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Sod turning

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Pictured left to right: Steel Creek Developers' Trevor Rempel, Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, shareholder investor representative Ron Kornelsen, Bifrost-Riverton Reeve Brian Johnson and Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck at the sod turning ceremony last Friday that marked the imminent start of construction of a 30-room Blue Crescent Hotel in the Arborg Business Park.

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The spirit of caring: Spiritual Care Awareness Week Oct. 22-28

By Jennifer McFee

Spiritual care is an important aspect to overall health, offering holistic support that incorporates individual beliefs and values.

This year, Spiritual Care Awareness Week runs from Oct. 22 to 28 to celebrate the impact of spiritual care on overall health.

Ferdinand Funk, regional spiritual care co-ordinator for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, teaches a Spirit of Caring volunteer education course. This nine-week interactive course is designed for people who are interested in the spiritual aspect of life, with a particular focus on health care. All are welcome to participate in spiritual care volunteer courses, and no prior education or ex-

perience is required.

“Spiritual health care is a vital part of the total care of persons in the health-care system. Care for the body, mind, psycho-social and spiritual components of a person are integral parts of what it means to be human,” he said.

“Physical, mental and emotional health often get the lion’s share of the attention and funding when a patient or resident enters the health-care system. Spiritual Care Awareness Week is a time to celebrate the impact of spiritual care on overall health and to draw attention to the essential services provided by spiritual health professionals and volunteers.”

Spiritual care can have a significant impact on health-care outcomes and generally improves the quality of



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Peter Dyck and Russell Skalesky

patients’ and residents’ experience while in care, he added.

“Spiritual care volunteers visit patients in hospitals and residents in personal care homes. They are trained to offer spiritually attentive services and help patients and residents navigate some of the most challenging times in their lives when they may be

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Owners of historic Loni Beach cottage apply for municipal heritage

Seventy-eight years of memories made at Hollenberg Cottage

By Patricia Barrett

The owners of a Loni Beach cottage, which is about 111 years old, have applied to the RM of Gimli to have the cottage designated a municipal heritage site.

The Hollenberg Cottage at 24 North Lake St. is an example of the types of cottages that were built in the early 20th century in the Gimli area after the railway allowed people to travel from the city to communities along Lake Winnipeg.

The cottage's current owner, Jonathan Sher, lives away but said he tries to spend as much time in Gimli as possible.

The cottage came into his family's possession, he believes, in 1945 when his grandfather, Dr. Joseph Hollenberg, bought it, said Sher. And he has a plethora of fond memories of the cottage and the lake from his childhood.

Sher said it's hard to choose his fa-



avourite as he has "so many powerful memories going back to my childhood in the late 1960s." Those include "playing Scrabble with my mother, grandmother and sister. Playing gin rummy with my grandfather. Listening to comedy records with my whole family. Dinners around the table on the front porch (for the longest time the table was an old door with legs



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ANDY BLICQ

Hollenberg Cottage owners Jonathan Sher and his wife Janet Finegar have applied to have their cottage designated a municipal heritage site in the RM of Gimli.

attached). The scratchiness of the old Hudson's Bay wool blankets and filling the big room with balloons for my daughter's birthday," he said.

He said he decided to have the cottage designated a municipal heritage site after discussing it with other members of his family. Although there was some debate on whether to

take that step, it seemed like the right thing to do.

"Architectural heritage is a precious resource and Loni Beach — as so many have observed — is a truly special place," said Sher.

He loves "everything" about the cot-

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Steel Creek Developers' new Arborg Blue Crescent Hotel underway

By Patricia Barrett and Lana Meier

Steel Creek Developers held a sod-turning celebration last Friday in Arborg where it will be building a Blue Crescent Hotel that will serve the northern Interlake.

The developers were joined by guests including Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, Bifrost-River-ton Reeve Brian Johnson and Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck.

Steel Creek Developers Ken Rempel and sons Trevor Rempel and Andrew Rempel also attended the sod turning.

Trevor welcomed the approximately 50 community members, special guests and investors to the ceremony.

"It's a really exciting day for us. We've been working with the local shareholder group for a while now to get to the stage where finally we started moving dirt," said Trevor.

He explained where the building and pool will go on the hotel site within the fenced area. He was excited that the dirt had been moved.

"It's nice they were able to access to get started this week so it gives us something to look at in the background."

The 30-room hotel will have a pool, waterslide and hot tub and will be located in the Arborg Business Park just south of town, along Highway 68.

Having additional hotel capacity in Arborg is expected to bring more visitors to the area and stimulate local economic growth. People opting for a staycation will also be able to enjoy the hotel's amenities. The hotel is also expected to create local jobs.

