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## Sharp shooter

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Interlake-based paramedic Terrell Kerbrat, right, pictured with his coach Lorne Ross, was awarded the gold medal for the top overall shooter for the 20th edition of the World Police & Fire Games (WPFG). The trap shooting event was held at the Winnipeg Trap and Skeet Club near Oak Bluff from Aug. 2 to 3.

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# Arborg paramedic takes home 3 gold, 1 silver at World Games

By Becca Myskiw

An Arborg paramedic is a global champion thanks to his sharpshooting at the 20th edition of the World Police & Fire Games (WPFG).

The 10-day multi-sport event — featuring hundreds of local competitors and thousands more from across the country, south of the border and around the globe — began July 28.

Police officers, firefighters and paramedics worldwide travelled to Winnipeg to compete last week, and Manitoba was well represented by the best in trapshooting.

Terrell Kerbrat, a full-time paramedic who lives in Arborg, competed in trapshooting at the games. It was his first time competing at the event — and he won silver to kick it off, followed by three golds.

Trapshooting is a specific type of clay shooting — shooters try to break clay disks flying out of a trap house. It requires accuracy and skill to aim the shotgun, fire it and break the discs hurled through the air at high speeds.

Kerbrat started shooting in the Lunder junior program when he was 12. He went on to practise and compete until he was 18. He then put his gun down — and didn't pick it up again until he applied to the WPFG after his wife's encouragement.

"I thought it'd be a cool opportuni-



Kerbrat won three gold at the World Police & Fire Games last week.

ty," said Kerbrat. "It's multinational. The opportunity to shoot with people



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Shared Health paramedic Terrell Kerbrat shot a personal best hitting 97 out of 100 in the doubles B class competition to win gold.



Kerbrat focuses and waits for a target to be released from the house in the 16-yard competition.

across the world is intriguing. And getting to do something with Canada's flag on your back is pretty cool."

Since May, he's been shooting

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# Gimli council asks province for funding, technical support for airport

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council has asked the provincial government to provide funding and technical assistance for the Gimli Airport after the federal government (Transport Canada) found a number of non-compliance issues, and is also seeking reimbursement for pre-approved infrastructure investments that were made to sustain the airport's operation.

The airport is owned by the province and was operated by the municipality under a 30-year lease agreement that expired in 2019, according to a resolution council passed at the end of June.

In addition to funding and technical support, council is looking at ways to boost the airport's profile in order to better utilize the asset and attract new economic development opportunities.

Council's resolution (No: 2023 433) calls for funding to fix deteriorating infrastructure, implement Safety Management System (SMS) training and obtain Quality Assurance (QA) advice.

Coun. Andy Damm, who is a retired Air Canada pilot and well versed with Transport Canada aviation guidelines, said the airport is important to the community and can play a strategic role in provincial and national flight services.

"By and large, airports are meant to be economic drivers of a community and Gimli is no different," said Damm. "We have a strategically placed airport right in the geographic centre of Canada — and almost in the geographic centre of North America — and it can attract other business opportunities and be a transportation hub."



A First Nations flight company's C-46 transport plane parked at the airport.

The airport, which is located in the Gimli Industrial Park about two miles west of town, was built in 1943 to train pilots for the Second World War. Later named Canadian Forces Base Gimli, the base closed in 1971 and the airport was converted to civilian use. One of its major strengths is its lengthy runway, which is 6,800 feet long. The airport is also open year-round, has three taxiways, two aprons and runway lighting for night operations. The province stations a fleet of waterbombers there and the federal government has a CC-130H Hercules aircraft, which provides national defence services. The airport's second runway is decommissioned and a portion of it is used by the Gimli Motorsports Park.

The airport's infrastructure is "actually incredible," said Damm because the federal Department of National Defence (DND) had built it and didn't do it on the cheap.

"The bases for the runways, in the amount of concrete they used, the size



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RAYMOND HALL

The Gimli Airport's active runway, with the yellow lines DND painted on the runway. The decommissioned runway — now a dragstrip — is on the left..

of the aprons — there was no money spared when DND put this airport in," said Damm. "But the infrastructure has been deteriorating over the years and it's at a point where it

needs renewal. Hence our request to the province. As a municipally, we don't have the kinds of funds it takes

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# Former Winnipeg Beach mayor says character maligned after taxes increase

By Patricia Barrett

The former mayor of the Town of Winnipeg Beach, who decided not to run in the 2022 election, says he was publicly maligned and blamed for mismanaging funds during a public forum last month.

Tony Pimentel, who served as mayor for 12 years, said he felt his reputation and good standing in the community was damaged by current mayor Pamela Jackson and he's investigating his legal options.

"I spoke with a lawyer with regard to the comments [Jackson] made. I believe it's defamation of character, the comments she made at the forum," said Pimentel. "Imagine all the people I know and who've known me from 12 years of my working with the town, the Lakeside Lion's Club, the Interlake Soccer Association and the many boards I've sat on. I've coached here for over 25 years. Imagine these people hearing that the former mayor



Tony Pimentel, seen in 2017, was mayor of Winnipeg Beach for 12 years before retiring.



Pamela Jackson was elected Winnipeg Beach's new mayor in 2022.

of Winnipeg Beach misused taxpayers' money. That's a horrible thing to say."

In its 2023 budget, the town in-

creased the mill rate, which is the amount of tax payable per dollar on an assessed property. When the mill rate increases, so do property taxes.

The province updates property assessments every two years.

"What happened is the town increased its mill rate from 17 — which we had budgeted the previous year — to 21. That caused taxes to increase by about an additional \$400 to as high, I heard, as an additional \$1,200."

Pimentel said his own tax bill increased by \$400.

At a public forum council held July 22 at the Winnipeg Beach Community Centre, where taxpayers were informed about taxation, sewage treatment and other matters, Pimentel said Jackson made untrue statements about him and his former council — on which, ironically, two current councillors served (Jean Gendron and Barry Hoel) — saying they had mismanaged ratepayers' money and that's why there was a need to increase taxes.

"They were saying it was the way myself and my previous council handled the finances, that we spent all the reserves, that it was our fault for mismanaging the town's money and things like that," said Pimentel. "The reason for the increase in the mill rate is [current] council increased their operation budget from \$3 million to \$4 million. The budget for every single department has gone up. For example, the transportation department budget, which includes public works, went up from what we had budgeted in 2022 at around \$800,000 to \$1.4 million. Recreation's budget went up by an additional \$240,000."

After the forum, Pimentel said the mayor posted comments on social media but "pulled it down" because of the commentary it generated. The comments sparked an attack against him and his former council.

"After the forum, people went on. Meanwhile in Winnipeg Beach and accused us of stealing or hiding, at first, \$1 million. Then a few days later, that increased to \$2.2 million ... and Pam Jackson said it was because of the way we were operating, the way we mismanaged the funds, which was absolutely incorrect. I was getting a lot of grief on Facebook," said Pimentel.

Council had over \$1 million in the town's reserve fund in 2020, he said. And over his 12 years in public office, the town never had a deficit.

He spoke with the provincial department of Municipal Relations to get its assessment of a "really bad error" the town made relating to taxes collected for schools, he said. The town didn't combine school revenue with tax revenue, making it look as though the

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# Gimli and Winnipeg karate clubs to showcase defence training at Folklorama

By Patricia Barrett

You might not see yourself liberating a frigate from nuclear terrorists or rescuing a child hostage from art thieves, but martial arts know-how will provide you with a number of benefits.

And the Gimli Karate Club is about to demonstrate a variety of defence skills when some of its members, along with members of a Winnipeg-based karate school, take to the stage at Folklorama next week.

Jay Boaz, who's a member of the Gimli club and is the highest ranking belt (brown) outside the club's sensei (teacher), said training in the Japanese martial art comes with a whole lot of benefits, including strength, endurance, concentration and discipline.

"It's good for physical fitness, for learning control and learning to move. You practise a lot of different physical movements that improve your balance and your strength. There's a discipline aspect as well through a lot of structure," said Boaz, who has been training for four years. "It's also a great family activity that parents can do with their kids. A lot of parents — including me — got started because their kids participate."

The Gimli club, which trains year-round, has about 20 to 25 participants, and each year they have the chance to demonstrate their defensive prowess — if they wish — at competitions.

There are several levels of training, each denoted by a belt. Beginners start with a white belt then move up to yellow, orange, green, blue, purple and three levels of brown belt before they can progress to black, which has 10 levels. Students test every three months to advance to the next level.

Gimli Karate Club sensei Burt Burdett said the training is open to all ages and abilities.

He himself is in his 70s and is a third level black belt. His students include a woman in her 60s, who has earned her purple belt, a couple in their mid-40s, men in their 50s and kids under the age of 10. Two kids from Texas — whose mother has Gimli ties and visits every summer — take summer training with the club. One of the stu-



Members of the karate clubs practise stance and punching.



Winnipeg IKD Sensei Clive Hinds (middle) with some of the karate students who will be performing at Folklorama.

dents required knee surgery (a job-related injury) and found that karate strengthens his joints.

"For people just starting out, it hurts for a while because they're using muscles they never used before. Once you build up your muscles, there's nothing to it," said Burdett.

Students are taught a series of blocks, punches and kicks that are primarily defensive, but they're also taught to counter-punch or kick at the same time they're executing a block.

There are some aspects of the class that students might find somewhat dull, but practising the same moves repeatedly is necessary in order to perfect one's execution of blocks and strikes, timing and spatial awareness.

"Everybody dislikes the basics because it's repeat, repeat, repeat. But they like the kata (choreographed training exercises) and the kumite (sparring against an opponent)," said Burdett. "I tell the students, 'I'm not teaching you how to fight; I'm teaching you how to defend your-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JAY BOAZ

Students in the Gimli Karate Club and the Winnipeg Budokai Karate Club will be performing at the Japanese Pavilion during the second week of Folklorama.

self, and that you have a right to protect yourself."

What they're not allowed to do, however, is use their skills to initiate fights, he said. That will get them banned from further training.

For female students, Burdett said he shows them practical techniques to defend themselves should somebody try to physically overpower them.

