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Veteran reporter Roger Newman remembered for his kindness, sense of humour

By Patricia Barrett

Veteran reporter and Gimli resident Roger Newman passed away on Feb. 19 and it came as a shock to those in Gimli who knew him — and that's practically everyone.

Roger was a fixture on the Gimli news scene and across the Interlake, having worked for major community newspapers and having won many writing awards. He was also a stalwart champion of community causes through his volunteer work on local boards and committees.

Lynn Sisterson knew Roger from the A-Spire Players community theatre group, whose board he sat on, and from the Gimli Unitarian Church, which rents out its heritage building to the A-Spire Players, the Gimli Film Festival and student drama groups.

"I cannot think of a single person who would have anything unpleasant to say about the man. He was funny, he was witty and he wrote very interesting articles," said Sisterson, who handles rentals for the church. "I think Roger was just, by nature, a kind man who had a real talent for writing. I always remember reading his articles and thinking to myself that I have to phone him and tell him, 'That's exactly what I was thinking.'"

Sisterson said she was aware Roger hadn't been writing as much in the past year or so as he typically had and missed his insights into the human condition, local happenings and the political scene.

"I enjoyed his articles whenever they were in the paper. They were always insightful and full of information," said Sisterson, who grew up in Gimli and moved back after retirement. "Occasionally, in the last few years when I did run into him, I would always say, 'Hey, I'm missing your articles.' It's so sad he's gone. I'll keep him in my thoughts and remember his witty remarks."

Gimli council's Deputy Mayor Richard Petrowski said he knew Roger for decades through sports, committees they happened to be sitting on together and through council coverage. Roger had even covered Petrowski's dad, Edwin Petrowski, when he served on council in the '80s and '90s.

"I have a lot of memories of Roger," said Petrowski. "When I was around 18, I'd play pick-up volleyball at the elementary school and Roger would play with us."

It was Roger's sense of humour that stands out most in his mind, he said, as he "always had something witty to



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Roger Newman (centre, standing) with some members of his family at a Machine de Cirque performance on Gimli Beach in August 2018.

say."

As a political reporter, Roger got to the heart of the matter and provided balanced coverage, he said. He was also a strong advocate through his columns for the local community.

"He got the story but he always treated everybody fairly," said Petrowski. "I think one of the things he really wanted to get going was better public transportation for Gimli, which we still don't have. Roger was a great advocate for the people when we lost Greyhound's bus service to the city. He was definitely looking out for people who didn't have cars and couldn't get to the city."

Roger was a regular at the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees' meetings, reporting on management decisions, the state of education and highlighting student and staff achievements.

Former board chair Ruth Ann Furgala said his passion was evident in his stories.

"I believe Roger was genuinely interested in the events he covered, whether he asked thoughtful questions around education finance, board decisions or profiling students and special events," she said.

Roger was born in Winnipeg on April 12, 1935. After high school he embarked on a long and varied career in journalism, taking up posts in Winnipeg and eastern Canada, according to his online obituary notice.

He started out in 1954 as a copy boy for the *Montreal Gazette* before working as a reporter for the *Daily Commer-*

cial News in Montreal. He then worked as reporter and news editor for Winnipeg's *St. James Leader Weekly* (1956-1958) and as a reporter for the *Brandon Sun* (1958-1959).

He headed east again to take a job as city hall reporter with the *Kingston Whig-Standard* (1959-1960), before becoming the chief legislative reporter and business editor at the *Winnipeg Free Press* (1960-65). He also served as news director for radio station CKOC in Hamilton, Ont., in 1962.

In 1965 he joined the editorial staff of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, working first as a reporter for Report On Business in Toronto and then as the paper's Montreal correspondent. He returned to Winnipeg in 1968 to become the editor of the *Manitoba Business Journal* and business editor of the *Winnipeg Tribune*.

In 1971 he launched a freelance career that saw him writing for leading newspapers and magazines for the next 20 years. He also worked on radio and TV programs and somehow found the time to teach journalism at Winnipeg's Red River Community College. In 1990 he became editor of the local *Interlake Spectator* until 1995 when he resumed his freelance writing career on a part-time basis. He wrote for the Gimli-based *Interlake Enterprise* and was lauded around town for his columns.

When the *Enterprise* folded about three years ago, Roger was eagerly scooped up by the *Express Weekly News*

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Fishermen warning of carbon monoxide danger

Gas-powered heater thought to be cause of death of couple

By Nicole Buffie

Fishers on the Red River and Lake Winnipeg are urging caution while keeping warm with portable heaters after an accident that left a Manitoban couple dead while ice fishing.

A man and woman were found unresponsive in an ice fishing tent on the Red River on Jan. 30 and were later pronounced deceased in hospital. RCMP believe carbon monoxide, dubbed "the silent killer," played a role in the accident.

Rick Gergatz, a member of the Lake Winnipeg Ice Report and 20-year ice fishing veteran, said harm and poisoning can happen quickly.

"In the air you breathe, there's carbon dioxide, and there's about 400 parts per million and you can probably take 5,000 parts per million before it has any kind of effect to you," said Gergatz. "But when it's carbon monoxide, it can be as low as 50 parts per million [to] affect you, and 100 could kill you."

Fumes generated from portable heaters, which keep ice fishing tents and shacks warm, can quickly build up in an enclosure causing dizziness, headaches, shortness of breath and death in extreme cases.

Gergatz said with the influx of new fishers looking for outdoor activities amid COVID-19 restrictions, it's important to highlight the dangers of the undetectable gas.

Rick Wur, the fire prevention officer for the Selkirk Fire Department, said while the fatality is the first he's seen of this nature, he urges fishers to stray on the side of caution.

"If it's an enclosed area with no air movement, you don't need very many emissions to cause problems," he said. "If you have some kind of a fuel-burning device that you're bringing inside, you need to have it adequately vented or you're gonna have problems."

Gergatz said even with ventilation in place, if there's not enough air circulation or air flaps on tents freeze it can make for a dangerous situation.

He noted that most portable and gas-powered heaters, while meant for outdoor use, are being sold to fishermen without knowledge of the potential dangers they pose.

"When they sell these propane heaters, it says right on the box 'not for internal use, only for external use,'"



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Ice fishers are reminded to keep a carbon monoxide detector handy after a couple was found dead in their ice fishing tent on Jan. 30. RCMP believe CO poisoning was a factor.

Gergatz said. "Well, who would use one outside? Everyone uses them inside because it's an easy heat source."

He said it's up to both businesses to educate new fishers on carbon monoxide poisoning when purchasing heaters, as well as manufacturers to have warning labels on packaging.

In an effort to bring awareness to the issue, Gergatz gave away carbon monoxide detectors to fishermen on his Facebook page and encourages all fishers to have one in their tackleboxes for the next time they head out on to the ice.

"Even if you're just out for the day or fishing in an enclosure for the day: have the flaps open, get some fresh air into the place, and have a carbon monoxide detector with you," he said.

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Peterson and Carmichael voted in by acclamation

By Evan Matthews

Two new faces will join the RM of West Interlake Council and LUD of Ashern Committee, respectively.

By acclamation — meaning, without ballot — the RM of West Interlake declared Edith Peterson the Ward 3 councillor and Karen Carmichael as the newest committee member of the Ashern LUD.

The newly elected politicians will serve for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. The election originally scheduled for March 29 is no longer required.

Edith Peterson

Having had interest in local politics for some time, Peterson said there are things she'd like to see happen in the community and the best way to get things done is to get involved.

Advocating on behalf of the RM to the province is top of mind, 58-year-old Peterson said, as jobs are continually moving away from the community. Peterson specifically referenced agriculture jobs and finding ways to keep those jobs in the community or creating alternatives.

"Small towns have been dwindling all across the province. I want to play a role in proactively having our com-

munity thrive a bit more," said Peterson, noting that her previous experience with the chamber of commerce will serve her well.

"I have a lot to learn, and I'm eager to get started."

Peterson was born just outside Ashern and has spent much of her life in the community, having once owned the local Chicken Chef. She retired in 2017.

The RM's reeve, Arnthor Jonasson, said he's known Peterson the majority of his life and believes she will make a great councillor.

"We didn't previously have representation from the Ashern community. Our previous representative lived rurally," said Jonasson.

"Being from the town, Edith is going to do a great job of relaying residents' comments and concerns,"

Karen Carmichael

Having worked in Ashern for 17 years, Carmichael said she and her family have now been residents for 13 years.

Though she has no previous political experience, Carmichael said she comes from a political family. Her father was a City of Winnipeg coun-



Edith Peterson



Karen Carmichael


cillor, she said, as were her paternal grandmother and grandfather.

"The main project I'll be involved with is the development of Railway Park," said Carmichael.

"I put my name on the ballot because I always believe (people) should be involved in their community, and this is one way of doing that."

Reeve Jonasson said having Carmichael — an educator — is symbolic of the demographic he feels she represents.

"Karen is a younger person than many other politicians," said Jonasson. "It's important to see (diversity), and young people taking an interest in local politics."




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Green initiative to reduce waste, greenhouse-gas emissions

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is launching a unique \$1-million Green Impact Bond that will support projects that help divert organic waste from landfills, create green jobs and reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions, Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard and Families Minister Rochelle Squires announced Monday.

"We need to take steps to prolong the lifespan of our landfills and this Green Impact Bond provides a great opportunity to reduce organic waste while growing Manitoba's green economy," said Guillemard. "By reducing organics in our landfills, we lower the production of methane and create new, clean-growth job opportunities."

The Green Impact Bond is a finance tool to fund impact-driven projects, enabling the government to rapidly innovate and implement new solutions for organic waste and GHG emissions while sharing risks with the private sector. This tool brings the public, private, non-profit and charitable sectors together to develop innovative solutions to complex problems that have not been solved by

one sector alone. Through the Green Impact Bond, a service provider is to meet agreed-upon outcomes for organic waste diversion, job creation and GHG reduction. Investors will provide up-front funding to the service provider. A third-party evaluator will determine whether the outcomes have been met and the return on investment to be paid by the province.

"Manitoba is open for business and looking for investors to collaboratively develop innovative solutions alongside non-profit groups, community organizations and our government," said Squires, whose Department of Families includes the Social Innovation Office. "Through the Green Impact Bond, investors have opportunities to earn returns of up to eight per cent on their investments over the lives of the projects while driving system change and supporting scalable solutions. The Social Innovation Office allows us to partner across government to get better outcomes and results for Manitobans."

Waste and landfills account for 3.3 per cent of Manitoba's annual GHG emissions. Manitoba's landfills are approaching capacity and by some

estimates, approximately 40 per cent of their waste is organic material. Organic waste produces methane, a harmful GHG, so diverting organic waste from landfills will reduce emissions, contributing to the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan and Carbon Savings Account.

