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# Fundraiser for former St. Laurent deputy fire chief Oct. 3

By Nicole Brownlee

The St. Laurent fire department is hosting a pancake breakfast, loonie auction and 50/50 draw on Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. Laurent Recreation Centre to raise money for Mo Emond, an important member of the department who is battling cancer.

Emond, 49, has dedicated 25 years to the department and worked as the deputy fire chief for 10 years. He was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 terminal small cell carcinoma prostate cancer. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly to support Emond, his wife Gertrude and their four children, Maria, Erika, Noah and Isaiah.

"Mo is a genuine person. He is everyone's friend," said Mathew Riding, deputy fire chief of the St. Laurent fire department.

All breakfasts are takeout to adhere to COVID-19 health orders. Weather permitting, visitors can enjoy their breakfast outside prepared by the fire department, recreation centre members and Emond's colleagues at Interlake Packers Ltd.

Auction winners will be contacted by phone at the end of the event or are welcome to stay outside of the centre.

Anyone interested in donating funds or prizes for



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The St. Laurent Fire Department is hosting a fundraising pancake breakfast in support of one of their own. All proceeds will be donated to Mo Emond, second from right, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

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the loonie auction or in breakfast delivery options is encouraged to send the fire department a message to the St. Laurent Fire Department Facebook page or email [stlaurentfiredept@hotmail.com](mailto:stlaurentfiredept@hotmail.com).

Donations can also be accepted through the Mo and Gertrude Emond CancerCare GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/d5bc08fb>.

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# Gimli chamber's Beautification Committee urging RM to improve town's image

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee said it has been trying to work with the Municipality of Gimli to make minor repairs in the business-tourist district and improve the town's image.

The committee had reached out to council in March with concerns about a lack of basic maintenance and the impression that's having on visitors, businesses and residents.

Chamber co-chair Melanie Specula, who sits on the beautification committee and also owns the Chicken Chef restaurant, said they have concerns about the state of the beach and business-tourist district, and that improvements wouldn't entail a large outlay of municipal funding.

"There are a number of things that desperately need to get done. It's simple little things that need attention, not things that are going to cost huge amounts of money," said Specula last month during the height of the tourist season.

The committee shared photos of a broken sidewalk, dirt and debris on roads and sidewalks and along the front of some businesses, weeds growing out of interlocking brick sidewalks, crumbling benches, outdated posters tacked up on public billboards, three large dumpsters at the one of the entrances to the beach, smelly garbage cans set out along First Avenue sidewalks where large numbers of tourists passed by every day, and loose gravel on First Avenue and Centre Street that for most of the summer posed a hazard to walkers and cyclists.

Specula said part of the chamber's role is to support the municipal economy. To do that, it's important that the RM maintain the town so that they can attract new business opportunities.

"We have a responsibility to our businesses to keep our town looking nice. And you want your town to look good to attract new business," said Specula. "We feel there are so many things that really need immediate attention."

Award-winning film director and producer Norma Bailey sits on the chamber's Beautification Committee. Twice this summer, friends visiting her remarked on how "rundown" the business area looks, she said. There are weeds everywhere, benches are tattered and streets and sidewalks need to be power-washed.

"There is a general sense that no one is maintaining Gimli and making it look nice," said Bailey last month. "It is frustrating because we've taken specific issues to the municipality."

A major public pathway between the Second Avenue public parking lot and First Avenue, for example, "used to be such a beautiful passageway" with a wildflower garden that now looks like an abandoned "weed garden," she said. There's also a large dumpster close to the pathway and a clutter of material that could be hidden from view.

The committee's photos show some business entrances with cobwebs, dirt, dead insects and bird feces. Bailey said business owners could help maintain entranceways.

"When I go to other places, I see storekeepers come out and wash their front stoops in the morning. Some businesses [in Gimli] could spend 10 minutes of their day doing this," she said.

On Gimli's residential streets, Bailey said homes and yards are well maintained and she doesn't understand why that pride can't "extend to the downtown."

Waterfront Centre manager Kristin Strachan, who also sits on the Beautification Committee, said the RM's garbage management is a major concern.

"The same garbage cans have been broken for five years. And we've been asking for strategic placement, where a recycle bin is placed next to a garbage bin so that waste and recyclables are put in the appropriate bin," said Strachan last month. "We have talked about this many times with council and nothing has been done. We sent letters over the winter to see if this could be done before the summer tourist season started. We were trying to be proactive."

There are several small metal garbage cans with lids along the beach boardwalk. Scores of hundreds of tourists had to lift the lids to deposit trash, making them a high-touch surface during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many things have taken the committee's breath away, said Strachan, but the RM's placing three huge dumpsters at one of the two main entrances to Gimli Beach went beyond the pale.

"What an eyesore. The entrance to our beach is not the place for dumpsters," she said. "Let's create a dumpster section in town somewhere and get panels [fencing] to hide them. Let's have some pride. What we're asking council to do is not unreasonable."

The RM has a Neat and Tidy By-law it could use to gently encourage some businesses to join in the effort to maintain a certain standard in the business-tourist district, said Strachan.

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Weeds are growing from interlocking brick sidewalks in the business area, three large dumpsters were placed at a beach entrance and public benches are crumbling.

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# Alberta's K-9s get their noses to the ground in Gimli for zebra mussel detection

By Patricia Barrett

Perhaps the only upside to Manitoba lakes being infested with zebra mussels is that they can be used as training grounds by other provinces that are trying to keep mussels out.

That's exactly what the Alberta government is doing. The Ministry of Environment and Parks' Conservation K-9 Unit handlers were in Gimli last week to get their elite team of sniffer dogs some practise detecting zebra mussels and veligers, which can be spread to uncontaminated waterbodies by boats.

This is the sixth season the K-9 Unit has visited Gimli to use mussel-infested Lake Winnipeg as a training ground for their dogs.

"Our dogs have this great opportunity to work with boats coming right out of the lake that have mussels attached to them, as well as find mussels along the shoreline," said K-9 handler Cindy Sawchuk last Friday. "When we're training the dogs at home, we use dead, desiccated, frozen mussels we put in a pouch and hide on watercraft as practise for the dogs to find."

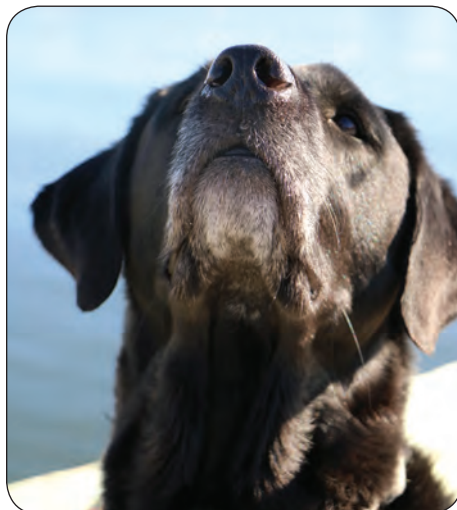
Ongoing training with fresh mussels is necessary to keep the dogs motivated and their skills "sharp," she said. The team set the dogs to work sniffing boats, docks along Gimli harbour and the sand and rocks along the beach.

Sawchuk was joined by her dog Hilo, a black Labrador cross, Hannah McKenzie and her dog Seuss, a German shepherd, and Heather McCubbin and her dog Diesel, a chocolate Labrador.

Alberta's program was created in 2015 with help from Working Dogs for Conservation, a Montana-based organization that rescues shelter dogs and trains and deploys them to work in areas that are deemed of high conservation value, said Sawchuk.

The dogs sniff boats entering Alberta from the U.S. and from eastern Canadian provinces where mussels are prolific, she said. Alberta is in "prevention mode." As yet it has no zebra or quagga mussels.

"We have a pretty aggressive wa-



A dog's nose has more olfactory receptors than a human's, making them ideal scent detectors.

tercraft inspection program at major highways coming into Alberta," she said. "By law, boats travelling in have to stop at our inspection stations to be inspected by humans and potentially by one of our three canines."

In addition to watercraft, Sawchuk said the dogs inspected over 30 lakes last summer for mussels. They've also been trained to recognize the smell of an invasive weed and wild boar scat — an invasive species the Alberta government is trying to manage.

Dogs can be trained to detect drugs and explosives, track humans and other animals across terrain and detect certain cancers. so they were a natural shoo-in for mussel detection. But the inherent power in the canine nose doesn't automatically mean a dog will be accepted into a conservation program.

"It is actually their drive. They have to be obsessed with balls and toys. Less than one in a thousand dogs actually has this kind of drive, which makes them a good detection dog," said Sawchuk. "With that crazy drive and really good ability to focus, these dogs don't tend to make good family pets so they're often found in shelters."

That's where Seuss and Diesel ended up before Working Dogs rescued them and "interviewed" them for the K-9 job in Alberta, said Sawchuk. Hilo



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Alberta's Conservation K-9 handlers and their dogs, from left: Hannah McKenzie and Seuss, Cindy Sawchuk and Hilo, and Heather McCubbin and Diesel.

had started out in Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, Calif., before that organization donated him to the K-9 unit.

While waiting for a boat to be hauled from the lake, Seuss easily located mussels on Gimli Beach, including those buried under rocks.

Hannah McKenzie asked him to pinpoint the precise location of a mussel he detected but which she couldn't see. Seuss got down on his belly and pointed his nose at the precise spot.

"They can smell it no problem. But it could be a few rock levels down and we have to dig for it," said McKenzie. "You could tell when I was moving rocks aside, he was like, 'Hurry up. Why is it taking you so long?'"

The reason for Seuss's eagerness was that he knew what was coming next — his reward for finding a mussel. The dogs get playtime with their handlers rather than a dog treat. McKenzie gave Seuss his favourite ball and played tug of war with him for a few minutes before putting his nose back to the ground.

Playtime helps build bonds between dogs and handlers, said Sawchuk. The dogs know that "as soon as I tell my human about this mussel" their human is going to give them their ball and play with them.

"These dogs are such gifts for us.



Washing boats as soon as they come out of the water helps prevent transferring mussels to other waterbodies.

Our dogs live with us 24-7. We think that's important because we want to develop a trusting bond," said Sawchuk.

The Manitoba department of Agriculture and Resource Development, the staff at the Gimli Harbour Master office and Lake Agassiz Marine, which has been removing boats from the water, have been really accommodating to the unit's training, said Sawchuk.

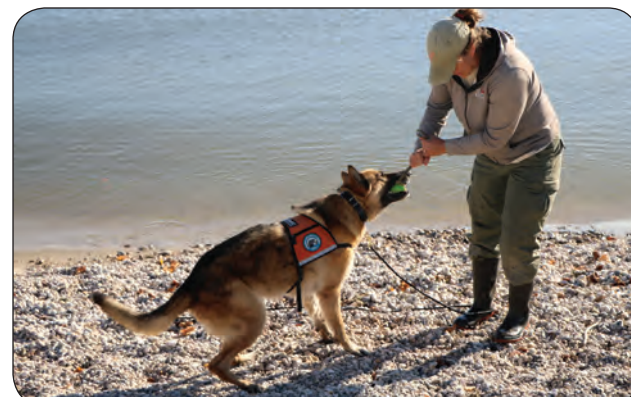
"Manitoba has always been very welcoming to us because they know we're in prevention mode."



Seuss sniffs along the edge of the harbour.



McKenzie asks Seuss to pinpoint the source of the zebra mussel he smells.



Seuss's reward for detecting mussels is playtime.



# New partnership offers a hand to Interlake charities

By Nicole Brownlee

A Winnipeg non-profit has partnered with local credit unions to create more opportunities and support for Interlake charities.

Noventis Credit Union and the Jubilee Fund released on Sept. 11 are working together to make financial help more accessible for non-profit organizations.

