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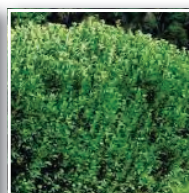


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Lake Winnipeg's largest ship is nearly ready to set sail once more

By Tyler Searle

Moored at the furthest reach of the Gimli pier is the M.V. Namao (Nah-Mayo).

On May 18, the 382-gross-ton ship is by and far the largest craft at Gimli Harbour. While 43km winds touse the sailboats docked here—the Namao remains unbothered.

The Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium owns the research vessel, which has carried teams of scientists across Lake Winnipeg since the mid-90s.

At 23,740 km², Lake Winnipeg is among the biggest in the country—even larger than the great Lake Ontario. Yet, despite its size, the lake is relatively shallow.

“The south basin is only around thirty feet deep, and the north—maybe sixty,” said Chief Engineer and Superintendent of Vessel Operations Ryan Johnson.

High winds across large, shallow lakes can turn placid water into broiling whitecaps in what seems like a moment's notice, Johnson said.

One spot in the north basin is 23 nautical miles from shore, and in the roughest conditions, Johnson has witnessed water crash up and cover the entire deck.

“Those are moments when you find something to hold onto,” he said.

“It makes you appreciate being on a vessel of this size.”

Johnson has worked on the Namao since 2014. He and his crew care for the pipes, hull, and mechanical intricacies that keep this boat afloat.

Right now, they are in the process of a large-scale refurbishment which includes replacing the ship's engines and installing a new emissions system with electrical controls.

Contributions from Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development, Environment and Climate Change Canada and Manitoba Hydro financed the purchase and installation



Two Cummins QSK19 diesel engines are replacing the old ship's motors. Each one weighs around 11,000 lbs and pushes 660 horsepower.

of the new hardware. The total cost was in excess of \$750,000.

A pair of 660 horsepower, diesel-fueled engines drive the ship. Each one weighs approximately 11,000 lbs, so swapping them out is no simple task.

“We dismantled each one down to about 6,000 pounds, then the guys from Selkirk Machine Works installed a chain and rail system to remove the engines,” Johnson said.

The chain and rail system consists of three 17-foot-long steel girders welded onto the deck of the ship. To gain access to the engine room at the bottom rear of the vessel, workers had to cut a five-by-six section of the front superstructure open.

The work began last November and carried on throughout the winter.

Today, the new set of Cummins QSK19 engines are installed, and the Namao crew is focused on fitting the ship with an exhaust after-treatment system—a device that will capture and clean exhaust fumes to comply with emissions standards.

Next comes the electrical controls, which Johnson hopes to have installed



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RYAN JOHNSON

The Namao crew collaborated with workers from Selkirk Steel Works to dismantle the old engines and hoist them from the engine room. Even stripped down the engines weigh roughly 6,000 lbs.

sometime in early June.

When the refurb is complete, the Namao will be sea-worthy (so to speak), and the crew—along with up to seven scientists—will take to the waters of Lake Winnipeg once more.

There are 65 different sampling stations across the lake researchers visit every spring, summer, and fall. Scientists collect water and sediment samples and trawl for fish to assess the ecological infrastructure of the lake.

Because the Namao has been facilitating research on the lake for more than twenty years, scientists can tell where and how the aquatic environment is changing, Johnson said.

“We've seen the before and after effects of zebra mussels and also algae blooms.”

The Province of Manitoba first reported the presence of zebra mussels in 2013. In its latest “State of Lake Winnipeg” review, the province said the invasive species had colonized much of the south basin. Evidence suggests the number of zebra mussels in the north basin will increase dramatically over the next five years.

The algae blooms are a symptom of high levels of phosphorus and nitro-



Selkirk Steel Works chain and rail system used to exchange the Namao engines. To gain access to the engine room, workers cut a section from the exterior of the ship.

gen syphoning into the lake. The report states they are increasing in both

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Arborg needs community support for ParticipACTION challenge

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Arborg is vying for a chance to be crowned Canada's Most Active Community and walk away with a grand prize worth \$100,000 that will go towards local physical activity initiatives.

Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission's recreation director Tom Chwaliboga said the town is taking part in ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge over the course of June and needs everybody to literally step up.

Individuals, families, businesses, schools and local organizations are encouraged to keep track of their physical activity minutes between June 1 and 30.

They can log their minutes on ParticipACTION's website or through a free ParticipACTION app (for individuals 17 and older) that's available from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

"Walking around the block takes about 10 minutes. If a family of five did this walk, it would contribute 50 minutes to Arborg's total. Or they can walk to the post office instead of taking the car," said Chwaliboga by email. "Every minute counts and gets Arborg closer to being the Most Active Community in Canada."

Everyone's tracked minutes will be added to Arborg's community score. At the end of June, 50 finalist communities will be asked to submit an application detailing why they deserve to be crowned the winner.

The Community Better Challenge is a national physical activity event that encourages Canadians to get active, according to ParticipACTION's website. In addition to the grand prize of \$100,000, there will be prizes for the most active community in each province and territory.

Research has shown that the pandemic has negatively impacted the health of Canadians, with many moving less and spending more time being sedentary, said Chwaliboga. ParticipACTION's challenge encourages residents to be active in a safe manner. People can just do the things they ordinarily like to do and for as long as they like to do it. The number of activities is endless: cut grass, garden, clean the house, walk, bike, wheel, skip rope, attend a virtual work-out class, kayak, canoe, golf, shoot hoops, swim or engage in playtime in the backyard.

"The Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission would really love to win the \$100,000 and have Arborg be crowned the Most Active Commu-



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Arborg vying for Canada's Most Active Community grand prize worth \$100,000.

nity in Canada," said Chwaliboga. "But the main goal is to get people moving, to enjoy being active and feeling good about themselves. Everything gets better when you get active." For more information, call Tom Chwaliboga at the recreation commission at (204) 376-5576.

COVID-19 outbreak at Lakeshore General Hospital declared over

By Patricia Barrett

The COVID-19 outbreak at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern was declared over last week and patients can once again be admitted to the hospital. The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority advised that the medical officer of health declared the outbreak over on May 18. In addition to admitting patients, the hospital will be restoring services such as telehealth, which had been affected by the outbreak. The outbreak had

been announced May 5 after cases of the virus were confirmed, prompting the suspension of new admissions. At least two cases of the virus acquired within a facility must be confirmed before an outbreak can be declared.

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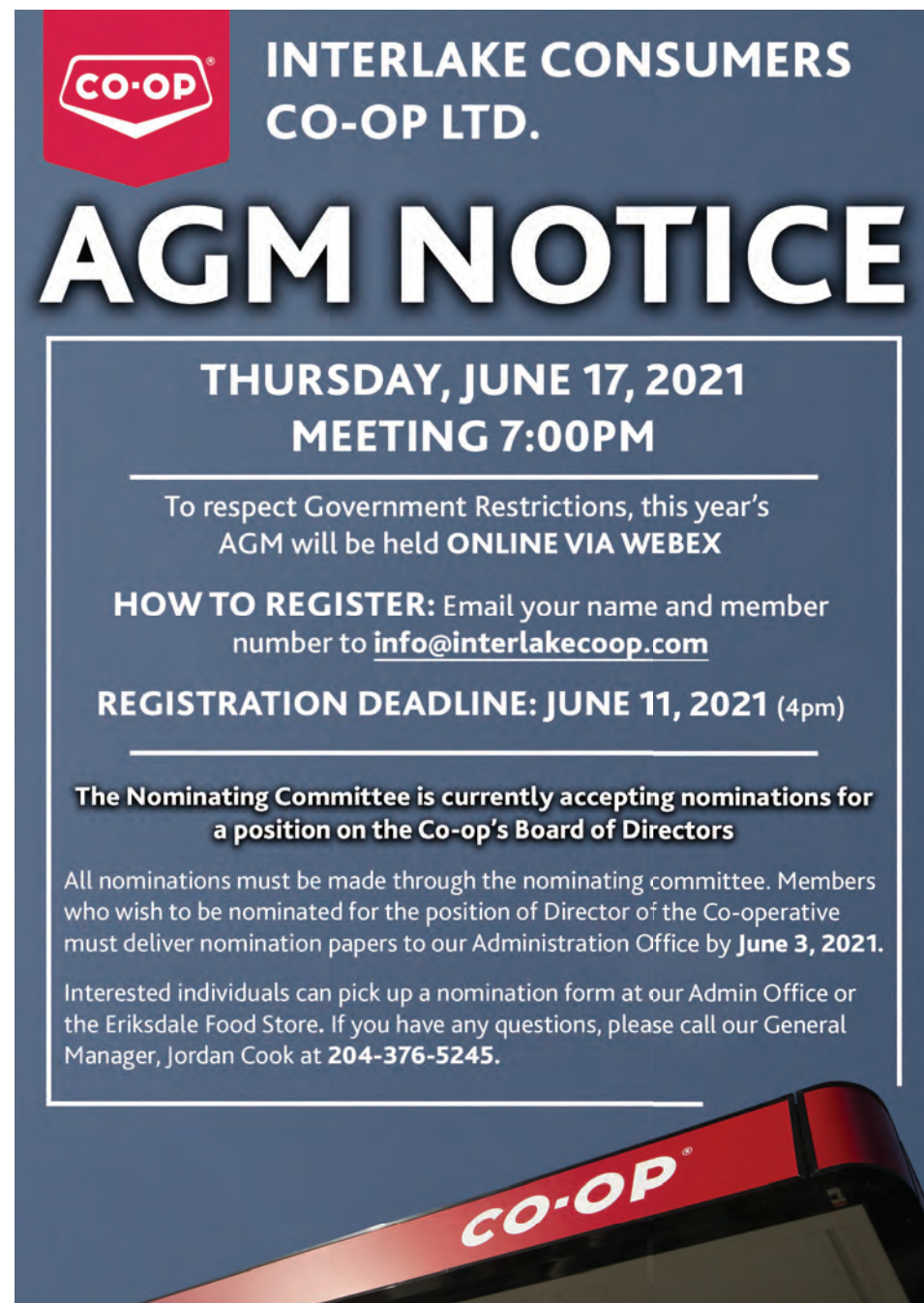


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Manitoba Pork launches “Manitoba’s Best Teacher” contest

Submitted by Joey Dearborn

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have proven their dedication to educating and inspiring the next generation of outstanding Manitobans. Manitoba Pork has launched “Manitoba’s Best Teacher”, a contest to acknowledge and celebrate four teachers across the province who deserve special acknowledgement, and who have gone above and beyond in keeping our schools safe and classrooms functioning this past year.

“Teachers have been challenged throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but their commitment to educating students across our province has been unwavering,” Manitoba Pork community engagement coordinator Laurel Lyons said. “Manitoba Pork is proud to recognize deserving teachers with a special gift and prizes for their school staff as a token of appreciation from Manitoba’s hog farmers.”

As part of the campaign, Manitoba Pork is asking students, parents, and educators to submit nominations for deserving teachers who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to their students. The winning teachers will receive a \$500 Visa gift card and a pork-based lunch for their entire school staff.

Nominations can be submitted at manitobapork.com/teacher. Nominators are asked to include the name of the teacher, the school’s name and location, as well as a brief paragraph explaining why their teacher deserves this special recognition. Nominations are open from May 19 to June 9 and can come from anyone, including Manitoba teachers, school staff, parents and students. Manitoba Pork will work with the winning teachers to organize lunch deliveries before the end of the school year and in accordance with provincial COVID-19 protocols.



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Enter a deserving teacher who has gone above and beyond to win \$500 and a pork-based lunch for their school.

First Nations Chief hopes new diamonds will be a home run for the community

By Nicole Brownlee

A First Nations community is stepping up to the plate with three new baseball diamonds after a flood washed away the community’s last playing field over 40 years ago.

Pinaymootang First Nations Chief Garnet Woodhouse said they broke ground a few weeks ago to construct the three diamonds.

“We are on our way, building our own brand-new ball diamonds for our community for the future,” said Woodhouse.

The new fields will connect the young people in the community and give them something to enjoy for years to come, said Woodhouse.

“We need to be creative with how we can support [our young people],” said Woodhouse.

