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Rock artists of the year

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Gimli's Stefanie Johnson and Jodi Dunlop of Mise en Scene won Rock Artist of the Year at the 2021 Western Canadian Music Awards last Friday. See story on pg. 3.

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Family of missing Gimli man still holding onto hope

By Nicole Brownlee

Teresa Boychuk has been looking for her uncle for over 15 years.

Gregory James is six feet tall with dark brown hair and has a heart tattoo on his upper left arm. The timeline for James' disappearance is foggy. Teresa believes he lost contact with her family around 2003, but it took years for a missing persons case to be opened for her uncle.

"It took a lot of pushing and persistence for them to do so," said Teresa.

Teresa's mother, who now lives in Ontario, became concerned about James' whereabouts in 2008 when she began to question relatives' excuses that James was out of town whenever she would visit her hometown of Gimli.

Dianna Boychuk was told James was living in Winnipeg at the time, so she contacted the Winnipeg Police Service to open a file for James' disappearance. She would continue to consistently check in with the Winnipeg Police for leads but never heard news.

Dianna called the Winnipeg Police in 2019 to, once again, ask if they heard anything about James and was informed there was no missing person file for James.

"They just have a note on file to contact her if they get into contact with him," said Teresa.

"That's not what we wanted. We obviously wanted a missing file open for him."

Teresa, also living in Ontario, intervened to insist a file be opened for James but was told he didn't meet

the criteria.

"I thought, what in the world? There's no care that somebody is missing," said Teresa.

The Winnipeg Police and the RCMP disagreed about which jurisdiction James fell under, causing confusion and further delays, but Teresa kept trying.

"Finally, I got in touch with the right person who got me in touch with somebody at the RCMP, which happened to be in Winnipeg. ... And finally, they opened a missing person file for him," said Teresa.

The RCMP and the Winnipeg Police now have missing person files open for James, but there have been few developments in the case since.

"The help I'm getting is very, very limited," said Teresa.

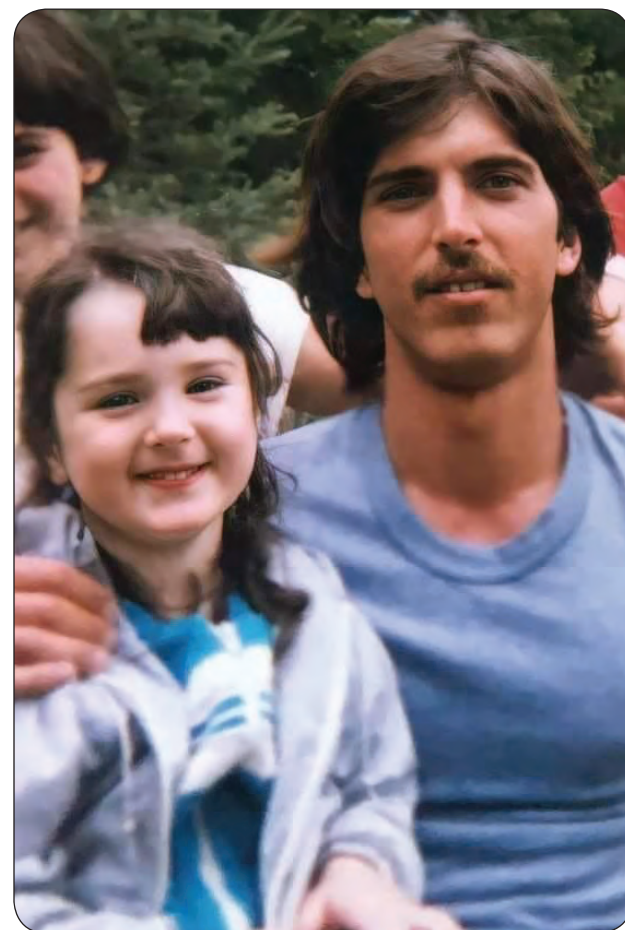
Teresa and Dianna have offered DNA to see if they match any John Does and reached out to community members but have not found any more information about James.

"I feel like I've reached a lot of people across Canada, and I have not really gotten any hits at all. And if I get anything, it's always just a dead end," said Teresa.

James hasn't renewed or used his Manitoba health card or driver's licence. He also isn't signed up for government assistance. Teresa is waiting for a response from Winnipeg Police to check into his bank accounts.

The Winnipeg Police Service did not respond in time for publication.

"I don't want to say I'm discouraged because I'm



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This is one of the few photos Teresa Boychuk has with her missing uncle Gregory James. Taken in 1985, James disappeared around 18 years later.

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Interlake artists win at the 2021 Western Canadian Music Awards

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli duo Stefanie Johnson and Jodi Dunlop of Mise en Scene won Rock Artist of the Year at the 2021 Western Canadian Music Awards last Friday.

The band's nomination was honoured by Winnipeg-based Torque Brewing with a beer named after the duo's 2020 album, *Winnipeg, California*.

William Prince of Peguis First Nation won Roots Artist of the Year.

Both Prince and Mise en Scene had also been nominated for Songwriter(s) of the Year, but that was won by another Manitoba artist, Grant Davidson.

The WCMA recognizes artists from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories. The ceremonies were held at the West End Cultural Centre in Winnipeg.

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Mise en Scene singers Stefanie Johnson and Jodi Dunlop were nominated for Rock Artist of the Year and Songwriter of the Year at this year's music awards.



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Singer-songwriter William Prince was named roots artist of the year at the Western Canadian Music Awards on Friday.

Matlock Recreation Club holding Craft and Trade Show this month

By Sydney Lockhart

After skipping their annual market due to the pandemic restrictions last year, the Matlock Recreation Club has created a large 25-vendor show to bring people back this year.

"I'm really trying to do a great variety. I think we have a phenomenal variety of vendors coming," said Janet Stadnyk, recreation co-ordinator.

On top of having vendors, there will also be a silent auction with items from every table included.

The show will take place at the club's building located at 77 Matlock Rd. on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We have things like homemade baking, homemade preserves, pickles and all those kinds of fun things, which is great," she said. "We have someone crocheting ponchos, your typical quilting and sewing things. We have someone doing stained glass and woodworking, acrylic painting, photography and burlap wreaths."

Stadnyk said she personally reaches out to vendors to make sure that they have a range of products so everyone can find things they are interested in. For example, she said she is personally excited about a vendor who makes tabletop gardens.

"We'd like to be like one of the first sales of the season. So, this is kind of the start I think, across sales season in Manitoba," she said.

Stadnyk said proof of vaccination will be required for anyone entering and that all the vendors had to show proof of vaccination to be allowed to participate. She added that there

will be lots of hand sanitizer and that masks will be mandatory at all times.

"I'm super excited because I think people want to get out. They want to get out and see things, and I think just with seeing the table, it's going to be making everybody happy right now to see Christmas things out and just know that we're moving forward," she said.

Throughout the pandemic when restrictions were tight, the club struggled to stay afloat since it could not book out the hall much or have many events.

"Matlock Club is a very special club. We just have a brand-new board because we were thinking that we almost had to close our club because our old board was all retiring," said

Stadnyk.

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Lake Winnipeg left in pollution limbo

By Patricia Barrett

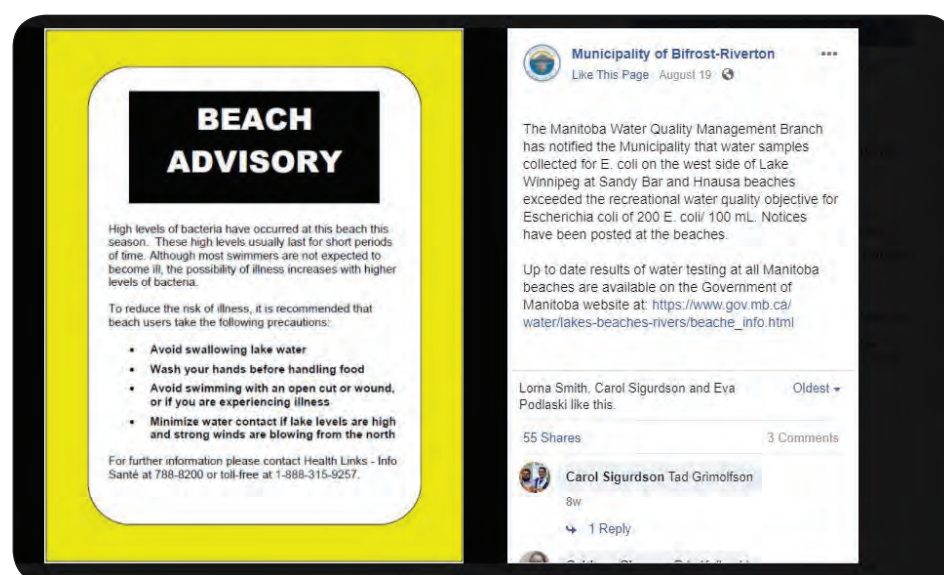
An algal bloom is wreaking havoc with Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers who work in the Hecla Island-Grindstone region at the top of the lake's south basin, and they said they've seen no action from the province, which is responsible for protecting Manitoba's waterways.

"We're up to our armpits in dirt here," said 88-year-old Robert T. Kristjanson, who fishes in the Grindstone region with dozens of other fishers. "It comes and goes. It's in the shallows some days and sometimes it isn't. It has been at Grindstone for I don't know how long now."

Fishers who move out of an affected area to set nets elsewhere only find themselves inundated again.

"You can't move away from it. Tomorrow it may be gone and then it's back again as soon as the weather and wind changes," said Kristjanson. "Guys are trying to fish around it every way they can but it's no use. There's no place we can move to fish because we'll just get the dirt there."

Dirt is Kristjanson's catchword for algae, sewage or feces, which can be prevalent at this time of year with scheduled, provincially approved re-



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Excessive E. coli levels in the lake at Hnaua and at Sandy Bar, east of Riverton, resulted in beach advisories in August.

leases of manure holding ponds used in animal farm operations as well as effluent from municipal lagoons and treatment plants. Treated effluent, untreated sewage and feces contain nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen.

Phosphorus especially spurs on the growth of algae. Lake Winnipeg is classed as eutrophic, with an over-

abundance of nutrients that cause dense plant growth, such as algae, and a concomitant decrease in oxygen that's required by aquatic organisms.