"Like so many organizations based in Winnipeg, it can be difficult to see beyond the Perimeter," said Peter Cantelon, executive director of the Jubilee Fund. "We want to offer our services all over Manitoba."

The Jubilee Fund is a charitable ethical investment fund working to reduce the impact of poverty in Manitoba.

"We're a little unique. We're the only

non-profit of our kind because instead of grants, we offer lending assistance," said Cantelon.

Since establishing in 2000, the Jubilee Fund has worked alongside organizations looking to implement programs and initiatives to reduce poverty, like affordable housing, mental and physical health supports, food services and more.

"We were founded to reflect the idea of Jubilee, which is a concept of the forgiveness of loan debt," said Cantelon.

The Jubilee Fund helps connect non-profits to funding in several ways, but primarily they help through loan guarantees.

"We'll come alongside a non-profit and co-sign on their loan with their financial institution choice," said Can-

telon.

Non-profits often don't own many assets, which can make securing loans for large-scale projects difficult because they don't have collateral.

"They typically don't have a strong financial history from a lending perspective because they pursue more grassroots fundraising campaigns," said Cantelon.

By co-signing with a non-profit, the Jubilee Fund helps secure lending as a form of revenue to develop its programming.

Partnering with credit unions like Noventis helps the Jubilee Fund make the process of securing loans for charities smoother because they can work together to evaluate the project and create a tailored financial plan with a similar goal in mind.

"The partnership allows us to help move things along fairly quickly," said Cantelon.

"We're thankful that Noventis has the vision to work alongside us. It's an expression of their desire to reach into their community and do what they can."

The Jubilee Fund will also help broaden Noventis' community outreach.

"We have a lot of common interests in terms of the social impact and supporting our communities," said Kevin McKnight, CEO of Noventis.

"As a credit union, we are a co-operative financial institution, and our vision itself is building strong communities."

To learn more about the Jubilee Fund, visit jubileefund.ca.

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Gimli's mayor and two councillors spoke with the *Express* last month about the issues the committee raised.

Coun. Peter Holfeuer is the municipal liaison on the chamber's Beautification Committee and said he has not yet had a meeting with the group. But he's aware of their concerns.

"If the committee has asked us to do something, they have expectations that it will get done. I understand that, but it's not as simple as that all the time because a lot of things are going on in the RM and Public Works deals with most of this," said Holfeuer. "We're trying to stay on top of things but we're challenged with the COVID situation and with staffing issues ... to the levels we need. It's not a matter of neglect; it's about having enough manpower."

He said there was an "unprecedented" number of visitors to Gimli over the past two years of the pandemic, and that was accompanied by an unprecedented amount of garbage.

"Restaurants were only doing takeout so we had a massive amount of takeout containers people were putting in garbage bins," said Holfeuer. "Our focus over the past couple of summers is dealing with issues we never had to deal with before."

Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg confirmed that council received a letter from the Beautification Committee in March that requested attention to a number of items, including relocating the three dumpsters from the beach and dealing with the weeds growing out of sidewalks in the business district.

The sidewalks have interlocking bricks that were installed years ago by the Town of Gimli before it amalgamated with

the RM, said Greenberg. The design may be attractive but they're conducive to weed growth.

"This type of sidewalk heaves with seasonal frost and the weeds are hard to control," he said. "We can't use pesticide on the weeds because it would run into the lake."

One solution would be to rip out the bricks and pave the sidewalks, but that would cost taxpayers an enormous amount of money, he said.

When asked about a section of broken bricks and curb near one business, Greenberg said no one from council or the chamber had told him about it. He visited the area and immediately called Public Works to fix it. A contractor the RM had hired had been tasked with fixing the section but overlooked it.

Coun. Thora Palson is head of Public Works and used to be council's representative on the chamber's committee. As regards the dumpsters at the beach, she said a solution had to be found when the RM was "caught off-guard" by the huge volume of visitors inundating the beach during the pandemic.

"We have nine in-ground garbage receptacles along the waterfront area and our beach patrol staff had to empty them on 20-minute intervals so the garbage wouldn't overflow," said Palson. "We couldn't park a garbage truck at the beach so we had to figure out an alternative, and that was placing large dumpsters near the beach where our patrol staff could take the garbage."

The RM is working on a plan to install five larger garbage receptacles along the waterfront to eliminate the small metal cans with lids. That should provide more capacity than that of the dumpsters combined.

"Efforts were doubled in attempt to mitigate garbage on the lakefront. We extended hours and had additional staff-

ing yet we were still not always able to keep up with the volume," said Palson. "I'd like to acknowledge and thank RM staff for all their efforts and hope they don't feel discouraged because I know how hard they worked and did the best job they could."

In terms of the Neat and Tidy Bylaw, Palson said the RM prefers to work with people and "get their co-operation" rather than going through an enforcement process.

The Chamber's Beautification Committee very recently received a report from the municipality with regard to their March request for improvements, said Specula last Friday. The RM has started working on some improvements, such as weeding tree wells along Centre Street, and said it has plans to upgrade picnic tables and garbage cans along the beach.



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## Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID vaccine deemed safe in trials with kids aged 5-11

By Patricia Barrett

Pfizer-BioNTech announced last week that results from its COVID-19 vaccine trial in children aged five to 11 showed no safety concerns and that the vaccine produced a robust antibody response.

The two companies' mRNA vaccine, now referred to as Comirnaty (a portmanteau of immunity, mRNA and community), was well tolerated in children.

"Over the past nine months, hundreds of millions of people ages 12 and older from around the world have received our COVID-19 vaccine. We are eager to extend the protection afforded by the vaccine to this younger population, subject to regulatory authorization, especially as we track the spread of the Delta variant and the substantial threat it poses to children," said Pfizer's chairman and chief executive

Albert Bourla in a Sept. 20 news release.

In America, pediatric COVID cases have risen by about 240 per cent, Bourla added, showing the need for vaccination.

The trial looked at data from 2,268 participants who were five to 11 years of age. They received 10 ug (ug = a microgram) of the vaccine, a smaller dose than the 30 ug given to people 16 to 25 years of age. They received two doses of Comirnaty administered 21 days apart.

"The 10 ug dose was carefully selected as the preferred dose for safety, tolerability and immunogenicity in children five to 11 years of age," states the news release. Participants showed a "strong immune response" a month after their second dose. The vaccine was also well tolerated with side effects similar to those experienced by

the 16-25 age cohort.

The companies said they'll submit their data to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the European Medicines Agency and other regulatory agencies for review.

"We are pleased to be able to submit data to regulatory authorities for this group of school-aged children before the start of the winter season," said BioNTech CEO and co-founder Dr. Ugur Sahin in the release. "The safety profile and immunogenicity data in children aged five to 11 years vaccinated at a lower dose are consistent with those we have observed with our vaccine in other older populations at a higher dose."

The companies are expecting to see results this year from vaccine trials in children aged two to five and in children aged six months to two years.

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Eventually, there was a glimmer of hope. In 2007, Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission released a ground-breaking report recognizing a problem with the environmental sustainability of hog production.

The Save Lake Winnipeg Act was established and stringent regulations were enacted. Progress to help save Lake Winnipeg seemed achievable.

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# Ashern community reunites at Wellness Centre fundraiser

By Nicole Brownlee

Plans for Ashern's wellness centre were unveiled on Sept. 18, accompanied by local entertainment, great food and even better company, said Tim Cameron, president of the Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission.

"Even though we had a purpose in mind to present our project ... people could socialize, smile, laugh, enjoy music, have good food and entertainment and just see people that some maybe haven't seen in a while," said Cameron.

The Ashern Centennial Hall bustled with 160 fully vaccinated community members as they learned more about the commission's plans for the wellness centre and enjoyed live music with a served three-course dinner of garden salad, pork tenderloin and cake.

"It was a tremendous turnout," said Cameron. "Lots of questions came afterward, and a few phone calls even after the fact wanting to discuss the project even more. It was nice to see that kind of community support,"

The Lakeshore Regional Wellness Centre will be a multi-use, year-round facility for people of all ages. The commission has completed its feasibility study and is now working on conceptual drawings and estimating construction costs.

"(The community) would like it opened yesterday, but they know it's going to be a bit of a timeline to accomplish the whole project," said Cameron. "We're looking for sponsorships and people that want to invest in the community and in the project as well."

One of the focuses for the health centre's mock-up



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This is one conceptual drawing of the Lakeshore Regional Wellness Centre, which will replace Ashern's retired curling rink.

is to consider environmental and energy efficiency.

"That was quite well received," said Cameron. "It might cost a little more now ... (but) it keeps the operating costs low, and it will eventually be cheaper."

Seven musical performances played throughout the event, including local talents like Jennifer Bjornson, who accompanied Courtney Granberg on piano, Eriksdale band, The Third Chins and concert pianist Simone Kim.

Over 30 prizes were donated from businesses across the Interlake for door prizes and raffles. Be-

tween the prizes and the 50/50 draw, which awarded Irma Paterson \$3,095, the commission raised around \$10,000.

"The Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission's committee is just so appreciative of the community and the support that we've received," said Cameron.

The Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission's annual general meeting will be held on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Ashern Centennial Hall. All are welcome, said Cameron.

## > LETTER, FROM PG. 6

"The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act" was introduced — a process to allow the wheels to be "greased" so that many more factory hog barns could be built. (And they are.)

So often we hear the outcry for economic development and associated employment, but there are no concerns expressed for the environment, our water sources or the toxic fumes from hog barns that victimize rural residents.

Overwhelming scientific evidence proves our present economic system is rapidly destroying our planet's ability to sustain life.

Yet, too many of our politicians turn away from science to favour the same systems of development that has

brought us to the brink of this cataclysmic situation. If we forge ahead in total selective ignorance of the situation, then we are guilty and complacent in the destruction of Earth's life sustaining gifts.

For without water ... "there is no economy ... without water ... there is nothing!"

Therefore, I have concluded that the waters of Lake Winnipeg are more polluted than before, and one of the main

reasons is government, who, instead of being part of the solution, has sadly become a huge part of the problem.

- John Fefchak  
Virden, Man.

### "THE RED TAPE REDUCTION AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT"

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### Zebra Mussels in Lake Manitoba

The discovery of zebra mussels in Lake Manitoba should concern everyone. These small, invasive mussels:

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- clog water intakes, which will cost all Manitobans.
- harm native fish species, negatively affecting recreational and commercial fishing.

### It didn't have to be this way.

There is no way to get rid of zebra mussels once they are established, but we can prevent their spread to other Manitoba water bodies. Whether you're a boater, paddle boarder, kayaker or someone who enjoys floating on an air mattress, make sure you know what steps to take to clean, drain, dry and decontaminate properly, any item that's been in an invaded water body before using it in an uninvaded water body.

To learn how you can help prevent the spread, go to [manitoba.ca/StopAIS](http://manitoba.ca/StopAIS)

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# Ashern Rodeo to host Gymkhana Fun Show on Oct. 2

By Nicole Brownlee

The Ashern Rodeo is saddling up for a new event on Oct. 2 to acquaint horses with crowds and light competition.

The Gymkhana Fun Show, which entails timed horse races, starts at 9 a.m. at the rodeo grounds south of Ashern and will feature 10 races for three age categories ranging from nine years old and younger to 16 years old and older.

"It's another opportunity for community members to get together and have a chance to get out with our horses," said Christine Michaleski, an organizer with the rodeo.

The Ashern Rodeo usually attracts riders from across the prairies to compete, but for this Fun Show, they hope to gather young riders from the community.

"There's no membership required. You don't have to be a part of any specific association," said Michaleski. "It's just an excuse to get out, expose our horses to various sights and sounds, and an opportunity to ride together."

Horses become more comfortable around crowds and noise if they're consistently around them, like competing in events, which hasn't happened during the COVID-19 pandemic, said Michaleski.

