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## Gimli council considers options for redeveloping, possible sale of motorsports park

By Patricia Barrett

A majority of Gimli council voted in favour of a resolution to hire a planning company to solicit ideas from developers and investigate the possible sale of the Gimli Motorsports Park.

The park is situated beside the Gimli Airport and it's owned by the municipality.

Coun. Thora Palson opposed the resolution to hire Landmark Planning & Design during council's regular meeting March 24, citing concerns about council's lack of transparency and lack of public consultation as the process could end with the transfer of the motorsports park's land to a private developer. Council has a duty to consult.

"I believe the land should be retained for the future development and expansion of our airport. I would have also liked public consultation prior to making a decision of this magnitude," said Palson by phone. "Council is entrusted with the people's assets and if we're looking at a potential disposal of assets, information and rationale should be provided to the people of the RM of Gimli. We can't just wake up one morning and say, 'Let's sell the motorsports park.'"

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Development Corporation, the motorsports park is a 235-acre multi-use facility containing drag and road racing strips, karting and motocross tracks, an ATV mud bog pit and a special events area. Its user groups include the Winnipeg Sports Car Club, the Manitoba Roadracing Association, Interlake Dragway and Manitoba Motocross.

Mayor Lynn Greenberg and councillors Richard Petrowski, Peter Holfeuer and Cody Magnusson voted in favour of hiring Landmark Planning to pursue the possible sale.

"Landmark Planning Proposal" was included on council's agenda, but during the meeting Palson said there was no discussion — just a vote.

"We hold a public hearing for a lady who wants to open a daycare in her home, but we have no public engagement on a proposal to issue an RFP and maybe sell land that belongs to the taxpayers," said Palson. "I think that's wrong."

Landmark will put together a request for proposal (RFP) and distribute it publicly. Developers and prospective buyers can submit their ideas to the RM.

Council recently had the motorsports park's land appraised, said Pal-



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The Winnipeg Sports Car Club, shown racing on Lake Winnipeg in 2020, is a regular user of the Gimli Motorsports Park.

son. In the appraiser's opinion, the best use of the land would be to retain it for the future development and expansion of the Gimli Airport.

Palson noted that previous discussions about the potential sale of the park occurred during in-camera meetings and she was bound by confidentiality.

"Regretfully, I was not able to talk about this prior to last Wednesday's meeting as the preliminary talks were in camera," said Palson.

Deputy Mayor Richard Petrowski, who sits on the CDC board, said the RM had received interest from a prospective buyer of the motorsports park, but [most of] council wants to open up the process to other potential developers. The RFP will serve an exploratory exercise and nothing is set in stone.

"We want to put out a request for proposals and see what comes back," said Petrowski by phone. "If something looks like it would be good for the community, we'd consider selling the park. But it's not a done deal. We're just looking at all the possibilities."

For reasons of confidentiality, Petrowski was unable to say who made the pitch to buy the park and what the proposal entailed.

The motorsports park is not performing at a sufficient level, he said. But that has little to do with COVID and public health restrictions and more to do with the park's draw as an attraction.

"We don't think it's reaching its potential right now. And it's not really about making money for us: it's about how many people are going to come to town and visit the businesses — the wider economic development part. That's more important to me," he said. "But any money we do get for renting the park is a bonus, of course."

To be fair to all prospective purchasers, Petrowski said the process, including bidding, has to be open to everyone. Council "can't just sell it one individual." Anything could land on their table, such as a proposal to build a factory, the expansion of the existing motorsports park, the expansion of the airport or another project that

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# Crafters delight in new pottery and craft space in Gimli

By Nicole Brownlee

Hidden Treasures Studio, a pottery painting art studio, is slowly reopening as the province allows businesses to expand capacities up to 50 per cent.

"It's really nice to have people here getting creative and starting to interact and enjoy these activities again," said store owner Barb Polkowski.

Polkowski said they've been busy with lots of families stopping by since re-opening in February.

"It's functional art, not fine art, so they can just really enjoy the whole process and then use their artwork when they get home."

Hidden Treasures opened in Winnipeg four years ago, but Polkowski struggled to keep the store open during COVID-19. After escaping to Gimli with her family for the summer, Polkowski realized it was time to move.

"We fell in love with this community," she said. "We moved our family. We bought a house here. We moved our business."

The Polkowskis moved to Gimli in September and soon after started setting up Hidden Treasures.

"We're actually doing better here in Gimli than we had been in the city," said Polkowski.

The art studio opened its doors in Gimli in early October welcoming visitors to paint mugs, vases and critters. Hidden Treasures also hosted paint nights, abstract art classes and candle-making sessions before code red restrictions forced the studio to close in-person on Nov. 12, 2020.

While the Polowskis waited to reopen, the workshop created Art 2 Go Kits. Customers can order pottery pieces online, choose paint colours and stop by the store to pick up the items.

The pieces are dropped back at the studio when they're ready to be fired and can be picked up within a week.

Polkowski said the kits were popular during the Christmas season, but she missed hearing the chatter of customers working on their pieces in the studio.

"As soon as we get the green light with health restrictions and regulations, we would definitely be going back into doing our paint nights," said Polkowski.

While many Gimli residents have stopped by Hidden Treasures, Polkowski said she's also had out-of-town visitors check out the shop.

"We do have some people that make the trek from Winnipeg," she said. "But, I would say, the majority are people from Gimli and the Interlake communities that are coming and just really enjoying something new."



Sophie Hampton painted a butterfly as she celebrated her ninth birthday at Hidden Treasures.



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Hidden Treasures Studio owner, Barb Polkowski, said she's excited to have more socially distanced parties as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

Samantha Hampton said she's visits Hidden Treasures often.

"I work just down the street," said Hampton.

She said she finds it relaxing and convenient because you can come back to finish your project whenever you have time.

Her daughter, Sophie Hampton, celebrated her ninth birthday at Hidden Treasures on March 20 with eight of her friends painting socially distanced in the studio.

Sophie said she got to try glass fusing crafts at the studio, but she prefers to paint pottery.

Brittany Isfeld, economic developer and tourism co-ordinator for Gimli, said many businesses are experiencing the same support in town.

"I saw a lot of people getting locally made products (during Christmas), which was really nice to see, and locally bought as well."

Isfeld said the community usually starts to bustle with people returning to their cottages in May, but COVID-19 pushed people to visit earlier last summer.

"With the shutdown happening early March, we were seeing an increase in that whole entire summer mindset."

"We knew that people weren't coming here for the events," she added noting that the Gimli Film Festival, the Icelandic Festival and many other events were cancelled because of COVID-19. "They were coming here for the beauty."

She's unsure if the same trend will happen this year since more people are back to working in-person, but the community is working hard to be prepared.

"Everyone is eager to get going," she said. "Everyone has pre-set plans for their events, but there's nothing set in stone."

To order a Art 2 Go Kit or learn more about Hidden Treasures, visit <https://hiddentreasuresstudio.square.site/> or in person at 40 Centre St., Gimli.

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# Education bill to dissolve school divisions delayed by opposition NDP

By Patricia Barrett

A provincial Conservative bill that proposes to dissolve 37 school divisions across the province will be delayed by the Opposition NDP until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Calling Bill 64 a “power grab,” the NDP’s education critic Nello Altomare announced last week his party’s intention to use its powers to delay the 300-plus-page bill in order to give teachers and parents time to read and consider it.

The bill “gets rid of school boards that made decisions for the betterment of kids, not for the advancement of a political agenda,” said Altomare on Twitter.

The government wants to create a single provincial education authority (PEA) composed of a six- to 11-member board that will oversee education and determine the number of schools in communities. It also wants to establish school community councils that will be made up of parents, who’ll be tasked with duties such as the overseeing of hiring teachers and staff, assessing program effectiveness and recommending disciplinary action.

The government said the changes are necessary in order to improve Manitoba students’ scholastic achievement, which is among the lowest in Canada in some subjects.

Altomare said the bill will remove local voices, allowing decisions to be

made by people in Winnipeg with no connection to small towns and also threaten the very survival of small towns as no one will want to live in towns that lack schools.

The NDP can delay five bills from proceeding to second reading until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Manitoba School Boards Association president Alan Campbell said the bill won’t likely receive second and third reading and royal assent until November 2021 “at the earliest.”

The NDP’s delay is important in that it “changes timelines,” said Campbell by phone last week.

It will give people time to review the extensive bill, the recommendations made by the K-12 education commission and weigh the government’s new strategy. It will also give people time to prepare to speak about the changes before a House standing committee, which will review the bill after it passes second reading.

Campbell said “close to 200 people”

have already signed up to speak at the committee hearings.

“Once it receives second reading, it moves pretty quickly to third reading and royal assent,” said Campbell. “For all of us in education that are trying to raise Manitobans’ awareness about the damage this proposed legislation will do, we now have time to review it.”

Campbell is providing regular updates on the issue via brief recorded videos (under two minutes or so) that are being posted on the association’s Twitter site.

In a post last week, Campbell said the delay will allow educators to understand the contents of Bill 64 and to “hold it up beside the report from the K-12 review commission and ask questions about why the government is proposing legislation that ignores so many important aspects of that million-dollar, K-12 review report.”

The association, which provides leadership and advocacy to school di-



MSBA president Alan Campbell

visions and educators, is encouraging people to register and speak before the House committee whose dates will be announced later this year. People can call the Office of the Clerk at the Legislature (204-945-3636) to register.

## Manitoba’s nutrient applicant ban lifted

Staff

Manitoba’s nutrient application ban was officially lifted by the province last week.

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development alongside Manitoba Conservation and Climate made the announcement last Tuesday, paving the way for producers to begin applying fertilizer, including livestock manure, to their land once

again.

All other requirements of the Nutrient Management Regulation and the Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation remain in effect. Nutrients cannot be applied to sensitive lands along waterways or to lands classified as Nutrient Management Zone N4.

Producers are reminded to assess current weather conditions and pe-

riodically check weather forecasts when applying nutrients prior to April 11. Nutrients should not be applied in instances where the weather outlook is unfavourable. Those conditions include a forecast of snow or an appreciable amount of rainfall that would result in run-off.

More information on the nutrient applications is available at [www.manitoba.ca/nutrientdates](http://www.manitoba.ca/nutrientdates).



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Copies of the proposed Financial Plan will be available upon request, April 19, 2021 at the RM of Fisher Municipal Office, 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, MB during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may also be directed by letter to the Chief Administrative Officer or through e-mail at [fishercao@mymts.net](mailto:fishercao@mymts.net)

The Public Hearing will be held virtually and available to interested parties to observe. Please register with the municipal office (204-372-6393) to receive a link or phone number to the meeting platform no later than April 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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would stimulate economic development.

“At no point are we committed to getting rid of the park. If the right offer comes along, we’ll seriously consider getting rid of it,” said Petrowski. “We can go through this whole process and find out it’s definitely better keeping it. And if we hold on to it and the next Diageo walks through the door and needs space, we’ve got it. So we need to weigh all the options carefully.”

The proposed construction of a cannabis plant — on about 80 acres of RM-owned land bordering the airport — had ultimately failed, but the RM had retained ownership of the land throughout the process. The same principle would apply in this case, he said. If nothing comes out of this process, the RM will keep the land as an asset.

Some of the members of the local Gimli Car Club are users of the motorsports park. Club president and self-

professed “motorhead” John Hykawy said he’d like to see it upgraded.