"A larger hotel can help keep visitors in the community overnight and there should be more restaurant and gas station visits. It helps the economy in the area," said Andrew Rempel after the ceremony. "With more rooms, a pool and a waterslide, maybe the town can get the larger hockey tournaments coming in. The hotel is a good addition to what's already existing in Arborg."

Dueck brought greetings on behalf of the town and congratulatory comments to all of the investors who were in attendance.

He thanked them for their support



Trevor Rempel

in the project and the community.

"The confidence that you have expressed and exhibited in this community is amazing," he said.

"Someone once said the best way to predict the future is to create it. And as town council, we believe that your confidence in the future growth of this community, your confidence in the business sense of this community is well founded and as investors you will be rewarded for this kind of investment in the community."

As the mayor of Arborg, he is thrilled at the kind of possibilities that this venue will open up for the community.

"Whether it is business, travel or seminars and training opportunities or family reunions, weddings or a birthday party in the pool in the water slide area, the opportunities are so far reaching and we're so excited of what this venue is going to provide for the community."

Steel Creek Developers is a family-owned development company that specializes in serving rural communities. Based in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the company has already built Blue Crescent Hotels in Carman and Rivers, and turned the sod in March for a 73-room hotel in Niverville. It also plans to build a new Tim



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Steel Creek Developers' Trevor Rempel welcomed guests to the sod-turning ceremony of Arborg's Blue Crescent Hotel project last Friday.

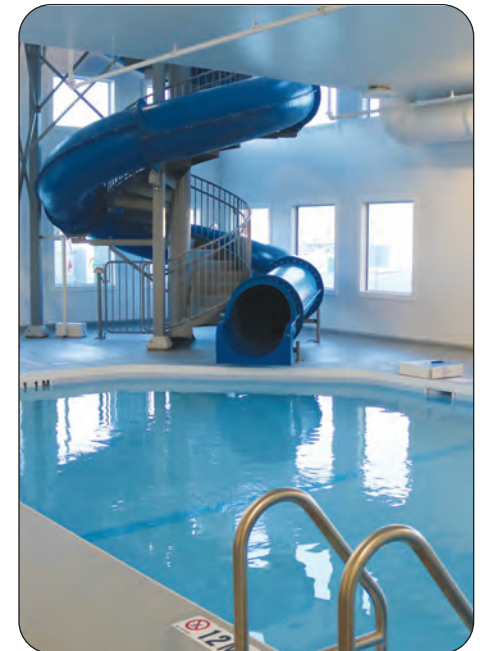
Hortons restaurant in Altona.

There will be eight different suite configurations with disability access. The suites have a special layout called a split-room design in which guests are divided by a central washroom with a bedroom placed on either side of it. That will be ideal for families as it will save them from having to pay for two rooms.

Construction is already underway on the site.

"We're doing the foundation work right now," said Rempel. "They've got the gravel and rock laid out and they're starting to build up the site, level it off and getting it ready for a concrete foundation. Hopefully, in the next few weeks they'll be doing the foundation work."

For more information about Steel Creek Developers and Blue Crescent Hotels, visit their respective websites: www.steelcreekdevelopers.ca and www.bluecrescent.ca



The hotel will be complete with a pool and waterslide.



Approximately 50 community members, special guests and investors attended the sod-turning ceremony on the hotel site in the Arborg Business Park.

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Icelandic Festival of Manitoba's past president earns tourism award

By Patricia Barrett

One of the volunteers with the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba (IFM) was honoured last week with a Manitoba Tourism award for her dedication to the festival, service excellence and introducing new events.

The festival's past president, Jenna Boholij, earned a Volunteer of the Year Award at Tourism Winnipeg and Travel Manitoba's first joint Tourism Awards celebration on Oct. 19.

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes service excellence and outstanding contributions to the tourism industry.

IFM president Marilyn Valgardson said Boholij deserved the award for her long-standing volunteer service, leadership and ingenuity.

"We're so thrilled that Jenna was

chosen for the award. She's so deserving of this recognition," said Valgardson. "She's been a volunteer with the festival since she was 16 years old and has brought new events to the festival."

Boholij joined the festival in 2001 as a parade marshal. She still volunteers on the festival board, overseeing social media, branding, communications and scholarships. She spearheaded events such as the Vingo Beverage Gardens, Get Dinged and the Magnus Classic Strong Man competition, which have boosted attendance and attracted new crowds, according to her biography on Travel Manitoba's website.

Valgardson said Boholij showed real leadership and ingenuity throughout the COVID-19 pandemic when public

health restrictions led to the cancellation of public events.

"She was our president during the pandemic and she conceptualized and encouraged us to go virtual with events that people could join online," said Valgardson. "She pulled that off with grace."