"A typical horse would have been hauled out to various rodeos or horse shows. ... They're not worried about anything because they're exposed to all



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Ashern Rodeo will be hosting a Gymkhana Fun Show this Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

that," she said.

The horses are ridden regularly at home to keep them in shape, but without regular events, they become sensitive and may be easily startled.

"That does affect performance because they're worried about what's going on around them.

They're not focused on their job," said Michaleski.

Peewee, junior and senior riders will participate in barrel races, pole bending, relay races and games at the Gymkhana to have fun and ease back into riding.

Michaleski's two children, who are five and seven years old, are also excited to compete.

"They helped come up with a list of the races," said Michaleski. "They enjoy the low-pressure kind of atmosphere of just having fun."

Participants can pre-register for the event by contacting the Ashern Rodeo team or can register on the day of the event from 8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

"We're hoping to include as many as possible," said Michaleski, but the organization is prepared to restrict the number of participants if public health protocols change.

The rodeo won't collect the \$40 rider fee until the day of the event in case of cancellation. Spectators and riders are encouraged to bring a lunch because the canteen will be closed.

"We're so blessed in Ashern to have beautiful rodeo grounds, and this is just one way that we can utilize them and get those kids out riding and continuing to have fun and making memories together."

To pre-register for the Gymkhana Fun Show or learn more about the event, call 204-771-9577 or message the Ashern Rodeo Facebook page.

## Lakeshore School Division commits to more Indigenous education

By Nicole Brownlee

Schools across Canada are preparing for the country's first Truth and Reconciliation Week, but one Interlake School Division is taking the historic week a step further.

The first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Sept. 30, but schools are dedicating a week, from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, to learn more about the importance of reconciliation.

The Lakeshore School Division is working with writer and associate professor Niigaan Sinclair to create year-round programs for staff and students in the division.

"It's really notable that we have a week where

there's an increased focus on truth and reconciliation, but in the end, when we look at these issues, it's not something that can be addressed in a week," said Don Nikkel, LSD superintendent.

"It's an ongoing process that we need to focus on how do we understand each other, how do we listen to each other, how do we work together as a community? Those are the pieces that we're really going to be focusing on throughout the coming year."

Sinclair also attended Ashern Central School, which connects him to the division, said Nikkel.

"As someone who grew up going to one of our schools ... he's able to bring that piece together with his experience as an advocate for Indigenous

Honouring  
NATIONAL DAY  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation

understanding and reconciliation," said Nikkel.

Sinclair will be leading a discussion with LSD staff on Oct. 4 and will visit schools throughout the week.

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### Interlake-Eastern RHA Board Annual General Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Agenda highlights:

- A review of the year's activities by members of the board of directors, CEO report and award announcements.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual General Meeting will be held virtually using ZOOM. Registration is NOT required.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

Join the Annual General Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on October 4 by visiting the webinar link at: <https://is.gd/nBG8yD>

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Lundi 4 octobre 2021 14 h – 16 h

#### Points saillants de l'ordre du jour :

Bilan des activités de l'année présenté par les membres du conseil d'administration, rapport du directeur général et annonces de prix.

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# Scouts Canada launches sustainability-themed challenge Oct. 4-Nov. 28

Submitted by Scouts Canada

Talking to children about complex issues, like sustainability, can be daunting.

Many young people are becoming exposed to climate change and its impacts through social media and conversations around them, making it an important discussion for families to have to help kids understand and address future challenges.

Sustainability is about building a better world for all, ensuring resources last for future generations, and promoting positive environmental and social impact focused on eliminating poverty, reducing inequalities and fighting climate change.

"Sustainable action is a core part of Scouting," said Scouts Canada youth program specialist Siobhan Ward. "Scouts are active global citizens committed to doing their part to make the world a better place. Through action-based and collaborative learning, they discover kids have the power to make a big impact — no matter their age."

Sustainability is a broad topic and knowing how to broach the conversation can be tough. Scouts Canada is sharing seven tips to help families drive understanding and motivation, and help kids develop critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills.

**Encourage sustainable habits through play** — Making a difference can be fun. While a documentary about climate change may not interest a five-year-old, gamification, play and interactive activities are great ways to engage children, educate them about important issues and also take action to make a positive impact on the environment or community. Try a game of climate charades to learn about the causes and impacts of climate change or explore clean energy by building a miniature wind turbine. Scouts Canada has 265 activities themed around sustainability at [scouts.ca/resources/activity-finder](https://scouts.ca/resources/activity-finder).

**Focus on their interests** — The United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) offer families a variety of avenues to plan activities that engage their children's interests. For those who love the water, "life below water" is a great SDG to focus on. Try reading books or watching television shows and movies that feature sea creatures, then plan a shoreline cleanup, observe the health of a local pond and focus on forming sustainable habits that benefit waterways.

If your child is more of a people person, "no poverty" might be a SDG to focus on. Plan a few activities that support those in your community,

like creating care packages for individuals experiencing homelessness or spend a day performing random acts of kindness.

**Foster critical thinking** — Asking questions helps identify what children already think and know, and provides a starting point to discuss their ideas. Engage their problem solving skills to encourage them to develop solutions.

Use examples to offer context. Matching examples of scenarios that impact their lives, or lives of kids their own age, helps make an issue relatable and understandable. Use an example they can see close to home, and then connect it to a global issue.

**Focus on the positive** — Sustainability can be overwhelming and scary if the focus is solely on the problems. Having a solutions-oriented mindset enables families to take a positive approach and help young people feel empowered to take action rather than be discouraged by problems that seem unsurmountable.

**Learn together** — Sustainability is a journey for everyone and can be an enjoyable way to spend time together as a family. Whether volunteering at a local foodbank or going zero waste camping, working together builds social connection, community spirit and shared values.

**Track your progress** — Making impact measurable helps underscore the value of every action and fosters a growth mindset. Create a chart or scrapbook and track any actions towards sustainable outcomes. Set goals and arrange celebrations for achieving milestones — like a special treat or fun activity. Small actions may not seem like much on their own, but looking back over a year of activities demonstrates a bigger picture. Kids will feel proud of their accomplishments and motivated to continue making a difference.

Not sure where to get started? Scouts Canada is launching an eight-week sustainability-themed challenge called "Around the World in 60 Days" and is inviting young people across Canada to join in — they don't have to be Scouts to participate.

Through fun and engaging activities rooted in sustainability, children and youth will embark on exciting story-driven adventures set virtually in eight different countries. The activities will introduce topics such as inequality, food security, melting icecaps, mental and physical health; and encourage creative problem solving and reflection to drive awareness and development outcomes. The challenge runs Oct. 4 – Nov. 28, with a video released every Monday to launch



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each weekly challenge at [scouts.ca/around-the-world](https://scouts.ca/around-the-world).

five to 26 can also join Scouts to participate as part of a group. Visit [scouts.ca](https://scouts.ca) to register.

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# Bifrost COPP inviting insomniacs and other volunteers to get spotting

By Patricia Barrett

The Bifrost Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) is looking for permanent, seasonal or occasional residents to patrol where they live and help deter criminals on the make.

The fall season is typically a time of easy pickings for thieves as many people will leave recreational equipment out in the open at seasonal dwellings or other goods over the winter.

Bifrost COPP's co-ordinator and Area 12 representative Bianca Hamblin said the group is welcoming additional volunteers to step into a crime-fighting role that requires nothing more than a pair of observant eyes, good walking shoes and/or a vehicle.

"It's starting to get darker earlier and we have potential thieves out scoping the areas where people are packing up or leaving their stuff unsupervised," said Hamblin last week. "You've got to be careful and be one step ahead of the crooks."

People who suffer from insomnia are ideally suited for lookout during the wee hours when criminals think their chances of getting spotted are slim.

"People with insomnia are welcome to join our group. If you're watching the streets from your living room window, we need you in our COPP group," said Hamblin. "Seniors are also welcome. We'd love to get a lot more people to join us because, let's face it, crime is on the rise."

Patrolling duties are flexible. Volunteers can decide what area(s) they want to patrol, what time of day or night they want to do it and for how long.

"There's no set amount of hours required to patrol or keep watch," said Hamblin. "Everyone does as much as they can. Every little bit helps and every set of eyes makes our community safer."

Bifrost COPP was spearheaded by Hamblin, who lives in the Riverton area. The group was sanctioned by the RCMP and officially launched in March of this year. Volunteers patrol rural community streets,

the back roads around farms and other spots on the lookout for suspicious activity.

There were a lot of break-ins in cottage country near Beaver Creek, said Hamblin, and that's why the group is looking for more eyes.

"My idea had been to get seasonal residents involved in COPP. People who come up from the city to their cottage in the Bifrost area will be going for walks. They could easily combine that with patrolling for COPP to keep their neighbourhood safe," said Hamblin. "I also reached out to people in the Grindstone area and they were very excited that we're interested in bringing COPP there. So far, I have two members, who are a couple."

Volunteers are given training and equipment. Hamblin said she can train people over the phone if they live in the city or if they want to minimize contact because of COVID-19. She can send them a training manual by email and meet up with them when they're in the Bifrost area to give them supplies such as high visibility vests and signs they can attach to or place inside their cars that identify them as COPP members. Sometimes just the sight of COPP patrols is enough to convince criminals to move on somewhere else.

Volunteers never intervene when they see a crime in progress or something they think is not right, but instead call it in to the RCMP with whom all COPP groups work.

Cpl. David Higgs from the RCMP's Gimli detachment is Bifrost COPP's liaison officer.

"The Arborg/Gimli RCMP are completely behind the COPP program. Its volunteers are committed to helping with the safety of their communities," said Higgs. "They are extra sets of eyes and ears for the RCMP and all law enforcement."

Hamblin said there are a number of benefits to becoming a COPP member, not the least of which is contributing to the safety of your own property and



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The Bifrost Citizens on Patrol Program is looking for additional volunteers to keep an eye on where they live.

your community.

"You will have the support of the COPP group. There will always be someone out there to help you. You can use Facebook messenger to chat if you have questions or if you need support or just need to talk," she said. "We're not just a bunch of volunteers, we're like a big family."

The group is tentatively planning a fall barbecue and is waiting to see how COVID numbers play out. Hamblin said the group also wants to help with good causes.

"We want to do some fundraising in order to give back to our community," she said.

For more information about Bifrost COPP and how to join, contact Bianca Hamblin by text only (phone reception is very spotty in her area) at 204-378-0226 or email hamblinbianca@gmail.com.

# Icelandic Festival of Manitoba appoints new manager

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Thurs. Oct. 28 at Riverton Curbside pickup

**The workshop will be closed on Mon. October 11, 2021 Thanksgiving Day.**

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By Patricia Barrett

Gimli councillor Thora Palson is stepping into the manager's position for the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba's annual Islendingadagurinn celebration, which is held in August in the lakeside town.

Palson said she's delighted to have been chosen to work with the festival.

"The Icelandic Festival is very near and dear to my heart as I have had the privilege of being a part of the festival celebrations since I was a child," she said. "In 1988 I had the honour of meeting the first woman president of Iceland, Vigdis Finnbogadottir, and indeed, the first democratically elected female president of any country in the world when she was the honoured guest at the festival. She was an international role model for women in her day and ever since."

The festival has enriched the multicultural experience of Canadians for

132 years, said Palson. Gimli has hosted the festival since that time. Prior to that, the festival was held in Winnipeg since 1890, making it the second oldest continuous ethnic festival in North America.

"It is a great honour for me to be working in this role, to be sharing the Icelandic and Icelandic-Canadian culture with a focus on the citizens of Manitoba and the Interlake," said Palson. "I look forward to being a part of enhancing this experience."

Palson said the job of manager entails planning and executing the festival, which blends the history and traditions of Icelanders' Viking ancestors with contemporary creative arts, as well as multiple activities that everyone can enjoy.

The festival released a statement Sept. 23 on its Facebook site announcing Palson's appointment.