When Woodhouse was 17 years old,

he was a pitcher in Pinaymootang with his older friends.

“I didn’t know I was going to become a baseball player,” said Woodhouse with a laugh. “That was the thing that was happening in the 70s. Everybody was going to ball.”

They played every chance they could, said Woodhouse. He and his friends would play baseball every evening and weekend in the summer until the 1976 flood sunk the diamond.

The 1976 flood was the largest on the Assiniboine River for almost 100 years. Flows above 510 cms in the Lower Assiniboine lasted for about one week. The 2011 flood matched these levels and is considered the largest recorded flood for the Assiniboine River.

The province started preparing for the 2011 flood in November 2010, “when the unprecedented high flows

on the Assiniboine River were two times greater than those in 1975,” said the provincial website. The province used the Fairford River Water Control Structure to intentionally raise the water level of Lake Manitoba, said the Manitoba 2011 Flood Review Task Force, which forced several Interlake First Nations communities to evacuate.

“We were told the water is coming. It’s going to be flooded,” said Woodhouse. “Sure enough, it happened. The water was rising every hour, every day.”

The flood devastated the land, and community members who had lived in Pinaymootang their whole lives were displaced, said Woodhouse. According to the Government of Canada, Pinaymootang built 109 houses to replace units in flood-prone areas.

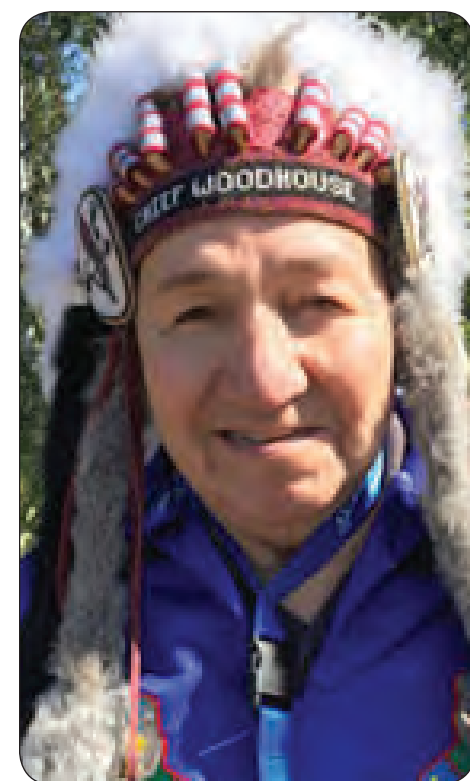


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Chief Garnet Woodhouse used to pitch at Pinaymootang’s original baseball diamond in the 70s. Woodhouse said he hopes the new diamonds will bring the community’s youth together.

“It created a lot of hardships,” said Woodhouse. “Now we are managing to move forward and start rebuilding our community.”

Within the last few years, Pinaymootang has built a conference centre, and they hope to continue creating new places for their community, said Woodhouse.

“There’s quite a bit to do in that area,” said Woodhouse. “I’m looking forward to that.”

Speaking out! #ForEvergreen

A weekly message from Evergreen School Division to share facts and concerns about Bill 64



Bill 64, AKA the Education ‘Modernization’ Act, is not yet law, but our provincial Government has already directed the Department of Education to move ‘forward’ with the transformation of our public school system anyway. We are deeply concerned about Bill 64, and wish to raise awareness in the community about several disturbing aspects of this Bill. In the coming weeks and months, you will find regular messages in this space from the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees that we hope will inspire you to speak out if you are concerned about the impact of Bill 64 on Education, Employment, and Democratic Voice in your community.

In Evergreen School Division, our Students Come First.

This week, we would like to begin with a message from our Board of Trustees about our staff: those who belong to CUPE Local 3164, the Evergreen Teachers Association, and those who are non-unionized. In contrast to some inflammatory comments from provincial politicians attempting to spark cynical support for Bill 64, we wish to state clearly: Our staff have always put students first.

Our schools are safe and caring places for children to learn, with diverse programs to support diverse needs in diverse local contexts. This has been more obvious than ever for the past 13 months, as we have done our very best to persevere through the pandemic. Education Assistants, Teachers, Bus Drivers, School Secretaries, Principals... All of our school staff, and those who work throughout our division to support our schools, have shown incredible dedication to keeping our students safe and learning. Families in Evergreen can have confidence in their local schools and the people who work hard to support our students.

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Check this space each week for facts and concerns about Bill 64 and the Government’s worrisome plans for Education.



Town of Arborg presents 2021 financial plan highlights

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Arborg presented its 2021 financial plan last week, setting out spending priorities and major projects for the new fiscal year.

Chief administrative officer Cindy Stansell prepared the budget, which was presented during a public hearing held May 12.

Ratepayers will see a three per cent increase in property taxes. The province reassesses property values every two years, with 2020 being a reassessment year. The municipal mill rate will be increasing to 21.232 (20.713 in 2020). School taxes are also increasing in 2021 (the provincial education support levy and the Evergreen School Division levy) to \$707,825 (\$703,517 in 2020). Property taxes make up 66 per cent of the town's funding, followed by transfers (15 per cent), grants (13 per cent) and other revenue sources (6 per cent). In 2020 revenues from property taxes were \$1,111,087. In 2021 they're estimated to be \$1,154,135.

Estimated expenditures from the town's general operating fund will increase by 4.5 per cent to \$2,115,693 in

2021 over last year (\$2,024,184).

Stansell said the town undertook a number of major projects last year. It completed Phase 1 upgrades to the Central Interlake Training Centre, which is currently being used by Assiniboine Community College to teach a licensed practical nursing program, built the Elizabeth Dueck Park, installed sidewalks on Mill Avenue and Ardal Street and connectors along River Road to the sundial overlooking the river, planted trees throughout town in collaboration with the East Interlake Watershed District, installed new crosswalks on David Street to assist Arborg Early Middle Years School with social distancing requirements during the pandemic, and undertook a review of recreation with the RM of Bifrost-Riverton.

The town is embarking on a number of projects in 2021 using a combination of reserve funds, grants programs and federal gas tax funding, and it will also support the recreation commission through loans.

The initiatives include \$80,000 for cedar shingle replacement on the Ar-

borg Library (building reserve fund, heritage building grants program); \$65,000 for sidewalk renewal (federal gas tax fund); \$50,000 for the Icelandic River walking east trail; \$40,000 for drainage projects (federal gas tax fund); \$20,000 for a truck for public works (equipment replacement reserve fund); \$20,000 for town signage (economic development reserve); \$30,000 for an HVAC system for the administration office (building reserve); \$290,000 for a new fire truck (general operating, fire equipment reserve, general borrowing); \$350,000 for expansion of the landfill (general operating, general borrowing); \$175,000 for loans for the recreation commission (general borrowing); and a \$37,000 for a loan for a compactor for the landfill (general borrowing)

The town is expecting to pay more for property and liability insurance in 2021 in a number of areas including transportation services and recreation and cultural services, but it is also expecting increases to economic development incentive grants.

The town will decrease, overall,

transfers to its reserve funds in 2021.

In 2020 it transferred \$146,302 to reserves. In 2021 it will transfer \$119,306 to reserves. It will allocate \$15,000 to its new personal care home reserve and \$25,000 to its paving reserve. The town estimates it will spend \$37,000 of its \$70,000 COVID-19 restart reserve fund and spend \$100,000 from its \$105,169 fire capital reserve.

The town's current existing debt is \$965,649 and it has a borrowing capacity of \$2,787,668. It plans to borrow a total of \$657,500 in the new fiscal year to purchase a fire truck (\$160,000 at 3.5 per cent for 10 years starting in 2022), expand the landfill site (\$285,000 at 4 per cent for 15 years starting in 2022), pay existing recreation debt (\$175,000 at 2 per cent for 5 years starting in 2022) and pay existing landfill compactor debt (\$37,500 at 2 per cent for 5 years starting in 2022). Included in its five-year capital expenditure plan (2022-2026) are ongoing upgrades to sidewalks, street paving, decorative street lighting, watermain and lift station upgrades and further work on its training centre.

Education property tax rebate cheques being mailed to Manitobans

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government will begin mailing education property tax rebate cheques in the next week to the owners of residential, farm and commercial properties in Manitoba, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced Thursday.

"Our government promised to start phasing out the education property tax in 2021, which will return nearly \$250 million this year to Manitobans who own homes, farms and businesses," said Fielding. "The education property tax phase-out represents the largest tax savings in Manitoba history and protects Manitobans' hard-earned incomes by offering much-needed tax relief."

Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba committed \$248 million in education property tax rebates to the owners of approximately 658,000 eligible properties, based on municipal assessment information. Depending on the municipality, owners of multiple properties may receive one combined bill.

To provide property owners their rebate as soon as possible, the government has passed new legislation and will begin the printing and mailing process in the week ahead. Manitobans do not need to apply for the rebate, as the province will calculate the amount and automatically mail cheques before the municipal property tax due date.

In 2021, home and farm owners will receive a 25 per cent rebate, which will increase to 50 per cent in 2022. Other property owners will see a 10 per cent rebate this year. The average rebate will be an estimated \$1,140 per property over the next two years. The province will also reduce various related credits and rebates to ensure all property owners are paying 25 per cent less on residential and farm properties, regardless of whether they qualify for existing credits and rebates.

"By keeping our promise to begin phasing out the education property tax this year, we are fulfilling our \$2,020 Tax Rollback Guarantee one full year ahead of schedule,"

said Fielding. "We are modernizing Manitoba's tax structure and this rebate will be paid for entirely by government so it will not affect funding to schools."

The minister noted Manitoba is the only province that uses school property taxes, which are set locally by each different municipality, to fund the education system. The rebate will not impact the amount of school taxes that fund local school divisions.

The legislation also makes a change to the Residential Tenancies Act to freeze the rent increase guideline at zero per cent in 2022 and 2023.

For more information about Manitoba's education property tax rebate, visit www.manitoba.ca/eduproptery-tax or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 1-866-626-4862.

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frequency and intensity. Photos shared by Gimli residents online show miles of lake water and shoreline covered in noxious green sludge.

Early this year, the City of Winnipeg presented a plan to reduce the amount of phosphorus its wastewater treatment facilities dump into the Lake Winnipeg watershed—but change won't be coming until at least 2023.

"Lake Winnipeg is a large and dangerous body of water, and in order to sample and research it properly, there is a need to have a dedicated and capable research vessel to do that safely and effectively," wrote LWRC President Dr. Al Kristofferson in a statement.

"We have been able to safely carry out all this work on the Lake for many years now due to our very experienced crew. Without them, we couldn't have done it."

The refurbishment should keep the ship in operation for another twenty years or more, said Johnson, so the Namao could remain the flagship of research on Lake Winnipeg for many years to come.

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'Bill 64 is not about improving student's future'

By Scott Hill

Speaking out! #ForEvergreen A message from Evergreen School Division highlighting concerns with Bill 64, "The Education Modernization Act"

We would like to share some highlights from a conversation we had with Dr. John Wiens, who attended a recent board meeting to share some of his impressions of how Bill 64 will affect our local school communities. Dr. Wiens is a former teacher, principal, superintendent, and is dean emeritus of the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba. He is widely embraced as one of the most respected voices in Education in Manitoba. He is a frequent contributor of Op-Ed articles in the Winnipeg Free Press on all matters related to Education. Dr. Wiens has a cottage within our school division boundaries, and has been a friend and supporter of Evergreen School Division for many years.

Speaking about Bill 64, Dr. Wiens shared his view that by eliminating locally-elected school boards and replacing them with one central Authority which will operate out of Winnipeg, the provincial government is, "eliminating a whole layer of democratic voice and participation." In Bill 64, it appears that newly imagined 'School Community Councils' will be tasked with offering parent voice. On this feature of the Bill, Dr. Wiens pointed out important stark differences between such councils and current elected boards, "Currently, trustees take an oath of office, sign a conflict of interest policy, and are modestly compensated for their work. None of this is in place for the proposed school

community councils. The justification for all this seems to be that Boards have somehow subverted the will of parents and are to blame for a bunch of unhappy parents out there – which simply isn't true." In short, Wiens disputes any notion that the new structure will be an improvement, and suggests that "parents are being taken for a ride."