Like Boaz, Burdett said karate has a lot of benefits that include weight loss, the development of strength and flexibility and mental concentration.

"It's a great stress reliever, it's good exercise and it will keep you limber," said Burdett. "If people aren't sweating after a class, I'm doing something wrong."

Although there are plenty of martial artists to watch on the silver screen — Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris, Steven Seagal, Jean Claude Van Damme and Jackie Chan — Burdett said now that Lee is gone, Donnie Yen is the man with the "fastest hands in the world." Students looking to pick up a few pointers should watch the film *Ip Man*.

The Gimli club's students are tested every three months by sensei and sev-

enth level black belt Clive Hinds and his wife Debbie, who is a sixth level black belt. They operate the Winnipeg Budokai Karate Club.

Boaz said the higher belts in the Gimli club travel to Winnipeg to take some classes with sensei Hinds, who

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## New incentives to benefit health-care workers announced

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The Manitoba government continues to make investments to secure the retention and recruitment of health-care community and facility support workers across the province through new memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that deliver a number of new incentives and initiatives to improve care for Manitobans, Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced recently.

"Support workers are incredibly valued members of our health-care workforce and represent one of the largest employee groups in terms of numbers," said Gordon. "We are pleased to be able to recognize their dedication and efforts with these new and expanded incentives, as we continue to make Manitoba an attractive place to work and live."

The incentives are part of Health Human Resource Action Plan, initially announced in November 2022. Today's announcement extends a number of incentives already in place for nurses and allied health staff, to community and facility support workers employed in Manitoba's health-care system.

These new initiatives include:

**Wellness incentive:** a one-time increase for each support employee's health spending account of \$500 for full-time employees and \$250 for part-time employees, in addition to current health spending account allowances already in place.

**Licensure reimbursement:** Employees will be reimbursed for professional licence or association membership fees in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 licensure years for eligible employees (those employed with an included employer, employed within the applicable 2023-24 and/or 2024-25 licensure year, and who provide proof of payment for eligible fees).

**Weekend premium:** Employees working hours on weekends will receive an \$8 premium for eligible worked hours. The weekend premium is retroactive to the first evening shift of Nov. 18, 2022, and will continue until ratification of the next collective agreement.

There are approximately 25,000 health-care community and facility support workers within the sector represented by Canadian Union of Public Employees and Manitoba Government and General Employees Union, the minister added, express-

ing appreciation for the collaborative and productive discussions that led to the signing of the MOUs.

"Community and facility support workers employed across Manitoba touch all areas of the health-care system, supporting the delivery of services in the community and in long-term and acute care facilities," said Gordon.

"Support workers include those providing direct care, such as health-care aides and home-care workers, while others are integral to the ongoing operation of facilities, working in areas such as security, laundry and food services."

These incentives are in addition to the improvements achieved through the ratification of new, fair and long-term collective agreements for employees within Manitoba's facility and community support sectors. The estimated value of these incentives, including retroactive payments, is \$70 million, the minister noted.

For more information on Manitoba's Health Human Resource Action Plan, visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/hhrap/>.

## Gypsumville RCMP respond to fatal vehicle-pedestrian collision

**Staff**

The Gypsumville RCMP received a report of a vehicle-pedestrian collision that occurred on Memorial Crescent on the Lake St. Martin First Nation on Aug. 2 at 12:20 a.m.

Officers were advised that a 43-year-old male was located on scene de-

ceased and that the suspect vehicle was located a short distance away in the ditch.

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# Town of Winnipeg Beach installing flow meter on lagoon

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Winnipeg Beach is embarking on a project to install a flow meter in its wastewater treatment lagoon to get a better handle on how much waste is entering the system.

Sharon Desiatnyk, who has been chief administrative officer with the town for about seven months, said the meter will tell the town whether there has been an increase in volume.

"We're putting a meter in at the main pipe so we can monitor the actual amount of volume going into the lagoon from the low pressure sewers. A flow meter will help us look at our capacity and enable us to make some long-term plans for the future of the community," said Desiatnyk. "Without knowing the actual volume going into the lagoon system, it makes it challenging."

The lagoon, which borders Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park and has a major ditch running along Kernstead Road, was upgraded in 2017 to improve the quality of effluent that's discharged into Lake Winnipeg. The project entailed installing an aeration system, UV disinfection to inactivate fecal coliform and other pathogens and a phosphorus removal filter tank, according to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship's 2014 summary of the project.

As she wasn't around at the time the upgrade was completed, Desiatnyk can't say whether changes (such as a flow meter) to the scope of the work had been deemed necessary. And times may have changed, with more property owners offering their dwellings as short-term rentals, which would impact sewage volume.

"That's the importance of this flow meter. It will give a true picture of what happening. Without having that in the first place, we're not saying [the town] made a mistake," she said. "If they were given [volume] numbers, who provided those numbers? How were those numbers calculated? I don't have answers for that because again we're talking about a past project and I don't have any staff that were around then."



MANITOBA AGRIMAPS

The Winnipeg Beach lagoon, south of town, empties into Lake Winnipeg.

Misinformation that raw sewage is flowing directly into Lake Winnipeg via a ditch was circulating recently on social media and includes a photo of a ditch from wintertime, as well as comments about the need to sue the contractor.

But Desiatnyk said a sewage leak has "absolutely not" happened as long as she has been on the job.

"There have been accusations that raw sewage is flowing down the ditch to the lake," she said. "I'm not saying that has never happened because I haven't been here for 20 years. But I can say that working with my current staff this hasn't happened. We work very closely with the province. If there are any issues, the onus is on us to report that. The staff we have right now are making sure they're meeting all the compliance rules."

It's normal for standing water to become murky

during spring thaw and to turn an orangey-brown colour from decaying vegetation in a ditch, she said. That colour has "nothing" to do with sewage.

The town is still working with the contractor to monitor the lagoon and to replace parts, and there "hasn't been a cost to the community as a result," she said.

Before the town can discharge effluent into the lake, it has to send in samples to the province for testing before permission is granted.

"Municipalities can apply for emergency discharges but there's a series of steps before the province will allow such a discharge," she said.

Desiatnyk said the town is working with Manitoba Hydro to install the flow meter, and it's anticipated the project will be completed in a few weeks.

## > WORLD GAMES, FROM PG. 2

weekly, sometimes at his old stomping grounds in Lundar and sometimes in Winnipeg. He also competed three times before the games in Carman, Winnipeg and Grand Forks since May. He won three out of six events in Winnipeg and two out of three in Carman, all outcomes better than he expected.

Going into the games, Kerbrat had no expectations. He had no idea what he would be up against as he's only competed in North America.

"Here, you get a sense of where you stack up," he said. "But now? I have no clue."

However, he didn't let the unknown stop him and took the competition one target at a time. He said he wouldn't think about the podium while he was shooting. Sure, he was competing to win, but he was just shooting until his 300 rounds were done.

Kerbrat's first competition was the 16-yard singles on Wednesday, followed by the 22-yard and then doubles on Thursday. In singles, the shooter

stands 16 yards away from the trap house when shooting. In doubles, the shooter must break two targets fired from the trap house at the same time.

Each competition for singles and the 22-yard includes four rounds of 25 for a score out of 100. For doubles, it's two rounds of 50.

As Kerbrat gets his gun ready and lines up his shots, he tells himself to concentrate. Over and over. The 16-yard competition starts — he closes the action on his gun, breathes in, breathes out, gets set up and triggers the voice-activated target release and then fires a single shot at the target.

Kerbrat scored a 98 out of a possible 100 in his first round of competition of the games, winning him a silver medal — just one point away from first. The 22-yard started off shaky for him with 21 of 25 targets hit but after he shook off the "cobwebs," he clinched a gold medal with his final score of 94.

Kerbrat was most nervous for the doubles competition. He was in the "A" group for the

first two competitions, but because of how he'd been shooting so far this year, he was in the "B" group for doubles. Kerbrat shot a 97 out of 100 and claimed yet another gold medal. That 97 was higher than anyone in the "A" group, too.

Coming out of the games with one silver and two gold medals, Kerbrat scored 289 out of 300 — the highest score out of all the trapshooters. He took another step to the top of the podium, then accepted his overall gold medal.

"I'm just surprised," he said. "I was hopeful for a medal of some colour ... I didn't expect to do so well."

Kerbrat was contemplating selling his gun at the beginning of the year. He didn't plan on ever shooting again. Thanks to his partner Cathy, though, he's now the owner of four shiny medals and dubbed an international champion.

# Interlake Brewing Co. opens its doors in Gimli

By Becca Myskiw

A lineup of people down the street welcomed the staff of Interlake Brewing Co. on opening day.

The brewery opened its location in Gimli on July 29 and saw no downtime from when its doors opened at 4 p.m. until they closed at midnight. Owner Kristin MacCary said they were expecting a busy day, but they didn't foresee people waiting outside over half an hour before they opened.

MacCary and her husband, Graeme MacLean, launched Interlake Brewing Co. in the fall of 2021 as a contract brewery. That means they've been contracting a brewery in Winnipeg to produce their beer since then. Since they started, Interlake Brewing Co. has come out with eight beers:

- Rainy Daze: an earl grey wheat ale
- Sunny Days: an earl grey lemon shandy
- Bay Dreaming: a Kolsch
- Whitecaps: a wheat IPA
- Wild River: a wild rice red ale
- Hoppy Pelican: a dry hopped pale ale
- Winter Sky: a cranberry hibiscus session ale
- Day Tripper: a rye IPA

Every beer they produce has been very carefully crafted. Interlake Brewing Co. doesn't use concentrates in their beer — every ingredient is natural. When they first started brewing, MacCary said they played around with using tea instead of fruit to stay away from sugary beers. From there, they just kept going.

"It's all beer we like to drink," she said.

Interlake Brewing Co. has sold its beer in Manitoba Liquor Marts, private vendors and on-tap in various restaurants across the province for the past two years. Before they started selling their products commercially, MacCary and MacLean were home brewers.

"We've developed a lot of recipes over time," said MacCary.

Along with trial and error, MacLean has worked in the industry and shadowed pub owners in Montreal as they brewed their beer. The couple became increasingly interested in taking their passion professional, and when the space their business now sits in came on the market, they took the plunge.