"Thora is involved with many local



Thora Palson

community organizations, speaks fluent Icelandic and is originally from Iceland," said the statement. "We look forward to having her as part of the Icelandic Festival team."



# Grahamdale community considers 20-year growth opportunities

By Nicole Brownlee

Close to 140 community members visited the Steep Rock development plan open house on Sept. 3 to learn more about potential strategies to grow the community.

"We were quite happy with the number of people that did turn up," said Reeve Craig Howse. "People are taking an interest in the development plan and what we want to have done in the area."

Between 4 and 8 p.m. at the Steep Rock pavilion, community members talked to council members and the HTFC Planning & Design team about the potential areas Steep Rock could change.

HTFC worked with the RM of Grahamdale for a year to create the 15-20-year conceptual plan for Steep Rock. The plan was spurred by an exponential increase in tourism in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The boost in visitors, cottagers and campers revealed a need for the region to grow.

Through public surveys, most community members noted the community needed more signs to guide visitors to attractions, public parking for cars and boat trailers, public washrooms and eating areas and refurbished walking trails.

"There was a lot of concern there's not enough signage for people that are coming into town to find their way around," said Howse. "That is the first phase we want to see get done probably next year."

HTFC gathered from stakeholder and community responses that to develop, the community needs to create more amenities like a gas station, additional businesses, short-term accommodations and more.

The plan identified six areas that could be improved or developed including, buildings (commercial, residential and industrial infill), the waterfront, cliffs, market, campground, northwest and southeast quarries.

Howse said he hopes to have around 20 lots for sale by summer 2022.



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As one of the most photographed locations in Manitoba, the cliffs of Steep Rock are made of limestone. Over thousands of years, wave action has molded them into sheer drops, caves and other unusual geological formations. The rocks are also a habitat for the crocus.

"We're very pleased with how the open house went," said Howse. "There was very positive feedback, and we look forward to starting putting into place some of the plans that were

displayed." To review the Steep Rock conceptual plan presentation, visit the Municipality of Grahamdale Facebook page or the RM of Grahamdale YouTube channel.

## > LAKESHORE, FROM PG. 8

"He's helping to educate staff and students about what Indigenous education really is and how we can embed these values into our everyday activities," said Jennifer Desjarlais, Eriksdale School principal.

"(Sinclair explained that) Indigenous education isn't going to look like lesson plans. It's going to start in the hallways. It's going to start with our relationships with our students and our own beliefs."

LSD will address the impact of residential schools, Indigenous cultures, contributions and more in their curriculum. Alf Cuthbert School also integrated an Ojibway language course for the 2021-2022 school year.

"When it comes down to the suggestions in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, this is really about how do we build good people," said Nikkel.

"How can we help those students become caring individuals, to be students who understand issues around them in their communities and their country?"

Eriksdale School is using webinars and books discussing truth and reconciliation, the calls to action, Indigenous teachings and traditions from Indigenous educators to start the conversation in classrooms. The school is also hosting a hot dog sale to fundraise for Empowering Indigenous Youth in Governance and Leadership, a Winnipeg-based charity.

"We chose that charity because it's based around education and improving the lives of Indigenous youth through education," said Desjarlais.

Hopefully, the students will learn how to work together and make Canada a better place for everyone moving forward, she added.

### Other school plans

The Interlake School Division will also be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation with a series of activities and presentations.

"Educators across the Interlake School Division are looking forward to teaching, learning and reflecting about Indigenous history during Truth and Reconciliation Week," said Margaret Ward, superintendent and CEO of the ISD,

in a statement.

"We each have a role to play in deepening understanding and advancing reconciliation."

Woodlands School has several presentations planned for the students, including a visit from Carl Swan from Lake Manitoba First Nation, said Tim Lee, principal of Woodlands School.

"Swan is a drummer and a singer, and he's go-

ing to be talking to our school community about truth and reconciliation and what it means and, kind of, provide some perspective from him," said Lee.

"I think it's important that all of our students, whether they identify as Indigenous or not, have a real understanding of this part of Canadian history."

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# Opinions needed to conserve East Interlake region

By Nicole Brownlee

Fisher River Cree Nation is reaching out to eastern Interlake communities for their feedback on expanding protected areas in the region.

With the help of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Peguis First Nation and several Interlake communities, the Fisher River Cree Nation Conservation Areas Initiative aims to protect the health of the natural landscape while creating sustainable economic opportunities.

"This is a fabulous opportunity to look at balancing conservation with sustainable economic development," said Ron Thiessen, executive director of the Manitoba chapter of CPAWS.

"We hope to create a conservation proposal that's tailored to be suitable to the people in the region, that meets people's interests in terms of their employment, their lifestyle, their cultures."

Less than one per cent of the original tall-grass prairie remains in Manitoba because of development, which has endangered and threatened several species.

"It's time to get working on this before it's too late," said Thiessen.

A portion of the region is conserved under the Manitoba Protected Areas Initiative, but community members hope to expand the boundaries to preserve several ecosystems.

"Back like 15 years ago, we identified the Fisher Bay area as an area of interest to the community because our people have lived here a long time, and we utilize the Fisher Bay area," said FRCN Chief David Crate.

"We wanted to maintain that area so that it will be here for future genera-

tions."

The province designated Fisher Bay Provincial Park as protected on July 4, 2011. The park has since become a home to piping plovers, foxes, bears, moose and wolves.

Through several consultations, the group hopes to create a balanced plan to benefit wildlife, businesses and communities, said Crate.

"We don't want to affect the businesses in the area, you know. That's part of their livelihood, but what we'd like to hear from them is any issues they may have with bringing an area under permanent protection," said Crate.

The organization is collecting thoughts from stakeholders in the area like the loggers, trappers, commercial fishers and neighbouring communities to evaluate which areas should be conserved, developed or changed.

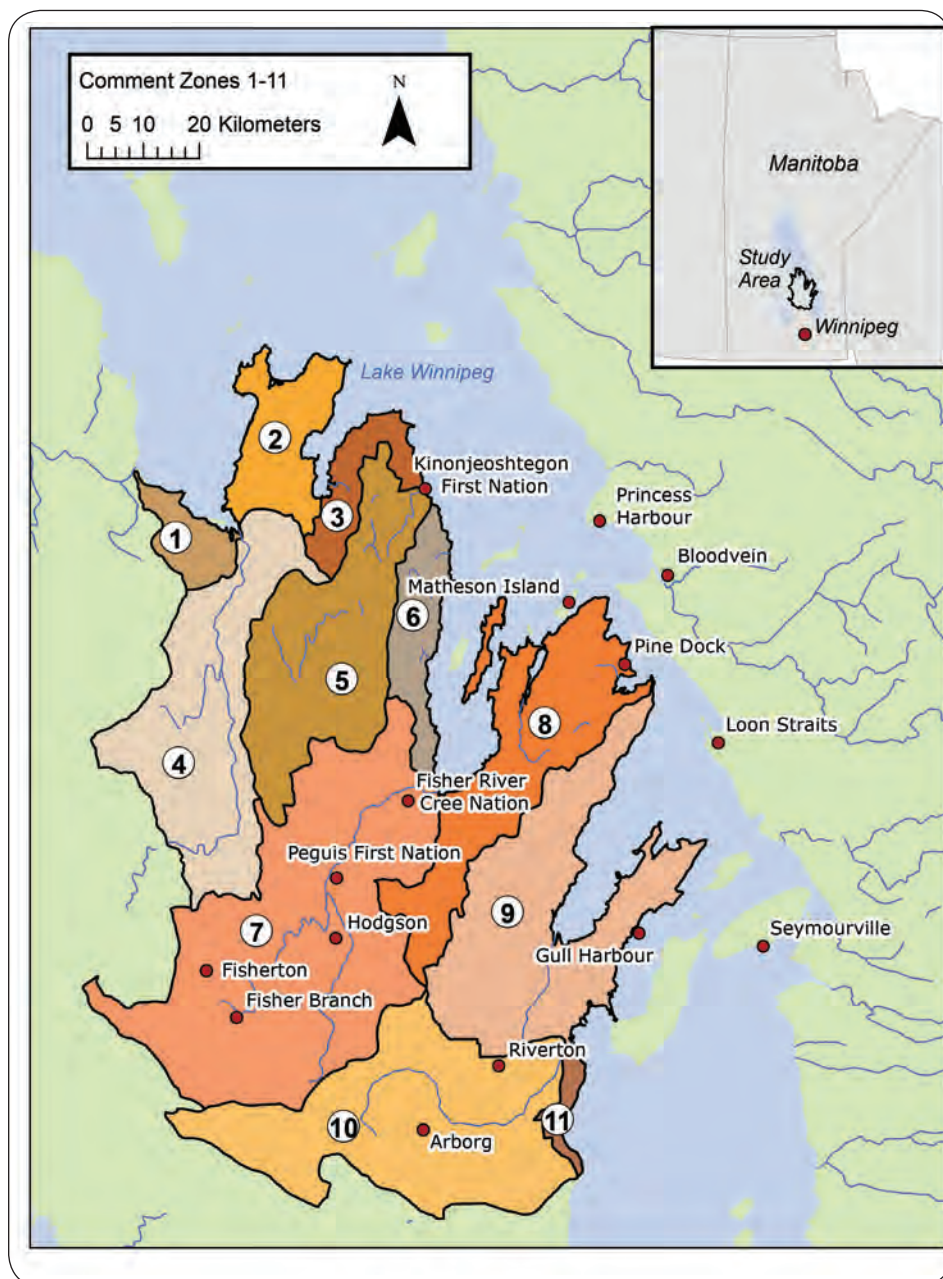
"It's such a beautiful area. ... There are business opportunities for eco-tourism and things like that," said Crate.

"There are a variety of ways that areas can be protected or conserved for nature in Manitoba," said Thiessen.

"There are over a dozen different designations ... and each one has certain advantages and disadvantages based on what is trying to be accomplished."

Preliminary conversations with the province and community leaders have been positive, but they're looking forward to face-to-face meetings to have more open discussions about the initiative, said Crate.

"We're working on bringing an understanding to the region, the indi-



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The FRCN Conservation Areas Initiative is looking for opinions from community members in these 11 zones.

viduals, the businesses that it's something that everybody can participate in for the future protection and for the future generations."

To share your views about the initiative or attend the online community meeting on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. or Oct. 13 at 7 p.m., visit [frcnconservation.ca](http://frcnconservation.ca).

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# Wirgau awarded Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup scholarship

Staff

Each year Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup awards a scholarship to an enthusiastic junior member to continue their education.

In 2021, Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup will award a \$1,000 scholarship to Brooklyn Wirgau.

Wirgau is from Narcisse where she grew up on her family's farm, raising purebred Gelbvieh cattle. Growing up, she was active in her community, volunteering with sport organizations, bull sales and the local ag society. She also assisted with the local skating club where she recently received her coaching certificate.

Wirgau has been a member of her local 4-H club for the past 10 years, holding various club positions for the past five years. She attended Roundup over the last few years, enjoying learning new skills and making new friendships.

Wirgau graduated from Lundar High School this year and will be attending the University of Manitoba, pursuing a degree in science, majoring in microbiology.



Brooklyn Wirgau

The Roundup committee wishes Brooklyn good luck at University this fall.

Keep up to date on Roundup happenings at [www.mbyouthbeefroundup.weebly.com](http://www.mbyouthbeefroundup.weebly.com) or their Facebook page.

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# Letting the dogs loose in Gimli: off-leash park officially launched

Patricia Barrett

It was a dog's dream come true: a large expanse of soft green grass for high speed running and cavorting, a chance to meet and play with new dog friends and twisty pathways through mature forest with lots of things to sniff.

And the dogs definitely had fun last Friday when the Municipality of Gimli and its Gimli Dog Advisory Committee officially launched a fully fenced off-leash dog park at the sports park in the north end of town.

