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Sarah Stevenson packs a food basket to be picked up by a Lundar High School family on Saturday, May 30.

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Lundar grocer and school join forces to help families in need

By Evan Matthews

Lundar School is re-purposing funds to ensure its students are well-fed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with the help of a local family business.

Lawrence Grzenda, principal of Lundar High School, said the idea is to provide as many resources as we can to the school's families during trying times. Funds once used for the school's breakfast program are now being used to pay Stevenson's Foods to fulfill food basket demands.

"Something we've always done at our school — and many schools do this across the province — is the food aspect of (learning)," said Grzenda.

"We know we have some kids who live in situations that don't have a lot of extra resources. During this time, there are people who have lost employment, and despite access to social service money and different programs, it's hard to make sure our kids are fed."

The school's breakfast program is more than just breakfast. Grzenda said the school supplies food for kids throughout the day.

It might be bagels in the morning or a quiche in the afternoon, he said.

Sometimes it's just fruit or cereal or ensuring the students can access fruit for veggie bags.

"But the point is that we always want food available to our kids so that going hungry isn't an option," said Grzenda.

The breakfast program is 100 per cent fundraised and includes donations from community members as well as private organizations and businesses such as the United Church and Noventis, which both make annual donations.

Students at Lundar High School are largely from the Lundar and Eriksdale communities but also from Oak Point and Deerhorn. All students' families were given the same opportunity in regards to the program, Grzenda said.

Grzenda credited school secretary Cindy Harrison and guidance counsellor Chloe Reimer McCaughan for coming up with the idea and connecting with Stevenson's Foods in Lundar.

"Local businesses are hurting too," said Grzenda. "It's nice to support a local grocer in the midst of what is definitely a crisis in some ways."

The food basket program works by having the school's families reach out to Lundar High School and receive a voucher that can either be printed or



EXPRESS PHOTO BY AMANDA STEVENSON

Food baskets include everything from bread, milk and eggs to pasta, sauce, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

displayed on a cell phone. Once the family has the voucher in print or digital form, they contact Stevenson's to arrange a safe pick-up time to receive their pre-packaged food basket.

Baskets are designed to include healthy food meeting the standards of the Canadian Food Guide's four food groups and usually include a little treat for the kids as well for something different.

"Our family has been a part of this community for a long time, longer than I've been alive," said Sarah Stevenson, employee of Stevenson's

Foods family owned and operated business.

"We were really happy to partner with the school and help to provide this program to families. It's a difficult time for everyone, and for some of us more so than others. ... We want to provide good, healthy food," she said.

Stevenson's Food is located at 56 Main St. in Lundar. Families interested in the program should contact Lundar High School, receive a voucher, and set up a pick-up time with Stevenson's.

Measures for Manitobans and businesses impacted by COVID-19 continues

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is once again extending measures aimed to help residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Finance Minister Scott Fielding announced last Friday.

"Manitoba's small- and medium-sized businesses continue to face a challenging economic situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and we want to help them further by giving them more time to submit provincial taxes," said Fielding. "As we enter Phase 2 of restoring services across Manitoba and more businesses reopen, we want to provide them with some additional financial flexibility."

After extending the April and May filing deadlines for small- and medium-sized businesses with monthly remittances of no more than \$10,000, the province is now extending the deadlines for June as well. Businesses will now have up to three additional months to remit retail sales taxes and the Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy, commonly called the payroll tax.

Fielding noted in the last two months, deferred retail sales and payroll tax deferrals resulted in an estimated \$10.8 million savings to Manitoba businesses.

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Lawyer with long-standing Gimli roots opens Lakeside Law

By Patricia Barrett

A lawyer with life-long ties to Gimli has moved back home and opened a law firm in the Waterfront Centre.

Nikki Philp opened her Lakeside Law practice several weeks ago to provide people with options for everyday legal services after surveying needs and getting positive feedback from the community.

She said the population is growing, people's needs are always changing and having additional lawyers in the town will ensure everyone's service needs are met.

"It's providing people with choice. Number 1, people need to feel comfortable with their lawyer and have a good relationship with them," said Philp. "Also, a lot of times lawyers aren't able to take on files because of scheduling issues or the matter may be outside their areas of practice or a conflict of interest may come up."

Philp grew up in Winnipeg but has deep roots in Gimli. Her grandparents and her mother grew up in the community, she said, and when she herself was growing up, she used to spend her summers working in Gimli. Her fiancé is also from Gimli.

"I love it here. I always wanted to come back. That was my plan. We [her fiancé] planned on moving back here together and moved the timeline up a bit when the rest of my family moved back from Winnipeg," said Philp, who plays beach volleyball in her spare time and is active in a musical theatre group called Piper Pride

Productions. "I thought I should do this early so we can really build our whole life here as opposed to later on."

Philp offers a range of legal services such as wills and powers of attorney, estates, buying and selling property and family law. She's also a notary public, meaning she's authorized to sign and seal documents and certify copies of original documents.

For family law matters, Philp can help people with cohabitation agreements, separation and divorces. She said she tries to resolve relationship breakdowns outside the court system so that people don't have long waits for a hearing and can potentially save them money.

"Generally, you'll get a quicker resolution with uncontested divorces and you can keep things a little more amicable by staying out of court. You won't have those contentious court battles," said Philp. "If you're going through a full hearing, you're looking at spending thousands when you could potentially save that by resolving it amicably outside of court."

Philp said COVID-19 initially delayed her opening plans, but she's open now and will meet virtually or in-person.

Lakeside Law is located at 109-94 First Ave. in the Waterfront Centre. It's open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. To contact Nikki Philp, call 204-642-9111, email assist@lakesidelaw.ca or visit lakesidelaw.ca and book an appointment online.



Nikki Philp

Fraserwood dog trainer takes training to the web

By Becca Myskiw

Patricia Tschanen walks around her backyard, past the boarding kennel fence, looking at the dogs playing inside and thinks to herself, "I just live the perfect life here."

Tschanen is a dog trainer. She also runs a boarding kennel — both of which she runs out of her home in Fraserwood, where she's lived for the past 12 years.

In 2008, Tschanen moved from Switzerland with her husband for their want of a house with land. Manitoba was the most affordable way to live their dream, and to Tschanen, it's the "real Canada."

"We never regretted [the move]," she said. "We love it here."

One year after she set down roots in the Interlake, Tschanen started looking for a place to take her dogs for agility training, but the closest place was in Winnipeg. Noticing the need for that here, she started her own business — Crazy Jumpers — in 2009.

She's a certified trainer and does ongoing education with herself. As of now, Tschanen teaches puppy classes, which is basic training. She also offers obedience classes and agility training.

Since the pandemic started, however, she



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Patricia Tschanen, left, and her 14-month-old dog Q recorded the online videos.

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Manitoba supporting recovery of lodges and outfitters

Outfitters say support doesn't meet their needs

By Evan Matthews

The Manitoba government said it's taking steps to help the lodge outfitter sector recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, but outfitters aren't sure how much it's going to help.

Though the government is acknowledging the sector's biggest issue, Tim Sigfusson, owner of Outland Outfitting, said the provincial announcement does little to address the issue.

"The COVID pandemic and the closure of the Canada-United States border to tourist travel has had a significant effect on the outdoor tourism sector this spring," said Manitoba's Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen.

"By taking common-sense steps to ease requirements for our lodge and outfitting operators, and by starting on the road to enhanced and more efficient licensing services for hunting guides, we are working together to position our lodges and outfitters for recovery."

However, Sigfusson said his biggest issue has been that his clientele is 100

per cent American, typically. With the Canada-U.S.A. border closure, his business' income has dropped off entirely.

Whether it's the government or the Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association that administers hunting guide licences has little impact on whether or not his business will recover, Sigfusson said.

"I had 21 hunters booked for this spring. We've completely cancelled our spring hunt," said Sigfusson.

He lives in the RM of Woodlands, but his bear operation is located north the Grand Rapids area. He also runs a whitetail deer operation in the Ashern area.

"I rolled 70 per cent of my bookings into the fall or into spring 2021. But 30 per cent have cancelled completely and have resulted in lost revenue. We had already purchased a lot of bait, I'll have to eat the cost on that, too," he said.

On May 22, the Manitoba government announced it is waiving "big-game utilization requirements" for 2020, ensuring future allocations will not be affected by the loss of the spring season due to the pandemic.

Big-game utilization requirements is the method in which the province supplies licences to outfitters. For example, Sigfusson said if he's given 18 licences for hunts per year but only

sells 10 licences over three consecutive years, the province would likely cut back his big-game utilization requirement to 10.

"It more or less means they won't judge my business based on how little I sell this year," said Sigfusson.

"But what I'm left wondering about is because I've had to roll 70 per cent of my 2020 bookings into 2021, does that mean I can only book 30 per cent next year? My thought is that I should be allowed to use 2020 and 2021 licences next year," he said, suggesting it as a way of recouping lost revenue.

When asked if the government would consider allowing outfitters to rollover unused licenses into 2021, the provincial Department of Agriculture and Resource Development did not respond by presstime.

Manitoba Conservation and Climate is still asking outfitters to pay their 2020 operational fee. With as few as five hunts scheduled, and given there is no guarantee of income, Sigfusson said he doesn't think outfitters should have to pay the fee.

The government also said in its statement that it would provide additional black bear hunting opportunities to outfitters in areas with chronic black bear-related damage.

Unfortunately, Sigfusson said such an area won't apply to his operation.

"We don't hunt anywhere near ag-

ricultural operations," said Sigfusson. "I've got so much interest in the area we are typically in."

Hunting guides play a critical role in the delivery of outfitted guiding experiences, and the province said the Guide Licence Program provides those seeking an outfitter a degree of assurance the hired guide has a specific set of knowledge and skill.

The province will transfer the administration of the Guide Licence Program to the Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association to expedite licence issuance to hunting guides while reducing government red tape, according to the press release.

"The Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association is thrilled to take on the administration of the Hunting Guide Licence Program" said Brian Kotak, executive director for the association.

"In continued collaboration with Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development, we look forward to enhancing the program to deliver quality training for our existing and new guides, while creating more professional guides who offer world-class service and hunting experiences in Manitoba."

For more information on the Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association, visit <https://mloa.com/>.

