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Members of the Curry family from Arnes – Xavier, his mom Jelena and grandpa David – spent Saturday afternoon at Gimli Beach where David's mom used to bring him when he was a child. Visits to the beach have become somewhat of a tradition for the family.

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# Winnipeg Beach gets down to some serious long-weekend relaxation

By Patricia Barrett

Winnipeg Beach residents and visitors got down to some serious relaxation last Saturday afternoon as the

mercury hit the mid-twenties. People moseyed down to the beach for a bit of physically distanced sun and surf, enjoyed lunch on a patio or ordered

take-out from one of restaurants along the main strip and browsed the crafts made by residents at the Lodge apartment complex. Despite COVID-19

having cancelled local festivals and musical events, the Beach still pulled in the crowds.



Ladies from the Lodge apartment complex held a craft and yard sale Saturday, offering items such as dreamcatchers, decorative signs, art, movies, books, peanut brittle and other goodies. From left Darlene, Lois, Elizabeth, Mary and Kay.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Beach's younger set stop for some curbside shade outside Johnes Restaurant on Main Street. From left seasonal residents Carmyn, Brooklyn, Mckenna, Connor and Nolan.



Motorcycle enthusiasts from Winnipeg two-wheeled it out to the Beach for some surf, sun and long-weekend rejuvenation.



Beachgoers spread out along the sand and strolled down the boardwalk.



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## Producers encouraged to list their extra feed products

Voice staff

Challenging production conditions across Manitoba have provincial farm groups representing beef, grain and forage producers asking farmers with extra straw, hay, or alternative feed to consider listing their products for sale.

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP), Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), and the Manitoba Forage & Grassland Association (MFGA) are all warning that livestock producers could be facing a challenging summer and fall that will affect their ability to source feed and straw for their livestock.

"In recent years Manitoba has experienced consistently inconsistent seasonal and regional production variability through drought conditions, snowstorms, and heavy rains," said MBP president Dianne Riding. "These kinds of challenging conditions are prompting concerns that 2020 hay and forage yields could be lower than expected across the province this summer and complicate the feed situation for livestock producers this coming fall and winter.

"In the spirit of co-operation, we are encouraging Manitoba farmers to

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# Premier visits Arborg area to open PR 326

By Evan Matthews

The Premier of Manitoba visited the Arborg area last week, as the Province opened up a road integral to commerce in the region.

Premier Brian Pallister and MLA for Interlake-Gimli Derek Johnson were on-hand for the opening of Provincial Road 326, a gesture very much appreciated by local politicians.

"This road could only happen because the current (Provincial) Government kept an election promise. Promise made, and promise kept," said Peter Dueck, mayor of Arborg, adding that millions of dollars have already been invested in the area as a direct result of the road construction.

"The significance of our premier attending the road opening cannot be overstated... He understands it is up to government to supply infrastructure so private industry can create jobs and economic growth," he said.

In May 2019, the Province announced it would be reconstructing and resurfacing the 20-kilometre section of PR 326, from Arborg to 2.4-kilometres east of PR 233.

Now complete, local and provincial governments held the road opening on Tuesday July 28.

"(PR) 326 is huge for the industry and the residents north of Arborg. The agricultural industry of crop land, plus beef and pork, adds so much to the local and provincial economy. We know that agriculture is the econom-

ic backbone of our local area," said Dueck, adding thanks to past councils for believing in the project.

"In addition, there is a growing saw-mill, as well as trucking operations, both of which needed this road.

"Currently there are three significant manufacturing businesses who rely on this road to take their product to market. This road will allow busi-

nesses to haul product to market even during load restriction season; something (the region) has not had before," he said.

Spring road restrictions limited businesses in the area from hauling goods over a certain size, according to MLA Johnson, which made bringing in raw materials for production difficult.

Dust would also wreak havoc, Johnson said, as much of the production would end up covered and then need cleaning before arriving at its final destination. With PR 326

**"THIS ROAD COULD ONLY HAPPEN BECAUSE THE CURRENT (PROVINCIAL) GOVERNMENT KEPT AN ELECTION PROMISE."**

now open, those problems are a thing of the past, he said.

"There are numerous businesses up there... the amount of traffic flowing through those businesses each and every day—even just thinking about their employees—there is a safety aspect to this project as well," said Johnson, adding the road is a major school bus thoroughfare, too.

"It's a very busy road. These businesses have invested over \$10-million in their own community since this road was announced. The premier



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HEATHER SIGURDSON

(Left to right): Vidir co-owners Sid and Peter Dueck, and Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister chat about the benefits of PR 326 after its official opening on July 28.

and myself wanted to be there in-person to thank these businesses for their investment in Manitoba," he said.

Businesses in the area include Vidir, Diemo, Spruce Wood Loggers, and Romafa.



(Left to right): On July 28, Vidir co-owner Sid Dueck, MLA Derek Johnson Interlake-Gimli, Minister of Infrastructure Ron Schuler, Ernest Rempel, and Vidir co-owner and Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck, celebrate the opening of PR 326.

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# Manitoba students heading back to class in September

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba students will be hitting the books in a classroom instead of at the kitchen table this fall.

Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week that classroom learning for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will resume Sept. 8.

"The best place for students is in the classroom," he said at a press conference July 30, "and we are glad to be in a position to be able to bring back in the classrooms these students in September.

"However, schools will not look like they did in the last September. There are a number of new steps being taken to ensure the health of students and staff and also to ensure that schools can be COVID-ready should a case arise in a school."

K-8 students and those with special needs in all grades will be back at school full-time, five days a week.

Meanwhile, Gr. 9-12 students may have some remote learning to do, depending on a high school's ability to implement public health measures like physical distancing and the use of cohorts (designated small groups of students—something that's easier to do at the younger grades) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support contact tracing.

Cohorts of a maximum 75 students will be utilized at the elementary and junior high levels as well, limiting the

numbers of other people students come into contact with throughout the day.

"Students will have greater space between them in class and many will be cohorted together in their learning group for the school day. Classrooms will be configured to achieve this," Goertzen said. "There will be a staggering of lunches and recess breaks to avoid congestion of common areas in the schools."

There will also be an increased emphasis on enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures and hand-washing. It will also be stressed that students and staff must stay home if they are showing any signs of illness.

Mandatory masks are not part of the plan right now—that could change if advice from health officials warrants such a mandate—but students and staff are welcome to wear them if they want, Goertzen said.

School buses will be running, but riders will have assigned seats and either sit alone or with family members or other kids in their cohort. Divisions may need to bring in more school buses to maintain physical distancing. Parents who are able to drop their children off themselves will be encouraged to do so.

School divisions are expected to draw upon the savings incurred when schools were shut down this spring to help cover the costs associated with ensuring their facilities are COVID-

ready. Goertzen noted schools saved approximately \$48 million in that time. The province has committed no extra COVID-19 funding for schools.

"While things may not be exactly as they were last September, the clear objective is that we are able to return students to in-class learning while providing an environment that strives to protect the health of all those in the school," Goertzen said.