"I want to congratulate the [dog advisory] committee for the excellent job they've done. They worked very hard to bring this together," said Mayor Lynn Greenberg, who cut the ribbon to formally open the park. "I've heard positive things about it already. The committee did in-kind work and they also fundraised to help build the park. That was a big thing. Thank you from the RM for that."

The creation of the park was down to many groups and individuals working together with the RM and the advisory committee.

It includes Dennis and Laura Leger (cleared the north property line to make way for fencing), Greg Goodman (supplied equipment), the Westshore Foundation (provided a \$2,000 grant to the park), community members who contributed funds and in-kind donations, plus all the volunteers who created walking trails in the forested section of the park. Underbid Fencing installed the fence around the entire park, including the forest.

Gimli councillor Thora Palson is part of the advisory committee, acting as liaison between the RM and the committee.

"I want to thank Stefanie [Johnson] and the chair of our committee, Brenda Filby. It has been such a pleasure working with you," said Palson before she presented them with a gift as a token of appreciation for their efforts. "You've got amazing organizational skills and were able to bring people together. I want to also thank everybody that was involved with the committee."



Rosie had a good run on the large grassed expanse.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT  
Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg cuts the ribbon with councillors, advisory committee members and volunteer forest-clearers.



Coun. Thora Palson presents a gift bag to Stefanie Johnson (left) and Brenda Filby, who laid out pathways in the forested section of the park and rounded up volunteers to help create them.



One of the dogs enjoyed tramping through the trees and finding sticks for its master to throw.

Johnson and Filby were the driving force behind the creation of forest trails.

"We made the path and we had 15 volunteers help cut brush, make woodchips and grind stumps. It was a lot of work," said Filby. "The RM came

in with sand and we filled low spots. It was farmland or pastureland at one time. We found barbed wire in there and different things we cleared out."

Johnson said it was a big undertaking to create and clear the paths.

"From a forest to a beautifully

groomed path, it took us about 75 hours of volunteer work with groups of about 8-10 people," said Johnson.

Johnson co-opted family members — such as her mom Leona Johnson —

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# Carlo's Cucina earns top burger spot in the 2021 Le Burger Week competition

By Patricia Barrett

Carlo's Cucina restaurant in Sandy Hook/Winnipeg Beach earned the top burger spot in Canada after the annual Le Burger Week competition wrapped up.

The restaurant had created the Smokey Barrel burger that had customers from near and far lining up.

After a two-week competition, Le Burger Week judges selected their Top 5 competitors: Carlo's Cucina for

the Smokey Barrel; Chez Simon Cantine Urbaine (Montreal) for the Bacon + Bacon + Bacon; Tommy's Pizzeria (Winnipeg) for its Smokin' Jack; Brazen Hall Kitchen & Brewery (Winnipeg) for the Classy Viking; and BLVD Bar & Grill (Chateauguay) for the Macho Nacho Burger.

Carlo's Cucina posted a message on Facebook thanking everyone who tried the Smokey Barrel and voted for it.



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Carlo's Cucina Smokey Barrel burger won top honours in Canada after the 2021 Le Burger Week competition wrapped up.

"We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We are so honoured to be voted by you all!"

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to help create the paths.

"I dug and chopped and cleared," said Leona Johnson. "I was in the first group. The committee had this crazy design of how to wind the path through the woods so it feels like you're on a forest walk, and we came in with chainsaws and axes and did the first chop-through in early spring."

Other volunteer groups came later to refine the paths and lay gravel and woodchips down, she added.

"Stefanie rounded up families, kids, cottagers and people looking for something to do for the day."

The sports park's parking lot, which the RM upgraded, is accessible from North Colonization Road on the east side of the field. Dog owners can park there and follow the path to the dog park. The dog park marches along the west side of the field and PR 222. People are prohibited

from parking on a short unfinished access road off PR 222 as it's too dangerous.

The RM built a gravelled pathway, with drainage, to connect the parking lot with the dog park.

Coun. Peter Holfeuer said the Rotary Club of Gimli planted saplings along the path.

"Rotary put a mix of trees in," said Holfeuer. "We didn't want the same kind of tree planted because of certain diseases that could spread between the same species. A mix of trees mitigates against that."

When the trees get bigger, Holfeuer said benches could be placed along the pathway where people can watch their kids play soccer

or baseball.

One dog owner said he likes the dog park, but the walk from the parking lot on Colonization Road is bit far for him as he uses a cane. Others said they liked the double entrance gates to the park.

There are a number of things that are prohibited in the park: aggressive dogs, human food, dog food, dog treats, dogs in heat, un-neutered male dogs over the age of one, sick or injured dogs, puppies under six months of age and glass containers. Dog owners must pick up their dog's feces. Rules are posted on the fence and on the "Gimli Dogs" Facebook page.

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## Sahaidak/Lott win mixed doubles event in Morris

By Ty Dilello

Winnipeg Beach's Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott were victorious this past weekend at the Cargill Curling Training Centre MCT mixed doubles event in Morris.

Sahaidak and Lott, who were the finalists in last spring's Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship in the Calgary bubble, have won the inaugural event on the brand-new Manitoba Mixed Doubles Curling Tour.

Sahaidak/Lott defeated brother-sister duo Meghan and Brett Walter 6-5 on Sunday evening in the championship final of the event.

"It's great to get back going again," said Colton Lott. "With the Olympic trials coming up, it's good that we're able to get some local events in at home and to win the first bonspiel is great for us."

"We will hopefully take this momentum and carry it into future bonspiels with the hopes of peaking at the Olympic trials where we obviously want to play our best."

The Walter siblings had finished the round-robin with a perfect 5-0 record, including a win over Sahaidak/Lott, who were 4-1 in the round-robin.

During the final, many shots were made from both teams as it was a topsy-turvy back-and-forth type of game where both teams had chances to break the game open.

However, down one in the final end, Sahaidak made a last rock tap-back for two and a 6-5 win for the Winnipeg Beach couple.

Organizers Kristen Beaumont and Steve Mi-



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Winnipeg Beach's Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak won their first mixed doubles event of the season at the Cargill Curling Training Centre in Morris this past weekend.

chaleski have declared the first event on the new Cargill Curling Training Centre Mixed Doubles Tour to be a big success.

"We had to make a start and let it grow from there," the organizers said. "We already have five entries for the next event in Dauphin, Oct. 23-24, and we are confident that number will grow as we spread the word and curling gets underway around the province."

In other curling news, the men's and women's Olympic trials process began last week in Ottawa with the trials and pre-trials qualification events.

On the men's side, Jason Gunnlaugson of the Morris Curling Club failed to qualify for the Olympic Trials by going 1-5 at the event and will be forced to play in next month's pre-trials to try for one final crack at earning their way in.

West St. Paul's Mike McEwen was able to breakthrough and advance to the Olympic trials after a record of five wins and just one loss. McEwen and his team of Reid Carruthers, Derek Samagalski and Colin Hodgson have now earned a berth to the Olympic Curling Trials in Saskatoon in November.

"We had a real good week," said McEwen's third Reid Carruthers. "We didn't really know what to expect having a big event like this so early into the season, but I'm really happy with how our games went and the way we played."

"Earning a berth to the Olympic trials in Saskatoon was certainly our goal for the week, and to achieve that goal is fantastic. We are all super excited at now having a chance at representing Canada at the Olympic Games next February. For now, we're going to keep on training and playing in events for the next month and a half before the trials begin."

## Whitehead receives 2020-21 Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer Award

By Hockey Manitoba

The purpose of the Hockey Manitoba Volunteer Awards is to recognize outstanding commitment and significant contributions to the game of hockey in Manitoba.

Each year, literally thousands of volunteers are the driving force behind our great game. Hockey Manitoba identifies 10 recipients annually from each of its 10 regions as nominated by representatives from those regions.

Additionally, Hockey Manitoba presents the Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer Award annually to a volunteer that has made exemplary contributions through a long term commitment and dedication to hockey in our province. The award is selected by Hockey Manitoba's board of directors.

The 2020-21 recipient of the Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer

Award is Bill Whitehead.

Whitehead grew up in Roland and fell in love with hockey at a young age. He played three years of junior hockey for the MJHL's Selkirk Steelers and won the Centennial Cup (National Junior A Champions) in 1973-74.

While playing for the Carman Beavers in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMH) in 1975-76, Whitehead was recruited to referee by several officials who knew him from his previous three years with the Steelers. Thus began a 30-year officiating career, which included refereeing roughly 100 games per year and serving as the referee-in-chief for Pembina Valley Minor Hockey for 15 years.

Whitehead became involved with Hockey Manitoba at the branch level in 2004, serving as the chair of Minor Hockey-Rural for three years. In 2007,

he was elected vice-president of the board of directors and five years later, he was elected president, a position that he held until last season (2012-2020).

The impact of Whitehead's efforts on minor hockey in Manitoba are immeasurable. His positive influence on players, officials, coaches and volunteers literally spans decades. He is a natural leader, who guided Hockey Manitoba's board of directors with class and humility. He has been instrumental in the growth of female hockey across the province over the past two decades and he played a key role in reshaping the branch's governance structure, which involved the creation of five regional councils (minor, development, female, junior, senior).



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HOCKEY MANITOBA  
Amanda Halldorson is the 2020-21 Regional Volunteer Recognition Award winner for the Interlake.

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# Interlake Impact red-hot in September

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Impact has played some outstanding soccer in September.

And they have been rewarded for their effort.

The Impact won its third straight game this month after shutting out Central Plains FC 2-0 in Manitoba Major Soccer League 3rd Division action at the Republic of Manitobah Park in Portage la Prairie last Saturday.

Eric Plett and Dalen Penner scored five minutes apart about 10 minutes into the second half.

"Defensively, we did really well," said the Impact's Benny Wiens. "We took the chances away from Portage. It was two counter attacks that we made count."

On Sept. 20, the Impact edged NexGen SA 2-1 at Shaughnessy Park in north Winnipeg.

Joseph Barkman and Plett scored for Interlake while Trenton Butler tallied in the losing cause.

Interlake has played very well de-

fensively all season, allowing just 11 goals in eight games. That's the second fewest allowed in the 10-team division.

"I would say that has been our strong suit for the past three seasons," Wiens said. "We generally have been in the top of the division with goals against."

The problem this season for the Impact, though, has been goal scoring. Interlake has scored just 11 goals.

"We have had chances but I would say the biggest problem is that we don't create enough chances," Wiens said.

After an 0-5 start to the season, the Impact is now 3-5 and in a three-way tie for sixth place with nine points.