WCF takes part in new Emergency Community Support Fund

\$40,000 in funding available within the WCF's catchment area for charities supporting COVID-19 response

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On the May 19, 2020, Westshore Community Foundation announced it would provide \$40,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a new partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way and the Canadian Red Cross, funded through the Government of Canada's \$350-million Emergency Community

Support Fund (ECSF). This vast national effort aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Westshore Community Foundation is among community foundations across Canada that are taking part.

"At Community Foundations of Canada, our purpose to 'relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs' has never felt more important than it does right now," said Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada president.

"We're grateful for the leadership of local community foundations like Westshore Community Foundation, who have been at the forefront of local response efforts since the pandemic was declared. Thanks to the Government of Canada's contribution, our network will be able to unlock even more local impact for organizations serving vulnerable groups, helping us set the stage for more inclusive, resilient and sustainable communities."

"This is a vital step in the fight against COVID-19," says David Douglas, vice-president of the Westshore Community Foundation. "Local charities and non-profit organizations have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most right now. This additional funding is a much-needed boost to their efforts. We're looking forward to flowing funds quickly to en-

sure no one in our community is left behind."

The Prime Minister of Canada initially announced the Emergency Community Support Fund on April 21, 2020. It is part of a broad series of emergency response measures by the Government of Canada.

"Canadian charities and not-for-profits are always there to help you, in your time of need. But the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations. With today's announcement, the Government of Canada will be there for them so they can continue to be there for Canadians," said Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

Starting on May 19, Westshore Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including covering staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through July 2020. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit the foundation website at westshorefoundation.com for eligibility and application details.

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Passes for GFF's 20th anniversary online festival are more affordable than ever — and 20 per cent off for a limited time only.

For the first time, you can watch the Gimli Film Festival from the comfort of your home. GFF passes went on sale Monday. For a limited time only, GFF festival passes are 20 per cent off — only \$60 per household. Your festival pass provides access to GFF On Demand, a Netflix-styled streaming platform with over 130 film titles.

GFF On Demand allows passholders to choose what they want to watch

and where they want to watch it, as Manitoba's premiere film festival goes online in response to COVID-19. Passes for GFF On Demand will be valid for five full days, from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 22 until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 26. Each festival pass provides access to unlock 20 films of your choice, over the five days of the festival.

Tickets are available at <https://gimli-film.com/passes-and-tickets/>.

GFF has also once again partnered with RBC, this time to offer free film programming via GFF Live Stream! This five-day schedule of feature

films, short film programs, filmmaker Q&As, panel discussions and more will be available to anyone across the globe for free streamed live directly on GFF's website. This live-film viewing experience will take the place of the famous RBC Sunset Screenings on Gimli Beach, which will be cancelled for 2020.

Thank you for your support as GFF moves online for its 20th anniversary.

GFF announced that with the support of William F White, On Screen Manitoba and the National Screen Institute, RBC's annual \$10,000 Pitch Competition will be presented via

Live Stream on Saturday, July 25. Applications are now open.

GFF is excited to launch a new monthly movie series Manitoba Movie Night, which will be broadcast for free on the GFF website. This series of classic Manitoba-made movies will screen on the 20th of each month, in celebration of GFF's 20th anniversary, and leading up to Manitoba's 150th celebrations in 2021

Busy week for Fisher Branch RCMP

By Evan Matthews

Fisher Branch RCMP have been busy with drug investigations over the last number of weeks.

Cpl. Michael Garton said the detachment has two cocaine seizures dating back to May 21.

On the morning of May 21 at roughly 10 a.m., RCMP conducted a traffic stop on PR 224 in Peguis First Nation. While interacting with the vehicle's occupants, Garton said RCMP found cocaine and marijuana.

"Further investigation revealed a ve-

hicle passenger was in possession of a significant amount of (money)," said Garton.

"RCMP arrested a 22-year-old (man) from Peguis First Nation for possession of proceeds of crime (less than \$5,000), and he was released for a fall date at Peguis Provincial Court," he said.

In a separate incident five days later, on May 26 at roughly 9 p.m., Fisher Branch RCMP found an intoxicated man on a Peguis West Road business' property.

Garton said RCMP made the determination that the man was unable to care for himself and detained him under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act.

"When searched by police, RCMP found a significant amount of cocaine with an estimated \$1,500 in his possession," said Garton.

"RCMP arrested a 22-year-old (man) from Peguis First Nation for possession of cocaine and released him for a fall date at Peguis Provincial Court."

Summer intern



Sydney Lockhart

Sydney Lockhart has lived in Stonewall since she was five years old and graduated from Stonewall Collegiate in 2017. She is now a Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications student at the University of Winnipeg and a Creative Communications student at Red River College. She is majoring in journalism and chose journalism because she loves telling people's stories and giving communities a voice. Sydney is writing for the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, the *Express Weekly News* and the *Carman Standard* this summer.

If you have any news tips that you would like to share, email sydney@stonewallteulontribune.ca.

> DOG TRAINER, FROM PG. 3

hasn't been able to hold in-person classes, so she had to make the switch to online.

With the help from her trainers at absoluteDogs overseas, Tschanen slowly learned how to communicate with her clients through Zoom.

"At the beginning I was a bit stiff, tense," she said. "And then I started loving it. I couldn't stop filming."

Tschanen filmed herself working with her 14-month-old Australian Shepherd, Q. She said she used her puppy so she could show her clients how to work around distractions

young dogs face.

Her online course had 21 sign-ups. Those 21 people turned on Zoom three times a week to learn to work with their dogs. Tschanen said the online classes are huge advantage for puppies because they can learn at home in a familiar environment without distractions.

Being at home also gives the owner more time to focus on their pup.

The online classes also allow for the owners to train at their own speed as much of it is pre-recorded.

Most of what Tschanen does is

teaching the dog through games. She said this makes the dog think you're playing.

"Being dominant and drilling the dog is so outdated," she said. "Obedience training should be fun for you and the dog."

Tschanen's goal is to help people train their dogs and she didn't want the pandemic to get in the way of that. She made the online course half price (\$60) to give everyone a shot even if they are struggling financially.

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Lavallee Tradition pursuing positivity in a pandemic

By Evan Matthews

Last week, a reader reached out to our newspaper with a request.

The reader asked us to pursue a positive editorial in regards to Indigenous truth and reconciliation, and/or the pandemic. We found both.

"So often, we only see and hear about the people who are prejudiced," said the reader, who asked to remain anonymous. "We only see and hear about people who are misbehaving."

Our reader is correct. In our society, sometimes, the negative is so loud that we don't hear — or choose not to hear — the positive.

We can be so easily intrigued by negative news stories, and we can so easily opt to ignore the positive ones. But focusing on the negative makes life more polarizing; more divisive.

"But the majority of people are not prejudice. The majority of people are good," said the reader. "Most people get up in the morning, do their thing during the day, and put their head on the pillow at night."

Our reader pointed to a local Interlake musician who has been providing great joy and positivity through-

out the COVID-19 pandemic. Dave Lavallee is the founder of Lavallee Tradition.

The family band was formally created in 2000 with Lavallee's sons Clint and Jason, and his brothers Ray and Darren and nephew JJ.

Born into a Métis family as the 11th of 17 children, the singer now best-known for singing The Métis Medley, Lavallee said shutting out the negative; focusing on the positive — the good in people — was a value instilled in him from a very young age.

"With COVID, people haven't been able to go out. Everyone has been at home. It's led to a lot of boredom and depression," said Lavallee, who wanted to provide some relief to people.

"It's been a lot of negativity on the news. ... I wanted to connect people by providing enjoyment in the music; having people socialize online and create new friendships while renewing old friendships.

"My intention was to create contact and connection with people, and give them something to look forward to each week," he said.

Every Friday throughout the pan-

demic, Lavallee uses Facebook Live to broadcast a show from his living room, sometimes playing a set, other times taking requests. He most recently performed online on May 29.

With over 600 engagements on his May 22 Facebook Live event — engagements from as far as England, Germany, Montana, Texas, Idaho, New York, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland — Lavallee, with a Canadian flag hanging behind him, is influencing the lives of many and bringing happiness, joy and relief to people during a perceivably difficult time.

"He brings his grandkids along during the shows, and it feels like you're part of their family. It makes me so happy," said our reader.

"If we focus on the positives, the good people — good Canadians (no matter their race, religion or sexual orientation) — maybe we can encourage positive behaviours.

"It's worth celebrating people doing good things."

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GAAC moves forward with day camps; cancels drop-in plans

By Evan Matthews

The Green Acres Art Centre is ready to start summer camps in July.

As of June 1 (Phase 2 of service restoration), the province announced day camp group sizes can include up to 24 kids.

"The Green Acres Art Centre is delighted the Provincial Health Authorities announced day camps are allowed to run this summer," said GAAC president Lana Knor, noting Sunova Summer Funtastics at the GAAC will be held Monday to Friday starting on July 6.

Sunova Summer Funtastic Camps will be designed for ages five to 11, and held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Camp themes for the kids aged five to 11 will include sewing, dancing, readers' theatre, music, flight and fossils, woodworking and games, and sports," she said.

All camps will include a variety of activities including art and physical activities.

Originally, Knor had made announcements regarding a drop-in centre for youth and seniors alike, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed everyone's plans.

Instead, GAAC will include youth aged 12 to 17 in camps later in the day, held from 5 to 10 p.m.

"The GAAC will include junior board members in the planning process for camp activities, but the themes will be similar to ages five to 11," said Knor.

The Interlake Community Foundation recently awarded the GAAC with a grant for \$2,650 that will be used to purchase portable basketballs and hoops, as well as volleyball, tennis and badminton rackets and nets, Knor said.

After creating a survey, Knor said GAAC found parents were vocal about archery being one activity they wanted to see. Knor added GAAC is hoping to include portable laser tag for older campers, too.

"The GAAC has a wide variety of activities planned for camps," said Knor.

"Camps will include science experiments, making fossils, rock painting, nature hikes and cooking bannock over an open fire, just as a few examples."

This year, Knor said each camper will receive a bag of supplies on the first day. The supply bags will be labelled and remain at the centre for the week. The intention of the bags, she said, is to reduce contact with items that can be difficult to sanitize such as paint-

brushes and pencils.

"Provincial guidelines allow 24 campers at the day camp and 24 at the evening camp. In order to reduce contact, kids will be placed into smaller groups with a leader," said Knor.