Innovative NRG, a Manitoba waste-to-energy company, has been chosen as the Green Impact Bond service provider. The company will use its patented and proprietary innovative technology, branded as Rapid Organic Conversion (ROC), to process organic waste such as animal byproducts and waste-water sludge through a gasification process. The ROC technology is a made-in-Manitoba innovative, clean-tech solution that vaporizes carbon-based waste material. Thermal energy released in the process is captured and can heat buildings or water for industrial uses, thereby reducing the use of fossil fuels. Waste-to-energy can be appropriate for materials that do not have landfill diversion options such as recycling. Innovative NRG's waste diversion units will be installed in the rural municipalities of Cartier and Rossburn, as well as in the

town of Carman.

"Our ROC innovation represents a leap forward in reducing GHG emissions and costs, disrupting the existing centralized waste landfill disposal system by locating ROC plants at commercial operations sites to recover their waste energy profitably," said Del Dunford, CEO, Innovative NRG. "By eliminating the need to transport waste to landfills, we eliminate the cost and GHG emissions from transportation and landfilling, and take advantage of a renewable energy resource for economic development in remote and northern Manitoba communities."

The concept of impact investment is growing globally. The Green Impact Bond creates a unique investment opportunity for those committed to driving environmental change. Organizations can now support transformational work while investing at competitive rates in Manitoba, Squires noted.

Investors with an interest in supporting leading-edge environmental projects are invited to learn more by emailing dir-sio@gov.mb.ca and visiting www.manitoba.ca/sio.

Spring flood risk low across Manitoba

Staff

The risk of any significant spring flooding is minimal across Manitoba, according to a provincial report released last week.

Manitoba's hydrologic forecast centre's spring thaw outlook described the risk of a major spring high water event as low in most Manitoba basins, although it remains somewhat dependent on weather conditions from now until spring melt.

In the south central region of the province, there were near to below normal flows for this time of year on the Roseau and Pembina Rivers with a low risk of spring flooding on both of those tributaries of the Red River.

"Despite the current risk for high water activity being low this spring, our government remains vigilant and prepared and will continue to monitor watershed conditions across the province," said Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler.

"Our hydrologic forecast centre provides accurate and timely hydrologic forecasts, and monitors river flows and lake levels daily throughout the year. We have complete confidence that our government is prepared to respond to any potential hydrologic event and ensure the safety of all Manitobans."

Due to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and below normal to

well-below normal winter precipitation levels, the risk of major spring high water activity is low for all southern and central Manitoba basins.

The centre also reports the Red River floodway is not expected to be operated under normal and favourable future weather scenarios.

Minimal operation of the Portage diversion is also expected to reduce ice related damages on the lower Assiniboine River, while the Shellmouth reservoir is currently at its optimal level to meet water supply needs while also providing enough storage for spring high water protection.

Manitoba's Emergency Measures Organization will be organizing a se-

ries of spring conditions seminars for local authorities and emergency services personnel with the latest forecasts on water levels for the major water systems in the province, noted Schuler.

The virtual sessions include one Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. for the Red River Valley and tributaries and another Tuesday also 9 to 11 a.m. for the Assiniboine and Souris rivers and tributaries and Central Manitoba.

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre plans to release a second spring thaw outlook in late March.

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Innovative, impressive and inspiring Interlakers

By Evan Matthews

It's no secret many of our Interlake communities are small, in regards to population.

But some of the biggest and most ambitious dreams seem to come out of these communities.

In the last few weeks, we've featured people like Verna Kirkness from Fisher River Cree Nation. She left her home to educate young people — many in residential schools — but inadvertently became an advocate for Indigenous rights and eventually went on to become a scholar at UBC.

Gimli's Kerri Einarson just won her second Canadian women's curling championship at the Scotties.

There have been stories about Jermaine Loewen, originally from Jamaica, adopted by a family in Arborg. Loewen has excelled playing hockey and now plays for the AHL's Chicago Wolves, a step away from the biggest stage in professional hockey.

Morweena's James Reimer is currently in the NHL with the Carolina Hurricanes. Of course, it's a few years ago now, but Riverton's Reggie Leach played for the Philadelphia Flyers.

Actor Adam Beach is from Ashern. Look no further than the ownership group of this paper and the risks they've taken to operate a successful media company with the advertising support of small business owners fulfilling their dreams.

Now, this is just a small sample size, undoubtedly having missed many well-decorated Interlakers.

The point here is to not list them off but to emphasize that the Interlake and its people prove time and time again: It does not matter how small a community is; what matters most is the size of its residents' dreams and the ambitions.

Look no further than this week's edition to see Teulon's Megan Steen participating in an entrepreneurial

endeavour that, simply, does not exist yet in Manitoba. She and her partner are taking risks, being innovative and aggressively chasing their dreams.

Seeing young people go after things they want in their lives — as opposed to sitting on their hands, watching life pass them by — is inspiring.

This is a message to the young people who read this paper.

Getting caught up in the day-to-day, it can be easy to feel like we're small, insignificant, or that we can't make a difference or risk inherently implies failure.

But if you open your eyes and take a look around, there are prime examples right in front of you proving the notion to be untrue.

Interlakers often like to say, "We are the heartbeat of Manitoba."

Just as often, Interlakers prove it to be true.

letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor:
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Dear Editor,

Just wanted to thank you for your courage to post opposing letters of readers! In the last edition, you had one of Gary Mitchell and Thomas Verduijn.

The one provided a good number of facts that people otherwise wouldn't have heard.

Please keep freedom of press free by also posting views that are not currently supported by most politicians and or medical personnel. People

should be encouraged to research and think for themselves. Who and what is right usually takes time before truly known.

Thanks again,
Christian Autsema
Roseisle

Hello, I am a retired RN and would like to commend you on your inclusion of Thomas Verduyn's excellent article in your Feb. 25 paper. I resent media shoving one-sided opinions

down our throats. Keep us informed!

Thank you
Karen Mozdzen

Forty-three years of nursing and COVID science

I am writing in response to last week's letter entitled "What we know about vaccines." I would like an opportunity to respond to a few of the statements made by the author. My

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Roger had his finger squarely on the pulse of his community. He fought for the greater good, defended basic democratic rights and spoke up for those without a voice or who badly needed an advocate. And he kept politicians' feet over the fire.

Newmie, as he was fondly called by many, was witty, courteous and friendly towards other reporters – even those who worked for competitor papers. With years of expertise, he often served as a mentor in the field, sharing tips and tricks and compliments. He also shared the odd grievance or two about work cutting into his robust social life. During a scrum or question period at local council, he habitually let the “youngsters” get their questions in first before he took the floor and showed us what politicians were really afraid of being asked.

And if your raised hand was overlooked or your voice drowned out, Newmie came to the rescue, making sure you got your question out there. He created an atmosphere of collegiality that's rare among reporters. He was a true gentleman and a classy guy.

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credentials are only 43 years of nursing and a keen attention to scientific information available to the public. I respect the newspaper's diligence in publishing a variety of opinions.

In response to “Sadly, the entire COVID story has been predominantly one of impulsive decisions with no room for discussion,” we only need look to the south to witness the huge cost to lives from inaction or denial of the severity of this global crisis. This is unprecedented. I am very proud that our country moved decisively with decisions based on the absolute science and not opinion.

In regards to “The vaccines have been approved on an experimental basis only. No animal tests were done”: other than a clinical trial, which I assume the author means by “experimental,” I am not sure how he would propose the safety and efficacy could be determined. I am thinking a three-phased human clinical trial would be far more meaningful than animal tests. Following the clinical trial, there is an extremely diligent review by Health Canada prior to re-

lease in this country. Once again, we follow the science.

In regards to vaccine side effects being more dangerous than COVID, I don't think this is a fair comparison when you look at specific symptoms, recovery rates and mortality.

In regards to “All evidence is pointing to the fact that COVID is about to finish its course and die off,” I certainly hope the author is correct but I worry this may be a dangerous message to decrease our vigilance, which has come at a great cost but has also put us in the place we are at in seeing numbers (each number is a life lost or affected) decrease. It would be very sad to lose this battle in the home stretch. I believe the vaccine is a significant weapon. Our continued vigilance shows respect to the many thousands of essential services providers that have risked their own lives in seeing us through this and the many businesses and individuals that have undoubtedly suffered significantly.

In regards to “it (COVID) is a relatively minor disease that rarely bothers anyone besides the very sick and

old,” I simply believe this is not true and suspect many families can attest to the fact that not only have younger and healthy individuals died or suffer from long-term complications of this disease but can also attest to the value of the very sick and old who have been lost or affected.

In the article from WSJ.com the author quoted, this article credits the vaccine as contributing to the positive trajectory of immunity in the U.S. I could not access the second article, which refers to complaints from lockdown sceptics and mandatory vaccines, but COVID vaccines are not mandatory. Follow the absolute science and make your own decision. I respect everyone's right to do so.

- Judy Olson, Warren

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Canal in Willow Creek wetlands gets approval from province to proceed

By Patricia Barrett

A development on Sunrise Drive in Siglavik will get its unfinished canal through the Willow Creek wetland opened after the province approved the removal of an earthen block that had closed it off from the rest of the creek.

Wetland protection group People for the Preservation of the Willow Island Coastal Wetlands (P4P) had raised concerns about the development about two years ago after a canal was dug out of the wetland for boat access to the lake. That came after the group estimated that between 1,000 and 1,200 truckloads of earth were dumped in the wetland to build up the property to a grade that would allow the construction of a dwelling.

The canal, over 100 metres long and about 25 feet across, had been dug before the province ordered it stopped and the earthen block put in place to prevent it from breaching the wetland any further. But that changed last week.

Alerted that the block was being removed, P4P spokesperson Dr. Muriel Smith contacted the province on Thursday on behalf of the group.

"That block was put in when they were digging [the canal] without any kind of permits. It was stopped because they didn't have permits," said Dr. Smith by phone. "They were told they weren't supposed to do that and to close up the canal."

P4P had discovered that two successive provincial governments — the NDP in 2014 and the present Conservative government — had authorized/continued to approve the development, which is owned by a Swiss citizen, despite Lake Winnipeg's coastal wetlands being protected under legislation.

In August 2019 the landowner wrote



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The Willow Creek coastal wetlands on Lake Winnipeg are important habitat for fish and wildlife and a buffer against flooding and pollution from runoff.

to Gimli council asking for permission to build a garage on the property. That was approved by a majority vote of three to one. In 2020 further work on the development led to the rupture of a sewer line. Raw sewage spilled onto an existing homeowner's property across from the development.