Barb Gluck and Gwen Harp of the Gimli Glider Museum were also nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Selkirk's Holiday Alley earned the Event of the Year Award. The Destination Brand Committee of the Gimli Chamber of Commerce had also been nominated for that award for its ice village on Lake Winnipeg.

For a complete list of nominees and award winners, visit www.travelmanitoba.com



EXPRESS PHOTO BY THORA PALSON
Jenna Boholij, past president of the IFM, earned a Volunteer of the Year Award at the Tourism Awards held Oct. 19.

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"The light streaming in through the high windows in the big central room, the linoleum on the front porch, the pine panelling, windows on all sides letting in light and air, the ancient electric range in the kitchen and the cozy little bedrooms," he said. "But, really, the front row windows looking out at the lake is most compelling."

Sher's uncle, Dr. Robert Hollenberg, said the cottage eventually came into the possession of his dad, Abe. And it was in 1945 that he first remembers being there. He loved the cottage and the memories he made with his family.

"I liked the main room the best, where [Jonathan's] grandma used to have her Thursday night soirees with all her women friends (the husbands were in Winnipeg) and listening to plays on the record player," said Hollenberg. "In late August when it started to get cold at night, dad would put a big lump of coal in the fireplace that would burn all night. Before we went to bed, mom would hang our PJs on the screen in front of the fire."

The front room was a screened porch when his dad first bought the cottage, and his [dad's] friend and fishing buddy, Bill Hamilton (a contractor), did the kitchen.

The kitchen has a quaint red and white checkerboard floor, red and white bench seating and white cupboard doors.

"The absolute best thing was the plumbing, which included digging the artesian well because it meant I didn't need to take the wagon and carry pails to the well down the block," said Hollenberg. "That was often my job. I must have been older than four or five for that."

Pretty much everything about the place stands out in his memory. He has favourite memories of being taught to swim, picking raspberries with his mom in the woods be-

side a farmer's field (possibly the Chudds'), eating corn on the cob that his mom grew in the garden, learning to ride a bicycle on the lawn, which was "tough," and driving his boat (a 13th birthday present).

"[I also had a] job at the Gimli Summer Club, which my mom and her friends started. They bought an old streetcar which was used as a clubhouse and for a storage facility. It sat by the beach about a half block north of the pier," said Hollenberg.

He said other members of the Hollenberg family built cottages in Loni Beach, but they were "much bigger and grander than ours."

Andy Blicq, chair of the Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, which advises council on heritage matters and promotes the heritage of the area, said the cottage was first built in about 1912 and is currently quite close to the original building.

"It's a significant building. The numbers of these cottages in Gimli gradually decline because people want to renovate them or they want a new building. It's always great to see somebody step up and say, 'I'd like to have this building's history preserved,'" said Blicq. "The committee is very grateful to Jonathan and his partner for taking this step. It's a neat place and a great example of the early cottages that were built when the railway came and Loni Beach and Gimli were opened up to tourism."

If any renovations do take place, they would be carried

out in accordance with a municipal bylaw and be "sympathetic" to the building's history so that it "remains visually intact," said Blicq.

At its Oct. 11 meeting, Gimli council passed first reading of a bylaw giving the Hollenberg cottage municipal heritage status.

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New appointments to MPI board announced

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has appointed a new board of directors for Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) in an effort to resume services and return financial accountability to the Crown corporation, Justice Minister Matt Wiebe, minister responsible for MPI, announced last week.

"We are acting quickly to appoint a proven team of leaders dedicated to setting a new direction and preserving our public auto insurance model," said Wiebe. "There is a clear need for oversight, accountability and a new relationship with employees, and I am confident that this board has the experience and ability to find that ground."

MPI's 1,700 employees have been on strike since Aug. 28 and an overhaul of the corporation's technology systems has nearly tripled in cost to nearly \$300 million, said the minister. The organization is also currently undergoing an external organizational review, noted Wiebe.

The new board of directors will be chaired by Carmen Nedohin, former chairperson of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission and a former Manitoba Hydro board member. Nedohin will be supported by several former MPI employees as well as labour and community leaders, and experts in asset management, information technology and actuarial science.

The board's top priority will be to resolve the current strike with an agreement that is both fair to employees and responsible to Manitoba rate-payers, noted Wiebe.

"I am excited to start working with

the board and want to thank all members for accepting this responsibility," said Wiebe. "This board will stay on top of operations and provide the oversight required to return MPI to its once great status as a leader in the field providing Manitobans with affordable insurance."

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Carmen Nedohin (chair) – Winnipeg chapter president, Canadian Association of Retired Persons; lay bencher, Law Society of Manitoba; former chairperson, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission; former Manitoba Hydro board member.