"Camp activities will be held at a variety of facilities including GAAC, Green Acres Park and Teulon Rockwood Arena."

Knor emphasized GAAC's understanding of public health orders, with one of GAAC's goals being to reduce contact and increase sanitization.

GAAC has applied for more grant money, Knor said, in order to assist with additional cleaning and protection gear including masks, gloves and a thermometer.

"We want our campers and their parents to know we will do everything in our power to keep everyone safe," said Knor.

The other plans for keeping campers safe include:

1. Staggered drop-offs and pick-ups.
2. Screening at

drop-off each morning including taking temperatures.

3. Screening will take place outside the centre for ages five to 11 and outside the rink for ages 12 to 17. Only staff and campers will be allowed in the facilities.

4. Masks are not mandatory to wear, but disposable masks and gloves will be available for campers to wear.

5. Hand washing will be emphasized in the washrooms, with additional portable hand washing stations for outside activities. Hand sanitizer will also be available.

6. Cleaning staff will be hired and scheduled to sanitize locations.

7. Each location will be sanitized prior to a group entering.

Registration

Knor said registration is not being accepted quite yet because GAAC is waiting to hear from the Federal Summer Jobs Program on its request for nine summer employees.

"This grant is a huge factor in the camp budget. If we do not receive the grant, we will have to readjust the budget accordingly," said Knor.

"Unfortunately, everything is delayed because of the pandemic. We are doing our best to keep registration the same as last year at \$150 a week."

Anyone interested in camps can email gaac@mymts.net, like the GAAC Facebook Page or follow GAAC on Instagram at @gaacteulon.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA KNOR

GAAC president Lana Knor said 2019's archery activity was a hit and has plans to bring the event back in 2020.

"THE GAAC HAS A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED."

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Gimli council rejects proposal to close and sell back lane in Loni Beach

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council rejected a proposal from property owners in Loni Beach who asked the RM to close an undeveloped laneway and sell them the land so that they could develop it.

Lori Lavoie and Allen Foster of 5 North Lake St. had written a letter dated May 4 asking council to consider their request. The lane runs west-east along the southern boundary of their property.

The undeveloped lane joins up with a developed lane, and together they provide access routes to and from Loni Street and North Lake Street.

About two thirds of the lane is used to access four properties, according to correspondence between the RM and Manitoba land surveyor Peter Isaac.

Lavoie and Foster also asked if they could purchase the land on which the undeveloped lane runs so that they can construct a garage-carriage house.

"Council did not approve the sale of the land," said Acting CAO Kelly Cosgrove by email after council's regular meeting May 27. "Had council approved the sale, the next step would have been to hold a public hearing to close the lane."

Other council news:

- Minister of Municipal Relations Rochelle Squires advised the RM that her department developed a bylaw template that municipalities can use

for enforcing COVID-19 pandemic health orders.

"As part of the easing of restrictions, we are acting to expand enforcement capacity and ensure that public health orders continue to be respected as Manitobans navigate this evolving situation," wrote Squires to Mayor Lynn Greenberg in a letter dated May 14.

Squires went on to say that municipalities have enforcement authority to address "many behaviours that are

contrary to public health orders" and encouraged the RM to take a "more active role in enforcement" when incidents occur on municipal property.

In mid-May, 57 warnings and seven tickets were issued across the province

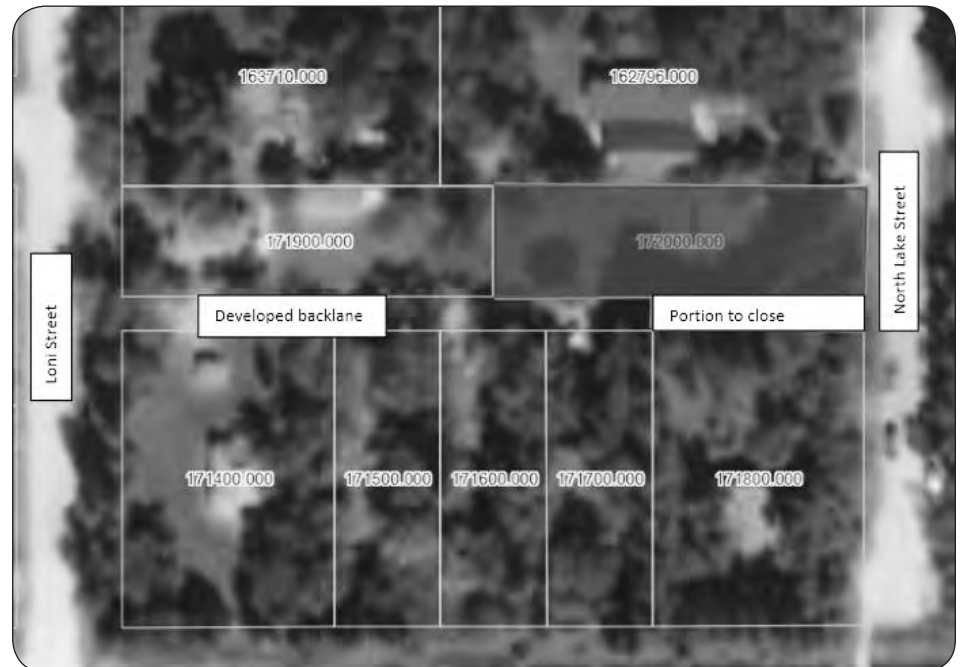
by police, wrote Squires.

When asked if the bylaw template is mandatory and if there will be provincial funding support for heightened enforcement activities, Cosgrove said Squires' letter doesn't say it's mandatory and provides no information about funding to address any extra costs municipalities may incur.

- Council approved the development of a two-family dwelling on one lot on Emil Avenue in Gimli's South Beach neighbourhood.

According to preliminary drawings, each unit will have between 1,000 and 1,150 square feet of living space plus attached garages.

"There is a significant housing shortage in the RM of Gimli," states a planning report from the Eastern Interlake Planning District. "The construction of a new duplex



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF RM OF GIMLI

A Loni Beach couple asked council to close part of a back lane and sell it to them.

on this site would help address this need."

- Council was asked by the Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce to contribute funding towards the renovation of two buildings in Arborg that will be used for an upcoming licensed practical nursing program.

"Council did not approve contributing funds to this initiative. The RM is currently addressing health care in our community via an incentive agreement to retain a full-time family physician," said Cosgrove.

The Doctor Incentive Agreement between the RM and Dr. Sarah Blleloch was approved by council at its May 13 regular meeting. The amount of the incentive was not stated.

- Council rejected a request from a property owner on Willow Island, south of Gimli, to decommission an undeveloped road called Marine Parade.

The property owner said in a letter

that she believes part of the road lies beneath Lake Winnipeg but did not say why it should be closed.

"The request was not approved. The request was not made to address safety as Marine Parade is not a developed road," said Cosgrove. "In the past council has approved variances to allow individuals to build with zero setback to lot lines on the properties that abut onto Marine Parade."

Cosgrove added that the property owner is concerned zero setback obstructs the view of the lake for other existing property owners.

- Council awarded 11 grass cutting tenders for a one-year term to three contractors: Al Foster, Paint it Black, and Toomey Construction.

- Council awarded a proposal for tables at the Gimli Pavilion to Accent Environments at a cost of \$7,128 plus applicable taxes.

- Council indemnities for the period ending April 30 were \$15,378.67.

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The province is continuing to postpone non-urgent eviction hearings and suspending any rent increases scheduled to take effect in June. The Residential Tenancies Branch (RTB) and Residential Tenancies Commission (RTC) will continue to postpone all hearings for non-urgent matters to halt evictions, and all scheduled hearings are delayed to protect Manitobans from evictions during the pandemic, with certain exceptions to deal with urgent issues that involve the health and safety of tenants. Eviction orders will only be issued to address issues affecting health and safety including unlawful activities.

"We continue to balance safety concerns with

support for renters facing economic hardship or needing to self isolate due to COVID-19," said Fielding. "The Residential Tenancies Branch remains available to resolve urgent situations involving health and safety for landlords and tenants."

Fielding noted the RTB also recognizes landlords are experiencing financial challenges as some tenants are unable to pay full rent. After June 30, the branch plans to schedule hearings to adjudicate landlord applications for orders of possession on a priority basis. Hearings will be scheduled based on the order in which the applications are received. Landlords and tenants are encouraged to contact the RTB for information by telephone at 204-945-2476 or (toll-free) at 1-800-782-8403 and by email at rtb@gov.mb.ca.

Interlakers hunters oppose Liberal gun ban

By Evan Matthews

Interlakers are firing back at the federal Liberals, who recently implemented sweeping change to Canada's gun laws.

James Caine, a Stony Mountain resident, said as a gun owner, the Liberal gun ban has a direct effect on him as a hunter.

"But my interest in guns is a bit of a heritage thing, actually. My dad fought in World War II. He fought for our freedoms and for our rights," said Caine, who even inherited a rifle from his father, which is now on the banned list.

"I feel this ban is unjustly taking a freedom away," he said.

Canada's Minister of Public Safety Minister Bill Blair has said publicly that the federal government tried to avoid including shotguns in the new ban, according to Caine. But because the ban's phrasing and terminology is "so poor," the ban prohibits any firearm featuring a 20-millimetre bore diameter, which does include some shotguns. The bore is the hollow portion inside a gun barrel.

Caine said he also owns a shotgun he uses for duck and goose hunting, and at its bore's widest point is 20.3 millimetres. Its widest point comes at the muzzle, which comes after the chamber, and is where a choke screws onto the bore.

The RCMP's firearms unit posted on its website stating the bore will continue to be measured at a point after the chamber but before the choke, which



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James Caine holds two guns, a rifle he inherited from his father, left, and a shotgun, right, he uses for duck and goose hunting. He fears both will be prohibited under the new Liberal gun ban.

theoretically excludes the widest point of Caine's shotgun.

"Canada's Minister of Public Safety has confirmed the ban does not affect most 10- and 12-gauge shotguns," said RCMP Cpl. Julie Courchaine.

But without precedent and seeing this ban in place, Caine said questions and concerns remain.

"It's a common firearm used in hunting practice. You would think ensuring that it's exempt from the ban would be a simple thing, but Minister Blair is fighting back on that," said Caine.

He said while Blair acknowledged including hunting shotguns was not his intent, the safety minister hasn't done anything to rectify his mistake.