“The park is a great asset and it has never been used to its full potential, in my opinion,” said Hykawy by phone. “I’d like to see it improved, including the campground and the stage area for concerts.”

The RM was unable to provide information about the appraised value of the motorsports park but did share the cost of hiring Landmark Planning.

“As per the Manitoba Municipal Act, this matter is in its preliminary stage and discussion [about the motorsports park’s value] in public could prejudice our ability to carry out negotiations,” said CAO Kelly Cosgrove by email. “The proposal from Landmark was for \$7,500 for the work outlined in their proposal. Any additional work from Landmark outside of what they defined in the proposal will be billable as per their rates.”

# COVID-19 variant cases on the rise

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The number of COVID-19 variant cases in Manitoba continues to rise.

Public health officials announced 136 confirmed cases of the more contagious variants of the virus on Monday, the bulk (117) popping up in Winnipeg.

At press time, Manitoba's total number of variant cases was at 259. The number of active COVID-19 cases overall, meanwhile, was 1,117. There were a total of 149 COVID-19 hospitalizations, 27 ICU patients.

The total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 was 934 at the start of the week.

This big jump in variant cases is due in part to the way the province is identifying them, explained Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"To date, we have only been reporting sequence-positive VOCs [variants of concern], but because our manner of screening has become so precise, Manitoba will now start to report on all samples that screen positive as a variant of concern," he said, noting

sequencing is a much more time-intensive process and not always necessary for identification. "That's why today we're going to see a jump in the number of variant of concern cases, because now we've included ones that have just screened positive that would have been pending sequencing in the past."

The B117 variant first detected in the United Kingdom is rapidly becoming a much more common strain here in Manitoba.

"One day last week up to a third of our cases had screened positive for B117, and this is showing us that the B117 strain, like many other jurisdictions in Canada, is becoming the predominant strain," Roussin said. "We know these [variants] are here, we can see in other jurisdictions they're leading to an increase in transmission, an increase in hospitalization at younger ages, and an increase in severity, so this is why we need to ensure we are staying on guard against the transmission of the virus."

Monday also saw the province announce 53 new cases of COVID-19

across the province, bringing the total of lab-confirmed cases over the past year to 33,975.

Interlake-Eastern began the week with 25 active cases and five hospitalizations (two in ICU). There have been 2,417 recoveries and 37 deaths in the region.

Peguis/Fisher River is the only community showing seven active cases on the provincial COVID website while all other communities are reporting zero active cases at press time.

## Pushing pause on the Astrazeneca vaccine

The province Monday announced Manitobans age 64 years and up and First Nations people age 44 and over are now eligible for the vaccine.

Details about vaccine eligibility can be found online <https://protectmb.ca>. Appointments can be made there or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC.

Vaccine task force medical lead Dr. Joss Reimer also announced they are halting use of the AstraZeneca vaccine in people under the age of 55 due to safety concerns.

"Despite the findings that there was no increased risk of blood clots overall related to AstraZeneca in Europe, a rare but very serious side effect has been seen primarily in young women in Europe," she said. "Out of an abundance of caution, Manitoba will be recommending that these vaccines only be used in people who are 55 and older at this time [specifically people 55-64 with a high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes]."

"This is a pause while we wait for more information to better understand what we are seeing in Europe," Reimer said. "This is an important and evidence-based change ... we have to respond to what we know when we know it in this vaccine campaign, which does sometimes mean adjusting our plans in real time."

The latest research shows the likelihood of these negative side effects with the AstraZeneca vaccine is between one in 100,000 to one in a million.

"To date we have not seen any of these cases in Manitoba, nor in Canada," Reimer noted.

# Officials make only minor changes to public health orders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's leaders have opted to stay the course when it comes to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Health and government officials made only minor changes to the public health orders that expired last week.

The new orders, which are in place until April 15, keep Manitoba at the critical/red level on the pandemic response system.

All previous restrictions remain, but the new orders do allow for gathering limits at outdoor public spaces (not private ones) to increase to 25 people from the previous 10.

Weddings and funerals are also now allowed 25 guests, up as well from 10.

Retail stores are still limited to 50 per cent capacity, but in-store limits are now expanded to 500 people,

whichever is lower.

Finally, the province also relaxed rules for drive-in events, allowing people to leave their vehicles while still observing public health measures.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial health officer, stressed the necessity of this cautious approach to reopening.

"We don't have nearly the amount of vaccination coverage that we need to change our public health measures, but we can be optimistic that more and more vaccine is on its way," he said. "We just need to be cautious for the near future."

"We'll be able to look at further reopening steps after spring break and Passover and Easter, as our data supports," Roussin said. "We all need to continue to work together to keep

these numbers down. We all know what happened following Thanksgiving gatherings early in our second wave and we have to continue to avoid that from happening again.

"The variants of concern just add to that level of risk right now. We know these variants spread much more readily."

Premier Brian Pallister said these new orders follow the priorities identified by Manitobans who filled out a public survey asking them to weigh in on a few proposed changes.

"At every step of the way throughout this pandemic we have endeavoured as a government to reach out directly to Manitobans to get their input, feedback, and priorities on a variety of measures designed to protect Manitobans from this deadly virus," he said. "And when we ask Manitobans for

their input we listen to it."

Nearly 32,000 people responded to the call for feedback, most expressing discomfort at the idea of going down to code orange restrictions too quickly.

"The announcement we made today is at least in part because of the input we got from Manitobans," Pallister said. "I understand we're not going to make everyone happy ... but at the end of the day what we come up with as the plan is our plan. And so I encourage Manitobans to stick with the plans that we've outlined, follow the health orders, because that's how we make it work."

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Everyone thought spring had sprung early last weekend after several Manitoba towns broke records with seasonal high temperatures, but Mother Nature brought snow, sleet, wind and rain last Monday to remind us that it's only March. Help us record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and/or families enjoying the outdoors. Email: [weather@expressweeklynews.ca](mailto:weather@expressweeklynews.ca)

## letter to the editor

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### Kudos to Interlake's mixed doubles curling teams

Yippee, Kerri Einerson (Camp Morton) /Brad Gushue (NFLD) vs Kadrina Sahaidak/Colton Lott (Winnipeg Beach Curling Club) in the finals for the mixed curling doubles.

What a great representation of the Interlake in Manitoba. As a transplanted Winnipegger living in Calgary, I am so proud and overjoyed to see such talent coming out of the

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- Anna Marinelli, Calgary

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# Burton's Bunch to walk in Sandy Hook to raise awareness of workplace death and injury

By Patricia Barrett

A Sandy Hook resident is hosting a COVID-safe fundraising walk around her neighbourhood to increase awareness of workplace tragedies and to help fund programs offered by a national organization that supports families who've lost a loved one.

Lynda Kolly is organizing the one-day walk to support Threads of Life, a registered charity that advocates for workplace safety and has an extensive network of volunteers and experts supporting people who have experienced a workplace fatality or a life-altering injury or who have acquired a health complication attributable to the workplace.

Kolly said she has been a volunteer with Threads of Life for about 15 years. She speaks to businesses about safety risks that can include a lack of proper equipment, inadequate training and operating while short staffed. She also acts as a support person for people who've experienced the loss of a loved one.

She joined the organization after she lost her 17-year-old son, Burton Reimer, in a workplace accident on Lake Winnipeg. The high school student had been working as a fisher's helper in October 1999.

"The boat they were in took on water and sank and Burton died," said Kolly by phone. "In 1999 there wasn't a Threads of Life organization so I didn't have anybody to help me navigate through it."

Kolly said she started speaking out publicly about a lack of provincial enforcement of fishing regulations. Conservation officers weren't checking to see whether fishers and their employees had life jackets or other safety equipment on board their vessels.

"They were checking fishing quotas



Burton Reimer, 17, was working as a fisher's helper on Lake Winnipeg in 1999 when the boat he was in sank and he died.

but not to see if the fishers were working safe," she said. "I also lobbied the government to see if there could be an inquest into my son's death, but it got denied."

In 2018, 1,027 Canadians died of work-related causes, according to the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada, and over 264,000 claims were accepted for lost time due to a work-related injury or disease. New statistics won't be released until sometime this year.

Across the country Threads of Life holds forums that are led by facilitators. The organization trains its volunteers to speak to businesses about safety and also trains "family guides" who are partnered with someone who has experienced a loss. That can be spouses, parents or "often overlooked" siblings.



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF LYNDA KOLLY

The Burton's Bunch Steps for Life team at Kildonan Park (pre-COVID). The team raises money for Threads of Life, a national Canadian organization that promotes workplace safety and supports people who have lost a loved one.

"I'm not a professional guidance counsellor, but as a family guide I can support people. It's a way to help them heal. You get a lot of people attending that are really broken because of their loss and they don't understand how it could have happened," said Kolly.

Kolly's walking team is called "Burton's Bunch Steps for Life Winnipeg." Because the annual walk usually attracts over 300 people, Kolly said it's held in Winnipeg's Kildonan Park. But COVID-19 cases and the uncertainty of provincial restrictions on gathering sizes have scotched that. Smaller groups of people, however, are intending to hold walks to raise money for Threads.

Kolly said she has about 15 locals signed up so far for her Sandy Hook walk. The route is her street near the golf course. People will be wearing masks and social distancing as they walk and there will be coffee served on Kolly's driveway. One of Kolly's

neighbours offered to host half the group on her driveway just across the street should numbers exceed allowable limits.

"All the money we raise for Threads of Life during our walk goes towards the programs that support people who've experienced a workplace tragedy" she said.

People can contact Kolly through the Burton's Bunch Steps for Life Winnipeg Facebook page, her personal Facebook page or email her at lyndako@shaw.ca to inquire about the walk or make a donation.

The walk takes place Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

It coincides with the start of the North American Occupational Safety and Health week (May 2-8), which raises awareness among employers, employees, government and unions of preventing injuries and illness in the workplace.

## Fast access to one-time loans to protect families at risk of eviction

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$5.6 million to the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPFA) to deliver a rent bank program that will support stable housing for low-income to moderate-income families, Families Minister Rochelle Squires announced Monday.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted a need to support renters experiencing an unexpected interruption of income that threatens their tenancies," said Squires. "This Manitoba Rent Bank will address the immediate need created by the pandemic, providing housing stability and protection for families that are unable to pay shelter costs due to unforeseen circumstances."

The Manitoba Rent Bank will provide interest-free loans to tenants who are behind in their rent or need to move to housing that is more suitable. The program will be administered through the MNPFA and will be delivered regionally through local rent banks.

"Through partnerships with organizations like SEED Winnipeg, End Homelessness Winnipeg and other community resources, this initiative will provide the short-term financial help along with the longer-term supports people need to maintain their housing," said Christina Maes Nino, executive director, MNPFA. "No landlord wants to evict someone because they are struggling financially and this will be a critical resource to

keep people housed."

Rent banks are a leading jurisdictional best practice in stabilizing housing for those in need and have proven effective in helping to prevent homelessness. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the vulnerable and this will be one more tool to stabilize households in Manitoba.

The minister noted that rent banks provide fast-access crisis intervention loans that help families pay rent or overdue utility bills and avoid eviction.

"This investment will help to prevent homelessness and minimize strain on families and children who may otherwise have to relocate to new neighbourhoods or communities," said Squires.

The MNPFA represents over 100 non-profit housing providers who collectively own and manage more than 24,000 affordable homes across 23 communities in Manitoba. The association is part of a larger community building the non-profit and affordable housing sector across the province. The mission of the MNPFA is to build a thriving, sustainable, non-profit housing sector through support services, professional development and education, advocacy and partnership development.