"The value of in-class learning and the need to ensure safety isn't an easy balance to strike, but much work has gone into trying to achieve that balance," he said, noting this plan was developed in consultation with educators, school boards, and administrators across the province.

## Three response levels

No one knows what the next few months of the pandemic may bring, and so the province has prepared three response levels and is asking school divisions to have contingency plans ready should the need arise for full or partial school closures in the days to come.

Level 1 is the plan for September, where in-class learning is in full swing with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Level 2 is a blend of in-class learning and remote education, focusing on keeping K-8 kids in the classroom as much as possible while high school students utilize online learning as needed.

Level 3 would see all students learning remotely until it was safe to return to school.

With higher rates of absenteeism expected through the fall and winter, schools will need to ensure students have access to at-home learning materials when needed.

"I think there's no question we're going to see more [remote learning] in this school year," Goertzen said. "There is going to be more reliance on distance learning, but hopefully not to the degree that we had last year ... the department will be working with school divisions to ensure that there are not only good plans in place but good supports in place as well.

"There will continue to be challenges as we learn to live with the virus in an education environment," Goertzen said. "There will be situations that will require quick adaptation and if the situation changes in Manitoba and public health advice warrants there may be changes in requirements in schools as well.

"The last few months have shown us both the importance of in-class learning and how creative, resilient, and determined Manitobans are," he added. "We will undoubtedly have to rely on each of those qualities again in the months ahead."

School divisions will be releasing the specifics of their back-to-school plans for fall by mid-August.

# Dr. Roussin urges Manitobans to "continue to work together"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

We're going to get through this pandemic together.

This from Manitoba's chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin, who took time last week to remind Manitobans "to be kind to each other.

"[It's been a] tough time for us all and we've managed to get to this point by working together," he stressed at the province's July 30 media briefing. "Shame, stigma is not going to get us through this. Continue to work together as Manitobans, because we're going to be dealing with this virus for quite some time."

Public health officials announced 27 new cases of the virus over the long weekend, bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 442.

The province headed into the weekend with 70 active cases and 337 recoveries. Six people were hospitalized with COVID-19, five in intensive care.

Updated stats reflecting the weekend's new cases and recoveries were expected on Tuesday.

Manitoba reported its eighth death—a man in his 70s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region—last week. It was the first COVID-19 death since early May.

As he has stressed since the start of the pandemic, Dr. Roussin again emphasized to Manitobans the importance of focusing on the fundamentals when it comes to living with COVID-19.

That includes physical distancing, good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning protocols, and avoiding prolonged exposure to large crowds of people.

"It's critical that we find ways to continue to live with this virus and balance it with the very important things such as getting kids back to school," Roussin said following Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen's unveiling

of the province's back-to-school plan, which will have students back in the classroom come Sept. 8.

One of the most important things Manitobans can do to prevent the spread of the virus is to stay home when they're sick.

"Very, very vital as we go back to school, as we go back to work ... is stay home if you're ill, even if you're mildly ill," Roussin said. "Do not attend school or work if you're showing any signs of illness."

Testing volumes have been on the rise in Manitoba in recent weeks as the number of COVID cases and contact tracing increase.

On the testing front, Roussin had a message for employers looking to have their staff tested:

"I'd caution against employers to mandate testing in asymptomatic employees," he said. "Testing of asymptomatic individuals is not that useful,

so it puts an extra strain on our system to mandate that.

"Again, the most important people to get tested are those who are named as contacts of cases or those who have symptoms of COVID."

At this time, Manitoba is not mandating the use of masks in public spaces, though that could change in the weeks ahead.

"As we move closer and closer to fall, masks are likely to become more and more part of our plan," Roussin said, pointing to widespread community transmission—something we're not seeing yet—as a factor in that decision, along with rising case numbers overall. "We're continuing to review all these things and will continue to update as needed.

# Lakeshore SD offers glimpse into 2020-21 year

By Evan Matthews

As COVID-19 continues to change societal norms and standards, at least for the foreseeable future, the Lakeshore School Division is offering up a glimpse into what education will look like during the 2020-21 school year.

Last week, the Province of Manitoba announced students will return to the classroom in September, and Don Nikkel, Lakeshore SD's superintendent of human resources and alternative program director, said the division's 2020-21 path forward is clear as a result.

"The Provincial announcement has provided clarity from both a public health perspective and from an education perspective," said Nikkel, adding that earlier this summer, the Province asked school divisions to come up with three plans detailing: a scenario in which students were learning 100 per cent remotely, a scenario in which students were learning 100 per cent in-class, and a hybrid scenario in which students were learning both remotely and in-class to varying degrees.

"We worked through those plans... and we're ready to implement our full opening plan. It'll be in-person and in-class for all students, in all grades, wherever possible," he said, re-iterating the plan has students at school and in class five days a week.

With every school having unique situations relating to population and building size—especially high schools—Nikkel said if a school isn't able to meet public health guidelines there could be flexibility.

In the case of a unique situation, he said the division would be ready to implement a hybrid scenario.

"For us though, in Lakeshore, we

have quite a bit of physical space in our buildings. We feel confident we'll be able to move ahead while following guidelines and keeping staff and students safe," said Nikkel, adding that where possible, students will be two metres apart in most circumstances.

## Pillars of the plan

The aforementioned two metres apart—social distancing—is the first pillar of keeping staff and students, according to Nikkel, with the plan having two other critical components.

"Other pillars of this plan: proper hand hygiene, so making sure we have adequate hand sanitizer and handwashing; and people staying home when they're sick, both students and staff," he said, asking parents to screen their kids each day for symptoms.

Nikkel said the division will also implement other precautionary measures such as increased cleaning cycles for custodial staff, ensuring surfaces are properly sanitized; restricting public access to schools; avoidance of large group gatherings such as assemblies; as well as staggering student transportation.

## Masks mandatory?

Masks have not yet been made mandatory by the Province of Manitoba's Chief Public Health Officer, and Nikkel said the division won't be enforcing mask usage either.

Masks are, however, optional.

"If someone wishes their child to come to school with a mask, we're not going to prevent them from doing so. We wouldn't want to infringe on what a parent may decide to do in this situation," said Nikkel, emphasizing the situation is a dynamic one, and all



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LAKESHORE SCHOOL DIVISION

As Lakeshore School Division gets set for the 2020-21 school year, it's looking to add part-time and casual bus drivers, educational assistants, substitute teachers and support staff.

plans are subject to change based on overall COVID numbers in the Province and subsequent public health orders and advisories.

"If we have a spike in numbers or something prompts us to make a change, we'll review the plans and consult with public health," he said.

## Division looking for help

As COVID continues to change the way in which society—and schools—operate, Nikkel said the division faces challenges related to staffing. The division is reaching out to its communities as a result.

In reducing the number of instances in which students congregate in groups, Nikkel said more situations are arising in which additional staff are required.

The division is encouraging people in the region with extra time (and qualifications) to apply for positions as part-time bus drivers, educational

assistants, substitute teachers, and support staff.