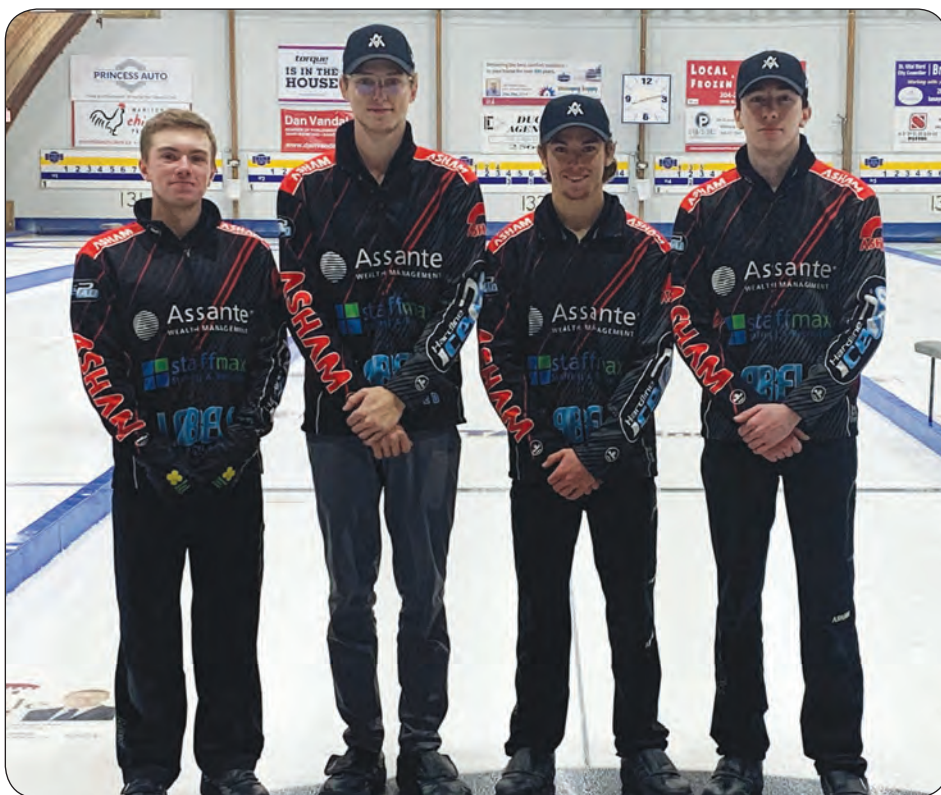
"There are some teams that are significantly better than what we were used to," Wiens admitted. "The biggest thing was that we just couldn't get anything started as a team. We were our own worst enemy. Instead of making a simple pass we would try to make it complicated and give (the ball) back to the other team. Taking bad penalties and giving up a penalty



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Joseph Barkman scored a goal to lead the Interlake Impact to a 2-1 victory over NexGen SA in MMSL 3rd Division action last week.

## Winning start earns provincial berth



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Reece Hamm from Winkler is back on the ice for the 2021 junior curling season, and the team skipped by Jordan McDonald of Winnipeg won its first event this past weekend by capturing the World Financial Group Larry Jones Classic. Their record was 5-1 including besting Team Olafson from Winnipeg 5-3 in the final. It earned them a berth to the Telus U21 Junior Provincials in Carberry in the new year. The team consists of skip Jordan McDonald, third Reece Hamm of Winkler, second Elias Huminicki of Winnipeg Beach and lead Alexandre Fontaine of Winnipeg.

shot. The Impact had a tough season gelling as a team and just being our worst enemy."

Interlake played Triumph this past Tuesday in its final game of the regular season but no score was available. The top four teams will advance to the playoffs. Interlake is already mathematically out of the postseason.

Despite missing the playoffs, it was a

good season for the Impact.

"With the pandemic, everyone was itching to play soccer," Wiens said. "I would say probably about five games ago or so, the team definitely looked like they didn't want to play soccer anymore with not winning, which was tough, but it was a good experience for us where we weren't in the top of the league."

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In addition to his lifelong involvement in hockey as a player, official, coach and volunteer, Whitehead was an accomplished baseball player who won several Provincial Junior Championships with the Carman Goldeyes. He was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011.

Like many volunteers, Whitehead has had a huge impact on his community. He has volunteered his time as an executive with the Roland Golf Club, Roland Arena and Roland Curling Club, and he currently serves as the chair of the Roland United Church board and Roland Cemetery board.

He is happily married to his wife Brenda and they have three sons, Graig, Doug and Brian. Graig lives in Swift Current, while Doug and Bryan both live in Roland and farm with their dad. When he isn't farming, Whitehead enjoys golfing and curling in his spare time.

Perhaps even more remarkable than his volunteer time dedicated to hockey is his character, integrity and

humility. He has earned the respect of his peers and colleagues and has always valued constructive discussion in an effort to move the game forward.

Meanwhile, Amanda Halldorson is the 2020-21 Regional Volunteer Recognition Award winner for the Interlake.

She began her volunteering career in 2009 with Lakeside Minor Hockey. This is where she would become involved with Hockey Manitoba.

Halldorson started by coaching various minor hockey teams and then from 2010-2019 she was the treasurer for Lakeside Minor Hockey. This position started her involvement with Interlake Minor Hockey.

You will often see Halldorson in her community volunteering on several different boards within the Lundar community.

When you don't see her volunteering, she loves spending time with her husband Kevin, their three children and two grandchildren.



# Falcons finish 1-1 at CRJHL exhibition tournament

By Brian Bowman

The Lunder Falcons had an impressive showing at a Capital Region Junior Hockey League exhibition in Selkirk last weekend.

Lunder posted a 1-1 record, defeating the North Winnipeg Satelites 6-2 on Saturday before losing 6-5 to the Selkirk Fishermen in a hard-fought game Sunday.

"It was a really well-run tournament and the boys had a blast," said Falcons' head coach James Worthing. "Everyone worked hard. (Against Selkirk), it was a good, quick, fast-paced, hard-hitting game. Selkirk came out and took the lead, we took the lead, it was a good back-and-forth game. It was really well played."

Lunder also played very well in the win over North Winnipeg.

"Our forwards played really, really well," Worthing noted. "We were short on the defensive end but it worked out well. Our goalies did great but the score didn't dictate how the game was played. We came out on top at the end but, again, it was a good back-and-forth game."

The Falcons had a tough start to training camp with just four players coming out for the first skate and only seven for the second time out on the ice. The next skate had an increase to a paltry 10 players.

"It was scary," Worthing admitted. "We weren't sure what to expect because we lost 13 players from last year. We had a lot of prospects that were supposed to be around and guys weren't showing up. We had some missing due to working up north and we had some other guys missing because they hadn't completed their two-week waiver for their COVID shot. It was definitely very scary."

The Falcons are really looking forward to their home opener this Sunday at 6 p.m. against the Fishermen.

"We can't wait for Sunday's rematch with Selkirk," Worthing said. "It's exciting. Everybody is extremely excited. We're looking for the first win of the season."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lunder Falcons' Colby Choken carries the puck during exhibition action Sunday against the Selkirk Fishermen. Selkirk won the game 6-5.

## KJHL regular season starts Oct. 8

From the KJHL website

The Keystone Junior Hockey League is happy to release its 2021-22 regular-season schedule, along with its playoff format.

The regular season will kick off Oct. 8 with the Norway House North Stars playing host to their long time rivals the Cross Lake Islanders. Puck drop will be at 7:30 p.m.

Each of the five teams will play a

balanced 32-game schedule, seeing them play 16 home games and 16 road games. The 2019-20 regular-season champions, the NCN Flames will open their season at home on Oct. 9 playing host to the OCN Storm.

The four-time defending KJHL champion Peguis Juniors will kick off their title defence at home on Oct. 16 against the NCN Flames.

Peguis' new head coach Jason Smith

will look to have his team maintain their high-scoring ways, even with the departure of league-leading scorers Tyrome Spence and Ethan Daniels.

The playoff format will remain the same as it has in recent years, seeing all five teams qualify. The fourth-place team will host the fifth-place team in a best-of-three series, with the winner advancing to the league semifinals.

The semifinals will see the second-

place team host the third-place team, and the first-place team hosting the winner of the fourth versus fifth series.

Both semifinal series will be contested as a best of five. Each of the semifinal winners will faceoff in the KJHL best-of-seven final.

## Thunder tripped up by Golden Bears' comeback

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder simply ran out of gas against the Virden Golden Bears last Friday.

Leading 21-20 in the third quarter, Interlake suddenly faltered in a tough 46-21 road loss in Rural Manitoba Football League action.

Virden scored 18 unanswered points in the fourth quarter.

"I think there were more positives

than negatives," said Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "It's a unique team this year in that we're extremely green. Literally, for most of the guys in our lineup, it was their first organized football game. There's definitely going to be some growing pains but we're very athletic so I think we have a pretty good upside."

The Thunder ran the ball very well, led by Lee LaPierre's 18 carries for 171

yards. He reeled off impressive touchdown runs of 45 and 48 yards.

Interlake's other TD came off an exciting 80-yard kickoff return by Dwight Bell.

Defensively, Alex Luke had a great game with 11 tackles, including two tackles for a loss.

Interlake is back in action this Friday (4:30 p.m.) against the SouthWest Sabres in Stonewall. The Thunder are

really excited to play in front of a supportive home crowd.

"I've heard from some players, and it's only Monday, that they are already excited," Obach said. "Friends and family come out to see them and it's been a long time. It feels good to be out there, whether it be a practice or a game. It will be all that more exciting with our home opener."



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## U18 Lightning drop pair to Eastman

### Staff

In just over eight minutes in the third period, the Interlake Lightning let a lead slip away that resulted in a Manitoba AAA U18 Hockey League loss.

Trailing 4-3, Eastman's Trey Sellen and Luke Mistelbacher scored just 12 seconds apart midway in the third and then Cole Gratton tallied at 18:45 as Eastman pulled out a 6-4 victory in Teulon.

Job Petters and Thomas Phillips, on the power play, scored to give Eastman an early 2-0 lead but Interlake battled back with goals from Liam Foley, Hayden Wheddon, and Alexander Kaczorowski.

Wheddon finished the game with three points.

The Selects' Liam Leduchowski and Kaczorowski then traded third-period goals.

Lightning netminder Zach Meadows made 48 saves and had two assists.

The Lightning started their regular season with a 4-1 loss to the Selects in Beausejour last Friday.

Sellen scored a first-period power-play goal and then he put Eastman up 2-0 early in the second.

The Selects' Luke Mistelbacher made it 3-0 midway in the middle frame and then Foley, on the power play, and Mistelbacher traded goals in the third.

Ty Hogue made 26 saves in the losing cause.

Interlake will play the Winnipeg Thrashers on Saturday (3:30 p.m.) at the Gateway Recreation Centre and then will host the Thrashers on Sunday (2:30 p.m.) in Teulon.

Meanwhile, goal scoring has been a problem for the Interlake Lightning U18 women's hockey team in the pre-season.

Interlake scored just four goals in six exhibition games while being shut out four times.

Interlake finished with an 0-3-1 record at an exhibition last weekend in Portage la Prairie.

The Lightning lost to the Yellowhead Chiefs (2-0) and to the Pembina Valley Hawks (5-0) on Friday. Interlake was



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Lightning goaltender Zach Meadows made 48 saves in a 6-4 loss to the Eastman Selects in Manitoba AAA U18 Hockey League action last Saturday in Teulon.

then defeated 2-0 by the Winnipeg Ice on Saturday before tying the Weyburn Gold Wings 2-2 Sunday morning.

The Lightning will have a pair of home games this weekend, beginning

with a matchup against Pembina Valley on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) in Stonewall. On Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Interlake will host the Ice in Stonewall.

## Ice Dawgs back in action



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Arborg Ice Dawgs' Jack Einarson flies into the St. Malo Warriors' defensive zone during CRJHL exhibition action in Selkirk on Sunday. Arborg will begin its regular season this Saturday at home against St. Malo.

## 2022 Manitoba Games cancelled

### Submitted by Sport Manitoba

To keep Manitobans safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19, Sport Manitoba and the Niverville host society are announcing the cancellation of the 2022 Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro.

The Games were scheduled to take place in Niverville from Feb. 27 to March 5. The scope of these Games encompassed upwards of 1,500 participants from all across the province (athletes, coaches, managers, officials), and 1,000 local volunteers organizing 12 sports over seven days in and around the Town of Niverville.

"The decision to cancel these Games was not an easy one, but it was essential to protect the health and safety of our participants and volunteers," said Janet McMahon, president and CEO, Sport Manitoba. "Executing a major multi-sport Games requires extensive planning, the support of hundreds of volunteers, and securing significant financial support.

"With the uncertainty of the pandemic's progression, we could not put all the pieces in place to host a safe and successful Games. We want to thank everyone for their understanding, co-operation and patience as we return to sport."

Over the last 18 months, inconsistencies in competition and training opportunities had an effect on athlete development. Without regular training, conditioning and recovery routines in this crucial stage, the risk of injury, mental fatigue and overtraining were also factors in making this decision.