Gina McKay – president, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Manitoba; CUPE regional vice-president for Manitoba; executive vice-president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour; equity vice-president – 2SLGBTQI+, Canadian Labour Congress; proud queer and Métis labour leader.

Luke Johnston – vice-president and chief risk officer, Manitoba Blue Cross; former chief actuary and vice-president, product and risk management at MPI.

Candy Wong – portfolio manager, international strategies, environmental, social and governance (ESG) and risk management, Civil Service Superannuation Board of Manitoba.

Fran Frederickson – former school trustee; former board member, Mani-

toba Liquor and Lotteries; former insurance broker; former MPI employee specializing in instructional design.

Marilyn McLaren – former president and CEO, Manitoba Public Insurance; former board chair, United Way Winnipeg; former board chair, Harvest Manitoba.

JD Devgan – MLA for McPhillips; former director of government and community engagement, University of Manitoba; former vice-president, Sikh Society of Manitoba.

Diane Roussin (returning member) – dedicated community leader working to protect the rights of Indigenous families; proud member of Skownan First Nation.

Christian Dandeneau – co-founder and CEO of ID Fusion, an Indigenous-owned company; member of the federal external advisory committee on regulatory competitiveness; proud of his francophone Métis heritage.

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Paying tribute to Icelandic settlers who landed on Willow Island 148 years ago

By Patricia Barrett

Descendants of the first Icelanders to the Gimli area held their annual Walk to the Rock last Saturday to pay tribute to the settlers who arrived 148 years ago.

About 35 people set off from the New Iceland Heritage Museum at the Waterfront Centre, heading south along the breakwater then trekking through the sand along Lake Winnipeg, scaling rocks and making their way to the big white rock on Willow Island where the first wave of Icelandic immigrants pitched up on shore on Oct. 21, 1875.

The Colville steamboat, which was towing the Icelanders north on a barge, cut them loose during a fierce storm on the lake and forced them to make camp on the beach.

Glen Martin and his sister Sandra Kolomic make the pilgrimage to the rock every year to commemorate the

landing of their descendants on that fateful day and remember the hardships they faced. On a plaque attached to the white rock, their forebear is named as the first Icelander born in western Canada on Oct. 22, 1875.

"Jon Olafur Johannson is our great, great grandfather," said Martin. "Johannson was the first baby born here. Our mother was a big fan of coming on the walk."

Elder Ruth Christie spoke about her connection to Oct. 21, 1875, landing on Willow Island, as well as the assistance her great grandfather, John Ramsay, gave to the first Icelanders during their first Manitoba winter.

After acknowledging they were on Treaty 1 territory and the homeland of the Metis nation, Christie said her great, great grandfather was on the barge with the first wave of settlers.

"When the barges came here on Oct. 21 1875, my great, great grandfather, James Monkman, was with [the Icelanders]. The captain of the Colville cut the tow ropes and let them drift in. And that's where Jon Olafur Johannson was born that night and became the first son of New Iceland," said Christie. "When the scouts were coming to look for a reserve for the Icelandic people, my great grandfather, Joseph Monkman, helped them look for land where they could settle," said Christie. "My connection at Sandy Bar [east of Riverton] is with John Ramsay, who is my great grand-



father." Ramsay was instrumental in helping the first Icelanders survive a Manitoba winter, teaching them to fish and hunt and build shelters. The New Iceland Heritage Museum created an exhibit

to honour Ramsay.

Christie thanked the crowd for allowing her to speak at the rock. She feels confident sharing her personal history and is glad to further the spirit of truth and reconciliation as Indigenous people "come into the light," she said, becoming politicians, artists, musicians, lawyers, police officers, nurses and doctors.

"I LIKE TO CELEBRATE THOSE ORIGINAL SETTLERS WHO TOUGHED IT OUT IN OCTOBER AND MADE IT THROUGH TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY HERE."

Lynnette Sisterson and Johanne Kristjanson were among the walkers making the chilly, windswept six-kilometre walk to Willow Island.

"Since we moved back to Gimli almost 20 years ago, I have done almost all the walks," said Sisterson. Kristjanson said she walks every year to remember the Icelanders who experienced the harsh, unforgiving lake and the less-than-ideal conditions on the beach.

"I like to celebrate those original

settlers who toughed it out in October and made it through to develop a community here," said Kristjanson. Connie Magnusson, her mother and her aunt started the annual walk to the rock years ago to pay tribute to their descendants and thanked everyone for taking part in the memorial.

"I'm so happy we've continued with this tribute to our Icelandic forebears," said Magnusson. "And I'd like



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Glen Martin and his sister Sandra Kolomic are the great-great-grandchildren of Jon Olafur Johannson, who was born on Willow Island soon after his parents landed on Oct. 21, 1875.