"For the most part, we think we will be able to reduce close contact for students on our busses, but definitely anticipating challenges and we're preparing," said Nikkel, adding the division also expects staffing shortages as more staff will be at home if they are at all sick, as everyone will be taking extra precaution.

"In the case of a bus driver, training to obtain the requires Class 2 license is provided at no charge by Lakeshore SD, and with incentive pay on completion of training," he said.

The next training session begins in Fall 2020.

Those interested in applying should contact Lakeshore SD's Director of Operations and Infrastructure, Mark Parkes, at 204-739-2101 or at parkesm@lakeshoresd.mb.ca.

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avail themselves of the listing resources and work together to ensure feed and straw is available for cattle producers who require it. We truly appreciate those who advertise their available resources for sale."

"Across the province we have seen both dry and wet conditions being reported, leading to a lack of quality hay and straw for livestock feed," noted KAP president Bill Campbell. "We are calling on livestock producers and grain producers to work together to ensure that our industry can continue to thrive and to ensure livestock herds have enough feed for this year.

"Our hope is that as grain producers begin to make harvest decisions, they will consider how they can support livestock producers who may not have enough feed for their herds. 2020 has been an immensely challenging year, but we've learned that we all must work together when faced with difficulty."

Multiple consecutive years of dry conditions in key parts of the province has created a lot of uncertainty, said MFGA

chair Larry Wegner.

"For producers that are planning to be carrying herds into fall and over winter, that feeding uncertainty makes the planning done now even more important," he stressed. "As producers and producer groups working together, we can all help each other better prepare for the times ahead."

The three organizations have prepared a resource that outlines different options farmers have for selling and

purchasing feed (see below). Producers are encouraged to use any and all means available to list available feed for purchase.

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## Sports make their return

By Evan Matthews

Society, or at least a fraction of it, received a much-needed boost over the last couple weeks.

Sports are back.

It started with Major League Baseball's opening day on July 23, followed by the National Basketball Association resuming its season on July 30, and finally, the National Hockey League's return to play on Aug. 1.

There have been dissenting views, with some happy sports are back, and others saying sports are simply not worth the risk in the COVID-era.

But as with anything, there must be some nuance.

In the most plain and simple terms, sports are not necessary. As a result of COVID, we've learned that when the world stops—sports included—people can get on doing other things, stay home, and focus on family.

But we've also learned how difficult life can become without any sense of normalcy.

Now, watching these sports return to play, the situation is anything but normal.

Cardboard cut-outs and/or virtual fans in place of actual fans at MLB games, while the NBA and NHL have

simply placed sleek looking barriers where fans once sat.

Simulated crowd noise and music played over loud speakers now take the place of a crowd's roar and raw emotion.

It's different, but people—sports fans, specifically—finally have something outside of their day-to-day lives to look forward to.

Sports have provided people with an escape; something that helps a part of our society unwind and feel normal. This is a good thing.

What we are quickly learning, too, is with the pandemic currently being what it is; there is a right way and a wrong way for sports to return to play.

The NHL and NBA are doing it right, by implementing league-wide "bubbles." In the NHL, the bubble is made up of limited areas in two hub cities (being Edmonton and Toronto) where team personnel are required to remain, not frequenting anywhere outside the bubble, as the league tries to minimize and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The NBA bubble is the same concept, though it is located at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The MLB, pun very much intend-

ed, has seemingly dropped the ball. While the MLB has implemented frequent testing and policies to reduce COVID-19 spread, the league decided bubble cities would not be used.

Teams are travelling to and from the MLB's 30 cities, and there has been little to no restriction for its players.

Most recently, the St. Louis Cardinals had players test positive for COVID, and before that the Miami Marlins had a huge chunk of their team and its personnel test positive. This is only five games in to the shortened 60 game season.

There will be more positive COVID tests, and the league commissioner is already threatening to cancel the season if teams and players don't take COVID more seriously.

The National Football League, to date, planned to follow the MLB strategy. Hopefully the NFL will learn from MLB's mistakes.

The lesson here is that there is a safe way to give people their happy escape, and an unsafe way.

But as a sports fan, one thing is for sure, it really does feel good to watch a game.

## letter to the editor

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### Coronavirus is deadly. Stay home. Save lives.

Reopening schools in the fall is going to be a disaster. Deep down, we all know it is the wrong thing to do and, if we want this pandemic to end sooner, then we all have to stay home. It may seem easy to just send your child to school, but if one child

at the school becomes infected with the virus, (which is guaranteed to happen) then the whole school, everyone who comes in contact with the people at the school, the huge chain of people who come in contact with all of them, will all have to quarantine for two weeks or more. Lots of people will get very sick, and some might even die.

It is just a much better idea to keep schools closed, stay home as much as possible, if you absolutely have to go out, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, disinfectants, wash your hands and don't touch your face. Coronavirus is deadly, and we must all take it seriously. Stay home, save lives.

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# Winnipeg Beach council update: staff move on to new opportunities

By Patricia Barrett

Winnipeg Beach council bid three staff members a successful transition to new jobs and what may be a second retirement.

Chief administrative officer Doreen Steg, utilities manager Raven Sharma and public works manager Dan Guttormson are moving on council said in a July 24 statement, and it's wishing them "every success" in their new endeavours.

Mayor Tony Pimentel told the *Express* last week the transition occurred at the same time, but the Town has the vacant positions temporarily covered.

"You can't knock people for looking for new opportunities. It's their livelihoods and careers they're thinking of. If a good opportunity comes up, you want to take it and open the door," said Pimentel. "Unfortunately, it all happened at the same time."

Steg was the successful applicant for the executive assistant position that came up at the RM of Gimli. Not only does Steg already live in Gimli and won't have to travel to and from Winnipeg Beach, but her new job also pays more than the Winnipeg Beach position had, said Pimentel.

When reached by the *Express*, Steg preferred not to comment on her new job.

Winnipeg Beach has temporary CAOs Colleen Johnson and Roger Bouvier working alternate days while the search for a full-time CAO continues. Bouvier, a retired CAO, was appointed in 2017 by the province to act as administrator for the RM of Ritchot after three council members resigned and the RM had no quorum required to make decisions.

Pimentel said many municipalities are in a squeeze when it comes to attracting administrative staff.

"Right now, it's a really tough market for these positions across the whole province. If you look at municipal websites, you'll see they're looking for CAOs and looking for staff, and it's been a tough go for a lot of municipalities," he said.

As for Winnipeg Beach utility manager Raven Sharma, Pimentel said she was headhunted and took up a position as utility manager for the City of Selkirk. Winnipeg Beach has, however, obtained services from Selkirk to temporarily manage its utility.

"We contracted the City of Selkirk to look after us until we get a new utility staff person," he said. "We're still up and running and things are the same as they were."

Guttormson, a retired provincial highways employee, told council the job demanded much more time than he thought it would and preferred to

transition back to retirement, said Pimentel.

Other Beach news:

Pimentel said he recognizes that some residents are disappointed by the Town's decision to not erect its piers into Lake Winnipeg. But that decision was made for public safety.