Along with continued uncertainty about the pandemic and public health restrictions, it became clear it would not be possible to host an event of this magnitude and execute a safe and successful multi-sport Games experience.

Sport Manitoba and the Niverville host society worked with the Town of Niverville, provincial sport

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The Ashern Cobras finished second at a three-team Morris Mavericks junior varsity boys' volleyball tournament last Saturday.

hawks in the final by scores of 25-20, 16-25, 10-15.

The Cobras earlier defeated the Morris/St. Jean Baptiste Mavericks 2-0 (25-23, 28-26) in a playoff game.

Mavericks 3-2 (25-17, 25-18, 15-25, 22-25, 15-13) and lost 3-1 (20-25, 25-23, 8-25, 14-25) to Rosenort.

18-25, 13-15 in a semifinal game.

The Cobras earlier defeated the Mavericks 2-0 (25-12, 25-13) but lost 2-0 (14-25, 16-25) to Rosenort and 2-1 (22-25, 25-24, 13-25) to Killarney.

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organizations, Hanover School Division, public health, and Games partners to evaluate a number of options before reaching the collective decision to cancel the event. The support of our title sponsor, Manitoba Hydro, as well as our presenting sponsors, Credit Unions of Manitoba, Calm Air, Konica Minolta, Travel Manitoba and the Manitoba Dental Association, was welcomed in making this decision.

The host society remained committed and dedicated as it planned through so many unknowns over the last year. To give them an opportunity to follow through on some of the benefits of hosting a Manitoba Games, Sport Manitoba is guaranteeing \$150,000 for capital projects. Some projects, like the cross-country ski trails at Hespeler Park, have already benefited from this investment. The

funds that remain will be allocated within the community to enhance sport infrastructure and equipment.

The Town of Niverville has been offered the first right of refusal to host the 2026 Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro in the Winter of 2026, which is the next Games available to host.

The Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro is staged every two

years, alternates between summer and winter sports, and is the largest ongoing multi-sport event in the province. Each Games involves upwards of 3,000 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers, and represents an opportunity for young athletes to compete and prepare to reach national and international sporting stages.

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# SUDOKU

				7			6	
8	3				5			
2					3	5		
	7	3	6					4
		4	1	5				
6						2		
				9	6	1		
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

## Sudoku Answer

[illegible]

## Crossword Answer

**X** **CROSSWORD**

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Numbers cruncher
4. Creator
10. A type of center
11. About spring
12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
14. Precursor to the EU
15. Something that can be cast
16. Gold-colored alloy
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. A hard coating on a porous surface
23. A type of detachment
24. Filmmakers need them
26. Promotional material
27. \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
28. Short, sharp sound
30. Feeling of intense anger
31. Popular TV network
34. Island entry point
36. Disfigure
37. College army
39. One who's revered
40. Long, winding ridge
41. Football stat
42. Stealing
48. Hawaiian island
50. More raw
51. In one's normal state of mind
52. Daniel LaRusso's sport
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Measures heart currents
55. Midway between south and east
56. Knotted again
58. Born of
59. Value

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						56						57			58							
						59								60								

- 60. Soviet Socialist Republic**

**CLUES DOWN**

  1. Mother tongue
  2. Removes potato skins
  3. True
  4. Early multimedia
  5. The making of amends
  6. Discovered by investigation
  7. Small arm of the sea
  8. More seasoned
  9. Atomic #81
  12. Type of pear
  13. Chemical compound
  17. One's mother
  19. Vietnam's former name
  20. Snow forest
  21. Church officer
  25. Hardens
  29. Ancient
  31. Advertising gimmick
  32. Subatomic particle
  33. Not fresh
  35. Loosens
  38. Religious symbols
  41. Film
  43. Orthodontic devices
  44. Grilled beef sandwich
  45. Journalist Tarbell
  46. Brooklyn hoopsters
  47. Japanese social networking service
  49. Romantic poet
  56. Dorm worker
  57. Poor grades



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2022

Public notice is hereby given that the 2022 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale has been delivered to the Municipal Office and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 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, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- 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;
  - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
  - be filed by
    - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
    - serving it upon the Secretary,

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  
Rural Municipality of Grahamdale  
Box 160, 23 Government Road, Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0  
Phone: (204) 768-2858  
Fax: (204) 768-3374  
Email: [rm606@grahamdale.ca](mailto:rm606@grahamdale.ca)

## THANK YOU

The Inwood Community Cemetery would like to thank the following for their generous donations made after the vandalism at the cemetery earlier this summer.

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**CLOSING DATE: October 4, 2021 (3:30 p.m.)**

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

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**Corlie Larsen, CAO**

**RM of Armstrong**

**Lot 55 Highway 17**

**Box 69, Inwood, MB ROC 1PO**

**Phone: 204-278-3377**

**Email: [cao@rmofarmstrong.com](mailto:cao@rmofarmstrong.com)**



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## NOTICE OF BY ELECTION & VOTING PLACES

### AS PER RECOMMENDED COVID19 PROTOCOLS ALL PERSONS ENTERING A VOTING STATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK

In accordance with Section 48(2) of The Manitoba Councils and School Boards Elections Act, I hereby declare notice is given that a vote of the R.M. of Grahamdale will be taken to elect a Councillor Ward 2 from the following duly nominated candidates:

**For the office of Councillor Ward 2:**

- Kevin Nickel
- Ken Koch
- Derek Fenning

#### Voting Place

Voting Place will be open for voting on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 2021 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:

**MOOSEHORN COMMUNITY HALL  
MOOSEHORN MANITOBA**

Identification may be required before being allowed to vote.

A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example – driver's licence or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

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For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend the proper voting place on Election Day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the following place:

**October 8th, 2021 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**

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PO Box 160

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Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0

Email: [seo@grahamdale.ca](mailto:seo@grahamdale.ca)

Fax: 204-768-3374

A voter applying to vote by sealed envelope will receive a ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official. Regular Post ballot packages will not be mailed after October 15th 2021.

Last day to apply to vote by sealed envelope is October 24th, 2021.

Sandra Falk,

S.E.O. R.M. of Grahamdale

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Dated at Moosehorn, MB this 23rd day of September, 2021.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES MUNICIPALITY OF WEST INTERLAKE

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 21st day of October, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Municipality of West Interlake, Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 PR 325 E, Ashern, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
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 2938 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 36-22-6 WPM WHICH LIES TO THE NE OF PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 504 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:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
  - The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
  - If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
  - The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
  - The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Municipality of West Interlake as follows:
    - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
    - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
    - iii) A fee in the amount \$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.

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Courtney Roehl  
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Municipality of West Interlake  
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ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 2500 – 360 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4H6, on or before the 30th day of October, 2021.

DATED at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 23rd day of September, 2021.

**PITBLADO LLP**

Attention: Leith Robertson

Solicitors for the Estate of Walter James Hallett

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CUMMINGS DENNIS REID**, late of the R.M. of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 1st day of November, 2021.

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Rural Municipality of Armstrong

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Public Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, that the Auditor's Financial Report, together with the related Financial Statements, for the year 2020, have been deposited in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong and are available for inspection by any person or his agent during regular business hours and that any person or his agent, at his own expense, may make a copy thereof or extract there from.

Dated at Inwood, Manitoba this 14th day of September 2021.

Susan Smerchanski, Reeve  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

## PART-TIME CASUAL DRIVERS

The Eastern Interlake Handivan Inc. is looking for an expression of interest for part-time, casual drivers. Hours are flexible and may include evenings and the odd weekend.

Requirements include: Class 4 Driver's License, Driver's Abstract, Criminal Record and Abuse Registry Check, and must be physically capable of assisting clients.

Interested applicants may express interest by phone or email, please call Thora Palson 204-641-5481 or [palson@rmgimli.com](mailto:palson@rmgimli.com)

## Gimli Community Cemetery Committee Invitation to Tender

### Cemetery Groundskeeping 2022 season

Closing date: October 22, 2021

Gimli Community Cemetery Committee is accepting tenders for groundskeeping of the Gimli Community Cemetery, located on Road 222 across from the Diageo Distillery for a minimum one (1) season term with an option to renew for an additional one to two (1-2) seasons.

The contract will require provision of suitable equipment, operator(s), fuel, etc. to undertake maintenance including the following: cutting and string trimming grass; keeping the cemetery tidy and clean; picking up debris and garbage; removing weeds; trimming around trees and graves; watering as necessary; cleaning planting beds at season's end.

The following information must be included in the tender:

- Two references. • Description of prior experience. • Description of equipment to be used, including type of mower(s) and size of mower deck. • Whether the tendering person or company is a sole operator or has employees. If there are employees, how many. • Name, company name (if applicable), phone number, and email address.

The duration of the contract will be 20 weeks from May to September. Start date of contract will be determined by weather conditions.

For a complete description of the work, expectations and/or to view the cemetery, contact the Chair of the Committee, Dawn Harris, by emailing: [gimlicemetery@gmail.com](mailto:gimlicemetery@gmail.com) or phone: 1-204-781-6868.

*Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Gimli Community Cemetery Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender, at its sole discretion, in the best interest of the Gimli Community Cemetery.*

Sealed tenders must be clearly marked: **2022 Cemetery Groundskeeping, Gimli Community Cemetery Committee, attn. Dawn Harris, submitted by Name of company or person tendering.** Tenders will be received until 4:00 p.m. on October 22, 2021 at the Gimli Municipal Office, 62 Second Avenue, Gimli or by mail to Gimli Community Cemetery, Box 501, Gimli Manitoba R0C 1B0, postmarked no later than October 22, 2021.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LONG TERM FORAGE LEASES

The RM OF ARMSTRONG is now accepting applications for LONG TERM FORAGE LEASES. Applications will be accepted until **NOVEMBER 1st, 2021 BY 4:30 PM** to be reviewed at the November 9th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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The lessee must be 18 years of age and a resident of Manitoba or becoming a resident within 2 years.

The use of the leased lands is meant for the purpose of forage production for livestock owned by the lessee.

Application Forms can be obtained from the Municipal Office at Lot 55 Hwy 17 in Inwood, MB, by email to [cao@rmofarmstrong.com](mailto:cao@rmofarmstrong.com) or on our website at [www.RMOFARMSTRONG.COM](http://www.RMOFARMSTRONG.COM).

THE RM OF ARMSTRONG is not obligated to provide access to the leased lands.

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SW 29-18-1E	13300	41,600	160.00
NW 32-18-1E	14300	45,900	165.00
SE 32-18-1E	14400	40,500	160.00
SW 32-18-1E	14500	45,900	160.00
SE 19-19-1E	54600	42,700	160.00
SW 19-19-1E	54700	36,500	131.50
SE 13-20-1E	99300	23,200	157.46
NW 8-20-2E	111900	36,800	160.00
SE 8-20-2E	112000	36,800	160.00
SW 9-20-2E	112500	36,800	160.00
SW 17-20-2E	117000	41,600	160.00
NE 31-20-3E E 1/2	134200	32,000	80.00
SE 32-21-2E	165600	41,600	160.00
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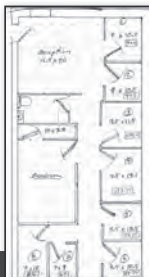


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## TOWN OF ARBORG NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Electors of the Town of Arborg will be taken to elect **ONE (1) COUNCILLOR** from the following duly nominated candidates:

#### For the Office of Councillor:

- 1. SPEISS, Larry**
- 2. GISLASON, Donna L.**
- 3. SIGURDSON, J. Ryan**

#### VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on **TUESDAY the 19th day of OCTOBER, 2021** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the **TOWN OF ARBORG MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING, 337 River Road.**

**IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE.** A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

#### ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at **TOWN OF ARBORG MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING, 337 River Road** and will be open **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2021** between **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

#### MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating residents of the **Assisted Living Facility** who are qualified to vote, a mobile voting station will be at the facility on election day between **8 a.m. and 9 a.m.** For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at the **Arborg & District Health Centre**, a mobile voting station will be at the facility on election day between **9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

#### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing or by fax to the Senior Election Official at: **337 River Rd, Box 159, Arborg MB, R0C 0A0, 204-376-5379.**

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Jan Larkin  
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### Launch Ramp Reconstruction

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch, will be undertaking work at the following harbours in Manitoba this Fall 2021:

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Gull Harbour

The construction is planned to occur from October 2021 to November 2021. The timelines are subject to weather conditions and the results of the tendering process.