In thinking about the impact of Bill 64 on rural communities like ours, Dr. Wiens offered the following chilling depiction of what will happen if the bill becomes law, "Bill 64 assumes that all of the buildings, buses, equipment, resources, and everything that currently belongs to the local school division will become property of the Authority. Local people paid for those buildings and maintained them; they paid for those resources, and now the Provincial Government is just going to take them over." Wiens also shared, on the matter of the changes to how education will be funded, that, "Local taxes will continue to flow out of these communities, but they will not necessarily flow back to these communities." Dr. Wiens is of the opinion that any claim that the dismantling of the current structure of public education in favour of a centralized Authority will generate significant savings, is "totally bogus." He went on to share his opinion that Bill 64 is not about improving outcomes for students, and is less about money than it is about this government's commitment to a particularly ideology of centralizing control and prioritizing individual wants over community needs – making a reference to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher,

who (in)famously said, "There is no such thing as society. There is only the individual." In a school division like Evergreen, where our core values are: "Students Come First. Learning is our Core Purpose, and Public Education serves the Common Good," this is a deeply concerning commentary about this government's proposed plan for education with Bill 64.

In future editions of 'Speaking Out' - more from Evergreen School Division on Bill 64 and the Provincial Government's worrisome plans for education.

Bill 64 has not passed and will not appear before the Legislative Assembly until November of this year.

For more information...

You may register to speak as a private citizen to the provincial government about Bill 64 by calling the Office of the Clerk (204) 945-3636. You will be asked for the following registration information:

- the presenter's name, address, contact information;
- the name and number of the bill.

Each presenter is allowed a maximum of 10 minutes to make an oral presentation, and an additional five minutes to respond to questions from members of the committee.

You can also email your local MLA and the Opposition's Education Critic to share your concern about the Bill:

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A sailboat on Lake Winnipeg was picture perfect last Friday. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or families enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Celiac Association Virtual Walk-a-thon

Submitted

The Canadian Celiac Association Manitoba Chapter would like to invite everyone to participate in our Annual Virtual Walk-a-thon. The event will be starting June 5 to the end of June to raise funds to support those requiring gluten free food through Harvest Manitoba. Pledge sheets will be sent out to supporters but the general public is invited to join in.

Go to www.manitobaceliac.com to download a pledge sheet and start seeking donations today. This will be a virtual event so be creative as to how the walkathon could be work for you!

letter to the editor

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Drivers need to slow down

Dear Editor

We are writing in response to Mr. Jim Farmer's letter that was published in the May 20 edition of the *Express Weekly News*.

We totally agree with Mr. Farmer that the speed limit through Sandy Hook should be posted as 70 kmph in the winter months during the period from Thanksgiving to the May long weekend. We completely disagree, however, with his assertion and that of the esteemed members of his church, car club, and I assume the residents of Ponemah, that anything other than 50 kmph during the summer would be appropriate or acceptable. We would like to address the "winter" speed limit first. There

have been two attempts in the past few years, supported through petitions by the majority of the residents of Sandy Hook, to have the Winter limit reduced. It was the suggestion of these two attempts to have a speed limit posted at 60 or 70 kmph during the Winter, but the provincial government official in charge decided against this plan, due in large part to non-residents desire to not be held back in their trip between Gimli and areas south.

There are a number of reasons for our wish to have a lower speed limit in the winter. Firstly, there are two tight curves in the road that have a 60 kmph limit posted, and as a consequence, are blind intersections for

anyone that is entering the highway one or two streets in either direction. Secondly, there are 20 intersections plus an untold number of driveways that access directly onto highway 9. Each of these points presents a potential hazard. Thirdly, with the increasing number of year round residents these issues will become exacerbated. Each Winter there are countless cars that have gone into the ditch and at least three DEATHS of which I am aware, due to mostly a speed that is not consistent with the area or conditions. The last death coming just 18 months ago.

Regarding the Summer month speed limit, there are simply too many seasonal residents that are out on weekends or holidays riding bikes, walking, crossing the highway to the beach, or exercising their dogs

to have a speed limit above 50 kmph. I would suggest that Mr. Farmer and his associates would take great exception to having the speed limit on Gimli road through Dunnotar set at 70 kmph at any time of the year much less the "silly season" as Mr. Farmer's friend George refers to the period between May 24 to Labour Day. Is it that imperative for anyone to fly through Sandy Hook while families and seniors are trying to cross the highway on their way to the beach, some with children in tow?

There is always another option for those drivers that find it too onerous to travel to and from Gimli and points south. They can take Highway 8 and travel at 100 kmph from one end to the other all year.

- Ross & Kathy Malcolm
Year Round Residents Sandy Hook

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Gimli council agreement with province for recreation centre confidential

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council entered into an agreement last month with the province for use of the Gimli Recreation Centre as a provincial vaccination centre.

Council passed resolution No. 2021 282 at its regular meeting April 28 agreeing to let the province be a tenant at the site. Council did not specify whether or how much the province will compensate the RM for use of the building.

"The details of the arrangement between the RM and the province are confidential, and I am unable to comment on this," said chief administrative officer Kelly Cosgrove by email.

Other council news:

-Council passed resolution No. 2021 276 to enter into an agreement with Viking Park. Council did not specify the terms and conditions, which are set out in the Parks Development, Divestiture and Shared Uses Agreement between The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba, Betel Home Foundation and the RM.

"The Viking Park Agreement has not been signed by all parties to date," said Cosgrove.

-Council will be purchasing commercial grade fencing for the Gimli Dog Park, at the north end of town near the soccer fields, from Underbid

Fencing at a cost of \$22,411.96 (taxes included). Council noted that Underbid will be donating \$1,000 to back to the project once the fencing is erected.

-Council passed second and third reading of Bylaw No. 21-0006 which will amend Bylaw 12-99 for the purpose of "naming a certain road" within the RM. No information was available regarding the name or where the road is.

-A majority of council passed resolution No. 2021 280, agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in a development agreement with Broderco, which is building a multi-family housing development on Solvin Road close to PR 231. Coun Peter Holfeuer voted against the resolution.

"The Broderco agreement for the duplexes has not been signed by the RM yet," said Cosgrove. Once it's signed, it will be "available."

-Council passed resolution No. 2021 284 giving J. Vann permission to set up a temporary nature camp on NE 1-21-3E (Roll 261200). Vann is "actively seeking land" so that he can create a permanent park called "Hinterland." A number of conditions must be met for the temporary park, such as removing all structures by Oct. 30, meeting Manitoba building codes for human habitation, meeting environ-

mental regulations regarding waste and ensuring potable water meets provincial requirements.

-Council passed resolution No. 2021 274 to renew the contract of bylaw enforcement officer, Chris Steinke, for another 12 months. Steinke started on May 15, 2020.

-Council passed resolution No. 2021 272 to swap councillors who sit on the Gimli Beautification Committee and the Transportation Trails Advisory Committee. Coun. Thora Palson, who formerly sat on the beautification committee will now sit on transportation and trails, and Coun. Peter Holfeuer, who sat on transportation and trails, will now sit on beautification.

-A majority of council approved the purchase of a new laptop computer for Coun. Palson at a cost of \$1,373. Coun. Holfeuer, Coun. Palson and Coun. Cody Magnusson voted in favour of resolution No. 2021 278 while Mayor Lynn Greenberg and deputy mayor Richard Petrowski voted against it.

Coun. Palson said the tablet she received last term does not meet her technological needs.

"I take on non-traditional council roles in my committee and board appointments. I bring a formal education in municipal government and human resource management to the

table, and I am happy to take on administrative type duties in the organizations that I participate in, in accordance with my education," she said by email.

With the computer upgrade, she said she's entered into a new dimension of productivity and digital ability.

"The device is compatible with the other devices I use and is a base model, Mac," she said. "I would like to thank council for recognizing that I was really struggling with the limited computing options of the tablet and appreciate their support of a new laptop."

When their term ends, Palson said council members, by policy, can purchase hardware.

-The RM's public works department in collaboration with Don Emes, the RM's emergency measures coordinator, patched up the Spruce Sands shoreline last fall after waves eroded the banks, and finished the work a few months ago.

Emes said the bank was re-sloped and fabric was put down.

"It was an opportune time to do the work while the lake was low," said Emes by phone several weeks ago. "It should last for many years."

RCMP reminding public about bicycle safety this summer

By Sydney Lockhart

As the weather warms up biking season arrives once more, and the RCMP are reminding everyone that taking a few steps towards basic bike safety can make your ride much more enjoyable.

"Safety [is] not for just themselves but for fellow pedestrians and drivers," said RCMP Constable David Wong.

One of the most important things cyclists can do is to wear helmets that are approved by the Canadian safety standards symbol, are bright coloured, fit snugly, are less than five years old and are buckled up properly.

"In my mind, because adults tend to be biking at a higher speed than the kid would be on the road. Larger risk factors are there so I would much prefer an adult to be wearing a bicycle helmet as well," said Wong.

The RCMP recommend that cyclists wear a helmet at all times, despite the law only requiring helmets for those 18 years of age and under.

"Your head is just as precious as a kid's head in my mind," said Wong.

Other bike safety rules recommended by the RCMP are using hand signals, obeying traffic rules, keeping to

the right, shoulder checking, turning carefully, being cautious around parked and moving cars, knowing where to ride and making sure you are visible to others at all times.

"[Drivers] are looking for cars, listening for larger automobiles, [it's] the same with motorcyclists. They don't see something that's small, in their side view or rear-view mirror," said Wong.

He added that cyclists not being visible is a large problem when on the road results in many vehicle and bicycle collisions.

"The most important thing is just letting people know to wear their bike helmets, bright coloured clothing, or [to have] lighting on their bikes, because the number one thing, if they are biking on the road, is that people can see you," he said.

While many people bike on sidewalks Wong said adults should technically bike on the roadways.

"I can understand why they want a bike on the sidewalk. They feel it is safer because it's on the sidewalk, there's not going to be a car on the sidewalk. However, there are rules, you're supposed to be biking on a roadway," he said.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Connor and Lucas riding their bikes safely.

Wong added that they won't stop children from biking on sidewalks because it is safer for them, however, they will stop kids if they see them not wearing helmets.

"We don't want to come down hard and enforce tickets, that is not educational," said Wong.

He said instead of ticketing people under 18, they stop and talk to them about bike safety, and ask to speak to their parents about the importance of wearing a helmet.

This year the pandemic put the an-

nual RCMP bike rodeo on pause that they run for grade three students to teach bike safety but Wong says that they plan to bring it back when it is safe to do so.

"Once COVID stops, we'll be back in schools to try to do those bike rodeos where we can educate kids on the importance of a helmet, especially younger kids that are newer to biking," he said, "We go through bike safety bike rules hand signals like the basics of bicycling with on the road."

RM of Grahamdale keeping an eye on wildfire situation

By Patricia Barrett

Three different wildfires in the Interlake region last week caused the evacuations of some members of First Nations communities, but as of last Friday they hadn't resulted in major damage to or disruptions in the RM of Grahamdale.

Grahamdale Reeve Craig Howse was on the road Friday, monitoring the massive wildfire near Homebrook, which sits on the RM's northwest border, and hoping the much-needed rainfall would help contain the fire.

"It looks like the fire is about four miles north of PR 328," said Howse, who, along with other council members, serves as a fire guardian at large for the municipality. "From where I'm parked, I can see smoke and I can see the fire and attack crews. It's the northwest end of the RM of Grahamdale that's being affected by the smoke and possibly by the fire."

Howse said the wind is currently pushing the smoke into the northwest corner of the RM, but if it changes direction, he and council may have to consider evacuating the elderly and anyone with asthma or breathing difficulties.

According to the province's FireView map, two of the fires that have been burning on both the west and the east side of Highway 6 were listed as "under control" as of last Friday. But the massive fire centred near Homebrook on the west side of Highway 6 was still out of control.

Fire EA042, on the east side of Highway 6 near Lake St. Martin, was detected on May 12 and burned for nine days before being brought under control on May 20. It burned 1,074 hectares. Lake St. Martin First Nation announced May 19 it was evacuating its children, seniors and people with chronic illness to Winnipeg.