The province will pilot the Manitoba Rent Bank for a two-year period and evaluate the program to determine its need for future support.



# Grahamdale reaches out to MP Bezan re: channels

Staff

The RM of Grahamdale council have reached out to Selkirk-Interlake-East-

man MP James Bezan detailing its concerns regarding the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Chan-

nels Project.

Reeve Craig Howse authored a letter to Bezan stating the RM is frustrated

with the project's environmental assessment and impacts.

"There is a misconception that the RM is supportive of the project. It's important to the citizens of Manitoba as it has potential to improve flood protection," said Howse.

"The RM has, to date, observed these benefits will not extend to residents of the municipality, and more importantly, are concerned the project will permanently and adversely impact the community," he said.

To better understand and address the environmental and socioeconomic concerns, Howse said the RM has engaged with Manitoba Infrastructure, and more recently, "senior provincial political leadership" have become directly involved.

Regretfully, though, he said the project design remains incomplete in the eyes of the RM, as the project preliminary design has not been finalized.

"Without a project design, the scope and magnitude of the environmental impacts cannot be properly identified and considered, and the RM cannot meaningfully determine whether proposed mitigation measures are adequate," said Howse.

"The RM's interactions with ... the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has been largely positive. Their review of the project, and its deficiencies, has provided some tangible benefit to the assessment process.

"We have articulated our concerns with the project, but recognize their jurisdictional authorities fall solely within federal and not provincial legislation," he said.

By reaching out to Bezan, Howse said his hope is to further discuss how to have the RM best represented with federal and provincial stakeholders.

MP Bezan told the *Express* he received the letter and has appreciated the RM's correspondence regarding the project. He said while he will continue to meet with the RM and attempt to address concerns related to lack of consultation and environmental risk, majority of the province is supportive of the project.



"In almost all infrastructure projects of this size, we must recognize not every party is going to be 100 per cent satisfied. The majority of municipalities, First Nations, farmers, ranchers, cottage owners and Manitobans are supportive of the project and frustrated by the lack of progress under this Liberal government," said Bezan.


"This project has been in the works since the previous Conservative government. It remains crucial to protect Manitobans from the catastrophic

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# Leo constellation heralds the arrival of spring

Submitted by Ted Bronson

Now that we have advanced to Daylight Savings Time we enjoy more light in the evenings. Even so, nightfall comes early enough to take in some stargazing before bedtime. Once the sun sets and twilight fades to darkness the bright stars of the winter night sky are seen descending in the west during the month of April. This signals the winding down of winter and welcomes the incoming signs of the spring season.

The coming of the spring season heralds a new set of constellations that dominate the night sky. Once the sun has gone down and darkness has descended upon us there is one constellation that stands out in April. This constellation, a collection of stars called Leo (the Lion), is easily recognized. It can be found high above the southern horizon between the constellations of Cancer (the Crab) and Virgo (the Virgin) once the stars appear in the night sky. I find that Leo is one of the few of the 88 constellations that actually looks like its namesake — a lion with its mighty head facing west as it moves across the sky all night long this time of year. Most of the other constellation patterns require more (sometimes much more) imagination to picture their forms in the night sky. Leo is one of the 12 constellations in

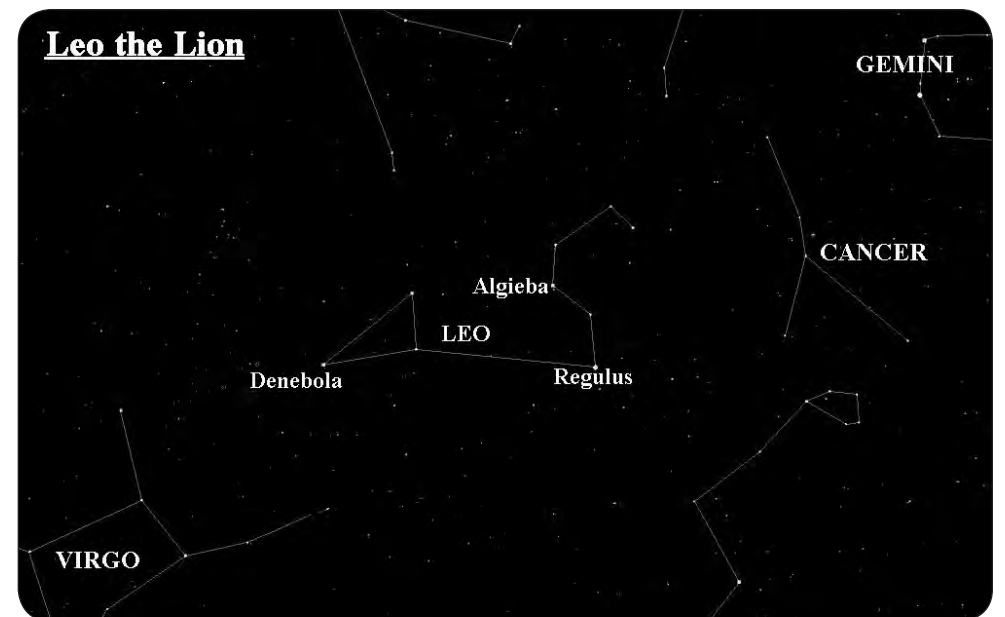
which all of the planets pass in front of from time to time.

The bright star Regulus marks the heart of the Lion. It is a blue-white star shining at a visual magnitude of 1.4 making it the 21st brightest star in the night sky. Regulus is about 80 light years distant and 3.5 times bigger and 288 times brighter than our sun. It is also a multiple star system consisting of at least four stars. Under a dark and clear sky a set of 10x50 binoculars will reveal the faint companion to the northwest of Regulus without too much difficulty.

The second brightest star in the constellation of Leo is Denebola at magnitude 2.14. It marks the tail of the Lion.

Another star of significance in Leo is Algieba, magnitude 2.08, appearing in the mane of the Lion. This star is one of the finest double stars in the night sky. The primary is orange-red while the companion is greenish-yellow. A small telescope is needed to reveal the companion star.

Mars has been moving through the stars of Taurus (the Bull) over the past month or so. You will find the Red Planet situated between the horns of the Bull around the 12th of April on its way toward Gemini the Twins. It is interesting to compare the orange colour of Mars to the reddish colour of the bright star Alde-



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Leo the Lion will be easily recognizable during the month of April.

aran in Taurus. Aldebaran will be a bit brighter than Mars this month.

The waning crescent moon can be seen before sunrise just below the planet Saturn on April 6. Next morning before the sun comes up the moon has moved to a position just below the planet Jupiter. The waxing crescent moon can be found below and to the right of Mars after sunset April 16. The next night the moon will have moved to a point above and to the left of the Red Planet. The full moon (Pink Moon) is classed

as a "supermoon" this month as its orbit carries it closest to the earth at this time. Look for the full moon this month as it rises in the east-southeast at 9:46 p.m. CDT on April 27.

Clear Skies

Ted Bronson is an avid local astronomer who has been observing the sky since 1964. This column "Guide to the Galaxy" appears monthly in the Tribune.

## Licensed outfitters able to stay afloat with financial assistance

By Patricia Barrett

Provincial government funding that will be awarded to licensed outfitters under a grant program will help keep them afloat while they wait for borders to re-open.

The province announced a few weeks ago that it's providing \$8 million in grant funding under a Hospitality Relief Sector Program to help hotels and full-time licensed outfitters with business expenses.

COVID-19 and public health restrictions closed borders and kept many American tourists away from Manitoba where they can hunt animals such as deer, elk, moose and bears and partake in angling or duck shooting.

"This funding from the government definitely will be a shot in the arm for some of them," said Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association president DJ Seales last week. "It will not do everything, but it will keep them afloat until the border opens and people can come back."

The MLOA and the Manitoba Hotel Association are administering the government's hospitality relief program.

Seales said border closures — the U.S.-Canada border and the Manitoba-Ontario border — along with public health restrictions badly affected the revenues of outfitters. They suffered losses between 75 and 90 per cent.

Some of the outfitters were able to attract domestic tourists from Manitoba or other parts of Canada, he said. But those from the east were either subjected to inter-provincial border closures or would have had to embark on a 14-day quarantine period before they could go on to their Manitoba outfitter destination.

"Nobody is going to book for 14 days, quarantine and then go and do what [they came here to do]," said Seales. "This has definitely hit our fly-in outfitters very hard just due to the requirements for flying such as how many people you can have in a plane and other restrictions."

If outfitters were to open, they'd lose money, he added. There just weren't enough domestic tourists to support the industry.

The Express reached out to a number of Interlake outfitters for comment.

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damages and exorbitant costs for future floods.

"This Liberal government has been pushing around the Province of Manitoba for the last five years and every time the province gets the paperwork finalized the federal Liberal government moves the goalpost again," he said.

Bezan added that the longer the federal government "drags its heels" on the project, the risk of future damages increases, and that Manitobans "deserve better."

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# Gimli Glider Exhibit acquires new parts and new partners

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Glider Exhibit has acquired some new parts from the famous airliner that glided into Gimli 38 years ago, as well as some new partners to help promote the aviation tourism industry in Manitoba.

Exhibit president Barb Gluck said this will likely be the last time they'll be able to buy parts of the plane, which was relegated to an American scrapyard after retirement.

"The Gimli Glider has acquired the first observer's seat from the cockpit of the aircraft and some other items from the plane that will be the last we'll get," said Gluck by phone last week.

Rick Dion, an Air Canada mechanic, was sitting in the observer's seat as a guest on the 1983 flight and surmised that the airliner had run out of fuel when alarms went off in the cockpit, said Gluck.

The Air Canada Boeing 767 passenger jet ran out of fuel during a flight from Montreal to Edmonton and made an emergency landing on a former Royal Canadian Air Force runway in Gimli that had been converted into a car racing strip. Cpt. Bob Pearson



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Cpt. Bob Pearson, who safely landed a powerless airliner in Gimli in 1983, presents Nathan Nichols with a Gimli Glider T-shirt as exhibit president Barb Gluck looks on. The six-year-old aviation fan came from San Antonio, Texas, in 2019 to meet Pearson at a gala evening in Gimli.

used his prior experience as a glider pilot to land the powerless aircraft, saving everyone on board. After the incident, the jet continued flying but at the end of its serviceable life ended up in a scrapyard with its parts being sold to interested buyers.

The exhibit includes parts of the

plane, including windows and the yoke, an interactive flight simulator, firsthand witness accounts and Cpt. Pearson's personal memorabilia.

The exhibit closed in October 2020 because of the surge in COVID-19 cases but hopes to re-open this summer pending public health orders.

In addition to its latest acquisitions, Gluck said the exhibit has joined forces with aviation museums in Winnipeg and Brandon and Travel Manitoba to promote the aviation tourism industry.

"We've got three amazing aviation museums here in Manitoba — the Gimli Glider Exhibit, the Royal Aviation Museum in Winnipeg and the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon," said Gluck. "The three of us are going to work together as a team to create a branding program and make this province Canada's aviation destination."

Terry Slobodian from the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada talked about the initiative last week during a media interview, she said. It's important to link aviation tourism across the province as tourists might not be aware of the two other museums and "aviation fans are not just interested in one aviation subject" but the entire spectrum.

The exhibit in Gimli has caught the eye of aircraft buffs across the globe and has brought Cpt. Pearson to Gim-

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The West Interlake watershed District, in partnership with local stakeholders, developed the Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A Project Management Team established three watershed goals, based on review of technical information and public input received.