"The National Firearms Association, of which I'm a member, has advised us not to take our shotguns hunting. If the RCMP uphold the law to the letter, and catch you with a shotgun, you could go to jail," he said.

While the controversial ban has been supported in perceived progressive city centres, according to Ipsos polling, Caine said his concern is that the ban disproportionately affects rural people.

Hunting is a common sport when living in a rural community, according to Caine. With shotguns on the prohibited list, rural dwellers are at a higher risk of penalty.

"In many ways, I understand the Liberal approach. You're trying to take guns away from cities

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Lakeshore SD moves ahead with Phase 2

By Evan Matthews

For three weeks in June, Lakeshore School Division students will return to school in a limited capacity, and unprecedented graduation plans begin to take shape.

Don Nikkel, superintendent of HR and alternative program director for Lakeshore SD, said students will attend school two days a week for three weeks in June.

"We're looking at ... running buses two days a week. Each school will have a slightly different schedule based on that. We're going to be contacting students on individual basis and arranging times for them to come in to the buildings," said Nikkel.

He added that both students and teachers are very excited to see everyone in person for the first time since the end of March.

Each school will stagger groups of students with two groups per day — one in the morning and one in the afternoon — to not over-inundate the school with students in an effort to maintain social distancing.

"For the other three days per week, we'll be continuing with the remote learning we've been doing for the last several months," said Nikkel.

The re-opening is important to use as a stepping stone for further easing of restrictions, Nikkel said, as schools will be getting a sense of what it's like to have students in the building with COVID as a reality.

School staff will be ensuring safety measures are being taken, students are frequently washing their hands, social distancing measures are being followed, evaluating whether or not a student is ill, and getting custodial staff into a rhythm to ensure surfaces are being disinfected.

Graduation plans

The provincial Phase 2 rollout comes just in time to save graduation ceremonies for 2020 graduates, as Nikkel said the division's celebrations may look a little bit different this year.

Outdoor gathering sizes have been increased to 50 people, according to the province, with schools looking to plan and structure grad ceremonies around that restriction.

"We're looking at utilizing outdoor spaces. Some schools will have stages set up, have students walk across to get their diplomas, etc. We're trying to have the celebration take place as traditionally as possible, while still

adhering to the public health orders," said Nikkel, adding schools are also looking at Facebook live streaming the events or posting them to YouTube.

"We'll likely have to delay any final celebration, whether it be in terms of meals or safe grads, anything like that would be pushed back and deferred to a later date," he said.

Nikkel said the division won't be forgetting the fact that celebrations are still in order as restrictions continue to ease.

Everyone within the division understands how important graduation day is, he said.

"This is a milestone in our society. There are a few moments in one's life that kind of stand out like this," said Nikkel.

"Graduation being one, getting married being another. ... These things are absolutely milestones and we only have a handful of them in our lives."

Provincial statement

In a press release dated May 21, the province announced limited access to educational facilities beginning June 1 in spaces where physical distancing can be maintained.

The re-opening is to allow for addi-

tional tutorial days, such as one-on-one learning, assessment and specific programming.

"Our young Manitobans are our most precious asset, and we need to do everything we can to support students and help prepare them for a bright future," said Premier Brian Pallister.

"We know this has been a challenging time for students and their families as they juggle remote learning while missing their classmates and friends. We want to examine additional ways to assist them in meeting their educational needs."

To ensure students are equipped to transition to the 2020-21 school year, additional teaching days are being examined for the upcoming year, including starting schools on Aug. 31, and re-purposing some of the non-instructional days throughout the school year, according to the Premier.

However, Nikkel pointed out nothing has been confirmed yet in regards to the 2020-21 school year.

The Department of Education will continue planning and consulting with school divisions and other education stakeholders, the premier noted.

Barvinok awards student scholarships, refunds fees

By Patricia Barrett

The Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club awarded its annual student scholarships last week to two senior dancers who will be attending the University of Manitoba this fall.

Maggie Michaluk and Kennedy Kowalski, who also teach younger dancers, each received a scholarship worth \$250 during an outdoor celebration the club's executive organized at the Viking statue in Gimli.

Michaluk has been accepted into science and Kowalski has been accepted into University 1, a program allowing advanced entry into a specific degree program.

Although they were the only two Barvinok dancers graduating this year, they still had to apply for the scholarship.

"They had to apply and do a write-up on what their dance experience has been and how they're going to continue to celebrate the Ukrainian culture in the future," said Samantha Michaluk, who serves on the club's executive and is Maggie's mom. "They also had to write a bit of what their post-secondary plans are."

The club, with over 50 dancers from about 45 Gimli and area families, was forced to cancel its annual spring concert and watched competitions and other events fold because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We would have been going to Brandon, and we would have had another performance at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre [in Winnipeg] but both were cancelled," said Michaluk.



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Barvinok executive members and dancers congratulated bursary recipients Kennedy Kowalski and Maggie Michaluk.

The club's executive decided to refund some of the money dancers' families had contributed towards events and registration.

"We wanted to give back to our families in their time of need so we gave back a percentage of their registration fees and the money they had provided to support our silent auction at the spring concert,"

said Michaluk.

The club will start up again in September if it's safe to do so. "We don't really know what that's going to look like at this point, but we are certainly hoping to get back to as close to normal as possible and be respectable of any public health guidelines."

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The board is requesting member ratification for an amendment to the bylaws to allow remote
attendance to member meetings, including the AGM. **Bylaw 10.11**

Think Turkey for everyday meals

By Jennifer McFee

June is Turkey Month, so it's the perfect time to consider incorporating turkey meat into your everyday meals.

Rachelle Brown, chair of the Manitoba Turkey Board and provincial representative for Turkey Farmers of Canada, outlines the importance of the month-long celebration.

"It recognizes Manitoba's turkey producers for all their hard work and dedication to providing a really healthy protein choice to all consumers," she said.

"It's also a way to get people to start thinking of turkey as a top-of-mind everyday protein choice."

There are more than 530 turkey producers across Canada, with 55 in Manitoba — including 17 in the Interlake.

Brown and her husband Marty operate a mid-size turkey farm located between Stonewall and Teulon. This year marks the family farm's 50th anniversary.

"My husband's family started it 50 years ago, so we're a second-generation family farm," she said. "We're looking at bringing in our son in the next couple years to continue the farm with a third generation. That would be very exciting for us."

Often times, people tend to associate turkey with festive meals featuring the whole bird. However, the possibilities extend far beyond these large family

gatherings.

"Turkey is very versatile. It's high in protein and low in fat, and it comes in many different forms, including smaller portions and deli meats and roasts. Ground turkey can replace any ground meat that you would normally use," she said.

"You can barbecue it, grill it, sauté it or make kabobs with it. If you go out and try some turkey in a different form, you'll be very surprised. It's very tasty and it can be used as an everyday protein, not just a festive meal."

Like many sectors, COVID-19 has also impacted the turkey industry at all levels.

"Restaurants are closing, so what was destined to be sold to that market has been put into storage, which brings the storage stocks up. It affects the farm level because we had to cut our production significantly to mitigate some of the storage stock," Brown said.

"If we're cutting down production, that also affects the processing industry, feed industry, breeding industry and the hatchery industry in Manitoba. It affects everybody right across the entire food chain. We're all hoping it will bounce back, but nobody really knows what the new reality will be. We have to take it day by day."

At the same time, some consumers might feel concerned about food safety

and food security during this pandemic period. Brown notes that the industry's flock care program and on-farm food safety program pay close attention to these issues.

"All producers have to adhere to that program," she said. "We have yearly farm audits as well as third-party audits to make sure all turkey is healthy and safe for consumers to eat."

During Turkey Month, it's an ideal time to show some support for local turkey producers.

"Go to your local grocery store and buy some turkey products," Brown suggested. "Try a recipe that you haven't tried before."

For recipe ideas, check out the Manitoba Turkey Producers website (www.turkey.mb.ca) or Facebook page, which will also offer contests with prizes. In addition, CTV Morning Live will be featuring turkey recipes on Thursdays.

As well, donations will be made during Turkey Month to benefit multiple groups that have been impacted by COVID-19 on behalf of all turkey producers in Manitoba.

Turkey Farmers of Canada has also launched a campaign called "Think Turkey." Due to COVID-19, donations have been made through #Wishbone Project on behalf of turkey producers across Canada. Turkey Farmers and Proces-



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Rachelle and Marty Brown operate a turkey farm between Balmoral and Teulon.

sors of Canada has donated \$50,000 to Kids Help Phone and \$25,000 across the eight member provinces to community outreach initiatives such as chefs' kitchens and food banks. Turkey Farmers of Canada donated \$65,000 to Kids Help Phone and \$15,000 to 4-H Canada to support crucial mental health initiatives in communities across Canada. Through the Wishbone Project initiative, Manitoba Turkey Producers donated \$3,000 to Siloam Mission. Helping Hands also received a \$5,000 donation from Manitoba Turkey Producers as well as a matching \$5,000 contribution from processor Exceldor Cooperative.

"We really strive to make the turkey industry a better industry for all parties involved — the hatcheries, the processors, the producers and the consumers," Brown said.

"A healthy industry is healthy for all Canadians."

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- 6 Cloves of Garlic, skinned
- ½ Medium Onion, sliced
- 1 Cup (250 ml) Lemon Juice
- ¼ Cup (60 ml) Brown Sugar
- ½ Cup (125 ml) Coarse Salt
- 1 Lemon, sliced
- ½ Bunch, Fresh Thyme

Directions:

Mix all ingredients, except turkey breast, in a bowl to make brine. Place turkey breasts in a large container & add brine to cover. Refrigerate overnight or no less than 4 hours. Preheat grill to 400°F (200°C). Spray grill with cooking spray & place turkey breasts on grill. Grill for 5-7 minutes or until they start to brown. Flip & continue to grill until done, approx. 20-30 minutes. Let them rest for 5 minutes before serving.

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IERHA capital projects still in the works despite COVID's economic setbacks

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) hasn't had to shelve its proposals for major capital projects despite COVID-19's effect on the economy.

A new primary care clinic with attached clinical teaching unit in Selkirk is going ahead, and a proposal for a new personal care home for Arborg has been submitted to the province, said IERHA CEO Ron Van Denakker during a conference call with media May 22.