Fire EA063, on the west side of Highway 6, was detected on May 19 and brought under control on May 20. It burned 40 hectares.

Fire EA044, near Homebrook, was detected on May 12 has been burning out of control for nine days (as of May 21). It has so far consumed 194,124

hectares.

All three fires were determined to have been human caused.

The RM of Grahamdale could yet declare a state of emergency should the wildfires get worse and threaten areas around Gypsumville and St. Martin, said Howse. The RM's Gypsumville Fire Department is not involved in suppression efforts, but is standing at the ready to deal with smaller fires.

"The province is handling these major fires, but we've been having daily conference calls with EMO [Emergency Measures Organization]. And Manitoba Wildfires [the Wildfire Service under the department of Conservation and Climate] gives us updates. There are federal departments involved in this, too," said Howse. "We've offered our firefighting services but they haven't called us yet. We will probably be dispatched to smaller fires that pop up in the RM."

Manitoba Hydro spokesperson Bruce Owen said the wildfires, as of last Friday, have damaged poles and caused outages. He didn't have data specifically for the Homebrook/Grahamdale region but said 70 poles on two power lines were damaged on the west side of Lake Winnipegosis, affecting 620 customers.

"Most of the outages were brief, and caused by what's called 'switching,'" said Owen by email on Friday. "Our system is designed to reroute power to customers by switching to alternate, undamaged power lines to restore customers faster."

Hydro staff from other areas of the province, including Dauphin, were brought in to replace poles and restore power in the Winnipegosis region, he said. And the province set up sprinklers earlier last week to protect two Manitoba Hydro Bipole I and Bipole II communication sites south of Grand Rapids.

"These sites allow Manitoba Hydro to monitor both high-voltage transmission lines," he said. "The two Bipole transmission lines as of Friday were not at risk. As of Friday afternoon, with rain and cooler temperatures, no other Manitoba Hydro power lines



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

The province's FireView map shows three fires burning in and close to the RM of Grahamdale. As of last Friday, two fires were "under control" but a massive fire near Homebrook, east of Highway 6, was out of control.



PHOTO BY MANITOBA HYDRO

Hydro poles on fire in Camperville, on the west shore of Lake Winnipegosis.

or facilities were at risk. However, we continue with Manitoba Wildfire Service to monitor the situation."

Reeve Howse said he's feeling more optimistic now that there's rain that's rolling into the Homebrook and Grahamdale region.

"We've had a couple of showers and

it's drizzling on my windshield right now. It's a good sign that we're finally going to get some moisture and cooler temperatures that will help with controlling or putting out the fires," he said.

Winnipeg Beach byelection voting rules for residents and non-residents

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Winnipeg Beach has two candidates running for councillor in the byelection that will take place in a few weeks, and Senior Election Official David Lobban is in the midst of preparations.

Mark Sisetski and Jean Gendron are running for a seat on council.

Winnipeg Beach residents who are Canadian citizens, are 18 by election day and have lived in the community for six months prior to the election are entitled to vote, said Lobban. The community has a large number of non-residents and the rules are slightly different for them.

"Should there be two or fewer per-

sons shown as property owners, they are entitled to vote and their names are on the voters list," said Lobban. "After an incident in a small rural community not so long ago, where a great number of non-residents were included on title and the election was skewed, the Act was changed to allow for only two non-residents per prop-

erty." If there are more than two named persons on title, a decision must be made as to who will represent the property, he said, and they can complete a non-resident voter consent form.

"It can't be!" Fraserwood winner takes home \$27.5 million jackpot

By John Towns, WCLC

Keith Spulnick couldn't believe what he was seeing when he checked his LOTTO 6/49 ticket for the May 12 draw early the morning after the draw. The winning numbers looked awfully familiar, but...

"I just thought 'it can't be' – the winning numbers look a lot like my numbers," Spulnick laughed, recalling checking the WCLC website and then confirming by using the Lotto Spot! mobile app to scan his ticket.

"I think I won!"

Spulnick took a few minutes to take care of some chores around his property and let the situation sink in before he sat his wife down and told her "we won the lottery."

"She didn't believe me, asked 'are you sure that's not 27,000?'" Spulnick laughed as he claimed his prize on Monday. "And I said 'no, that's a lot of commas.' It was pretty surreal for us."

Spulnick's ticket matched all six winning numbers for the draw – 30, 35, 39, 42, 46, and 48 – to bring home the jackpot of \$27,505,450.30. He picked up his ticket the afternoon of the draw at Riverton Shop Easy at 65 Main Street in Riverton, selecting his numbers at random.

Spulnick says the win is huge for him and his family, noting that he had recently come through some health problems that left him unable to work as expenses mounted.

"By the time I physically got better, I didn't have a dime to my name. We have been pulling ourselves out slowly, but it's taken a long time. This is just fantastic," he recalled.

"I have a picture of me with my last five bucks –



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Keith Spulnick claiming his \$27,505,452.30 prize

that was all I had left then. I'm going to frame that," he chuckled.

Spulnick says his first order of business now that he's a multi-millionaire is to get good financial advice to ensure there's a plan in place so that he and his family never have to worry about money. He also plans to make sure his debts are taken care of, and from that point "we've got time to figure out what we want."

Some of that will be a little bit of fun – the family has already picked up a new vehicle and will be using it and a new trailer to travel once it's safe to do so. But even though he has a new truck, Spulnick says he won't forget about the one that got him where he is today.

"I'm going to fix it up the old reliable one as well," he laughed. "It's been good to me!"

Spulnick says he plans to retire – both from work, and from playing the lottery to "give someone else a chance" to win.

"I don't need anything else. I'm not a 'high lifestyle' guy, I want to remain me – this is all we need," he noted. "It's the best thing that ever happened in my life. I never thought I would get this."

Interesting facts

Spulnick's jackpot is the fourth lottery win in Manitoba this year of a million dollars or more, and the first ticket this year bought outside of Winnipeg to win a multi-million dollar prize.

- The other three wins of a million dollars or more this year include a Winnipeg family who shared a \$60 million LOTTO MAX win – the largest lottery win in Manitoba's history – early in 2021, and two Winnipeg locals who took home million-dollar LOTTO MAX and WESTERN 649 prizes.


- Spulnick's \$27.5 million jackpot is Manitoba's third-largest lottery win overall, after the \$60 million LOTTO MAX win noted above, and a \$50 million LOTTO MAX prize paid to a couple in Sagkeeng First Nation in 2009.


- It is the largest LOTTO 6/49 jackpot awarded in Manitoba since the game was launched in 1982.

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Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors must be certified

By Nicole Brownlee

Officials urge Canadians to look for certified symbols when purchasing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Smoke and CO detectors in the home are critical," said Dennis Kim, consumer product safety officer for Health Canada. "They are life-saving devices."

COVID-19 restrictions have led to more Canadians shopping online, said Kim.

"With the emergence of these online shopping platforms, Health Canada takes action to advise consumers of safety hazards with these types of products," said Kim.

When purchasing detectors, consumers should look for Health Canada's certification mark that shows the product meets design and safety requirements. Approved products will have CSA, cUL, ULC or cETL on both the product and the packaging.

"The main function of these alarms is to alert [residents] in their homes when an adverse event is happening, like a fire or a carbon monoxide leak," said Kim. "The major issue, of course, is by having an uncertified product in the home, they might fail or operate

incorrectly."

"Failure in this type of product with a certain adverse event going on could pose a major risk to the Canadians living there," said Kim.

All living residences such as homes, ice fishing shacks, cottages and campers must have detectors installed.

"We remind Canadians that whatever living space you have, that the manufacturer's instructions are followed for both hard-wired and battery-operated alarms," said Kim.

Building codes dictate where to place detectors throughout residences, and local fire departments can help ensure the devices are properly installed and operating.

"Questions about any requirements, where they should be in a living space, can be directed to your fire departments," said Kim.

Residents should also note the life expectancy of the detector listed on the packaging, said Kim.

For more information, visit Health Canada's Consumer Product Safety page at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety.html> or contact your local fire department.

Riverton Gateway Gas Bar's Wieners for Wyatt fundraiser for CF

By Patricia Barrett

The owner of the Gateway Gas Bar, also known as Fas Gas Plus, is fundraising to help those living with cystic fibrosis (CF) and has received a lot of support from the community, including from the Riverton Elks Lodge.

Beverly Spring and her staff at the Highway 8 convenience store/gas station just north of Riverton have been raising money through the sale of hotdogs over the course of this month to support services offered by Cystic Fibrosis Canada, raise awareness of the disease and ultimately help those who live with it. That includes Spring's grandson, Wyatt.

"We call our fundraiser Wieners for Wyatt," said Spring last week by phone. "He was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when he was two weeks old. We felt that we'd like to give something back to help those living with the disease."

This is the third year Spring said she has organized the CF campaign. The uncertainty around COVID-19, after it first appeared in Manitoba, had her cancel it in 2020, but prior to that she had raised over \$1,000.

The store/gas bar sees townies as well as "tons of cottagers" heading to and from Hecla/Grindstone and Pine Dock and Matheson Island and people from the peat moss plants along PR 234. In addition to gas, the store offers a range of road-trip conveniences, including coffee, snacks and hot meals such as chicken and pizza.

May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Canada. CF is a common and fatal genetic disease that affects children and young adults. There is no cure. The disease primarily attacks the lungs and digestive system to varying degrees of severity. Complications include difficulty digesting fats and proteins, malnutrition and



Wyatt, 5, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when he was two weeks old.

vitamin deficiencies, CF-related diabetes, sinus infections and progressive lung damage, according to Cystic Fibrosis Canada, which advocates for CF patients and urges changes to the health-care system to reduce the burden on sufferers.

The national organization called on the provinces a few weeks ago to make available "transformative" CF drugs that are available in other countries around the world but aren't offered in Canada.

Spring said Wyatt is doing well with his condition.

"He has to have enzymes before he eats anything and he has to have physiotherapy twice a day, once in the morning and again at night. But he's doing very well," she said. "We feel it's important to make everyone aware of what CF is and how it can affect people."

For the month-long fundraiser, which will wrap up May 31, the gas bar is offering a hotdog and a drink for \$5.



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF BEVERLY SPRING Gateway Gas Bar (Fas Gas) owner Beverly Spring (centre) with her staff have been fundraising for cystic fibrosis all month.

"I pay for everything (the food) and all the proceeds we get from the hotdogs we sell we donate to Cystic Fibrosis," said Spring.

To help raise awareness of CF, Wyatt's photo appears on T-shirts that Spring supplied this year for her staff. And the community has responded to the call.

"We always get a great response from the community and this year has been the same. The Elks have also helped us out by buying 50 hotdogs today. They donated them to teachers, custodians and bus drivers at the school," said Spring. "Some people come in and just donate. I had a lady come in last Saturday and she said 'I just want to donate.' And she donated \$100. It was so nice it brought a tear to my eye."

Doug Anderson, secretary of the Riverton Elks Lodge (No. 530), a charitable organization that provides an enormous amount of financial support to the community, said the Elks wanted to

help the Wieners for Wyatt fundraising drive by buying hotdogs.

"We support children with medical needs as a major part of our charitable donations," said Anderson. "To do so, we thought we would show our appreciation for all our school employees at the same time – both schools – for their efforts during our current pandemic."

The Elks just donated \$2,500 to the Riverton Day Care for two quad strollers for the kids and is getting revved up for its annual Harley Motorcycle Megadraw later this summer.

Spring said she appreciates the way the community has stepped up to help her fundraise for people living with CF, and lots of people have made comments about the hotdogs.

"They've said to me, 'Your hotdogs are fantastic, you've got a good hotdog there,'" she said. "I have people coming in at least once a week for the hotdogs. That's nice."

> VOTING RULES, FROM PG. 9

The voters list is created from the tax assessment roll and contains the names shown on the property title. If a property has a single owner listed, other eligible voters' names won't show on the voters list unless those people have made previous arrangements to be included.

"But fear not, eligible voters can identify themselves at the voting station with proof of identity (driver's license is great identification)," said Lobban. "They will be signed in and given the vote."

Voters can mark their ballot in an advance poll or vote on election day.