"We had spoken to health authorities about it and about the decision we made, and they felt that was a good call on our part. All we're doing is following provincial guidelines for safety," said Pimentel.

The mayor stressed that the Town is not telling visitors and seasonal residents to stay away from the resort, but is trying to make them "as safe as possible."

"We depend on our seasonal people and our tourists, and we're encouraging people to come out and enjoy the attractions, but to follow the regulations and practise social distancing," said Pimentel.

Over the past three weeks or so, COVID-19 infections have been on the upswing, with daily announcements of new cases. As of last Friday, there were 70 active cases of the deadly virus in Manitoba with five out of six hospitalized people moved into intensive care. Provincial dashboard statistics (viewed last Sunday) show 55 people in the Interlake have been infected, with five probable cases.

The Town saw plenty of visitors on the long weekend, many enjoying the beach and visiting shops and restaurants. Some businesses, such as the family-friendly arcades where the game machines are close together, weren't able to open because of public health's physical spacing requirements, said the mayor.

-Pimentel said the town's 2019 audited financial statements will soon be available to the public, and the 2018 statements are already available for viewing.



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People enjoy the surf at Winnipeg Beach on the long weekend.



Winnipeg Beach's two family arcades were unable to open after the province lifted some COVID restrictions because of space considerations copy

"All of our finances are completed by auditors and anybody is welcome to look at them," said Pimentel. "We also submit them to the province, which reviews them."

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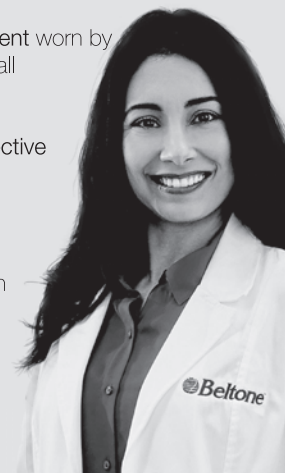
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# Long-weekend getaway brings family and friends to Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

Despite two of Gimli's major summer festivals (the film festival and Icelandic festival) having gone virtual this summer because of COVID-19, people are still flocking to the beachside resort for some fun in the sun.

Last Saturday brought the crowds to the beach where they visited with friends and family and queued on the main strip for Lake Winnipeg pickerel.

Day-trippers appeared to adhere to social distancing guidelines, with many bringing hand sanitizer and masks with them.

A visit to Gimli Beach is a tradition for the Curry family, who live in Arnes. David, his daughter-in-law Jelena and grandson Xavier visited on Saturday.

David's mom, who emigrated from Reykjavik, Iceland, in the early 20th century, used to bring him to Gimli Beach when he was small for a family outing. The trek down from Arnes has now become somewhat of a tradition.

"She would bring us to Gimli and we sat on this same beach many years ago," said David, who was helping Xavier find his red car, which accidentally got buried in the sand. "Today we're having a day at the beach for a change of scene."

The Currys said they felt relatively safe coming to the beach despite COVID infections on the rise across the province.

"Everybody's keeping their distance and if you're using public facilities, people stand in line and use social distancing," said Jelena.

Even though masks are not mandatory on Gimli Beach, the family packed their masks, she said. In Europe some beaches require visitors to wear a mask because of crowding.

"Even when you go in the water, you have to wear a mask [in some countries]," said Jelena. "But here it feels safe."

Town shops and restaurants took necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the public. Cheryl Buhler, owner of Robin's Donuts and Gimli Chamber of Commerce co-president, had to remove some indoor seating to meet public health requirements and sanitizes tables between customers.

"I find that even though it's busy, there are no horror stories in Gimli," said Buhler, referring to over-populated resorts in other countries. "People are social distancing. Businesses have hand sanitizer and their floors are marked with stickers reminding people to stay six feet apart."

Buhler, who bought face shields for her staff, said the town has been especially busy on weekends: "It's as busy as if there were a festival on."

Mayor Lynn Greenberg said there have been no major incidents with the influx of visitors, but the RM hired security guards for the long weekend to patrol the beach.

"All we want is for [the guards] to remind people to social distance. For others who might get a little [out of hand], we have the RCMP for that," said Greenberg.

Indeed, an RCMP cruiser was spotted midday making the rounds through the beach parking area.



It was wall-to-wall cars at the beach parking area, pictured here, and on many streets in town.



Sailors Alan (left) and Jordan, on First Avenue, prepare to take to the waves.



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Members of the Klein-Whitfield family held a lawn-and-wading-pool party at their home to celebrate the long weekend.



Cory and his daughter Cassidy came from Winnipeg for the day. Cassidy was practising her headstands in the sand, but was a little shy when the camera came out.



Anglers throw out a line from the Gimli seawall.



People lined up at Kris' Fish & Chips.



This young man enjoyed the big waves crashing on shore.



Crowds were appropriately spaced on the beach.



# What's new at Westshore Community Foundation building a lasting legacy

Submitted by Tim Arnason

It would be an understatement to say that the first half of 2020 has been an eventful few months. The COVID 19 pandemic has affected everyone in varying ways and has introduced changes to our world; changes that are felt globally as well as locally.

At Westshore Community Foundation, the first half of 2020 has also been a time of change. A time for our Foundation to more closely examine our role in the community and an opportunity for us to play a greater role in supporting those most in need.

Our year started out as past years had. We rang in the New Year with a very successful New Year's Eve Gala Ball at the Lakeview Resort Gimli. Great dinner, fantastic music from the Cracked Egg Shell, prizes and much more. The dance floor was packed all night and, from all reports, fun was had by all! I know we don't want to think about winter plans this time of year but stay tuned for similar New Year's Eve plans.

Our January Annual General Meeting involved the usual governance issues that need to be addressed as well as a review of our planning process for the 2020 year. We were presented an early partnership opportunity through the Government of Manitoba, MB 150 program to enhance support within our catchment area. A 1:1 matching formula offered through this program enabled us to leverage a \$20,000 commitment from our Community Endowment Fund into a \$40,000 program which was distributed throughout our area to not for profit organizations.

Our regular granting cycle starts in March at which time we place a call for grant applications. As all of us know, this time period coincided with the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic. It was immediately recognized that many not for profit organizations within our catchment area were faced with additional COVID related challenges. In response, the Westshore Community Foundation embarked upon a proactive granting program to address these needs.

"We recognized that we had a role to play in addressing some of the challenges faced by our care providers and not for profit organizations that provided services directed to those most adversely affected by the pandemic.", said Tim Arnason, President of the Westshore Community Foundation.