Connie Magnusson, who started the annual walk with her family, laid two roses on the rock to commemorate the landing of the first Icelanders.



to lay roses on the rock in memory of those people." Descendants traditionally read a poem at the monument, and Magnusson's daughter, Marilyn Valgardson, read a poem called Willow Point.

After the ceremony, the walkers were treated to refreshments at the museum.

People paid tribute to their Icelandic forebears at the big white rock on Willow Island.



People paid tribute to their Icelandic forebears at the big white rock on Willow Island.

Stop off for fall migration



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TAMMY PAULSON

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Dazzling display of lights



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Manitobans were treated to yet another picture-worthy display of the northern lights last week, a sighting that has graced the prairie skies a few times over the last months. This photo of Lady Aurora over Lake Winnipeg was taken from Jackie Saurette's deck in Gimli on Aug. 21 at 1 a.m.

The auroras seen last week were owed to an eruption known as a coronal mass ejection that occurred Saturday on the sun.

Dazzling displays of the northern lights wowed skywatchers across parts of Canada and the United States, including Manitoba, after a powerful eruption from the sun supercharged the aurora borealis.

The northern lights, or aurora borealis, come from charged particles that spew from the sun during solar

storms. The colourful light displays are created when these clouds of energetic particles collide with Earth's magnetic field and interact with the atoms and molecules in the planet's upper atmosphere.

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Gimli residents in for a treat with upcoming workshops



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By Express staff

From opportunities for kids to burn energy through dance to lessons on clay throwing, the Gimli recreation program has set up a wide and exciting catalogue for this fall and winter.

One of the upcoming workshops is a pottery class, with a set of classes coming up Nov. 18 and Nov. 25 focused on bowl making. This workshop is accessible to newcomers and does not deal with a potter's wheel, simply hand-thrown clay. The classes are scheduled a week apart to allow for the pieces to dry and fire in a kiln, then to be glazed after and fired a final time.

To showcase a bit more of the brilliance brought to the workshop section of the programs offered, there is a moccasin workshop taught by Fran Pinchbeck of Back Country Muks & Such, a family business run out of Winnipeg that sells handmade mukluks and moccasins, with its last session Nov. 5.

If someone misses the workshop but is interested in learning about the making of moccasins, Back Country Muks & Such sells customizable kits for making your own.

The recreational program also offers plenty of fitness classes for a broad range of age and experience groups, keeping everyone active during the cold prairie months in fun and accessible ways.

Starting with opportunities for kids, there are numerous options: youth boxing to help improve hand-eye coordination, cardiovascular health and self-confidence; jazz dance for younger children who want to move to music; and acrobatics focusing on flexibility and strength for those interested in mat-based gymnastics.

Programs for adults who want to make themselves space to relax while getting exercise include yoga and tai chi, and mom and baby yagalates, which combines Pilates and yoga for postnatal mothers and their babies. For those who want a little more movement, there is regular Pilates for strengthening muscles; pickleball, a paddle sport that combines elements of other popular racquet sports; and Zumba gold, a lower-intensity variant of Zumba for older adults to enjoy. Also offered is karate, a Japanese martial art teaching discipline, self-defence and self-confidence — open to all ages.

Starting in January, kids popstar dance will be offered to children aged eight to 13 years old; popstar is a genre of dance involving lip syncing to music while doing a choreographed dance.



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Pottery from a past workshop, in which participants expressed themselves creatively using clay.

Some other activities offered to look forward to this winter include stick-and-puck and open skate at the Gimli Rec Centre Arena, both for only a toonie per person on Wednesdays and Fridays, save for holidays.

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For more information and specific dates for these programs, inquiries and to register, the Rural Municipality of Gimli website has all the information you need under the recreation page.

The Gimli Rec Facebook page also has information available. The office is open Monday to Friday and can be reached by calling 204-642-6670. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye open for updates, as new programs and events are always being added and brought forth to serve the community.



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letter to the editor

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In response to Patricia Barrett's "Arnes was living in a sewer as algal bloom moved in" - Oct. 12 *Express Weekly News*.

A member of Gimli council finally weighed in on the disgusting condition of our lake because the algal bloom moved into his own back yard.

Whatever the motivation, I wish council cared enough to act.

Ironically, the bloom moved in on Sept. 23. That same day, there was a public forum at the Gimli Rec Centre hosted by the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg and the Silver Harbour Environmental Committee. Federal MP Bezan attended

along with one Winnipeg Beach councillor and one MLA candidate.

Not one member of Gimli's elected representatives deigned to attend.

Sad, because there's a lot they could do.

