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Dr. Zack Hall, middle, is the first Pinaymootang First Nation graduate from medical school. Left to right, Gwen Traverse, director of health for Pinaymootang First Nation Health Program, Dr. Zack Hall and Pinaymootang Chief Garnet Woodhouse. See full story on pg.

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Local author publishes Polish refugee family memoir

By Sydney Lockhart

The story of a Polish family migrating to Manitoba after the Second World War has been published by a Selkirk born author Mary Shumilak in her book *Soul's Journey*.

"My parents were Polish prisoners of war, and they immigrated to Canada. Following the war, they met each other because my dad was in a hard labour camp, and my mum was also in a hard labour camp but a different one," said Shumilak.

She said she wanted to write the memoir book to help preserve the history of refugees from eastern Europe coming to the Interlake area. The book not only tells her family's story and history but also shares short history lessons and nonfiction short stories.

"Because they had three little children, they said you would be better off going somewhere else because the country is starving. So, they ended up coming to Canada," she said.

Shumilak said many of these people, including her own father were work-

ing labour jobs when they first entered the country, and many literally built the streets of what originally was the Town of Selkirk.

"My parents were technically refugees, not just immigrants because it wasn't safe for them to go back to Poland, so in fact, they were people without a country," she said.

Shumilak who now lives in Saskatoon signed up for a memoir writing class and showed up with a binder of her family history. The class was offered by the Western Development Museum where they helped her start to write her first book.

"The next thing I thought of was that I ended up with a pile of stories and so then I thought I should give myself a deadline so that this doesn't drag on," said Shumilak.

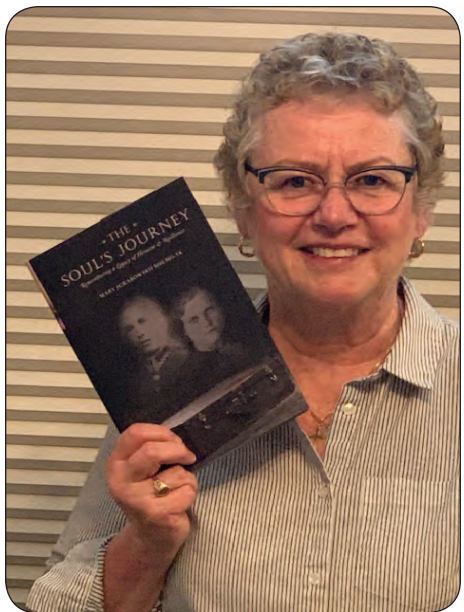
She joked that if she hadn't put a deadline in place for herself, she would still be changing her book. To keep herself on track, she decided to write the book as a present for her sister's 50th wedding anniversary.

At this time Shumilak thought she was writing her first book for just her family to have and read, she did not plan on publishing it.

Shumilak submitted it to Friesen Press to get it printed for her family, and got a response back encouraging her to publish it. She agreed to publish the book out of fear that the history of immigrants and refugees to the Interlake after the Second World War was being lost as places such as Selkirk grew to the size of cities.

Since learning about the refugees after the Second World War Shumilak said she was inspired to try and help current refugees who are struggling in today's society.

"The Syrian refugee crisis of 2015, I found that crisis really disturbing and then, as a result, my husband and I decided that at our age because when we're in our 60s, we really don't need anything for Christmas. So, we stopped buying Christmas gifts and, instead, adopted a family for Christmas to be able to buy them gifts," she



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED
Mary Shumilak with her newly published book *Soul's Journey*.

said.
Shumilaks's book *Soul's Journey* is now available for purchase for more information go to www.maryshumilak.com.

ESD graduates to celebrate with self-distanced ceremonies

By Jules Stevenson

High schools in the Evergreen School Division are doing their best to make graduation memorable for

the 2021 graduates.

Arborg Collegiate Institute is holding their graduation ceremony on June 23 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will

take place on the school track.

Students will stand on the track, six feet apart, during the ceremony. Parents will have to remain inside their vehicles, says Arborg Collegiate Institute's principal, Randy Semenek.

The ceremony will be livestreamed on YouTube and taped. The video will be made available for the graduates to keep. The link to the livestream can be found on Arborg Collegiate Institute's website.

After the ceremony, graduates and their families will then parade around the town of Arborg to celebrate this milestone.

Riverton Collegiate Institute's graduation ceremony will take place

on June 25 at 2 p.m. Principal Erin Furgala says their ceremony will be livestreamed and will follow all social distancing and COVID-19 rules and restrictions.

Gimli High School will hold five different drive-in graduations, on June 23, 24, and 25. Graduates will stand outside, socially distanced, and their families will watch from their vehicles.

A photographer and videographer will attend the graduation to capture the ceremony. The graduation will be livestreamed too, and can be found on YouTube by searching Gimli High School Grad 2021 on YouTube.

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Bifrost-Riverton byelection voting rules for residents and non-residents

Staff

The RM of Bifrost-Riverton Ward 3 has two candidates running for councillor in the byelection that will take place in a few weeks, and Senior Election Official Jeannette Nickols is in the midst of preparations.

Bryan Foster and Ken Stadnek are running for a seat on council.

The advanced vote takes place on Saturday, July 3 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village Hall. The byelection will be held on Wednesday, July 14. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Bryan Foster

I was born and raised in what is now Bifrost-Riverton. After graduating from Manitoba Institute of Technology (now Red River College) as a mechanical engineering technologist I worked in Manitoba, Ontario and Alberta. I returned to Bifrost-Riverton in 1986 as owner/operator of Interlake Glass and farming. After selling Interlake Glass and retiring from farming I got my accreditation as a building inspector and worked with East Interlake Planning until retiring in 2016. I have two grown daughters and five grandchildren.

I have lived in Bifrost-Riverton all my life except for the 20 years of working away. I have lived in Ward 3 for the last 35 years.

I have never run in an election before.

I think COVID-19 has created some special issues for the residents of the municipality. Health care is an issue and I think COVID has emphasized that. Not having a veterinarian is certainly an issue. I think roads are an ongoing issue. Although it hasn't been for the past couple of years drainage for farmers is also an ongoing issue.

I think one of the biggest assets of this municipality is its diversity. This municipality has many industries such as farming, manufacturing, tourism, fishing, forestry, mining and many support businesses for these industries. These range from larger companies to small home based businesses. Continuing to encourage growth in these areas will increase the economy and make the municipality a more attractive place to live, work and play.

The balance of this term is a fairly short window but I would like to help promote growth in the municipality. I feel this is the right time to promote tourism as we are starting to come out of COVID restrictions with people wanting to travel and get out doing things.

I believe in transparency and honesty. I'm a hard worker, diligent and open minded. I pay attention to detail and look at problems from all angles before taking action. I would represent ward 3 voters but would work for the growth and betterment of the municipality as a whole.

Currently I'm on the Icelandic Community Foundation Board (vice president) and on the Royal Canadian Legion Board (past president) I was president for 12 years. I have been a member of the Arborg Coop Board

and the Arborg Curling Club Board. I volunteer for the Christmas Cheer Board, the Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village and instruct at the curling after school program.

There never seems to be much spare time but I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, golf, kayaking, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

Due to the COVID-19 situation I will not be making any in person contact but can be reached at 204-641-3760 to discuss any issues or concerns. I urge you to come out and cast a vote.

I would like to thank you for your support.



Ken Stadnek

I have lived on my own acreage and worked in the municipality of Bifrost-Riverton my entire life. I retired in 2018 after 40 years of working for the Province of Manitoba, where I was responsible for surveying, designing drainages and issuing their licences, drainage licences to individuals and municipalities, along with enforcement issues. I currently operate a survey and consulting company that provides services to individuals and municipalities in the province.

I last ran for office in the last municipal election for Ward 3, where the previous councillor and myself were the only candidates.

In my opinion, the major issues facing our area are a lack of personal care beds and affordable housing, as well the poor state of our Provincial roads and drains.

As positives I think that our hospital is well staffed and the several machine shops in the area provide good jobs for people. We have a modern ambulance station in Arborg and with the new addition of a new fire hall in Riverton, our first responders will have more of the resources they need to protect us.

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Pinaymootang celebrates first med school grad

By Jennifer McFee

Right in the midst of National Indigenous History Month, Pinaymootang First Nation has another momentous reason to celebrate.

For the very first time ever, a member of the 3,400-person community has graduated from medical school.

For Dr. Zack Hall, it still feels surreal that he's the first medical school graduate from the First Nation located along Highway 6.

"Only just recently has it set in of how important this achievement is to my community," he said. "I hope that there will be many more graduates soon."

Ever since he was little, Hall held onto his dream of becoming a doctor — even when it seemed impossible.

"As a child, my mom and grandma would always ask me what I wanted to be, and I would say doctor. They always had high hopes for me to become one, but I was never any good during middle school and high school. I failed classes and had to repeat some," he said.

"I had no hope of doing university after I graduated and decided to work in the restaurant industry as a cook. I started to learn from the chefs that worked there and soon became a sous chef and continued to work for six years following my high school graduation. However, I found the job to be not fulfilling."

A life-changing experience at work helped Hall to solidify his true career goals.

"One day while working, I ended up

having an asthma attack, which almost killed me. I was rushed to the hospital and, while there, a doctor kept talking to me and encouraging me to keep trying to breathe on my own or they would have to intubate me. This doctor inspired me to get into the health-care field because of the way he cared for me," he said.