Setting aside some funds from our Community Endowment Fund and through partnerships with other like-minded organizations, Westshore was able to distribute approximately \$25,000 aimed specifically at programs which had a positive impact to the COVID crisis. This in-

cluded,

- Direct support to our food bank providers throughout our catchment area
- Purchase of oxygen concentrators and infrared thermometer at Betel personal Care Home
- Purchase of a video laryngoscope for the Gimli and District Health Center

Immediately following our COVID response granting initiative, we conducted our regular granting program which enabled us to distribute an additional \$17,000 to support organizations from all points of our catchment including, but not limited to,

- Winnipeg Beach Tiny Tots
- Interlake Women's Resource Center
- Icelandic River Heritage Sites

"We are fortunate to be able to have so many worthwhile projects that are driven by volunteers throughout our entire area" added Arnason

The pace of activity did not end there! In early May, the Federal Government announced the Emergency Commu-

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## How to own a pet if you're allergic to animals



Passionate animal lovers with allergies may be unwilling to live a life without pets. While no cat or dog is completely hypoallergenic, there are many breeds that shed little and, therefore, rarely cause allergic reactions. Here are just a few:

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Additionally, there are several ways to mitigate your allergy symptoms if you live with a pet. This includes brushing your animal outside every day, washing them once or twice a week with an anti-allergen shampoo and keeping them out of your bedroom. You should also limit the amount of carpet and fabric furniture in your home as these tend to accumulate allergens.

Another way to reduce your symptoms is by taking allergy medication. Consult an allergist, doctor or pharmacist to determine the right treatment.

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# Local artist depicts his annual Gimli Dog Party on the seawall

By Patricia Barrett

A Gimli artist who's been bringing dog lovers and dogs together for 13 years through his well-known Gimli Dog Party just completed a festive painting on the seawall depicting what goes on at the annual party.

Alec Baldwin, who has autism and is a painter, musician and athlete, approached the Gimli Art Club executive – which oversees the seawall – for permission to add his work to the gallery of murals that decorate the wall and pay tribute to the area's industries, events and buildings.

Baldwin, who is a member of the club and has touched up other artists' murals in the past, had to first paint the scene on canvas for the club executive to demonstrate his artistic merit.

"I love to paint the dogs anywhere," said Baldwin, who will be applying a protective top coating to his work. "The dogs came from different places to my Gimli Dog Party."

Showcasing the variety of breeds that people bring to his dog party, Baldwin created a colourful and playful nine-foot-long work. It shows the party's dog games, obstacle courses, the cool-down pool and some mischief-making (one of his own dogs is chasing a rabbit). There's also a fun element of fantasy, with dogs flying in on carpets.

It took about a month and a half to complete and came with a number of challenges.

"Without using knee pads, it hurt," said Baldwin, who also brought a mat to sit on as he worked. "It was hard to see on the eyes with the sun shining on a bright day."

Baldwin's depiction of dogs is so striking that the Purina-sponsored National Dog Show in Philadelphia commissioned him to paint a group portrait of dogs for its 2017 show. The painting was depicted on the program's cover and on promotional material.

Baldwin first washed the bumpy concrete seawall then painted it with white primer before sketching out the background, similar to the large field behind his house where he hosts the dog party.

"I finally started painting the sky and the landscape and other things to celebrate the dog party and finally the dogs," said Baldwin.

He even included a few cats – the family cat and his sister's cat – that



Detail showing a dog and a cat (which invited itself to one of the dog parties)

tried to crash the party one year, but were chased off by the dogs.

Getting up close to the painting shows the painstaking detail Baldwin put into the scene, right down to the expression in the dogs' eyes.

He said he would paint for five and a half to six hours on good weather days and the only thing that stopped him were two cranky anglers who stood right in front of his in-progress work and refused to move a foot over to fish (despite lots of room on the harbour) when politely asked.

And then the insects came. "Fish flies were invading and we cleaned them up with soap and a cloth," said Baldwin.

Baldwin has been asked again by the art club (whose past and present members created the murals) to touch-up murals that have faded from the elements. He'll be completing that project this summer.

He has also been asked by one of his mom's friends, who lives in the U.S. and rescues dogs, to paint a picture depicting her six greyhounds.

"I started painting on Denise's project where six greyhounds are having a great party in her garden," said Baldwin.

His others projects include putting digital artwork he created in Adobe Photoshop (about 170 comic book scenes) together with music and lyrics he wrote on the piano.

Baldwin's mom, Tanis Benson, said art is a "real passion" for her son. "He's really into doing this."



Alec Baldwin, with his dogs Copper and Charlie, completed his Dog Party mural on the Gimli seawall last week.



Detail from the mural.

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Alec working on his mural last month.

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# Scouting tips and thresholds for canola pod eaters

By Keith Gabert

Over the next couple of weeks, farmers and agronomists will want to check canola pods for feeding by bertha armyworm, diamondback moth larvae, lygus bugs and other pests.

Even if an area is low risk according to provincial risk maps, local hot spots can flare up, which is why each farm should make its own assessment on a field by field basis.

If pod feeders are found, make accurate counts in at least four locations 50 metres apart in each field. Then make spray decisions based on thresholds. Note that leaves act as an early warning system for most chewing canola pests at this stage, so missing leaves or holes in numerous leaves may give you a week or more warning before pod chewing occurs.

Thresholds indicate the point at which a spray application will start to provide an economic return, so thresholds-based decisions are good for profits. By sticking to thresholds, farmers also protect the beneficial insects that will often keep a local pest



tion through the years.

Here are identifying features, scouting tips, and links to thresholds for the three most common pod feeders in canola in Western Canada:

## Bertha armyworm

Berthas come in brown, black and green shades, but they all have a yellow-orange stripe along each side. Mature larvae are up to 1.5" long.

Begin monitoring after peak flowering and continue until the crop is almost at swath stage. The pre-harvest interval for some products is as little as one day. These intervals vary quite a bit by product, so check labels.

At each scout location, mark out an area of one square metre and beat the plants growing within that area to dislodge the larvae. Remove leaf litter and trash, then shake plants vigorously. These two steps will uncover berthas on the ground and cause berthas on the plants to drop. Pause a minute and wait for the larvae to begin moving around again, then count all that you find within the square metre. Thresholds will be around 20 bertha larvae per square metre in most situations.

## Diamondback moth larvae

Diamondback moth larvae are yellowish-green to green, up to half an inch long, and have a forked rear end. When disturbed, the larvae will wriggle backward violently and may drop from the plant, suspended by a silken thread.

Feeding on the exterior of developing pods is responsible for their "economic" pest status. The threshold for flowering or podded plants is 200 to 300 diamondback moth larvae per square metre (20 to 30 per square



An example of Bertha armyworm on canola.

foot).

For easier counting, pull up all plants from one square foot and beat them on flat surface, such as a sheet or truck hood, to dislodge them.

## Lygus bugs

Adult lygus bugs are about a quarter-inch long. They have relatively long antennae and legs. They vary from pale green to reddish brown to black, with a distinctive triangle or "V" shaped shield mark in the middle of their backs.

Adults are active and fly readily when approached. Immature lygus nymphs are often mistaken for aphids, but lygus nymphs are more active and harder bodied. Several black spots, usually five, become noticeable on the backs of nymphs as they mature through five instars (growth stages) before becoming adults.

With a standard insect net of 15" diameter, take ten 180° sweeps, and aim to sweep the buds, flowers and pods while moving forward. Sweep-

net monitoring should be done under fair weather conditions (e.g., sunny, low wind, above 15°C) and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to ensure lygus are active within the canopy. Count adults and any nymphs with darkened wing pads on their shoulders.