Manitoba's third year of severe drought has resulted in a two-foot or so drop in lake levels, exacerbated in part by Hydro holding back water to generate electricity, said Kristjanson. What's flowing into the lake now is



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DARCY PAKALUK
Algae have been snagged in commercial fishing nets in the Hecla-Grindstone region during 2021 fishing seasons. Algal blooms remove oxygen from the water and kill organisms. Toxic blue-green algae can kill or sicken wildlife and humans.

"coming straight off sewage plants" and there hasn't been enough rain to help mitigate the pollutants.

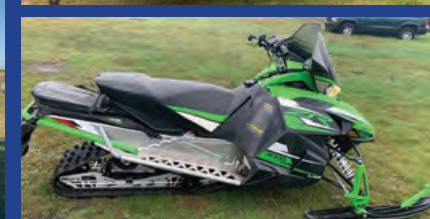
Although he recognizes the role that agricultural operations play in dumping harmful nutrients into Lake Win-

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nipeg, Kristjanson said he's particularly concerned with the City of Winnipeg's North End Water Pollution Control Centre (also called the North End wastewater treatment plant), which is the "fourth largest phosphorus polluter" among all treatment facilities in Canada, according to the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

"Before people in the city go to bed, they flush and get their ship under sail without thinking about the time bomb they're sending out to our lake. How can people in Winnipeg go to sleep after dumping their sewage on other people down the line?" said Kristjanson. "How can the City of Winnipeg and the provincial government allow 800,000 people to destroy what is the most fantastic lake? They have to clean this up."

The irony of the situation is that the hundreds of "city people" who own cottages along the lake and the thousands of tourists who flock to Gimli and other lakeside resorts "want nice clean water" for swimming, sailing, water-skiing and so forth.

"I can pee into Lake Winnipeg without causing it a problem," said Kristjanson. "But when you have 800,000 people doing their business in the same spot, there's going to be a problem. If we don't keep nattering away at the polluters, it won't stop."

In addition to nutrients polluting the lake and killing fish and other aquatic organisms, high bacteria levels this summer (annual occurrences) made recreational water activity unsafe. Excessive E. coli levels in the lake off Hnaua, which has a provincial park and cottagers, and at Sandy Bar, a sandspit east of Riverton that's designated a Special Conservation Area, were detected in August and signs were posted on beaches.

With the passage of a new wastewater regulation about five or so years ago, the provincial government asked the city to reduce its phosphorus and nitrogen emissions from the North End wastewater plant but gave it a pass on the timeline. The plant was commissioned in 1937 and treats about 70 per cent of Winnipeggers' waste.

A plant upgrade is to be carried out in three phases, but only the first phase has been approved and funded. Phase 1 will see the construction of a new power substation and upgrades to the headworks building, including new sewage pumps. In July of this year, the City of Winnipeg pledged over \$143 million to Phase 1. The federal government will be contributing \$116.1 million and the province is chipping in \$96.7 million.

Phase 2 entails the construction of a biosolids facility. Sludge will be turned into biosolids that can be used as fertilizer. Phase 2 is not approved or funded.

Phase 3 will directly impact nutrient loading to Lake Winnipeg by removing nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater to a certain provincially approved level. Phase 3 is not approved or funded.

Upgrades to the North End plant were recommended 18 years ago by the Clean Environment Commission after commercial fishers — notably Kristjanson who was feted with a governor general's award — brought attention to extensive algal blooms on Lake Winnipeg.

When will Phase 3 of the upgrade start, and how much money have the three levels of government committed to it, the Express asked City of Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman last week.

Bowman's press secretary Jeremy Davis said the upgrade has to proceed in order, from Phase 1 to Phase 3 [you need somewhere to store and treat the nutrients you remove before you remove them]. The headworks facility upgrade has already commenced.

The city also asked the province for a funding commitment for the Phase 2 biosolids facility and is awaiting a decision.

"The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding request for the \$552.7 million Phase 2 component was submitted to the Province of Manitoba over two years ago, in September of 2019," said Davis. "The city is still waiting for the province to advance the application to the federal government. The total cost of Phase 2 is \$552.7 million and the city's share is \$184 million."

To help reduce phosphorus loading to the lake in the interim, the city has provided funding for a phosphorus-removal program that is projected to start in August 2023.

Yes, the city contributes phosphorus to the lake, but its contribution is dwarfed by that from other polluters.

"It is important to note that while the city is doing its part on the approximately four per cent of nutrient loading going into Lake Winnipeg from our city, a plan has not yet been identified by the provincial government that would address the remaining 96 per cent of nutrients going into Lake Winnipeg from other sources outside the City of Winnipeg," said Davis.

For its part, the Municipality of Gimli, whose mayor Lynn Greenberg sits on the South Basin Mayors and Reeves organization, sponsored the Red River Basin Commission's Netley Marsh Restoration Project. The project aims to rebuild the destroyed wetland area to help sequester nutrients before they enter the lake. Mayors and Reeves also launched the Lake Friendly awareness program in 2009.

"Lake Friendly helps people preserve our freshwater resources and has developed resources to promote activities that lead to improvements in water quantity, water quality, community response to floods and droughts and create awareness, engagement and partnerships," said RM of Gimli chief administrative officer Kelly Cosgrove.

The provincial government's department of Agriculture and Resource Development is responsible for protecting Manitoba's waterways. When asked what it's doing with regard to the Hecla-Grindstone algal bloom, a spokesperson said algal blooms at this time of year are "rare."

"Warm and calm weather coupled with relatively high nutrient loads has created ideal conditions for algal bloom development this summer," said the spokesperson. "Algal blooms form and disperse quickly and are easily moved

around the lake depending on wind direction and wave action."

The provincial and federal governments are involved in efforts to reduce nutrient loading to Lake Winnipeg and reduce the frequency and severity of blooms.

"On Aug. 12, 2021, Manitoba and Canada announced a renewed 'Canada-Manitoba Memorandum of Understanding Respecting Lake Winnipeg and the Lake Winnipeg Basin,'" said the spokesperson. "The agreement details how the provincial and federal governments will continue their work to understand and protect the water quality and ecological health of Lake Winnipeg and its basin, including reducing nutrient loading."

The province also proposed a nutrient target regulation under the provincial Water Protection Act to provide "important guidance for nutrient reduction activities" as well as benchmarks to track progress over time with regard to nutrients in the lake. As well, it will establish loading targets for four major rivers, the Red, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Dauphin.

> MISSING, FROM PG. 2

not. I won't stop until I find Greg or I find an answer," said Teresa.

"But it's very heartbreaking to feel like there's not much care for missing humans."

Teresa said she appreciates all the support she has received through social media, with people from Winnipeg and Gimli sharing her posts about the search for James.

"(Manitobans) have been extremely helpful, and I'm so grateful," said Teresa.

For more information, visit the Help find Gregory James Facebook page.

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First Nations community constructing a connection

By Nicole Brownlee

Lake Manitoba First Nation is inching closer to high-speed internet after breaking ground on Oct. 8 to connect to a fibre optic network.

With the help of Clear Sky Connections, an Indigenous-owned telecommunications network, LMFN received \$1.8 million from Indigenous Services Canada to start construction on the long-awaited project.

Crews started working immediately and will continue until the ground freezes this year. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2022.

"This is a good day for our Nation as we have been working with dial-up internet speeds for so long that even go down when the weather is bad,"

said LMFN Chief Cornell McLean in a statement.

"COVID-19 has shown us that it is more imperative now for all of us to be connected."

Clear Sky Connections works with 44 First Nation communities in Manitoba to advocate for better internet connectivity. LMFN is the third community the organization has helped to launch a fibre optic build.

"High-speed internet is an economic development game-changer," said Fisher River Cree Nation Chief David Crate in a statement.

The impact of accessible and consistent internet connection is already being shown in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (Nelson House), said Crate,

who is also the chair of Clear Sky Connections' board of directors.

"I think it's going to change everything," said Lisa Clarke, CEO of Clear Sky Connections.

COVID-19 has changed how communities do business, explained Clarke.

If communication is going to be predominantly virtual, then the time it takes to send an email or virtually meet is a huge factor in conducting business. With high-speed internet, virtual training, organizing and coordinating with other entities is easier.

"It's like they can carry on with business as usual," said Clarke.

The community decided to connect

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letter to the editor

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I'm not asking for much. Just something I'm praying we can still appreciate and apply. It's civility. In this age of pandemic hysteria, it is a virtue that is much neglected.

My perspective is that of a contrarian. A dissenter of the mandates that have come to rule our lives. I strenuously object to the idea of forcing someone to take a drug. No one should be made to choose between unwilling compliance and their livelihood.

But it's not my intention here to convince you that I am right about these issues. What I want is to be able to hold my views without retribution,

ridicule and rage.

A massive effort is under way to apply pressure on those who won't get the vaccination. The powers that be are exerting great force to place masks over our faces everywhere. The willing media has fallen in lock-step to ridicule and brow beat people to get every jab aimed at them. They may call us anti-maskers or anti-vaxers or conspiracy kooks but those are merely issues. They do not identify us. We are who we have always been: your neighbours, your friends, your family.

We have always admired those who have taken the risk is standing up for true liberty. At times we may not agree they are right but we should be thankful for the courageous minority who defend all our freedoms. Their perseverance ensures that those who prefer safety are free to enjoy it.

And so we come to civility. For the sake of our civilization, do not be panicked by the public officials and media who desire our division and rancour. We are your neighbours, not their scapegoats. We desire your liberty as much as ours. Therefore, we want you to come to our rallies and discussions. Tell us your objections to our views and discuss the issues with civility. Do not shout hateful things or honk car horns to drown us out. No one is doing that to you. Canada has faced divisive issues before but we did not tear the national fabric apart. Let us step back from something that, if we are not careful, could go down in infamy like the residential schools or Japanese internments. Let us first be civil, then we can pass civilization in to our children. Thank you.

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Temperatures soared to 18.8 degrees C. in parts of the Interlake over the weekend, making it difficult for gardeners to pull annuals out of their pots and gardens while flowers were still blooming. Some gardeners that seeded late were still harvesting beans and other vegetables that have typically been finished for weeks. Temperatures are predicted to reach highs between 7 and 10 degrees C. through to next weekend. Help the *Express* record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or families enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Correction

Staff

In the *Express*' story, "ESD schools take part in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation" in the Oct. 7 edition, we ran a photo of teacher Kelly Milne and accidentally called her Tara Campbell, one of the schools' special guest speakers.