"Originally, I did not plan to try to get into medicine because of my poor grades in high school. I just wanted to do something in the area, but the years of working at the restaurant taught me stress management and how to manage my time well. I ended up getting good marks in my booster classes. After getting good marks, I decided to aim for becoming a doctor."

While Hall was working towards his undergraduate degree, his Auntie Donna Hall kept telling him how proud everyone was that he was pursuing post-secondary education. At that time, he had already set his mind on medicine — but he kept those aspirations quiet until they were within closer

reach.

"I did not tell anyone during my undergrad that I was aiming for medicine because I was worried I would not make it in at first," he said.

"After I made it into medicine, everyone kept telling me how proud they were that I made it in."

However, he still didn't realize the magnitude of his achievement to get into medical school until he met Dr. Melinda Fowler, an Indigenous doctor who works at Ongomiizwin Education.

"This is an organization that helps Indigenous students in the medical field, which includes all the health faculties at University of Manitoba. She helped co-ordinate a workshop that taught us how to do the medical school interview but, more importantly, it helped us connect with our culture that most of us grew up without due to colonization," he said.

"This workshop solidified in my mind that I want to help our people in any way that I can. Therefore, I hope that I can work in my community from time to time and other communities around mine."

Gwen Traverse, director of health for Pinaymootang First Nation Health Program, expressed anticipation at having Hall serve within the community.

"As a health director working for my

community, I have seen many professionals come and go, many of whom that do not understand the Indigenous culture," she said.

"It is exciting to see and hear of a community member who strived to excel on a path to become a healer in medicine, especially focusing on mental health."

Now Hall plans to further his knowledge by starting a psychiatry residency on July 1. This discipline stood out to him during rotations required for his third year of medicine.

"Mental health is an area that most patients try to avoid because of the stigma attached to it," he said, "but it is becoming more of an issue, especially with the pandemic going on."

During his work on rotation, he noticed many patients from the Indigenous population, particularly from northern communities.

"The resources and infrastructure are lacking on reserves, and people as young as 12 had to be flown to HSC because of acute mental health issues such as suicide attempts. We would stabilize them, then plan for them to talk to someone in the community and send them back," he said.

"This seemed like a Band-Aid fix to me because they would come back a few weeks later for the same reason. I want to be able to go to some of these communities in the future and try to provide better care for them."

It's especially important since there aren't many psychiatrists who go to these communities, Hall noted.

"I do not know of any who are Indigenous as well," he said. "In the Truth and Reconciliation Act, one of the calls to action is being able to have access to an Indigenous physician, and I hope that I can help fill that need. I feel that I can have the greatest impact by filling this need for mental health."

Adding to the excitement, on June 18 Hall married his fiancée Paige, a Dutch doctor who will be practising general and preventative medicine.

"She has been an amazing ally to Indigenous health and wants to be able to work in our community from time to time," he said, "as well while working in some other needed areas too."

With so much to celebrate, Donna Hall expressed pride in her nephew's achievements — and gratitude for the support he's received along the way.

"I feel absolutely proud of Zack and never had a doubt that he would do good," she said.

"He was always very focused as a youth and took the initiative himself to further his education."

She added that Alan Letandre, education director for Interlake Reserves



Zack Hall married his fiancée Paige on June 18.

Tribal Council, played an integral role in Hall's education journey.

"Without Alan's support, I feel Zack would have had difficulty accessing support and funding for him to return to school and fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor," she said, noting the challenges posed by funding caps for First Nations education.

She hopes her nephew's story can encourage youth to finish high school and pursue post-secondary education. From there, she envisions a positive chain reaction with local university graduates inspiring other young community members to work towards their goals.

For the youth of Pinaymootang and other First Nations, Hall offers encouragement in the hopes that they, too, will pursue their dreams.

"Don't let high school discourage you and don't let age discourage you too. I decided to go back to university at the age of 24 once I matured enough to be able to learn the skills I needed to be successful in the school system," he said.

"It is difficult to do it alone, but there are many supports out there for us — including Migizii Agamik and Ongomiizwin Education, which provide safe places for us."

And for National Indigenous History Month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Hall offers a few reflections and suggestions.

"Get involved and keep our culture alive and strong. Do not be afraid to learn what you can at your own pace," he said.

"I am still on my journey of discovery, and I will be doing what I can to continue to learn more."

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Life as we know it in jeopardy for Ashern seniors resources

By Nicole Brownlee

A lack of community support may lead to funding cuts to an Ashern seniors' resource.

Living Independence for Elders Inc. (LIFE) released an appeal for board members and volunteers in the RM of West Interlake and the RM of Grahamdale on May 28.

The non-profit's current board members are aging out and are asking for younger replacements, like people who have recently retired, to fill their places.

The vice-chair of LIFE stepped down in fall 2020 with the chair following suit in April 2021.

Without a chair, vice-chair and enough board members, the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority can pull funding from the organization, which would leave Ashern without any guidance for seniors' resources.

"A lot of people that are going off now have been on [the board] for a while," said Maria Michaniuk, LIFE resource coordinator.

The majority of West Interlake residents are above 45 years old and live alone or with a partner according to Statistics Canada. Without a seniors'

resource, aging residents may be left without connections to vital services like community activities, grocery services and transportation.

LIFE also runs the Adult Day Program, Ashern District Lifeline, Ashern Meal Program and Meals on Wheels. Without funding, all of these programs would be gone, said Michaniuk.

June Price, 88, is retiring from the board on June 24 to move closer to her family in Stonewall. Price said she stayed on the board for over 30 years because she knew there was a need.

"I've been every position, from treasurer to secretary to vice-chair to chair for years," said Price. "People in this area don't realize what they have with the LIFE program."

Seniors needing any assistance can call the LIFE office, and the staff will help them to the best of their ability, said Price.

"Our staff that manage the office, they're very helpful... they'll help seniors with whatever they need," said Price.

"All of [LIFE's] programs are important to this community because we are a community of seniors who need the support," said Price. "Whenever

you need something, you know where to go, and if they don't know, they will find it for you or help you."

"It's very important to me that we keep the program."

Michaniuk said the office has received a few phone calls from interested applicants, but they're looking for more members to join the board. All new members will be appointed at the general meeting set for the end of June.

The organization is also asking for volunteers to help drive, clean or do general maintenance for community members. LIFE currently has less than 10 volunteers.

"We are in a small, kind of farming community, so a lot of people are busy," said Michaniuk. "It's always good to have as many [volunteers] as we can get."

The annual general meeting is set for June 28 at 3 p.m. at the Ash-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY MARIA MICHANIUK/LIFE. June Price has been on the LIFE board for over 30 years. Price helped with the recently disbanded Wool n' Needles program where she created these plush characters.

ern Centennial Hall. Contact the LIFE office at 204-768-2187 or email lifeashern@gmail.com for more information.

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If I am elected, I will try and get the province to commit to funding more personal care home beds and affordable housing. I would like to continue with the drainage program within the R.M. by petitioning the province that our drains continue to be reconstructed and upgraded. Finally, I would like to advocate that Fisheries and Oceans examine cleaning out the mouth of the Icelandic River where it enters the lake to make access to the lake easier and safer for our local commercial and sport fishermen.

I believe voters in Ward 3 should support me because I am a very dedicated person that strives to do the best job they can. I am open minded and will always listen to all sides of an issue prior to making any decision. My knowledge of surveying will help with improving infrastructure in our municipality.

I have been the Referee in Chief for Arborg minor hockey for the past 20+ years where I have organized officials and timekeepers for all minor hockey games as well as mentoring younger officials. I was also involved with the Arborg Curling Club where I was a board member and President for years, and I have also sat on the

board of directors at the Teulon Golf & Country Club.

In my spare time I enjoy golfing and photography. In the winter I like to ice fish and I still am an active referee in both the Interlake and in Winnipeg.

I would like to end by asking the voters within Ward 3 to please come out and vote. I know we have all faced challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, but the only way to get back on track is by coming together. Voting and being involved in your local government is one of the ways we can do this. Thank-you for your time.

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Province puts forward facts against misinformation campaign on Bill 64

Submitted by Manitoba government

The province has released a Fact versus Fiction web page to clarify a number of misconceptions regarding the Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy and bill 64: the education modernization act, Education Minister Cliff Cullen announced Monday.

"Our ministry has launched the Fact versus Fiction page so Manitobans can have the correct and factual information about the new education act and the Better Education Starts Today strategy," said Cullen. "It's important that parents, teachers, students and educators get the proper information and be informed on how our government is working with Manitobans to improve our education system. We encourage Manitobans to be a part of this amazing opportunity to improve the education system."

Manitobans need to know that:

- There will be no major disruptions for teachers, students and everyday life in the classroom.
- Teachers will not be penalized for poor assessment results of their students. Furthermore, while the focus will be placed on enhancing classroom supports in the BEST strategy, there is no reference to assessment within the proposed legislation.
- The new Provincial Education Authority cannot close rural or northern schools without community consultation, and the three criteria within the Public Schools Act are carried forward, unchanged.
- The BEST strategy speaks to priority actions that address poverty, mental health and additional needs. These are policy issues that need a whole-of-government approach.

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- School Community Councils will increase marginalized, visible minority and Indigenous voices in the education system by legislating these parent advisory councils to include school community members as formal partners in education including a paid parent engagement officer position at the school level.

- Government will not appoint principals, as they will continue to be hired through a competitive process and will be required to be certified teachers.

- The proposed bill formalizes the role of directors of education in legislation, whereas superintendents were not formally included. These directors will be hired through competitive processes.

