100 | NE 1/4 OF SECTION 31-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN | L -\$35,100 | \$1,778.26 |
| 67300 | SE 1/4 SECTION 31-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN. | L -\$30,800 | \$1,715.74 |
| 86050.11 | LOT 11 PLAN 29308 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS IN FRAC SE 1/4 14-24-10 WPM - 21 MISS ELLIES DR W | L -\$29,300 | \$2,683.02 |
| 199770 | LOT 1 PLAN 32974 WLTO IN NW 1/4 23-25-7 WPM - 7 KIRKFIELD DR | L -\$7,700 | \$1,911.48 |
| 381200 | ALL THAT PORTION OF NE 1/4 36-23-6 WPM WHICH LIES TO THE NE OF PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 584 WLTO (P DIV). | L -\$21,300 | \$2,210.93 |
| 395100 | NE 1/4 32-22-7 WPM EXCEPTING FIRSTLY, ROAD PLAN 15174 WLTO AND SECONDLY, ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND SPECIAL RESERVATIONS AS RESERVED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN. | L -\$28,300 | \$2,184.59 |

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

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 - 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 Municipality of West Interlake as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - 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
 - A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus 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 3rd day of September, 2021.

Managed by:



Courtney Roehl
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Municipality of West Interlake
 Phone: (204) 768-2641
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RM of West Interlake PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2022 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of West Interlake has been delivered to the Municipal Offices at Eriksdale and Ashern, Manitoba and are open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by
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 - serving it upon the secretary,
 at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

Application forms are available at the municipal offices or on our website www.rmofwestinterlake.com

The Board of Revision will sit on November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ashern Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of West Interlake. Depending on the public health advisory at the time of the Board of Revision alternative site/methods may be utilized. If you file an appeal, you will be advised of the location of the board.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is October 18, 2021 by 4:00pm.

Dated this 16 day of September, 2021.

Courtney Roehl – Secretary
Board of Revision
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-Sincerely,
Donna Klym

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of
Ross Lindsay

One year ago September 21, 2020

Gone so suddenly,
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We miss you, always in our thoughts,
Forever in our hearts.

-Miss and love you,
Step-daughter Melody (Bill)
Debbie and family

OBITUARY

Ronald Ewanyshyn

Peacefully, on September 9, 2021, Ronald Ewanyshyn of Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, passed away at the St. Boniface General Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his three daughters and extended family.
In accordance with his wishes, cremation and a private interment have taken place.
Condolences may be left on Ronald's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca.
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BIRTHDAY



Minnie Owens
Happy 100th Birthday!
September 24, 2021

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IN MEMORIAM



Dale Koblun
1977 - 1996

Twenty-five years ago you left us.
Every day we think of your bright smile
And the joy of life in your eyes.
You touched the hearts of many, young and old.
No words can express how much we miss you
In our family. You would have been proud to be
An uncle to Kelby and Aimee.
To your lifetime best friends, Curtis and Kevin - together to the end - we thank you.
There were so many more memories left for us
To make together, but for now we continue
Life's journey, keeping you close in thought
and forever loved.

-Your family

OBITUARY

Eddie Brandt



Eddie Brandt, age 90, of Arborg, Manitoba passed away Monday morning, September 6, 2021 at Arborg & District Health Centre with his daughter (and faithful caregiver) Jerlene by his side. He had valiantly faced numerous health issues for almost two years and was set free from his body of suffering to be forever with the Lord!

He is survived by his nine children: Jerry (Linda) of Winnipeg, Jerlene of Arborg, MB., Don (Dorcas) of Tolstoi, MB., Ken (Audrey) of Polonia, MB., Debbie (John) Dueck of Bulacan, Philippines, Mark (Jan) of Stony Mountain, MB., James of Arborg, MB., Jonathan (Tina) of Arborg, MB. and Becky (Leon) Plett of Arborg, MB.; 40 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters Alice (Ed) Siemens, Loreen (Jack) Siemens and Leona (Henry) Dueck and three sisters-in-law Katie Brandt, Elma Eidse and Betty Eidse.