Milne, who is the reading recovery teacher at Winnipeg Beach School and the guidance counsellor at Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School (SSES), invited three Indigenous guest speakers to the schools last month to mark Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30.

"We had really wonderful guests," said Milne last week. "Author and oral storyteller Michael Kusugak wrote a book with Robert Munsch and it was pretty cool he joined us virtually to share his stories. We also had knowledge-keepers Tara Campbell and Wally Richard join us."

Milne, who is learning to drum, took part in the knowledge-sharing presentations.

The *Express* apologize for those errors.

New restrictions for Southern Health communities

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba saw its COVID-19 case count jump by 339 cases Thursday through Monday

There were 92 cases on Friday, 108 on Saturday, 88 on Sunday, and 51 on Monday.

The Southern Health region led the way in new cases with 128 in total, followed by 81 in Winnipeg, 56 in Prairie Mountain, 53 in the Northern health region, and 21 in Interlake-Eastern.

Twenty-two of the 26 new cases in Southern Health on Monday were in individuals who were not fully vaccinated. Provincewide, 36 of the day's 51 new cases had not received two doses of the vaccine.

There was also five new deaths in people with COVID-19 since Friday, bringing the total number of Manitobans who have died due to the virus to 1,231.

At press time, Manitoba had 976 active cases and a five-day test positivity rate of 3.3 per cent.

A total of 90 people were in hospital with COVID-19, including 16 in intensive care.

In the Interlake-Eastern region, Northern Remote leads the way in active cases with 25 followed by 22 in Fisher/Peguis, six in Springfield, six in Arborg/Riverton, four in Stonewall/Teulon, four in Selkirk, three in

Eriksdale/Ashern, two in Gimli, two in Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews, two in Beausejour, one in Pinawa/Lacdu-Bonnet, one in the Unknown District, one in Whiteshell and none in St. Laurent.

Self-isolation required

In light of rising case counts and low vaccination rates in Southern Health, last week the province announced stricter household self-isolation (quarantine) requirements for the region.

Household members of close contacts or symptomatic people who have not had any known COVID-19 exposures must self-isolate.

That means if an individual is awaiting test results for COVID-19, everyone in their household must self-isolate along with them. This is not currently the case in the rest of the province.

Exempt from self-isolation are people who are fully vaccinated (two doses) against COVID-19 or were infected with the virus within the past six months.

Asymptomatic designated workers who are not fully vaccinated but are taking part in a regular rapid testing program are also exempt from self-isolation. If the worker or a close contact in the household has symptoms,

the exemption does not apply.

The province has said the online screening tool will provide guidance on how long people must self-isolate.

Third dose for first nations

Monday saw the province expand its recommendations for a third dose of the vaccine to First Nation people living on reserve. This applies to an estimated 7,200 people.

The Integrated Vaccine Operations Centre, which is co-led by First Nations and the federal government, is being reactivated to oversee the third dose rollout and co-ordinate other supports that communities may need, the province has said.

> FIRST NATIONS, FROM PG. 6

businesses and community buildings before tenants. Broadband Communications North is working on connecting all 600 homes in the community to the network and is expected to finish this fall. Pine Creek First Nation's connection project is also in progress and expected to be completed by summer 2022.

"It's been a long time coming, and to see all of (this) happening, it's amazing," said Clarke.

Clear Sky Connections has also submitted applications for 21 other

It was also announced that pharmacies will now be allowed to administer COVID-19 rapid tests for people travelling outside the province who need a negative test result before doing so.

"This is an important change that builds capacity and provides more options for travellers," Health Minister Audrey Gordon said, noting pharmacies will be able to perform rapid antigen tests and rapid molecular (non-PCR) tests.

There is a fee for these tests and travellers will be required to present the pharmacist with documentation related to their travel plans, which may include a plane or train ticket or hotel booking.

First Nation communities to receive funding to connect to fibre optic cables.

"I think the total is \$178 million is required to connect the rest of those communities that we applied for," said Clarke.

Expanding network cables, maneuvering bodies of water and installing other infrastructure across the province will take time and money, but connecting communities is imperative, said Clarke.

"We need to work together to make that happen for all of the communities."

Berlo resident cleaning up Interlake ditches and helping purchase wheelchairs

By Patricia Barrett

Ditches along Interlake highways may be somewhat dry from three years of drought, but they're rich in discarded beer and pop cans, along with other trash drivers wickedly hurl out the window.

But a man who lives north of Gimli has been keeping many of those ditches tidy while helping, at the same time, to raise funds for wheelchairs.

Ron Reichert, who lives near Berlo, northwest of Camp Morton, said he has been pulling discarded cans and other material from Interlake ditches for about seven or eight years because he's perturbed by littering and also wants to help the wheelchair program.

"I'm appalled at what I see when I drive alongside the highways, the amount of plastic which is not degradable, and aluminium cans," said Reichert last week. "And I also found out about the Tabs for Wheelchairs program. I've got a family member who has been in a wheelchair for most of her life and that hits home with me a bit."

Reichert removes the tab from each pop, beer and energy drink can that he scoops out of ditches, puts them in containers or bags then donates them by the thousands to the Royal Canadian Legion in Gimli, he said. He couldn't donate them last year because of COVID and currently has about 50 pounds.

Tabs can be redeemed for cash at a designated aluminium recycling facility or other recycling depot. Individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations, such as Royal Canadian legions, Ronald McDonald House and Girl Guides, take part in efforts to collect tabs for the purchase of wheelchairs.

The average price of a wheelchair is between \$4,000 and \$6,000, according to Manitoba Possible (formerly called the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities). The exact number of tabs it takes to buy one wheelchair varies according to different sources but runs in the multi-millions. About 20 million tabs, or 14,000 pounds, will net about \$8,500.

Reichert said he found out about the wheelchair program from a tenant farmer whose son was collecting tabs for a Grade 7 class project. Reichert said between them, they collected 19 big coffee cans full in a single summer.

Reichert fires up his ATV and cruises the ditches along sections of major Interlake highways. He'll take Highway 8 between Husavik, south of Gimli, for example, all the way north to Highway 68 where it turns east to Hnausa. He also drives along PR 222 from Camp Morton up to Hnausa. Then he'll scoot over to Highway 7 and clean up ditches between Arborg all the way south to Crabby Steve's Dance Hall (a dilapidated former dance hall a few miles



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Ron Reichert collects pop and beer cans from ditches, removes the tabs and turns them over to the Gimli Royal Canadian Legion for the Tabs for Wheelchairs program. A number of area residents are also helping him. He has two large coffee cans and a bird seed bag brimming with tabs, which he'll be delivering to the legion.

north of Komarno).

"And I do all points in between," said Reichert. "I've got a box on the back of my ATV and I made some sides to carry more cans. I always take garbage bags, too, in case it's a windy day."

He said he also picks up other items such as discarded tires. Over the past two years of the pandemic, he has found a lot of face masks and rubber

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MPI adjusts General Rate Application: requests 1.2 per cent rate decrease and \$335M rebate

Submitted by Manitoba government

As the hearing of its General Rate Application (GRA) before the Public Utilities Board (PUB) opens today, Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) will be presenting updates to its provisional filing made earlier this year based on continued strong financial performance. This will include requesting a rate decrease for a third year in a row and updating its separate application for a third customer rebate in a little more than a year.

MPI originally filed its preliminary 2022/23 GRA with the PUB in June and has since updated its application, which now requests a 1.2 per cent rate decrease. MPI routinely adjusts its overall rate indication after the initial filing as it refines its forecast closer to the start of the hearing.

Also in this application, MPI removed the Capital Release provision, which previously had translated into a five per cent discount as part of the overall rate. To replace the removal of this discount and return surplus capital to Manitobans sooner, MPI separately applied to the PUB to return

excess capital to ratepayers by way of a rebate. MPI has also updated its rebate application, formalizing its rebate request to \$335 million from the original forecasted amount of \$202 million. If approved, this will be the second largest rebate in corporate history. In 2011, MPI rebated ratepayers \$336 million.

"MPI continues to demonstrate strong financial performance, which has resulted in its applying for a third consecutive rate decrease, and in time, applying for a third consecutive customer rebate," Crown Services Minister Jeff Wharton announced Monday.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for all Manitobans. I am pleased that Manitoba Public Insurance will once again be in a position to provide its policyholders with much needed financial relief early in the new year."

Rebate cheques will be mailed out in the winter of 2022. The average cheque amount and how many cheques will be mailed will be announced in coming months. To date, customers have received a total of \$179 million in CO-

VID-19 driven rebates.

MPI is ultimately responsible for delivering the services and overall financial health of its various lines of business, including Basic, Extension and its administration of The Drivers and Vehicles Act (DVA), which involves the licensing of drivers and vehicles. The 2022/23 GRA addresses the transfer of capital from the Extension to the DVA line of business to ensure MPI can cover its administration costs. MPI transferred this capital in full compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

The transfer of capital from Extension to the DVA line of business is separate and distinct from the Basic Autopac line of business.

"We acknowledge that surplus funds from our Basic Autopac program should be returned to our customers and we have done just that. We are pleased to provide another rate decrease, in addition to making a request of the PUB, to return surplus to our customers in the form of a rebate," said Eric Herbelin, president and CEO of MPI.

"Our financial and business operations are fully transparent and presented to the PUB. Surplus from our Basic Autopac program is a direct result of fewer collision claims combined with having the public auto insurance model, which allows for the return of excess capital back to our customers," said Herbelin. "This rate application truly demonstrates the effectiveness of the public insurance model and our commitment to delivering value to Manitobans."

Combining the requested 1.2 per cent decrease with the surplus rebate, customers can expect an average decrease in their 2022/23 insurance year Autopac premiums of approximately 26.1 percent.

The proposed rates would be effective April 1, 2022, but because renewal dates are staggered, some vehicle owners will not pay their new rates until March 31, 2023. The PUB hearing is scheduled for three weeks and MPI expects the board to announce its ruling in December.

Seniors afraid to walk Centre Street in Gimli because of brick sidewalks

By Patricia Barrett

A Gimli resident said the sidewalks on Centre Street are so hazardous to seniors that many won't chance a walk downtown to local businesses.

And that's either keeping seniors housebound when they'd rather be out in the community, depriving them of much-needed exercise or forcing them to drive very short distances to shop at local stores.

"There are people that have to take a car to go one or two blocks because the sidewalks on both sides of Centre are so bad," said Inez Stratton. "This is not an age-friendly town despite what the big [age friendly] sign says."