- A Funding Guarantee ensures that at least \$1.6 billion more is invested in education over four years and that changes because of the school board structures are being redirected to the classroom where they are needed.

"To make progress on improving education as a whole, Manitobans need to turn their attention to our BEST strategy. The strategy is being formed through respectful and constructive dialogue with front-line teachers, principals and school staff, educational experts and parents who know firsthand the needs of their children," said Cullen. "We have had tremendous re-

sponse and feedback from our teacher listening tour, parent engagement panels and telephone town halls. It is through these types of engagements that will help build the roadmap for all Manitoban students to achieve success and a prosperous future.

The Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First strategy was developed in response to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Commission's recommendations on kindergarten to Grade 12 education, as well as learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 75 recommendations from Manitoba's commission, the BEST strategy accepts 60 recommendations and accepts the remaining 15 in principle. Through four pillars of student success, the strategy examines many critical issues that affect student learning, such as poverty, inclusivity and a provincial funding model that gives students in urban centres more of an advantage over northern and rural communities. That is why the BEST strategy establishes the Task Force on Poverty and Education, Minister's Advisory Council on Inclusive Education, Curriculum Advisory Panel, and a Funding Review Team in order to tackle crucial elements that hinder the success of students, the minister said.

The Fact versus Fiction web page can be found at <https://bettereducationmb.ca/factvsfiction>. Manitobans can access and review the Better Education Starts Today strategy at <https://bettereducationmb.ca>.

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A positive attitude in life can overcome many challenges

In this difficult time, when violent wars are raging overseas, racial tensions are running rampant in North America and now the world is plagued by a devastating pandemic, we have to strive to have a positive attitude.

I was lucky to be raised by a dad, Ken who always demonstrated a cheerful temperament and had a smile on his face. He was a teenager when the Second World War broke out. Even though he was scared, he enlisted. He always believed that the Allies would win the war and they did.

The next challenge that he faced was the depression. With the same tenacity, he strived to succeed and he was able to find employment. The day he met my mom, Betty and he knew that she was the woman of his dreams, he demonstrated his charm and kind nature. Luckily, he won her over and they were married. As time went by, he and Betty decided to buy a home. He applied his usual, strong work ethic and positive nature. In time, he and Betty had purchased their, first home. Soon after, he and Betty (Mom) decided to start a family.

Dad knew it was a big responsibility to raise children so he worked hard. He continued to believe that demonstrating a positive mentality would help him and Mom to succeed. Soon, they had four children and their life was complete.

Dad always brought the love of music and poetry into our home. Every

Sunday, after church, he would put an LP record on our record player and read poetry out of his favorite book. It wasn't long before, he and mom inspired their children to memorize poems. Reciting poetry became an important part of our family life. Even as the years passed by, dad continued to love singing and saying his favorite poems.

As we strive to overcome the challenges that this pandemic has brought to our society, we should try to remain positive. Remembering to follow medical directives, social distance and get vaccinated when the time arrives, you are helping to fight the pandemic. A favorite poem of my father was Invictus by W. Henley. He often recited it.

The three lines that he emphasized were, "I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul. I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul." I think that if we all took those words to heart, we would be able to overcome this challenging time, in our history. My dad is no longer with us, but his spirit lives on in his family.

I miss you Dad. I am so happy to have so many, fond memories of the time that I spent with you. I especially appreciate the values that you instilled in me, as I was growing up. A positive attitude is one of the most important ones. Rest in peace Dad. Love you forever.

- Patricia Witzke

Retired commercial fishermen's thoughts

On June 17, 2021, a letter was published in *The Express Weekly News* authored by Brian Brownlie, the current president of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation directed to Dougald Lamont of the Manitoba Liberal Party.

Mr. Lamont apparently on May 27 sided in an article with *The Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba* and their slant on approaching Provincial Fisheries policy issues.

In rebuttal to Mr. Brownlie, I as an interested individual, a long-time resident of Gimli and a former commercial fish person would like to respond to Mr. Brownlie's misleading misinformation.

I am not defending Mr. Lamont's observation, whom I am sure can write for himself, but allow me to correct your thinking and/or political lobbying on matters that I have experienced over the years.

Being President of the Wildlife organization with 15000 members whom you say are hunting, angling, sport shooters and trappers. You neglected to add campers, nature lovers and people enjoying the Manitoba Out-

doors, not your members, but still who engage in our unique in probably a great cross-section of the Manitoba population.

You recognize the governance of publicly owned resources and the need of management in a fair and nonbiased manner by government agencies, but then take aim and to task the commercial Fishing industry on Lake Winnipeg.

Why do you consider that segment of individuals who are entrepreneurs, businesspeople and risk takers by virtue of their employment as a threat to your members? You start sprouting statistics with no verification sources? Consultants can be bought showing what ever position and slant there needs to be to strengthen a certain position.

Lake Winnipeg never was an angling body of water. Yes, people do fish with hooks, but never in earnest other than the shoreline or projections into the water. To adequately try from sport boats is taking a person's

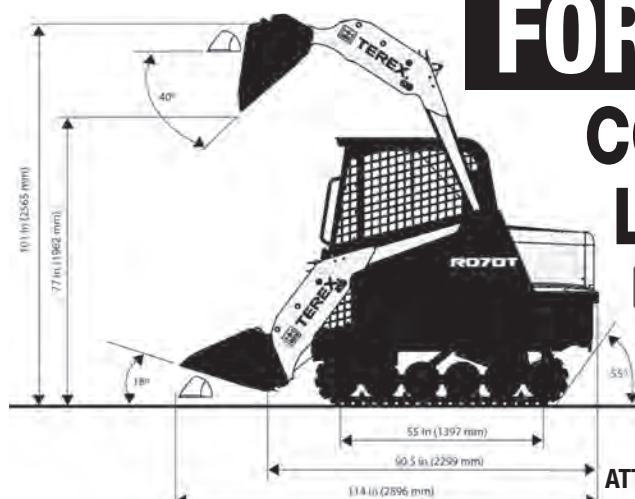
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For a two week period, as late as the middle of June, Cottonwood trees drop their seeds/cotton and can blow up to five miles. Last week this yard looked like winter had struck again. They might seem like a mess, but cottonwoods are ecologically and historically important. Honeybees collect the resin from the spring leaf bud scales and take it back to their hives as an antimicrobial and sealant, called propolis. Cottonwood trees produce their signature fluff every year after they mature. However, they don't drop cotton every year. They normally drop cotton one year and do not do so the next year. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or families enjoying the outdoors, or nature photos. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Gendron elected councillor in Winnipeg Beach by-election

By Jules Stevenson

Jean Gendron has been elected to serve as councillor for the town of Winnipeg Beach following the by-election on June 19. Gendron ran against Mark Sisetki for the one year term.

Gendron received 248 votes, while Sisetki received 153 votes.

"It was a very peaceful and smooth-running election," said David Lobban, the Senior Elections Officer for Winnipeg Beach.

One hundred and sixty-five taxpayers cast their votes in advance voting. The total number of voters, including sealed envelopes was 407. Percentage of voter turnout was 16.6 per cent, which Lobban said is disappointingly low. Lobban thinks people are probably waiting for the provincial wide municipal election next year.

There was only one vote taken outside of the polling place, and there were 18 sealed envelope votes from people who were not able to be in town during the by-election.

The by-election was held after councillor Pat Green stepped down due to family-related health issues.

Gendron said her big picture plan as councillor is im-

proved communication from the town to the community members.

"I would certainly like to see some improved communications. I think that with improved communications, the community members will be more engaged with what's going on with the town," said Gendron.

Gendron plans to follow the towns communication policy to achieve her goal. She hopes her plan will help move the community in the right direction.

Gendron is a Citizen Services Specialist with Services Canada and has lived in Winnipeg Beach for 26 years. She volunteers in the community and supports local fund-



Jean Gendron won the Town of Winnipeg Beach by-election.

raisers and is passionate about change in the community.

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life at risk due to the constant threat of storms. Even with the newfound winter fishing activity is a challenge due to drifting snow, freezing weather, thin ice and pressure cracks. It is well to note the subsidy paid by MPI and all Manitobans to anglers that go on the ice and break through.

You, Brian, then go into an opinionated fishery biological history of the way Lake Winnipeg needs to be governed. Even giving the province a pat on the back for their revamping of catch rules. You skew the fact that the smaller fish will spawn better than bigger fish, "once a walleye reaches maturity will exert more energy towards spawning and less towards growth." I would really like to know the source for that one. Would not the increase of larger net mesh size reduce the number of bigger fish who are the better spawner and of a size that anglers seem to enjoy? What of Master Angler awards?

You also mention the MWF alongside your many "partners", who are these partners who advocate to the government? Almost sounds like a conspiracy as the government does not listen to the fisher people who attempt to retain long held traditions to their livelihood.

Those Fisher people who cannot lift their nets to go someplace else, who are restricted to certain areas on the lake and are subject to a loss of employment for making an administrative mistake!

Not so the angler who has access to all the streams, rivers and other lakes in the Province for the enjoyment of spending their money. Is this part of the \$268 million you imply is derived from anglers on Lake Winnipeg?

The overall Letter to the Editor while challenging Dougald Lamont reeks with venom towards the commercial people and gives kudos to provincial policy.

Both the MWF, province and unknown backers have all missed the point, - while you admit the resource is the property of every Manitoban, who is it that allows the other portion of the population who cannot spend the time or have the inclination by whatever reason to partake in their share, not the anglers but the commercial people!