Voters who can't attend either day can vote by sealed envelope. They can request an application form from Lobban, who will mail out a ballot package. All ballots returned by 8 p.m.

on election day will be included in the count. There is also a provision for in-person voting by sealed envelope, whereby a voter can meet with Lobban.

"Once again, we are in a COVID-19 environment and precautions are being taken for the safety of voting officials and voters," said Lobban. "Should a voter be denied entry to the voting place for COVID reasons, they will be given the opportunity to vote outside of the voting place using a sealed envelope to ensure the secrecy of the vote."

The advanced vote takes place on Saturday, June 12. The byelection will be held on Saturday, June 19. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Election Official David Lobban by telephone at 204-389-4980 or 204-918-7563 (cell) or email him at seo@winnipegbeach.ca

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A century of faith and devotion for Arborg senior

By Tyler Searle

On May 22, Henry Friesen celebrated his birthday. This year was a momentous one because the day will mark 100 years of life for Arborg's newest centenarian.

Friesen credits his vitality to an active lifestyle, chewing his food well, and the grace of God.

"It's very much like being twenty-five years old. Some days I don't feel any different, but I do feel old age sometimes," he said.

Friesen was born in St. Anne, Manitoba, alongside 12 brothers and sisters. His parents John and Gertrude Friesen, raised him into Christianity, and Friesen's devotion to his faith led him through every triumph and tragedy in his life, he said.

When Canada entered the Second World War, Friesen stuck to his convictions and became a conscientious objector.

"I still believe that we shouldn't go to war and kill other people."

He did his part by farming in the summers and working at a lumber camp over the winters. He made around \$40 per month in those days and sent \$25 to the Red Cross.

Following the war, Friesen married Elizabeth Barkman; together, the couple raised eight children and spent 65 years happily married.

"We had a lovely time; she was a wonderful woman. We never had any quarrels."

In the 1960s, the Friesen's travelled from St. Anne to the Interlake at the behest of their church. They were there in part to secure farmland and establish a new church community in

the area—a process known as church planting.

"I wanted no more than a quarter-section of land because I didn't go there really to farm; it was really as an outreach mission," said Friesen.

The family settled in Morweena, just outside of Arborg. While Friesen planned to purchase only one quarter-section of land, he ended up with three.

Friesen established his farm, and the church followed shortly after. He and a small group of like-minded Christians built a parish in Morweena.

"It was a small building, very meek, but since the church grew, we built another one larger," Friesen said.

The legacy of that original church exists today in the form of the Morweena Christian School, a private K-12 school.

Tragedy befell the family early into their life on the farm. Two of Friesen's sons, Johnny, 6, and Alfred, 12, were killed in a farming accident.

"It's a terrible shock once you get to hear it, and you know right away you'll have to take it to the Lord, and he will carry you through, and he does."

Those early years in Morweena set a precedent for what would become Friesen's life work. He was a farmer by trade but one who cultivated both fallow land and faith.

In the early 80s Manitoban Mennonites who'd fled to Mexico to avoid persecution for their religious and cultural beliefs began to immigrate into the southern United States. Friesen travelled from Manitoba to Texas, Kansas, and Mexico to help his brethren establish new communities and



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Henry Friesen visits with his son Henry Jr. on May 18, days before he is set to celebrate his 100th birthday. Photo by Tyler Searle

churches. One trip even took him as far as Paraguay, he said.

"Usually, they would have a little place where they were gathering, but they didn't have speakers for them or preachers and ministers to lead them, so we would go and help them," he said.

The most important thing is reading the bible and gathering with others to discuss it—even if there are disagreements, Friesen said.

The churches he seeded in his youth continue to facilitate those conversa-

tions today.

Friesen lived on the farm in Morweena with his wife until 2012, when she passed away from dementia. He remained there for another two years before retiring to assisted living in Arborg.

He reads the bible daily.

"I like it more and more. The good thing about the bible is it doesn't grow old."

Friesen's advice to young people is: "Smarten up and grow old."

Community clean-up



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY FRAN ARGUE

On Saturday, May 15th, the Steep Rock Cottage Owners Association organized a clean-up around the cottage areas at Steep Rock. Volunteers from each subdivision gathered any garbage from their ditches, giving the area a good Spring cleaning. Thank you to the over 20 volunteers for their energy and enthusiasm! Pictured here are Fran Argue, left, and Kathy Shabaga who participated in the clean-up.

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Continuing drought will inevitably affect Lake Winnipeg commercial fishery

By Patricia Barrett

It's not only fire departments, wild-fire combat crews and farmers that are holding their breath, hoping for enough moisture to reverse Manitoba's drought, but also fishers on Lake Winnipeg.

If the province experiences unrelenting high temperatures over the summer, evaporation and inundations of nutrients from lagoons, wastewater treatment plants and agricultural operations could cause even greater ecological damage to the already polluted waterbody.

Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher and industry analyst Bill Buckels, who lives in Gimli, said "it's dangerously dry" across the Red River Valley and there's only one aquifer that feeds the lake. Low water levels will result in a concentration of nutrients such as phosphorus, and that will in turn lead to fish kills.

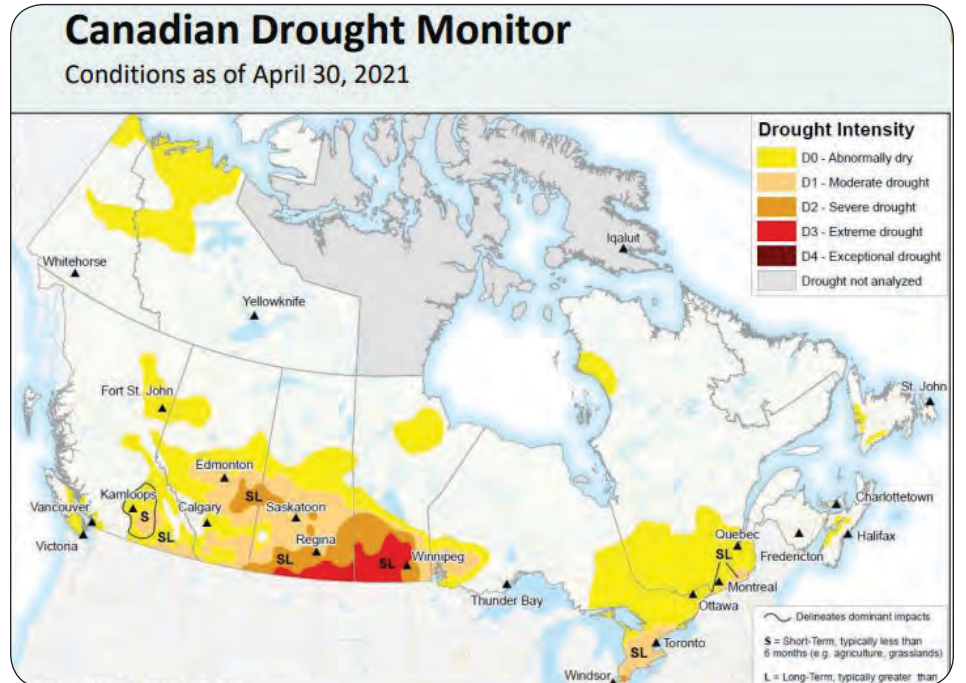
"We're going to have concentrations of nutrients way beyond what they should be and with less water coming into the lake. We'll have such a concentration of nutrients that there'll be nothing but oxygen depletion in this lake. The algal blooms we already experience could be much worse than they normally are," said Buckels by phone last Friday, still waiting for the provincial department of Agriculture



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT Commercial fisher Bill Buckels was inundated with algae and feces near Deer Island in 2018. Lake Winnipeg's low water levels this year could lead to a concentration of harmful nutrients and significant algal blooms, he says.

and Resource Development to give the green light to the spring commercial fishing season. "Lake Winnipeg, where we make our living from fishing, is at the epicentre of extreme drought in Canada."

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Drought Monitor (as of April 30)



EXPRESS AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, CANADIAN DROUGHT MONITOR Most of southern Manitoba is experiencing drought, including in the Interlake region. Conditions range from abnormally dry to extreme drought (shown in red). Drought not only affects land, but also water bodies.

shows "extreme drought" conditions across most of the Interlake, from Gimli and Arborg in the east to St. Laurent and Grahamdale in the west. Areas surrounding extreme drought regions in the Interlake are also

der dry.

The monitor says exceptional short-term dryness (fewer than six months, affecting grassland and agriculture) and long-term dryness (greater than

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Winnipeg Beach fundraising for new Day Camp building

By Jules Steenson

The Winnipeg Beach Day Camp is looking for help with funding their newest building.

The day camp has been operating for almost 60 years, and is a staple in the community, says Jacqui Cohen, who has been directing the day camp for three summers now.

The day camp runs programs for local youth along with those who cottage for the season. Cohen says most of the days are spent outdoors, but their main building houses the director's office and stores their equipment.

"It's rotten, and there's been different animals in there, and you know, they've left their droppings and made it inhabitable," says Cohen.

The day camp posted about the new building on Facebook, "We have approval from Parks and Recreation, Manitoba to dismantle the current shed and erect a new shed that will be larger, more welcoming, and also will allow for an office, storage space, outdoor planting area, an area for art to dry, for sporting equipment, and more."

The posts also thanks Jaxon Reid Interiors for designing the exterior and interior of the new building.

The day camp tore down the old building and built the new one a couple of weeks ago. They are now looking to their community members to help support them in funding the new building.

"We're looking to the community to help because we are a not-for-profit camp. We're happy with any

sort of financial contribution that people are able to make at this time," says Cohen.

So far, Cohen says they're thrilled because they've raised \$6,000 out of their \$15,000 goal.

"It would be a really big burden on us, as a not-for-profit, to have to cover the entire thing," says Cohen.

Cohen says people can also help by donating items such as tennis rackets and balls, lifejackets, pool noodles, and flutter boards. She says they eventually want to provide the kids with canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards.

"Just general camp equipment that would last for many years, and just to last for this specific summer," she says.

Cohen says Winnipeg Beach Day Camp is a special place for many people, spanning over multiple generations.

"We have grandparents come and drop off their grandchildren, and those grandparents were maybe campers or counsellors. So it's really nice to see how the camp has grown yet has many of the same core values," says Cohen.

Cohen says they take the campers to a small hill and sing songs and get to know each other, a tradition that's happened at the camp for many years.

"It's very special for those grandparents to see their grandkids singing on the same hill that they did," says Cohen.

Cohen says the day camp is a great way for kids to both relax and get their energy out. "It's a really quiet and wonderful place," she says.



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The Winnipeg Beach Day Camp building, top, has been replaced with a new building, below. The community is now in need of funds to help cover the costs.

Ashern educator bids adieu in June after seven years of teaching

By Nicole Brownlee

After almost 40 years of teaching, this Ashern artist is looking for a new adventure.

Jillian Mercer moved to Ashern seven years ago to teach art and act as a guidance counsellor at Ashern Central School. Mercer previously taught in St. John's, Newfoundland for 30 years.

"The typical thing in Newfoundland is after 30 years people retire, and I had started pretty young at 22," said Mercer. "I just thought after my 30 years that it was kind of an opportunity."

Mercer said she wanted to explore other options across Canada and the job in Ashern was the first job she saw.

"I applied and I got it," said Mercer with a laugh. "That's what led me out here."

Mercer drove from Newfoundland to Manitoba with her dogs in tow, but this wasn't her first trip to teach in a new place.

For two years, Mercer worked primarily as a college placement officer at the American International School in Abu Dhabi. After seeing an ad for the job in *The Globe and Mail*, Mercer applied without a second thought.

"I never ever thought I'd actually get a call on it, but I did, and then I was hired," said Mercer. "It (the International School) was an interesting stint."

Interacting with educators who travel around the world to teach at different schools intrigued her, she said.

"It's a whole other way of life almost, you know, for a teacher," said Mercer.



Art teacher and guidance counsellor Jillian Mercer is retiring after seven years at Ashern Central School.

After her time in the United Arab Emirates, Mercer returned to Newfoundland to teach for a few years before venturing to the prairies.