Eddie was predeceased by his dear wife Violet in 2007; two grandchildren, Michael and Victoria; two great-grandchildren, Stanley and Laverne; parents Peter U and Agnes Brandt; parents-in-law David K and Elizabeth Eidse; brothers, John Brandt, Levi (Brunhilda) Brandt, Paul (Myrtle) Brandt; sisters, Justina Brandt, Elizabeth (Pete) Loewen, Helen (Bill) Friesen; and many in-laws.

Eddie was born on a farm in Rosenort, MB. He lived through the Depression years remembering food being scarce and his mom cooking wheat for the family to eat. During World War II he witnessed heartbreaking farewells of soldiers saying goodbye to their wives and mothers. This scene at the train station left a lasting impression on him. His school years during the war were challenging because of adjusting to so many different teachers. As a youth he worked on his dad's farm in the summer and would go to Riverton or Kenora in the winter to work in the bush. In the 1950 flood people panicked and left on the last train, leaving farm and livestock unattended. Eddie helped and went by boat to take care of the abandoned farms and animals.

At the age of 20, being convicted of his life of sin, Eddie gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Kleine Gemeinde Church. He would often talk about his conversion experience and how the Lord saved him.

After a few years of dating Violet Eidse, a cute neighbour girl, they were married on October 19, 1952. They lived in Rosenort where Dad worked for a machine shop and then moved into a house on the same yard as his parents. They joyfully welcomed the birth of Jerry in 1954, followed by Jerlene in 1955, Don in 1957 and Ken in 1960. In 1962 Grandpa helped Dad build a house, which was later moved to Arborg.

Dad farmed with his dad and brother Paul until he moved to Arborg in 1963. Here he started farming on his own with his sons clearing bush to make more grain land. He was a true farmer at heart adding hogs and cattle to the farm. Debbie joined the family two weeks after their arrival in Arborg, followed by Mark in 1966, James in 1970, Jonathan in 1972 and Becky in 1977.

Dad enjoyed his grandchildren and would tease them and give them candy. Dad was actively involved in getting the first Christian Day School started in the area and served on the school board for many years at Morweena and Lake Centre. He loved to get youth together and go sing at hospitals, nursing homes, and go Christmas carolling. Dad had a heart for troubled youth boys, spending a lot of time giving a listening ear and counsel when needed. He was ordained deacon at Lake Centre in 1973, this calling led him to be involved in the Mexican Mission Board and filling in for missionaries on furlough. He enjoyed travelling to the Philippine Islands various times with Mom and to Colombia, South America to see the mission outreaches his children were involved in. He taught at Messiah Bible School in Ohio a few times. He said, "these were the best years of his life."

In 2007 he was devastated by the loss of his wife and our dear mother, and he sorely missed her until his passing. It helped Dad cope with the loss of Mom by doing the parts run five days a week for his son Jon's business. He did this till he was 89 years old when he started battling with rounds of pneumonia and painful mouth infection.

When we asked Dad how he was doing, he would usually say, "I'm doing good!" Dad's testimony a few days before he passed, "I can't believe what the Lord has all done for me!"

Dad, we will always remember you as a wise, compassionate, caring man with a sense of humour. You loved the Lord and weren't ashamed to speak a word for Him. We miss you and will forever love you!

We want to thank Jerlene and James, Dad's primary caregivers, and Jon for being available at any hour of the day or night to help him.

A big thank you to each group that came to sing for Dad during his illness. Thank you to Dr. Donnelly for all his care to Dad and to Dr. Sharma for his care and compassion over the time of Dad's passing.

As a family, we sincerely thank each one who supported, helped and prayed for us through Dad's sickness and passing.

BIRTHDAY



Happy 100th birthday to
Min Owens
on September 24th!

-Love Brenda, Don and family

OBITUARY

Conrad Kernersted

November 5, 1942- September 12, 2021

Peacefully, Conrad passed away at the Teulon Personal Care Home.