The sidewalks on both sides of Centre Street are not paved but made of bricks that were installed decades ago.

Stratton said in some places the bricks are sloping, posing a challenge to balance. Some have gaps between them, which can cause tripping or twisted ankles. In other places the bricks have heaved or crumbled. Overall, they're dangerous for older people with brittle bones and for those whose eyes aren't as sharp as they used to be.

Gimli's population is made up of mostly seniors, and Stratton said it's important they get regular exercise. They also like to support their local economy.

"We need exercise and fresh air. In the winter we can't really walk on the boardwalk [because of snow and ice]," she said. "I know people who will only walk half a block. We want to get out and support our businesses on Centre Street."

Stratton said in the wintertime the sidewalks on Centre are even more treacherous for seniors and she herself will walk on the road when there's no traffic because "it's so much safer."

She and a friend went to Winnipeg Beach, she said, and discovered it has "beautiful sidewalks" that don't pose a hazard.

"We don't seem to maintain our sidewalks in Gimli," said Stratton. "We all love this town so much and we can't walk downtown because we're taking chances. You have to actually walk on the sidewalk to see how hazardous it is."

Stratton said she's not afraid to speak out when issues arise and affect a great number of residents, and she encourages others to ask municipal council to address sidewalk infrastructure.

"Be proactive. That's the only way you can have a chance of getting anything changed," she said. "I'm just one of many people in Gimli concerned about these sidewalks."



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Seniors say the brick sidewalks on Centre Street pose a walking hazard because of gaps in the bricks, sections that slope and rise and fall, and heaving and crumbling.

Stratton said she has already told Mayor Lynn Greenberg that "walking here [downtown] is awful."

Greenberg told the *Express* there's little that can be done about the bricks, which tend to move. They extend down Centre Street on both sides from Seventh Avenue (Highway 9) to First Avenue. Paving them would be cost prohibitive.

"We'd have to tear those bricks out and put down cement," said Greenberg. "It wouldn't be \$50 and a shovel; it would be mega-dollars. We know those sidewalks aren't the best, but we'd need a plan to re-do them and it would take a lot of resources."

RM of Gimli chief administrative officer Kelly Cosgrove said Centre Street sidewalks are part of the municipality's regular sidewalk inspection and maintenance program.

"Every year we repair sections of the sidewalk [on Centre Street]. As a whole, the sidewalk is not bad," she said. "Every year we budget for sidewalk repairs and maintenance [after] Public Works goes out and inspects them and identifies all the areas where they need to be repaired. And then we put out a tender on those sidewalk repairs."

In addition to its annual inspection, the RM identifies sidewalks in need to repair on an ongoing basis. When Public Works happens to be working in the downtown area and notices a sidewalk that needs attention, they'll alert the RM.

"When our guys are working in that area, they take a look and if they see areas that are in need of repair and they'll get it on our list," said Cosgrove. "Sometimes they call [the

administrative office] and we'll get that into the system."

If a sidewalk is a tripping hazard, though, it gets "immediately triggered" and someone is sent out to inspect it, she said.

"We want to get on those right away because we don't want people falling," said Cosgrove.

The bricks add "so much character" to the business district, she said, but they do tend to shift.

"They do require maintenance but so would regular cement sidewalks," she said. "Everything requires maintenance."

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ARC and Betel Home Foundation connect for fundraiser

By Iris Dyck

A personal care home and an addictions recovery centre are teaming up to celebrate Halloween while raising money for a good cause.

Aurora Recovery Centre (ARC)'s extended care program is holding a Community Leaf Drive during the month of October. For \$5, extended care patients will rake lawns in Gimli. All the proceeds will go to Betel Home Foundation's recreation programming, with ARC donating an additional \$2.50 per lawn. On Halloween, ARC patients will build a pyramid with the bagged leaves at Betel Home Foundation and spend the day with the residents.

"It's just going to be, like, a day of connection, for them as well as for us," said Jacob Hamblin, a patient in ARC's extended care program. "We were just kind of looking to rekindle that relationship."

ARC and Betel Home Foundation's relationship dates to 2017. Patients at ARC would go to visit the residents at Betel Home Foundation every week for tea and singing.

"A lot of times when people come into recovery, they ... haven't built a strong community or even know what that looks like," said Samantha Hampton, a former ARC employee.

Hampton's company Creative Community Promotions works with ARC to find opportunities for patients to get involved in the community. When a person can see how they fit into

their world, they can better understand how their actions impact those around them.

Hamblin has seen the difference these connections can make firsthand.

"For me, it's extremely important to connect with other people because I've spent a long time helpless and alone, and I think a lot of people can identify with that," Hamblin said.

The extended care program is for people who have completed ARC's inpatient addictions recovery treatment. Patients take on responsibilities that foster relationships and connection.

"A lot of people think that the opposite of addiction is sobriety, but it's not," Hamblin said. "The opposite of that is connecting with other people and doing things with other people."

Hamblin says addiction thrives in isolation. Planning events like the Community Leaf Drive takes away some of the secrecy surrounding addiction.

"When I was in the midst of my addiction, I was really only focused on myself," he said. "That connection is extremely important, not just for people who face addiction but for everybody."

Hamblin and Hampton admit that staying connected over the past year and a half has been challenging. The

"THAT CONNECTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE WHO FACE ADDICTION BUT FOR EVERYBODY."



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ARC's Extended Care Program participants, including Jacob Hamblin (second from left) are raking leaves in Gimli to raise money for Betel Home Foundation.

Community Leaf Drive is one of the first in-person activities ARC and Betel Home Foundation have been able to do together since the beginning of the pandemic. But Hampton believes community can develop through a variety of different avenues.

"At the end of the day, community isn't based off of geographical location," she said. "We have the ability to build our own community, whether that's virtually or in person."

Hamblin says events like the Com-

munity Leaf Drive have a "ripple effect." Seeing someone raking leaves or getting involved can inspire someone to do the same.

"I think that people underestimate the small acts of service," she said. "It makes life better to be kind."

Gimli residents who wish to donate to the Community Leaf Drive can call 204-641-0687 or email Samantha Hampton at samantha.h@aurorarecoverycentre.com.

Gimli Chamber of Commerce launches lip-smacking Eat In Gimli contest

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Chamber of Commerce and the local business community want to reward diners with prize packages for eating in Gimli.

The chamber launched a lip-smacking contest called "Eat In Gimli" on Oct. 15, and it will run until Oct. 24. Diners can showcase their meals on social media and vie for one of three prize packages.

"Eat In Gimli celebrates the diversity of deliciousness to be found on the shores of Lake Winnipeg and beyond," said Shel Zolkewich, a tourism consultant who works with the chamber.

Nine local restaurants and merchants will be providing the prizes packages, which consist of a collection of gift cards, she said.

To enter the contest, people simply have to take a photo of their fare, share it on social media using the hashtag #eatinggimli and they'll automatically be entered into the prize draw.

"Whether it's dine-in or take-out, get a taste of our town's mouth-watering pizzas and burgers, ice cream treats and bakery delights, full course dinners and casual snacks, ethnic specialties and downright delicious desserts," said Zolkewich. "And remember to share on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag #eatinggimli."



Arborg-Bifrost fire department celebrates arrival of new pumper truck

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg-Bifrost Fire and Emergency Services department, along with its two funding councils, celebrated the arrival of a new pumper truck last week.

The custom-made pumper will be used to suppress structural fires, respond to vehicle collisions and other emergencies.

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and the Town of Arborg share the cost of operating the fire department, which serves communities such as Arborg, Okno and Morweena. The department also serves as the first responder along Highway 7 and to the Lee Lake Wildlife Management Area, northwest of Riverton.

"The Arborg-Bifrost Fire and Emergency Services considered it urgent that the capital replacement of the pumper truck occur to sustain the current standards and needs in addition to strengthening the fire protection capacity the fire department can provide to the two municipalities," said the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's chief administrative officer Jordan Willner.

In addition to its own geographic area, the department has mutual aid agreements to help fire departments in neighbouring municipalities such as Grahamdale, West Interlake, Coldwell, Fisher, Gimli and Armstrong, all of which are part of the North Interlake Mutual Aid District.

The final cost of vehicle was \$604,619.97 plus GST, and it was shared 50-50 by the two municipalities. The truck has a permanently mounted fire pump, water tank and hose body, said Willner.

The fire department currently uses a 24-year-old pumper (a 1997 Freight-



Municipal councillors were on site to see the new pumper.

liner FL80) that has "fully depreciated," according to a capital asset schedule, said Willner. And a fire-fighting publication recommends that pumper trucks be replaced every 12 years.

From start to finish, the process to get the new truck took about a year. The decision-making process was informed by an internal review that looked at the cost of refurbishing the existing pumper truck as opposed to purchasing a new one (using fire apparatus standards), as well as a consultation with a chartered professional accountant firm, said Willner.

Tenders for the new pumper were posted last August on MERX, an online site listing tenders, and a fire department committee reviewed all the proposals it received, said Willner. In October 2020, the committee sent to both councils its recommendation to



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Ben Vanderzwaag (second from left) hands over the pumper's keys to Arborg-Bifrost fire chief Leroy Loewen.



Fire chief Leroy Loewen (end right) with the department's volunteer firefighters.

accept Acres Emergency Vehicles' bid.

"Acres Emergency Vehicles is owned and operated by Green Acres Colony, a Hutterite community located 30 minutes outside of Brandon and supports the Manitoba economy," said Willner. "As with most capital

projects, the tendered amount was amended as construction was underway. In the end, the tendered amount was \$615,515 plus GST and the final cost was \$604,619.97 plus GST."

Reggie Leach Classic donates funds to the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre

By Ruth Ann Furgala

The volunteers with the Reggie Leach Classic hosted a golf tournament at the Lakeview Hecla Golf Course on Aug. 27 after postponing the tourney last year due to the pandemic.

After a year's absence, people were ready to golf and the tournament was sold out weeks in advance with 160 golfers.

The beneficiary of this year's fundraiser was the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre (RTHC). The volunteer board of directors of the RTHC plan to expand the centre. A cheque for \$42,800 was presented Oct. 12. Wayne Furgala gratefully accepted the donation on behalf of the board.

The Reggie Leach Classic expresses a most sincere thanks to all the 2021 sponsors — Jim Gauthier Chevrolet, ECB Verdyol, an anonymous donor, Riverton Construction, Arborg Home Hardware, RDFC, Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corporation and the 38 local businesses and friends who generously sponsored holes.