Field experience with lygus bugs in the Black Soil Zone in particular has prompted agronomists to be much less concerned about this particular pest than the threshold tables would indicate. Dry conditions seem to favour both lygus population development and damage to canola.

However, moisture conditions that allow for good crop growth may remove measurable damage from this insect pest.

For more information on all of these bugs, go to the insects section at [canolaencyclopedia.ca](http://canolaencyclopedia.ca).

*—Keith Gabert is an agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada. Email [gabertk@canolacouncil.org](mailto:gabertk@canolacouncil.org).*

## > LASTING LEGACY, FROM PG. 9

nity Support Fund, a \$350m program designed to provide funding to vulnerable persons most affected by COVID. Community Foundations Across Canada, along with the Canadian Red Cross and the United Way were asked to administer the program in their areas.

"We immediately recognized this as another opportunity for us to provide support within our communities, to those organizations who serve those most in need and most adversely affected through the pandemic. We immediately expressed our interest and willingness to participate and were fortunate to receive an allocation of an additional \$40,000 to distribute", said Arnason. "At the time of this writing, the program is winding down and we

are pleased to report that we will be distributing the entire \$40,000."

"It has been a very busy time, but a very fulfilling time also, for us at Westshore" added Arnason, "we have a very dedicated Board and we are committed to continue our mandate of Building a Lasting Legacy in our community. Throughout the first half of 2020, we have been able to distribute over \$120,000 in direct funding to numerous projects within our catchment."

Westshore Community Foundation does not take time to put their feet up and relax as our Scholarship Program is now in the process of assessing applications from students embarking on post-secondary studies. Once all of this work is done, we will see approxi-

mately \$30,000 in scholarship funds distributed to deserving students. These awards will be presented at our Donor Appreciation and Awards Evening which will be held on October 2.

As we move into the latter half of 2020, our work continues.

The 16th Annual Lakeview Gimli Resort Benefit Golf Tournament takes place on Monday, August 24th at Links at the Lake in Gimli. Again this year, the tournament is presented in support of the Westshore Community Foundation. This tournament is quickly becoming a "can't miss" event for those who have participated in the past. It is a full day of great golf, great food, great prizes and great fun. There are a few spots remaining and the time is now to register for this event and/or to support through prize donation or volunteering. Check our

website for further details.

November will mark the Endow Manitoba 24 hour giving challenge which is an important day for all Community Foundations in Manitoba. This is a day where your donation is stretched through support from the Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba.

Keep an eye out for our 2019 Annual Report which will be released shortly and will be available on our website as well as hard copy format. Changes and updates to our website will also be completed very shortly.

To learn more about the Westshore Community Foundation, your Community Foundation, please visit us at [www.westshorefoundation.com](http://www.westshorefoundation.com) email us at [westshorefdn@hotmail.ca](mailto:westshorefdn@hotmail.ca) or call us at 204-642-9796.

# Vintage Cut: Winnipeg Beach stylist re-opens hair salon after COVID shutdown

By Patricia Barrett

A new hair salon in Winnipeg Beach had a bit of a rough start earlier this year when it opened a month before COVID-19 hit.

Owner Katerina Vas, a red seal licensed stylist, threw open the doors of her Shears of Glory salon in February at the corner of Robinson and Main street, but she was forced to shut down when COVID-19 hit in March and the province prohibited hairstyling services.

"We were open for only five weeks and then I had to shut down for two months," said Katerina, who goes by Kat and is a Winnipeg Beach resident. "But the local people have been very supportive and I'm having lots of success. They like that they have a salon in the neighbourhood."

Some stylists may work out of their homes and are not always visible to the rural public or to visitors passing through in need of a trim or other service, she said. That's why she decided to open a bricks and mortar business on the main strip that "people can go to."

Her salon pays homage to the '40s, '50s and '60s with sketches and photos of film and singing stars including Marilyn Monroe, Humphrey Bogart, Elvis Presley and James Dean,



You can sing along with Elvis or Engelbert as Katerina takes care of your hair.

and vintage items such as a bicycle, a phone and a record player that really works. Katerina can throw on some vinyl (at a reduced volume) and clients can sing or hum along to Elvis or Engelbert Humperdinck.

"There are a lot of people who are of retirement age here," said Katerina, "and when they sit down and look around, they say, 'You have all my friends up on the walls!'"

Katerina is the sole stylist at the salon and Felice takes care of the administrative side of things.

They've put stringent public health measures in place to keep clients as safe as possible. Those include appointment-only service, pre-screening COVID questions that are confirmed when the client arrives at the



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Katerina trims Felice's hair. The Winnipeg Beach salon is open for business under strict safety measures to protect clients and staff.

salon, six-foot chair spacing, masks for clients who forget to bring their own and a hand sanitizing station.

In addition to the retro feel of the salon, Katerina offers reasonably priced services such as cuts, perms, foil highlights, conditioning treatments, student cuts, buzz cuts and facial waxing. She welcomes women, men and children.

And yes, she said she can give you the glam curls that Marilyn made famous.

"I can get the rollers out and a can of hairspray," said Katerina. "Everything's possible."

For more information, call Shears of Glory at (204) 998-7711.

# Riverton resident wins \$16K

By Evan Matthews

A Riverton woman won big during a local bingo game last week.

Edie Carlson, who moved to Riverton just about one year ago, won \$15,748 at the July 28 bingo night put on by the Riverton and District Friendship Centre.

"It was a big pot and I thought I'd just go and take my chances at it. I had already invested a bit of money, I figured why not keep trying? Last night paid off... though I imagine it was a bit of luck.

"I just could not believe it. I kept saying, 'Oh my goodness, oh my goodness,' I was so excited and happy. I felt very blessed once I had settled down," said Carlson, adding she won the jackpot on a "blackout card," meaning every number on the card was called.

"I just started playing bingo this past winter. My brother and sister-in-law were coming in and playing, and I started going with them. I had never been a big bingo fan... but I am now," she said, laughing heartily.

Normally buying four cards, Carlson said she bought five cards on July 28, and said she may have stumbled onto a new tradition.

Though the near \$16K is a big win, Carlson said she plans to tuck the money away as a nest egg. Carlson said she grew up on Matheson Island—some 110 kilometres north of Riverton—and moved once she retired.

Now in retirement, and with COVID creating much uncertainty, Carlson said given she's never won this type of money before, saving the winnings feels like the safe play.

"Who knows, there could be some tough times coming down the road," said Carlson. "I'll save it, and spend it as I need it."

While winning is always nice, Carlson added that socializing and being out in her community is her true motivation for going to bingo nights. She'll continue to attend in the future, she said.

March 10 was the last bingo night—previously held at the RDFC Friendship Circle—before COVID-19 shut down the event. Riverton bingo resumed on July 14 at the Riverton Community Hall.

RDFC had already planned to move to the hall prior to COVID, as the Friendship Circle had become too crowded, according to RDFC Executive Director Tanis Grimolfson.