- Baldur Nelson, Gimli



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Century old church vandalized in excess of \$5,000 damages

By Nicole Brownlee

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church has stood proud in the Fisher Branch community for over a century. On June 14, the heritage site was broken into and damaged by neighbourhood children.

"They made a heck of a mess," said Cliff Skibinski, president of the church council.

A Fisher Branch Collegiate student who lives down the street from St. Nicholas heard glass breaking and a commotion coming from the church and went to investigate with their brother, said Skibinski.

When the students arrived, they found several kids who had broken into the church by damaging the back door and smashing a window. The children fled after realizing they were caught but were identified by the students.

Skibinski found out about the break-in the next day from an FBC teacher.

"We don't have insurance," said Skibinski. "I'm hoping that the parents of the kids who are responsible for their children, that they will end up paying for this."

Skibinski estimates that there was more than \$5,000 worth of damage done.

The first service held in St. Nicholas was in 1917. The church remained in operation until around 2016 when the congregation became too small to support the church. Skibinski said they were hoping to hold at least one service per year with the help of

grants.

The church is known for its beauty across the province, said Skibinski.

St. Nicholas' exterior may look modest, with bright white slats and blue window panes, but the interior is another story.

Each wall features detailed paintings of biblical figures bordered by winding gold and blue paint. A small intricate chandelier with crystal-like droplets hangs above the wooden pews from linked chains. A white and gold-painted altar matches the tabernacle placed on top. Care and precise artistry adorn the church, which is now decorated with shattered glass, stained carpet and damaged fixtures.

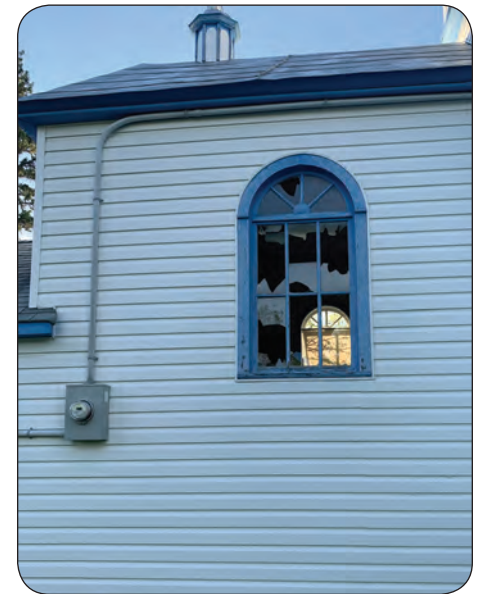
"We go through all that trouble to declare this church a heritage site, to maintain it and [look] forward to the day that we were going to have another service," said Skibinski. "It's like a balloon that's lost its air."

"It's special to this community. It's a really beautiful building," said Skibinski.

Days after the incident, community member Bud Chudy contacted Skibinski and offered to board up the windows to protect the site from further damage.

"He took it upon himself to go to the lumberyard and get a crew out to board up the windows so that we didn't have water damage," said Skibinski. "I couldn't thank him enough."

The RCMP were notified on June 15 and are actively investigating the case.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CLIFF SKIBINSKI

Fisher Branch's historic St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church was recently damaged by vandals.

COVID counts heading in the right direction

By Lorne Stelmach

The more positive trend in COVID case counts continued at the start of a week.

"It's been us working together all along that's been able to bring down these case numbers and help bring an end to the third wave," said chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin. "It continues to be up to Manitobans to take the steps needed to protect each other. Everyone needs to get vaccinated as soon as they become eligible."


An announcement of coming changes in the current public health order were anticipated Wednesday.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was eight per cent provincially with 74 new cases, which brought the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 55,405.


The new cases reported Monday included three in the Interlake-Eastern health region, and the local active case count included two in Arborg/Riverton, four in Beausejour, 90 in

Eriksdale/Ashern, 47 Fisher River/Peguis, one Gimli, seven Northern Remote, two Pinawa/LacduBonnet, 26 Powerview/Pine Falls, six Selkirk, two Springfield, six St. Clements, two St. Laurent, 12 Stonewall/Teulon, seven unknown, zero Whiteshell and four in Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews.

The Interlake-Eastern data showed 218 active cases, 15/20 hospitalizations and 4/6 in ICU, 43 deaths, 3,443 recovered, totalling 3,704 cases.




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Local artisan making wood carvings for Winnipeg Beach Day Camp

By Jules Stevenson

Mark Sisetski is giving back to his community through his art.

Sisetski says he saw a Facebook post from the Winnipeg Beach Day Camp about one of their buildings.

"It said the building was just rotten, and you couldn't go in it."

The post was asking for donations to help fund a new building. Sisetski saw this as a great opportunity to do something good for his community. "I plan to live here until the day I die, so I should give something back," says Sisetski.

Sisetski says he took up woodcarving as a way of helping in his recovery from PTSD, which is related to his old job. "As I do it, I just get so relaxed. I can put my creative energy into it. I just really enjoy it," he says.

Sisetski says he started carving little characters by teaching himself through YouTube videos. He had been giving the carvings away to friends and family, but says he wanted to sell them to help the day camp.

"Maybe someone would be interested in buying them, and then I would take all the money and give it as a do-

nation to the camp," says Sisetski.

Sisetski says people have been phoning him and asking if certain carvings are still available. He has also posted them on Facebook. Some of his carvings include golfers, turtles, pirates, and a porcupine that doubles as a toothpick stand.

Along with the characters, Sisetski says he's also sold walking sticks and a picture. So far, he's raised about \$190 for the camp. "It might not be a lot, but it might buy a window. Every little bit helps," says Sisetski.

Sisetski used to live in Winnipeg and says he didn't know his neighbours. He says he loves the small-town atmosphere in Winnipeg Beach. "Everybody kind of knows everybody, they come out and say, 'Do you need a hand with this? How can I help?'" he says.

Sisetski is excited to help the kids at the day camp. "Because it's for kids, I thought this would be a great way to help out," he says.

If interested you can contact Sisecki through his Facebook Mark Sisecki or call him at 204-997-6115.



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Mark Sisecki is taking orders for his wood carvings in support of the Winnipeg Beach Day Camp building.



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- 1/2 tsp (5 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp (1.25 ml) ground pepper
- 1 tsp (5 ml) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 ml) brown sugar



Directions

Preheat grill to 375°F (190°C). Combine all spices in a bowl to make rub and coat steaks well. Brush steaks with oil and grill over direct heat for about 5 minutes on each side. The steaks are cooked when a digital thermometer reaches 170°F (77°C). Remove from grill, cover loosely with foil and let stand for 10-15 minutes before serving.

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Amputee's story highlights importance of farm safety



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Merrill Loeppky lost his right arm in a grain auger accident as a child and today warns of the dangers on the farm.

By Martine Lepine

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

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

The War Amps PLAYSAFE Program aims to make children more aware of the dangers in their play environment and believes that no one is better qualified to deliver the message than amputees, many of whom have lost limbs in accidents while at play, like Merrill.

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

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



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GAAC Children's Summer Camps: Ages 5-11

Sewing & More

July 5-9

Learn to sew a Pillow as well as your very own Superhero! Campers will learn a variety of basic stitches and can look forward to embroidering, crafts and outdoor activities!

Dance Camp /w Ms Alycia and Ms Elena

July 12-16 & August 16-20

Each week features new dances to learn! Whether you're looking to try dance or work on your technique over the summer, there's something for everyone. We'll do some Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Jazz Funk and Tap (no shoes required). Along with days full of dance, campers can look forward to some crafts and outdoor activities too!

Sports Camp

July 12-16 & August 16-20

Our summer sports camp will be filled with fun, fitness and friendship! Each day includes an introduction to a variety of sports, games, and physical literacy including tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, soccer, floor curling and ultimate frisbee!

Reader's Theatre Camp

July 19-23

Campers will take a look at the world of Robert Munsch and Fairy Tales through Reader's Theatre. Campers will play theatre games, choose characters, create and design props, and perform a variety of short plays!

Flights & Fossils

July 26-30

Campers will learn to build and test different types of flight as well as create and examine various fossils. Some examples of activities campers can look forward to are competing in the 'Egg Drop Experiment', building paper airplanes and kites as well as making fossils using salt dough!

Games Camp

August 3-6

Campers will participate in a fun-filled, games packed week! Campers will create and compete in a variety of age-appropriate games including Jeopardy, Bingo, Minute-To-Win-It, Spelling Bees, scavenger hunts and outdoor Laser Tag!

Woodworking Camp

August 9-13

Campers will be provided a piece of plywood to create and design their very own nail art project and board game. They will also add their own creative touches to a pre-assembled bird house.

Children's Camp Info Ages 5-11

Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm. Drop-off 8:30am Pickup 4:30 pm daily.
First week \$150/week per child - Additional week (s) \$100/week per child.
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GAAC Teens' Summer Camps: Ages 11-17

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Creative Drama Camp

July 12-14 & July 19-21

Campers will transform a short play or create their own. Camps will focus around acting, set building, filming, prop making, script writing and more. There will be opportunities for acting and backstage work.

Games Camp

July 26-28 & August 16-18

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Fun & Friends Camp

August 3-4

Campers will enjoy a fun-filled week of activities, crafts, games and sports. Campers are encouraged to invite their friend(s) and are guaranteed to make new ones throughout the week. Share your passions and interests with us to make this week unique!

Teen Camp Info Ages 11-17

Monday to Wednesday, 12pm-6pm \$60/ week per teen
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SSES bids farewell to their beloved principal

By Jules Stevenson

"I have had the most incredible career, and I feel so privileged to have been the principal of this school, to have been an educator in this division," says Rosanna Cuthbert. Cuthbert is retiring as principal of Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School.