Special thanks to the Hecla Golf Course, Hecla Lakeview Resort and golfers who made the tournament a success. Special recognition goes to the volunteers, the RLC committee members and, of course, Dawn and Reggie Leach who all worked together to make the tournament possible.

An announcement on the 2022 Reggie Leach Classic golf tournament will be coming soon!



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Reggie Leach and his wife Dawn Madahbee Leach, presented a cheque for \$42,800 to Corinne Magnusson and Wayne Furgala of the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre.

Riverton's new fire hall looking sharp

By Patricia Barrett

A new fire station that's being built on Reggie Leach Drive in Riverton is looking sharp after the exterior of the 7,760-square-foot building was painted and the overhead doors installed.

Construction of the new station, which has four bays at the front of the building and three at the rear, started in July.

The current fire hall is only 2,650 square feet, and the de-



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A drone photo of the newly constructed Riverton-Bifrost fire hall, which was started this summer.

partment has to house some of its equipment in off-site facilities. The new station will enable the department to store everything under one roof.

Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton chief administrative officer Jordan Willner provided an update on the construction of the fire hall, which will serve Riverton and rural communities in the eastern half of the municipality, as well as assist fire departments in neighbouring municipali-

ties.

"The inside truck bay area is being prepared for paint, then the electrical and mechanical can start to be installed," said Willner last week.

The sewer line connection is currently being installed. Hydro services and the driveway and parking lot areas are scheduled to start this week.

The new station is expected to open in 2022.

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Local artist turns bones into art

By Nicole Brownlee

Animal skulls, saw blades and stones are a few of Corrine Demery's canvases.

"It's fun," said the Teulon-based artist. "I'll paint anything."

After arm injury in August 2020 kept her from working at Teulon's Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions, Demery decided to pick up a paint brush to fill the time.

"I couldn't do anything because my arm was in a sling, but it was my left arm, thankfully," said Demery.

Demery grew up sketching, but this was her first dive into using paints so she practised on surfaces lying around her house and work shed. She started with hand-sized saw blades, coating the steel with acrylic paint to create still scenes.

After seeing Demery's work, long-time friend Krista Kuly brought her a new canvas to try.

"My husband is a dairy farmer, so there are lots of (cow) skulls around," said Kuly.

"I decided I'm going to take her one because I think it would look amazing."

Demery has since deemed Kuly her scavenger, bringing her skulls, jawbones and ribs to paint animals, landscapes and silhouettes. But, unlike the saw blades, Demery needs to take a bit more time to clean the bones before they're ready for paint.

"It's not everybody's cup of tea, but I'm an old farmer," said Demery.

"Not much turns my stomach."

The bones soak in a chemical bath before Demery removes the remaining organic material. She then primes the bones with white paint and starts her artwork.

Demery continued painting despite returning to work in January. This summer, Demery attended a few markets with Kuly and her craft business, Baking to Burlap.

"She was doing an amazing job, and then I convinced her (to) just do one market with me, just to



Demery enjoys painting animals and rustic landscapes.

try it," said Kuly.

"And then I encouraged her to do another one, and then people just started ordering from her."

Through the markets, family, friends and word of mouth, Demery has sold several pieces.

"I've actually shipped a couple of things to Saskatchewan and one skull went to Arizona, a couple stones to B.C.," said Demery.

She's due for another surgery, once again keeping her home from work, but she'll have to wait until she's healed to return to painting bones, said Demery.

"I won't be doing skulls because it's hard to clean with one arm."

Instead, she's returning to smaller pieces on saw blades.

To check out Demery's work, visit the Bear's Rustic Art Facebook page.



Only her second try at painting bone, this cow skull featuring wolves is one of Demery's favourite pieces.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE DEMERY

Corrine Demery first started painting saw blades in August 2020 after injuring her arm at work.

> WHEELCHAIRS, FROM PG. 8

gloves in ditches.

He drives against traffic to stay as safe as possible. And he doesn't go out during rural rush hours or on weekends when cottage-country traffic is heavy.

He said he's known by RCMP officers and by some members of the public, who sometimes stop and haul out a bag of tabs from their trunk. Other area residents also support him and the wheelchair program by collecting tabs.

"I have two neighbours down the road that save them for me," said Reichert. "And I've got other people in the area plus a retired realtor helping me. Quite a few people help me save the tabs because they know what I'm doing."

After he removes the tab from a can, Reichert said he crushes the cans, packs them into old grain seed bags and hauls them into Winnipeg where he can get 40-60 cents a pound for the scrap aluminium.

"I take the cans in because they help cover the cost of maintenance on my machine," he said.

Even though beer cans can be redeemed for 10 cents a can, Reichert said he still finds them in the ditches, along with other cans, which aren't refundable. If Manitoba had a recycling program that imposed a refundable levy on pop cans, energy drinks and [non-beer] alcoholic products that come in cans, he thinks that would provide an incentive for people to stop pitching them into ditches.

"Manitoba should be doing what Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. do where you pay a 10-cent levy

at the store when you buy drink cans, and you get your 10 cents back when you return them. I think that would keep the litter out of the ditches and off the roadsides," he said. "With our recycling program here, the municipality pays a recycling company which gets the product. And they can turn around and sell it. So they're getting paid double for it and the individual gets nothing; we pay for this program as part of our municipal taxes."

It takes only a second to remove a tab from a can, said Reichert. People with a collection of tabs can call their local legion to see whether it collects tabs for the wheelchair program. They can also phone non-profit organizations to see if they're raising funds for wheelchairs.

"If people got together, it wouldn't take long at all to buy a wheelchair," said Reichert.

Fuel Good Day supports local community organizations



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Creative Cocoon was one of two organizations that each received \$836.86 from Interlake Co-op's Fuel Good Day. Pictured left to right: gas bar manager Andrea Masiak, general manager Jordan Cook and Creative Cocoon's Jenna Stansell and Lisa Klym. "Fuel Good Day was held at Interlake Co-op on Sept. 21 and supported by local members. Co-ops across Western Canada donated a portion of proceeds (cents/litre) from this one day event to local charities and non-profit organizations.



Tanya Jonasson, middle, of Friendly Folk Nursery accepted a \$836.86 cheque from Interlake Co-op's general manager Jordan Cook, left, and gas bar manager Andrea Masiak, right.

Incredible creatures: fall-flying leaf mimicking moths

By John Gavloski

In late-summer or fall, some moths emerge that may look a bit confusing. With all the dead leaves around that time of year, what better disguise than to look like a dead leaf, which is what several species of moths do. In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the lives of two of these moths with similar sounding names, the maple spanworm and the large maple spanworm.

Fooling Foes in Many Ways

There are many insects extremely good at mimicking leaves. Katydid's often do this extremely well, but as we get into late-summer and fall, some moths are very good at mimicking dead leaves. Two that can be seen in Manitoba that are good at this are the maple spanworm (*Ennomos magnaria*) and the large maple spanworm (*Prochoerodes lineola*). Although the names sound similar, and both are dead-leaf mimics, their appearance is quite different.

The maple spanworm has a few characteristics that help it mimic a dead leaf. The wings are a bright yellow-orange, speckled with dark brown. Aside from the colour, which resembles a yellow leaf, note the unevenly shaped edges to the wings. Also note the posture with which it is holding the wings. They rest with their wings raised about 30 to 45 degrees above horizontal. The combination of traits makes them an effective mimic of a dried, curled leaf.

There's a lot of variation in colour in the large maple spanworm. The forewings can be straw yellow to brown, depending on the individual moth, but the dark line that divides the wings is diagnostic. It also has a sharp angle near the tip of the wings.

Twig mimicking larvae

The caterpillars of these moths are masterful mim-

ics as well. Caterpillars of the maple spanworm are a superb twig mimic. The body is green, brown or gray, dappled with minute white spotting. They also have markings on their body that look like buds on a branch. The head is flattened and directed forward. Caterpillars of the large maple spanworm are a slender twig mimic, abdomen brown above, yellowish below.

You may think that, based on the names, the caterpillars of these moths eat mainly maple leaves. But that is not the case. Large maple spanworm caterpillars feed on the leaves of a wide range of plants, including maple, oak, poplar, willow, apple, birch, blueberry, cherry and currant. Host plants of the maple spanworm include maple, oak, poplar, alder and basswood.

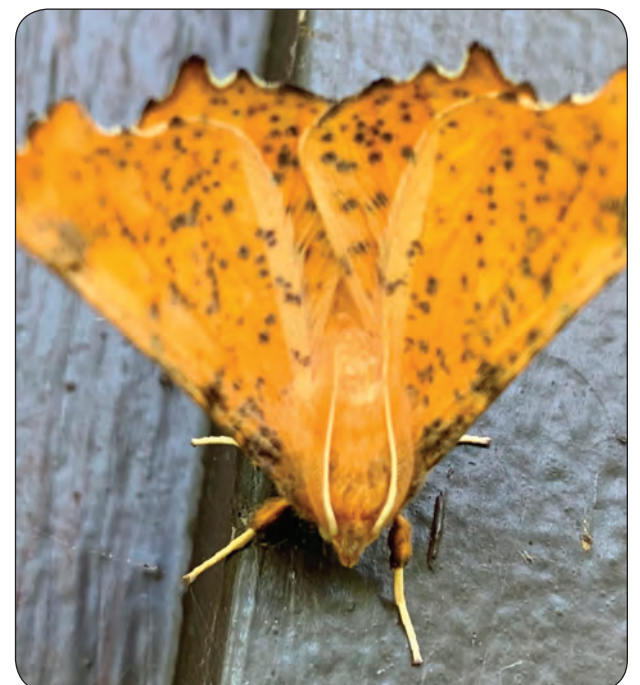
Both maple spanworm and large maple spanworm belong to a family of moths known as Geometrid moths (family Geometridae). They are named for the way their caterpillars walk. Geometrid means "earth measurer," and the caterpillars are often nicknamed "inchworms," "loopers" and "spanworms" because of their gait. Butterfly and moth caterpillars have three pair of "true" legs in front, on their thorax (caterpillars are divided into three sections, just like the adults). The abdomen contains prolegs, which look like stubs tipped with hooks (called crochets) for gripping the surface. A full set of prolegs is five pairs, the hindmost being a pair at the tip of the abdomen called anal prolegs. Geometrid caterpillars are missing two or three pairs of prolegs between the true legs and the anal prolegs. This results in Geometrid caterpillars walking by arching to pull the rear end up to the front end, then reaching the front end forward.