"The sewer incident was caused by a subcontractor working for Hydro. The incident was reported to the province and they did some investigating," the RM's public works director Darcy Hjelmeland told the *Express* at the time. "If there were any penalties to be levied, the province would be the one to issue them. The contractor did the repairs and the RM witnessed the repairs."

Manitoba has lost more than 70 per cent of its wetlands to development projects and to agricultural activities to increase farmland. Wetlands act as ecosystem buffers by filtering nutri-

ents such as phosphorus from runoff and sewage, retaining flood water, providing water during drought, storing carbon and providing habitat to fish, wildlife and plants.

P4P went to the Manitoba Ombudsman with concerns about wetland destruction and the government not following its own legislation. The group is still waiting for a judgment, said Dr. Smith. Despite the investigation, work to open up the canal was approved.

Smith said an engineer in the Environmental Approvals Branch of the provincial department of Conservation and Climate told her last Thursday the block was never intended to "permanently isolate" the canal from the wetland.

"We were told they're opening the block in the winter so that it doesn't affect any of the habitat," said Smith. "The development was built on wetland habitat."

A spokesperson Conservation and Climate told the *Express* last Friday the removal had in fact been authorized but did not say whether the minister was aware of the Ombudsman's current investigation.

"The province has been in contact and closely monitored this project," said the spokesperson by email. "In December 2020, the removal of the earthen plug was authorized under very specific conditions."

The spokesperson said the conditions are as follows:

"Excavation of the plug must occur under frozen conditions; excavation must be no deeper than the bottom of the channel or the previously excavated area, whichever is higher; excavated material must not be placed adjacent to the channel or excavated area. It may be used as fill to complete landscaping elsewhere on the property, or removed; damage to adjacent wetland vegetation should be minimized with respect to machine access and the excavation of material — no excavated material must be piled on wetland vegetation, temporarily or permanently; and the property boundary of the lot should be verified before proceeding — work is permissible only on the lot, and is not permissible on Crown land."

The federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which oversees fish habitat, did not respond to a request for comment.

Dr. Smith said there will potentially have to be additional digging in the wetland in order to provide boat access to the lake as there is not enough water behind the block.

"There's only two feet of water on the other side of the block," she said. "To use a boat, there would have to be further digging into the Willow Creek wetland."

Red River Co-op's annual equity cheques are in the mail

Submitted by Red River Co-op

Red River Co-op is pleased to announce an \$18.6 million return to its members for the 2020 fiscal year.

The Red River Co-op's board of directors approved an allocation to its membership of:

- 4 cents per litre on fuel purchased,
- 2 per cent on food purchased, and
- 4 per cent on the full price of pharmacy prescriptions.

The downturn in the economy and lockdowns due to the pandemic im-

pacted the energy industry and Red River Co-op was not immune. As significant declines in litre sales occurred Red River Co-op's management team came together and implemented strategies within their control to protect Red River Co-op's financial performance. Both the food stores and gas bars provided positive contribution to our overall results they were not able to offset the decline in patronage from our wholesale's refining operations, which resulted in reduced allocations this year.

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lenges as a community this past year, and your Red River Co-op is proud to have been there for you with the essential services of fuel, food and pharmacy," said Doug Wiebe, CEO of Red

River Co-op. "We thank each of you for your support in 2020 and we hope to earn your support in 2021."

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National pharmacare bill sent to 'parliamentary purgatory'

By Patricia Barrett

A federal bill that would have given Canadians universal coverage to prescription medication was defeated in Parliament Feb. 24.

Tabled by NDP MP Peter Julian (New Westminster-Burnaby), the universal pharmacare bill (C-213) was opposed by a majority vote of 295 to 32 during second reading.

A majority of Liberal and Conservative MPs, who hold a combined 274 seats in the House, voted against the bill.

Julian said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal party's opposition to national medication coverage stands in sharp contrast to their past and recent election promises and their throne speech declarations.

"The fact the Liberals rejected the bill that their own government commission recommended shows that they're not serious about public universal pharmacare," said Julian by phone a day after the vote.

He said he didn't consider their "betrayal" a matter of professional jealousy whereby he jumped the queue, so to speak, and introduced a bill before they could. It was, rather, just a case of "they don't want to do it." Had it passed the House and the Senate — and there was support for it in the Senate — the government would have had to commit to it.

The Liberals want to "profit electorally" from promising universal pharmacare, said Julian, using it as a means to get votes because the party knows "how profoundly the public supports it."

"What [Trudeau] wants to do is have an election and promise it again," he said. "The fact is this bill would have actually delivered pharmacare, forcing the government to negotiate financial arrangements and a [national] formulary."

A federal government with bulk purchasing power would have substantially lowered the cost of medications for Canadians; that has been demonstrated in countries that provide drug coverage to their populations. Such

power forces pharmaceutical companies to become competitive, said Julian.

"Big pharma is very much opposed to universal pharmacare and it's very clear that Mr. Trudeau listens more to big pharma than he does to the nearly 90 per cent of Canadians that support public universal pharmacare," he said.

Before the vote got underway, Trudeau said his party would not be unilaterally "imposing" universal pharmacare on provinces and territories.

"No Canadian should have to choose between paying for their medication or putting food on the table. That's why this government has done more over the past five years than any previous government to lower the prices of prescription drugs. And we know there is more to do ...," said Trudeau. "But unlike the NDP, we will not be imposing in provincial jurisdiction rules that are not worked out with them."

Trudeau and the overwhelming majority of his party went on to vote against Bill C-213.

The first step to bringing medication coverage to all is to implement a bill that establishes a framework and guiding principles. Once that's in place, negotiations with provinces and territories about what drugs will be covered and financing can start. That was the process used to establish universal health care, said Julian. Without a framework, there's no basis on which you can hold negotiations.

"The idea of [Trudeau] sitting down with the provinces is just a smoke-screen. It's not going to lead to anything that will materially benefit the millions of Canadians who are struggling to pay for their medication right

now — particularly during the pandemic," he said.

All three Manitoba NDP MPs — Niki Ashton, Daniel Blaikie and Leah Gazan — voted in favour of the universal pharmacare bill. The province's four Liberal MPs — Jim Carr, Terry Duguid, Kevin Lamoureux and Dan Vandal — voted against it as did Manitoba's seven Conservative MPs — Candice Bergen, James Bezan, Raquel Dancho, Ted Falk, Larry Maguire, Dan Mazier and Marty Morantz.

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan said C-213 didn't present a cost-effective solution and that's why a majority of MPs opposed it.

"We can all agree that every Canadian should have reasonable access to the healthcare they need, including prescription medications. If Bill C-213 had presented a solid, cost-effective solution to provide better services to Canadians, it would have passed," said Bezan by email. "The Liberals have been promising this for decades. But almost every Conservative, Liberal and Bloc Quebecois MP recognized serious flaws in this bill and therefore voted to defeat it."

Bezan said 98 per cent of Canadians currently have or qualify for a prescription drug plan, according to data from the Conference Board of Canada. But he realizes some Canadians still struggle to afford their medications. Rather than "upending" a system that works for the "vast majority" of Canadians, solutions should be sought to help those who don't have or can't afford drug coverage.

"No one should have to go without the medications they need. During the pandemic, we have seen many Canadians endure prescription drug shortages," said Bezan. "Conservatives believe the federal government must work with provinces to help strengthen our domestic pharmaceu-

tical drug supply."

There was a lot of support across the country for the bill, said Julian, which included nurses, physicians, unions and organizations representing thousands of Canadians.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada said in 2019 it was pleased with the report the Liberal's advisory council released as it would "provide their patients access to prescription drugs they need, regardless of their ability to pay." The College also tweeted its support of the bill last Wednesday.

Reaction to the defeat of the bill was swift, with many taking to social media to express disappointment that their elected representatives opposed national drug coverage, and many more proclaiming their support for it. The Canadian Labour Congress tweeted that "millions of people are without benefits and can't afford their medications [and] they need help now."

A day after the defeat, Julian said the city of Hamilton "stepped up" to endorse national pharmacare.

"Judging by the social media reaction, people feel betrayed by Mr. Trudeau. They feel betrayed by the Liberal government. It has changed their perception of this Liberal government being prepared to help," said Julian.

The Liberals will likely be held to account as the majority [apart from two MPs who supported the bill] are on the record having voted the bill down, he said.

Another bill on universal pharmacare cannot be, under parliamentary rules, be introduced during the current session. But that doesn't mean it's over, said Julian. The bill may be now languishing in "parliamentary purgatory," but it will rise again.

"I think this issue is certainly not going away," said Julian. "Given the incredible anger and outrage that we've seen on social media across the country, I think a lot of Liberal MPs will lose their seat as a result of this."

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The local co-operative has over 312,000 members and will be sending out cheques totaling \$18.6 million in cash to its membership in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. The remainder of equity earned stays in members' equity accounts with Red River Co-op.

In 2020, Red River Co-op completed the modernization of their food

store in St. Vital, constructed a new food store in St. Norbert, rebuilt their gas bar in Niverville and constructed a new oil warehouse. The co-op also introduced an online grocery shopping option at their four food stores in Winnipeg, and a car wash mobile app to conveniently purchase washes.

In 2021, Red River Co-op is up-

grading and expanding their Selkirk gas bar and car wash, constructing a new gas bar on Lagimodiere Blvd., building a new food store at Seasons near the Outlet Collection and modernizing their food stores in Lorette and Gimli.

Giving back to communities is one of the pillars that makes Red River Co-op a different kind of business. Major donations such as \$50,678 to

the Bear Clan Patrol with proceeds from Fuel Good Day were given in 2020, as well as \$70,000 for upgrades to the Selkirk Curling Club from the Co-op Community Spaces grant program. This past year \$185,911 was given to non-profits and charities doing great work in the communities Red River Co-op operates through their Community Investment program.

Care-A-Lot For Tots receives \$1,000 in Ag Days funding

By Evan Matthews

The early learning center in Fisher Branch will see some upgrades, thanks to Manitoba's Ag Days.

With so many of the tots having farmers for parents, Care-A-Lot For Tots' director Tami Karsin said one of the parents who accesses the early learning centre's services suggested the organization apply to Manitoba Ag Days Gives Back for funding.

"We're putting in a rubber mat area in our infant toddler play area," said Karsin, noting the early learning centre will receive \$1,000.

"We want the kids to be able to move around a bit better and more safely. We've been planning this for a couple of years now."

She noted that the total cost for the project will end up around \$6,000, and the organization applied for more funding via grants. The RM of Fisher also provided \$1,000 toward the project.

With contractors lined up and supplies purchased, Karsin said as soon as the snow is gone, installation of the rubber mats along the side of the building will begin.