Van Denakker said he could not specifically speak about all the IERHA's proposed projects, which are part of a "master list" that's made up of proposals from every regional health authority and which get submitted to the provincial department of Shared Health, as the list was being reviewed by a committee that day.

But he did say that "all of the major capital projects are on that list except for the CTU [clinical teaching unit]."

The reason the CTU doesn't appear on the list is that it's already "in flight," he said. All the IERHA needs now is approval from the province for two lease agreements, one for the land on which the facility will be built and

another for IERHA staff to move into the facility until the clinic's physicians require all the space.

As for new personal care homes requested by various communities in the IERHA, Van Denakker said they're on the list.

"All of the PCH-related recommendations are there, and they're prioritized against the other regions," he said.

The Town of Arborg and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton have been waiting five years for provincial government approval to build an aging-in-place campus that's to include a two-storey, 80-bed PCH and which will link Arborg's assisted living facility and its recreation centre into one large centrally located health-care complex.

The town/RM's proposal had been modified at least three times and submitted to the province. The first was submitted in 2015 to the then-NDP government but was put on hold when the Conservatives took power in 2016. In February 2017 a second application went in, but it did not make the cut. The town/RM underwent round three in 2018, but the province still didn't approve the project.

The provincial Conservatives have



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If approved by the provincial government, Arborg's Assisted Living facility will become part of an aging-in-place campus that will include an 80-bed personal care home.

committed to building 1,200 new PCH beds at a cost of \$133,333 per bed over the course of eight years.

The Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce is currently looking for donations to help it upgrade two buildings in Arborg for an upcoming licensed practical nursing program. Health-care aide programs have already been successfully offered. The idea is to have frontline health-care workers ready to go for the proposed new complex.

The province announced last week it will help fund upgrades to the two

buildings through the Building Sustainable Communities program.

Van Denakker said all proposed projects from RHAs must "align" with Shared Health's mandate. Shared Health, created by the province in 2018, reports to health minister Cameron Friesen.

The *Express* reached out Friesen regarding the Arborg PCH proposal and lease agreements for the new Selkirk facility. Two communications staff members acknowledged receiving the questions but did not provide answers by press time.

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Village of Dunnottar public piers on hold due to COVID

By Becca Myskiw

The Village of Dunnottar will not be constructing public piers this summer due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In a Facebook post on May 20, the village offered a pier update, saying, "At the council meeting today, council made the difficult decision that we cannot construct piers this summer under the current Public Health Orders."

On a typical year, the village would construct eight piers in the community, each strategically placed so everyone could have access. A long, narrow pathway about three feet wide would lead to the pier. Each pier could sit up to six people, then have stairs going onto a sandbank in the water.

Mayor Richard Gamble said if they built the piers, it would be impossible for the village to follow the chief medical officer's advice.

"We got to maintain social distancing," he said. "And it's very hard to do

and very hard to control as is."

Aside from people being unable to social distance on their way to and while using the piers, Gamble said the construction process would also pose problems.

To build the piers, one construction worker has to hold a pole while another hammers it in. If the Village of Dunnottar is going to follow the rules of social distancing, Gamble said they can't construct the piers this summer.

The beaches, however, will be open. The mayor said there's not much they can do to ensure all rules are being followed, but he's hoping they can find a way.

"We may hopefully have our bylaw officer walk through and smile and remind them but it's very difficult," he said.

Office has also ordered signage for the beaches that reminds people to enjoy themselves maintaining a six-foot social distance.



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Piers, like this one shown in Winnipeg Beach, are common in communities such as Dunnottar and Sandy Hook.

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The University of Manitoba Libraries, in partnership with the Manitoba Library Consortium, has recently digitized over 800 Manitoba local history books to mark Manitoba's 150th anniversary as a province.

Though in-person events celebrating Manitoba 150 are postponed, exploring Manitoba's history online through this new collection is the perfect way for Manitobans living in the province and around the world to virtually travel — safely, from the comfort of home.

If you want to find out more about your family heritage, research genealogies or just want to learn more about the history of your community, these books and stories contain valuable nuggets just waiting for your discovery.

Why not visit Gimli and learn more about its Icelandic population? Spend the afternoon on the sand and water in Grand Beach. Take in the northern lights among the polar bears and beluga whales in Churchill. Take a stroll along the streets of Romantic Winnipeg. Or journey to the hundreds of other communities that are documented in the Manitoba Local Histories Collection and learn about the histories of the communities, people, farms, churches, schools, businesses and other institutions that have shaped the province's rich and diverse history for over 150 years.

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Gimli council to experiment with new water main preservation technology

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council is embarking on a pilot project to strengthen water mains supplying two downtown blocks to see whether a relatively new technology is compatible with Gimli's freeze-thaw cycle.

The technology consists of a spray-in epoxy resin that coats the inside of underground pipes and is said to enhance the lifespan of water mains.

"Because this is a new product, we want to see how it works for Gimli," said Coun. Thora Palson, who is chair of the RM's public works department. "So that's why we're doing only a little bit at this time."

Council passed a resolution April 22 authorizing the work, she said. The technology has been used in countries such as England and the U.S. and is relatively new to Canada.

Water mains extending from Goldfield Drive and First Avenue to the corner of First and Centre Street, plus a block west up Centre to where the Gimli Hotel is located will be lined.

"There's significant cost savings for us because we'll be digging the entry points in-house [using the RM's public works crew]," she said. "The company will spray in the liner and we'll

do the final restoration."

Rapid freezes and thaws, as well as deeply embedded frost that can literally shift and rupture underground water pipes, are a common occurrence in Gimli as many of the water mains are decades old. The RM works within its financial means every year to repair water mains and submits grant applications to the province for water main renewal.

A broken water main on Fifth Avenue between Keenora and Barney Thomas drives on May 26 resulted in a provincial boil water advisory that was posted on the RM's website.

Palson said there were actually two breaks, which required four public works' staff working a combined total of about 18 hours to repair them. The boil water advisory will stay in place a while longer as a precautionary measure.

"The repair was completed. The broken pipe was removed and a new pipe was installed," said Palson. "The boil water advisory is a precautionary measure the province requires anytime there's any work on a water main system. They've already tested the water and it's clear, but they have to test it a second time 24 hours later."



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A water main break at Centre and Third in February 2018.

There's no specific date yet as to when the pilot project will begin. Councillors will first be co-ordinating water shut-off times with downtown businesses, said Palson.

Palson said not all water mains in Gimli would be eligible to have an epoxy liner should the pilot project prove successful and council decides

to move ahead with coating additional mains.

"The mains have to have a certain integrity," she said.

That means 50-plus-year-old pipes that can no longer withstand the rigors of freeze and thaw would have to be replaced with new pipes, as they were on Fifth Avenue.

Steep Rock neighbourhood receives tender love and care

By Evan Matthews

Steep Rock residents are showing what it means to take pride in one's community.

During the Victoria Day weekend on May 17, the Steep Rock Cottage Owners' Association had 18 volunteers participate in helping spruce up the neighbourhood's country roads north of Steep Rock village, with a litter clean-up project.

"After the winter's snow had melted, unsightly litter along the roadway shoulders and ditches became quite apparent," said Tony Victor, a member within the SRCOA.

"It was in stark contrast to the inherent natural beauty of the Steep Rock area."

Due to the public health orders in

place at the time, prior to Phase 2, the SRCOA wasn't able to hold their annual seasonal "kick off" meeting for its membership during the same weekend, according to Victor.

As an alternative, the group thought a community clean-up effort would be a worthwhile and productive substitute, which Victor said could be safely carried out with individual households volunteering to clean up specific sections of the various roadways.

"If there was any regret related to the project, it was simply that the volunteers had to avoid a kick off gathering that morning before heading off to their respective clean up areas," said Victor.

Roughly 10 kilometres of roadways were thoroughly cleaned by the 18 volunteers that morning, and Victor said the improved visuals are very impressive.

Victor thanked area residents for putting consistent effort into properly disposing of



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Kathy Turner and Tony Victor, members of the Steep Rock Cottage Owners' Association, were two of 18 volunteers who helped spruce up the community over the Victoria Day weekend.

household trash and recyclables, and adequately securing loads in their pick-up boxes and utility trailers.

"We much prefer this pristine view of Steep Rock for ourselves as residents and cottagers, and it is also the one we wish to leave in the memories

of all the visitors to the area," said Victor.

"A big shout out to all the volunteers who took the time from their long weekend to participate in the endeavour."

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Only one road out: Fire threatens Beaver Creek Park

By Patricia Barrett

A fire burning Monday afternoon at a peat harvesting plant about 48 kilometres north of Riverton could do significant damage should wind and high temperatures fan the flames.

The manager of the Frog Bay fish station, located north of the area where the fire is burning, said he was told the blaze broke out at the Sun Gro Horticulture plant near Beaver Creek.

"A friend of mine who fishes and works at Sun Gro said they weren't harvesting today because it rained there last night," said Al Johnson, who lives in Arnes and in Frog Bay when he's running the fish station. "So he's not sure how this could have happened."

Johnson said the peat mine workers are aware of the dangers of fire in the region and are very careful.

Beaver Creek is situated between PR 325 and the community of Calders Dock along the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Provincial Road 234 is the only road in and out of the area which has small communities, a Bible camp, a provincial park and forest, and cottage sub-

divisions. The area is rich in peat moss and mined by companies such as Sun Gro, Sunterra and Berger.

With the temperature hitting 30C Monday and strong wind gusts, Johnson said the fire could potentially get out of control.

"With the wind today, we're scared," said Johnson. "If it got crazy, it wouldn't be good. If the fire jumped the road, all of those cabins at Beaver Creek could be in trouble. And if it went north, there's a 200-cottage subdivision up there."

He said his nephew and a few other fishers just started fishing today and are in the area.

Johnson said he has no idea whether people will have to be evacuated – or how they'd be evacuated because he was told the road had been closed south of Beaver Creek.

"You couldn't really evacuate them because there's only one road

out," said Johnson. "The only place you could evacuate people to would be Matheson Island."