If something catches your eye this fall that looks like a dead leaf that's out of place, such as on the side of a building, have a closer look. It could be one

of these maple spanworm moths.



Large maple spanworm



Maple spanworm

WCF provides over \$33,000 to post-secondary students

By Patricia Barrett

Throughout the pandemic, the Westshore Community Foundation continued to support post-secondary students from its catchment area with a number of scholarship awards and provide funding to community organizations working for the betterment of their communities.

The foundation's board presented the 2021 student scholarships and held a donors' appreciation night a few weeks ago at the Lakeview Resort.

The foundation's Scholarship Bursary Fund was created in 2005 and has grown to over \$804,000. The foundation administers and dispenses awards from a number of scholarship and memorial funds that were set up by individuals and families. This year the committee awarded \$33,207 to students furthering their education at university or college.

"Winning a scholarship is a happy and proud moment for not just the winners but for family and friends as well. We hope these scholarships open the gateways to your bright futures," said scholarship committee chair Ruby Tretiak during the awards ceremony. "You have scored high and are all set to achieve your goals. Congratulations for your hard work — a stepping stone towards achieving your dreams. Dream big and continue to work hard."

The Westshore Community Foundation was created in 1998 to help not-for-profit organizations and other community groups within its catchment area of Dunnottar, Winnipeg Beach, Gimli, Fraserwood and Riverton. It has granted over \$4 million since that time.

Scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Shayne Sveinson received \$5,260 from the Larry and Helen Kristjanson Family Scholarship, which was established in 2011 to assist a Gimli High School student.

- Bailey Groot was the recipient of the Dr. Elaine Sigurdson Memorial Scholarship, which supports students pursuing medical education.

- Johannah Thordarson received \$1,974 from the Tim and Delphine Arnason Scholarship Fund, which supports a Gimli High School student

pursuing music education.

- Samantha Ward (\$2,000) and Blake Magnusson (\$1,248) each received a Carol Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship, which supports students entering the field of education.

- Brooklyn Toderan (\$2,521) and Sinead Gibbs (\$2,521) each received an Allison Olson Memorial Scholarship, which helps second and later year university students, as well as mature students.

- Alexis Sorokowski (\$500), Luke Michaluk (\$500), Shayne Sveinson (\$500) each received a Westshore Community Foundation High School Scholarship.

- Kassie Johannesson (\$2,000), Mia Gray (\$2,000), Samantha Porteous (\$2,000), Emily Pemkowski (\$2,000), Darren Sewell (\$1,564), Katie Nelson (\$1,564), Owen Roberts (\$1,000) all received a Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship, which assists second year and later students as well as mature students in university and college programs.

- Lorelei Henry received \$2,730 from the Western Interlake Eastern Health-care Fund.

This year Westshore also provided a total of \$42,000 in funding to local organizations.

"Along with our annual granting cycle, Westshore was able to respond locally to the COVID-19 pandemic with grants totaling \$16,500. Further, during this pandemic, we also partnered with Community Foundations Canada and the Canadian government to provide additional grants in the amount of \$40,000 to support local organizations," said Tretiak, who sits on WCF's grant committee.

Community recipients are as follows:

1. Gimli Unitarian Church to remove and rebuild stairs and wheelchair ramp (\$2,000).

2. Meleb Park Cumming School Reunion Committee for upgrading the mushroom monument (\$2,100).

3. Interlake Eastern Health Foundation, Gimli Health Centre for a vital signs monitor (\$3,400).

4. Icelandic River Heritage Sites for Engimyri House exterior paint job (\$3,000).

5. Evergreen Basic Needs to increase



The 2021 scholarship recipients were celebrated during Westshore's annual scholarship and donor appreciation evening.



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The Westshore Community Foundation board and directors. From left: director Randy Baldwin, director Darlene Devlin, finance committee chair Don Matthewson, past-president Tristin Tergesen, scholarship committee chair Ruby Tretiak, events committee chair Rosanna Cuthbert, president Tim Arnason and grant committee chair Eric Stefanson.

useable space capacity, heating and cooling portion (2,800).

6. Gimli New Horizons 55+ to fund activities and a kitchen project (\$2,500).

7. Gimli Ski Club for a groomer and track setter replacement (\$2,000).

8. Riverton Care Services for an enclosed gazebo and furnishings (\$5,000).

9. Gimli Glider Museum for a traveling exhibit (\$800).

10. Riverton Centennial Park to complete seniors' games storage area (\$4,000).

11. Riverton-Bifrost Parks & Recreation for kitchen upgrades at the Riverton Hall (\$7,000).

12. Sandy Hook Community Club for repairs to the deck and parking area (\$5,400).

13. Riverton & District Friendship Centre for day camp sports equipment (\$500).

14. Camp Arnes for outdoor education and pool equipment (\$2,500).

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Ice Dawgs whip Satelites

Staff

The Arborg Ice Dawgs are keeping pace with the Selkirk Fishermen atop the Capital Region Junior Hockey League standings.

Arborg improved to 3-0 after whipping the North Winnipeg Satelites 7-1 last Saturday.

Arborg took a commanding 4-0 first-period lead on goals from Jack Einarson, Tyson Barylski, Dylan Woytowich and Mark Hamrlik.

Einarson tallied the lone goal in the second and then he completed his hat trick in the third to increase the Ice Dawgs' lead to 6-0.

North Winnipeg's Ethan Reid and Arborg's Dixon Moneas then traded goals to close out the scoring.

With the win, Arborg now has nine points and is currently tied with Selkirk.

In off-ice news, the Fishermen's 5-1

victory over the St. Malo Warriors on Oct. 9 was taken away after Selkirk used an ineligible player. The Fishermen had not forwarded a player's card into the league before the game, resulting in the default.

Arborg will visit the Lundar Falcons on Friday (8 p.m.) and then host the Fishermen in a key matchup on Sunday (2 p.m.).

Meanwhile, Fishermen forward Dominic Suhr scored twice and added three assists to lead his club to a 7-3 victory over Lundar on Sunday at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

Zach Parkinson, Kasen Andrushko, Matt Wagner, Travis Spratt and Jordan Donald also scored for the Fishermen.

Selkirk's Kyle Folhoffer had four assists in the game.

Ryan Gleich, Riley Wirgau and Daytona Moneas replied for Lundar.

Michael Merpaw made 39 saves as



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JOHN PODWORNIAK

The Lundar Falcons' Tegan Sutherland keeps a close eye on Selkirk Fishermen forward Dominic Suhr during CRJHL action last Sunday.

Selkirk outshot Lundar 46-25.

The Falcons played at the North Winnipeg Satelites this past Tuesday but no score was available.

Lundar will host the St. Malo Warriors on Sunday at 6 p.m.

U18 Lightning women drop pair of weekend games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning lost 7-0 to the Yellowhead Chiefs in Manitoba Female Hockey League U18 AAA action last Sunday in Stonewall.

Callie Maguire, Abigail McKinnon, Darbi Poole, Hannah Reagh, Dara Thompson, Trynity Turner and Kennedy Wood scored for the Chiefs.

Lightning goaltender Katelyn Dorsch stopped 44 Yellowhead shots. Dorsch was named the league's Goalie of the Week for the period ending Oct. 10 after her stellar 58-save performance against the Winnipeg Avros.

On Saturday, Interlake was defeated 5-2 by the Eastman Selects in Niverville.

Brooke Barylski and Brooke Wadge scored for the Lightning while Jaicee Huberdeau (two), Jenna Sellen (two) and Ginger Fast replied for the Selects.

Interlake goaltender Rachel Hall-derson made 42 saves.

The Lightning will play the Central Plains Capitals on Saturday (6:45 p.m.) in Portage la Prairie and then the Pembina Valley Hawks on Sunday (2:30 p.m.) in Morden.

Interlake's U18 AAA male team, meanwhile, will play the Southwest Cougars in Souris on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.).

Interlake will be really busy next week with four games in five days. The Lightning will host the Winnipeg Wild on Wednesday (8 p.m.) in Teulon and the two teams will hook up Friday (7 p.m.) at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Interlake will host the Wild before playing the Norman North Stars Sunday (1:30 p.m.). Both games will be played in Teulon.



Katie Dorsch

U17 Lightning edged by the Thrashers

Staff

The Interlake Lightning lost 7-6 to the Winnipeg Thrashers in U17 AAA action last Friday in Warren.

Winnipeg erased a 6-4 deficit with three unanswered goals late in the third period.

Hayden Kaczorowski led the Lightning with two goals while Brandon Byrak and Luke Sekundiak each had a goal and an assist.

Interlake's other goals were scored by Kohl Sigfusson and Austin Loewen.

Cody Allen, Dawson Dear, Ian Lavallee, Kade Prud'homme, Branden Watson and Shay Woytowich scored for the Thrashers. The seventh Winnipeg goal scorer was not available.

Lightning goaltender Alex Myers made 20

saves.

Interlake will play the Winnipeg Wild on Thursday (7:35 p.m.) at the Bell MTS Iceplex before hosting the Eastman Selects (7:30 p.m.) Friday in Warren.

The U15 Lightning, meanwhile, were defeated 4-1 by the Winnipeg Wild Gold last Wednesday in Stonewall.

Dainen Jacobson scored the Lightning's lone goal early in the first period, assisted by Brody Slatcher.

Tegan Kurtz, Carter Shabaga, William Marceus and Jonah Vanderhorst replied for Winnipeg.

Interlake will play the Winnipeg Bruins Black on Wednesday at the Notre Dame Arena. Game time is 8:45 p.m.

Morweena wins JV boys' volleyball tournament

Staff

The Morweena Raptors won a four-team junior varsity boys' volleyball tournament in Riverton last Saturday.

Morweena defeated the host Riverton Patriots 2-1 by scores of 23-25, 25-13, 15-10 in the championship game.

The Raptors reached the final after defeating the Stonewall Collegiate Rams 2-1 (25-11, 22-25, 15-7).

Riverton finished pool play in first place with a 5-1 record in sets while Morweena was third with a 3-3 record.

The Arborg Athletics, meanwhile, lost 2-1 (21-25, 27-25, 17-19) to Stonewall in the third-place game.

Thunder win first RMFL game of the season

By Brian Bowman

After a lopsided loss to the Southwest Sabres the week previous, the Interlake Thunder bounced back in a huge way to secure their first victory of the season.