This marks the first time Care-A-Lot For Tots has applied to Ag Days for funding, a practice Karsin said will be repeated in the future.

"We want to thank Ag Days," said Karsin. "This is a big help to us."

The grant to a daycare makes a lot of sense to Ag Days, as the organization states it takes "great pride" in giving back to the communities where its patrons and exhibitors live.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, farmers are working and community organizations are in need, which the Ag Days' leader said the organization is very aware of.

"It was a non-discussion at our board table," said Han-

nah Minshull, Manitoba Ag Days board member and chair of the Ag Days Gives Back Committee.

She further emphasized the importance early learning centres have for farm families, enabling them to farm while their children's minds and bodies learn, grow and develop.

"It was unanimous. Everyone wanted to see our Ag Days Gives Back program continue, even during a pandemic," she said.

Manitoba Ag Days takes great pride in giving back to the communities where our patrons and exhibitors live. They are one of the last not-for-profit farm trade shows that are left on the circuit. Traditionally they host an annual three-day trade show with complimentary speaker theatres, but in 2021 they were unable to host their event due to the pandemic.

They wanted to make sure that they were still able to give back to the Ag community so they hosted an online 50/50 raffle (LGCA- 4206-RF-35050). Thanks to the support of Manitobans, they had the most successful 50/50 they have ever had. The total pot grew to \$35,560.00. The winner, Oksana Iwanchysko, took home \$17,780 and \$17,780 was added to the Ag Days Gives Back Community Giving Fund.

"Even with no show, we wanted to give back some of the show's success to the communities,

which our exhibitors and patrons call home. Over the course of the last nine years, we have given back over \$316,000 to assist many amazing projects that are helping to grow our communities along with supporting youth agricultural education throughout the province" stated general manager Kristen Phillips.

Since 2020-21 was anything but normal, they wanted to really focus on communities and what makes those communities thrive and grow so all \$28,000 in 2021 will go to youth education and growing our future generations including:

- \$10,000 to Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba to create a virtual Manitoba Ag Days Adventure. With no show, they still wanted to deliver this important program to youth throughout the province and with the grant money, they will launch the program on Canada's Agriculture Day — Feb. 23, 2021.

- \$3,000 to three annual scholarships ACC Diploma Scholarship.

- \$15,000 for 15 Early Learning Centers across the province including Care-A-Lot For Tots in Fisher Branch.

In total, 67 early learning centres applied from all over the province.

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The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (<https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/>) offers parents and children strategies and information in being safe online in an ever-changing landscape. Resources in cyberbullying can be found on www.cybertip.ca and www.protectkidsonline.ca.

The Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators (ISEE) will be holding a free digital presentation on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, March 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, March 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Register with Cheryl at choium@lssd.ca or 204-785-8224.

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'Snowhenge' sculptures in Komarno

By Evan Matthews

Bearing a resemblance to England's Stonehenge, Komarno has become home to a few monuments of its own.

Jason "Shoey" Shoesmith, 58, has been creating ice sculptures at his home, in the yard, for about five years. Locally, his sculptures have become known as Komarno's Snowhenge.

"It would get cold, and I'd get stagnant and I'd have nothing to do," said Shoey.

"I go out there, and for two and a half months, I work on those statues. But this past week, that little heat-wave hit," he said, noting the statues haven't fared so well in the warmer weather of late.

Shoey starts by packing a one-gallon pail full of snow, tamping it down, cutting the snow brick into pieces (once frozen) and constructing the statue. The whole process can take two or three days to complete one statue.

The tallest statues have gotten as tall as 12-14 feet high, according to Shoey, adding how it's incredible that Mother Nature is able to take them down in four hours.

But warm weather aside, Shoey said the process associated with building Snowhenge is all about weight, measurements and balance.

"I've always been fascinated by the (engineering) side of things. You can't let Mother Nature beat yo. You have to continue on now and into next year," said Shoey, who reconstructed the



Shoey spent two weeks painting a guitar to top off one of his snow sculptures.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JASON SHOESMITH

Jason Shoey is seen on his step ladder, making some minor adjustments to his statues after a recent thaw.

pieces that remained after the recent melt.

"I take an old saw, and I saw snow bricks — which come from my one-gallon pail — and cut them into pieces, so I can use them to construct the statues."

He cuts them into halves and then quarters.

But the best part, he said, is the reactions he sees from community members.

"People love it. The kids come down the highway and wave at me from the school bus, and the driver slows down and honks the horn, and then they go

home to their parents and say, 'I want to build some snow statues,'" said Shoey, adding he suspects he may be the most hated man in the community by parents.

"It's -35 and mom and dad are tired, they've been at work all day, and their little one is in the snowsuit with a shovel and bucket, and saying, 'I want to build statues like Shoey,'" he said, laughing heartily.

With Shoey having a bad leg, he said he doesn't feel compelled to snowmobile or participate in other recreation activities, plus other activities cost a lot.

Building snow statues is free, according to Shoey, as community members have donated pails to him. He already had most of his other equipment (like the saw) and, of course, the snow is free. Plus, he said it keeps him active.

In the words of Shoey, "It's better to build a statue than to be a statue."



As things warm up, some of the statues have shrunk in size, but Mother Nature won't slow Shoey down.



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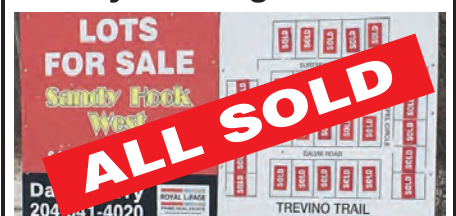
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Selkirk COVID vaccination super site at old hospital

By Patricia Barrett

The province announced last week that the Selkirk super site for COVID-19 vaccinations will be located at the old Selkirk hospital.

Dr. Joss Reimer, the medical lead for the province's vaccination task force, made the announcement Feb. 24.

"In the next few weeks, we'll be opening two new super sites outside of Winnipeg, which will support the work of the [vaccination] teams as well as provide vaccines to the public," said Reimer during a media briefing. "The site in Selkirk will be located at the former Selkirk & District General Hospital at 100 Easton Dr. We are anticipating the site will be opening in early March."

The Selkirk super site is scheduled to launch March 5, depending on vaccine supply. The province also announced a super site for the Morden-Winkler area but provided no details about where it will be located.

Selkirk is about 35 kilometres (22 miles) from Winnipeg. People from the

northern part of the Interlake-Eastern health region, in communities such as Gypsumville, Fisher Branch, Riverton and Arborg, will have to undertake a round-trip of a few hundred kilometres should they want to be vaccinated at the super site. People living in the eastern half of the health region, in communities such as Beausejour, Pinawa, Pine Falls and Whitemouth, will likewise have to travel to Selkirk.

The province has not made any announcement about establishing "pop-up" sites in the Interlake or Eastern portion of the RHA. However, it announced a few weeks ago that physicians and pharmacies have applied to help administer the vaccines.

Health Canada approved the two-dose Oxford [University]-AstraZeneca COVID vaccine Feb. 26. After a "rigorous scientific review of the available medical evidence," the health agency found no major safety concerns, according to a statement on its website.

The World Health Organization says the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine has an efficacy of 63.09 per cent against symptomatic COVID infections after the second dose.

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's COVID vaccines, which also require two doses and have higher efficacy rates of 95 and 94.1 per cent, respec-

tively, have already been approved by Health Canada and are currently being used in Manitoba.

All approved COVID vaccines are said to reduce the severity of a COVID infection. There's currently no scientific evidence showing whether inoculated individuals can transmit the virus should they become infected.

The province is asking the public to refrain from calling its toll-free COVID vaccine booking line (1-844-626-8222) until their age group is eligible for a jab.

"To address the possibility of the increase in numbers at the call centre, we have expanded the number of lines available at the call centre to 2,000," said Reimer. "There are more than 270 trained agents taking calls."

If wait times increase, Reimer said there's a call-back option so that people don't have to wait on the phone. When people get through, they'll hear an automated recording providing information about eligibility screening and will have to answer questions. If eligible, they'll be connected with an agent who will ask additional questions.

"You will also make a formal declaration of eligibility and after that time we'll be able to book your appointment," said Reimer.



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The IERHA's health facility locations are shown by major town. The province hasn't announced whether IERHA facilities will help administer COVID-19 vaccines or whether pop-up sites will be established.

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Art exhibit ready for viewing



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Gimli High School Art teacher Kristine Dubois encourages visitors to stop by "The Freeze" outdoor art exhibit that is set up until approximately March 12 as part of this year's Virtual Gimli Ice Festival 9.5. The "Northern Lights" artwork created by Gimli Grade 12 visual art class students, "The Sun Still Rises" created by Grade 11 visual art class students and the "Trees of Colour" created by Grade 10 visual art class students can be viewed next to the large igloo created by the Riverton & District Centre in front the Gimli Art Club.

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Arborg resident celebrates 100 years of adventure and achievement

By Patricia Barrett

An Arborg resident living at the Mary Thorarinson Estates assisted living facility is celebrating 100 years this month and a lifetime of adventure and achievement.

Drew Lambert was born in 1921 in the United States before moving with her family to the Interlake where she has lived in a number of different communities. She marked a milestone birthday on March 1.

"It's just a number," said Drew by phone last week.

Drew was born in 1921 in Breckenridge, Texas, and she remembers the joys of living in a region of the state that had very mild winters.

"I remember playing around in our yard with just a shift [dress] on," she said. "One thing I liked to do in the fall — our neighbour had walnut trees but in summer you couldn't touch them because they had that hairy casing on them — was gather the walnuts and take them home for my family to eat."

Drew's dad, Chester Davis, owned several newspaper companies in the U.S. In 1913 he founded a Canadian-based newspaper in Shaunavon, Sask., called *The Shaunavon Standard*, which is still operating today. That's where he met Drew's mother, Ina Dunphy. After her father died, Drew's mom moved her and her siblings to a farm in the Marble Ridge area, northeast of Fisher Branch where Drew's grandfather lived.

Having spent the first nine or so years of her youth in a temperate climate, Drew said she found it hard to acclimatize to Canada's harsh winters, and she still doesn't like the cold. She and her siblings had a number of chores to do around the farm, includ-

ing gathering wood and getting water. Girls, at that time, weren't allowed to wear long pants.

"Good heavens, girls just did not wear pants then," said Drew. "We had bloomers [knee-length baggy pants invented in the 19th century]. I disliked wearing bloomers. You wore them with stockings and the bloomers came down to your knees and were very bulky."

After she completed her senior schooling in Winnipeg, Drew began working at the Cadham Lab, which provided diagnostic services and undertook research.