Each project includes the removal of the existing concrete slab, pre-cast concrete pads, and the construction of a new launch ramp with pre-cast concrete pads and granular approach.

During construction, the launch ramps will be closed to the general public.

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Calders Dock  
Gull Harbour

Les travaux de construction sont prévus d'octobre 2021 à novembre 2021. Le calendrier est assujéti aux conditions météorologiques et aux résultats du processus d'appel d'offres.

Chaque projet comprend l'enlèvement de la dalle de béton existante, des socles de béton préfabriqués, et la construction d'une nouvelle rampe de mise à l'eau avec socles de béton préfabriqués et approche granulaire.

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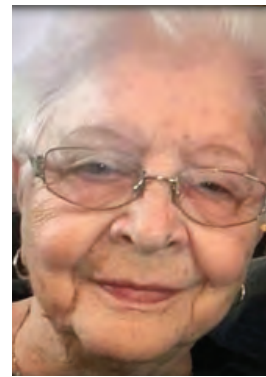
## ANNIVERSARY



Mike and Anne Penziwol of Gimli  
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## OBITUARY



Lovey Kuryk (née Malkowich)  
October 4, 1929 - September 13, 2021

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we say good-bye to our beloved mom, baba, great-baba, Lovey. Mom passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Assiniboine Palliative Care Unit in the Brandon Regional Health Centre at the age of 91 years old.

Mom was born on October 4, 1929 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba to parents Dan and Elizabeth Malkowich. She was predeceased by her loving husband John; parents Dan and Elizabeth; brothers: Nick; Bill (Jean); Harry (Olga); Walter (Joanne); Fred (Shirley); Steven (Joanne); one sister: Augustine (Eddie); and son-in-law Eddie Trachuk.

Left to cherish her memory are her twin daughters Linda Trachuk of Brandon and Iris (Ron) Carlisle of Winnipeg; her grandchildren: Dawn (Joe) Cote of The Pas, Manitoba, Heather (Russell) Moore of Brandon, Manitoba and her great grandchildren: Rylan and Abigail Cote and Aiden Moore. Lovey will surely be missed by her sisters-in-law: Olga Malkowich; Shirley Malkowich; Joanne Malkowich; Nellie Kuryk; brother-in-law Eddie Konopetcki; Bev Trachuk (who Mom considered as a third daughter), and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who meant the world to her.

In Mom's early years, she attended Ringrose School, Fisher Branch School and taught for one year at Russ School. She also worked part-time at the local Co-op store. Beside the Co-op store was a Chinese Cafe called "Charlie" this is where Mom met the love of her life, John Kuryk. Mom said Dad would take her on dates to barn dances, picnics, and a show and of course to the cafe for a drink of coke. She never neglected to tell us that her dates with Dad always were with a group of people, never by themselves.

In 1948, Dad asked Mom to marry him, she said "yes", as long as her parents approved. On October 29, 1949 they were married in Fisher Branch, Manitoba. They moved to Stephenfield, Manitoba, where Dad managed the Federal Grain Elevator. Eventually, after their twins were born, they moved to Broad Valley, then back to Fisher Branch. Lovey started work at Rene's store and worked there for 14 years. Mom also belonged to the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, she would go carolling with groups of parishioners during Ukrainian Christmas and always made sure the church was cleaned and decorated for special occasions.

Mom loved her bingo, gardening, cooking up a storm for her family and friends, and of course shopping with her daughters. If anyone said to her, let's have a card game, she was always ready to join in.

The highlights of her life was when she got to fly to Palm Springs, California twice with different family members. She especially enjoyed the flea markets and going to the casinos in Laughlin, Nevada.

Our family would like to give our heartfelt thank you for the care and compassion given to our Mom by the paramedics, ER staff, staff on 400 and Palliative Care Unit at Brandon Regional Hospital. Also to Brockie-Donovan for their sympathy and guidance during this time.

Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lovey's memory may be made to the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, c/o RM of Fisher Branch, Box 280, Fisher Branch, MB, R0C 0Z0. Due to restrictions a service will be held at a later date.

REST IN PEACE, VICHNAYA PAM'YAT

## OBITUARY



Gomer David Plantz  
December 22, 1934 - September 24, 2021

With his loving wife Dorothy and his family by his side, Gomer David Plantz, aged 86 years of Camper, MB. left on his glorious journey into the arms of his LORD and Saviour JESUS Christ.

A Memorial Graveside Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021 in the Ashern Gospel Chapel Cemetery located west on Hwy #325 near Hwy #514.

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## OBITUARY



**Lorne Robert Johnston**

On September 20, 2021, the world lost a sweet, loving soul when Lorne Robert Johnston peacefully passed away. Lorne was born on November 3, 1955 and was diagnosed with Down Syndrome shortly thereafter. His parents, Martin and Lucille, as well as his three siblings included him in every aspect of their lives and were very proud of his accomplishments.

Lorne attended school in Arborg and graduated in 1974. He was one of the first clients to attend Riverdale Place Workshop, a name that he chose for the facility. He attended the Workshop for 45 years and loved seeing his friends and the wonderful staff every day.

Lorne enjoyed sports. He was a member of the Manitoba Special Olympics. He participated in the Canadian Special Olympics in 1974 and won many medals. He also loved to watch WWE

wrestling with his foster brothers and attended many live events with family and friends.

Lorne moved into Riverdale Place Homes in 1979. He was fairly independent and lived his life with his foster brothers and the staff, whom he loved dearly.

The center of Lorne's life was his family. He always referred to himself as the favourite uncle and he certainly was all of that! He was the life of the party at family gatherings. It was like Lorne to poke fun at his brothers and tease them until he got a rise out of them and then he would laugh.

Lorne was a great fan of Elvis Presley and loved music. In his younger years, he played many instruments including his very own drum set. It was not uncommon to hear Mom yelling at him to shut the door. He was a rock star when he played up in his room!

Lorne was never someone who looked at life and said, "What's wrong with me? Why can't I do certain things?" He accepted his life wholeheartedly and was very happy and content. When asked, "How are you today?" Lorne would jokingly reply, "Short of money!"

Lorne had a strong faith and enjoyed attending many churches in Arborg.

Lorne is survived by his two brothers, Marvin (Vicki) and Ron (Cheryl) and his sister, Maureen (Wade) Sigurgeirson, aunts Alyce Sigurdson and Beatrice Johnston, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his parents, Martin and Lucille.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to his many caregivers over the years.

A private funeral will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Riverdale Workshop, Box 609, Arborg, MB, R0C 0A0 or Riverdale Place Homes, Box 968, Arborg, MB, R0C 0A0.

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## OBITUARY



**Sigrun Margaret Pidruchny (nee Kernersted)**  
December 30, 1941 – September 14, 2021

Margaret passed away peacefully at the Gimli Community Health Centre on September 14, 2021 with her husband at her side.

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

Margaret grew up on the Kjarna farm in Husavik, MB. and attended Kjarna School and Matlock School where she met her future husband, Fred. She took additional training at Red River Community Extension College and furthered her education with courses in First Aid and CPR, custom framing, photography, computer and advanced accounting. After school Margaret worked for MTS in Gimli, and Winnipeg Beach.

Margaret and Fred were married on September 2, 1961 and had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

In 1976 she began working at the Gimli Community Health Centre where over the years she has handled the switchboard, ambulance/fire, jaws of life dispatch, done accounting and worked as the admitting clerk until her retirement in 2001. She was the proprietor of Picture Framing by KCK, which she operated out of their residence.

Margaret was predeceased by her parents Sigridur and Kristjan Kernersted; her brothers Bill, Ingimar, Emil and David; infant sister Christine.

She is survived by her husband Fred; sons Kevin (Hope), Craig (Tiffany); daughter Katherine (Rick); grandchildren B.J., Brandon, Rebecca; Justina: Autumn, Kesara, Serafina and Phoenix; Megan and Ethan and great-grandchild Meliya. Also surviving are her sisters Lilja and Violet and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Adegbesan and the nurses of the Gimli Community Health Centre for their excellent care.

Lo there So I see my father

Lo there So I see my mother an my sister and my brothers

Lo there I So see the line of my people back to the beginning

Lo they So call to me

they did me to take my place among them in the hallowed halls of Valhalla  
where the brave shall live forever

-The Viking Prayer

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com).

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Catherine Heather (Hes) Belle Mackie**  
August 26, 1953 - September 25, 2021

Hes, the first of four children of Gordon Mackie and Margaret (nee Willox) Mackie, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, following an admirable journey with cancer. Despite many medical challenges, Hes displayed a remarkable ability to enjoy each day and found great joy and comfort with her friends and family and, most importantly, her precious cat, Hootie. Hes will be remembered by all for her love of the Beatles, reading, music, games and marijuana.

She had a poet's soul, a science fiction writer's creativity and the heart of a hippie.

She will be deeply missed by her brother, Craig (Jane); her sisters Holly (Keith) and Bonnie; dear friends Garcea and Mike; nephews Chris, Rob, Mike and their families as well as numerous extended

family members across the globe.

Hes was a best friend.....a kind, open, accepting and compassionate soul who had that rare gift of truly listening to others and allowing them to be exactly who they are..... "Right on", Hes!

The family would like to thank the staff of the Gimli Health Centre, her oncology team and a special thank you to Dr. Stephen Coyle.

As per her wishes, there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Cancer Care Manitoba or the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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## OBITUARY



**Lorraine Crawford**

May 15, 1946 – September 22, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who passed away peacefully in Brandon, Manitoba on September 22, 2021.

She now joins her husband of 50 years (Kelvin) and their Border Collie (Rockzee) in heaven.

Lorraine is survived by her children Laurie (Debbie), Colleen (Lance), and Christy (Arturo); her cherished grandchildren Carly (Justin), Josh (Reilly), Cameron (Michelle), and Daryn; her great-grandchildren, Abby and Olivia; her sister-in-law, Beth (Neil); her step mother, Sophie; and her brothers, sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Lorraine had many lifelong friends that she considered family, including Pat, Clem and Maryann, Ron and Carolyn, and Marylee, Wade and Laura, and Rick and Monie. She

enjoyed the time she spent with her friends in Gimli and they became very dear to her; they shared so many laughs and special memories.

Lorraine was born on May 15, 1946 in Edmonton, Alberta. She was predeceased by her parents William and Vera Melnychuk. Lorraine worked at Bristol Aerospace for many years, until she eventually retired to spend more time with family and friends. She enjoyed golfing, cooking for her loved ones, and travelling to Mexico with her friend Jackie to avoid Manitoba's cold winters. She was an avid sports fan and loved curling, football, and hockey. In her spare time, she liked to cook for the residents at the Gimli New Horizons 55+ Centre.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Brandon Regional Health Centre Palliative Care Unit for their compassionate and attentive care during the brief but difficult period that led to Lorraine's passing. During her stay in Brandon, she always looked forward to seeing her lunch buddy Arturo, who gave her foot massages and wheelchair rides. A special thank you to Dr. Fourie, Dr. Minders, Dr. Dhalla, and Dr. Edward for their expert and considerate medical care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation – Palliative Care Unit, 150 McTavish Avenue East, Brandon, MB, R7A 2B3.

We will forever cherish the wonderful times, unforgettable moments, and amazing meals that we shared with her.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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