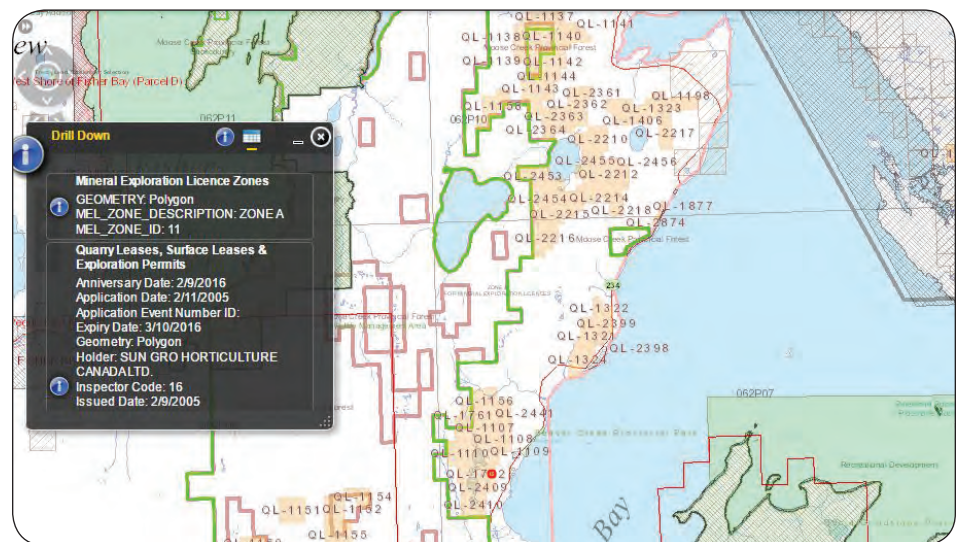
Sun Gro Horticulture has an office in Riverton. No one could be reached Monday night before press time.

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PR 234 in a boggy state.



This map shows the extent of expired or current mining operations in the area along PR 234

> GUN BAN, FROM PG. 9

and criminals. I understand that. It's a motivation with a good purpose," said Caine.

"But the implementation has been a dog's breakfast. They're going after legal firearms owners, and it's perturbing."

"Looking at the Nova Scotia tragedy, that man was not a legal gun owner. He was a crook. He went to the states, bought guns, smuggled them back to Canada and used them. That should have no bearing on me. ... I haven't smuggled anything and have no malicious intent, but I'm the one being punished," he said.

On May 1, the Canadian government announced a ban of 1,500 "assault-style" firearms via an order-in-council, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia. In practice, OICs are drafted by cabinet and formally approved by the Governor General.

OICs are not discussed by Parliament and do not require legislation by Parliament before being implemented.

Effective immediately, the ban prohibits the use, sale, import or transport of the weapons and granted a two-year amnesty period for owners, while the federal government establish details to its buyback program.

"This is where confusion reigns supreme again. I either have to turn in a rifle inherited from my father, or keep it in a safe never to be used again?" asked Caine.

"I can't use it? My grandkids can't use it? We can't bring it to the range? There is sentimental value associated with it."

"Is one gun safer than another? No. If someone has malicious intent, you don't even need a gun to kill someone. Yet the way this ban is worded, only certain guns are being mentioned," he said.

Caine also pointed to the fact that someone from European descent cannot use the banned guns, but someone of Canadian Indigenous descent can use them. He questioned the rationale for such a decision, as we live

in a time where equality is mentioned at every turn.

James Bezan, member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding and shadow minister for National Defence said the new Liberal ban is undemocratic. He said the ban is based on a gun's appearance as opposed to its operation and/or function.

"This has been over the top and is being done behind closed doors through an OIC. It's lazy legislation and crass politics to do this on the heels of a massacre in Nova Scotia," said Bezan.

"The (Liberals) keep using the term 'military assault-style weapons,' but I can tell you that these banned weapons may be styled to look like military firearms, but they aren't. Actual machine guns, military-grade weapons, have been banned in Canada since the 1970s."

Bezan said government money should be spent focusing on crack-downs on the street, dealing with gangs and criminals, as opposed to

a buyback program demanding confiscation of firearms from Canadian property.

Because the ban has come through Bill C-71 and an OIC, Bezan said there is no public consultation or discussion in Parliament, and the ban immediately takes effect. The only way to change the law, as of now, is a change in government.

"The Liberals' entire goal here is to virtue signal," said Bezan, referring to the modern habit of indicating a person — or in this case, government — has virtue merely by expressing disgust or favour for certain political ideas or cultural happenings.

"A future government, whether majority or minority, could revoke the OIC. A Conservative government would revoke the OIC. We need to revisit and repeal Bill C-71. We need to invest more in policing and border control."

"It's a sad day for gun owners in our country, and it's another great day for criminals," said Bezan.

COVID-19 pandemic causes cash crash for seniors

By Evan Matthews

COVID-19 has not just been attacking people's respiratory systems but also their bank accounts, as senior citizens have begun to point out.

Don Bean, a Teulon resident who recently turned 71, said the Canadian government requires him to cash in or convert his RRSPs after his recent birthday, according to tax law.

"This isn't going to affect me on a large scale like it will others, but it does affect me directly," said Bean.

He suggests the federal government provide leeway to senior citizens affected by the law amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

"I've got 10 months left before I have to cash in or convert my mutual funds and RRSPs. I'm not sure where our economy is going to be in that 10-month period," he said.

"There are obviously other people who turned 71 a year ago and are forced to move their money right now, with where the economy is currently."

When COVID-19 first hit, the economy was impacted in a disastrous way. Bean said the value of the money he had sitting in RRSPs lost upward of 50 per cent of its value.

With so many in the same position, Bean said for the federal government to place a waiver on the requirement for the time being would be the com-

passionate thing to do.

Darrell Gebhardt is an investment advisor and portfolio manager with TD Wealth and lives in the Teulon area. Gebhardt had one of his associate advisors, Cedric Paquin, speak to the issue.

Paquin said when an individual turns 71, they do not necessarily have to cash in their RRSP.

Seventy-one-year-olds are faced with three choices in regard to their RRSP, according to Paquin:

1. They can either deregister the full amount, which they would pay tax on.

2. They can purchase an annuity contract. An annuity is a fixed sum of money paid to someone each year, typically for the rest of their life.

3. The most common course of action is to convert their existing RRSPs into another tax-deferred plan like a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF). While they are not forced to withdraw the full amount of the RRSP, they will need to draw a minimum amount from the account every year going forward starting in the year following the conversion. The minimum is based on a percentage of the account value on Dec. 31 of the previous year and therefore is only established in the calendar year following the conversion. The per-

centage increases as they get older. For example, at age 71, that percentage would generally be equal to 5.28 per cent. It increases slightly every year, reaching 5.82 per cent at age 75, 6.82 per cent at age 80 and so on until it reaches 20 per cent at age 95 and onward. One common way to reduce minimum RRIF payments is to use the age of the younger spouse in the calculation.

Minimum RRIF draws are in place to ensure individuals use the RRSP for its intended purpose, according to Paquin, which is to provide a retirement income and not only to defer income taxes.

"For this year, due to COVID-19, the (federal) government has allowed individuals to reduce their minimum RRIF withdrawals by 25 per cent," said Paquin.

"The intent was to provide some flexibility to holders who do not need the RRIF withdrawal for living expenses. By withdrawing only 75 per cent, they may avoid having to liquidate assets in a depressed market. A similar rule was put in place in 2008 during the financial crisis."

The reduction is only available if the minimum for the year has not already been withdrawn, Paquin noted. He said it is important to note it is not possible to re-contribute funds to the

RRIF if they have already been drawn.

Paquin added that he and his team encourage people to reach out to their financial advisor to determine if they are eligible for reduced withdrawals, as well as how their investments and cash flow may be impacted.

Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman James Bezan said he agrees with Bean in that now is a terrible time for conversions to be going through for senior citizens.

"What (the opposition) has been advocating for is to suspend the requirement to have seniors draw down on their RRIF, after having converted their RRSP," said Bezan.

"The opposition is advocating to let people hang on to their money so their amount of investment rebounds after this economic crash related to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Bezan said he intends to continue advocating for seniors, with the hope being they could keep their mutual funds intact until the funds recover in the marketplace.

Paquin used 5.28 per cent as the minimum RRIF withdrawal amount in his example, but Bezan said the federal government has lowered the minimum withdrawal amount to 3.96 per cent to try to leave more cash in a senior's RRIF in the hopes the marketplace will rebound.

Camp Arnes serves as inspiration for campsite finding site

By Becca Myskiw

After struggling to find the perfect camping spot, an Australian native now living in Winnipeg created a website to do it for him.

Aaron Newnham has a seasonal spot at Camp Arnes that he loves — but it wasn't easy for him to get there. He scoured the province's campground booking website for days and found it difficult and gen-

eral.

Newnham wanted a way to find a camping spot that was tailored to him. So, he created Campsite Canada, an "Airbnb-style" website for private campground listings.

Campgrounds from all across Canada can add their listing on the Campsite Canada website. They can be seasonal spots or one-time use spots. The website also allows people to sell and rent RVs.

"Rather than the consumer have to visit each private campground website, we thought it'd be good to have a website where they can search them all," said Newnham.

When a campground or RV seller adds a listing, they can upload their own images and descriptions. The website is a self-serve platform, Newnham said, where the sellers have to upkeep their own profile and listings.

People can refine their search by geography — they can look up a specific region in Canada and the website will show all private campgrounds that have listings on Campsite Canada. They can also search by amenities like washrooms or power, or search keywords that connect with what

they want.

If someone finds an RV or campsite, they can click a button that says "reply to listing" and then they'll be prompted to create a Campsite Canada account so they can connect with the desired campground.

Newnham launched the website six weeks ago and already has over 100 campgrounds listed, 11 RVs for rent and 11 RVs for sale. The site is also generating close to 1,000 page views a day — something Newnham said is good news.

Nineteen of the campgrounds on the site are in Manitoba, 13 are in Ontario, 34 in New Brunswick, four in Nova Scotia, 21 in B.C. and six in Saskatchewan. Using Campsite Canada is completely free for consumers and sellers.

Newnham said there's a lot of sites similar to his out there, but he hasn't seen one with campgrounds all across Canada.

"If you're wanting a one-stop shop to look at all the campgrounds throughout Canada, we've sort of collated them," he said.

As the site is for private campgrounds, he said it helps people discover the "undiscovered gems" of the country — for him, that was Camp Arnes.