"We would get swabs and you would plant the swabs on Petri plates then watch to see how rapidly bacteria grew. It was a crude way of finding out what the infection was, but it worked," said Drew. "And time and again, the resident doctors would get me in and use me for a guinea pig. They didn't hurt me; they made sure nothing happened to you."

She said she planned to enter nursing but got sidetracked by Evert Lambert, whom she married. She was working at the lab when the Second World War broke out in 1939. Evert joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, working as a navigator to "detect sounds over the North Atlantic," said Drew. She moved back to the States with their children for a while to be with relatives.

When the war ended, she and Evert settled down on a farm near Hodgsonville (in the RM of Fisher) and raised their five kids as well as fostered Drew's cousin's son. In the late 1960s, Drew enrolled in nursing and moved to Winnipeg.

"When I was a kid, I always wanted to be a doctor," said Drew. "But my family didn't have the finances to put me through university to be a doctor. I wanted to be in medicine in some way or another."

Drew worked at the St. Boniface Hospital and the Winnipeg General Hospital for a number of years before moving back to the Fisher Branch area where she worked as a nurse in the medical centre with four doctors.



Drew's granddaughter made the cake.

She was also active in the community, setting up the Hodgson Royal Canadian Legion's Ladies Auxiliary around 1958 and serving as its first president.

In the 1980s she moved to Gillam for a summer job as a northern medevac nurse and ended up staying for five years. She worked at the Gillam hospital and was sent on rescue missions — rain, shine or blizzards — keeping patients stabilized on a small aircraft that was operated by a bush pilot. They would follow the power lines up north, flying the patient to Thompson or to a hospital in Winnipeg. At times her patients had suffered gruesome injuries.

"We had a little girl that supposedly cut her cheek while her dad was sawing. Her cheek was sawed partly off so we taped it on and hooked up an IV. Sometimes the IV would freeze. We made it to the airport and they took her on to the hospital from there," said Drew.

She and Evert eventually moved to Stonewall in the 1990s to be closer to medical facilities after Evert's health began to decline. Drew took up community causes in Stonewall, serving with the Stonewall Royal Canadian Legion's Ladies Auxiliary.

"We fundraised for different causes and if someone had a fire in their home. We gave bursaries to students and had Poppy Day," said Drew. "We raised money for the good of the community."

After she retired from nursing, Drew and Evert spent most of the summer at their cabin in Winnipeg Beach, where she learned how to golf. Then she took up painting, learning without formal training. But her ultimate favourite hobby was cake-decorating.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY WENDY OSIOWAY
Drew Lambert turned 100 on March 1.

She made hundreds of wedding and birthday cakes for people.

Drew's daughter, Wendy Osioway, said the secret to her mom's longevity is living a moderate lifestyle and trying new things.

"Nothing holds her back," said Wendy, who lives in Arborg. "My mom's motto is, 'Everything in moderation.' She has never had to diet and she never drank much. Everything was done in moderation."

To mark her 100 years with COVID-19 safety and prevention in mind, Drew's family organized a drive-by birthday parade for her outside the Mary Thorarinson Estates last Sunday.

"It is very sad mom can't get together with family, but we all definitely understand," said Wendy. "She so misses the visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But we are grateful to the wonderful staff at Arborg assisted living for their care."

On Monday, staff held a COVID-safe party for her. Maureen Sigurgeirson, who manages the assisted living facility, said Drew wanted to share her birthday celebration with fellow tenants.

"She wanted to treat all the tenants at the assisted living to Chinese food," said Sigurgeirson.

Sigurgeirson helped organize the celebration and read a speech on behalf of Drew's family. She said she felt badly that COVID safety protocols kept them from spending in-person time with Drew.

"My heart goes out to her family because on such a milestone birthday they're not able to celebrate it as they should," said Sigurgeirson. "When someone is turning 100 years old, they deserve a party."



Drew Lambert watched the parade from outside the assisted living facility



People congratulated Drew.



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Exploring Manitoba's Indigenous heritage

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk resident Jeannie Red Eagle is once again bringing traditional knowledge from Manitoba's first people into the forefront allowing both Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents the chance to learn more about the place they call home with Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaagoowinan — The People's Teachings Facebook page.

"We've created nine weeks of online cultural language teachings, headlining various Indigenous knowledge keepers, elders and language speakers," said Red Eagle.

The program invites all levels of language speakers to share cultural teachings with language components during these online meetings.

This was originally meant to be an in-person experience but had to shift to online learning because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This it turns out wasn't necessarily a bad thing for the program because it now allows more people the opportunity to join in from their own homes.

"Now we can take this out to everybody and this will exist beyond the program. Because of the taping of the session, of course, people are going to be able to continue to learn," said Red Eagle.

The group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings online through Zoom sessions that will run until the end of March, but for those that can't attend

the meeting in person, the sessions are recorded and uploaded to the Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaagoowinan — The People's Teachings Facebook page.

Some of the topics that are covered by the group are the scared fire, survival phrases, storytelling, songs and games. For the final session on March 30, there will be a feast with a pipe ceremony and closing ceremony.

Because the meal part of the feast can't be done in person, a chef will make meals that will be shared with unsheltered people in the Point Douglas area of Winnipeg.

Red Eagle acknowledges that she couldn't have done this alone. A grant from the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund got her started financially and partnerships with the Selkirk Friendship Centre and Indigenous Languages of Manitoba, a group that focuses on the teaching and preserving of Indigenous languages, were instrumental in bringing this program to residents.

She hopes that interested residents come forward and join the session either in person or later through the Facebook page.

"Right now we're going through a period of language reclamation. Language reclamation, includes the connection to our roots, a connection to our identity, a connection to our culture, heritage and a connection to the



EXPRESS PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Jeannie Red Eagle is part of a team offering Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents alike the opportunity to learn more about Manitoba's first people's languages and culture.

land. Right now. We need that more than ever," said Red Eagle.

To participate, residents are invited to visit the Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaagoowinan — The People's Teachings Facebook page at [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/3957953597570210)

www.facebook.com/groups/3957953597570210 where all links and information is available.

Province weighing possible changes to public health restrictions

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans will find out this week what the next month and a half of COVID-19 public health restrictions will look like, as the current orders expire on Friday.

Last week the government put out a call for public feedback on proposed changes to restrictions, including increasing capacity limits for gatherings in households and outdoor spaces as well as in churches, restaurants and other businesses. Numerous public spaces currently closed entirely could also potentially reopen with restrictions.

The plan is to implement the changes in two phases over the next six weeks, first as early as Friday and then again on March 26.

The reopening process must be a cautious one, stressed Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"As we continue to battle this pandemic and monitor for variants of concern, it's crucial we continue to avoid the activities that are known to cause the most risk," he said. "These are those closed spaces, crowded places, close contact settings.

"We know we can't open everything right away. We're taking a slow and measured approach so case numbers don't increase in the weeks ahead."

On Monday, health officials reported 35 new cases of the virus and one death.

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St. Laurent Fire Chief talks safety



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St. Laurent Fire Chief Roger Leclerc said while damage to the bin's retraction cover at the transfer station was minor, it did need to be replaced.

By Evan Matthews

A fire at the St. Laurent Transfer Station caused a stir among locals last month and has prompted officials to remind residents of proper waste disposal practices and fire safety.

On Feb. 20, staff at the transfer station noticed a bin was on fire, and sprang into action. The St. Laurent Fire Department responded to the call, according to Chief Roger Leclerc, who noted the department did not attend in an emergency capacity.

"We sent one guy in a truck to check it out and make sure everything was okay. The employee deserves credit for acting quickly," said Leclerc, adding the fire caused damages to the bin's retraction cover.

"We believe somebody dumped ashes from their fireplace into the bin. We run into a lot of situations where people are improperly disposing of their ashes.

"If you do want to dispose of ashes, please put them in a secure, fire-resistant container, and to the staff regarding disposal," he said, noting the department often sees ashes in plastic bags, which catch fire quite easily.

When the transfer station's staff member noticed the fire, Leclerc said the staff member hopped in a skid-steer and piled snow on the fire.

In this case, while the bin sustained a little damage, but Leclerc said it should be salvageable. The retraction cover needed replacement, which Leclerc said was a small cost.

But fire risk isn't just limited to transfer stations, as Leclerc warned of grass and forest fires heading into spring. Camping season is around the corner, too, and he said campfires pose risk if not put out properly.

"Do it in a proper manner," said Leclerc. "Just never assume the fire is out."

Do you want to build a snowman?



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Snowmen creator siblings Matt and Lexi Lavallee took part in the Winnipeg Beach Snowman Building contest on Feb. 13. Matt won 1st place for his snowman racer and a \$30 Carlos Cucina gift certificate, while Lexi came in second place for her "It's-too-cold-to-make-an-actual-SNOWman," due to the frigid temperatures that weekend. Lexi won a Winnipeg Beach frisbee.

In lieu of Winnipeg Beach's Wonderful Winter Weekend Festival, fireworks and a snowman building contest at the bandstand were planned. But, ultimately, the fireworks were cancelled for public safety reasons and kids were asked to build their snowmen at home and send in photos.

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Province invests in fire protection and emergency preparedness

Submitted by Manitoba government

Derek Johnson, MLA for Interlake-Gimli, is pleased to highlight a recent provincial announcement of \$9 million in fire protection grants to protect Manitobans, including a number of approved projects in the local community.

"Our PC government recognizes the value of effective fire prevention services in keeping our communities

safe," said Johnson. "These projects in our community will strengthen fire protection and emergency response services and protect residents and businesses for generations to come."

Projects selected to receive funding in the constituency of Interlake-Gimli include:

- Grahamdale-Moosehorn - lighting kit - \$3,500.60
- Grahamdale-Moosehorn - Turnout

gear and boots - \$45,719.10

- Armstrong - 6 SCBA sets and 12 tanks - \$60,834.19

- Winnipeg Beach - Construction of training room in fire hall - \$43,000

- Grahamdale-Gypsumville - Turnout gear, coveralls, boots - \$7,400

- Grahamdale-Gypsumville - Extermination Unit and assorted gear - \$22,320

- Grahamdale-Moosehorn - Dryer for turnout gear - \$16,583.33

- Bifrost-Riverton - Tanker truck upgrade: truck chassis, installation of tank, emergency lighting - \$58,500

- Homebrook-Peonan - Sea can storage trailer - \$8,500

- Fisher - Set of jaws of life - \$43,293.32

The fire protection grant was open to municipalities and Northern Affairs communities through the Department of Municipal Relations to support projects or activities that would improve fire protection and emergency response. The fund was originally set to administer \$5 million in grants. However, due to an increase in applications received, funding was nearly doubled to support over \$9 million to assist more communities and projects.