As she leaves SSES, Cuthbert says she wants staff and students to think about what it means to be an educator.

"Children are more interested in their education when they're reading and writing about important things. We want good people, we want kids being good citizens, we want a democratic society," says Cuthbert.

It's important to highlight social studies and art as equal to math and science.

"I think sometimes we need to remember what it means to be respectful and inclusive and to celebrate diversity," says Cuthbert.

Cuthbert has taught Kindergarten in Arborg, grades six and four in Gimli, as well as being the assistant principal. She became the principal of SSES eleven years ago.

"I was teaching ever since I was a little girl. I came home every day and played school and taught my imaginary stu-

dents. I've just always been interested in education and fascinated by learning" says Cuthbert. She also taught Sunday School and her mother, sister, and husband are also educators.

Growing up, Cuthbert was always surrounded by learning.

"We were rich with learning and books and literature," says Cuthbert.

She grew up in Riverton and graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1983 and started her career substituting in the Evergreen School Division.

"As a principal, you aren't just focused on the education of students, but also the education of educators. You have to continuously learn and work together," says Cuthbert.

Cuthbert says as a principal, she gets to see the strengths and gifts in every student and educator in her school. She says finding those gifts in other people and building those relationships helps to open dialogue and create a continuous learning environment.

"I've found I love working with adults as much as I love working with children," says Cuthbert. She says she loves the variety of people and experiences she encounters every day.

One of the highlights of her career has been infusing education with sustainability. Connecting students to nature and the world around them through all their subjects, from science to art to music.

Through sustainability, they've built a natural playground, planted gardens, and gone on nature walks with the students.

"Through those experiences and adventures, as adults we became connected with nature too and it enriched our whole lives. It was really interesting to see," says Cuthbert.

Finding the connections between all the sub-



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

SSES's principal Rosanna Cuthbert is stepping into retirement following the 2020-21 school year.

jects has also enriched the lives and education of the students. Reconnecting students to different forms of visual and performing arts, and connecting those to math and science, has improved the student's performances in reading, writing, and math.

Going into retirement, Cuthbert says she's going to volunteer, travel, and spend time with her family and friends. She also plans to work as a faculty advisor for the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg.

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Grain farmers battling numerous seeding obstacles

By Becca Myskiw

It hasn't been an easy start to the year for the agriculture industry.

Dry, hot, windy weather preceded by lower-than-normal temperatures and a May frost paired with flea beetles have prompted many farmers to reseed their fields. One of those farmers is Curtis McRae.

McRae seeds approximately 1,700 acres stretching between Balmoral and Clandeboye. He grows canola, wheat, soybeans, oats, and corn. McRae purposely waited until May 22 to seed his canola, which was later than usual trying to avoid a repeat of the previous year. McRae reseeded 1,200 acres of the yellow crop last year after losing the battle to flea beetles.

However, in spite of waiting, McRae had to reseed his canola last weekend.

"If we would have had moisture, the crop would've grown faster," he said. "You're trying to outgrow how fast the flea beetles can eat."

Though the flea beetle is very small, large groups of them can be detrimental to canola. Once on the plant, the tiny bugs chew on the seedlings and create a feeding pit. When there's an abundance of them, the canola plant will start to shrivel up and die in the worst-case scenario. Canola yield is reduced most when the plants are damaged during the seedling to sec-



PHOTO BY CANOLA COUNCIL

Flea beetles are eating canola crops faster than they can grow with the abnormally cold, dry conditions this spring.

ond true leaf stage. Once it reaches the three to four leaf stage, the canola plant should be able to withstand damage.

In most cases, the dry conditions left the plants sitting dormant and unable to germinate.

Agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada Justine Cornelsen said the flea beetles and lack of rain were only part of the problem this year. Most of May's overnight lows brought down the soil temperature.

"With canola, survivability is challenging to begin with a small, seeded crop like that," she said. "If you put 10 seeds in ground, the average farm would have six come up, so you're already at a disadvantage that way."

On top of the survivability rate of the plant, there's the flea beetles, the cool soil temperatures, the lack of mois-

ture, and then the lost efficacy of the treatment on the seeds, which needs water to activate it. Cornelsen said once the plants finally did emerge in late May, the seed treatment was likely gone, leaving nothing to kill the flea beetles.

Then there was the late frost in early June. When that happens, any moisture in the plant freezes up.

Causing many farmers to have to reseed, she said. Because of this: the optimal plant stand in canola is five to eight plants per square foot — that gives more likelihood of 100 per cent yield potential.

Once all these factors start killing off plants and stunting growth, farmers start to see only three to four plants per square foot, that full yield potential decreases and they'll have to "babysit" the canola for the rest of the

season.

So, they have two choices: reseed or babysit the crop.

"It's all about how much risk they're willing to take," said Cornelsen. "Do you risk starting over with dry ground, hoping the plants come up?"

Bob Elliot, a farmer from the Stonewall area, decided not to reseed his canola crop this year. It's going slow and it's weak, he said, but he's sure he'd run into the same problems only later with reseeding.

"I thought with the amount of moisture left in the ground and the wind and the other things that are against us, I felt that we should just go with what's left," said Elliot. "It's not a banner crop for sure."

By June 16, Elliot was already seeing flag leaf, which means the plants are tillering out and dying off due to the lack of water. Once those go, so does 30 per cent of his yield.

Most businesses in Canada work on an eight to 15 per cent profit margin. Elliot said this likely won't affect his farm in the grand scheme of things, but not making a profit is always a concern.

McRae said the same thing. He had to reseed 100 acres this year — 1,100 less than last year — and though it's a big improvement from then, it's still an additional cost and it still hurts.

Manitoba seed company helps green thumbs go greener

By Iris Dyck

Two years ago, Kennedy Collins planted a cover crop on a portion of his garden for the first time. He scattered a mixture of grass and legume seeds where his vegetables normally grew, stomping the vegetation down before it went to seed. The following summer, he didn't need to fertilize that side of his garden, and there were significantly fewer weeds.

"I was really quite pleasantly surprised at the results," Collins said.

Collins is the co-founder of ReWild Garden Seed, a Manitoba seed com-

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pany focused on improving soil health for backyard gardeners. The company's first seed mix is a cover crop blend like the one Collins used on his own garden.

"You're basically using plants to feed your future plants," he said.

Stomping down cover crops helps bacteria grow and forces the plants to pull more car-

bon into the soil. This trampled "green manure" gives the soil a chance to recover, restoring the nutrients agriculture strips away.

"Rather than just treating the soil as a medium, we need to treat it as the living ecosystem that it is," said Collins.

Collins saw the potential to market a cover seed blend to backyard gardeners after he saw what

it did in his own garden. He connected with his friends at an agricultural seed supplier, Covers & Co. ReWild Garden Seed "grew organically," and in just five months, the Covers & Co. subsidiary was ready to launch its first blend, Spring Fling.

"We thought this is the next natural step, because gardeners are also green-minded," Collins said.

Spring Fling Cover Crop, contains a mix of annual grasses, broadleaves, and nitrogen-fixing legumes. It helps reduce weeds, and acting like green manure, can also eliminate fertilizer use by naturally adding organic matter into the soil. When Spring Fling is rotated annually through a garden, soil biology is stimulated, and the diversity of flowering plants is increased, offering valuable food for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial pollinators.

Regenerative agriculture is a sustainable way of farming and gardening. It improves soil health through cover cropping, moving away from chemical fertilizers. While fertilizers help plants grow, they don't feed the soil, causing it to erode. In 2014, the United Nations reported that all the world's topsoil could be gone by 2050. That weighs heavy on Collins's mind.

"It can be incredibly daunting and scary," Collins said. "That's in our lifetime."

Collins and his ReWild Garden Seed co-founders hope their seed blends will grow the conversation around regenerative agriculture and the importance of healthy, living soil.

"That's the bottom of the food chain," he said. "We need to take care of it so the top can survive as well."

The fifteen plant species in the Spring Fling mix are locally sourced whenever possible, and the company has two more blends in the works.

Spring Fling Cover Crop garden blend is available at seven garden centres across Manitoba: Alternative Choice Garden Centre, Morden Nurseries, Pilot Mound Home Hardware, Schott Ranch Greenhouse and Market, The Green Spot Home and Garden, Vervain Greenhouse, and online and in-stores at T&T Seeds.

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Kennedy Collins saw the benefits of cover cropping in his vegetable patch and knew that other gardeners could benefit, too.

Bifrost-Riverton/Arborg landfill expansion set to finish in fall 2021

By Nicole Brownlee

Bifrost-Riverton and Arborg landfill expansion is underway.

The landfill was estimated to suffice until 2025. The early expansion, which is estimated to be completed by early fall, will secure the landfill for 15 to 20 years, said Ron Johnston, Bifrost Arborg Riverton Waste Authority Co-op Inc. president.

"We've outgrown the current space," said Johnston. "It's time for an expansion."

A new landfill cell and leachate pond, which is used to evaporate water removed from the landfill, are currently under construction, said Steve Enns, manager of B.A.R. Additional infrastructures like an exterior berm, fencing, interior watershed system and collection pond will also be added.

The expansion won't impact the recycling depot at the landfill, said Johnston.

"This new expansion will protect our assets and environmental liability in a way that will be manageable by our on-site staff," said Enns in a statement.

"This expansion is the start of suiting the needs of our current and next generation."