## WATERSHED GOALS

- 1. SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT** - Enhance surface water management while ensuring that practices and activities respect current land use, the environment, and potential for downstream impacts
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The GROW program developed by the West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is delivered in the context of the Southwest Interlake Watershed Management Plan.

**Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW)**

GROW is designed to assist landowners in developing projects that maintain or improve local watershed health. GROW encourages the delivery of ecological goods & services (EG&S), promoting conservation of natural areas and changes to land uses that provide EG&S.

### Eligible Project Activities

GROW Activity	Projects	Goals	Contract Length
Wetland Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving class 1 &amp; 2 wetlands on annual crop land (not draining or filling).</li> <li>Re-establishment of perennial upland buffers (inter-pothole seeding) around wetlands to minimize mechanical disturbance.</li> <li>Fencing &amp; off-site watering systems for grazing management.</li> </ul>	To improve water quality and aquifers, enhance recharge and water storage areas moderating the timing and volume of runoff, reduce negative impacts downstream, and increase wild life habitat.	10 Year Contract With WIWD
Riparian Area Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of existing healthy riparian areas.</li> <li>Exclusion fencing that optimizes grazing impacts.</li> <li>Alternative watering system to keep cattle out of riparian area.</li> <li>Establishment or improvement of stream crossing.</li> <li>Constructed works to stabilize banks &amp; prevent erosion.</li> <li>Re-establishment of riparian vegetation.</li> </ul>	Projects to improve water quality, improve storage capacity to reduce downstream flooding during high water events, stabilize shorelines and prevent erosion and, increase wild life habitat.	5-10 Year Contract With WIWD
Buffer Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of a new buffer or shelterbelt.</li> <li>Expansion of existing buffer or shelterbelt (adding new rows, inter-planting differing species to add diversity).</li> <li>Re-establishment of buffer vegetation.</li> <li>Pruning or removal of deceased trees.</li> </ul>	To improve water quality and water conservation efforts, increase crop yield and carbon sequestration, add thermal protection for livestock, reduce surface runoff and soil erosion, and to improve wild life and pollinator habitats.	10 Year Contracts With WIWD
Upland Area Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving native prairie or highly erodible upland areas.</li> <li>Enhancing natural and managed upland areas.</li> <li>Re-establishment of perennial native/tame cover on sensitive lands.</li> <li>Re-forestation of previous wooded areas.</li> <li>Permanent or alternative fencing and watering system to improve grazing strategies that support pasture health.</li> <li>Establishment of Soil Health crops (cover-crops, polycrops, green-manure).</li> </ul>	To improve the ecological function of natural and maintained upland areas, increase soil health and carbon sequestration, reduce soil erosion, and to promote healthy wildlife and pollinator habitat and biodiversity.	3-10 Year Contracts With WIWD



# Woodlands fire department provides mutual aid to Portage

## Staff

A fire that started near Portage la Prairie spread over 900 acres last month and into the RM of Woodlands, sparking a response from two separate fire departments.

Woodlands Fire Chief Dean Campbell said the fire started after an RM of Portage la Prairie resident was burning some grass in their yard near the St. Ambrose Marsh, but the fire got away. Campbell said what started as a small grass fire quickly grew out of control.

"It was a pretty big area, but other than an old building that had already burned by the time the Portage department got there, there was no other structures damaged," said Campbell, commending the departments for their swift and decisive action.

"The fire did get in close to people's homes and things like that, but the departments were able to save all that. We were able to hold the fire at (Provincial Road) 411," he said, noting the road has been used as a fire break in the past as well.

Once the wind caught the fire, Campbell said the fire pushed to the southeast toward the RM of Woodlands.



The RM of Woodlands Fire Department worked with the RM of Portage to contain a fire that spread over an area of about 900 acres.

Originally, the RM of Woodlands Fire Department was called to aid the Portage la Prairie Fire Department with its situation, but soon Woodlands had a situation of its own. The fire department had to fight the fire along PR 411, as Campbell said fire has no issue jumping the road if the wind is gusting.

"But the guys did a terrific job," said Campbell. "It was about eight hours the guys spent fighting the fire."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RM OF WOODLANDS

Typically, Campbell said fire departments within the same mutual aid district will help one another out as required.

While Portage and Woodlands are not in the same mutual aid district, he said it isn't uncommon for the two departments to work together given they geographically border one another.

After the incident last week, Campbell said the RM of Woodlands has put a burn ban in place. He said it's

too early to tell if this year will be a dry one, and therefore more susceptible to fire.

"We can't predict the weather," said Campbell.

"Typically, when we have winters with very little snow, we'll get quite a bit of rain. But we haven't seen that yet. Hopefully we get a couple rainstorms, and we'll be fine."



Witnesses saw large plumes of smoke from the area, causing great concern among locals.

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li on speaking tours.

"The Gimli Glider Exhibit has attracted people from around the world. I got an email from Hawaii recently. It's a worldwide famous event," said Gluck. "So with us bringing them in from around the world, we can help promote the other two by asking people, 'Are you going to the one in Winnipeg and are you going to the one in Brandon?' Often people hadn't planned their trip around the other two museums."

Travel Manitoba, a publicly and privately funded marketing organization, said it's still in the early stages of the aviation museum initiative and

wasn't able to share details such as what the marketing plan entails, how much money it's putting into it or when the official launch date will be.

"This concept has only briefly been discussed and is in extremely preliminary stages at this point. We have none of these details as nothing has been decided," said Travel Manitoba's senior content marketing manager Nisha Tuli.

She said Travel Manitoba would likely be able to share details in late April or early May.

For more information about the Gimli Glider Exhibit, visit [gimliglider.org](http://gimliglider.org) or call 204-642-5577 or email [gimligliderinfo@gmail.com](mailto:gimligliderinfo@gmail.com)

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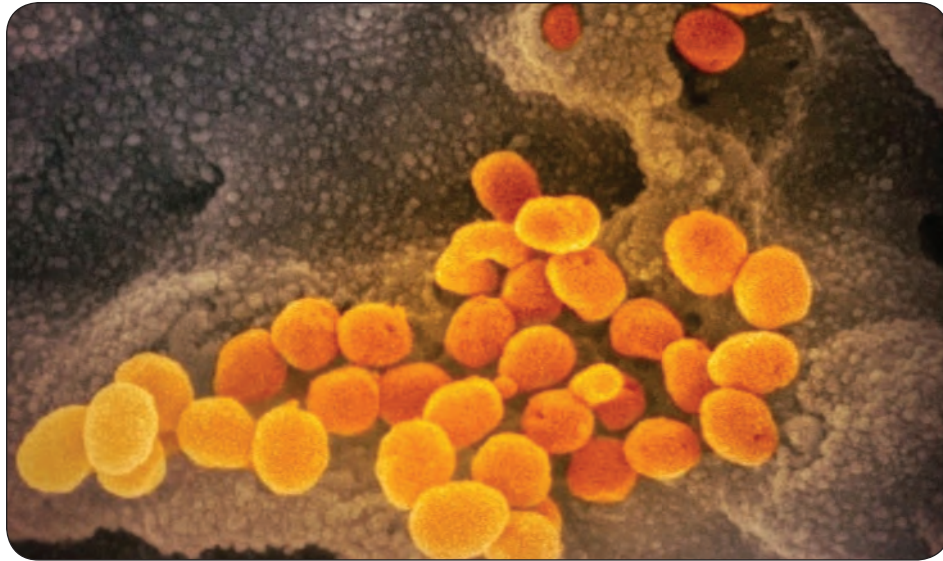


# Canada's strategy to delay second doses of COVID-19 vaccine questioned

By Patricia Barrett

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), which provides advice to Canada's Public Health Agency of Canada, has recommended delaying second doses of COVID-19 vaccines by up to four months contrary to vaccine manufacturers' data and guidelines.

The advice comes after interruptions in vaccine supply around the world and is based on general vaccine knowledge about interruptions in dosing.



The COVID-19 virus. More infectious variants of the virus are circulating in Manitoba.

"Morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 is ongoing. Extending the interval to the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine maximizes vaccine supply to immunize the largest number of people as quickly as possible," states the NACI in its March 16 recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines. "Principles of immunology indicate that a minimum interval of four months between priming and boost-

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ing doses of a vaccine series results in a better, more durable response."

NACI adds that no data on a "maximum interval between doses or on medium- or long-term efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines" are currently available. But the real-world effectiveness of the vaccines suggests "sustained high levels of protection."

Data of efficacy provided by COVID vaccine manufacturers, such as Pfizer-

er-BioNTech and Moderna, are based on intervals of three or four weeks between the first and second doses.

A number of researchers have said delaying the second dose of the COVID vaccine beyond manufacturers' recommendations may not be an effective strategy despite the vaccine shortage as older people and those with compromised immune systems could be most negatively affected.

Canada's chief science advisor Mona Nemer, a molecular genetics specialist, said tinkering with the dosing timeline of COVID vaccines — when there is no evidence to support a lengthy delay — may not be the best way to go. Both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's vaccine efficacies are based on an interval of three or four weeks, not several months.

"The studies so far and the vast majority of data that we have on the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccine are from studies where they were given three to four weeks apart, not three to four months apart," said Nemer during an interview with CBC. "So I think it's really important we stick with the data and the great science that gave

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# Health Foundation donates \$17,500 to programs and services

## Staff

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) staff contributed \$17,500 to nine organizations that benefit patients and residents from across the region. The Five Dollar Club is the RHA's staff-led, corporate giving program where staff voluntarily contribute \$5 to Interlake Eastern Health Foundation through payroll deductions and then collectively decide where to donate the money. Nine programs benefitted from the generosity of staff, and below is a snapshot of each donation.

### Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba receives \$4,000



Janelle Wotton  
community dietitian & strategic initiatives manager

Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba is a charitable organization dedicated to helping school children learn, grow and succeed by supporting breakfast, snack and lunch programs. They're unique because they're based in Manitoba and all of the funds raised stay here, reaching children in regions across the province.

"These programs help address an immediate need for nutrition support in our schools and communities, as well as work towards a brighter future for Manitoba students by ensuring all students have an equal opportunity to learn in the classroom and at home," Wendy Bloomfield, chair of Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba.

### Selkirk Regional Health Centre (family birthing unit) receives \$2,651 for a new breast pump

Currently the family birthing unit only has one breast pump. When there are multiple mothers in care, another pump would be well utilized. The family birthing unit at Selkirk Regional Health Centre is the obstetrical



Left to right, Morgan Chaye (Family Birthing Unit assistant), Jamie Brown (FBU CRN) and Dr. Margaret Speer (obstetrical lead).

referral site for all low-risk prenatal women in the Interlake-Eastern region, averaging 350 to 400 births per year.

Jamie Brown, CRN in the family birthing, says the staff are very grateful for this donation from the club.

"This new breast pump will enable us to further promote breastfeeding initiatives and assist new moms to provide nourishment to their newborn by enhancing milk production. We are so grateful for this gift to the family birthing unit!"

### Selkirk Regional Health Centre palliative care program receives \$1,000 for a new sleep chair



Krug Sleep Chair.

These funds will be used in conjunction with other donations to purchase a comfortable chair that converts to a bed for family or caregivers that stay overnight with an end of life patient.

Susan Gunderson, the club member recommended the sleep chair after having a friend spend time in the palliative care unit.