Natural growth that lines our lakefront and covers undeveloped areas throughout our municipality acts to stabilize the ground, prevents erosion and forms a massive natural filter system, reducing dangerous run-off.

We need to protect that greenscape. Affording that protection is the responsibility of our municipal government.

The municipality owns miles of lakefront and undeveloped areas in public reserves and RM land. Yet the RM has no protective measures in place for these areas. With nature being threatened by residential and cottage development and climate change, among many factors, we need to act to protect what we have left.

Our lakefront has been destroyed to line the pockets of unscrupulous developers who make big bucks selling "unobstructed lakefront" at our lakes' expense. Lets see how valuable "unobstructed slimy sewer view" turns out to be.

Gimli needs a tree protection bylaw. We have nothing in place to prevent destruction of our forested areas. Sadly, Lake Forest residents have found that out and are still fighting a three-year battle to save our public reserve.

Municipalities everywhere have recognized the need and adopted strategies to protect their green spaces. We submitted to council the Tree Protection Bylaw from Cold Lake, Alta., as an example of a positive action. Our council dismissed it with a curt "thank you for your suggestion."

The federal government has a "Two Billion Trees" initiative designed to assist local governments and interest groups in reforestation. Gimli council has shown no interest in benefitting from this or other programs, even with assistance from residents.

It's time for Gimli council to pull on their big-boy pants and claw back control of our lakefront and public lands. Replant, reforest, regenerate.

No, tree protection won't solve the big issues like untreated sewage from Winnipeg but it's a step in the right direction and it's something we can all be a part of.

It empowers all of us to make a difference.

It's time for councils in the area to take ownership and protect what's theirs, to make a stand and lay down laws and penalties for destruction of our habitat. Coun. Damm blames the province, saying "the province can't put laws in to protect this lake and enforce them." I feel the same should be said of our municipal governments. It's easy to point fingers.

Start laying blame closer to home. Don't expect others to solve your problems when you can't be bothered.

Take the initiative and prove that you're invested in making a difference.

And, just maybe, higher levels of government will work better with a local government that commands some respect.

Sincerely,
Sandra Irwin
Lake Forest

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Operation Red Nose Gimli looking for volunteers

By David Connors

If there is a chance you might enjoy a little too much Christmas cheer this holiday season, don't lose this phone number: 204-642-9000.

That's the number for Operation Red Nose Gimli, where the No. 1 job for volunteers is to get you and your car home safely.

This is the first year the free-ride service has been offered in Gimli since COVID-19 derailed the program in 2020 — and because the Rotary Club of Gimli is taking over the operations from the Gimli Car Club, there is some serious rebuilding to do.

"We need volunteers," said Rotary Club member Dave LeBlanc, who is co-ordinating the service along with fellow member Dwayne Binns.

Every Friday and Saturday night in December, plus New Year's Eve, the club needs at least three mobile teams on the road, plus two volunteers working the phones and dispatching.

Nov. 25 has also been added this year because that is the night our local volunteer firefighters have their Christmas party and they requested the service be available to them too.

When a person calls the Operation Red Nose hotline, a driver and navigator are dispatched to take the caller home in their own vehicle while a third member of the team follows in one of three cars donated by the Gimli auto dealers. Once the client is safely inside, the team heads off in the pursuit vehicle to the next pick-up.

"It's a great volunteer opportunity," said LeBlanc. "Most people say it is gratifying to realize how many people we get off the road; people who started off with good intentions but got carried away by holiday cheer."

There's also some laughter along the way, said LeBlanc.

"One fellow got into a car and we drove him home. When we got there, he said, 'this is not my car.' I asked



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The Gimli Rotarians have taken over Operation Red Nose and are looking for volunteers for this season.

him why he got into it, and he said, 'well, it was running.' So it was back to the bar to fetch his actual vehicle."

The Gimli Car Club's Judy Kushnir, who ran the project for the past five years, said, "One volunteer doing it for the first time told me it was the most fun he'd had in a long time."

She said several car club members plan to return as volunteers for one or two nights of the upcoming campaign.

Each team can expect to do three to five runs on a typical night. While the service is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

"It's not about the funds; it's about getting people home safely. The funding is a side benefit," said Jim Sexton, who started Operation Red Nose as a project of the Gimli Car Club in 2005 and ran it for 10 years before handing the reins to Kushnir.

Most clients want to give something, Sexton said.

"For the age 18-21 crowd, it's mostly pocket change, since if they had enough for another beer, they would have bought it."

Others may give \$5, \$10, \$20. But the main support for the program comes from local businesses.

"Sixty to 75 per cent them have supported us in some way," Sexton says.