Their building is at 72 1st Ave. in Gimli, across from the Lakeview Hotel parking lot. Before the space was



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Interlake Brewing Co. owners Kristin MacCary and her husband Graeme MacLean opened their storefront in Gimli on July 29.

Interlake Brewing Co., it was Whitecaps and, before that, The Falcon. To honour the businesses that came before them, Interlake Brewing Co. named a beer after Whitecaps and, during renovations, left the original flooring from The Falcon.

"We've preserved the original floors," said MacCary. "We removed the carpet, and underneath it's this beautiful terrazzo stone. At the front door, there's a falcon in it from the original owners."

Bringing the building up to the 2023 code and making it their own took MacCary and MacLean a while, but the couple said it was all worth it. They added a rooftop patio with bathrooms and an unobstructed lake view during renovations. The 5,700-square-foot building also has all-new electrical and plumbing, and it's ready for the couple to brew in-house. MacCary said they'll get to brewing in Gimli as soon as all their equipment comes in and start offering even more beer flavours.

Interlake Brewing Co. has two beers brewed specifically for their location in Gimli. MacCary said they'll continue to have special offerings only in-house until they're brewing everything at their location. They'll always have 10 taps of their products for customers in-house, along with one rotating tap of another brewery's beer and one tap of cider.

Though beer is in the name, MacCary wants everyone to know their establishment is family friendly and they've put a lot of effort into their menu.

Interlake Brewing Co. hired a talented chef from Winnipeg who cre-

ated their menu. They gave him a few ideas for what they wanted to offer, then let him have the freedom to start creating. Including him, the brewery created 25 jobs for locals — and MacCary is beyond proud of their employees after opening day. Despite the packed restaurant, she said the longest someone waited for food that Saturday was 15 minutes.

The couple is also sourcing as much as they can from local businesses. Their buns are from the Arborg bakery, the pickerel is caught locally, their chips are from Tomahawk Chips in Riverton, their coffee is from Flatland Coffee Roasters, and it goes on.

Because they're still getting their footing, Interlake Brewing Co. will have reduced hours until they're more comfortable and know what to expect. Right now, they're open 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 2 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday and closed Mondays.

"We're new and we're growing," said MacCary. "We have this beautiful space, and we want it to be this community gathering space where everyone is welcome."

They plan to have live music and events at the brewery once they're more situated.

Interlake Brewing Co. will have a 500-litre brewhouse at their location in Gimli, making them one of the smallest microbreweries in Manitoba. Because of this, every can and glass of their beer will be as fresh as possible. MacCary said small batches will also allow them to experiment more and offer more drinks once they get to brewing.

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# Ashern Pioneer Museum Annual Mini Thresherman Reunion celebrates 30 years

## Thresherman day a long-standing community tradition

By Autumn Fehr

This weekend, the Ashern Pioneer Museum is hosting its 30th Annual Mini Threshermen Reunion.

The event will kick off on Aug. 13 at the Ashern Pioneer Museum, 26 1st St. South, with the gate opening at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for adults are \$5. Children 12 and younger are \$2.

Rain or shine, the event will run until 4 p.m., with an exhaustive lineup of entertainment, activities and food to enjoy.

“One of the main intentions with our event is to get people to come and view the museum. All the buildings at the museum are going to be open. We have seven buildings here,” said Riel Willmott, a museum summer student.

“Surprisingly, a lot of people don’t even know it exists because it’s tucked away in the very corner of this small town.”

Visitors can jam along with singer songwriter Neil Thornham, jig with the Asham Stompers from 3 to 4 p.m. and learn a trick or two from magician Ryan Price.

The event includes an assortment of children’s activities, including a reading of *Lessons From History*, face painting, a bouncy castle and games.

Throughout the day, there will be vendor tables for people to explore. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

The event will have plenty of food to enjoy, such as Fried Dough Boys and a barbecue lunch.

A live threshing demonstration will take place in the field on museum grounds, pending favourable weather because the field cannot be threshed if wet.



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Threshing is the action of separating seeds from crop plants, either by hitting them or using a threshing machine.

“We are banking on some heat and sun in this upcoming week,” Willmott said.

The name of the reunion is part of the tradition with the museum, which was established in 1976 and is run entirely by a volunteer board of directors.

“Their intention is to try to re-create some pioneer moments by attracting people that are a part of the pioneer settlers that helped establish Ashern and this community. The name itself is a way to try to attract people that are interested in what the museum offers and the museum tries to preserve,” Willmott said.

The event has been running since 1992, with paused years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds raised will be used for general upkeep at the museum.

“One of the things I’m trying to do is re-invigorate some community engagement and get some activities going. There are a lot of ideas and potential for what the savings can be used for, but at the moment, we don’t have

a specific plan for what the money is going towards,” Willmott said, adding organizers are hoping for a large turnout.

“The community needs opportunities to come together to socialize. Especially since COVID kind of closed everything off. We are kind of just in full swing now of everyone coming out of their hole. We need an event like this to show the community what is being offered by local people. It’s important to understand our history. So hopefully, when people come out to our event, they do take the time to explore all of the buildings, learn about the pioneers that helped create this region and pave the way for us to host the event that we are going to be hosting,” he said.

“We want people to know that this museum is here, and we want people to take an interest in the history, as well as take an interest in community involvement. We want people to enjoy themselves and make some memories.”

The museum is open regularly

throughout the summer from Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is open for new members to join the board to collectively help preserve the pioneer history and come up with new ideas for future events.

For more information, contact Carole McDougall at 204-768-2743 or Priscilla Ebberts at 204-768-3051.

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## > SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT, FROM PG. 3

to maintain an airport like this.”

Transport Canada inspected Gimli Airport in the spring and found nine areas in non-compliance with its SMS system, which are a set of guiding principles and rules. It's up to the Gimli Airport to tell Transport Canada how it will maintain the airport and stay within those guidelines, said Damm. The federal department regularly audits the SMS system and does an inspection of the airport “to make sure those guidelines are maintained.”

The non-compliance issues include problems with some runway lighting not being “up to standard” and yellow lines painted on the runway and taxi areas that have no place in civil aviation.

“Nobody picked up on those yellow lines for years. They were a landing box painted on the runway by the Department of National Defence (DND) for the Hercules aircraft,” said Damm. “But on the civil aviation side, there are very strict rules as to what colourings and marking are allowed.”

Damm said the RM is in the process of painting the yellow lines out.

Another non-compliance issue is the airport fence at the southeast end of the runway, said Damm. It's at 122 metres from the runway's centre line, which was an “old standard for DND.” It's now supposed to be 150 metres. So the fence has to be straightened out.

The need for 150 metres has to do with what's called an “instrument approach” in which a pilot relies on instruments to land in bad weather when a runway cannot be seen, said

Damm. There has to be a “clear-

way” or area beyond the runway with nothing inside it such as trees, poles, a tower, etc. It's essentially a “box of empty space so that when you come down at a specific altitude on a specific track, you know you're safe.”

The RM also has to ensure that ramp areas are cleaned up as there's a risk of damage to aircraft from what is called FOD, or foreign object debris.

“One of the projects is to clean up the ramp area. That's how FOD gets out there; it blows out there. Garbage, tarps, anything that's loose needs to be cleaned up to ensure we don't have damage,” said Damm. “If you have props — the waterbombers are a hybrid engine and turboprop — FOD can put a ding in them. Even more critical are jet engines because they don't have protection in the front and FOD gets sucked into the engine and destroys it.”

The non-compliance issues don't mean Transport Canada will “shut you down,” said Damm. But it does mean that these areas have to be brought up to the standard indicated.

In terms of the airport attracting new development, Damm said there could be opportunities to move cargo and people.

In 2012 the RM commissioned a study to see how it could enhance the airport's profile and attract new business.

Titled Gimli Industrial Park Airport, Airport Business Plan, the report states the Gimli Airport has “considerable” competition from the Winnipeg, St. Andrews and Southport airports and has a “very low profile” in the aviation community.

To exploit new opportunities, the re-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gimli Airport on a smoky day in Manitoba. The province's water bomber fleet (background), airport tower and hangars are shown along the apron.

port says the RM “needs to develop a strong marketing program” and recommends creating a position of an airport business/marketing manager.

The report identifies several opportunities for the airport including using it as a technical stop for cross-country aircraft, for air cargo operations, for a training program for airport operational/maintenance employees or as a base for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). It rules out using the airport for passenger service because of the RM's low catchment area.

There's significant concern with the deterioration of the infrastructure, the report states, including transverse and longitudinal cracks on the runway, asphalt near the end of its life and electrical and lighting equipment that's over 40 years old. It pegged repair costs at \$23.7 million, which would be much higher today.

“What I see [in this report] is exactly what needs to be done with the airport,” said Damm. “You have to have some type of viable driver in here to keep the airport flourishing. A town, province or country can gain from mobility and transportation, from having personnel and cargo moved around. It's part of the basis of a thriving community.”

The RM is currently working with Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson to obtain funding and support for the airport, said Damm, and Johnson has been instrumental in pushing that forward. Without funding — or enough funding — the future doesn't look bright.

“If funding and technical assistance aren't in the cards, there'd be a very bleak future for Gimli Airport,” he said.

## > FOLKLORAMA, FROM PG. 5

in addition to running the school is head of the Manitoba IKD. And the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba, which operates Folklorama's Japanese pavilion, invited members of both clubs to perform.

“We'll be doing a demonstration of some basic techniques then there will be a couple of different katas that we'll perform,” said Boaz. “There will also be a kumite demo and two bunkai, which is the practical application of the kata where attackers and defenders do a choreographed performance.”

The Gimli and Winnipeg karate clubs perform at Folklorama's Japanese Pavilion on Aug. 14 and on Aug. 18, the second week of the cultural festival. The pavilion is located at Petrus Hall, 2623 Inkster Blvd., and has lots of parking. Visit the Folklorama website or Japanese Cultural Association websites for show times.

For more information about how to join the Gimli Karate Club, contact the Gimli Recreation Centre at 204-642-6670.