"But once COVID hit, there was no doubt we needed to be in the much larger space to accommodate social distancing. Everything worked went smoothly, and it worked out excellently," said Grimolfson.

"People were calling us all the time asking when bingo was going to start again. They love their bingo night, as it's a huge outing for them and a time to socialize," she said.

Previously, RDFC had never seen anyone win more than \$9,000, with Grimolfson having said



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RDFC

Edie Carlson holds up her "blackout card," which won her the largest jackpot in RDFC bingo history.

Carlson is the biggest winner in the event's history, to date.

Grimolfson said she couldn't be happier for Carlson.

"Edie is a great Friendship Center supporter and volunteer," said Grimolfson. "It was extra special to see her win, and see how excited she was."

Jackpot cards cost two-dollars each, with 60 per cent of the sales accumulating week over week, and the remaining 40 per cent going to RDFC for building maintenance and repairs.

# sports & recreation

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## 18U Orioles defeat Elmwood Giants again

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Orioles 18U "AAA" baseball team certainly has the Elmwood Giants' number this season.

Interlake won its third consecutive game against Elmwood after an impressive 7-0 victory last Thursday at Fines Field.

The Orioles have now outscored the Giants 25-8 in those three games.

The Orioles (4-9) played the St. James A's on Tuesday and then will host the Bonivital Black Sox this Thursday at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Interlake will travel to Portage la Prairie to battle Pembina Hills in a doubleheader. Games will start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The Interlake Orioles' 15U "AAA" game against the Bonivital Black Sox, scheduled to be played last Friday at Provencher Park, was postponed.

Last Wednesday, Interlake snapped a four-game losing streak with an exciting 13-12 victory over Red River in Balmoral.

The Orioles had a special treat earlier that week when they took to the field at Shaw Park to play the North Winnipeg Pirates in an exhibition game.

It was a great experience for Inter-



The Interlake Orioles' Thomas Waldner helped his club shut out the Elmwood Giants 7-0 in 18U 'AAA' action last Thursday at Fines Field.

lake, which defeated first-place North Winnipeg 11-7.

Meanwhile, the 13U "AAA" Orioles lost 19-9 to the St. James A's last



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Interlake Orioles' Aiden Prystupa slides back to the base safely against the Elmwood Giants.

Thursday in Winnipeg.

On July 28, Interlake was defeated 8-3 by Red River in East Selkirk.

The Orioles visited the North Winnipeg Pirates on Tuesday and then will

host Winnipeg South on Thursday (6 p.m.) in Stonewall.

## Interlake Blue Jays edged by Winnipeg South

Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays were defeated 6-5 by Winnipeg South in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action last Friday evening.

No box score from the game was on the league website at press time.

Last Wednesday, Interlake was beaten 13-2 in five innings by the Elm-

wood Giants at Koskie Field.

Elmwood broke the game open early with six first-inning runs and then added one in the second, two in the third, and four more in the fourth.

Interlake replied with a run in the second and another in the top of the fifth.

The Giants outhit the Blue Jays 15-5.

Chris Fines led Interlake by going 2-for-3 with a run scored while Cole Olfert was 1-for-3 and also scored a run.

Interlake's other hits came from Jeremy Wasilewski and Devon Cassan.

Interlake, now 7-10 and in sixth place in the eight-team league, played the Altona Bisons in a doubleheader

on Monday but no scores were available at press time.

The Blue Jays will host the St. James A's in a doubleheader this Sunday at Fines Field. Games will begin at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## Interlake Impact blanked by Winnipeg FC

Staff

The Interlake Impact was shut out 1-0 by Winnipeg FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action

Friday evening at the University of Manitoba.

Interlake is now 0-1-1 on the season (scoring just one goal) and will play

five games this month.

Interlake will play another late night game this Friday when they take on Elmwood FC at 10 p.m. at the

Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex.

On Sunday at 6 p.m., the Impact will battle Richmond FC at the Buehler Recreation Complex.

# sports & recreation

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## New funding for National Deaf Curling Program

### Voice staff

The Cargill Curling Training Centre (CCTC) in Morris has announced additional funding to support Canadian Deaf Curlers for the 2020-21 season.

The CCTC and the Canadian Deaf Sport Association established the four-year, \$130,000 National Deaf Curling Program in 2019 to provide deaf and hard of hearing curlers across Canada an opportunity to improve their curling skills.

Last month, the organization announced that, thanks to generous sponsors, they are now able to provide an additional \$15,000 to be used by players and teams to access train-

ing at CCTC outside the national program funding.

From now until the end of March 2021, players and teams will be able to access ice, equipment, and instruction at 50 per cent of the cost. These bookings will be on a first-come basis until the \$15,000 has been used.

The Morris Curling Club and the Cargill Curling Training Centre opened for practice on July 7 with new COVID-19 protocols in place.

For more information, contact CCTC [morrstrainingcentre@gmail.com](mailto:morrstrainingcentre@gmail.com) or 204-746-2271 or head to [www.curling-training.ca](http://www.curling-training.ca).



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Curlers are already taking to the ice at the Cargill Curling Training Centre in Morris, which opened its doors for practice July 7 with new COVID-19 protocols in place.

## North, Orr win Manitoba Senior Golf titles

### Staff

Bruce North of the Carman Golf & Curling Club came back from a two-shot deficit on his home course to capture his second Manitoba Senior Men's title last Wednesday.

North carded an even-par round of 71, the low of the day, to edge defending-champion Mike Walker of the St. Boniface Golf Club by a single shot.

North and Walker were tied on the last hole before North holed a 12-foot birdie putt. He earlier carded rounds of 78 and 71 to finish at 7-over par 220.

Rounding out the top five were John

Multan of the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club, Allan Wheeler of the Rossmere Country Club, and Al Briscoe of the St. Boniface Golf Club.

Breezy Bend's Garth Collings, who lives in Matlock, finished seventh overall with a 14-over 227. He had rounds of 74, 73, and 80.

In the forward tee division, Barry Minish of the Niakwa Country Club finished with his best round of the event, shooting 75 during his final round for a 232 total to win by a single shot over Steve Wallace of the Transcona Country Club.

Minish also captured the Super Senior title (65+).

In the women's championship event, Rhonda Orr of the Southwood Golf & Country Club won her fifth-straight senior women's championship and her seventh in the past eight years.

Orr started the day with a two-shot lead over Tammy Gibson of the Niakwa Country Club. Orr put together her best round of the 54-hole event with a 8-over 79 for a three-day total 240. She earlier carded rounds of 80 and 81.

Gibson posted a final round of 86 for

a 249 total to finish in second place while Gail Kennedy of the St. Charles Country Club also posted an 86 to move her into third at 261.

In the forward tee division, Karen Saarimaki of the Kenagomisis Golf Club took top honours by shooting a final round 81 to close her tournament with a 248 total. Nancy Porth of the Niakwa Country Club finished in second place with a 261. Saarimaki also took top spot in the Super Senior (60+) division.

## WFPS races cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

### Staff

For the second time in as many years, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service half marathon organizers have cancelled the event.