"In June of 2020 a friend of mine spent nights sleeping in the palliative care room with her husband. When he passed, she said it would be nice if the palliative care room had a com-

fortable bed for family members who are staying during long periods of time with their loved ones."

Susan added, "I enjoy being a member of The Five Dollar Club because the donations go towards equipment or items within the RHA or organizations that are chosen by the members."

### Community Living Interlake receives \$2,000 for a new bed mat



Community Living Interlake's Sara Precourt, Tracy Fidler, Ryan Doyle and Janice Kowerko and seated Eden Zdebiak holding the cheque.

Community Living Interlake supports Individuals who live with intellectual disabilities. They work with the community to ensure people live meaningful lives in a fully integrated community.

Jimm Simon from Community Living Interlake says the donation will be used to purchase a new bed mat for their shower.

"We have a level entry shower with a shower bed and a Hoyer lift in our facility that we use for some of our individuals and that we also make available to public health for occasional use of individuals they care for. Your donation will be a very much appreciated upgrade to the well-worn bed mat we currently use."

### Nova House receives \$1,000 for programming

Nova House is an emergency and transitional shelter for women and children experiencing domestic or family violence. They offer 24-hour, seven-days-a-week accommodations to help support and empower women.

Executive director of Nova House Viktoria Westgate says they are grateful to receive another donation from the club.

"We are so grateful to The Five Dollar Club for thinking of us again this year and providing us this great do-



Nova House staff.

nation. We have been working on an amazing transformation of our backyard, that will continue in the spring. This money will help us with some finishing touches including enhancing our garden area. The families staying in the shelter will be able to create some great flower and vegetable gardens that they will be able to nurture over the summer."

### Selkirk Food Bank receives \$2,000



Selkirk Food Bank's Jack Bird, Rob Robinson, Darlene Zuke, Rose LaVallee and Catherine Moore.

The Selkirk Food bank supports community members by nourishing individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Food banks and other charities are being faced with unprecedented need due to the pandemic.

An anonymous Five Dollar Club member says that the club's contributions have a positive effect on our communities.

"The contributions made by members of the Five Dollar Club help support programs that benefit the health and wellness of Interlake-Eastern residents and have a positive effect on our communities."

### Manitoba Possible receives \$1,500

Manitoba Possible believes an inclusive and accessible society is possible. That's why they work together to eliminate barriers to full and equal participation. Manitoba Possible provides programs and services throughout the province.



## > HEALTH FOUNDATION, FROM PG. 13



Manitoba Possible's CEO Dana Erickson, left, and Lindsey Cooke, provincial services director.

Manitoba Possible co-ordinator Diana Simpson would like to sincerely thank members of The Five Dollar Club for this donation.

"Manitoba Possible wants to sincerely thank the club for their generous donation. Donations allow Manitoba Possible to continue our work towards making Interlake communities more inclusive and accessible for all."

### Beausejour Community Kitchen receives \$2,500

Beausejour Community Kitchen provides meals for those experiencing food insecurity in the Beausejour/Brokenhead area.

Brenda Mousseau of the Beausejour Community Kitchen is so grateful for the donation and tells us that packaging food for the community is their

largest expense right now.

"Thank you so much for your generous donation! Your contribution has helped us purchase packaging to send out our 70 plus meals a day to people who require extra help from our program. Our numbers have grown from 13 people the first day, on April 21, 2020, to between 70-80 per day, four days a week, and packaging is our largest expense."

### Sunnywood Manor residents receive \$700 for new laptop

The facility's current laptop is 10 years old and residents have a hard time seeing and hearing their loved ones during visits.

Brenda Rose-Wiebe, RN, BN and clinical team manager at Sunnywood Manor, says the laptop will be well used and is greatly appreciated.

"Receiving a new laptop for resident use is fantastic. It enables individual and group use for all residents, allowing them to stay updated and in touch with current events, music and videos, as well as being able to provide a larger screen for virtual visits with family."

Thank you to all members of The Five Dollar Club for helping to improve care for people and communities across our region.

## > DELAY, FROM PG. 12

us these fantastic vaccines and not tinker with it."

Medical research from the U.K., which has yet to be evaluated and certified, suggests a four-month interval between first and second doses of a COVID vaccine may not provide enough protection for older people and those with compromised immune systems.

The clinical trial titled, "Interim results of the safety and immune-efficacy of 1 versus 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine BNT162b2 [Pfizer-BioNTech] for cancer patients in the context of the UK vaccine priority guidelines," which is posted on the medRxiv preprint server, studied 151 cancer patients, the majority of whom were elderly.

The authors found that the "immune efficacy of a single inoculum in ... cancer patients was strikingly low (below 40 per cent) and very low in haematological cancer patients (below 15 per cent)."

Efficacy was improved to 95 per cent in cancer patients who received a second dose of the COVID vaccine at 21 days.

Delayed boosting, the research team concluded, can potentially leave most cancer patients "wholly or partially unprotected, with implications for their own health, their environment and the evolution of VOC [variants of concern] strains."

Because the study has yet to be evaluated by the medical peer-review system, the findings cannot be relied on to guide health-care practices.

Almost 23,000 people across Cana-

da have died from COVID. Manitoba's death toll stands at 933. Worldwide almost 2.8 million people have died (data: Johns Hopkins University, March 27).

More contagious variants of the virus — 109 confirmed cases of the U.K. variant (B117) and 14 of the South Africa variant (B1351) — have been identified in Manitoba as of last Saturday. COVID continues to spread across the province with warnings of exposures on buses and airlines, including at least three flights this month between Winnipeg and Toronto and Montreal. The Manitoba government loosened restrictions on gathering sizes and retail store capacity last month despite the rise of variants.

Seven vaccines are being administered in countries around the world, as of mid-February, and more than 200 vaccine candidates are in development, according to the World Health Organization.

On its COVID information website, the WHO said the vaccines will be a "gamechanger" but for the foreseeable future "we must continue wearing masks, physical distancing and avoiding crowds."

Those who have received a COVID inoculation shouldn't presume they're protected.

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# The route to rediscover history

By Jennifer McFee

An adventurous couple is preparing to hit the old dusty trail for an epic journey that could spring right out of the pages of a history book.

Terry Doerksen and his wife Patty plan to embark on a four-part adventure in May 2022 to relive a slice of history.

For the first stretch of the journey, the couple aims to travel by ox cart from Winnipeg to St. Paul, Minn.

"It's retracing the Red River trails, which were the main trade link that was responsible for the build-up of both those cities," Doerksen said.

"That trade route was travelled usually by Métis carters who would haul furs going that way and then they would bring up other supplies to the Red River community. So we're retracing that route as closely as we can."

To prepare for their journey, their shorthorn ox is currently in training near Stonewall on a farm owned by Dennis Scott.

"Our ox is named Zik. That's short for Bizhiki, which is Anishinaabe for ox or buffalo," Doerksen said.

"I'm not training Zik. I'm just doing what Dennis tells me. There is no way I could do this trip without him, and he is the expert on all things to do with training draught animals."

For the second leg of their journey, they plan to take a paddleboat down the Mississippi River.

"The Mississippi is navigable up to St. Paul, and that's why St. Paul was built where it was as well," Doerksen explained.

"We're taking a paddlewheeler

down to St. Louis, which was the most accessible big city to Winnipeg. There were also people travelling up and down by steamboat with bigger purchases."

After that, they plan to travel by canoe from St. Louis into the heart of Kansas.

"That's retracing some voyages of French Canadian explorers," Doerksen said.

The last jaunt of the trip will recreate some family history through a road trip back to Winnipeg in an antique automobile.

"My dad was born in Kansas and he immigrated to Manitoba as an eight-year-old boy. The car that he came in was a 1929 Plymouth — and that car is actually still in existence and is still in working condition," Doerksen said.

"We were hoping to drive that car back to Manitoba, so it will be a big loop."

With much to plan, the couple is still working out some of the logistics for their adventure. For starters, they're hoping to find someone who will pick up Zik in St. Paul and bring the ox back to the farm near Stonewall.

In addition, details still need to be sorted out for the final road trip in the 1929 Plymouth.

The final voyage would also depend on agreement to the excursion by the current owner of the car — and on his mechanic's judgment on whether the car could survive the drive.

"It is the actual car my dad came in, and it's currently stored near Steinbach on the farm where Dad's family immigrated to," Doerksen said. "We



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Terry Doerksen and his wife Patty are preparing for a four-part historic journey where they will be travelling by ox cart from Winnipeg to St. Paul to retrace the Red River trail travelled by Métis carters.

would have someone trailer it down for us and meet us in Kansas."

Although Doerksen and his wife Patty have never attempted to recreate history to this extent, they're certainly no strangers to travelling off the beaten path.

"We have driven most of the Dawson Road by car and taken a boat to where it starts on Lake of the Woods. We may actually do part of that road by ox cart this summer as a dress rehearsal," he said.

"I've done a lot of plain old travelling in my life. I've hitchhiked over

20,000 miles around North and South America. Our family lived in Mongolia for 12 years, which involved a lot of bouncing over dirt roads by any means possible."

As for the motivation for their upcoming journey in 2022, the impetus stems from a lifelong interest in history.

"Whenever I read history, my first reaction is always that I'd love to be able to travel where they travelled or eat what they ate or see what they saw," Doerksen said.

"I love reliving history."

## Stonewall on the Red River Trail

Submitted by Terry Doerksen

Have you ever assumed, like I did, that the town of Stonewall was named after the limestone walls of its quarry? I mean, it couldn't have been named after Stonewall Jackson, the U.S. Confederate leader.

Actually it was — indirectly. The founder of the town, Samuel Jackson, got the nickname of Stonewall because he shared a last name with the famous guy. In 1873, our "Stonewall" left Benson, near present Minneapolis and walked for 645 kilometres to the Red River Settlement. He bought up the land and planned out a town northwest of the settlement and humbly named it after himself.

I'm guessing that Stonewall, on his epic hike, followed the same trail Patty, Zik and I will be re-tracing soon. Zik, our shorthorn ox was born just outside the Town of Stonewall on the farm of Dennis Scott, the ox-whisperer. One day, after Zik and I had finished a session of Ox Carting 101, I was chatting

with Dennis in the porch and noticed a set of painted cowbells on the shelf.

Scott replied, "Oh, those came from a craft sale at the Baptist church in Stonewall."

"No kidding," I said. "My nephew, Rusty, is the pastor at that church!"

Which reminded me that I needed to talk to Erica, Rusty's wife, about exactly where she grew up. I knew she came from Minnesota and I was curious if her parents' farm was anywhere near the Red River Trail. Erica got me in touch with her mom, Janelle, who gave me directions to their farm over the phone as I followed in my road atlas.

"Six miles straight east of Kennedy on the 7, and then go north on a small road for two and a half miles."

I put a dot on the map, right beside the trail!! I sent Janelle the following picture of my map, just to confirm that I got the location right. I explained that the pencil line was my best attempt at the route of the original trail, with numbers indicating miles from Winnipeg. The green line was our proposed route.

Janelle called back and said, "That's the farm, alright." Janelle's great-grandfather had homesteaded in a dugout cabin here in the winter of 1882.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The green line shows the proposed route for the Doerksens' trip.

Janelle remembered how her grandma had taken her on a walk as a small girl and had showed her where the "Indians used to cross" — right where I had drawn the trail with my pencil! Right where Stonewall Jackson would have passed by on his way to found the town in which a daughter of that farm would eventually make her own home.