"We all share so much, but yet we can be very different," said Mercer. "Coming out [to Ashern], I met people from different backgrounds here too, and you know I really enjoy it."

Mercer said she plans to return to Newfoundland and hopes to use her time in retirement to focus on her art and creative writing.

"I am a painter, and I also am a sculptor in my mind," said Mercer.

Mercer was the reason Ashern School was able to offer ceramics to the students, said Lakeshore School Division superintendent, Darlene Willetts.

"She expanded the art beyond just what we think of as the visual arts and



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Mercer plans to focus on her art and creative writing while in retirement, favouring painting and sculpting as her media of choice.

got kids to realize there's so much more than just drawing or painting," said Willetts. "It's been beautiful. They've done some fabulous work."

Willetts has been working with Mercer since 2014 when Willetts entered her role as principal at Ashern School.

"Jill is just a wonderful person," said Willetts. "She is able to make kids feel good and feel good about themselves in her guidance role. And as an art teacher, she had kids who went to her saying 'I can't do art,' produce great artistic pieces and feel proud to show them off."

"The self-confidence she grows in

kids is just wonderful."

Mercer said one of her favourite memories while working at Ashern was entering her students into the Interlake Juried Art Show.

"I had a number of first-place winners across different mediums," said Mercer. "It was just really rewarding to kind of see [the students] see that the art that they did could receive a claim outside of their friends and family."

Mercer will retire in June, but she said she hopes to visit the Interlake again soon. "She'll be missed in Ashern," said Willetts.

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six months, affecting hydrology and ecology) persisted across the region and that led to an "expansion" of small pockets classified as extreme drought.

"This dryness, in combination with snow melt, exposing soils to sunlight, winds and evaporation, led to D3 conditions expanding to the southwest corner of the province including Neepawa to Russell and Virden and the Interlake Region," states the monitor. "Seventy-seven per cent of the Prairie region was classified as either Abnormally Dry (D0), in Moderate Drought (D1), Severe Drought (D2) or Extreme Drought (D3); this includes nearly ninety-three per cent of the region's agricultural landscape."

Western Canada experienced drought years in the early 2000s that led to water shortages. An Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada report titled *Lessons learned from the Ca-*

nadian drought years 2001 and 2002 states previously reliable water supplies, such as from streams, wetlands, dugouts, reservoirs and groundwater, were affected with several failing to meet agricultural requirements. Numerous remedial measures were "severely challenged."

Buckels said Lake Winnipeg is "terribly low" right now and that could spell trouble for commercial fishing boats and recreational boaters.

"The edges of the lake are way out in Gimli. Sandbars are showing up that people haven't seen for 50 or 60 years. If this drought continues, the water will evaporate and you won't be able to launch your boat from Gimli Harbour," he said. "And we're going to have one hell of a stink when the algae starts."

Manitoba Hydro's "Water levels & flows" web page showed the lake at 712.8 feet above sea level last Friday.

On the same day last year, the lake was 715 feet.

It's not only boaters who could experience difficulties, but also swimmers and beach-goers. Low lake levels in 2003, for instance, resulted in high densities of E-coli in the water and the fecal contamination of beaches, according to the State of Lake Winnipeg, 1999 to 2007 report. Gimli regularly posts contamination advisories on its beach.

Buckels said he was alarmed to hear in the media of farmers in the southern part of the province taking water from the Assiniboine River to water their crops as that will only exacerbate conditions for everyone living downstream. With ongoing the climate crisis, people and governments need to start "connecting the dots" and realize that they're part of a single ecosystem. Using up water resources in one area will negatively impact others.

"If one person says they're pumping water from the river, we all know

there are others doing it. During a dry year, they don't seem to have a contingency plan and just pull water out of our streams and rivers," said Buckels. "Farmers are ultimately robbing water that the fishery needs. The difference is farmers have crop insurance should they suffer from lower yields or crop failures; they won't end up in the poorhouse. Fishers don't have insurance because there's no such thing as fish crop insurance. When we lose, we lose."

Although it was raining in Gimli on Friday, Buckels said he didn't feel it would be enough to turn a corner.

"The rain we're getting today will not be enough to stop the drought," he said. "What's it going to be like by the time the summer is through and we've had no precipitation? What will it be like in the fall when the entire province of Manitoba blows away like the Sahara Desert? In the long term, in 10 years, we could be fried right out of existence."

Manitoba Liberals ask Ombudsman to investigate province's relationship with MWF

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba Liberals have called on the Ombudsman to investigate the relationship between staff in the provincial department of Agriculture and Resource Development (ARD) and the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) after the federation boasted about its ability to influence government policy on commercial fishing.

In 2017 the government hired Rob Olson, a former MWF director. He is currently director of the province's Fish and Wildlife Branch, which falls under the direction of ARD.

Commercial fishers began to question the relationship between the government, Olson and his former employer even before the government reduced their catches of certain fish species – prized angling fish – and bought back about 525,000 kilograms of commercial quota in 2019.

But what pushed the issue over the top for the Liberals was an interview MWF's current director Chris Heald gave last year to Outdoor Canada, "boasting" about the organization's power to influence government. The MWF also contributed to that same issue an article written by its managing director Carly Deacon in which she spoke about a fish fry she and Heald had with ARD minister Blaine Pedersen and branch director Rob Olson.

Liberal Leader Dougald Lamont said politicians and bureaucrats do meet with people and organizations but in this particular case, it's "clear" the government is making policy that favours recreational anglers over commercial fishers. And governments aren't supposed to be run for a single interest group.

"One of the red flags in that article for me is the [MWF] said they can just pick up the phone and get whatever they want," said Lamont by phone last Friday.

One of the policies the MWF boasted about achieving, he said, was getting the province to retire commercial fishing quota.

"The MWF is bragging about this quota buy-back but what's the impact of that? It means someone people are never going to fish again; you're basically ending some people's businesses," said Lamont.

The Outdoor Canada story titled "On Guard for the West" with the sub-heading "Manitoba: Influential Friends" in the November 2020 edition focuses on the relationship between the MWF and ARD. In an interview with MWF's current director, Chris Heald, the magazine wrote:

"In particular, Heald points to the fact that a former MWF managing director, Rob Olson, is now the head



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A bullhead catfish with an angler's hook embedded in its mouth developed an abscess from the wound. Every spring the province allows anglers on the lake before it allows commercial fishers even though fish haven't fully spawning. Commercial fishers are held back until 80 per cent of fish spawn.

of the province's Fish and Wildlife department. That gives the federation a built-in ally with an in-depth knowledge of the pressing issues in the conservation world, he says. As well, notes Heald, the current Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, Blaine Pedersen, is an avid angler and hunter who is also supportive of the MWF's mission."

Heald implied that the department allows MWF to come up with policies as he was quoted as saying, "we're picking up the phone and saying, 'Hey, this is what's going on,' and they're giving us a bunch of leeway to come up with a solution."

Thanks to their "built-in ally," the MWF said it achieved goals such as the "first round" of quota buy-back and mesh size changes. Deacon describes the fish fry with Pedersen and Rob Olson.

Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba [PCFM] president Einar Sveinson and vice president Raymond Smith, who both live in Gimli, had written to minister Pedersen in April, outlining their concerns with the government's relationship with the MWF.

"We find it very disturbing that you have all this time for the MWF. We can't even get a meeting with you, for an industry involving hundreds and hundreds of families around our lake that is their livelihoods, not just a recreational [pastime]," they wrote in their April 22 letter.

Sveinson said by phone last week the department hasn't acknowledged PCFM, which represents most fishers on Lake Winnipeg.

"We never had a response to that letter we sent," he said.

The commercial fishery is vital to

fishing families and northern communities, he said, the majority of whom are Indigenous.

In 2019 PCFM hired Meyers Norris Penny to determine the commercial fishery's contribution to the Manitoba economy; it was assessed at about \$90 million annually and over triple that in economic spinoffs. PCFM also hired a third party to assess pickerel stocks, which were found to be "strong." That flew in the face of the government and the MWF's repeated claims about imperilled and unsustainable pickerel stocks and the rationale for reducing commercial catches.

Lamont said there's debate about whether the MWF urged the government to change commercial mesh sizes so that anglers "can have more trophy fish. MWF's focus is on trophy angling, not on the preservation of fish stocks."

The Liberals made their complaint to the Ombudsman not only because of Rob Olson's connections with MWF but also because of the government's own job requirements and the rules around lobbying, he said.

"When you go into government – and this is not just an expectation – Olson's contract says he has to treat everybody fairly and set aside any relationships he might have. If his actions or if policy changes call into question whether he can do his job properly, he needs to be held to account," said Lamont. "Other statements the MWF made, beyond those in the Outdoor Canada articles, make it clear to me MWF is getting preferential treatment at the expense of other critically important stakeholders. It's bad politics and bad policy to do that. When you have a person who used to run the MWF doing that,

there's an additional level of conflict."

The MWF is not a registered lobby group, he said. Lobbyists are supposed to "declare who they are lobbying for and what they're doing. The MWF is just calling their buddy in the department."

Lamont said in addition to fishery policy changes, the government gave the MWF some Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), which is provincial Crown land, to develop.

There was also a recent announcement from Pedersen of \$600,000 for "enhanced data collection targeting our high-use angling lakes" and \$250,000 for a fish hatchery stocking truck. Earlier this month the government announced it's providing MWF with \$2 million for hunter education.

"MWF is being treated like a government department. While everyone else is facing massive cuts, this unregistered lobby group is getting millions of dollars from the province," said Lamont. "They're also being given Crown land at a time when this government is taking away Crown land from ranchers. They're giving it to the MWF so it can turn [WMAs] into pasture."

In an Outdoor Canada article published March 30, 2020, the MWF urged the government to commit more funding and resources to WMAs. MWF's Carly Deacon wrote that WMAs didn't seem to be a "priority" to the government and that they're "important destinations for hunters who have increasingly fewer options" as the amount of land given over to agriculture is prohibitive to hunters. Increasing access to WMAs would allow more hunting.

The MWF runs many programs in cooperation with the province and other groups, according to the Manitoba Hunting Guide 2020. That includes programs such as bear-baiting, mentoring children to kill deer with bow and arrow, mentored waterfowl hunting and hunter education programs.

When asked about the allegation of preferential treatment, a spokesperson for agriculture said MWF is among many groups with which the department works.

"The Manitoba Wildlife Federation is one of many stakeholders that Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development works with to further the department's goal of managing our resources sustainably," said John Neufeld last Friday by email.

Although the question was asked, Neufeld did not say how much grant money the province has allocated to MWF since 2017 when Rob Olson was hired.

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Canada's Einarson, Gushue place fourth at mixed world doubles curling championship

Staff

Canada's Brad Gushue and Kerri Einarson placed fourth at the 2021 world mixed doubles curling championship after a 7-4 loss to Sweden in the bronze-medal game last Sunday.

Sweden came out strong with four in the first end before Canada replied with singles in the second and third. Sweden went up 6-2 after four ends before each team traded points over the next three ends. Canada had to settle for an appearance in the bronze-medal game after a 7-4 loss to Scotland on Saturday.

Canada had advanced to the semifinals after a wild 7-6 extra-end victory over Switzerland's Jenny Perret and Martin Rios in a qualification game.

Canada trailed 5-1 after four ends but scored three in the fifth and stole a single in the sixth to pull even.

Canada earned a berth in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing. They did that with a top-three finish in Pool A round-robin play.

Scotland, Italy, Sweden, Norway, the Czech Republic and Switzerland also locked up Olympic spots.

The two remaining spots in the 10-team Olympic field will be filled at a last-chance qualifier next season. China gets an automatic Olympic berth as the host country.

The 2021 mixed doubles world title was won by Scotland's Bruce Mouat and Jennifer Dodds after a 9-7 win over Norway's Kristin Skaslien and Magnus Nedregottem on Sunday.

Canada finished round-robin play

with a 7-2 record. They were trying to become the first Canadian team to win gold in the event's 13-year history.

After an 8-6 comeback victory over Spain in their opening game at the world mixed doubles curling championship Canada's improved to 3-0 with wins over Germany (9-6) and Hungary (7-5).

"I think we're getting better each game and just trying to learn the ice and the paths and figure it out," Einarson said.