This year, the cancellation was due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year's

races were wiped out due to danger from damaged and fallen trees from an October snowstorm.

This year's event had close to 2,000 runners registered. Organizers set a deadline to make a decision on the event so they could offer runners a

refund.

Last year, refunds were not offered due to the event being cancelled a mere 36 hours before the races were to begin.

However, the WFPS run has not been cancelled completely as organiz-

ers are putting on a virtual race. Individuals can start registering for the virtual runs starting Aug. 10.

The virtual run will begin Oct. 1 and continue until Oct. 31.

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### Rural Municipality of Armstrong



#### PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2021

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2021 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong has been delivered to the Municipal Office at Inwood, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property; or
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 43(1) An application for revision must
  - (a) be in writing;
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  - (c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
  - (d) be filed by
    - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong at Inwood, Manitoba, or
    - (ii) serving it upon the Secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting of the Board of Revision.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** in the Council Chambers in Inwood in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:30 PM.**

Dated at Inwood, in Manitoba this 22th day of July, 2020.

Corlie Larsen, Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong  
Box 69, 55 Hwy #17  
Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0  
Phone: (204)-278-3377  
Fax: (204)-278-3437

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#### IN A MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION R.M. of Grahamdale

Please be advised that a municipal by-election will be held on **Monday September 28th, 2020** for the office of Head of Council (Reeve).

To obtain a registration form contact the Senior Election Official at:

Sandra Falk, SEO  
cell: (204) 768-0069  
email: [seo@grahamdale.ca](mailto:seo@grahamdale.ca)

Dated at Moosehorn, MB this 20th day of July, 2020.  
Sandra Falk  
Senior Election Official, RM of Grahamdale

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## NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST/ PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

### R.M. of Grahamdale

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at 23 Government Rd., Moosehorn, MB from July 27, 2020 to August 23, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). During this time, we will be available to update the voters list by:

- (a) adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
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- (c) making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

#### VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

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#### APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

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All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before August 23, 2020.

Dated at Moosehorn in the Province of Manitoba on July 20, 2020.  
Sandra Falk, Senior Election Official  
R.M. of Grahamdale  
PO Box 160, 23 Government Rd.  
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## Town of Arborg PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2021 Assessment Roll** for the Town of Arborg will be open for public inspection during regular business hours at the Municipal Office at 337 River Road no later than August 7, 2020. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The Assessment Act*.

### APPLICATION FOR REVISION 42(1)

A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Subsection 13(2).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 43(1)

An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
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  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
  - delivering it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications on **Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at 10:00 AM** in the Town of Arborg Council Chamber, 337 River Road.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, August 24th, 2020**.

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 6th day of August, 2020.

Cindy Stansell, Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Town of Arborg  
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## VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2021

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### Application for revision

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

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at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **September 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** in the council chamber of the Village of Dunnottar at 44 Whytefold Road to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is August 24, 2020.

Dated at Dunnottar, Manitoba this 27th day of July 2020.

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**OBITUARY**



**Ethel (Marie) Pemkowski**

It is with great sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Marie, age 74 years, on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Gimli Community Health Centre after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mom will be deeply missed by her devoted husband Jack, of 52 years; her four sons, Trevor (Joanne), Tracy, Kevin (Sheri) and Terry (Joanne); grandchildren Desiree, Ryan, Kael, Destiny, Emily, Kaelyn, and Halle; great-grandchildren Abigail, Bentlee, Chloe, and Cassie. Marie is survived by her brothers Bob, John (Betty), Larry (Wendy), Loyd (Eileen), sister-in-law Linda (Tony Machado), and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, Ethel and step-father Bill Cullen, father John Price and in-laws Peter and Helen.

Marie was born on December 19, 1945 in Virden, Manitoba and spent some of her childhood in Alberta. As a teenager Marie moved to Winnipeg Beach to work with her Aunt Dot at Dorothy's Cafe where she met Jack, who was a frequent customer. They were married on May 4, 1968. They quickly started their family with twins Trevor and Tracy in 1969 and Kevin and Terry within the next five years which kept her very busy.

Marie had many hobbies including gardening, canning, volunteering as a Beavers leader. She spent many hours making crafts and painting in her craft shack. She always enjoyed babysitting her adored grandchildren when they were younger and proudly attended their many concerts and events.

Marie was passionate about, and well known for, her cake decorating and was a much-respected Captain of Gimli Air Cadet Squadron with whom she served for 37 years. Marie also loved her regular coffee dates with her "Tomboy girls".

Viewing will be held on Wednesday, August 5 between 6-8 p.m. at Gilbert's Funeral Home in Gimli. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Cemetery in Winnipeg Beach.

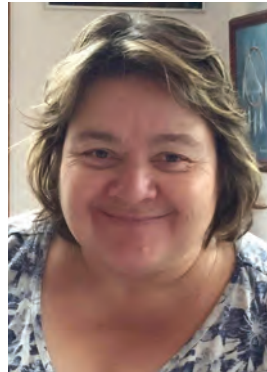
In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Holy Rosary Cemetery, Box 226, Winnipeg Beach, MB, R0C 3G0.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com).

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



**OBITUARY**



**Charlene Scott (Chal)**

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of our beloved life partner, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend Charlene Scott on July 30, 2020.

She was predeceased by her mother Bernice Potoski, father James Scott, mother and father-in-law Doreen and Roland Lea, sisters-in-law Marilyn and Brenda. Charlene leaves to mourn her life partner Doyle Lea; sons Jamie (Karla), Devin (Tasha); granddaughters Aaliyah and Kinley; step father Mike Potoski; siblings Carolyn (Ed), Gator (Gail), Corinna (Kevin) and Jimmy; in-laws Debbie, Stan, Donna (Jeff), Tim (Kim); numerous nieces, nephew, aunts and uncles; coffee buddies Virginia, Wanda, Susie, and Kim, and bingo buddy Sharon.

Charlene was born in Winnipeg on September 9, 1963. She grew up in the Interlake and settled on Matheson Island after she met Doyle. They started their life together and raised their sons Jamie and Devin. Charlene spent the majority of her life as a commercial fisherwoman and was an educational assistant at Matheson Island School for the past 10 years. Becoming a grandmother was the highlight of her life. She adored her granddaughters. Charlene made every moment with them special.

Charlene was the matriarch of her family. She loved to entertain and could always be found in the kitchen baking delicious treats or cooking family feasts. She loved to play cards and board games. She was happiest when her house was full of family and friends. She always made a point to reach out to all of her loved ones to check in on a regular basis. She was a generous, kind and loving woman who always put everyone's needs and desires before her own. She left her mark on everyone's heart and will be dearly missed.

The family would like to send a special thank you to those who were with Charlene in her final moments.

An invitational private family viewing will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Gilbert's Funeral Home in Selkirk. If you wish to pay your final respect you may do so following the family viewing from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. A celebration of Charlene's life will be held Friday, August 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Doyle's residence in Matheson Island.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made in memory of Charlene to the Diabetes Foundation of Manitoba.

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