# sports & recreation

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## Comeau to compete in CFL National Combine

By Brian Bowman

Ever since he started playing football, Carter Comeau's dream has been to secure a job in the Canadian Football League.

That dream is getting closer to reality as Comeau was recently invited to participate in the virtual 2021 CFL National Combine.

"It'll be a good time," said Comeau last Saturday afternoon. "I'm not sure where it will take place yet but it will be on a turf (field) somewhere."

Comeau, a talented University of Calgary Dinos' offensive lineman, has to get everything put on video and sent to the CFL by April 10.

Comeau, a Riverton product, is one of only four players with ties to Manitoba to be invited to the national combine. University of Manitoba Bisons' running back Michael Ritchott, his teammate Arjay Shelley, a defensive back from Mission, B.C., and defensive back Shae Weekes, a Winnipegger with Bemidji State, are the

others.

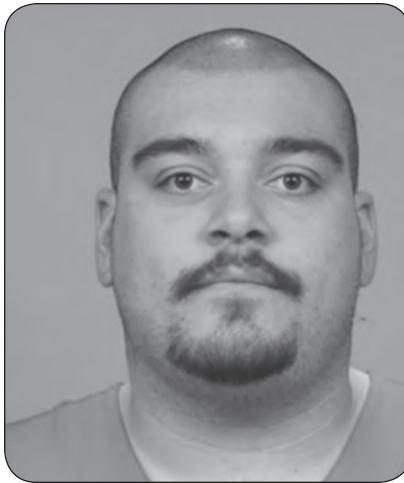
The 2020 U Sports football season was wiped out due to COVID-19. Calgary won the Vanier Cup in 2019.

"Obviously, that sucked," Comeau said bluntly. "You lose a year and you lose a year of life, eligibility, everything. At the end of the day, it's over and not the end of the world. It sucks not playing but it is what it is."

Despite not playing any games, the Dinos still maintained their practice and workout schedule while following provincial guidelines.

Comeau still has one more year of university eligibility remaining. But his goal is to get selected in this year's CFL Draft or, at least, get an opportunity to participate in a team's training camp.

"There's a chance that I go back to school or there's a chance that (a CFL team) will keep you," Comeau said. "My goal is to stay in the CFL and not come back (to Calgary) but that's also some-



Carter Comeau

thing that I can explore later on."

The CFL is always looking out for talented Canadian offensive linemen.

"Luckily for us, (offensive linemen) are high in demand," he said. "Most teams take one or two in the draft. It's definitely an area of interest for teams, for sure."

The 2021 CFL Draft will take place this spring in Toronto.



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Riverton's Carter Comeau (67), an offensive lineman with the University of Calgary Dinos, has been invited to participate in the 2021 CFL Combine.

## deLaroque selected to participate in CFL Regional Combine

By Brian Bowman

Austin deLaroque was recently invited to participate in the virtual 2021 CFL Regional Combine.

Not a lot of players in Canada get that prestigious invite.

"I was pretty excited to find out that I was invited," said deLaroque Sunday afternoon. deLaroque, a talented line-backer with the Mayville State Comets in North Dakota, has to get everything put on video and sent to the CFL by April 10.

University of Calgary offensive lineman Carter Comeau,

a Riverton product, University of Manitoba Bisons' running back Michael Ritchott of Winnipeg, his teammate Arjay Shelley, a defensive back from Mission, B.C., and defensive back Shae Weekes, a Winnipegger with Bemidji State, are the only four players with ties to Manitoba to be invited to the national combine.

Mayville posted a 1-5 record this past season but has two more games slated for this month. The schedule was split up due to COVID.

It was a frustrating year record-wise and the defence gave up a lot of points with a new coaching staff and a team in rebuild mode. Still, deLaroque was very grateful to be able to play football in the U.S. while sports were shut down in Canada.

"We were pretty lucky, actually, to be able to play," said the Warren product. "With the border being closed, I couldn't have family and friends come to games but I was one of the few in this year's combine that was able to get some film and actually be on the field."

deLaroque still has one more year of university eligibility remaining and will be playing with his younger brother Brady next fall if he doesn't latch on with a CFL club.

"It's an exciting opportunity," said Austin. "Being so many years apart, we didn't get an opportunity to play together in high school. But it would be cool to step on the field with him for a year. He's been one of my biggest fans since I've been here."

The 2021 CFL Draft will take place this spring in Toronto.



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Warren's Austin deLaroque, who plays football for the Mayville State University Comets in North Dakota, has been invited to participate in the 2021 CFL Regional Combine.

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# Einarson, Gushue win Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship

By Brian Bowman

For the second time in less than a month, the Gimli Curling Club's Kerri Einarson has won a national title in the Calgary bubble.

Einarson combined with St. John's Curling Club's Brad Gushue to defeat the Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's duo of Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott 9-6 in the gold-medal game of the 2021 Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship last Thursday evening.

It was the first time ever that two full-time skips in four-player competition have ever combined to win the Canadian mixed doubles championship. It was also the first time that Einarson and Gushue had curled together.

"Wow, it's crazy," said Einarson on the Curl Canada website after the game. "I never thought I would win a mixed doubles title in the same year (as a Scotties), and it feels absolutely amazing."

Lott/Sahaidak had the hammer in the opening end but gave up a steal of one after a missed shot.

"At this level you can't afford to come out flat," said Lott. "If you come out flat, you're not going to win. You have to be on your toes, every game."

"But the teams that we had to beat to even get to this point? It's huge. It shows that we can compete and we're there with the best of them."

Einarson/Gushue scored a pair in the third end to take a 3-1 lead before they exploded for a huge steal of four in the fourth. The pair increased that lead to 9-2 before Sahaidak/Lott scored four in the seventh and final end.

Einarson and Gushue advanced to the final after a slim 7-6 victory (scoring one with the hammer in the eighth end) over Alberta's John Morris and Danielle Schmiemann in the semifinal earlier in the day.

With the gold-medal win, Einarson and Gushue took home a whopping \$50,000 and will have the opportunity to represent Canada at the 2021 World Mixed Doubles Championship to be held May 17-23 in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The top seven countries at the worlds will secure spots for the 2022 Winter Olympics mixed doubles competition in Beijing, China.

Einarson, meanwhile, will be back in the Calgary bubble once again when she skips her Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian championship team at the LGT World Women's Championship, presented by BKT Tires, April 30 to May 9.

Einarson is the third player to win a Canadian four-player and mixed doubles championship in the same sea-



PHOTO BY CURLING CANADA/ JEFF MCINTOSH

Skip Kerri Einarson, right, and third Brad Gushue celebrate after defeating Team Sahaidak/Lott in the Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship final in Calgary.



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Kerri Einarson, left, and Brad Gushue defeated Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott 9-6 in the gold-medal game last Thursday to win the Canadian mixed doubles title.



Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott won silver medals.

son, joining Jocelyn Peterman (2016) and Joanne Courtney (2017).

For Sahaidak and Lott, it will be the third straight time they have won a medal at the Canadian mixed championship. The talented pairing won a silver in 2018 at Leduc, Alta., and a bronze in 2019 in Fredericton, N.B.

The 2020 championship was cancelled due to the COVID-19.

Sahaidak and Lott didn't come home empty handed, hauling in \$30,000 for finishing second. They also clinched a berth in the 2021 Olympic Mixed Doubles Curling Trials.

"We had a great week, earning that Olympic Trials spot was huge, and we're just going to come out of this even stronger, and hopefully next year we'll come back again," said Sahaidak. "We're looking forward to the Trials and hopefully we can come out with a win there."



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This is a full-time position (40 hours a week) with flexibility of time management and access to municipal employee benefits and company vehicle. The By-Law Enforcement Officer will be expected to work weekends, especially in the summer, and be available for calls in the evening or night from time to time. The Officer will keep meticulous documentation and be prepared to attend Provincial Court as required and will also be responsible for animal control in the municipality.

You will need to provide a current Criminal Record check including Child and Elder Abuse Registry checks and possess a valid Manitoba Driver's Licence. Other requirements will include completion of Grade 12 or equivalent, excellent written and verbal communication skills and proficiency of computer skills including use of Microsoft Outlook, Excel and Word. The successful applicant must also live within a 50 km radius of the St. Laurent Municipal Office.

Assets considered would be fluency in French language, and prior experience in law or by-law enforcement or security. By-law enforcement training will be provided along with other training such as First Aid and CPR, however in the current provincial restrictions this training may be virtual or delayed.

Applications are to include your resume and cover letter (which would include a narrative as to how your experience and qualifications would be ideal for this position) and must be received by Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. A full job description can be provided on request. Only those considered for interview will be contacted. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
RE: By-Law Enforcement Officer  
Box 220, 16 St. Laurent Veterans Memorial Road  
St. Laurent, MB ROC 2S0  
Phone: 204-646-2259 Fax: 204-646-2705  
Email: [rmstlaur@mymts.net](mailto:rmstlaur@mymts.net)

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### APARTMENT FOR RENT

Tollak Place has 1 & 2 bedroom suites, located at 40 Eveline Street. Spacious suites, with F/S, A/C, storage areas and large balconies; utilities are included, parking is extra. Tollak 2 is a 55 plus bldg., river view apts. with central air, F/S, DW & microwave; large storage area off the kitchen and a balcony; utilities and parking extra. Call the onsite office 204-482-2751 for AVAILABILITY.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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## Riverton & District Friendship Centre

## Employment Opportunities



RDFC will be hiring **summer students** to fulfill various roles within our organization. Start dates will vary with the earliest beginning April 12, 2021. Those who identify as First Nations, Metis, or Inuit are encouraged to apply. Positions are open to Full time High School and University students age 15-30 who are returning to school in the fall.

Please send resume to [rdrc@mymts.net](mailto:rdrc@mymts.net) or drop off resume with reception at RDFC.



## EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION 2021 - 2022 Grass Cutting Tender

The Evergreen School Division invites Tenders to cut all the grass on lawns, play area, boulevards, and ditches. Also included is trimming around the buildings, trees, and play structures, etc in the following areas:

- Gimli (4 locations)
- Winnipeg Beach (1 location)
- Arborg (2 locations)
- Riverton (2 locations)

Please visit

<https://www.esd.ca/About/tenders-purchasing/pages/>  
for more information on acreages and specifications.

**TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021 AT 4:00 PM.**

Sealed Tenders can be marked "GRASS CUTTING" along with the location(s) bid for and sent to:  
**Amanda Senkowski, Secretary-Treasurer**  
Evergreen School Division  
PO Box 1200, Gimli, MB ROC 1B0

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**@ 204-793-1251**

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- **3 Full-time Summer Student Salesperson positions**, May 3 - September 4. Hours and dates flexible, must be able to lift 50 lbs unassisted and available to work Saturdays.

**Application deadline: April 17, 2021.**

- **Permanent part-time salesperson and/or lumber yard worker.** Must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted. Class 5 Drivers licence holder is preferred.

Please submit resume at #28 Railway Avenue, Ashern, or by e-mail to [jason.carpenter@homehardware.ca](mailto:jason.carpenter@homehardware.ca)



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## LIVESTOCK

Black Angus bulls, 2 year olds, registered, not overfed, semen tested, reasonably priced. Phone Ross Jerney 1-204-768-3900, Ashern.

Livestock for sale - Spruce Ridge Stock Farms will be taking three registered, black Angus bull suitable for heifer bulls. Two 2-year-olds and one-yearling to the Lunder Bull Sale on Saturday, April 3. Phone Ross Jerney 204-739-3900.