Enns said this expansion is the first phase of a 20-year plan which includes three additional landfills.

The disposal site has been operating for over two decades and started nearing capacity in 2017, said the September 2017 Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Sustainable Community Plan.

B.A.R. owns over 50 hectares of land where the disposal ground sits, which gives the site potential to

expand for over a century, said the Sustainable Community Plan.

The Town of Arborg and Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton share the cost of the disposal site expansion because the site serves both communities. Bifrost-Riverton will cover 66.67 per cent of the project costs, and Arborg will cover 33.33 per cent.

On June 8, the B.A.R. Board chose TriLine Construction to complete the project for a bid of almost \$500,000 plus GST. TriLine's bid was the lowest of five received by the organization. The remaining four bids ranged from \$650,000 to over \$980,000, not including GST.

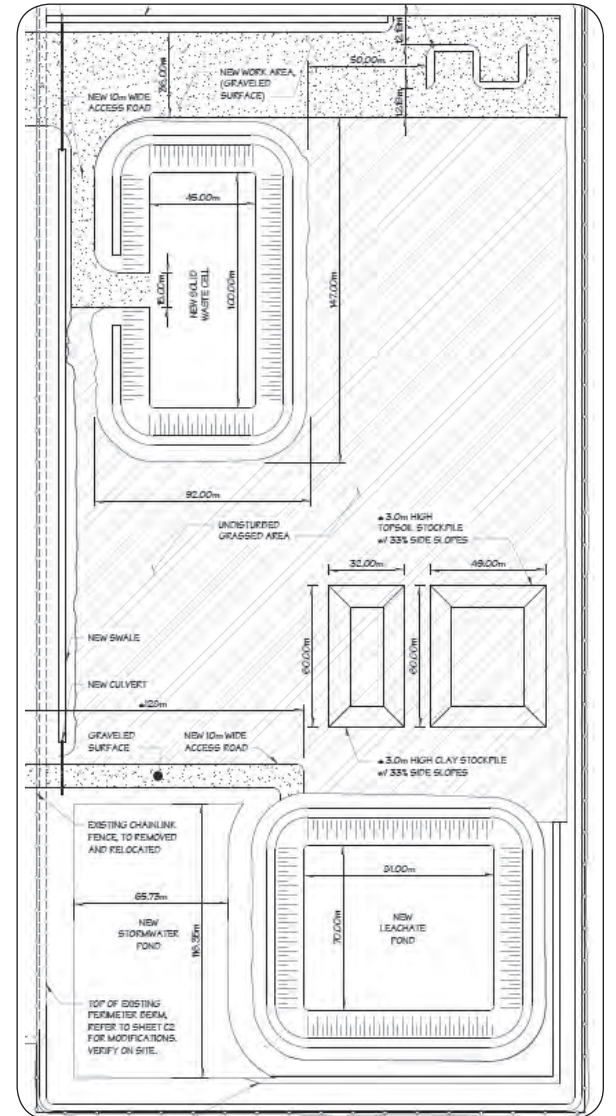
In the 2021 financial plan for Bifrost-Riverton, the municipality plans for the first \$350,000 in expenses to be paid by the Federal Gas Tax Fund Reserve and will draw on the borrowed \$200,000 if required.

In a Sept. 2020 public notice, Bifrost-Riverton said they planned to borrow their portion of the bill at a maximum anticipated interest rate of three per cent over a five-year term with a fixed

interest rate and first payment made by Oct. 1, 2021. An estimated mill rate levy of 0.208 mills would pay \$43,670.91 annually, based on the portioned assessed value of all property in the municipality.

Arborg's 2021 budget includes \$65,000 set aside for the expansion from a General Fund and \$285,000 from borrowing. In an April public notice, Arborg said they would plan to borrow up to \$350,000 at four per cent over 15-years for the expansion of the landfill.

"THIS EXPANSION IS THE START OF SUITING THE NEEDS OF OUR CURRENT AND NEXT GENERATION."



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The design for the landfill includes a new solid waste cell, leachate pond and additional access to the grounds.

Three words you should know when wearing dentures

By Elisha Vador

The happiest people who wear dentures will tell you that their dentures look good, feel good and work good. When these three words – look, feel, and work, unite together in a good way, it makes people say, "I have no issues". And that's the golden sentence every person who's wearing some sort of denture in their mouth strives to say every day, while eating their toast.

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2021 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Awards presented

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, with support from Manitoba's Credit Unions, announced the recipients of the 2020-21 Manitoba's Credit Unions Scholar Athlete Awards.

These \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to four graduating high school student athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and competed in at least two interscholastic sports.

Other criteria included school, community involvement, volunteer, and citizenship activities.

The four winners included the Selkirk Royals' Annika Goodbrandson, Lindsey Gundrum of Prairie Mountain High School, Luke Janzen of Linden Christian School, and Paige Wright of Warren Collegiate Institute.

In this COVID-19 pandemic year, recognizing the extenuating hardships students have had to overcome, and in their continued support of student athletes across our province, this year Manitoba's Credit Unions will also award an additional \$400 scholarship to each nominee.

The 41 students nominated this year included:

Halle Meisner – Ashern Central School
Martina Barclay – École Secondaire Kelvin High School

Rachel Bartel – Linden Christian School
Gianna Bergsma – Dufferin Christian School

Halayna Boden – Major Pratt School
Lane Bond – Warren Collegiate Institute
Chloe Capan – Grant Park High School

Cameryn Carlos – Fort Richmond Collegiate

Owen Cassie – Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Reid Cook – Major Pratt School
Trent Crane – Northlands Parkway Collegiate

Jaylyn Deurbrouck – Elm Creek School
Karly Edel – Morris School

Jarvis Ewasko – École Edward Schreyer School

Annika Goodbrandson – Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

Lindsey Gundrum – Prairie Mountain High School

Aaron Herrera – Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute

Ryan Imperial – St. John's High School
Luke Janzen – Linden Christian School

Cailyne Jeppesen – École Secondaire Oak Park High School

Jayden Jewar – Rivers Collegiate
Darwin Klostermaier-Starkewski – St. John's Ravenscourt

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Faye Murray – St. Mary's Academy

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MJHL proudly celebrates strong indigenous roots

From the MJHL website

In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day this past Monday, the MJHL celebrates the rich history of Indigenous players, coaches, management and staff that continue to be a fabric to the success of the league.

"In the spirit of reconciliation and continued collaboration we're proud to acknowledge our strong connections to the Indigenous community, we're excited to highlight the achievements of Indigenous players, coaches, and staff on this special celebration day," said Kevin Saurette, MJHL Commissioner.

Historically there is a deep collection of achievement from MJHL Indigenous alumni with NHL names like Reggie Leach, Ted Nolan, and Theo Fleury, the MJHL has had countless Indigenous players participate and succeed in the league. Each season a significant segment of the player pool represents an Indigenous background such as First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

The most recent player highlight comes from Brady Keeper of Pimicikamak Cree Nation (Cross Lake) who advanced to the University of Maine (NCAA) through the OCN Blizzard. In the spring of 2019, he earned an NHL contract with the Florida Panthers after just two college seasons, playing in his first NHL game on March 28, 2019. Keeper spent the 2020-21 season

between the Syracuse Crunch (AHL) and Florida Panthers.

Zach Whitecloud from Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, a Virden Oil Capitals' product, advanced to Bemidji State University (NCAA) and signed an entry-level deal with the Vegas Golden Knights in March of 2018. Whitecloud enjoyed a strong rookie season as a professional and was a major factor in the Chicago Wolves (AHL) run to the 2019 Calder Cup finals. After splitting time between Chicago and Vegas the following season, Whitecloud has become a mainstay on the Golden Knights' blueline to this day.

One of the most famous MJHL alumni, Jordin Tootoo (Inuk) played a pivotal season in his path to the WHL and eventually the NHL with the OCN Blizzard in 1998-99. At just 15, Tootoo scored 16 goals and 37 points in 47 games along with over 200 penalty minutes helping the Blizzard win the MJHL title that season.

A talented pair of players with Indigenous backgrounds who are recently connected to the Swan Valley Stampede organization have also gone onto professional hockey. Tristan Langan spent the 2020-21 season in the ECHL with the Orlando Solar Bears while Riley McKay suited up for the Rockford IceHogs in the AHL.

Currently the MJHL has two clubs operating on First Nation communi-

ties, the OCN Blizzard founded by Opaskwayak Cree Nation in 1996 as well as the Waywayseecappo Wolverines established in 1999 by Waywayseecappo First Nation. Waywayseecappo is currently the only First Nations owned and operated Junior A franchise in Canada. Both the Wolverines and Blizzard often carry a contingent of Indigenous players and staff. The Blizzard have been to the league final nine times in their history winning an impressive five consecutive titles spanning from 1999-2003.

Developing into one of the MJHL's premier forwards, Nakodan Greyeyes of Pinaymootang First Nation followed up his rookie season in Dauphin with a 74 point campaign in 2019-20. Greyeyes will be a significant part of the Kings' roster in 2021-22.

Bryden Sinclair of Peguis First Nation was named captain of the OCN Blizzard ahead of the 2021-22 MJHL season and is committed to play NCAA Division I Hockey at the University of Maine.

Recently, Norway House First Nation member, Tony Apetagon spent two seasons in the MJHL with OCN and Winnipeg before he committed to play for the University of Manitoba Bisons (USPORTS). During the pandemic, Apetagon also spent time as a coach for the Blizzard.