Canada then dropped an 8-5 decision to Australia's Tahli Gill and Dean Hewitt before improving to 4-1 with an 8-3 win over South Korea.

"It definitely feels good to bounce back after a loss this morning," said Einarson. "We made some really nice shots out there and put some pressure on them."

Canada then defeated Italy 6-4 last Thursday, erasing a 3-1 deficit after four ends.

Einarson and Gushue scored a deuce in the eighth and final end to break a tie against Italy's Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosaner.

Canada then played catch-up for most of their crucial round-robin matchup with red-hot Scotland later Thursday.

Down 4-0 after two ends, Canada eventually dropped an 8-5 decision to Jennifer Dodds and Bruce Mouat.

"There are no easy games here," Einarson told reporters after beating Italy. "They are making shots and putting pressure on us. We're having to



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Canada's Kerri Einarson and Brad Gushue lost 7-4 to Sweden in the bronze-medal game at the world mixed doubles curling championship last Sunday. Scotland went on to win the world title with a 9-7 victory over Norway.

do the same thing, and we've been doing that. They were just so close here - they were perfect through the first four ends, so we just kept up the process and put the pressure on them.

"We're feeling really good. I've got my draw weight, and I'm feeling really confident out there and with the judging as well. This is all an adjustment - I don't do it very often, but my body is holding up alright," she added.

Canada put the wraps on round-robin play Friday with a 7-6 win over Zuzana Paulova and Tomas Paul of the Czech Republic followed by an 11-6

win over the Russian Curling Federation's Anastasia Moskaleva and Aleksandr Eremin.

For Einarson, it was an exhausting stretch of curling in a very short time.

"It's been an honour to represent Canada twice on the world stage," Einarson told the Canadian Press. "We gave it our absolute all this week, and I couldn't be more proud of us earning Canada the Olympic spot. We fought hard every game. We may not have played our best at times, but we also never gave up."

Amputee's story highlights importance of farm safety

By Martine Lepine

With farming season here, Merrill Loeppky, a War Amps Regional Representative, is reminding parents to pass on an essential and possibly life-saving lesson to their children - PLAYSAFE!

Merrill grew up on a farm in Manitoba, and at 3 years old, his curiosity led him to get too close to a grain auger, resulting in the loss of his right arm. "Accidents can happen in a split second," says Merrill. "I hope my story will prevent even just one child from being injured."

The War Amps PLAYSAFE Program aims to make children more aware of the dangers in their play environment and believes that no one is better qualified to deliver the message than ampu-

tees, many of whom have lost limbs in accidents while at play, like Merrill.

"It's important that families and educators help make kids aware of the dangers on the farm," says Merrill. "Kids should never be near grain augers, tractors, lawn mowers or other 'mean machines.'"

The public can access valuable safety resources, including PLAYSAFE: Don't Let It Happen to You, a video featuring young amputees who share their stories about how they lost their limbs in accidents, visit waramps.ca/playsafe.

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CAMP COORDINATOR

As part of a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, GAAC is seeking TWO mature outgoing individuals who are creative, enthusiastic and reliable leaders with a positive attitude who enjoy working with youth. The successful candidates will be responsible to oversee day or evening camps under the direction of the GAAC Board of Directors. Camp Coordinators will be strong leaders who create and maintain a safe and fun working environment for all employees and campers. They will be required to assist with the planning and daily preparations of camp activities.

Qualifications:

- Experience & interest with working with youth ages 5-17
- Post-Secondary Schooling in Education an asset
- Experience in a Leadership/Supervisory Role
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Experience with Organizing Events an asset
- Art skills – interest & skills in drawing/painting, playing musical instruments, theatre and dancing experience an asset
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- CPR Training an asset
- Provide Criminal Record & Child Abuse Checks

There are two positions - one position for day camp (ages 4 – 10) and one position for evening camps (ages 11 – 17).

Each Camp Coordinator position will be for 8 weeks with a minimum 30 hours per week to a maximum 40 hours. Positions will be scheduled Monday-Friday, starting at the end of June. Salary will be paid hourly and will be determined based on experience. Applicants must be between the age of 15 and 30.

Please email resumes with the Subject "Camp Coordinator" to gaac@mymts.net by Friday May 28, 2021. Only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls.

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CAMP LEADER

As part of a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, GAAC is seeking FIVE mature outgoing individuals who are creative, enthusiastic and reliable leaders with a passion to work with youth. Camp Leaders will be positive role models who provide campers with guidance, assist with daily activities and create a fun learning environment for all campers.

Qualifications:

- Experience & interest with working with youth ages 5-17
- Experience in a Leadership Role an asset
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Art skills – interest & skills in drawing/painting, playing musical instruments theatre and dancing experience an asset
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There are five positions – applicants must have flexible daytime and evening availability. Each Camp Leader position will be 8 weeks and a minimum 25 hours a week to maximum 35 hours. Positions will be scheduled Monday-Friday, starting at the end of June. Salary will be paid hourly and will be determined based on experience. Applicants must be between the age of 15 and 30.

Please email resumes with the Subject "Camp Leader" to gaac@mymts.net by Friday May 28th, 2021. Only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls.

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Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operates tractor and mower;
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- Installs and repairs culverts;
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- Installs and repairs signs;
- Gravel checking;
- Use of various power tools and equipment;
- Minor property/building maintenance;
- Assistance at the Waste Transfer Stations and Waste Disposal Grounds as required;
- Supervise Green Team;
- Other duties as assigned.

Working conditions:

- Seasonal, working hours set as per weather conditions and work availability;
- Must be able to handle moderate physical tasks as some heavy lifting may be required.
- Safety procedures and use of safety equipment are required.

Skills and experience:

- Experience in road construction and maintenance;
- Ability to work with minimal supervision;
- Supervisory skills;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
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Salary, depending on experience. Persons applying should submit letter of application, on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 11th, 2021 to:

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BIRTHDAY



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Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to
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OBITUARY



Barbara Skadsheim (nee: Huston)
Born: August 23, 1942
Date of passing: May 15, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Skadsheim (nee: Huston) on May 15, 2021, at the age of 79 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She passed away peacefully in her home in Gimli, Manitoba, in the loving presence of family.

Left to cherish her memory are her four daughters, Brenda McClure, Linda (Tim) Miyai, Cheryl (Stewart) Campbell, Wendy (Ringo) Boychuk; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Craig (Lila) Huston; sister-in-law Marion Huston and numerous family members and friends.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Richard; parents, Clinton and Minnie Huston; brothers, Ernest Huston and Gerry Huston; and sisters, Marlene Cushnie and Linda Cook.

Barbara was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she met her husband, got married and raised her four daughters, until they moved to Gimli to retire.

She enjoyed doing activities at The New Horizons with her sister-in-law Marion Huston, such as carpet bowling and line dancing.

Above all else, she cared most about her family. "The sweetest, most selfless person to ever walk the face of this earth", is how her daughters always described her. She had four daughters, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, yet managed to make each one of them feel special. She always knew what someone needed and would go through anything to be able to give it to them. She had this way. We were so fortunate to have you in our lives. We know in our hearts that you are resting in peace.

Barbara's family would like to extend their gratitude to her determined and compassionate team of caregivers, Sarah, Lisa, Angela, Sygney, Janessa and Mikeala who helped fulfill her wish to be able to continue to live at home in the last few months of her life. It meant so much to her and to us. A special thanks to Dr. Adeniyi Adegbesan and the staff in the chemotherapy program at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Barbara's life will be celebrated for her kindheartedness, generosity and genuine love and support she gave to her family.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, a private, small service will be held for family and friends to celebrate Barbara's life at Brookside Cemetery at a later date.

"Your wings were ready but our hearts were not"

Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

OBITUARY

Josephine Irma Kristjanson

It is with deep sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our dear mother and grandmother, Josephine Irma Kristjanson on May 11, 2021 at the age of eighty years.

Josephine was born in the family home in Geysir, MB. She grew up on the family farm with her parents and three brothers. She attended the nearby Island School in the early grades and obtained her high school diploma in Arborg. She enjoyed one year of teaching at the Island School and then attended the University of Manitoba, completing her first year in the Faculty of Arts; also working at the Bank of Montreal while living in Winnipeg.

Josephine married Ingvar Kristjanson on August 6, 1960 and together they raised three children. They lived on the family farm in Vidir where Dad worked with his brothers in farming and a gravel/concrete business. Mom was very devoted to Dad and recognized that he liked to "keep the home fires burning", while he respected her need to be out and on the go. And so, they spent 55 years together; supporting each other through each joy and challenge. Dad predeceased Mom on August 23, 2015.



From an early age Mom treasured the books she was given and instilled in us this passion for reading. She and Dad provided for us, supported our educational efforts and allowed us the freedom to make our own life choices. We in turn were very proud of Mom when she completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree - Icelandic Studies Major, in 1989. Ten years later, Mom realized another goal in the form of a trip to Iceland to trace her roots and connect with family.

Mom had a life-long passion to do things well and had many hobbies and interests. Her greatest love was sewing. She learned from our grandmother at an early age and ensured she passed this skill on to us. She sewed everything from wedding dresses to coats with leather trim to fun pajamas and intricate patches on work pants.

There were many links between Mom's family and their surrounding community. People helped and supported each other when needed. And so, she learned early on the importance of volunteerism in building community strengths and was a life-long volunteer. She recognized the benefits to the volunteer, which to her included: building self-esteem, finding fun and fulfillment, meeting new people and making lasting friendships. Over her lifetime Mom volunteered in many ways, including: working with the Vidir 'young women' catering group in support of the Vidir Community Hall and Vidir Ladies' Aid in later years; the choir, ELW and church council at Ardal-Geysir Lutheran Church, the Vidir 4-H Club and Arborg Seniors Resource. After their move from the farm to Gimli in 2013, Mom embraced her new community quickly, by becoming involved in the Gimli Lutheran Church and ELW, the New Iceland Heritage Museum, the Huldifolk 'moms' and the Kaffitimi group that met for conversational Icelandic.

Mom loved people and showed it with her ready smile. She was a wonderful Amma who treasured her grandchildren and was always ready to drop everything to have them come and stay at the farm. As they grew, she paid special attention to what was going on in their lives and stayed connected. Mom counted her extended family and friends as some of her life's blessings.

Mom's faith was important throughout her life. It helped her through struggles; instilled a ready empathy for others and gave her a tremendous connection to her community. She felt that she had much to be joyful for.

Mom had always been very interested in and respectful of the elderly and at the age of 55 obtained her Health Care Aid Certificate. She worked in the surrounding areas until her retirement at 65 years of age. She helped people maintain their independence and remain at home and also provided palliative care when needed. She loved her work.

Mom taught us many things, including respect for self and that we all have an important part to play in the lives and well-being of others. From her we learned the blessing of how to forgive and to appreciate people for who they are; remembering to focus on the bright spots.

She will be dearly missed by her children and families: Ingrid (Neil) Stevenson; Ardith (Barrie) Sigurdson, Steen and Brett; Darren Kristjanson, Erik and Hailee.

She is survived by her brothers David (Judith) Gislason, Wayne Gislason and Lorne (Shirley) Gislason and sister-in-law Kristin Kristjanson. Also, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A private family service in her memory is planned at the Vidir Cemetery as per Covid-19 protocol.

At this time, we would like to thank all the wonderful staff at Arborg Assisted Living and the IERHA Home Care for the help and support they provided Mom in the years since she returned to her home community. She was able to maintain her independence, plan for this year's gardening and tend to her plants until the end. In addition, we thank Dr. Donnelly for his respectful care of Mom for the last four years; as well as the staff of the Arborg and District Hospital who provided excellent care until her peaceful passing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ardal-Geysir Lutheran Church, Box 160 Arborg, MB R0C 0A0, Gimli Lutheran Church, Box 118, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0 or Siloam Mission, 300 Princess Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1M3.



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OBITUARY



Marvin Matthew Stocki

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Marvin Matthew Stocki at Arborg Hospital on Sunday, May 16th surrounded by the love of his family.