Purebred Charolais yearling bulls & purebred black Angus yearling bulls. Ph 1-204-280-0122.

## FARM PRODUCE

Red, yellow & russet potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onions, beets, parsnips, rutabaga, honey, song bird seed, sunflower seed, rolled oats, wheat and corn, deer feed. Open Tues. - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; closed Sunday & Monday. Ph 204-886-2676. 1 mile east of #7 on Rd. 95. Interlake Potato Farms, Teulon.

## SEED

Certified #1 Algonquin alfalfa. 99.9% pure. \$2.50/lb. - 50 lb. bags. Will supply inoculant. Carla Shergold at 204-372-6490.

## LINKS AT THE LAKE GOLF COURSE

### PESTICIDE APPLICATION PROGRAMS PUBLIC NOTICE

Lakeland Golf Management intends to conduct the following pesticide control programs from April to November. All applications are part of a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy and depending on pest threshold levels, may or may not include:

Projected dates of application are from May 1st to November 15th, 2021

1. Weed control in turf grass areas within the property. Herbicides used may include: - glyphosate, dicamba, 2,4-D, mecoprop, acetic acid, iron, carfentrazone-ethyl, bipyribac (Na).
2. Fungus control in turfgrass and treed areas within the property. Fungicides used may include: chlorothalonil, propiconazole, thiodioxonil, myclobutanil, azoxystrobin, fosetyl AL, pyraclostrobin, triticonazole, thiophanate-methyl, metalaxyl-M, tritloxystrobin, boscalid, mineral oil, etridiazole, hyrodan peroxide, tebuconazole, fludronil, mefentrifluconazole, metalaxy - M&S isomer, fluopyram, fluzinam, pydiflumetofen, metaconazole, penhiopyrad, benzovindiflupyr, polyoxin D zinc salt.
3. Insect control in turfgrass and treed areas within the property. Insecticides used may include: - imidacloprid, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, chloranthraniliprole, carbaryl, lambda cyhalothrin, permethrin, Bacillus thuringiensis, malathion.
4. Growth regulators of turfgrass areas within the property. Growth regulators may include: - polymeric polyoxyalkylene, trinexapac - ethyl.

The public may send written submissions or objections to SPECIFIC pest control program(s) within 15 days of publication to the department noted below:  
Manitoba Conservation and Climate  
1007 Century Street, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W4

## FARMLANDS FOR SALE in the RM of Fisher

Broad Valley, Manitoba by informal tender listed as follows:

The following 7 quarter(s) of farm lands may be bid on as a package or individual parcel(s). Owned by Bonny Skuba

### SW21-23-02W

Class G 77 Cultivated acres  
77 acres treed

2100 sq ft house on a 5 acre yard  
Total acres 159

### NW10-23-02 W

Class E Cultivated acres 130  
Treed 30 acres. Total acres 160

### NE 20-23-02W

Class E Cultivated acres 110  
Treed 50 Total acres 160

### SE20-23-02W

Class F Cultivated acres 115  
Treed acres 45 Total acres 160

### SW20-23-02W

Class E Cultivated acres 160 total acres 160

### NW 22-23-02 W

Class D Cultivated acres 140 Treed  
20 acres Total acres 160

### NE 17-23-02 W

Class E Cultivated acres 140  
Farm yard, Brick House and treed area  
acres 20 Total acres 160

### Additional land by informal tender:

Owned by Desmond Skuba

### NE10-23-02W

Class D 160 cultivated acres  
Total acres 160

This parcel must be a separate bid. Not to be included with land package if placing bid on package. Special note it does adjoin one of the parcels listed in the land package.

Farm land for rent by tender:

### SE 18-25-02W

Class D 100 acres  
Offering year lease.

Offers must be submitted to the law firm, Pitblado Law Attn: Leith Robertson, 349 Main St., Arborg, Manitoba, No later than 12:00 noon April 12 th, 2021. Offer must include minimum deposit of \$1000 certified check, which will be returned if offer not accepted.

Offers must clearly state the lands for which offer is made. All lands will be sold "as is". Highest or any offer may not be accepted. Purchaser to pay 2021 property taxes and be responsible for GST/ self - assessment. Successful offer will be notified.

Any questions regarding the farmland/ houses please call Bonny Skuba at 1-204-805-0785.

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## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT INVITATION TO TENDER

**Job: Load, haul and spread - Traffic Gravel - various roads throughout RM**

The R.M. of St. Laurent is inviting sealed **tender** for the following:

- Load, haul and spread of approximately 4000 cubic yards of crushed traffic gravel to roads as needed in the R.M. of St. Laurent. Please no side-dump application of gravel to roads - belly dump only. The gravel is owned by the R.M. and is stock-piled on SE31-17-3W. The R.M. grader will level after application as needed.

- Price is to be based on cubic yard basis.

- Work to be completed by Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Further information may be obtained from: Chair of Public Works, Frank Bruce at 204-383-0352, Public Works at 204-739-8163, or the R.M. Office at 204-646-2259; or by email to [cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net](mailto:cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net)

Please provide your quotes by **Friday, April 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** and mark your envelope "Tender - Gravel Hauling". Tender will be awarded at the council meeting of April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Mail: R.M. of St. Laurent, Box 220, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0  
Drop-off: 16 St. Laurent Veterans Memorial Road (inside the Rec Centre)  
Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT INVITATION TO TENDER

**Job: Supply and installation of chain link fence around Sandpiper Borrow Pit**

The R.M. of St. Laurent is inviting sealed **tender** for the following:

- Supply and installation of chain link fencing to surround borrow pit/pond beside Big Tree (Sandpiper) Park including access gate. Approximate perimeter is 1000 feet. The area may require some levelling and clearing.

- Price is to be based on complete job, from supply of all material, installation, and cleanup of jobsite.

- Work to start soon after awarding of tender, and no later than end of May 2021.

Further information may be obtained from: Chair of Public Works, Frank Bruce at 204-383-0352, Public Works at 204-739-8163, or the R.M. Office at 204-646-2259; or by email to [cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net](mailto:cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net)

Please provide your quotes by **Friday, April 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** and mark your envelope "Tender - Sandpiper Pond Fencing". Tender will be awarded at the council meeting of April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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## VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR 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 Village of Dunnottar intends to virtually present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2021 at a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, the 1st day of April, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes 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 and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office. A copy of the financial plan will also be posted on the Dunnottar website ([www.dunnottar.ca](http://www.dunnottar.ca)) at that time.

Please contact the office, [info@dunnottar.ca](mailto:info@dunnottar.ca) or call 204-389-4962, to register to attend this hearing or to book an appointment to review a copy of the 2021 Financial Plan.

Dated this 18th day of March 2021.

J.M. Thevenot, C.M.M.A.  
Administrator

## FULL-TIME CAREER OPPORTUNITY



### Full-Time MEAT/DELI Clerk

At the Ukrainian Farmers Co-op we provide our staff with a competitive starting wage, a wide range of available courses and training opportunities and a comprehensive benefits package including dental, vision, extended health, and a pension plan to all qualifying employees.

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If you would like to join our team, please fill out an application or submit a resume to our store office.

**Closing date for all applicants is set for April 9, 2021.**

For more info, please see  
Kyle Yaciuk at our store office.

Ukrainian Farmers Co-operative Ltd, Box 160, Fisher Branch, Mb, R0C-0Z0



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT INVITATION TO TENDER

### Job: Asphalt application – 300 linear metres on Ludovic Road

The R.M. of St. Laurent is inviting sealed **tender** for the following:

- Asphalt application of approximately 300 linear metres x 6.7 metres width and thickness of 75 mm to Ludovic Road in the Parish of St. Laurent.
- Touch-up of access driveways after asphaltting is done.
- Work to be commenced as soon as possible and to be completed by September 30, 2021.

Further information may be obtained from: Chair of Public Works, Frank Bruce at 204-383-0352, Public Works at 204-739-8163, or the R.M. Office at 204-646-2259; or by email to [cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net](mailto:cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net)

Please provide your quotes by **Friday, April 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** and mark your envelope "Tender – Asphalt – Ludovic Road". Tender will be awarded at the council meeting of April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Mail: R.M. of St. Laurent, Box 220, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0  
Drop-off: 16 St. Laurent Veterans Memorial Road  
(inside the Rec Centre)  
Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT INVITATION TO TENDER

### Job: Asphalt application - 780 linear metres on Governor Road

The R.M. of St. Laurent is inviting sealed **tender** for the following:

- Asphalt application of approximately 780 linear metres x 6.7 metres width and thickness of 75 mm to Governor Road between Highway 6 and Ludovic Road.
- Work to be commenced as soon as possible and to be completed by September 30, 2021.

Further information may be obtained from: Chair of Public Works, Frank Bruce at 204-383-0352, Public Works at 204-739-8163, or the R.M. Office at 204-646-2259; or by email to [cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net](mailto:cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net)

Please provide your quotes by **Friday, April 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** and mark your envelope "Tender – Asphalt – Governor Road". Tender will be awarded at the council meeting of April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY BUILDING INSPECTOR WESTERN INTERLAKE PLANNING DISTRICT

The Western Interlake Planning District, comprised of the RM of St. Laurent, the RM of Coldwell, the RM of West Interlake, with the office located in the RM of St. Laurent, is accepting applications for a Building Inspector.

The Building Inspector is responsible for buildings under Part 9 of the National Building Code (2010). This position consists of flexible hours and may require more time in the busy construction season and less during the winter months when there is a lull in development, half time position. This position also requires a sound knowledge of the National Building Code (2010), National Plumbing Code and Municipal Zoning By-laws and a sound understanding of construction best practices. The incumbent will be required to complete building permit applications, perform all plan examinations to ensure conformance with the applicable Codes and be physically fit to carry out site inspections to ensure compliance. Excellent communication, interpersonal, oral, written, and organizational skills are a prerequisite. Proficient working knowledge of Word, Excel and Adobe Acrobat is considered an asset.

The applicant must have a minimum of 3 years related experience (or educational equivalent) and have completed required building standard courses as offered through Red River College and be certified, or be eligible for certification by The Manitoba Building Officials Association or be willing to enroll in these courses. Applicants must possess a valid class 5 driver's license and have a criminal record check. Company vehicle is provided and cell phone credit.

We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those considered for interviews will be contacted.

Please apply in writing to Building Inspector Position, Western Interlake Planning District, Box 269, St. Laurent, MB, R0C 2S0 or email to [wipd@mymts.net](mailto:wipd@mymts.net), or fax to 204-646-4150, giving full particulars as to education, experience and contract expectations. Three references should also be provided. Applications must be received by 16:30 CST, April 23rd, 2021.



## Rural Municipality of Armstrong NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

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 28th day of April, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 PM, at **Fraserwood Hall, 10140 PR 231, Fraserwood, Manitoba**, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

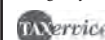
Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
119600	ALL THAT PORTION OF THE SE 1/4 23-20-2 EPM DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DISTANT ELY THEREON 532 FEET FROM THE EASTERN LIMIT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON RAILWAY PLAN 1622 WLTO THENCE NLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE SAID QUARTER SECTION 208.71 FEET THENCE ELY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 208.71 FEET THENCE SLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE TO THE SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT THENCE WLY ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - DESC SE23-20-2E	L - \$13,500	\$3,633.62
224400	LOT 8 PLAN 4675 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS, MINERAL OILS AND OTHER MATTERS AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN INSTRUMENT NO. 8524 WLTO (R DIV) IN LEGAL SUBDIVISION 14 OF SECTION 35-17-1 WPM - 6 1ST AVE	L - \$5,900 B - \$44,100	\$5,424.56

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 Rural Municipality of Armstrong as follows:
  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
  - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.