Off the ice consistently around the

league, team staff and personnel also represent Indigenous backgrounds as coaches, managers, directors, and support staff.

Waywayseecappo Wolverines' head coach and general manager, Taylor Harnett from Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation has guided the Wolverines to three straight seasons of .500 or better for the first time in franchise history. Wolverines' governor, Morley Watson hails from Ochapowace Nation and is the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) Vice Chief.

The Métis Nation has always been well represented in the league with many achieving all-star titles and league scoring champions. Names like Norm Fay and Justin Tetrault were both leading scorers of the league in the early 2000s.

On a yearly basis, several MJHL prospects go on to represent Manitoba at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships where in recent years, Team Manitoba has won gold (2017 and 2019).

Throughout each season, the MJHL and its member clubs acknowledge that they compete on Treaty 1, Treaty 2, Treaty 4, and Treaty 5 lands, collectively the traditional territories of Anishinaabe, Assiniboine, Cree, Ojibwe, Dakota, Dene, and Inninnowuk peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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Rural Municipality of Woodlands EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR



The Rural Municipality of Woodlands invites applications for openings for a **Heavy Equipment Operator**, under the Operator 2 or Operator 3 classification as per the OEM 987 collective agreement.

The Operator 2/3 will be reporting to the Public Works Foreman and will be responsible for safe operation of a variety of heavy/light equipment in constructing, maintaining, and repairing municipal infrastructure.

Hours of work: November 1 to April 30, 7am to 3:30pm
May 1 to October 31, 7am to 5:30pm

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Valid Manitoba Drivers License, Class 1 driver's license with air preferred.
- Experience operating a grader and/or excavator.
- Knowledge of safety procedures and safe operation of equipment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Will be required to obtain various safety courses.
- Willingness to continuously further education.

Salary and benefits as per the Collective Agreement with Operating Engineers of Manitoba.

Please contact the Rural Municipality of Woodlands Administration Office at 204-383-5679 for further information.

Persons applying should submit a letter of application on or before 12:00 p.m. local time **Monday, July 7, 2021.**

R.M. of Woodlands
Box 10, Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0
Fax: (204) 383-5169
Email: finance@rmwoodlands.ca

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Rural Municipality of Woodlands EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR



The Rural Municipality of Woodlands invites applications for openings for an **Equipment Operator**, under the Operator 1 classification as per the OEM 987 collective agreement.

The Operator 1 will be reporting to the Public Works Foreman and will be responsible for safe operation of a variety of equipment/vehicles and performing a variety of labour tasks in constructing, maintaining, and repairing municipal infrastructure.

Hours of work: November 1 to April 30, 7am to 3:30pm
May 1 to October 31, 7am to 5:30pm

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

- Valid class 5 driver's license.
- Experience operating a tractor, loader, ride on mowers, steamers, and small tools.
- Experience operating schulte mower would be an asset.
- Knowledge of safety procedures and safe operation of equipment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work in all weather conditions.
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Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcel of land, located in the RM of Bifrost-Riverton, Manitoba and currently owned by Bradley Sigvaldason and Morley Sigvaldason as Administrators of the Estate of Gerald Arnold Sigvaldason, will be received up to 4:00 pm on July 30, 2021 at the offices of: **Grantham Law Offices, Box 1400, 1-278 Main Street, Stonewall MB., R0C 2Z0** Attn: Karen @ (204) 467-5527

Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 15-22-3 EPM being approximately 150.84 acres (145 acres cultivated) including a 1063 sq foot single family dwelling. The land is prime agricultural land located along Hwy 68 just East of Arborg, Manitoba.

For more information on the house including photos, please contact Karen at Grantham Law Offices for an emailed package, or to make an appointment for viewing, please contact Morley Sigvaldason directly at 204-376-5175.

The land will be sold free and clear of all liens and charges except Caveat No. 252974/1

The following will apply to all tenders:

The vendor reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the highest bid or tender may not necessarily be the successful bid.

All tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelopes accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft payable to "Grantham Law Offices in Trust" for 10% of the tendered amount. Cheques will be returned in respect to tenders that are not accepted.

All bidders will be advised within two working days of July 30, 2021 if their bid was successful. Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Offer to Purchase with a possession date of August 31, 2021, or sooner or later by mutual consent.

Tenders will be held in confidence and not be released to the public.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



RED RIVER COLLEGE
OF APPLIED ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (TERM)

Interlake & Peguis Fisher River Campus

COMPETITION NUMBER: 2021-091 SALARY: \$20.86 – \$28.55 hourly

LOCATION: Interlake Campus in Selkirk, MB

ANTICIPATED TERM: August 9, 2021 up to October 29, 2021

Applicants are to clearly demonstrate how they satisfy the selection criteria in their written submissions and must identify the competition number they are applying for in the subject line of the email.

This competition may be used to establish a 12-month eligibility list of qualified candidates for future vacancies.

DUTIES

Reporting to the Office Manager, the incumbent will provide the customer service and clerical support necessary. Duties include, but are not limited to: providing front-line reception and respond to students, vendor, client and instructor inquiries; assisting students with registration, admissions, and the course selection process; collection of cash and electronic payments of tuition, books and miscellaneous fees; and completion of data entry for student recruitment and admissions.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate in office administration or an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Experience using Microsoft Office applications (e.g. Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Ability to prioritize work, meet deadlines and work under pressure
- Experience working with confidential information in keeping with FIPPA and PHIA
- Ability to work both independently and within a team setting
- Superior interpersonal skills
- Ability to recall information, policies and procedures with attention to detail
- Effective written communication and Multi-tasking skills
- Values Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

ASSETS

- Experience using the College's student information systems – Colleague and Recruiter
- Experience in a post-secondary setting

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada

APPLY BY EMAIL TO: humanresources@rrc.ca

CLOSING DATE: July 5, 2021

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If accommodation needs are required during the application or interview process, please contact our Human Resource Services.

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Advertisement Number: 37688

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Qualifications

Essential:

- Experience in carpentry repairs and or construction projects
- Experience operating and maintaining equipment, power tools, and hand tools used in the carpentry trade
- Ability to estimate costs and material for construction projects
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work in a team environment
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision

Desired:

- Experience working with concrete forming and pouring
- Training and or experience in Workplace safety and Health safe work practices

Conditions of Employment:

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Must possess and maintain a valid full stage Manitoba class 5 drivers license
- Must be physically capable of performing the duties assigned to the position including lifting up to 50 pounds.
- Must be able to work outdoors for extended periods under various weather conditions

Duties:

Under the direction of the Journeyperson carpenter, the incumbent, as a team player, is responsible for carpentry repairs, construction projects and preventative maintenance on park infrastructure within the Riverton Park District. The incumbent may be required to make estimates on materials for new construction projects. The incumbent maintains inventory of shop tools and equipment within the Hecla Carpentry shop.

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Email: govjobs@gov.mb.ca

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When applying to this position, please indicate the advertisement number and position title in the subject line and/or body of your email. Your cover letter, resumé and/or application must clearly indicate how you meet the qualifications.

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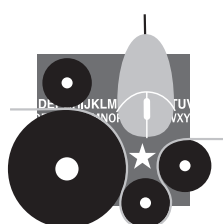


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Rural Municipality of Armstrong

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant CAO and Office Clerk

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is inviting applications for the positions of full-time Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and casual Office Clerk.

Assistant CAO

The CAO will assist in the management and implementation of all aspects of daily municipal finance and administration. We are seeking an individual that has advanced skills in accounting, and has the ability to lead, oversee and implement organizational administration, assisting, reporting to and taking direction from the CAO. A high level of ability to communicate and assist staff, council, and the public will also be expected from the successful candidate and excellent human resource skills will be required.

The CAO may be expected to assume the authority and duties of the CAO in an acting capacity when appointed to the role in the CAO's absence.

CAO Assets considered: CMMA course certificate or extensive experience in local government/public sector environment, high-level accounting and managerial skills/background; knowledge of federal, provincial and municipal legislation; extensive computer and software experience (accounting, Microsoft Word and Excel, Asyst).

Office Clerk

The Officer Clerk will be responsible for providing administrative and clerical support and receptionist services to the municipal full time administrative staff. This casual on-call position will be scheduled to replace full-time administrative staff during periods of vacation and/or illness or during busy workloads. This position requires a highly motivated and resourceful individual with a strong focus on customer service with a pleasant phone manner. Applicants must have well developed organizational and time management skills and the ability to communicate effectively.

The successful candidate must have exceptional interpersonal skills to effectively interact with the public, staff, council and external agencies. Post-Secondary education in office administration and/or related field combined with office administration experience.

Salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. Interested individuals may submit a cover letter and resume with three references to:

Corlie Larsen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Phone: (204) 278-3377 Fax (204) 278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com (preferred)

A complete job description is available upon request. The deadline for submitting your Resume is Monday, June 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. however this posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. The positions are to commence as soon as possible. **We thank all that apply; only those selected for interview will be contacted.**



Insurance Specialist

Competition: #2021-22-13

Location: Arborg region

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ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary education in agriculture and related experience or an equivalent combination of related education and experience may be considered.
- Experience in the agricultural industry.
- Experience in customer service.
- Experience interpreting and applying regulations, contracts, policies, and procedures.
- Knowledge in sales and marketing.
- Knowledge of agricultural insurance.
- Ability to use Microsoft products (SharePoint, OneDrive, Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint) in a cloud-based environment.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and the ability to travel within the Province of Manitoba.