Conrad is survived by sister Norma Affleck (Tom), brother-in-law Gunnar Palson, and special friend of many years Marlene Smyk.

He was predeceased by parents Carol and Lawrence Kernersted and sister Lorraine Palson.

Thank you to Goodwin Lodge for their wonderful care.

A private service will be held at a later date.

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OBITUARY



Haraldur (Harvey) Asgeir Johannes Benson
(October 29, 1924 – September 11, 2021)

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.*
W. E. Henley

Sons and daughters and their families sadly announce the passing of their Father, Afi, and Langafi, who this September 11th, slipped away peacefully in his sleep just shy of his 97th birthday in the town he was born, Gimli, Manitoba.

He was the youngest of four children and was definitely the most spoiled.

He leaves behind, we think, seven dysfunctional children. Judging by his Hollywood-handsome World War II picture, there could be more. These seven (plus?) children went on to populate the world and did their father proud by procreating dozens of grandchildren.

He will be welcome with open arms by his parents and three lovely sisters. One thing is certain, every one of his bridge buddies who have preceded him to the "Pearly Gates" are waiting with great anticipation for a game as someone else can now take a turn being the dummy.

He was an accomplished and well respected principal who was specifically recruited to both Arborg and Gimli High Schools. His strength and leadership both in academics and athletics showed his desire and goal for a "balanced" education which ensured all his students and staff excelled in both areas.

After 25 years as a principal in Gimli, he retired and returned to his roots, taking up commercial fishing again just like his father before him, a newcomer from Iceland. He substituted his suit and sneakers for oilers and rubber boots.

He served in the Navy, was an active citizen including coaching hockey, baseball, and basketball. A mover and shaker within the community, he spearheaded the expansion of Gimli High School which included a new gymnasium and outdoor tennis courts, revolutionized curriculum to include subjects that brought essential skills and tools used in life, was a Gimli Town Councillor, and President of both the Gimli Legion and Rotary Clubs. He often ran the Gimli 10 mile during the Islendingadagurinn Celebration, ran the Manitoba Marathon, received his private pilot's license at 56...which, if he flew like he drove, is truly amazing he did not crash. Like a true Icelander, he also prepared hardfish and shared it with others.

He was born with a horseshoe up his butt and he must have peed four leaf clovers as he somehow survived childhood polio, tuberculosis in his 20's, remained sane throughout his 35 years as a teacher and principal, dealt with various antics and shenanigans that undoubtedly occurred while raising seven wonderful "darlings", going through the "crack" while winter fishing, flipping his skiff and suffering hypothermia at 89 while open water fishing along with his 77 year old "hired hand", multiple mini-strokes, and 17 years of various illnesses...he still refused to kick the bucket.

Never a moment to pass on physical activity well into his ninth decade, he was often seen doing push-ups against buildings on the street as well as in crowded doctor's offices. Right up to his last breath, he continued his commitment to health and fitness by doing bench press, dumbbell curls, and abdominal workouts in his bed just days before his passing.

Reflecting on other Fathers, Afi's, and Langafi's of the world, Harvey was certainly a one-of-a-kind character. All who knew him, had their own individual relationship with him that was loving and forever endearing. We will miss and cherish him forever.

þar til við hittumst aftur...until we meet again
We love you.

A private family 'Celebration of Life' will be held in lieu of a service. Feel free, to dig into your pockets, and donate to the charity of your choice "in memory", such as the most recent charity, "The Harvey Obit Fund".

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OBITUARY



Anni Hahlweg

After a long and courageous struggle, the family of Anni Hahlweg would like to announce her peaceful passing on September 14, 2021 at the Gimli Hospital.

Anni was born in Annaberg, Germany during WW II on June 28, 1944. Anni, accompanied by her mom, brother, and Oma, were able to escape and find their way to a refugee camp in Berlin. They joined other Mennonite refugees and set sail on the Volendam ship to Paraguay. After nine years, the family was fortunate to be sponsored to Canada and a new life began for the now family of nine.