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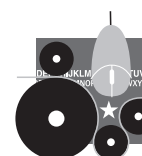
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Rural Municipality of  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT UTILITY OPERATOR

The Rural Municipality of Fisher invites applications for the position of Assistant Utility Operator. This will be a **training position**, with the possibility of transitioning to a permanent position as the Utility Operator in the Summer of 2021. This position demands a high level of accuracy and dependability.

The normal hours of work are four (4) hours per day, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Candidates must be willing and available to be on-call for emergent situations.

### Applicants:

- **MUST** obtain certification in Small systems water works operator certificate and Small systems wastewater works operator certificate. (can be done during training period).
- Must be 18 years of age or older, hold a valid driver's licence and have a vehicle, minimum grade 10 education.
- Strong mechanical skills a definite asset.
- Willing to work as part of a team and may be called upon to help out in other duties within the municipality.
- Friendly, team player, responsible and a strong work ethic is expected.

The Assistant Utility Operator will report to the Chief Administrative Officer. For copies of job description and pay as per CUPE Collective agreement please contact The Rural Municipality of Fisher at 204-372-6393.

Position remains open until suitable candidate is found.

Kelly Marykuca, CMMA

Rural Municipality of Fisher

Box 280 Fisher Branch, MB, R0C 0Z0

fisherca@mymts.net

Phone: (204) 372-6393

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter(s):

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 21-0001

Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

**HEARING LOCATION:** Gimli Recreation Centre  
45 Centennial Road  
Gimli, MB

**DATE & TIME:** April 14, 2021  
6:50 pm

**APPLICATION:** RMG-21-01R

**AFFECTED AREA:** Pt. NE 8-19-4 EPM being  
Pt. of Lot 2, Plan 59559 WLTO  
Pt. Roll No.: 111611

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

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

Sudoku Answer

S	S	V	S			E	E	T		D	D	E
I	B	B	V	R		N	V	O		B	B	E
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W	E	B	V	S		W	M	R		T	V	B
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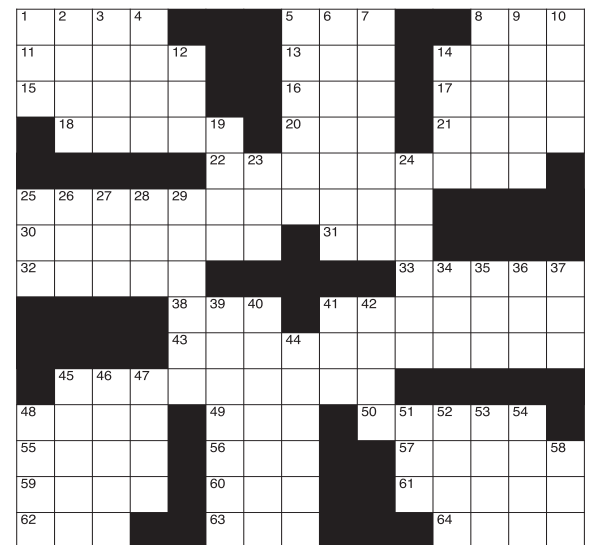
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Now and
- Israeli city Aviv
- Indicates near
- Minneapolis suburb
- Large Australian flightless bird
- Fine-grained earth
- Plant genus that includes watercaltrop
- Peacock network
- TV writer Dunham
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- They
- Muslim ruler title
- Position given in respect of
- Explaining further
- Measuring instrument
- Romanian monetary unit
- Council of, 1545-1563
- Savory jelly made with meat stock
- Journalist Tarbell
- Most suspenseful
- Festivity
- Animal embryos
- Fertility god
- Medical patients' choice (abbr.)
- Type of sword
- Competition
- Bird of the cuckoo family
- Afflicted in mind or body
- Engineering organization
- Beverage receptacle
- Spiritual leader
- Doctor of Education
- Where golfers begin
- Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

- Vietnamese offensive
- Fast mammal



- Oh goodness!
- The back of one's neck
- One who lives in another's property
- Involve deeply
- Alfalfa
- Tropical tree resin
- Sudden fear
- Jewish religious month
- Veterans battleground
- Musical symbol
- German river
- Paddle
- Lizard
- Shock treatment
- The common gibbon
- Brew
- Usually has a lid
- Lenses in optical instruments
- Time zone in Samoa (abbr.)

- Wrinkled dog: Shar
- Denotes equal
- TV network for children
- Take the value away from
- Female graduates
- Don't know when yet
- "tú": Spanish song
- "Seinfeld" character
- Bleated
- Entwined
- Away from wind
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- They resist authority (slang)
- Speak ill of



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## OBITUARY

Murray Leon Halldorson  
June 29, 1942 - April 5, 2020



It will have been a year, that sadly, on April 5, 2020 at the age of 77, in the home they built together, surrounded by his family, Murray lost his battle to cancer and peacefully passed away.

Murray is survived by his wife of 54 years Lillian; children Diane (Peter), Kevin (Amanda) and Leanne (Ross); grandchildren Jordhan (Evan), Dylan, Deryk, Nicole (Gary), Zachary, Rachel, Marlee and Kelsey; great-grandchildren Harley, Hayden, Dane, and Theo; siblings Patsy (Bob) Roberts, Donald (Joyce) Halldorson, Judy (Bob) Gleich and Darlene Sweetland; in-laws Wendy (Dave) Urban and Edith Zeke (Peter Barnez); aunts and uncles Evelyn (Glen) Metcalf, Alvin (Gerti) Stinson and Johanna Alfred (Joey) along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by honorary family members Dan Burdett, Darren Zeke, Jackie (Cody)

Bourgeois and Godson Chris Mark.

Murray is predeceased by his father Leo, mother Irene, brother Wayne, brothers-in-law Gary Zeke and Art Sweetland.

Murray was born on June 29, 1942 in Eriksdale, Manitoba. Murray grew up in Lundar, where he attended Lundar School. Murray started working at the age of 16 years old, working for J.S. Sigfusson and Son's. After graduating from school, Murray moved to Winnipeg where he lived with Joey and Leo Alfred. On June 5, 1965 he married Lillian Eyford and started a family. During this time he worked for Taubensee Construction building schools, churches, houses and the Manitoba Youth Centre. In 1972 his career changed when he returned to College and received his degree in Carpentry and started teaching Vocational Carpentry at Red River College. Then in 1977 he took a job that would change their lives and they returned to Lundar where Murray taught and established the Vocational Carpentry program at Lundar Collegiate. In 1978 the Vocational Carpentry class finished their first house which was one of many to be auctioned off. During his 20 years of teaching, Murray became a well-respected and loved member of not only the school but the community. As a teacher, he had a hand in raising an entire generation of young adults and teaching them the meaning of hard work. Murray was tremendously proud of his students and their accomplishments in life.

In 1979 Murray bought Lundar Septic Service with the famous slogan, "Work guaranteed or double your sewage back". He successfully ran this business for 40 years before passing it on to his son Kevin.

The love and respect that he had for the community only grew and vice versa. That's when Murray and Lillian took on the role of caretakers of the Lundar Memorial Arena. They took pride in their work. Their hard work was greatly appreciated by all who found a piece of home in the arena.

After his many retirements, Murray and Lillian decided to become Snowbirds and spent many years south of the border. The first couple of years were spent travelling to find the perfect location which ended up being at Park Place, Mesa, Arizona.

While Murray held many titles in his life, he also had many other passions and hobbies. Murray was also involved in and took part in many community organizations such as the Lundar Legion Branch #185, Lundar B.P.O Elks, Grettir, Minor Hockey Club, Lundar Curling Club, Lundar Gun Club, Lakeshore Ducks Unlimited, Lundar Golf Course and his proudest achievement was being the cook for the Lundar 200 Club/Sportsplex Dinner for the last 20 years.

Murray not only played hockey, but he coached and refereed as well. It was with the Lundar Old Timers that he gained the widely known nick-name Mad Dog which was passed on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were referred to as Mad Dog Jr. Murray also played slow-pitch, golfed and curled for many years, participating in a number of bonspiels and tournaments during his lifetime.

Murray was an avid hunter and fisherman and took a great amount of pride in passing on this love of the outdoors to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Murray spent many hours hunting and fishing with his family.

Murray was a well-known, respected and loved member of the community. The loss will be felt by all and he will be greatly missed by many. Murray dedicated his life to bettering his community and this is a legacy that will not be forgotten.

A public celebration of Murray's life will be held at a later date.

The Halldorson family would like to extend a thank you to the Nurse Practitioner, the doctors, nurses and staff of the Buhler Cancer Centre at Victoria Hospital, Palliative Care Nurses, Home Care Coordinators and workers, John and Karen Gray and to everyone for their phone calls, cards, messages, letters, food and flowers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Murray's name to the Lundar Memorial Arena, c/o Grettir Co-op Inc., PO Box 334, Lundar, MB R0C 1Y0.

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# OBITUARY



## Sherie Hoey (nee Dola)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear Sherie, after a very courageous and private battle with cancer.

Sherie leaves to cherish her memory, her true pride and joy, daughter Lindsay (Chris); husband Bob; mother Agnes; sister Gail (John), Cole (Alina), Clint; brother Harvey (Colleen), Hayden (Teagan); mother-in-law Mae Hoey; Godmother Sandra Tutkaluk, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and in-laws.

She was predeceased by her father Harry; sister Valerie; Elaine Foster (nee Dola) and father-in-law Roger Hoey.

Sherie was born in Gimli and spent her younger years on the farm in Winnipeg Beach. She met Bob and soon after they married, they moved to Gillam. It was there that Sherie snowmobiled, camped, and fished, taking part in all the great outdoors. In 1990 they welcomed their beautiful daughter, Lindsay, and from that moment

on, Lindsay was the light of Sherie's life. The pride she had for her was easy to see. They became a team and did many things together, including taking a trip to Europe, where they toured Italy, England, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany. It was an experience she truly treasured. Sherie took pride in all of Lindsay's accomplishments, and was there for every one of them. She took great joy in walking Lindsay down the aisle and seeing her start her new life with Chris. She was so much the proud mom of the most beautiful bride, who enjoyed spending time with her mom just as much. There was always much love to be shared around the breakfast table, where every week, Sherie and Bob would take Lindsay – and eventually Chris – out for some much needed bacon and eggs. Sherie also loved watching curling, and enjoyed attending the Scotties in Gimli a few years back. She would often be on the phone with her Mom, discussing the games, each one making their point as to who was really the best - Gushue or Edin (who Sherie fondly nicknamed "Little Nicky"). Unfortunately, Sherie was presented with a challenging diagnosis, which she faced head-on. She was determined to fight and get on with her life. Her spirit and will were strong and unwavering, but Heaven was in need of an Angel with those exact qualities, and sadly she was taken from us way too soon.

Our dear Sherie, our love for you will live on forever. May you find peace in your new home with Dad and Val. You were an amazing mother, daughter, sister and aunt. We know you will watch over us, and be the angel on Lindsay's shoulder. You were a gift and blessing to us all.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cancer Care Manitoba or a charity of one's choice. 'Vichnaya Pamyat'

A private family service was held.

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