This support takes many forms, from the cars donated by Gimli Ford, Chudds Chrysler and Shoreside GM to an operations room provided by Lakeview Resort to snacks and hot cocoa provided by local grocery stores to cash donations.

All of this "side benefit" resulted in \$97,500 raised to support youth programs during the Gimli Car Club's 15 campaigns.

The area covered by Operation Red Nose Gimli runs west to Fraserwood, north to Silver Harbour and south to Matlock.

If you would like to volunteer, call Dwayne Binns at

204-299-7793 or Dave LeBlanc at 204-641-4049.

There is also an informational meeting Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Gimli Resort.



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wondering why this is happening to them," Funk said.

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faith of their choosing, if desired, and support them during their health-care journey."

Peter Dyck has served in spiritual care for the past two decades. After he retired from a 32-year teaching career, he went back to university and graduated with a master's degree in divinity. He completed three units of clinical pastoral education at Victoria Hospital, St. Boniface Hospital and Health Sciences Centre.

"It grabbed me, changed my life and I had a new zeal as to what this was all about," said Dyck, a Selkirk resident.

For 17 years, he volunteered to coordinate the Mennonite Spiritual Care service, and now he's helping others as a spiritual care volunteer for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Over the years, Dyck has made thousands of spiritual care visits. Although the pandemic paused these visits, he is pleased to be back at it again.

"My enjoyment in visitation comes in hearing the unique stories of people's lives and how they find meaning and purpose in life," Dyck said.

"Misfortune and illness usually forces people to re-evaluate these aspects and their beliefs. In a spiritual visit, I try to help people reconnect with their faith and hope."

For Dyck, it's rewarding to help others get in touch with their spiritual side.

"I like to meet people and to hear their stories and learn what makes life interesting for them," he said. "When I visit somebody, I go there with the intention of trying to get them closer to their own spirit."

Russell Skalesky, who lives in Selkirk, was grateful to receive a spiritual care visit from Peter while he was recovering from a medical situation.

"It's a benefit when somebody visits you. You feel like somebody cares," said Skalesky, a retired steelworker and volunteer firefighter.

"When you talk to somebody when you're going through a stressful period, it always helps."

To learn more about spiritual care volunteer education and opportunities, contact Ferdinand Funk at ffunk@ierha.ca or 204-461-3414.

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Get your skates on – Winnipeg Beach rec centre programs start this weekend

By Patricia Barrett

The Winnipeg Beach Recreation Centre has a number of skating programs on offer this fall and some tips for parents to help them get their kids enrolled in sports.

Recreation manager Charissa Mel-

nick said the Family Skate program starts this weekend. It's scheduled on Saturday (4-6 p.m.) and Sunday (1-3 p.m.).

"Parents and their kids can enjoy two hours of skating at the recreation centre," she said.

The Sticks & Pucks program also starts this Saturday (2-4 p.m.) and Sunday (3-5 p.m.), allowing kids and adults of all ages to get into some hockey practice.

"They have to bring their own sticks and pucks," said Melnick.

Power Skating will be held on Tuesdays and the Learn to Skate with parents and children and beginners will be held on Thursdays.

Scheduling for the Open Ice program is to be announced, said Melnick. She's hoping to run the program after school so that kids can get "energized or burn off some extra energy for an hour or so after school." The program is also open to anyone wanting some unstructured ice time.

The Kids' Hockey program will be starting the first week of November and registration is now open.

Melnick said there are two external funding programs that parents may be unaware of that could help them get their kids enrolled in recreational activities.

"Parents can apply for funding through the Jumpstart program and through the KidsSport programs to get their kids active," she said.

The Jumpstart program is a Canadian Tire assistance program that provides funding for low-income fami-

lies with children between the ages of 4 and 18 in programs that run for a minimum of five weeks. The KidsSport program is offered by Sport Manitoba and its funding partners. It provides annual scholarships to support young athletes. Applications are open for the following year.

The recreation centre's popular pickleball program is currently postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, but Melnick said people should stay tuned for updates, which will be posted on the website and Facebook.

People can view the calendar on the Town of Winnipeg Beach's website for a full list of programs, dates and current times.

For more information about skating and other recreation programs, call recreation manager Charissa Melnick at 204-389-5126.