## > WINNIPEG BEACH MAYOR, FROM PG. 4

town had a deficit of \$935,000. Municipal Relations agreed with him that the town had erred, but the only thing it could do was inform the town about the error.

After a city media outlet got wind of the story, Pimentel said Jackson issued a social media post, saying the reason taxes went up was that her council increased operation costs.

“She said she didn't mean to imply the previous mayor and council mismanaged the money,” said Pimentel. “She backtracked on all of her statements she had made at the forum.”

Mayor Jackson said in a statement to the *Express* that both the 2021 and 2022 budgets indicated the use of reserve funds and ac-

cumulated surplus, and that the statements she made were not “personal attacks” on previous council or staff.

“None of the statements that I made were a personal attack on any individuals. The information that was provided was not meant to blame or attack any members of previous council or staff,” she said. “What we do know at this point is that both the 2021 and 2022 budgets indicate use of reserve funds and accumulated surplus. We cannot provide specifics at this time as the last completed audit was in 2020. The auditor is working diligently to complete the 2021 audit and we are aware of several adjusting entries. The

previous years actuals (2022 actuals) listed on the 2023 budget are inaccurate; consequently, the \$900,000 deficit is not a true picture and is not a reflection of overspending.”

Jackson went on to say that the 2023 budget was a “true operating budget” without using reserve funds or accumulated surplus for operating expenses.

“This was one factor for the significant tax increase. Other factors include having a full complement of staff, some staff wage increases based on CPI (6.8% in November 2022), and project commitments from previous years. This was all explained at the public forum,” said Jackson.

# Manitoba conservation officer enforcement bulletin, second quarter

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development advises conservation officers are continuing enforcement to protect Manitoba's natural resources through a variety of enforcement activities across the province, including roadside check-stops in key locations to ensure compliance with natural resource and public safety legislation.

On July 22, Manitoba conservation officers from The Pas and Saskatchewan conservation officers from Creighton, Sask., conducted check-stops north of both Creighton and Flin Flon. Officers conducted 27 inspections, including 12 fishing compliance inspections, and a total of \$461 in off-road vehicle tickets were issued. Flin Flon RCMP were called to assist with an intoxicated driver. The individual

received a three-day roadside suspension and a \$672 ticket for consuming liquor in a public place.

On July 21, a Selkirk conservation officer in Lockport observed two men angling along the Red River in an area where signage indicates that fishing is prohibited. As the officer approached, one of the men grabbed his line in an attempt to break it. The officer identified himself and told the man to stop; however, the man then bit his line and threw it into the river. Two men from Illinois were fined \$486 for engaging in a restricted or prohibited fishing activity in an area marked by posted signs. The man who broke his line was also fined an additional \$2,542 for obstructing a peace officer.

On July 11, Cranberry Portage conservation officers received reports of an individual living in a parking lot at Bakers Narrows Provincial Park. Officers attended and located the vehicle matching the description. The driver of the vehicle attempted to flee but was apprehended by officers. The driver had a disqualified driver's li-

cence and had no vehicle registration, so the individual was ticketed \$672 for driving while disqualified and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

On June 21, a Cranberry Portage conservation officer along with Cranberry Portage RCMP were helping at a community event on Little Athapuskow Lake. Two pontoon boats that were involved in the event did not return when expected, so officers conducted a search. Wind gusts were up to 40 kilometres an hour along with two-metre swells on the lake. The officers observed one pontoon stuck in the waves, with two adults overboard, so they immediately helped the pair. While assisting the first pontoon, officers spotted the second pontoon stranded on an island. Five youth and one adult were located. All were brought to safety with no injuries.

In June, conservation officers in Sprague received a complaint of a landowner clearing part of a road al-

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## Ashern Pioneer Museum Annual Mini Threshermen Reunion

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# Arborg Main Street Festival to return for 7th year

## Annual festival hits Main Street Aug. 11.

By Autumn Fehr

Live music, fanfare and fun are slated to transform Arborg's main drag Friday, as the community's annual street festival returns.

The Arborg Street Festival began in 2014 and — barring a two-year hiatus owing to the COVID-19 pandemic — has continued to bring new excitement and events, thanks to lead organizer Susan Bauernhuber.

"We started this because we had lost the rodeo in town. A few business people got together, and we discussed what we could do to make it free for everybody to say thank you for shopping with us and your dedication to the town and businesses," Bauernhuber said.

Residents from Arborg and beyond are welcome to enjoy an assortment of free entertainment during the fes-



Festival attendees are encouraged to wear white and participate in Zumba with Des, a fun colour dance at 2 p.m. Saturday.

tival, which will close Main Street from Friday night until early Sunday morning.

Before the event begins, folks can enjoy a meal of perogies and kielbasa at the Arborg Legion at 5 p.m. for \$15 a plate.



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The annual Arborg Street Festival typically draws a crowds with an assortment of free family-friendly activities, entertainment, food and beer gardens.

The festival will officially kick off at 7 p.m. with a parade and speeches from Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson and Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck.

After the parade, festival organizers will draw numbers for "pluck the duck," a 50/50 lottery game in which rubber duckies are numbered and placed in a pool or water. The person who purchased a ticket with the corresponding number will win half the prize pot.



The winner of the pluck the duck lottery game will win half the proceeds of the prize pot.

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# Wrestlers set to return to the ring at Arborg Street Festival

By Becca Myskiw

Residents in Arborg are preparing to see athletes flying off the top ropes, as Canadian Wrestling's Elite is slated to return to the community's annual street festival.

The Winnipeg-based wrestling organization is stopping in town for its 2023 Cruel Summer tour, keeping up with the tradition of putting on a show for the Town of Arborg.

Wrestling has been a staple of the street festival since it began in 2014. It typically draws a large crowd, festival chairperson Susan Bauernhuber said.

"Around the ring, it's incredible, we have people from nine to 99 years old. ... I'm afraid if we didn't have it, we'd have a lot of upset kids, adults and seniors — they all love it," she said.

"We had a board member go once with her daughter and all of a sudden, she's there yelling and screaming at them. They're quite the show performers."

Bauernhuber remembers the idea of wrestling at the street festival was met with skepticism when a local who used to fight in the league proposed it to the organizing board.

"My initial thoughts were, 'Really, do you think it would fly?' Now we



have to have it every year," she said, laughing.

This year's show will feature free performances from the likes of "Sweet" Bobby Schink, "The Mastermind" Kevin Cannon and "Canadian Strong Style" Rob Stardom.

The performance is free and will last around two hours. It begins at 3 p.m. on Aug. 12.

The Arborg Street Festival starts Aug. 11 with a perogy and kielbasa dinner at the legion at 5 p.m., followed by a parade at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will give opening remarks, and Woodlands' band Lost in a Small Town will start playing music at 8 p.m.

The annual fireworks show will kick off around 10 p.m., and Bauernhuber promised it will be bigger and better than ever before.

Saturday will include a pancake



The Canadian Wrestling's Elite's Cruel Summer Tour continues on Saturday, Aug. 12 for their annual stop at The Arborg Street Festival.

breakfast at the legion at 9 a.m. Entertainment will start two hours later, including dancers, a kids' zone, henna tattoos, pickleball, street hockey and colour zumba. Chicken Chef will provide a chicken and rib dinner at 5 p.m., complete with mashed potatoes and coleslaw.

Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Bauernhuber at 204-641-1217 for more information.

For full event information, visit [www.cwecanada.ca](http://www.cwecanada.ca)

## > 7TH ANNUAL, FROM PG. 12

Lost in a Small Town, a local band from Woodlands/Warren, will take the stage at 8 p.m., treating the crowd to an assortment of country and rock covers and signalling the opening of the beer gardens.

Around 10 p.m., fireworks will start, and once they are over, Lost in a Small Town will take it home, ending the festival's first day.

On Saturday, the festivities will begin with a 9 a.m. pancake breakfast at the Arborg Legion.

"We look at trying to bring in something new every year and to change it up a little bit," Bauernhuber said.

All the day's events are free, except the street hockey tournament, which cost players a \$20 registration fee. The deadline to register was Aug. 9.

At around 10 a.m., axe throwing, the petting zoo, the trade market and the beer gardens will be available.

Starting at 11 a.m., visitors can enjoy local entertainment, and kids can enjoy the kids' fun zone, where there

will be bouncers, games and face painting. Henna will also be available from noon to 5 p.m.

Kicking off the entertainment for the day at 11 a.m., the dancers from the Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club will perform, and there will be dances from Averie & Haley's group.

From 12 to 1 p.m., there will be a special treat — Laurie Sutherland, a Patsy Cline tribute artist, will perform a selection of the famed American country singer's hits.

Festival fan favourite Kelly Chinchilla will follow Sutherland, performing her fancy shawl and hoop dancing.

From 2 to 3 p.m., there will be old-time bingo at the legion.

Also at 2 p.m., plan to wear white. The street festival brings back Zumba with Des with a fun colour dance.

At 3 p.m., another returning favourite act of the street festival, acoustic artists The Homespun Poets will take the stage. Athletes from Canadian

Wrestling's Elite will also perform.

At 4 p.m., famous fiddler Mark Morisseau will entertain the crowd.

After a day of fun activities, visitors can purchase a plate of chicken, ribs, potatoes, corn on the cob, coleslaw and cornbread from Chicken Chef. For dessert, local cupcake maker and cake decorator Donna will serve her delicious cupcakes. Plates will cost \$40.

Calypso will take the stage at 8 p.m. and close out the festival at midnight. Community members may remember the sounds of the Caribbean from the old Arborg Summerfest Days.

"We just want to bring new people in town to show them what we have here and to show them it's a great town; people are wonderful. We do have lots going on here, even though some people think that we don't, but we do. We have something going on every part of the year," said Bauernhuber.

"Let's bring the people in and showcase the town and say thank you for being our customers."