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Manitoba's number of active cases was at 1,171 at press time, including five cases of the B117 variant.

There were 68 people in hospital with active COVID-19 and another 116 patients no longer considered contagious but still requiring care. A total of 25 ICU beds were filled with COVID-19 patients, 12 of whom are still considered infectious.

Manitoba's death tally was at 896 people on Monday. There have been 29,827 recoveries from COVID-19 over the past year.

In the Interlake-Eastern health region there were 136 active cases of the virus with 2230 recovered. The region has seen 35 deaths.

Breaking it down in our area, Fisher River/Peguis had eight active cases on Monday; Northern Remote, 115; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet, six; and Powerview/Pine Falls, eight.

Arborg/Riverton, Beausejour, Eriksdale/Ashern, Gimli, Selkirk, Springfield, St. Clements, St. Laurent, Stonewall/Teulon, Unknown, Whiteshell and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews were all reporting zero active cases.

In related news, the province has announced that the new vaccination super sites in Selkirk will be located in the old hospital, while in Morden-Winkler it will be located in the community hall at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

As of Monday, Manitoba had administered 76,670 doses of vaccine, including 47,780 first doses and 28,890 second doses.

The eligibility criteria continues to expand, most recently to include Manitobans born on or before Dec. 31, 1930 and First Nations people born on or before Dec. 31, 1950.

Up-to-date eligibility details are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html.



A collage of images from the Gimli Ice festival. The top half shows snowmobile racing, car racing on ice, and people on fat bikes. The bottom half shows a child in winter gear, a person ice skating, and a group of people in medieval costumes. In the center is a circular logo for the 'Stay Safe 9.5 Edition 2021 Gimli Ice festival' with the tagline 'Community, Culture & Heritage Remembering Better Times'.

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Interlake couple opens Wild Skies resort in River Hills

By Evan Matthews

A Teulon woman is planning to open a resort near River Hill, the first resort of its kind.

Megan Steen, 30, said she and her partner, René Talbot, will open Wild Skies Resort in May 2021. The couple — now doubling as business partners — realized their dream while they were amidst the British Columbia wilderness on Vancouver Island.

“We had been dreaming about creating a space where people can enjoy all of our favourite parts of being in nature,” said Steen, noting Talbot has ties to Stonewall as well, since his father opened the accounting firm Talbot and Associates.

“We were staying in a mini cabin that had an eight-foot window looking out into the forest. It was at the tail-end of a full week of nothing but rain. We were chilled to the bone but so happy to be just lying there, soaking it in, staring at the trees and the ferns.

“That’s when things started coming to life. We thought it’d be further into the future, but a property fell into our lap,” she said.

The property is located just west of River Hills, which is south of Lac du Bonnet. Steen said there are many opportunities to connect with nature in Manitoba, but generally speaking, people find it a bit inaccessible.

But as a direct result of COVID, she said people are starting to appreciate what’s in their own backyard a bit more.

“People always tend to go west, and I’ve been guilty of that, too,” said Steen. “It’s a bit of a silver lining, within COVID, to realize the beauty around us here.”

Starting as a wedding photographer over 10 years ago, Steen said the transition to owning and operating a resort has been surprisingly natural. Talbot is an entrepreneur involved in a number of ventures, so she said the couple have a diverse skill set.

The property will feature various accommodation options, with a couple of cabins on the properties, geodesic domes and a space for weddings and/or retreats, Steen said.

“There aren’t any resorts quite like this one in Manitoba that we’re aware of,” said Steen.

She emphasized Wild Skies will be more than a glamping resort.



Megan Steen and René Talbot will open Wild Skies Resort in May 2021.

Rather, she said Wild Skies is a community of like-minded people who appreciate Mother Nature’s “wild creations”: frost in the morning, a shooting star, ripples in the water, the crackle of a wood fire, rain on a tin roof — a place where clientele can run around barefoot or jump off the dock under the glow of the moon.

“People can have their solitude in the domes or in their cabin, surrounded by forest, or they can opt for community in the form of weddings, retreats, etc.,” she said.

Talbot has a carpentry background, and Steen said he’s in the process of constructing hammocks that are eight feet by eight feet.

Eventually, each hammock will be accompanied with a projector, Steen said, allowing couples to lay in a hammock in the woods and watch a movie.

Wild Skies also has bonfire pits, paddleboards, canoes, walking trails, snowshoeing or skiing through the property.

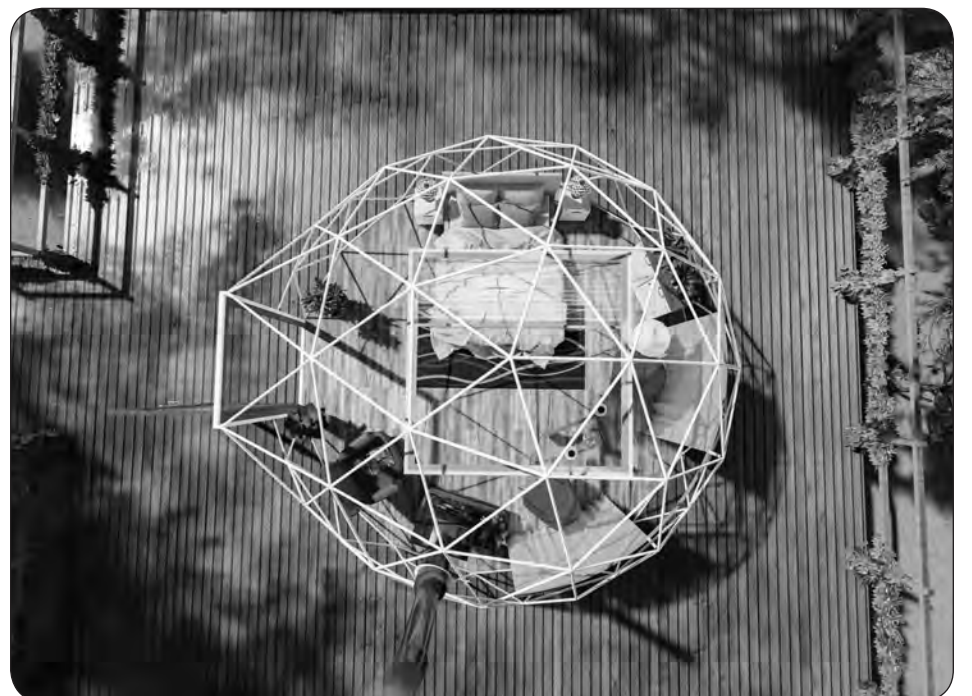
There will be no concierge, according to Steen, saying guests will check-in digitally similar to the way they do with Airbnb, and then following instructions.

For more information, visit wildskiesresort.com.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY MEGAN STEEN

An aerial shot of the Wild Skies Resort.



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“WE WERE CHILLED TO THE BONE BUT SO HAPPY TO BE JUST LYING THERE, SOAKING IT IN.”

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Einarson captures back-to-back Scotties

By Ty Di Lello

Back-to-back Scotties champs! That sure has a nice ring to it for Gimli's Kerri Einarson and her team of Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur.

Kerri Einarson (Team Canada) will hang onto the championship trophy for another year after defeating Team Ontario (Rachel Homan) on Sunday night by a nail-biting 9-7 scoreline at Calgary's Olympic Park.

"It means the absolute world to be able to repeat. It's hard to do and hasn't been done since 2014 (by Homan). So to do it again, playing against all these amazing teams, is really hard. I'm just so proud and honoured to be able to wear the Maple Leaf again," said Einarson.

"We were definitely determined to repeat. We missed out on going to worlds (cancelled by the COVID-19 pandemic), and we were just so happy to be able to have this event under these circumstances. For Curling Canada to make it happen was amazing, and we're just absolutely honoured to be here right now."

In the championship final, Einarson led the way after cracking a big three on Team Homan in the fifth end to take a 5-3 lead. Homan fought back by stealing two in the ninth end to level the game, but in the final end, Einarson didn't have to throw her last rock to capture the National Championship for a second straight year.

"We just really had fun," said Einarson.

"We didn't put any pressure on ourselves. We just went to go out, relax, do our thing and not worry about anything else happening around us or feeling the pressure of being Team Canada. And I think we did an absolutely amazing job of not putting pressure on ourselves to feel that we had to repeat. We just enjoyed every moment."

It's fitting that a Manitoba team won the event. After all, there were five teams from the keystone province competing at the championships.

Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias was one of the week's big stories, making a highly anticipated women's debut after winning last year's World Junior Championships. The Altona four-some finished with a 3-5 record and just missed out on the championship pool.

Despite not advancing, Zacharias was pleased with her team's performance in their inaugural Scotties.

"We want to come back for more. We didn't accomplish everything that we wanted to this week, so we're going to be hungry to get back here next year," said Zacharias.

"We learned a lot this week. We pushed ourselves right from the beginning, had a couple of tough games, and learned from them, and then tried to get some wins later in the week."

One of the other stories of the week was the play of Assiniboine Memorial's Beth Peterson, with Morden's Katherine Doerksen throwing second



EXPRESS PHOTO CURLING CANADA/ANDREW KLAVER

Kerri Einarson's team celebrates their national championship minutes after their win.

stones. The Peterson rink upset some of the top rinks and advanced to the championship pool. They wound up finishing fifth in the event with a 7-5 record and narrowly missed out on the playoffs.

St. Vital's Jennifer Jones finished with a 9-3 record. They lost out to Alberta's Laura Walker in a tiebreaker on Sunday morning. Closing out the Manitoba teams was East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury, skipped by Chelsea Carey, who finished their week with a 6-6 record.

Unfortunately, Einarson won't get to represent Canada on the interna-

tional stage this spring at the World Championships as for the second straight year, the event has been cancelled. However, Team Einarson will return to the 2022 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Thunder Bay, Ont., as Team Canada and will be looking to three-peat.

There's good news for fans looking for more curling to watch as the Tim Hortons Brier will begin this Friday night with 18 teams across Canada competing in the Calgary bubble. Representing Manitoba will be Morris's Jason Gunnlaugson and West St. Paul's Mike McEwen.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF MCINTOSH/CP

Kerri Einarson beat Rachel Homan 9-7 to win her second straight Scotties as the Canadian women's curling championship wrapped up in the Calgary bubble on Sunday.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Gimli's Kerri Einarson captured the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts at Calgary's Olympic Park on Sunday night. Pictured left to right: Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard and Briane Meilleur.

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Einarson named Scotties Playoff MVP, first-team all-star

Staff

It was quite the Scotties Tournament for Gimli's Kerri Einarson.

Besides winning her second straight Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship with a 9-7 win over Ontario's Rachel Homan on Sunday evening — which came with a \$100,000 top prize — Einarson was also named the winner of the Sandra Schmirler Playoff Most Valuable Player Award.