Marvin was born in Winnipeg, MB on July 27, 1943 to his parents, who have predeceased him, Joseph and Mary (Golas) Stocki. He is survived by his devoted wife Janet; son Kevin (Kristen) and granddaughter Khloe. He shared the love of the farm with his brother John (Anne) and sister Mildred (Ed) and their families.

Marvin spent his entire life working on the family farm, striving to produce good crops and cattle of the best breed, Hereford. He participated in 4H as a young lad, and from there went on to show cattle at Manitoba summer fairs, Canadian Western Agribition in Regina and Toronto Royal, where he proudly accepted a Champion Banner. One of his many highlights was selling cattle to England, Russia and Mexico, plus all over North America. He was a proud Hereford breeder for over 50 years, and was pleased with the way Kevin, Kristen and Khloe have continued on with the tradition.

Special thanks to Arborg, Eriksdale and HSC hospitals for all your care and compassion. Cremation has taken place and due to COVID, a private family service has taken place Friday, May 21st at St. Anthony Roman Catholic church cemetery in Zbaraz, MB. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Gigi, Please keep a close eye on the fields, cattle and us as you make your trips around.

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OBITUARY



Theodore Albert Watson

On May 22, 2021, the day of his beloved granddaughter Icelynn's 2nd birthday, Ted slipped quietly away to enter his eternal home while at the E.M. Crowe Memorial Hospital in Eriksdale, MB.

He will be forever missed by his best friend and wife, Linda; children Patty (Robby), Cheryl (Mike), Jason and Pam (Randy); grandchildren Bryce (Megan), Halli (Lou), Nick, Matty, Icelynn, Taryn, Jared, Blake, Shawn, Keira and great-grandchild, Adeline. Fondly remembered by; his sisters Christine and Linda, Dan Watson, Graham Price, Bob Neal, Garry and Corrine Seidler along with numerous friends and relatives.

Ted was predeceased by son Darryl, daughter-in-law Elsa, parents Abb and Polly, an infant sister, brother-in-law Raymond, in-laws Eino and Sylvia and many friends and relatives.

Ted was born on October 19, 1947 at the Eriksdale Hospital to parents Albert and Pauline. Sisters Christine and Linda shared many adventures with their brother on the family farm.

Ted met Linda (nee Joy) and spent almost 55 years together. They were married on September 25, 1971. After about two and a half years of being in the city, Ted and Linda returned to their country roots and purchased their first property in close proximity to both families. While starting a Shorthorn/Hereford cow/calf operation they switched to Limousin, which Linda, Cheryl and her family are continuing with. Ted also worked as a backhoe operator. He was first employed by Vic Price then continued working with Vic's son, Graham. They've been friends for 54 years.

During this time, Ted worked in the oil patch and remained close friends with Dennis Tienkamp, a fellow co-employee. He also worked in construction for Larry Weatherburn, Sigfusson Northern and Johnson and Herbert Construction. He also worked for Johnson Brothers in Lundar. No matter where Ted worked, he developed many close friendships.

Ted considered his cousin Dan Watson to be a brother. He encouraged Ted to ask out the neighbour's daughter, Linda. She often wondered how the "brothers" remained so close after that fateful date! Although practically total opposites, Ted and Linda were committed to each other and their life together.

Ted dearly loved his family and spending time with them. He enjoyed trips with Linda, MANY projects with Patty and family members, countless hours spent on his extensive stamp collection and sharing many stories. Ted was very knowledgeable and loved a good discussion or debate. He was open to any challenge. When they built their present home, he and Linda built the rafters and continued it to completion with Ted's trips to the oil patch thrown in for good measure. Neighbours and friends helped rough it in with Ted doing all the plumbing and electrical. When the new build in the basement was done to accommodate farming partner Cheryl and the family, he did that electrical as well. He was on the Co-op board for many years as well as helping with grooming the Scotch Bay Cemetery. He enjoyed helping friends and neighbours whenever he had the chance. He was a man of many talents, a man of few words, content and happy to be doing what he loved.

Ted's journey with pancreatic cancer began 4 years ago. He surprised and surpassed the expectations of his medical family from the time he underwent surgery, throughout his Chemo treatments, up to his recent hospitalization. We are so grateful to his very skilled surgeon, Dr. Jeremy Lipschitz (HSC), Oncologists, Dr. Paul Daeninick and Dr. Eren Beshara, and the entire amazing team at St. Boniface Cancer Care.

On May 28, 2021 Ted will travel from the Hall Road to his first home, along the lake. He will come "Home" for a final farewell to the farm and cattle he cared for all these years. From there he will continue to Scotch Bay All Saints Cemetery for a family graveside service at 1:00 p.m. To those who have been invited, we kindly ask you to remain in your vehicle. There will be no future service due to COVID.

Pallbearers will be Mike and Matty Law, Nick Watson, Robby, Bryce and Halli Monkman. Sincere thanks to our local medical family Dr. S. Randhawa and the compassionate nursing team who cared for Ted (and his family). You truly are angels.

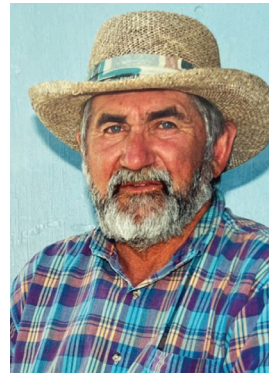
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OBITUARY



Frederick Frank Pertson

Fred was born Thursday, March 19, 1936 and peacefully transitioned to the spirit world Friday, May 7, 2021 at the age of 85 at his home in beautiful Fisher Bay. He was surrounded by so much love at the time of his passing. As Fred said a few days before he passed as he looked toward the window of the house, facing Lake Winnipeg, "I've lived a good life and I have everything I need right here."

Fred was born and raised in Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Lena Pertson, and sister Elizabeth Pertson. Fred is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Anne, son Travis (Nancy), daughter Penny, brothers William John (Sharon, deceased) and Paul William (Diane, deceased), sisters Gloria Mae (Earl) and Sandra Anne (Taras, deceased), step-children Fiona (Mike), Fraser (Helen), and Sheena (Paul), and his

extended family, including nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, along with many friends who will miss him so much.

Fred retired in 1991 after 26 years with Manitoba Highways, plus a 5-year stint with Manitoba Hydro in the middle. He loved both jobs, mainly because he was able to work outdoors, where he felt at his best. At one point in his early days, he also worked for the Liquor Control Commission in Winnipeg Beach; Fred said he liked the job because he got to meet people, but he just couldn't handle working inside all the time. His career started when he was 15, delivering milk door-to-door with his father; he confessed with a chuckle later in life, that he often helped out by driving the company truck, albeit without a driver's license.

When he was 55, he met the woman he would spend the rest of his life with. "We have so much in common you wouldn't believe it," he happily said, saying she was the love of his life. It was obvious to anyone that he felt like a lucky man. In the early '90s, Mary Anne and Fred found a few heavenly acres on the shores of Lake Winnipeg to call home, got married in their living room, and spent 30 happy years in what he called paradise.

Fred deeply appreciated his wife's Cree culture and heritage and was very proud to be honoured with a spirit name many years ago: Th tin ka-w s kwan-otat (English translation: "Wind that clears the sky"). According to his wishes, he transitioned to the spirit world dressed in his ribbon shirt, jeans, a pair of favourite moccasins, and wrapped in a star blanket made by Mary Anne.

Fred loved classic western movies, old-time country music, and good times sitting around an outdoor fire, singing tunes and telling stories with friends and family. He loved working around the property and any excuse to hop on his snowmobile, ATV or ride-on lawn mower. As recently as the fall of 2020, he was cutting and splitting wood in preparation for the coming winter. He was even laying traps in January 2021, before his illness took hold.

Those who knew Fred knew he loved the outdoors more than anything—being outside doing something was his happy place. Both he and Mary Anne loved to fish, hunt, and trap together. Scouring the thrift stores and yard sales for great deals was also right up there on the list of things Fred loved to do.

Cremation has taken place. At Fred's request, there will be no funeral. A private celebration of his life will occur at a later date.

Special thanks to: Dr. Kathryn Menzies and the staff at Percy E. Moore Hospital in Hodgson, MB for their support and care over the past few months as he managed through the late stages of prostate cancer. As well, Mary Anne extends her gratitude to the many family and friends who delivered food and care supplies, and those who called and prayed for Fred. It meant so much to them both.

"I never realized I had such good friends...so many people who care about me," he said. "Love is all that matters, right?" Yes, Fred. It is.

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OBITUARY



**Barbara Zotter
(1938 - 2021)**

It is with saddened hearts, that we the family of Barbara Zotter, announce the sudden passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister on May 16th, 2021 at her home in St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Barbara was born in Main-A-Dieu, Nova Scotia and was the daughter of the late Daniel and Mary (Molly MacDougal) Lahey.

She is predeceased by her brothers Eddie, Danny, Ron and Daniel.

Barbara's pride and joy were her family. She always looked forward to family get togethers where she would prepare a feast fit for royalty. Mom obtained her teachers degree and began her career in Yellowknife, NWT where she met and fell in love with her husband for life Werner Zotter. Mom and Dad were married in 1962 and moved to Manitouwadge, ON. Mom continued her teaching career where she was able to influence many with her knowledge and passion to enhance the lives of those who surrounded her.

After retirement from teaching in 1993, Mom being the supportive person she was, moved with her husband Werner to St. Laurent, MB to pursue his dream of farming. Even though Mom never sat on a tractor, she kept a tight grip on the cheque book.

Mom was involved with the Catholic Church attending mass weekly while being involved with the Catholic Women's League until her health began to decline.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 59 years Werner; three sons, Werner (Lynn), Ron and Earl (Irina); her three grandchildren who she thought the world of, Tatiana, Eric and Katrina; sister Rosalie Lahey; sister-in-law Sheila, nieces and nephews Rosalie, Joseph, Mary and Daniel.

Family would like to thank the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Paramedics.

Cremation has taken place and a private celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Laurent Parish, PO Box 132, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0 or to a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY



Faye Schalk (nee Gunter)
February 9, 1948 – May 18, 2021

After a lengthy and courageous battle with COPD, Faye passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

She is survived by her loving husband, Alfie, and son, Dean Schalk; siblings Linda Paluck, Merv Gunter (Lynda), Tricia Geurts (Albert) and Terry Gunter; in-laws Karl and Ada Schalk, Irene Rosser; and their families. She was predeceased by her son, David Schalk; mother Irene Bell (Victor); father John (Jack) Gunter; in-laws Karl (Anna) Schalk; sister Dawn Papineau; and brothers-in-law, Lloyd (Butch) Papineau, Eddie Paluck and Dave Rosser.

Faye was born and spent her early life in Selkirk, Manitoba, where she attended school and worked until she met and married Alfie. They lived in Pine Falls for a short time, and then took over the farm north of Petersfield, where they raised their sons. They farmed from 1971 to 2004, at which time they retired to a home near Winnipeg Beach. During their retirement years they spent winters in warmer climates in the US and Mexico. Family was important to Faye and extended family and friends were always welcome in her home. Faye was dearly loved by her family, especially all her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

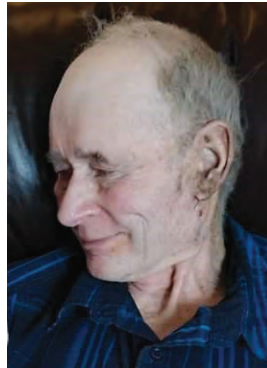
Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Flowers are graciously declined, and those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Faye to Inclusion Selkirk Fund at the Selkirk & District Community Foundation. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



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OBITUARY



Larry Gene Huziy
January 21, 1947 - May 18, 2021

Larry passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 18, 2021 at the Arborg Hospital at the age of 74 years.

He was predeceased by his parents William and Sophie Huziy and younger brother Leonard Huziy.

He is survived by his older brother Stanley (Susan) Huziy, his older sister Pauline (Donald) Moscall and younger sister Marlene (Robert) Dewald. Uncle Larry will be greatly missed by his nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Larry farmed all his life in the Skylake area. He lived life in a simple way but to the fullest. He was close to and loved his family and his animals.

A private funeral service will take place on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Arborg Mackenzie Funeral Chapel at 11:00 p.m. His final resting place will Skylake Cemetery.

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