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# SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

## MORNING SCHEDULE

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**Street Hockey Tournament (All Day)**

**Pickleball - 10 am**  
**Axe-Throwing - 10 am to 5 pm**  
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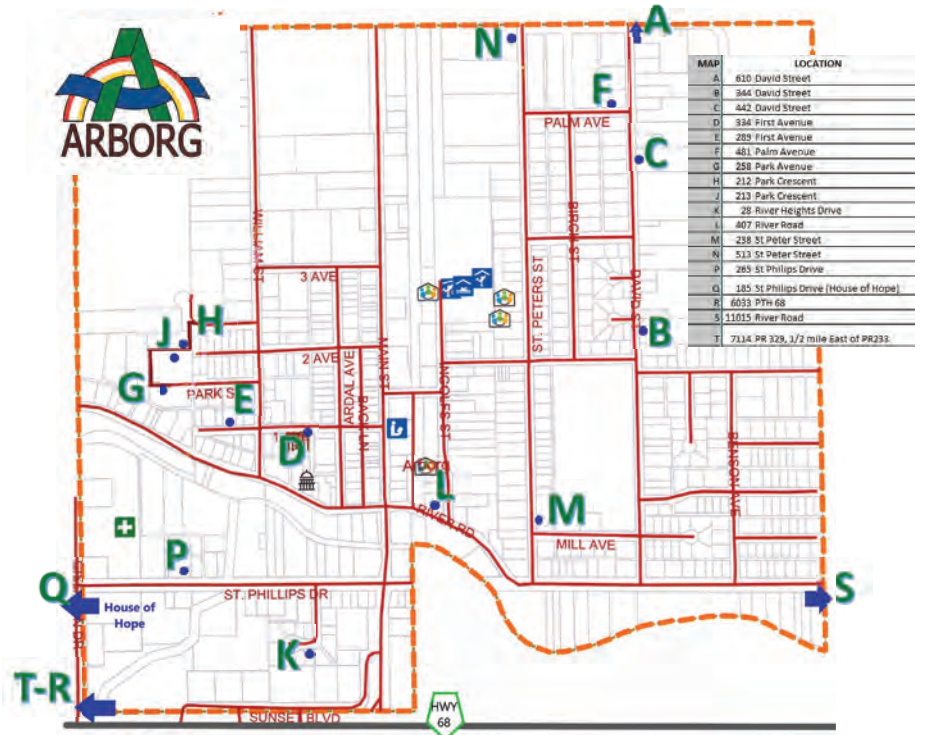
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# Carlo's Cucina sees no winners yet in burger eating challenge

By Becca Myskiw

It's a nearly impossible challenge to finish Carlo's Cucina's Herkules burger.

This summer, Carlo's Cucina launched an eating contest not for the faint of heart. A monster of a burger, the Herkules is spelled the way it is to honour Icelandic kings. It's also Carlo Guzzi's way of getting his community on the map.

Guzzi is the owner of Carlo's Cucina and the creator of the Herkules burger. He wanted to create something families could enjoy together, hence the massive burger, but decided to also make a challenge with it, having success in this field before.

When Carlo ran the kitchen at the Elmwood Curling Club, he had a burger-eating contest with a burger he dubbed the "Eighth Ender." To win, people had to finish the eight-patty burger in 15 minutes or less, and only one person could do it.

A woman ate the entire burger in five minutes and four seconds. No one else came close to completing the challenge, let alone beating her time.

Guzzi knew he could do it again because of how well that eating contest went. So, with the Herkules burger, families can either order it to enjoy together or one person can order it and prepare to beat the challenge.

The challenge: eat the entire burger plus a 2.5-pound poutine in 37 minutes or less and get your meal for free — plus, win more than \$500 from the burger pot. Every time Guzzi sells one of the Herkules burgers (\$75), he adds \$20 to a pot for the eventual winner to take home. The pot started at \$250 and now sits at \$560.

Why finish the burger in 37 minutes? A good friend of Guzzi's is Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck, who wears number 37. When Guzzi created the burger, a friend completed the challenge in 40 minutes, with breaks in between. Guzzi then knew he could include Hellebuyck in the challenge this way and knew it would be attainable for someone.

The Herkules burger is a 1.5-pound bun made in the Arborg bakery. It comes with ketchup, mustard, pickles, jalapenos, fried onions, 12 certified angus beef patties, one chicken burger, 12 pieces of bacon, 12 pieces of cheese, an order of onion rings, 12 tomatoes, lettuce and mayo.

"We're known for our mega boardwalk burger," said Guzzi. "This is like the monster boardwalk."

Since the season started in May, 11 people have dared to complete Guzzi's challenge, but none have prevailed.

"I definitely do hope someone demolishes it," he said. "I have a bigger burger coming out next season."

Next year, Guzzi's burger challenge will be with a 17-patty burger he'll call the Triceratops. Before that, though, he'll be competing in Le Burger Week, something he won in his first year participating.

Guzzi said his Le Burger Week entry is something North America has yet to hear. With its Italy inspiration, the burger will pay homage to Guzzi's family, and he knows he will win with it.

"This is only the beginning for what's coming from Carlo's Cucina," he said.



**EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED**  
Carlo Guzzi created this Herkules burger for an eating contest or family meal. If someone can finish this burger and a 2.5-pound poutine in 37 minutes or less, they'll get it for free and win over \$550.



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# Water hemlock becoming a problem for RM of Woodlands residents

By Becca Myskiw

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands is warning residents about water hemlock and its poisonous properties.

Woodlands issued an advisory July 27 to warn locals of the increase in water hemlock in the area. Due to the overland flooding in 2022, the plant has been growing rampant in ditches and on hay/pastureland, it said.

Though water hemlock is native to the region, hemlock root is extremely poisonous to humans and animals and can make the top of the plant dangerous too.

RM of Woodlands Reeve Doug Oliver said the issue was brought to council's attention when a group of residents by Shoal Lake asked for support in alerting the provincial government.

"It seems like it's spreading this year more than it ever has," he said. "This year it seems to have taken off and it's quite rampant."

The RM of Woodlands warned residents to take caution around the plant and to be careful when using land it's growing on for hay or grazing. Most people won't have a reaction when touching the top of a water hemlock plant, but it has phototoxic properties

that can cause rashes.

Municipal staff are applying herbicide to concentrated areas of water hemlock within local ditches, residents are encouraged to educate themselves on the poisonous plant and do what they can to stop the spread.

Water hemlock spreads by seeds, so local officials recommend cutting off the seed heads or using a herbicide application.

If people find a dense patch of it on public land, they can contact the municipality and staff will try to address it, Oliver said.

"We're trying to be as proactive as we can," he said.

Woodlands urged producers not to bale through hemlock patches and to not let their cows graze on them. Though cattle don't usually eat the plant, there are cases where it has proven fatal.

The National Institute of Health documented nine mature Hereford cows died from ingesting immature water hemlock seed heads in 2010. Just one root of the plant can kill a mature cow. If grazing land is wet, cattle can easily pull the entire plant and ingest its roots.



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Water hemlock in flower.

Water hemlock looks similar to water parsnip, but the latter is much less toxic. The leaves can be used to distinguish the plants.

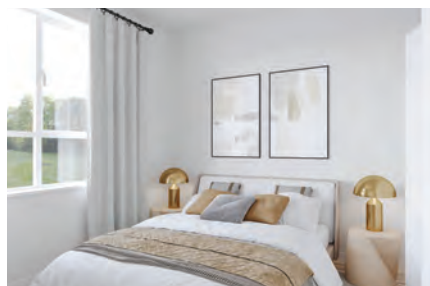
Water hemlock has leaves two or three times pinnate, while water parsnip's leaves are single pinnate. The veins on water hemlock run clearly to

the notches of the teeth on the leaflet's edge; the leaves on water parsnip do not.

Water hemlock grows in marshy areas. Woodlands isn't alone in fighting this new problem, as any area with marsh land will have it too, Oliver said.

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# Aurora Recovery Centre expanding, inviting job-seekers to visit this Saturday

By Patricia Barrett

The Aurora Recovery Centre north of Gimli has embarked on a project to expand its facility and is looking for additional staff.

The addiction treatment and detox facility, about six kilometres north of Gimli, is holding a job fair this Saturday and is inviting people to bring their resumes to the centre.

Aurora offers supervised medical detox and personalized in-patient treatment for addictions and mental health disorders.

Aurora owner and CEO Michael Bruneau said the facility currently has 88 beds and will be expanding with the addition of 90 more beds. That will take the centre from 40,000 square feet to about 60,000 square feet. The facility was completely renovated about eight years ago.

Bruneau said the centre is going in a new direction since he took it over in 2022.

"We're very busy. We're expanding our medical detox service and we need more beds," said Bruneau. "We're thinking outside the box, too, doing a lot of traditional healing now where we focus on diet, exercise and use sacred fires, sweat lodges and pet therapy."

Clients will be able to bring their dogs with them while they participate in treatment. The centre, which already has horses, will be building kennels for dogs.

Bruneau also hired alumni of the Aurora program, people who've been able to overcome addiction, to help the centre's new clients with their addictions and other issues. And he's focusing on reducing the number of medications provided to clients

"That's why our program is working so well," said Bruneau. "I believe

with diet and exercise as a type of healing. We want people to deal with their trauma. Giving someone a tranquillizer to deal with their illness is not going to help, so we're trying to get away from medication as much as possible and focus on traditional healing. But our medical staff do provide medication when it's needed."

Aurora offers a reunification program that brings families affected by addictions back together after they've completed treatment. Bruneau says the centre has safe, sober living facilities in a number of locations, including Gimli, Brandon and Winnipeg where kids and their parents can learn to live together again.

"We opened up a new facility in Brandon for our family re-unification program," said Bruneau. "We reunite children with their parents. We retrain them on how to be caregivers, how to cook, help them get a job and find them a place to live. We help them reintegrate into society."

Bruneau said he's also opening up another centre in Thompson.

The facility owns the Misty Courts apartment complex in the Gimli Industrial Park, an alcohol-free complex where clients and their families can stay.

Aurora offers a continuum of care where once clients have stopped using substances, they have to learn to live long-term without them. And that sometimes entails a long period of after-care.

"We believe heavy in after care. You might get somebody off their addiction, whether it's drugs or alcohol, but they haven't yet learned to live without it," said Bruneau. "It could be six months or a year before you get results. We'll work with our clients forever; that's part of our deal."



ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF MICHAEL BRUNEAU

The Aurora Recovery Centre will be building 90 additional treatment beds at its facility six kilometres north of Gimli on PR 222.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Aurora Recovery Centre owns the Misty Courts apartment complex in the Gimli Industrial Park. The alcohol-free building offers space for family visits.

Bruneau said the expansion of the facility is expected to get underway by September with construction taking about a year.

At the job fair this Saturday, Bruneau said job-seekers can bring in their resumes, have an interview with staff and see the facility.

"We need as many staff as we can get – nurses, counsellors, caregivers, drivers, chefs and so forth," he said. "Every business is having a problem

getting staff. I did create my own agency – Aurora Staffing Solutions – and we're also holding this job fair."

The job fair takes place this Saturday, Aug. 12th from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Aurora Recovery Centre, which is located on PR 222 at Lakeside Road, about six kilometres north of Gimli. For more information about the job fair or the centre, call Aurora at (204) 642-8058.

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## Blue Jays defeated in quarter-finals at the 22U men's baseball nationals

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays found out that wins are hard to come by at the 22U men's baseball nationals.

Interlake finished with a 1-4 record after losing 6-4 in a good ball game to Ontario 2 in the quarter-finals at the eight-team tournament that was held at Quarry Park in Stonewall.

Despite just winning once, Interlake played very well in several games.

"We were in a quarter-final game and that's what's important," said Blue Jays' head coach Dave Meyers. "That's all we had to shoot for — get to the playoffs and anything can happen."

Interlake started the nationals with an exciting 4-3 comeback win over Prince Edward Island last Thursday. The Blue Jays scored three runs in the sixth inning.

That was a huge win for Interlake.

"That game put us in the (quarter-finals)," Meyers said.

On Thursday evening, Interlake was defeated 10-3 by Ontario 1. Ontario 1 broke the game open with five runs in the fifth inning and then they added two more in the sixth.

"The score doesn't dictate the game," Meyers said. "The game was a lot closer than what the score really said. We out-hit that team 12-11 and we lost 10-3. It just didn't dictate how the game went. I have no issues with that game at all — it was OK."

Friday evening saw the Blue Jays

get blanked 10-0 by Nova Scotia in five innings. Nova Scotia, which out-hit Interlake 11-3, scored twice in the bottom of the first inning and then added four more in the third and fifth innings.

On Saturday afternoon, Interlake was shut out 13-0 by the Elmwood Giants. The game was called after 4 1/2 innings due to the mercy rule.

"(Elmwood) is pretty stacked up," Meyers said.

The Giants defeated Quebec 5-1 in the gold-medal game on Sunday evening.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Blue Jays reached the quarter-finals of the 22U Men's Baseball Championship.



## Impact ties with Pescara

Staff

The Interlake Impact played to a 3-3 draw with Pescara in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Wednesday at the University of Manitoba.

Joseph Barkman, Dalen Penner and Kenton Slaa for Interlake while Musho Moono (two) and Matheus Moreno replied for Pescara.

Interlake, now 3-6-2 and in sixth place in the 10-team division with 11 points, will take on United Weston FC this Friday at Memorial Turf Field. Game time is 9:15 p.m.

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# Stonewall hosts very successful 22U Men's Baseball Championship

By Brian Bowman

Stonewall has hosted several successful baseball and softball tournaments over the years.

They did it again this past weekend.

The Interlake Blue Jays were the host squad of the eight-team National 22U Men's Baseball Championship which saw some of the very best young baseball players from across the country converge on Quarry Park.

It was the first time in over 30 years that Manitoba has hosted this prestigious tournament.

"I think it went off really well," said tournament co-chair Adam Kirk. "All of the teams commented on how easy it was (to get around) and how well received they were when they got here. There were a lot of positive comments that came out of this weekend."

The tournament's success could not have happened without the tireless efforts from many, many volunteers.

"The volunteer group that we had was absolutely amazing," Kirk said. "People stepped up when we needed them to. Sometimes a shift had to be covered and this and that. Whatever problem occurred our group was right there to help solve it and figure it out. If they had to throw themselves into the fire, that's what they did. It was just awesome."

Another key component was the generosity of local businesses that pro-



Blaine Fortin threw one of two ceremonial opening pitches.

vided sponsorship. Local businesses are always fantastic when Stonewall hosts a major sporting event.

"Our local business support is the best in the league, by far," Kirk said. "They've helped the junior team, the senior team and a lot of minor ball teams as well. They've sponsored and helped them go to tournaments and run tournaments. The local support from the businesses here is second to none and we can't thank them enough."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Mayor Sandra Smith brought greetings on behalf of the Town of Stonewall to all the players, umpires, officials and fans at the opening ceremonies of the National 22U Men's Championship last Thursday.

With eight teams and their families hanging out in Stonewall for the four-day tournament, the economic impact can't be ignored.

"We figured there were about 1,000 people at the diamond (Sunday) night for the final," Kirk said. "It helped that a Manitoba team was in the final and I think that all of the stars aligned with (the Interlake Blue Jays) getting the 7:30 game on Saturday night in the quarter-final. We had really good

crowds that came out and supported us all weekend.

"I know Quebec walked up town and had lunch one day and a couple of other teams hit up a few things in town. It definitely puts more money in the community and hopefully those local businesses that are helping us out are getting something back with these people coming in, shopping in their store or getting a meal from them."



Officials and umpires walk on the field during the opening ceremonies.



Special guests and dignitaries have a chuckle watching Roger Langlais do the dance that was required to connect the microphone.



Baseball players and coaches line up for the baseball oath.



The host Interlake Blue Jays took in the opening ceremonies.

# Elmwood Giants win gold at 22U men's baseball nationals

By Brian Bowman

The Elmwood Giants won gold at the 22U men's baseball nationals at Quarry Park in Stonewall last weekend.

Elmwood defeated Quebec 5-1 in the championship game on Sunday evening.

The Giants scored three runs in the fifth inning. Quebec replied with one in the bottom of the sixth and then Elmwood answered with a pair in the seventh.

Rylan Penner earned the complete-game victory, allowing just four hits.

The Giants were outstanding throughout the tournament, posting a perfect 6-0 record. But Elmwood was challenged in some tight games.

"It's a big stage and I think it's only been twice for Manitoba (to win nationals) that I know of," said Giants' assistant coach Donnie Smith, a St. Andrews' resident. "The last time was about 13, 14 years ago. The bigger stage, the higher level of competition, we faced some really good teams with some great arms."

Elmwood reached the final after downing Nova Scotia 3-1 in a semifinal game Sunday morning.

The Giants scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the second inning and then added another in the sixth. Nova Scotia scored its run in the fifth.

St. Andrews' left-hander Ethan Minaker earned the win, pitching five stellar innings while recording five strikeouts.

"Ethan Minaker, a St. Andrews' kid, threw against Nova Scotia and did really well," Smith said.

The Giants' pitchers were fantastic during the playoff round, allowing just two runs in two games.

"Every pitch was meaningful and our guys did a great job on the mound," Smith said. "Every guy that came in was very successful."

Elmwood started the nationals with an 8-2 win over Quebec last Thursday and then crushed Saskatchewan 24-2 on Friday.

"Our hitting was on fire this weekend which allowed us to have a bit of control at the tail end of games," Smith said.

Later Friday, the Giants edged Ontario 2 by a 5-4 score.

Elmwood, which trailed 3-0 after three innings, scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning for the comeback win. The Giants out-hit Ontario 2 10-4.

The Giants then improved their record to 4-0 with a solid 13-0 shutout win over the host Interlake Blue Jays.

Elmwood's roster included several players from the Interlake area, including St. Andrews' Tyler Smith, Col-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Elmwood Giants are the 2023 22U Men's Baseball National champions after defeating Quebec 5-1 in the final on Sunday.

son Smith, Brett Zeller and Minaker, Lockport's Dylan Duguay and East Selkirk's Kevin Burnett.

The Interlake Blue Jays' roster included St. Andrews' brothers Liam Allen and Keenan Allen.

Interlake is producing some great baseball players.

"It stems from most guys starting at 11U and continuing to play and working through the 13U, the 15U, and 18U North Winnipeg programs," Smith said. "Every year they get a little better and stay with the game. It's great to see because a lot of kids get to the age of 15, 16, 17 and they kind of find other things to do. I'm glad that this group that I have had an opportunity to coach at a young age continued to play."

"North Winnipeg has done well and (for them) to get to a tournament like this is pretty cool to see."



The Elmwood Giants' Cody Gunderson slides safely into home plate against Quebec in the championship game of the 2023 22U Men's Baseball National Championship on Sunday in Stonewall.



Coach Donnie Smith streaming the win in real time.



Top Offensive Player of the tournament Dawson Tanner.



Rylan Penner was named the Top Defensive Player of the tournament.

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lowance south of the community of Piney near the U.S. border. An officer investigated and found that the landowner did not have permission from the municipality to cut this allowance and he had not obtained a timber permit from the Forestry Branch as required. The officer, with the assistance of the Forestry Branch, counted 634 stumps and assessed timber dues on 94 cubic metres of timber. Three loggers from the Sprague area were issued written warnings while a land-

owner from Sarto was issued \$1,200 in timber dues.

In early May, Winnipeg conservation officers were made aware of a man that had been seen shooting geese with a firearm in St. Vital Park. An investigation was initiated and a suspect was identified. On May 12, conservation officers were informed that the suspect was once again in St. Vital Park shooting geese. Officers responded and intercepted the suspect at his residence. Two Canada

goose carcasses and a .22 calibre rifle were seized as evidence. A 23-year-old Winnipeg man has been charged with two counts of loading and handling a firearm in a prohibited area along with several charges under the Wildlife Act. He was issued a court appearance notice.

On April 29, a conservation officer in Cranberry Portage was conducting angling inspections at the Simonhouse Lake boat launch. The officer observed two individuals travelling on an ATV and snowmobile, heading off the lake towards the boat launch. The officer signaled for the vehicles

to stop, and while the ATV stopped, the snowmobile fled back onto the ice. The officer confirmed the snowmobiler's identity and the driver was charged under the Fisheries Act for obstructing an officer in the execution of duties. The ATV driver was fined for consuming liquor in a public place and not wearing a helmet. In all, fines totaled \$1,946.