Interlake scored 22 third-quarter points to defeat the Virden Golden Bears 36-22 in Rural Manitoba Football League action last Friday in Stonewall.

"It was, by far, the best that we've played all year," said Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "Everything clicked into place finally and we've thought all season that we were getting better every week. We were having great practices and then we kind of had our first not great effort when we went to Souris the week before.

The guys rebounded perfectly and really worked hard this week."

After a scoreless first quarter, Virden led 8-7 at the half. The Thunder's Kaiden Kendel tossed a 30-yard touchdown pass to Dwight Bell.

The Thunder then took control in the third quarter.

"In the first half, we really felt that we controlled the game and we definitely controlled time of possession," Obach said. "We had chances to put more points on the board that we didn't get."

Interlake running back Lee LaPierre ripped off TD runs of 24 and 45 yards while Kendel scored on a 10-yard run.

Kendel then added a five-yard TD run in the fourth. He finished the game with 173 yards on 19 carries.

"Part of our game plan was to try to get (Kaiden) carrying the ball a bit more and he carried it a lot more than we thought we would but he really found his groove on the field," Obach said. "It's his first year ever playing football and playing the quarterback position is hard enough with lots of experience. This was the game where he figured out some of the stuff that he could do. He was effective and a leader on the field, too."

LaPierre had 12 carries for 153 yards while

Lucas Kmet added 13 carries for 79 yards. The offensive line played a tremendous game, said Obach.

"It's clear to us that the strength of our team is our three (offensive) line-men," he said. "They are three guys on

our offence with a ton of experience. They're a Grade 12 and two Grade 11s and they started when they were Grade 9s. I think we have as good an O-line as you're going to find in the league and probably one of the best lines that you're going to find in high school football in Manitoba. We really have to key on these guys to carry us. We have to run the ball and we have to use schemes that really maximize their effectiveness."

Defensively, the Thunder were led by Daemyn Bochoruka, who had 10 tackles and an interception.

Interlake (1-3) will host the Neepawa Tigers (3-1) this Friday in Stonewall. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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!

Level: Intermediate

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!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Break
7. Ruled Russia
13. Having several lobes
14. Walked around proudly
16. Atomic #77
17. Largest living land animals
19. The Great Lakes State
20. A type of toast
22. Partner to feather
23. Bristlelike
25. Bowfin
26. Distributes
28. Hairlike structure
29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
30. Where wrestlers work
31. Blood relation
33. A great deal
34. Round Dutch cheese
36. Move further away from
38. Type of wrap
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Young salmon
44. Feline
45. Skin decor
47. Disfigure
48. They ___
51. Formal term for "on"
53. Weight of precious stones
55. Traveled rapidly
56. Long-winged aquatic bird
58. Prickly husk
59. Expressed pleasure
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most irritable
64. Virginia
65. Optimistic
67. Humorous works
69. Arranged systematically
70. Emerges
- CLUES DOWN
1. Wives of a polygamous man
2. Where hurt ballplayers land
3. Single-celled animal

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4. Rhythmic pattern
5. One from Utah
6. A group of seven
7. Refrains from inflicting
8. Light brown
9. Humanistic discipline
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. It says who you are
12. Roundworm
13. Group of Native Americans
15. Makes wider
18. Headgear
21. One who sets others free
24. Form of communication
26. A Brit's mother
27. Title of respect
30. Famed modernist painter
32. One-time province of British India
35. Prosecutors
37. Motor vehicle

38. Non-religious
39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
42. Pouch
43. Touch gently
46. Chose
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former Broncos coach Dan
50. Icelandic poems
52. More decent
54. Grillmasters use it
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. Rupee

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MORTGAGE SALE

The building and land known as 20024 Lakeside Road & 228 Municipal Drive, RM Gimli MB, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2864220/1, 2864222/1, 2894704/1 will be sold at public auction, on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 2021 at 10:15 A.M.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference.

There will be no in-person attendees at the auction. In order to participate, you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting either: Donna Riedel (riedel@pitblado.com) or Ashley Storozinski (storozinski@pitblado.com) or 204-956-0560.

The vendor is informed that the property consists of:

20024 Lakeside Road, RM Gimli (Titles #2864220/1 & 2864222/1) -- Recently remodelled Lakefront Recovery Center, sitting on 28 acres 5 KM North of Gimli MB on Highway 222. Approximately 72 beds, includes individual suites, a commercial kitchen and dining room, a medical detox wing, an indoor pool and Gym, several office spaces and various meeting and multi purpose rooms - Approximately 40,000 square feet Outbuildings include: One Duplex with two 1200 square foot units, each with Garage, One 4 unit motel rooms, approximately 1000 square feet each, One unit, approximately 1200 square feet with double garage, One double wide trailer, approximately 1200 square feet. Very private, well developed lakefront site with controlled gate access, next to a Provincial Park.

228 Municipal Drive, RM Gimli (Title #2894704/1) -- 16 unit 2 floor apartment building, 9710 SF includes both floors (no basement), on 0.64 acres (wooden framing and wooden trusses, average finishes, PVC windows, hot water baseboard heat).

Prior Encumbrances: Caveats 262898/1, 2920967/1, 2213100/1, Mortgage 4615848/1, Caveat 4675948/1, Amending AGT 4765163/1, 4834608/1, Caveat 5287136/1

Taxes: Paid to December 31, 2021 (for both properties) subject to any outstanding water or utility accounts and/or property maintenance fees which may or may not have yet been added to the tax roll.

Terms: Reserve Bids to be announced prior to the auction sale. Sold "as is where is" in accordance with Auction Sale Conditions. Properties will firstly be offered for sale individually (each address/title separately). First property offered will be 20024 Lakeside Road, RM Gimli (Titles #2864220/1 & 2864222/1) with a required deposit of \$978,750.00. Second property will be 228 Municipal Drive, RM Gimli (Title #2894704/1) with a required deposit of \$108,750.00. If the properties are not sold separately, they will be offered as a "block" for full reserve bid and required deposit of \$1,087,500.00. The separate reserve bids (one for each lot and one for block sale) will be announced at the time of the sale. All deposit funds must be in form of bank draft, certified cheque and/or cash payable to Pitblado LLP and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

Terms of online auction - any interested bidder must pre-register with the law firm prior to the sale date and provide valid contact information. The successful bidder must then provide to Pitblado LLP the signed Auction Sale Conditions and original guaranteed funds deposit payment within 24 hours of the auction sale.

The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit www.teranetmanitoba.ca.

Purchaser is responsible for payment of GST, if applicable to the transaction, as property is commercial use buildings.

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CLOSING DATE: November 4, 2021 (3:30 pm)

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Kelly Marykuca, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Fisher



Rural Municipality of
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Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act of Manitoba, the audited financial statements for the Rural Municipality of Fisher for the year ended December 31, 2020 have been completed and are available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the Rural Municipality of Fisher Municipal Office, 30 Tache, Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Kelly Marykuca, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer



Rural Municipality of
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The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch SNOW CLEARING STREETS

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch is inviting proposals for street snow clearing and removal within the village of Fisher Branch.

- Equipment required is grader, loader, and truck.
- Interested applicants must have own liability insurance coverage and must be registered with the Workers' Compensation Board of Manitoba.
- Equipment must be available upon request.

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For further information, call the RM of Fisher Office at (204) 372-6393.

Deadline for proposals is
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The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch SNOW CLEARING SIDEWALKS

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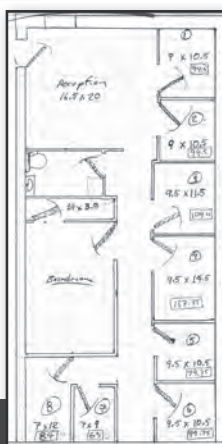
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Building #1 - House 27'x44' and Garage 27'x14'

Building #2 - Detached garage 16'x24' Building #3 - Shed 16'x12'

The tender must include removal of building and concrete foundation. The property must be backfilled. All buildings and moving costs are the responsibility of the purchaser. Please be sure to include which building or buildings you are tendering for. Submit sealed envelope to: "Removal of Buildings" PO Box 160, Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0. Drop off at Ukrainian Farmers Co-op 22 Tache St., Fisher Branch.

Deadline for tenders is noon on Oct. 28. Highest or not any tender necessarily accepted. To schedule a viewing of any of the buildings please contact Kyle Yaciuk at 204-372-6202.

Public Notice

Proposed BCN Radio Telecommunication Tower Facility



PROPOSAL:

Broadband Communications North Inc. (BCN) is proposing to construct a 55 metre guyed tower with radio equipment, installing a cabinet at the base of the tower with a perimeter fence (approximately 10ft x 10ft) restricting public access. As part of the public consultation process as required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), BCN is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location before date in compliance with ISED's public notification policy. This tower is fully compliant with ISED's guidelines, as found under the CPC.

TOWER LOCATION: The proposed tower is located just off Provincial Road 513 approximately 3.5km East of Gypsumville, and 4.5km West of Lake St. Martin First Nation (SW 30-32-8W).

COORDINATES: 51.769884, -98.582599

ANY PERSON MAY comment by close of business day on November 14th, 2021 with respect to this matter.

MAP: attached for discussion purposes

BCN CONTACT:

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Ukrainian Farmers



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- Must provide proof of liability insurance

If you would like to receive a tender application form or if you have any other questions, please contact our office. You can also find and print the application form from our facebook page at Ukrainian Farmers Co-operative Ltd.

Application deadline is **November 6th.**
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Thank You.



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CARD OF THANKS



With much love and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thank you to our family, friends and community for the overwhelming support following the death of our beloved son, brother and father, Matthew Pearce Thordarson, on September 12, 2021.

To Mona Josephson and Neil Bardal Funeral Centre. Mona, your compassion, calmness, empathy and professionalism helped guide us through our darkest days.

To Elaine and Darryl Klym at Farmer's Community Hall - you both went above and beyond in preparing your beautiful venue for our son's farewell. It was perfect.

To our dear friend, Lori Hart, Elder and Knowledge Keeper from Norway House First Nation - Miigwech for conducting the smudge ceremony upon entering the Hall and for singing and drumming the Ojibwe Turtle Song, honouring our boy and guiding him to the Spirit World.

To family friend Neil Bailey for reciting the poem "When Death Comes" by Mary Oliver.

To Matt's first childhood friend, Jaxon Haldane - your A capella version of Willie P Bennett's song, "One Vessel," left us breathless.