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Dry-Brined New York Strips with Grilled Brown Butter Balsamic Onions

Prep time: 1-12 hours
Cook time: 30-40 minutes
Servings: 4

Dry Brine:

4 tablespoons Kosher salt
1 tablespoon coarse ground pepper
4 (11-ounce) Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Boneless New York Strips, thawed

Butter and Balsamic:

4 tablespoons salted butter
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons fresh thyme

Grilled Onions:

2 large sweet onions
4 wooden skewers, soaked
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

To make dry brine: Combine salt and pepper; season steaks generously on all sides. Place steaks on elevated rack on baking sheet and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight.

To make butter and balsamic: Heat small skillet to medium high heat. Add butter and cook until butter begins to brown and smell nutty. Remove from heat and add balsamic vinegar and thyme. Set aside.

To make grilled onions: Peel off outer

layers of onions. Slice into 1/2-inch slices. Lay onions on flat surface. Push skewers through centers of onions; two onion slices per skewer. Brush onions with olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

To cook steaks and onions: Make two-zone fire on charcoal grill with coals on one side and no coals on the other. Place onions on cool side of grill; flip and rotate every 10 minutes until golden brown, approximately 25-30 minutes. Total time will depend on how hot coals are and how close onions are to fire. When onions are golden and tender, brush with brown butter balsamic mixture.

On hot side of grill, during last 15 minutes of cook time for onions, cook steaks to desired temperature. When steaks are 5 F from desired temperature, remove from grill and let rest 5-10 minutes.

Remove onions from grill. Carefully remove onions from skewers and place in serving dish. Top with remaining brown butter balsamic mixture and serve with steaks.



Steamboat Willie Green Apple Waldorf Salad

Blend

1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

In medium bowl, stir yogurt and mustard. Stir in chicken, apples, blueberries, grapes, pineapple, celery and mint. Toss to evenly coat.

Pour salad blend onto serving platter. Arrange chicken mixture on salad blend and sprinkle with pecans or walnuts, if desired.

Tips: Can be served as salad or spooned onto tortillas and rolled up for wraps. Amount of yogurt dressing can be adjusted based on personal preference.

Total time: 10 minutes

Servings: 8

3/4 cup fat-free Greek yogurt

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

16 ounces chopped, cooked chicken

1 cup chopped green apple

1 cup DOLE® Blueberries

1 cup Dole Red Grapes, halved

1 cup chopped, fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple

1/2 cup Dole Celery, cut into chunks

1 tablespoon freshly chopped mint

1 package (5 ounces) Dole 50/50 Salad



Carrot Cake

Add dry mixture to wet ingredients and beat until smooth. Fold in walnuts. Pour batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans and bake 25-30 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Allow cakes to cool completely. Remove cakes from pans and slice off tops to level cakes.

To make frosting: In mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Gradually add in powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Spread two large spoonfuls frosting over top of one cake and stack second cake on top. Frost entire cake with remaining frosting.

2 1/4 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 cup vegetable oil

1 1/4 cups sugar

3 eggs

1 1/2 cups carrots, shredded

1 cup crushed pineapple with juice

2/3 cup walnuts

Frosting:

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese

3/4 cup butter, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and baking powder.

In mixing bowl, cream together oil and sugar. Add eggs one at a time.

Gradually add in carrots and crushed pineapple.



Candied Bacon

brown sugar melts and bacon is crisp. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. Using tongs, transfer bacon to parchment-lined baking sheet and cool to room temperature. Store in airtight container up to 3 days at room temperature.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 8

1 pound (1 package) Omaha Steaks Applewood Smoked Steak-Cut Bacon
1 tablespoon fresh ground black pepper
1 cup packed light brown sugar
Heat oven to 375 F.

Place wire rack on foil-lined baking sheet. Place strips of bacon on wire rack and sprinkle with black pepper. Lightly pat brown sugar on top of bacon in thin layer.

Place baking sheet on center rack in oven and bake 25 minutes, or until

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Magnusson commits to Brandon Bobcats

By Brian Bowman

Blake Magnusson won't be going too far from home to begin his university basketball career.

The former Gimli Lakers' star has committed to attend school and play basketball for the University of Brandon Bobcats this upcoming season.

"It's been in the works for two months now so it was nice to finally come out and (announce) it," said Magnusson last Saturday afternoon. "I'm very excited."

Brandon was an easy choice for Magnusson.

"It was a couple of things," he said. "It's close to home in a sense. It wasn't a big issue for me moving away but I'm a family guy, I guess, and I didn't want to be too far away from them. I'll be taking my phys-ed degree there and they have a program that is highly coveted. It worked out for my education and basketball wise."

Magnusson will be joining a Bobcats'

team that finished with a 6-15 record last season. Five of those wins were consecutive during the latter portion of the season.

"We're a young team," Magnusson noted. "We're heavy young. I think 70 or 80 per cent of the team is in their first or second year. What I've heard is that we had one of the best rookies in all of Canada last year. He won rookie of the year. I talked to a couple of guys on the team and it's been pretty good - I feel pretty good about it."

Brandon's roster this past season included players from across Canada, three from the United States, and two from Manitoba.

Magnusson, a 6-foot-6 power forward, does not expect to be playing inside much in his first season. He was a dominant player both inside and outside with the Lakers.

"I've talked to the coach quite a few times and my role is kind of going to be to shoot the ball and stretch out the



Former Gimli Lakers' star basketball player Blake Magnusson has committed to the University of Brandon Bobcats' program for the upcoming season.

floor," he said. "And that's the favourite part of my game. I'm excited for

that. I'll be working on getting stronger and faster - that's the goal."

MHSAA reminds schools of no sports activities

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association sent out a reminder to schools on May 27.

The MHSAA said it is aware of the Province of Manitoba's Restoring Services: Phase 2 plans which began this past Monday.

"The MHSAA reminds our member schools that all school sport activities involving spring football, lacrosse, rugby, track and field and ultimate are cancelled," said a statement on the MHSAA website. "This includes all forms of training and practices."

As per the province's announce-

ment, each sport must establish a plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between participants and spectators. The MHSAA is monitoring each provincial sport organization's return to play protocol status and we will continue to evaluate and provide updates as they become available.

The MHSAA is committed to protecting the health and safety of student-athletes, staff, coaches, member schools and the health of all of our fellow Manitobans.

Interlake Minor Hockey Association hands out awards

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Minor Hockey Association announced the award winners for all six Interlake Lightning teams recently.

The Most Sportsmanlike Award, sponsored by Quarry View Esso, was won by Jaxon Grose (Bantam AA Male), Hailey Emberly (Bantam AAA Female), Reid Byle (Bantam AAA Male), Nathan Vigfusson (U17 AAA Male), Danica Prociuk (U18 AAA Female) and Austin Adair (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Improved players, sponsored by Teulon Big Way, were Morgan Mantik (Bantam AA Male), Teagan Atchison (Bantam AAA Female), Ian Buors (Bantam AAA Male), Evan

Calder (U17 AAA Male), Sarah Dowsett (U18 AAA Female) and Lyle Murdock (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Rookies, sponsored by Stonewall Home Hardware, were awarded to David Johnson (Bantam AA Male), Brooke Barylski (Bantam AAA Female), Brandon Burak (Bantam AAA Male), Zach Meadows (U17 AAA Male), Emerson McAuley (U18 AAA Female) and Karson King (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Scorers, sponsored by Breton Group Remax One, were Adam Newcombe (Bantam AA Male), Brooke Barylski (Bantam AAA Female), Hayden Wheddon (Bantam AAA Male), Alex Kaczorowski (U17 AAA Male), Ally Rakowski (U18 AAA

Female) and Matt Vandel (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Defenceman, sponsored by Sunova Credit Union, were awarded to Troy Johannesson (Bantam AA Male), Kylee Emms-Finnson (Bantam AAA Female), Carter Boughton (Bantam AAA Male), Austin Lourenco (U17 AAA Male), Natalie Chivers (U18 AAA Female) and Ethan Johnson (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Top Forward, sponsored by Boonstra Farms, went to Max Van Heyst (Bantam AA Male), Ava Pool (Bantam AAA Female), Rylan Slatcher (Bantam AAA Male), Alex Kaczorowski (U17 AAA Male), Taylor Kristjanson (U18 AAA Female) and Ayden Manningway (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Dedicated players, sponsored by the Interlake Minor Hockey Association, were Alex Myers (Bantam AA Male), Rachel Halldorson (Bantam AAA Female), Dawson Cowan (Bantam AAA Male), Hayden Myskiw (U17 AAA Male), Kennedy Hauser (U18 AAA Female) and Ashton Charison (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

The Most Valuable Player Awards, sponsored by Doctor Decal, were awarded to Spencer Hunnam (Bantam AA Male), Tessa Stewart (Bantam AAA Female), Hayden Wheddon (Bantam AAA Male), Stefan Schable-Schur (U17 AAA Male), Ally Rakowski (U18 AAA Female) and Chris Fines (U18 AAA Male Provincial).

Pin pulled on Manitoba Open

By Brian Bowman

The Mackenzie Tour announced last Friday that it has cancelled its 2020 season due to COVID-19.

The 13-stop Canadian tour was scrapped, in large part, due to our government's restrictions on border crossings and the need for people entering the country to quarantine for 14 days.

Many of the tour's players are from the U.S. and abroad.

"With growing uncertainty surrounding the border and the 14-day quarantine regulations, among other factors, we've weighed all of our options and concluded that it is not feasible to play this summer," said Mackenzie Tour executive director Scott Pritchard on the tour's website. "With the safety of the communities we play in mind, as well as the well-being of our players, sponsors, tournament-organizing committees, volunteers and golf course staff, we came to the realization that this is the best decision for everyone involved."

Concern for the players was a key factor.

"We also wanted to be considerate of our players and their desires to play golf," Pritchard said. "Understanding the complexities that this

pandemic has caused, we knew it wasn't fair to leave our members in positions that might prevent them from pursuing other playing opportunities elsewhere while waiting to see what transpired in Canada."

One of the tour's tournaments — the Manitoba Open — was to be played Aug. 13-16 at Southwood.

Selkirk's Travis Fredborg was disappointed to hear the news of the cancellation.

"It's definitely one of my favourite tournaments of the year, if not my favourite," said Fredborg, who made his pro debut at the 2019 tournament. "The Canadian Tour as a whole (getting cancelled), it sucks obviously but it's definitely understandable and you have to respect their decision."