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> MEAL IDEAS



## Mini Sweet Pepper Sheet Pan Nachos

- 8 ounces Pero Family Farms Mini Sweet Peppers, cut into chip shapes
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- 1/2 cup canned or fresh corn
- 1/2 cup queso fresco cheese
- 1/4 cup black olives
- 1/4 cup jalapeno peppers, fresh sliced
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, for garnish
- 1 lime, cut into thin wedges, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Place peppers and tortilla chips on sheet pan. Layer onion, corn, cheese, black olives and jalapeno peppers. Bake 3-5 minutes.

Garnish with cilantro and lime wedges.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: 5 minutes
- Servings: 4



## Southwest Quiche Muffins Bento Box

- 1/2 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup granola
- 1/2 Zespri SunGold kiwi, chopped
- 1 Bee Sweet Citrus mandarin, peeled and segmented

Preheat oven to 325 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs and milk. Coat 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray or use silicone muffin liners. Evenly divide beans, tomatoes, cheese and onion among cups. Pour eggs over top.

Bake 20-25 minutes, or until eggs are set and lightly browned.

Remove from oven and cool in pan 2-3 minutes. Use knife to loosen edges and remove.

In cup or bowl, mix yogurt, granola and kiwi.

Assemble bento box with two quiche muffins, kiwi parfait and mandarin slices.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: 25 minutes
- Servings: 12
- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- nonstick cooking spray
- 3/4 cup black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup chopped Nature Fresh Farms Tomz tomatoes
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 small RealSweet sweet onion, chopped

## The best stress-reducing foods

By Fitness & Nutrition Expert Julie Germaine Coram

How do you deal with unsettling situations? Long-term stress, in particular, takes a toll on one's mental and physical health, so it is a good idea to develop coping mechanisms to relieve tension. Perhaps one you already resort to is comfort eating? If yes, don't worry - you're definitely not alone... But it's likely that your food choices are actually compounding the negative impact of everyday stressors. Wouldn't it be great to learn what foods alleviate stress?

When we get stressed, our bodies respond with the production of the hormone cortisol. This can unfortunately activate some physiologic consequences, such as increased body fat and reduced immune system response over time. High cortisol levels have an effect on the digestive system that can lead to inflammation, insulin resistance, and ultimately prompt stress-hormones to further sky-rocket.

Hocus-pocus! Just eat these foods and you'll eliminate stress!

(I wish.) No, that's not possible, but you can slow down the release of cortisol by incorporating some of the following items into your regular diet:

1. Compounds found in green tea can keep the GI tract less permeable, inhibiting cortisol-producing enzymes.
2. Vitamin-C rich berries, peppers or kiwi support healthy adrenal glands and balance cortisol levels.
3. Other fruits and vegetables that are high in potassium combat side effects of elevated stress-levels, including bananas, honeydew, apricots, raisins, spinach and yams.
4. Fermented foods that contain probiotic lactobacillus, such as yogurt, some cottage cheeses, sauerkraut and tempeh, evoke the body to release oxytocin as a way to reduce stress.

If you have to operate under constant stress, you could become less effective at work, more irritable at home,



Fitness and Nutrition expert Julie Germaine Coram

and develop warning signs of serious health deterioration, including memory loss, sleeplessness, depression, weight gain, and more. Chronic stress plagues many of us in these challenging times, here are some tips to help:

1. Equalize time spent between leisure and work.
2. Move your body every day!
3. Try cutting back on coffee and alcohol.
4. Commit to getting adequate sleep.
5. Start a new hobby or connect with friends who are chill and fun.
6. Book a beach get-away or plan a staycation with your favorite video game.
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## AUCTIONS

AUCTION SALE: Susan & Paul Shumilak Garson, Manitoba.

Starting 6:30 PM Friday August 18th (Household & Yard Items)

Starting 10:30 AM Saturday August 19th (Shop & Farm Equipment)

Location: lot 31099 (SW20-12-6E RM of St Clements) (2 miles north of Garson on Road 33E, then approx. 1 1/2 miles west on 75N)

All items sold in "as is, where is" condition with no warranties implied or expressed (Rain Date: Sunday August 20th). 6:30 PM Friday Craftsman 21 hp 42 inch LTX1000 tractor lawn mower\* Merry garden tiller\* Honda gas power washer\* Homelite 8" electric pruning saw\* 5 pc 80's bedroom suite\* 6 drawer dresser\* York bench exercise equipment.\* Corner computer desk\* Domo hand crank cream Separator\* Toledo store scale\* Glass top coffee table\* Large wall mirror\* Coffee table c/w lifting top and drawers\* 2 - end tables \* Household antiques\* Assortment of household & yard items & more. 10:30 AM Saturday Good assortment of shop & farm items, hand & power tools & other interesting items will be sold\* Metal corral panels, circular saw mandrill\* cement mixer\* Tire changer\* Heavy duty metal band saw\* assort of scrap and more. The following items will be sold at approximately 12:30 PM: 2002 4 wheel drive Kubota M110 diesel tractor c/w cab, M 960 front end loader, 3 pt hitch, 07510 hrs, excellent condition, start bid \$14,000.00 \* 1975 JD 4630 diesel tractor c/w cab & dual tires, start bid \$8,000.00\* 1965 JD 4020 diesel tractor c/w cab, front end loader, start bid \$5,000.00\* 1950 D2 caterpillar c/w angle blade, completely overhauled, canopy, start bid \$2000.00, trailer sold separately\* 1976 Dodge 3 ton truck, 360 motor, steel box w auger & extensions, 32783 miles, not safetied\* 1975 MF 750 combine\* NH 499 haybine\* NH BR 780 round baler, wide pickup\* NH 516 manure spreader\* NH side delivery rake\* 20 ft Versatile 400 SP swather\* 15 ft Versatile pull swather\* NH 36 ft grain auger\* Grain hopper wagon\* Melroe 7 bottom plough\* 3 pt hitch brush mower\* 72 ft Richardson tandem sprayer\* 20 ft MH one way disker & fertilizer attachment\* Rock-o-matic stone picker\* 16 ft IH chisel plough\* 24 ft IH vibrate cultivator\* 16 ft IH shank cultivator\* Conveyair PTO grain vacuum \* 16 ft White 256 tandem disker\* 10 ft IH cultivator\* 20 ft hydraulic disker\* 3 pt hitch post auger\* 16 ft stock trailer\* 21 x 10 steel bale wagon\* tandem bale wagon\* 6 ft 3 pt hitch tandem disc\* 3 pt hitch 3 bottom plough\* 3 pt hitch 8 ft cultivator\* Honda 125M 3 wheel ATV trike\* etc. Antiques: 1950 chevy 1 ton truck, not running\* 1956 Ford 1 ton truck with side box, not running\* IH Farmall M tractor, IH breaking plough\* 1960's MF 85 tractor & loader\* MH 20 run seed drill\* MM 3 bottom plough\* Final Item: Metal cattle corral c/w squeeze & chute & approx. 40 metal fence panels will be sold as one unit. The location is about 1 mile away from the auction site.

Note: Paul & Susan are relocating as their property has been sold. This is a very interesting sale to attend: Terms of the sale: Cash, debit, MC, Visa accepted \* Prior approved cheques will be accepted\* All item(s) must be paid for on day of sale \*Any statement made by the auctioneer on item(s) or lot(s) before being sold shall take precedence over any other advertising \* Once an item is sold the purchaser is responsible for the item(s) \* Items may be added or delete before sale time \* GST and PST applied \* Not responsible for errors in advertising

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## Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular office hours.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to hear applications for revisions made in accordance with section 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

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;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend roll under subsection 13(2).

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;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the municipal office on or before Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023  
Tanis Johnson - Board of Revision Secretary  
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  - Demonstrated knowledge and experience with Transport Canada's Safety Management System
  - Highly developed interpersonal, presentation, written and oral communication skills, with experience in working with staff, committees, Municipal Council, the public and various agencies.
  - Demonstrated experience in managing staff and contractors involved in airport operations and maintenance
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Resume and cover letter to be sent to:

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## TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2024 Assessment Roll** for the Town of Arborg has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 337 River Road, Arborg, 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 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:

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- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Subsection 13(2).

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 43(1)

An application for revision must:

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- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in Subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
  - servicing 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 13th, 2023 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 28th, 2023**.

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 1st day of August, 2023.

Cindy Stansell, Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Town of Arborg  
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## IN MEMORIAM



**In Loving Memory  
of Bill Horodecki**

**October 4, 1923 – August 7, 2014**

Nine years have gone by,  
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-Wife Helen and family

## OBITUARY



**Edward Louis Dern  
July 20, 1945 - July 28, 2023**

With heavy hearts we announce the unexpected passing of our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, Edward Louis Dern, on July 28th. He touched the lives of many and leaves behind cherished memories that will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Edward, affectionately known as "Ed," was predeceased by his parents Michael and Stella,

his sister Emily, brother Karl, and nephew Tony.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Candace (Scott) Beckman and Dale Legacie, grandchildren Easton (Lauren), Alyson, and Lawton, and great-granddaughter Hadley. He will be missed by his siblings Jacob, Eva, and Lawrence, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends.

Born and raised in Arborg, Manitoba, Ed was a man of many talents and passions. From a young age, he displayed a keen interest in mechanics and engineering, which led him to pursue a dual degree from the University of North Dakota, majoring in both engineering and education. Ed shared his natural aptitude for all things mechanical as an Industrial Arts educator at high schools in Manitoba, shaping the minds of countless students and inspiring them to explore the world of mechanics.

Ed's journey then led him to work with Hydra Mac skid steers and eventually, he found solace in the familiar surroundings of his hometown, settling back in the Arborg area and farming with his brother Lawrence. In recent years, Ed was able to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Edward Louis Dern will forever be remembered for his kindness, passion, and unwavering love for his pets, family, friends, and community. His wisdom and warmth were a source of comfort and guidance to those around him. As we mourn his passing, we take comfort in the beautiful memories he gifted us and the immeasurable impact he had on our lives.