To Matt's Godfather Ross Bailey and "Uncle Robert" Arnason - thank you for greeting our guests at the door and ushering them to their seats.

To Nicole Ouellette and Kim Einarson for tending to the guest book and handing out the cards and bundles of sage.

To Arleen Kristofferson for catering the delicious lunch and Lori, Marion, Joanne, Kim, Nicole, Ruth, Tara and Amanda for helping serve.

To the many people who brought food both to the service and to our home to nurture our family through the following days, many thanks.

To the dozens of people who made memorial donations to Rossbrook House, a place close to our hearts and a place where both Matt and Deb volunteered and to where Matt's children now go, our profound thank you. A memorial scholarship is being made in Matt's name both at Rossbrook House and at The University of Winnipeg.

And to our two daughters, Matt's beloved sisters, Jill and Jori Thordarson - you demonstrated throughout your brother's life and in particular through the last six months just what unconditional love is. You were with him every day, helping him successfully battle his addiction. He fought so hard. His spirit was strong but his body was not, and to our despair it ended with you making arrangements for his memorial service, writing his obituary, delivering his moving eulogy and depicting his life through a wonderful video. You never, ever gave up on him and for that your parents are eternally grateful.

Matt loved and was loved and he will be missed beyond measure.

-Deb, Vic, Jill, Freyja, Jori, Chris, Fjola, Nola, Austin and Sienna

CARD OF THANKS



Minnie Owens (nee Smith) celebrated the milestone of 100 Years, September 24th, 2021; and she was overwhelmed with gratitude and wanted to thank each and every one of her family, friends and neighbours for the wonderful party, birthday wishes, cards, gifts and flowers. A special thank you to her step-daughter, Margaret Constable of Victoria, (getting called a brat) for the gift of hosting the party in her absence due to COVID; and to "Team Minnie" who organized her party, albeit with her, as always her feisty self, attending to see details were looked after. She was especially pleased with Margaret's idea for the amazing 100 Minnie Birthday Cupcakes. So on her behalf thank you, she was truly touched.

And true to style, two days after the party, the paramedics came to help her up in the morning. They asked her if she wanted to go to the hospital, to which she replied "Yes, I want to go to the hospital, I was waiting for my 100th birthday". Minnie passed away 7 days later, October 3rd, peacefully at Gimli Hospital. Thank you to the Gimli Home Care "girls" and the East Interlake Paramedic Crew.

To the end Minnie did it her way. Hosting her 100th Birthday, a Celebration of her Life, at her home. Here's to you Minnie, you beautiful soul!

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OBITUARY



Ann Marie Moroz
(Feb. 23rd, 1949 - Oct. 5th, 2021)

"My mom taught me everything, except how to live without her".
Author unknown

Many long days and sleepless nights were spent trying to figure out how to summarize and honour 72 years of a mom's life in a few brief paragraphs. Then the realization came, it's not about the words. It's about the memories, and her character. She left an imprint on every life she encountered. Each of us have special memories we carry with us. Think of those memories of Ann and smile, laugh, grieve. Grieve the loss of a brave, courageous, kind woman, whom throughout her battle with cancer never shed a tear for herself, but only for her "poor babies". I remember her first night in hospital, mom in the bed, me beside her in a recliner. Her body wracked with pain, she looked at me and said "I can't get

this smile off my face". When I asked why, Mom replied "because you are here with me". Every creak from my chair, mom would ask if I was okay. That's our mom; brave, courageous, kind, beautiful, selfless.

It's with deep sorrow and much love we mourn the passing of Ann Marie Moroz of Winnipeg Beach, on October 5th, 2021 at the age of 72 years.

Ann leaves to mourn her passing, her children Cindy Rothery (Ron), Jayson Jarigen (Denise), son-in-law Peter Dwolinski, granddaughter Melissa (Dan), great-granddaughter Dahlia, as well as many relatives and wonderful friends. Mom was predeceased by her beloved husband Mike, parents Mary and Kenneth LaRush, her brother Frank, and her daughter Lisa. Mom married her husband Mike in 1980. They built a wonderful life together until Mike's passing, December 2nd, 2020.

Ann and Mike moved to Winnipeg Beach around 1975. Amongst Ann's many jobs, she worked at both the Winnipeg Beach and Gimli Credit Union for many years. She was also very proud to have her home hair salon with many loyal customers. Later in life she worked at Interlake Garden Center where she made wonderful friends, including Donna and Rob. Mom loved gardening all of her life. Both her and Mike spent many hours planting vegetables and flowers. They also enjoyed going fishing, boating, and camping in an old van they converted to a camper.

For the last year it was Ron's and my "job" to bring Mom her necessities, which referred to her Captain Morgan and diet Coke. Ron became known as the "Rum Runner" and as mom would say when we arrived, "the Captain is in the house". When Mike passed from pancreatic cancer, around 4 p.m., mom started a tradition, the 4 o'clock "cheers" to Mike, or as she called it "time to shake hands with the Captain." How fitting that Mom was cremated at 4 p.m. with a mini bottle of Captain Morgan in her hand.

When Mom was hospitalized in Selkirk due to brain metastasis, she quickly became known as the "Hi, hi" lady. Cheerfully saying this to every single person who crossed her path. I cherish the last several weeks we spent together in hospital. We developed a routine in which I would brush and braid her lovely silver hair. She loved this special time, so did I. When she became too sick to get out of bed or open her eyes, I would hold her hand and stroke her hair, I would tell her she was safe, not to be scared. I kissed her cheek a thousand times and told her I loved her a thousand more. Occasionally she would open her big blue eyes, look at me, and weakly whisper "I love you". These moments will live in my heart forever.

Special thanks to Gimli Senior Center for their support and guidance, Matthew, Terry, Lucille and Brenda, Vera, just to mention a few. Thanks to Dr. Shoewu, Dr. Cynthia and her team, all of the amazing nurses and Health Care aides from medicine one at Selkirk Hospital for their care and compassion. As well, special thanks to her "lab ladies" and Elaine at Gimli Hospital. We also thank Winnipeg Beach pharmacist, Ashraf, for the wonderful care he provided mom. Thank you Mona, for all your guidance during this difficult time.

Finally, to say we have been touched by the outpouring of love and support from the communities of Winnipeg Beach and Gimli would be an understatement. From the neighbors who did her yard work and took out garbage for a year, to Interlake Garden Center for planting beautiful flowers for her, to people sharing cherished memories, and those whom provided generous donations to help Mom get the care she needed. Many thanks to her special friends who called to check in on her or went to visit her. As well as all the people who sent beautiful cards and flowers for mom at hospital. Special thanks to Nellie Groot for all her love and support.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in the name of Ann, to Gimli Humane Society, Industrial Park, 33 Harvard Ave, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0.



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OBITUARY



Auray Fidèle Meilleur
July 27, 1930 - October 16, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather (Pépère), great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and loving husband to Simonne. Dad passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on October 16, 2021 at the age of 91.

He leaves to mourn his 13 children: Jacqueline (Regis), Réal (Beverly), Roger, Lucien (Cindy), Gilbert, Estelle, Gerald (Darlene), Claudette (Dean), Dolores (Rick), Pauline (Mark), Mariette (Stu), Anita (Tom), Réjean (Cheryl); 37 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sister, Eva Bernier and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents Ovila and Zéphérina; brothers Théodore, Wilbrod, Ernest, Albert, Emery, Maurice, Alcide; sisters Céline, Lea, Delia, Amanda; and son-in-law Robert Wedensky.

Dad was born on the family homestead in the Meridian district. As a child he attended North Meridian School until Grade 8 at which time he became old enough and was needed to work on the farm. Even as a young boy he worked hard and learned to stack loose hay, stook grain sheaves, and haul threshed grain to the granaries using a team of horses.

Despite all his chores he still found time to pursue and marry the love of his life, Simonne, a special and unique bond that spanned over 70 years. He was a loving and devoted husband, and eventually the wonderful father we all knew.

His other love was sports, especially hockey, and he became a life-long fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Baseball became his summer pastime and led him to form his own team, the Meridian Orioles.

Above all, Dad will always be remembered for his love of music and his passion for playing the pedal steel guitar. He was a member of several bands; he played at clubs, various parties, weddings, in church, and until recently, entertaining friends and neighbours at the weekly Fisher Branch Golf Course jam sessions. Whenever we hear a song with a steel guitar piece, we will forever associate it with our Dad.

Dad was a proud man. He fought hard during his brief illness and he fought with dignity. We are forever grateful to Michelle Truthwaite and Evelyn Stoess for their care and compassion.

Public viewing will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Fisher Branch on Friday, October 22nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Due to existing health restrictions, the funeral service will be by invitation only.

Fisher Funeral Home Inc.

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OBITUARY



Marian Pace (nee: Kosc)
February 6, 1961 - October 8, 2021

We are saddened to have to say that Marian decided it was time to go to be with her fur babies. She will be horribly missed. She was an amazing Mom, Wife, Babby, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and Friend. Our hearts are broken, but we know she is now at peace.

She is survived by her husband Ken; daughters Mel (Kyle) and Cyndi (Scott); her four grandchildren, Taris, Destiny (Luc), Dalas and Tyler; her Mom Mary Kosc; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her dad, John Kosc and numerous other family members and friends.

Marian grew up on Queen Street in Winnipeg until 1994 when she moved out to Winnipeg Beach and met her husband shortly after. She spent the remainder of her life raising her two daughters until she became a Babby and they became her new main focus in life - and one of a kind she was.

She was an artist, she loved to paint, draw and had a talent for numerous other crafts. Her one other joy was making people laugh, she thought she had a great sense of humour and made sure everyone knew it.

She will be remembered for her beautiful blue eyes, her gorgeous smile, her wit, practical jokes and Babby Stories. She has touched so many lives, and left a beautiful legacy. She will be truly missed by everyone that knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Gimli Animal Shelter, or another animal shelter of your choice.

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

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Catherine McKelvey (nee Adamson)
May 22, 1918 – October 15, 2021

Cay passed away peacefully at Betel Home with her son Dan at her bedside. She was predeceased by her loving husband Robert and son Howard. With heavy hearts, Rob (Jean), Dan (Dianne), Len and Cathy, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren say goodbye, until we meet again.

Cremation has taken place and a family service will take place in Winnipeg.

The special care and respect Mom received at Betel Home will always be remembered.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Betel Home Foundation.

Thank you. The McKelvey Family.



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