Anni loved her life and lived it with zest and passion. Her long career at Safeway led to many happy customers and some lifelong friends.

She loved going dancing with her older brother and friends at the German Club, where she met her husband, Karl Hahlweg. They married on April 24, 1964, and were blessed with two sons, Brian and Tim. Their home in Transcona was a place of parties, young people, family dinners, and fun. Anni and Karl later retired to Lake Forest Estates where they embraced their life and community in Gimli. Anni worked at Super A, known affectionately by her grandchildren as "Super Anni's". She volunteered at New Horizons Seniors Club, sang with the Westshore Singers, and made many more friends. Anni loved and was loved by her family and friends. Her sons were her pride and joy and her four granddaughters the icing on her cake. Everyone who knew her had their lives enriched.

Left to mourn her passing are her son Brian and wife Chantal, granddaughters Kiera and Riana, son Tim and wife Jodi, granddaughters Casey and Emily, stepdaughter Debbie Schneider and husband David and their family, her long time companion Roger Dickinson, brothers Viktor Dyck and wife Marian Murray, Peter Hamm and wife Maggie, sisters Leni Lousier, Liese Kleinfeld, Johanna Chin and husband Brad and many cherished nephews, nieces and friends. Anni was predeceased by her husband Karl in 2009, her parents Anna and August Hamm, parents-in-law Lucy and Alexander, and brothers-in-law George Hahlweg and Ron Kleinfeld.

Due to capacity limits related to COVID-19 restrictions, a private funeral service will be held at the Gimli Lutheran Church on September 22nd. If you would like to attend, we kindly ask that you email pujo27@gmail.com to confirm seating availability.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the many caring staff at the Gimli Hospital. Donations in Anni's memory may be made to CancerCare Manitoba or a charity of your choice if so desired.

Condolences can be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Margaret Pidruchny

Peacefully, on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Gimli Community Health Centre, Margaret Pidruchny, aged 79 years of Gimli, Mb, beloved wife of Fred, passed away. Full obituary to follow in the next edition of the Express.

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OBITUARY

Stan Miller

June 7, 1949 - September 15, 2021

After a courageous battle, Stan has been released. He leaves to mourn his loving wife and farming partner of 46 years, Shannon; his children Alison (Glen) and Tim; and his grandchildren Aidan and Cara.

Stan was born in Eriksdale and lived most of his life in Lundar. He worked on the power line and drove school bus, but his heart was on the farm with Shannon.

Volunteering in the community, especially for the Lundar Bull Sale, and working for and with kids, kept Stan busy off the farm. Coaching, reffing and getting the rink ready for the next hockey season was all for the kids in the community. His favourite kids were his own though. He couldn't have been prouder of Alison, Tim, Glen, Aidan and Cara and loved spending time with them.



In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place and a private gathering will take place at a later date. Arrangements by:

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OBITUARY

Michael Alfred George Riley

April 22, 1959 – September 11, 2021

It is with great sorrow we announce the sudden passing of Michael on September 11, 2021. Michael leaves to mourn his wife Cindy; daughter Justine (Klint); grandchildren Kinnley, Kamryn, Konnor and Aspen. He was predeceased by his daughter Maxine (Braden).

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021, in the Mulvihill Cemetery with Cindy Thorkelson officiating. Please bring a chair.

A longer version can be viewed in the Winnipeg Free Press on Sept 25, 2021.

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OBITUARY

Donna Lynn Palson

Donna passed away on July 8, 2021, at home, with Randy and Amber by her side.

A celebration of her life will be held on Thursday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m., at The Gates On Roblin, 6945 Roblin Blvd, Headingley, MB. Attendees will be required to provide proof of full vaccine. Lunch and fellowship will follow the service.



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William 'Craig' Pottinger

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021 in the McEwen Park, just off #6 Hwy, Eriksdale, MB. Please bring a chair.

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