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

Condolences may be left on his memory wall at [www.mackenziefh.com](http://www.mackenziefh.com).

## OBITUARY



**Bjarni (Barney) Einarson**

Peacefully, after waiting for all his grandchildren to arrive, our loving Dad was free to take his rest on July 16, 2023.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 59 years, Beverley (Sigvaldason); daughter Sharon Poole (Vern) of California, son Russell of Geysir, son Collin (Trina) of Winnipeg; grandchildren: Carla (Jim) and great-granddaughter Charlotte of Florida, Darren from Denver, Jordan of California, Brady and Tessa of Winnipeg; siblings: Steina, Freeman, Thorunn and Sylvia as well as countless nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Gunnar and Malla Einarson; siblings, Gudny Palsson, Gudrun Jonasson, Jon, Einar, Ronald, Margaret Epple and Alda Gudmundson.

Dad was born at the family farm in Geysir (Hólalandi) on April 2, 1936. He was the eighth of 12 children born to Malmfríur and

Gunnar Einarson. He attended school in Hnaua until he was 14, when he was badly hurt in a fire while using ether to start a tractor. Dad married Mom on April 11, 1964, and they resided at Hólalandi until 1999 when the house was struck by lightning. At this time, they moved to Arborg where Dad kept an award-winning yard, always groomed to perfection. Finally, in 2018 they moved to the Icelandic River Lodge in Riverton where Dad enjoyed walks to the dock and playing pool with his buddy Barney.

Dad was a man of many talents, farmer, seed cleaning entrepreneur, welder, carpenter and wood crafter. There were always people stopping by the farm to have machinery repaired and often Dad would have to completely design parts from scraps of metal and weld it all together. His ability to engineer and weld was highly sought after in the community which led to him having jobs with both Riverton and Gimli Boat Works, and with Orbanski's. This work gave Dad opportunities to travel to Hay River, Fort McMurray, St. Catherines and Churchill.

Dad was never one to sit idle. He is the greatest inventor I knew. His nephews and nieces have many fond memories of him teaching them all sorts of things on the farm. One story involved Dad making a motorcycle for Marino by turning a washing machine motor into a gas-powered engine. Others have fond memories of hunting trips up to Grand Rapids as well as fishing and ice fishing. He was a talented woodworker, building cabinets, furniture, and wood-piecing crafts. Bocce ball was one of his favorite past-times in his retirement years, as well as cutting grass for folks in Arborg.

He will be lovingly remembered by his family as someone who was always willing to fix or build something to help us out. He always seemed to be able to make something out of nothing, and always had advice to give us on renovation projects, electrical and plumbing work. He taught us to work hard, get up early and contribute to the community. He is remembered by his grandchildren as someone who would play pranks and goof around, get down and play Legos, fishing off the beach in Finns, trips to the Arborg Bakery, for making stilts and teaching them to drive the riding mower and golf cart (which may or may not have involved some shenanigans).

Hvíldu í fri i elsku besta. Go a nótt Dad.

Memorial Service took place Sunday, July 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre.

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**OBITUARY**



**Myrtle Tober**  
September 29, 1934 - August 2, 2023

Peacefully on August 2, 2023 at the age of 88 years, Myrtle Tober passed away at the Ashern Personal Care Home with family by her side.

Myrtle leaves to mourn her sons Gerald (Doreen) and Larry (Lanyth); grandchildren Kolby, Talyia and Tansy; sisters Linda Dreger and Lorna Harlos; brother Gene (Kathy) Price; brother-in-law John (Angela); many nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband Albert Edward "Eddie"; parents Berthold and Elsa Price; brothers-in-law Albert Dreger and Ernie Harlos; Eddie's siblings Richard, Herb, Ewald, Ron, Ben, Dianne and Freda; family member Garry Ballan; niece Doris Zborowsky and special friend Herman Gall.

Myrtle was born September 29, 1934 and raised on the family farm just west of Moosehorn. She attended the Martin School up to Grade 8. As a young woman, she enjoyed the outdoors and was active with all farm jobs.

On June 19, 1953 she married Eddie and they moved to Winnipeg. It was here where their eldest son Gerald was born in 1957. Eddie's work as a mechanic had them move to Arborg. Desire to be closer to family, especially her sister Linda, had them move back to Moosehorn and later moved to the family farm. Their second son Larry was born in 1970.

With Eddie's passing in 1979, Myrtle started working for Home Care which she did for many years. During this time, her friend Herman was there to help with the farming. She retired from Home Care and farming and moved to the little house in town. In 2015 Myrtle moved to the Moosehorn Heritage Villa.

In the spring of 2021, Mom was panelled for the Personal Care Home. She was moved to facilities in Baldur, Selkirk, Lundar, and finally made her way home to Ashern on August 2, 2022.

Mom was a great cook which made her an asset with catering various weddings and functions in the area. She always had large vegetable and flower gardens and eagerly looked forward to making sauerkraut. Mom spent hours knitting, crocheting and sewing and selling her wares at local craft sales, attending auction sales, yard sales and shopping at the Goodwill were her favorite pastimes. Mom loved socializing with family and friends that involved lengthy conversations, lots of laughter and a strong cup of coffee.

Mom would speak her mind and stood by her word. She possessed great personal strength and persevered through difficult times. Mom's devotion to her family was unmatched as she was always a constant in our lives. She loved her boys and her grandchildren dearly and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Our family wish to thank all the amazing health care workers who cared for Mom. Special mention to Helen Webster, Darlene Hargot and Trisha King for their kindness. Thank you to John and Karen Gray of Arnason Funeral Home for all their wonderful help.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the Moosehorn Community Hall with Dawn Tober officiating. Interment to be held in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery. Luncheon to follow in the Moosehorn Community Hall. Active pallbearers will be Larry Tober, Gerald Tober, Rick Tober, Mikey Price, Kolby Tober and Brad Dreger. Honorary pallbearers are all her nieces, nephews and close family friend Diane Price.

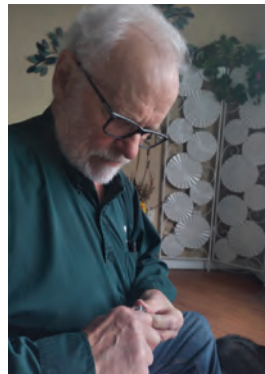
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**OBITUARY**



**Brian George Jasper**

With heavy hearts we are announcing the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Brian George Jasper.

He is survived by his son Ken (Jana), granddaughters Cora, Brooklyn, Kait, Jordan, and Haley, great-grandchildren Ayries, Leira and Atticus; sisters Gail [Ernie (deceased)] Kurbis, Dianne [Bernie (deceased)] Toews, and Sharon (Ralph) Lambert; an abundance of nieces/nephews and great-nieces/nephews; close friend and companion Maggie Cummings; former wives Ann (mother of Ken), Gail, and Marilyn (deceased) along with a huge ensemble of extended family and friends.

After a prolonged battle with prostate cancer that he never let immobilize him, Brian passed peacefully in his sleep at the Gimli Hospital on July 31, 2023. Having led a self-professed wonderful life, Brian was fully at peace with leaving this world for the next.

Brian was a talented teacher and principal, but at heart he was a bushwhacker. His love for nature and the outdoors, inspired at a young age by his mother, knew no bounds. Born in Hartney, Manitoba in 1945 to Kenneth R. Jasper and Marion E. Green, he moved to Steinbach, Manitoba, for his high school years, coming with his parents and siblings from Lynn Lake in 1959. His broad smile and ready laugh endeared him to others. Some might be surprised to learn that he was also skilled enough at the violin to teach the instrument when still in high school. He went on to gain his B. A. Honours in Political Science at the University of Winnipeg and his education degree at the University of Manitoba.

Brian was at peace whenever in the bush. He held several teaching/principal positions in Northern, Central and Southern Manitoba, all in locations where he could be as close to nature as possible. He shared many happy hours with his son Ken in a canoe at Red Sucker Lake, going on fishing trips, enjoying pike and pickerel shore lunches, swimming and snorkelling and snowmobiling in winter. After retiring from teaching, Brian was owner-operator of a resort on the shores of the international Lake Metigoshe before fully retiring in Gimli, MB.

All his life, Brian was a questioner, a reader of books like Neale Donald Walsch's "Conversations with God" or, for a time, various positive-thinking authors. Alternately pessimistic and optimistic, he seemed to be searching for a way to understand life events that puzzled him, or perhaps just an answer to the basic mysteries of existence, like why are we here? We don't know how close he came to an answer that would satisfy him, but it seemed that he found something when he placed himself in the physical presence of trees and plants and water and animals and sky. If that environment could have spoken, it might have said: "We are one."

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at the Bayview Evangelical Church in Gimli, Manitoba on August 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Friends or family who wish to participate respectfully are invited to post pictures or stories they would like to share to his granddaughter Jordan's Facebook Group: Brian Jasper Memorial: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/828308398693180/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



**OBITUARY**



**Michael Peter Szklaruk**  
July 23, 1950 - July 31, 2023

Michael Peter Szklaruk of St. Martin, MB peacefully passed away in his own home on July 31, 2023 at the age of 73. Mike was predeceased by his parents Mike and Olga, and one older sister Sandra. He leaves to mourn his passing one younger brother Allan and a younger sister Colleen.

Mike's early years revolved around his love of operating heavy equipment, bulldozers, building roads and much winter bush work. He also spent many years winter commercial fishing that he enjoyed very much as well as farming cattle and grain with his younger brother Allan for 24 years, until we sold the cattle and retired.

Mike was a solitary person and did not like to be fussed over. He never married and was single all his life. He liked living by himself and being his own boss. At his end, arthritis wreaked havoc with his knee joints and he used to say "Oh I wish I could just go already and end this pain and misery". Well, his wish was honored by the Lord, and was taken home to Heavenly paradise. Mike was a firm believer in God and Heaven above.

He will be missed by his brother and sister and his close friends Randy Michaniuk, Henry Rawluk and Terry Kostelnyk, but life goes on, and in keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service.

Rest in peace Mike, you are pain free now...Amen.

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