In addition, she was named a first-team all-star as skip.

The other first-team all-stars included third Val Sweeting, Team Canada, second Shannon Birchard, Team Canada, and lead Lisa Weagle, Manitoba.

The second-team all-stars featured skip Rachel Homan, Ontario, third Selena Njegovan, Team Wild Card #1, second Jocelyn Peterman, Manitoba, and lead Joanne Courtney, Ontario.

The Marj Mitchell Sportsmanship Award, determined through a player vote, went to Quebec's Laurie St-Georges.

The Joan Mead Builder's Award (presented by Kruger Products) was given to Shannon Kleibrink.

This award recognizes a builder in the sport of curling and is named in honour of the late CBC curling producer Joan Mead.

Kleibrink, who won bronze for Can-



Team Canada's Kerri Einarson was named the winner of the Sandra Schmirler Playoff MVP Award.

ada at the 2006 Winter Olympics, also has been an active coach in the Calgary area, as well as overseas.

She is a long-time committee member of the prestigious Autumn Gold Ladies Bonspiel in Calgary, most recently as treasurer (for eight years), and won the Ray Kingsmith award in 2014, signifying outstanding contributions to women's curling.



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Einarson, right, watches her shot as Ontario's Joanne Courtney, left, and Sarah Wilkes look on during the Scotties' final on Sunday evening.

Kleibrink was a vice-chair of the 2015 Tim Hortons Brier and 2015 Continental Cup in Calgary.

This past October, Kleibrink was

hired by Curling Alberta as the director of community centre development.

MJHL announces fifth annual prospect development camp

From the MJHL website

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League officially announced that the fifth annual Prospect Development Camp will take place in Winnipeg at the Seven Oaks Arena Complex from July 14 to 18.

The Prospect Development Camp is by invite only, geared towards current MJHL prospects born in 2004 and 2005 who are eligible to play in the MJHL for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

"The MJHL Prospect Development Camp provides the next generation of MJHL players with the knowledge and resources to be successful both on and off the ice, an experience of what playing in the MJHL is all about, and the platform to showcase themselves to coaches and scouts from all levels of hockey," said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette.

"This event continues to grow in stature, both on and off the ice, and we are excited to host this important league event once again this summer. When you look across the MJHL right now, many current players have participated in this camp with many more having already moved on to higher levels of hockey through this camp and a year in the MJHL," Saurette concluded.

The camp activities will emphasize the elements these players will need to focus on to transition successfully from elite minor hockey to Junior "A" hockey.

In addition to MJHL coaches/scouts, each year the camp is highly attended (in-person or virtually) by scouts from higher levels of hockey including the WHL, USHL, NCAA, U Sports and the NHL, providing an amazing op-

portunity for players to further showcase their abilities.

Players will receive on and off-ice skill development led by experienced professionals in their respective fields. The on-ice program will consist of skill and practice sessions along with modified games/scrimmages. The off-ice portion will cover elements related to athleticism and

mental skills, as well as the technical and tactical skills required to play in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

The MJHL will continue to monitor and adjust to public health orders leading up to the planned event in July.

Please stay tuned for upcoming camp announcements including event schedule and rosters.

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Applications are invited to fill the permanent, full-time position of Finance Clerk. This position is based at the Bifrost-Riverton Municipal Office located at 329 River Road in Arborg, and is eligible for benefits after 6 months.

Job Summary:

The Finance Clerk is responsible for providing administrative support in order to ensure that municipal services are provided in an efficient and effective manner and financial requirements are addressed in an accurate and timely manner.

The Finance Clerk reports to the CAO and is responsible for providing financial services in the municipal office. The position is responsible for day-to-day preparation and processing of accounts payable and accounts receivable as well as general accounting duties. The Finance Clerk is responsible for utility records, including maintaining associated files and records. The Finance Clerk will provide administrative support including providing backup for the reception duties, data entry, etc. as directed by administrative personnel.

Working hours are 8:30 am-12 pm, 1 pm-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton offers competitive hourly rates along with extended health, dental, vision and pension plans.

A detailed job description is available upon request, and human resource policies can be viewed at www.bifrostriverton.ca.

Applications will be received until a suitable candidate is found.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in person or by email to:

Tanis Johnson, CMMA
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Email: bifrostriverton@mymts.net

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TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH GARBAGE & RECYCLING TENDER

For the provision of garbage & recycling collection services within the boundaries of the Town of Winnipeg Beach for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024.

Detailed tender packages complete with specifications will be available on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to interested bidders at www.winnipegbeach.ca.

Completed sealed tenders must be received by noon on Friday, March 19, 2021 at:

Town of Winnipeg Beach
Attention: Roger A. Bouvier, CAO
PO Box 160, 29 Robinson Ave., Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0

Questions in respect to the tender can be directed at Roger A. Bouvier, CAO, 204-389-2698 or cao@winnipegbeach.ca

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For more info contact: Kathy Finnson, Exec. Director 204-376-2940, ext. 1

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ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

March 18, 2021
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Join this year's online meeting at www.midwives.mb.ca/site/events

For more information email admin@midwives.mb.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*, that the Council of the R.M. of Grahamdale intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2021 at a Public Hearing being held at the Moosehorn Community Hall, 21 Railway Avenue, in Moosehorn, MB on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on April 1, 2021 and may be examined by any person during regular office hours at the Municipal Office or on our website at www.grahamdale.ca.

Provincial Guidelines on Pandemic Response System Restrictions at the Red: Critical level will be enforced. Public participation can be met through interactive technology or by written submission. Please call our office for more information.

Dated this 12th day of February 2021.

Shelly Schwitek, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Grahamdale



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

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of *The Municipal Act*, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **31st day of March, 2021**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Town of Winnipeg Beach, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
65400	LOT 18 BLOCK 9 PLAN 2226 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 33-17-4 EPM - 449 OAK AVE	L - \$18,200 B - \$57,700	\$4,465.27
77600	LOT 1 BLOCK 28 PLAN 2226 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 33-17-4 EPM - 382 NO 9 HWY	L - \$31,100 B - \$105,500	\$16,645.95
171850	ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF CENTRAL AVENUE, MCPHERSON AVENUE, MURRAY AVENUE AND STITT STREET, IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNIPEG BEACH, IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, SHOWN COLOURED PINK, ACCORDING TO A PLAN FILED IN THE WINNIPEG LAND TITLES OFFICE AS NO. 1884 EXC. PLAN 5521, LOT SEVENTEEN IN BLOCK ONE, SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SURVEY OF PART OF WINNIPEG BEACH IN MANITOBA, REGISTERED IN THE WINNIPEG LAND TITLES OFFICE, AS NO. 2357. - 1.01 MILES/ STN GRDS PL	L - \$27,700	\$4,850.49

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

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Town of Winnipeg Beach as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2021.

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Each tender should be individually marked for each location and product and will be received at the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton office, located at 329 River Road, Arborg, MB by the undersigned until 4:30pm on March 18, 2021

All the above tenders are to be supply to be on site and available for distribution by April 30, 2021.

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton in its sole discretion.

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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!

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

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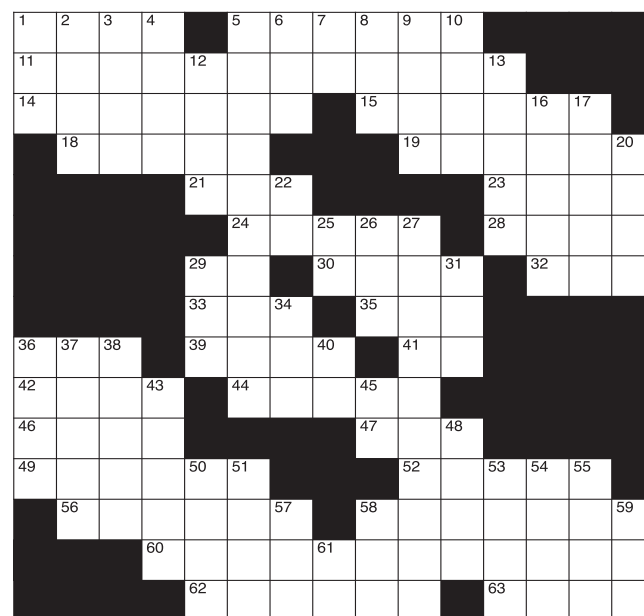
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CLUES ACROSS

- One of Noah's sons
- Openings
- Rising from the dead
- Expressions for humorous effect
- North American country
- Flowed over
- Tags
- Long-lasting light bulb
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Beloved movie pig
- South Dakota
- Tai language
- Get free of
- Afflict
- Transmits genetic information from DNA
- Commercials
- Digits
- Expression of sympathy
- Bleats
- Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- Vegetable
- Turf
- Disorganized in character
- Takes
- Rules over
- More fervid
- Sweet drink
- Cry loudly
- A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

- A title of respect in India
- His and
- Employee stock ownership plan
- A type of bond (abbr.)



- Acting as if you are
- Affirmative
- Not caps
- Type of medication
- Monetary unit
- Private school in New York
- Small stream
- A person of wealth
- Exclude
- Someone who vouches for you
- Vegetable part
- Gov't lawyer
- Term to address a woman
- Swiss river
- About senator
- Paulo, city
- Native American tribe
- "Titanic" actor

- Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
- Capital of Senegal
- Slang for military leader
- Football's big game
- Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
- Equally
- Forest animal
- Heavy stoves
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Song
- Type of pickle
- Offer in return for money
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Burns wood (abbr.)
- Beloved singer Charles
- Three-toed sloth

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OBITUARY



Roger Newman

Roger passed away suddenly on February 19, 2021 at home.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

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OBITUARY

Eugenia Myden

With great sadness we announce the passing of our loving mother, Eugenia Myden who passed peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Eugenia was born September 19, 1928 on the family farm near Rosburn, MB to Dmytro and Nastia Danyleyko. She was the youngest girl in a family of seven girls and five boys.

Eugenia was predeceased by her husband Walter, her parents, all her brothers and sisters, except for her brother Michael. She is survived by son Gary (Darlene), daughter Donna, special grandsons Jamie (Brenda Lee) Smalley, Jon Smalley, two great-grandchildren Lauryn and Jackson.

Eugenia attended school in Rosburn to the end of Grade 8, after which she helped on the farm. She moved to Russell, MB, worked as a waitress until obtaining a job in the Post Office. She married

Walter Myden in 1952. With son Gary, the family moved to Fisher Branch, MB in 1954. Donna was born in 1955. Eugenia worked part time in the Post Office and eventually worked her way up to the position of Postmaster. Eugenia was a proud member of the Songbirds singing group and volunteered for many community activities. Eugenia will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and welcoming of newcomers to Fisher Branch, plus her apple pie.