APPLY

This position has a salary range of \$60,295 – 72,399 per annum. Interested candidates are requested to send their résumé and cover letter, marked Confidential, no later than **June 29, 2021** to:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SARAH PROGRAM COUNSELLOR

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre (SHCC) works to offer hope and healing through support and education for those impacted by sexual violence in the Interlake Eastern region of Manitoba.

Currently, SHCC is seeking individuals for the following: SARAH Program Counsellor - deliver SARAH Counselling programming including one-on-one counselling, support groups, and workshops; support the SARAH Crisis Program; and participate in program development and expanding and enhancing SHCC services within the region. Closing date June 30, 2021. For more information see: survivors-hope.ca/get-involved/

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Applicants must enjoy working with children of all ages, be reliable, mature and be willing to take direction as well as work independently. Must be 18 years of age. Must submit to a Criminal Record Vulnerable Sector Search, Child Abuse Registry Search and have or be willing to obtain First Aid and CPR. Please submit resume to wpgbeachtts@msn.com or Wpg. Beach Tiny Tots, Box 434, Wpg. Beach, Manitoba R0C 3G0

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RETIREMENT



Agnes Westwater

After 31 years in the health care field in Kitchener, Ontario and Lunda, Manitoba, it's with great happiness we announce our mother Agnes Westwater's retirement on Friday, June 18th. We are so proud of you and your remarkable career. We love you tons.

BIRTHDAY



**Happy 90th Birthday Greetings
Emily Deneka
May God Bless You With
Health, Happiness and Laughter
"Mnohaya Lita"**

-With our love and best wishes;
Metro, your children, grandchildren and
great-grandsons
"You are a Wonderful Inspiration of Honesty,
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**Happy 40th Anniversary
David and Sylvia Yablonski on June 27th
You're such a lovely couple!**

-With love from Alicia, Jason, Xavier, Victoria,
Ryan, Zachary, Mason, Rebecca, Steven and Olivia!



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SUDOKU

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

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- College group
- Small morsels of food
- Actress Dunham
- Puts a limit on
- Used for baking or drying
- Commercial
- Zookeeper Bindi
- Walk in one's sleep
- The Great Lakes State
- Winter sport
- A thin layer on something
- Peacock network
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- "Too Scared to Cry" author
- Nose
- Friend
- Country music legend
Haggard
- Curved
- More deformed
- Bleated
- Set on its end
- An aspect of Ra
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Harsh, grating noise
- ___ Francisco
- Common Japanese surname
- Punish with an arbitrary
penalty
- Football position (abbr.)
- Not in the know
- African antelope
- Popular tech (abbr.)
- Baseball teams get three of
them
- Make up one's mind
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Martens
- Susan and Tom are two

CLUES DOWN

- Excessively showy
- Put an end to
- Blood disorder
- Ingredient in wine

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10									
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60							61	62							63				
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- Shellfish
- Made smaller
- We
- The Treasure State
- ___ Ekland, actress
- Male parent
- One hundredth of a watt
(abbr.)
- Dish of minced meat
- Smothered laugh
- Article
- Atomic #12
- Small parrot
- Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- French wine grape
- Football stat (abbr.)
- Sound unit
- Where you sleep
- University of Dayton
- Miller beer offering
- Feel embarrassed

- Able to be estimated
- Commune in NW France
- Adult female chicken
- Intergovernmental
organization
- Archaic term for until
- That which is not sacred
- Sound made in speech
- Handgun (slang)
- Fill up again
- Evoke or awaken
- Beam Me Up, ___!
- Spider wasp genus
- Headdress
- Exclamation of surprise
- Of I
- Figures
- Men's fashion accessories
- Indicates position
- Megabyte
- The Prairie State

CARD OF THANKS

Balan - We would like to express the immense gratitude we have for all the support shown to us after the passing of Les - husband, dad, papa, brother and uncle. We sincerely appreciate all the cards, prayers, memories shared, messages, phone calls, flowers and baking we have received. Thank you to the ambulance attendants, RCMP and Ken Loehmer for their compassion and guidance. Although it is challenging, it is comforting knowing that so many are thinking of us. We are forever grateful, and words cannot express how much all the support we have received during this difficult time means.

-Brenda, Gerri (Vern), Jodi (Jeev), Jayson (Andrea) and families

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Left behind.

-Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
wife Ollie and all the family

IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of
Dick Boon

June 7, 1938 - May 23, 2013

Dick will always be lovingly remembered by his beloved wife Frances, beloved son Robert and beloved daughter Tammy. He loved the Lord and enjoyed attending with his family a smaller church the last 5-6 years of his life and believed in doing special things for his community. At the time of his passing we were working on a neon electrical sign museum, had already had a major donation of a large neon spectacular sign from Sign Friends, and a 3 1/2 acre property we had purchased December 31, 1996 now located on a now major Winnipeg thoroughfare within the Perimeter where it is to be located with a coffee shop beside it. It was the thrill of Dick's life. The family corporation Inter City Neon Plastic Signs and Services we co-founded - working with his wife and son 24/7 for 25 years plus daughter Tammy when available. We travelled all over Manitoba, east to Thunder Bay and simultaneously had a customer base in Winnipeg. We had memberships in Sign Association of Manitoba, Sign Association of Canada, National Elect. Sign Association, International Sign Association, NALMCO (lighting contractor), developing friends throughout North America and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

He enjoyed working in the Narrows, Ashern and Interlake area including Highway 6 the last 25 years of his life and appreciated his friends and customers.

He enjoyed our CN friends, especially an Alaskan cruise. Dick fixed the CN sign on Union Station, also the large clock at City Hall, and installation of major signs at Portage and Main as well as maintenance of them and other high rise buildings in Winnipeg, Regina and Calgary. His favourite saying was "I've been everywhere" and song was "Until Then I'll Go on Singing" and loved to yodel at the top of the skyscrapers as he found working at heights very calming and peaceful. He is forever loved by his family (predeceased by his much beloved mother Jenny, nee Vandorp, Boon).

We had worked together on special projects, some under Tambor Enterprises.
He had a life well lived.

OBITUARY

Emma Cecilia Styck

Peacefully, on Friday, June 18, 2021 at the Gimli Betel Home, Emma Styck, aged 95 years, beloved wife of the late Jim passed away.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Winnipeg Beach Community Cemetery.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Betel Home in Gimli for the care and compassion shown to Emma.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Gimli Betel home. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com



Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Emery Eugene LeTexier

May 23, 1938 - June 14, 2021

It is with heavy hearts the family would like to announce that Emery Eugene LeTexier passed away on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the age of 83.

Emery is survived by his sister Doreen Nowakowski, sisters-in-law Elaine LeTexier and Ivy LeTexier, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Eugene, mother Olga (nee Manduik), and stepfather John Goy. Also predeceasing him were his sister Clara Coles, brothers John and Robert, brothers-in-law Walter Wuzuik and Edward Nowakowski.

Emery was born and raised on the family homestead in Fisher Branch. In his youth, he attended Laval School which was a one room schoolhouse. Emery learned from a young age all about working and helping on the farm. Emery's first love was for farming, especially the International farm equipment. He farmed up until last fall. Emery also loved farm auctions, driving around in his truck, and his frequent visits to the coffee shop to socialize with his friends. Later on in life his friends showed him the joy of fishing. Emery was a positive person who liked to laugh and visit over a good cup of coffee. He was a hard working, kind-hearted man and will be forever missed by his family and friends. Although he was a bachelor and never had children of his own, his nieces and nephews brought him joy.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff of Arborg Hospital and St. Boniface Hospital on 5E who provided great care and comfort to him in his final days. These frontline workers are true angels and heroes for the patients and their families, especially during this pandemic. The family would like

to thank Pastor James Thiessen for the funeral service, and Gordie and Tracy for their caring professionalism with Uncle Emery's funeral arrangements. We are so fortunate you have eased our grief.

"Goodbyes are not forever, goodbyes are not the end, they simply mean we'll miss you, until we meet again"

Due to COVID protocols, a small private family graveside service will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Fisherton Cemetery in Fisherton, Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Linda Joanne Murray

August 31, 1948 - June 18, 2021

It is with great sadness that our family announce the passing of Linda Murray (nee Fairbairn) of Eriksdale, MB, after a brief illness.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children Rob (Shauna), Cindy (Greg) and Brian (Ethel) of Whitecourt, AB and Robert (Patti) of Eriksdale. She is survived by her siblings, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mom always lived life by her own rules. She spent her life looking after the needs of others, usually before her own. Mom was a dedicated nurse, ambulance attendant and business owner. She started many successful businesses, most recently The Flower Hutch in Eriksdale, until her health would not allow her.

She is predeceased by her husband Wayne in 2017, parents Bill in 2000 and Freida in 2019 and son Greg in 2014.

Special thanks to the nurses and staff at the E. M. Crowe Memorial Hospital in Eriksdale for their exceptional care and compassion.

In keeping with Mom's wishes, a private interment will take place at a later date.

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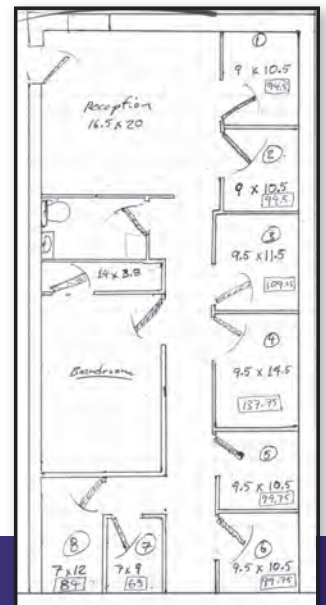
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