Fredborg, 24, a two-time Manitoba junior champion, has played in the Manitoba Open three times as an amateur and once as a pro. He was really looking forward to playing a full season as a pro.

"I was looking to have a big year playing week in and week out but it's another bump in the road and everybody has to do it," he said last Saturday afternoon. "I'm looking forward to getting better every day and just keep grinding and get at it next year."

Bruce commits to Blues



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AIDEN BRUCE

INTERLAKE LIGHTNING | MMHL

POSITION:	DEFENSE
HEIGHT:	5'9
WEIGHT:	175LBS
SHOOTS:	LEFT
DOB:	08/29/03

19-20 STATS:
42GP | 7G | 10A | 17TP

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Interlake Lightning defenceman Aiden Bruce has committed to play for the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Winnipeg Blues. Bruce scored seven goals and collected 17 points last season.

Fredborg has been keeping busy playing golf at Pine Ridge, Rossmere, and Selkirk. His game has been really good so far this summer and he was hoping to make some money as a pro.

"I was ready to get after it in my first year so it's definitely disappointing but this just gives me another year to get better every day," he said. "Men-

tally, I'll be ready and I'll go out there and earn some cash next year. I've been playing great and that's the disappointing part. I'm shooting some of my best scores and I'm just going to try to keep that going and hopefully I can carry it over."

Blue Jays' teams waiting to start their seasons

By Brian Bowman

The province has approved Baseball Manitoba's Right To Play guidelines that will allow baseball to resume but both the Manitoba Junior Baseball League and Winnipeg Senior Baseball League have yet to announce their respective schedules.

"The diamonds haven't really opened up yet and the (MJBL) hasn't had a meeting in over a month," said Interlake Blue Jays' manager Adam Kirk last week. "I imagine we'll do something when the diamonds open but it will be a question of what and

what we'll be able to do."

Kirk is hopeful that there will not be any major changes to the game of baseball.

"I haven't heard anything concrete but with some of the rules that I'm hearing, they're almost taking the fun out of baseball," Kirk complained.

Insurance for the players has been a major reason why teams have not yet started practicing. Baseball Manitoba sanctioned activities were suspended until this Friday.

But Baseball Manitoba sent out a release on Monday saying sanctioned

baseball training can begin June 8.

This includes Rally Cap and Grand Slam sessions, 11U and above tryouts, practices, clinics and camps for players, coaches, and umpires.

"The Phase 2 start date of Baseball Manitoba's Return to Play plan, which includes competitions, has yet to be defined," read a statement on Baseball Manitoba's website. "July 1 is the target date stated in our plan, however, that date will be determined in the coming weeks. It is of absolute importance that there are no organized competitions allowed until the Phase

2 start date has been determined and posted."

The MJBL was hinting at playing a 21-game schedule amongst its eight teams.

At the senior level, the Stonewall Blue Jays are also patiently awaiting when they can get on the field.

"We're looking at a July 1 start," said Kirk, who also plays for the Stonewall senior team. "When I talked to the president he said we'll go with half a season and have playoffs in August."

Baseball Manitoba announces training can begin this Friday

By Brian Bowman

Baseball Manitoba announced on Monday that the Return to Play document submitted to the province has been approved.

This news, in conjunction with the Province's Restoring Safe Services — Phase 2 and local baseball associations commitment to execute the plan, means that Phase 1 of Baseball's Return to Play, sanctioned baseball train-

ing may safely resume this Friday.

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When Winnipeg Amateur Baseball Association leagues will start will depend on when Baseball Manitoba gives the go ahead for provincial associations to notify players to register.

"The optimistic scenario was to have player tryouts by mid-June and league games starting in July," said U18 AAA WABA convenor Ian Wise in an email. "It now appears there is the possibility that this schedule could be moved forward. Once approval to go is given, the next hurdle will be the willingness of players to play, secure in their confidence that COVID risks have been minimized."

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act that the Council of the Town of Winnipeg Beach intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2020 at a Public Hearing to be held at the Winnipeg Beach Community Centre, 32 Hamilton Avenue, Winnipeg Beach, MB on the 11th day of June, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Winnipeg Beach 2020 Financial Plan.

To accommodate physical distancing recommendations, we ask that any person planning on attending the public hearing pre-register before 4:30 p.m. on June 10, 2020.

Draft copies of the Financial Plan will be available upon request by calling 204-389-2698 or e-mailing cao@winnipegbeach.ca.

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Solicitor for the Executrix

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BERNICE RUTH FINNSSON, late of the Town of Arborg, in Manitoba, Deceased. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 2500-360 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3H 4H6, on or before the 10th day of July, 2020. DATED at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 27th day of May, 2020. **PITBLADO LLP**
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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present its 2020 Financial Plan on:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

**Municipal Office located at
329 River Road, Arborg, MB.**

At this time Council will present the proposed 2020 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by an opportunity for a forum from the public. Included within the plan is the Municipality's intent to potentially borrow under Section 174.1 of *The Municipal Act*, at a maximum anticipated interest rate of 4.5% for the following capital expenditures: graders, lagoon repairs, and firehall land and base. The graders estimated total cost is \$1,530,000 with \$585,000 being borrowed and the remaining being borne from trading in existing assets and the use of general and capital funds; the lagoon repair is estimated at \$200,000 with the full amount borrowed; and the firehall land and base being estimated under \$100,000 with the amount borrowed and rolled into the future borrowing required for the construction of the fire hall. Based on 2020 assessment, 1 at large mill = \$210,373, 1 Riverton area utility mill = \$19,073. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection.

Draft copies of the Financial Plan are now available upon request by calling 204-376-2391 or emailing bifrost@mymts.net at the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Office.

NOTE: Due to the Covid-19 crisis, we will be ensuring that recommended and required rules for social distancing that evolve can be achieved at all times. If you wish to attend this public hearing, we ask you register before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, or you may mail, email, or fax your questions, concerns and/or comments regarding the proposed financial plan to us by the same deadline.

Call: 204-376-2391, Email: Bifrost@mymts.net, Fax: 204-376-2742, Website: BifrostRiverton.ca

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.

Mr. Jordan Willner, CMMMA
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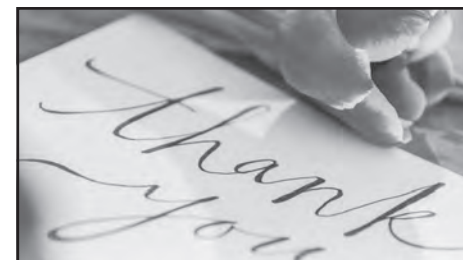
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Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton,
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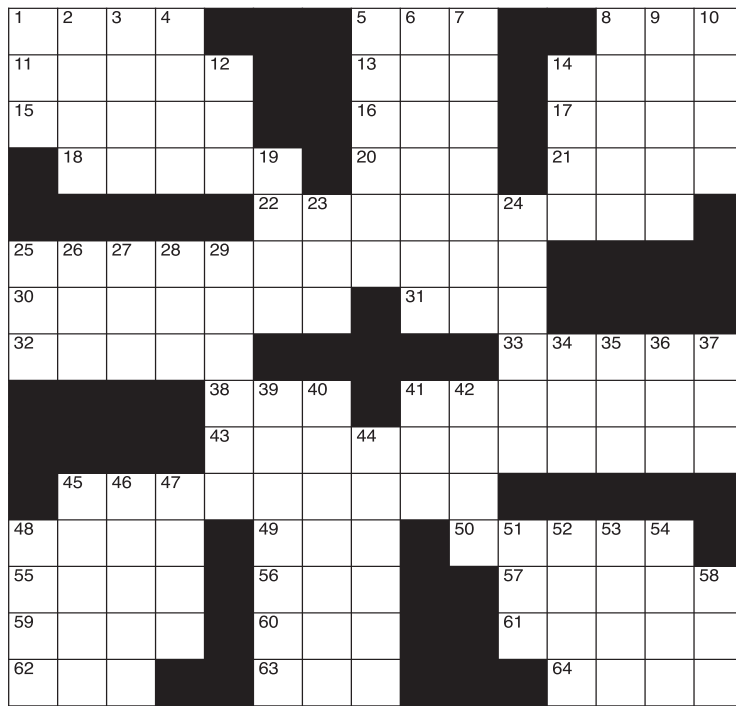
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Swiss shoe company
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. ___ and flow
11. Horsefly
13. Egyptian pharaoh
14. African nation
15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
16. Initial public offering
17. Long-winding ridge
18. Guinea peoples
20. Fellow
21. About aviation
22. Able to make amends
25. Easy to perceive
30. Cut off
31. Northeast Thai language
32. Earthy pigment
33. Water nymphs
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
41. Those who deal
43. Apply a new fabric
45. Confusions
48. "To ___ his own"
49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Partner to pain
56. A type of savings account
57. In a way, felt pain
59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
60. Consume
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Body part



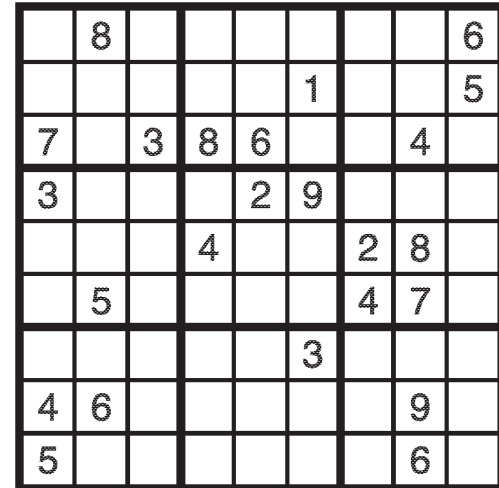
63. Midway between south and southeast
 64. Cheek
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 3. Central American lizard
 4. Muslim military commanders
 5. One who takes to the seas
 6. Select jury
 7. Parts of the small intestine

8. Painter's accessory
9. Honk
10. Ballpoint pen
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
19. Exhausts
23. ___-bo: exercise system
24. Not written in any key or mode
25. Chinese principle underlying the universe

26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Powdery, post-burning residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range
34. Commercial
35. NY football player
36. A form of be
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Kindnesses
40. Natural electrical phenomenon
41. Your

42. Diana __, singer
44. Upper surface of the mouth
45. National capital
46. Fluid in Greek mythology
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