We would like to thank Bev Trachuk for weekly visits, love and friendship to mom and the staff at Arborg Personal Care Home for their kindness, compassion and excellent care. Many thanks to the wonderful people of Fisher Branch, Home Care workers, Ernie Letexier, Darlene Giasson, Richard Hyde and Debbie Danish for their support and friendship.

In accordance with Eugenia's wishes cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at a future date.

If friends so desire, a donation may be made to a P.C.H. of their choice.

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OBITUARY

Marcel William Zelisko

July 20, 1954 – February 22, 2021

Pain free at last, with Terry holding his hand, Marcel left us and is now able to soar with the eagles.

Predeceased by parents Bill and Mae; parents-in-law, Pete and Clara; brothers-in-law Ben and Fred; sister-in-law Betty.

Survived by wife and other half, Terry and his pride and joy, their children Donna and Derek; sister Margaret (Doug); brother-in-law Bob (Wendy); sister-in-law Kim and many nephews and nieces, some who always looked to Unc for advice.

Born in Gimli, he lived most of his life in the Homer District, first on the farm that he grew up on and then at his new home with his own family. He was a farmer at heart and was working the land from a teenager. He knew the value of hard work and never shied away from it. He met Terry in August, 1976 and they were married



2 ½ months later. Some people thought it would never last but they proved all wrong. They celebrated 44 plus years together. He tried working in Winnipeg after marriage, but lasted only three months. Indoors didn't work for a farm boy. In 1979, they welcomed their daughter Donna and 2 ½ years later their son Derek completed the perfect family. Farming, although he loved it, was not the only thing he did. Fixing things, mechanicing, cutting pulp and firewood, trapping and working for Manitoba Highways as grader operator and anything else they needed him to be, for 30 years showed that he was a man of all trades.

Retiring when he was 55, the perfect opportunity presented itself. Doing everything together, Marcel and Terry now went camping to Fairford, trapping in their side-by-side, hunting, ice fishing and they had the chance to farm full-time. Doing what he always loved, he was happy to go for a ride with his dog, his shadow, when Terry had other things to do.

Family meant everything to Marcel. He loved Terry and his kids unreservedly. If he could, he gave them anything and everything that they wanted or needed. Especially his time and love.

Friends and neighbors would always know who was coming when they saw the Suzuki driving slowly down the road. Known affectionately as the mayor of Homer, he kept an eye on friend's cabins in the area. People also knew that, if they needed it, Marcel would be there to help or fix whatever, charging only a handshake or a thank-you. He said "That's what friends do".

Having beat cancer once 33 years ago and two heart attacks, his body was not strong enough this time to beat the cancer again, so in lieu of flowers, please donate to CancerCare MB. or to the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Many thanks to Dr. Komolafe and the nurses at the Arborg Hospital for all their care and compassion at this time.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Marcel's life will take place when it is safe to do so.

When I get where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears;
I will shed the sins and struggles
I have carried all these years.
And I'll leave my heart wide open
I will love and have no fears;
Yeah, when I get where I'm going
Don't cry for me down here.



OBITUARY

Nicklin James Roebuck

January 22, 1929 – February 21 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dad on Sunday, 21st of February at the Gimli Community Health Centre.

He was born in San Fernando, Trinidad and was the eldest of nine. He was predeceased by his parents Richard and Winifred Roebuck and siblings Stanley, Leonard, Evelyn, and Ronald. Still living are Grace, Joan, Esther, and George.

Dad was in the Merchant Navy and was a Royal Engineer in the British Army. He married Patricia Lockwood in the UK and they had two children, Christine and Anthony. After Patricia's death in 1961, he married Muriel Gillies and had another daughter Rachelle. They divorced in the late 80's. Shortly after, he moved to Canada and worked at CN Rail until retirement. He had three grandchildren Nicole, Bobby and Squig, and four great-grandsons, Joseph, Oliver, Joshua, and Jacob.

Nick played and excelled in water sports, water polo, swimming and sailing. He left Trinidad to go to Sea and went around the world a few times. He was an excellent photographer, he then turned his artistic leanings to pottery - he was trained in the UK and carried on this craft in Canada teaching at his own workshop. Later he decided to try his hand at art, his painting gave him many hours of pleasure. He had many friends and one special one, Lilian; he will be missed. His main love was for his family; he really missed them and wished he was closer to them all, but as he said (that's life).

His health had gone downhill this last year, at the time of his death he was at the Gimli Community Health Centre. The family would like to thank his caregivers for looking after him so well at home, also his family doctor Hamid Ansarian, and to the nurses and doctors that cared for him for the four days in hospital before his death. Not to forget the paramedics that brought him to hospital.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY



James Michael (Jim) Lewick

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our husband, dad and grandpa. Jim passed away peacefully at home following a lengthy illness, on February 23, 2021.

Jim is survived by his wife, Chris; daughters Mandy and Wendy; granddaughter Nevaeh, light of his life and #1 Dolly, as well as many relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his father Michael Lewick; mother Mary Lamontagne; stepfather Red Lamontagne; sister Carol Burdeny; in-laws John and Kay Kuz; brothers-in-law Paul Lavallee and Kenneth Burdeny.

Jim was born in Winnipeg, February 12, 1949. He grew up in Winnipeg, and decided to leave school at age 16. He worked a variety of jobs including E.J. Casey Shows, building rafters in Oak Bank, and moving houses with his stepfather. He chose to upgrade his education, and attend apprentice plumbing school in 1968, to become a Journeyman plumber. He started Jim's Plumbing in Gimli in 1974, which he operated up until his retirement in 2017. Jim was well known and respected by his clients and fellow contractors alike.

Jim met Chris in 1966, and it was love at first sight. They married in 1973, and spent 47 years building their life together. Family was important too, as was evident in his pride for his "three girls". His family and friends will fondly remember great times; camping, fishing, curling, card games, traveling and other adventures.

Cremation has taken place. At Jim's request there will be no formal service.

The family would like to express gratitude to our many friends and family for your calls, kindness and support throughout this difficult time. Thank you to the many medical staff that provided care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to STARS ambulance, as they gave our family the gift of three extra years with Jim.

Family would like to invite friends to sign the online book of condolences at ejcoutu.ca.

E.J. Coutu & Co. Funeral Directors

OBITUARY

Rose Hnatiuk (nee Letniak)

September 19, 1931 – February 20, 2021

With great sadness, the family announces Rose's passing on February 20, 2021 at Red River Place in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Rose will be remembered with love by her children Tony (Tara), Joyce Dimaggio, Andy (Diane) and grandchildren, Michael, Kyle, and Candice. She will be sadly missed by her brother Steve Letniak (Linda), sister Pauline Finlay, as well as many other family members and friends. She was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Caroline, son-in-law Joe, brother-in-law Roy and companion William Dushman.

Rose was born in Fraserwood, Manitoba where she spent her childhood. As a young adult, she moved to Winnipeg. After graduating from United College, she worked at several places and then raised her children. Her commitment to help others led her to become a volunteer and a caregiver. One of her most notable and rewarding accomplishments was to help establish and run the Winnipeg Buyer's Club to assist low-income families.

Years later, Rose returned to Fraserwood. She loved living on the farm and was the happiest there. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed raising chickens, ducks, and geese. She also loved to bake, cook, and knit for her family and friends.

Rose was a quiet, gentle, and loving person. With her strong inner spirit, she was able to endure many hardships. She had a heart of gold and will be forever remembered for her kindness, compassion, and generosity.

A special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Red River Place for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

A private service was held on March 3, 2021 at St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church in Gimli with interment at Precious Blood Cemetery in Fraserwood. To fulfill mom's wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to leave condolences or share memories on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com where a recording of the service will also be available for viewing at a later date via her obituary.

With loving memories, we say goodbye to our mother, grandmother, sister and sister-in-law.

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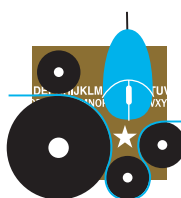
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OBITUARY



Donald "Sam" Stefanec
November 5, 1941 - February 26, 2021

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Donald "Sam" Stefanec on Friday, February 26, 2021. Sam passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family.

Sam will be greatly missed by his devoted and loving wife Julie Stefanec, daughters Lisa, Michelle (Russ), Carla (Rab), Colleen (Brad), and Dawn (Cary). Grandchildren Samantha, Liam, Brandon, Carly, Brittany, James, Tamara, Chelsea, Caitlin, Zak and great-grandson Ian.

Sam is predeceased by his father Fred, mother Teenie, brother Donald, sister Sylvia, and son-in-law Rab. Sam is survived by his younger brother Wayne, sisters Lorraine and Adeline, and Godchild Thomas.

Sam was born and raised in Fisher Branch, MB. One of Sam's first jobs was at the Fisher Branch creamery making butter and cheese, soon after he started working with Manitoba Highways. There he was able to make enough to help towards the purchase of a brand new car. Shortly after he married Julie and the first of his five daughters, Lisa was born. Sam was always a hard worker. Finally, he chose construction for his career. He worked up North building houses, then eventually chose to work closer to home, where even up to the last few years Sam enjoyed renovating his daughter's home.

Sam enjoyed spending time with his wife Julie, his five daughters, and grandchildren. Grandpa was always fond of all of his grandchildren and was sure to have lots of treats and ice-cream ready for their visits. We will miss hearing Dad calling all the grandchildren by their nicknames. Sam enjoyed his carpentry work, gardening, and feeding the Blue Jays and a nice cold beer on a hot day. He was always genuinely interested with how you were doing and always took the time to say hello to all of his family and friends.

Our family would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time. Our family would also like to thank the Percy E. Moore Hospital doctors, nurses and aides, and all of the staff for Dad's compassionate care.

Donations can be made in Sam's name to the Palliative Care Unit at the Percy E. Moore Hospital in Hodgson, MB.

In Dad's words "See you later kiddo!"

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OBITUARY



George Ledochowski

Peacefully on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the age of 89, Dad Passed away at Goodwin Lodge with his daughter Roxane at his side.

A full obituary will follow in Saturday's Free Press and next week's local papers.

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When the pandemic began, donations from the community started to roll in. When it became apparent that we were in this for the long haul, support from several organizations and government agencies also began to kick in. Then our Christmas Campaign exceeded all expectations. Through it all the EBN Food Bank has maintained its ability to provide relief from food insecurity with healthy and nutritious food to those who need our services, whether it is for one-time or ongoing assistance to get through a rough patch of job loss or health concerns. The support that we have received will allow us to confidently continue with our mandate to help those who need help.

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