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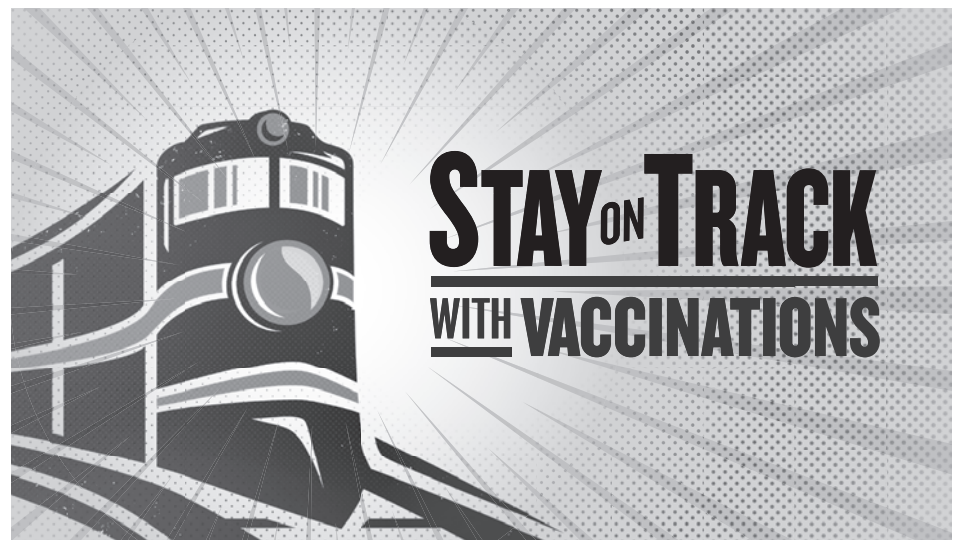
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The Ashern Central School Cobras won their five-team home tournament last Saturday after defeating the St. Joachim Braves 2-0 (25-20, 25-21) in the final. Pictured, back row: coach Daymon Einarsson, Jade Kutzner, Dani Vanderveen and Heavenie Gabriel. Middle row: Madelaine Johnson, Fiona Stark, Julia Plohman and Serenity Einarsson. Front row: Maryjane Sumner, Sienna Sinclair, Grace Sinclair and coach Braden McInnes.

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U18 AAA male Lightning post 1-2 record last weekend

Staff

The U18 AAA Interlake male Lightning lost 6-4 to the Southwest Cougars on Sunday afternoon.

Interlake goals were scored by Blake Farthing (two), Mason Munday and Drew Russell.

Sebastian Stone (two), Ryder Heaphy, Kelby Diehl, Jack Clark and Bryan Lang answered with goals for the Cougars.

On Saturday evening, Interlake was defeated 5-3 by Southwest.

Cole Swanson led the Lightning with a goal and an assist while Jake Keryluk and Ryder Kirk also tallied.

Southwest, which led 3-1 after the first period and 4-2 after two frames, received goals from Drew Shiels, Stone, Nate Robson, Clark and Jackson Hofer.

Last Friday, the Lightning edged the Eastman Selects 3-2 in Teulon.

Farthing and Keryluk scored first-period goals for Interlake and then Russell tallied in the second.

Luc De Gagne scored both Eastman goals.

Alex Myers made 39 saves for the win.

Interlake, now 5-4 and tied for fifth place in the 12-team league with East-



Interlake's Kyler Zulyniuk defends against Eastman's Grayson Slaney.

man, will host the Winnipeg Bruins on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and then the two teams will hook up again the following day at the Southdale Community Centre. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

In Manitoba Female Hockey League U18 AAA action, the Interlake Lightning were shut out 5-0 by the Westman Wildcats on Sunday in Stone-wall.

Westman goals were scored by Paige Crossley (two), Reese Schutte (two)



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TANYA SWANSON

The Interlake Lightning's Tytan Johnson looks to clear the puck from goaltender Alex Myers' zone. The Lightning played Eastman Friday night in Teulon.

and Ivy Perkin.

On Saturday, Westman defeated Interlake 4-3 in overtime.

Brooke Cyr, Emily Gagne, and Claire Hudson scored for the Lightning.

Wildcats' goals were tallied by

Crossley, Hallie Franklin, Callie Hilhorst and Kelsey Huibers.

Interlake will play the Balmoral Hall Blazers this Sunday (2:45 p.m.) at the Hockey For All Centre.

Falcons, Ice Dawgs lose CRJHL games

Staff

The Lundar Falcons lost 2-1 to the St. Malo Warriors in Capital Region Junior Hockey League play on Saturday evening.

Adam Little scored for St. Malo in the first period and then Jeremie Collette (power play) tallied in the middle frame.

Lundar's Ryan Benson, with the man advantage, closed out the scoring in the third.

Lundar will host St. Malo again this Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Arborg Ice Dawgs, meanwhile, suffered a 9-3 home loss to the Selkirk Fishermen on Friday. The Fishermen came out flying, building period leads of 3-0 and 7-2.

Kasen Andrushko had a fantastic game for Selkirk with three goals and two assists.

Logan Saluk, Gage O'Neill, Matt Wagner, Theo Courchene, Carter Courchene and Anthony Bruyere also scored for the Fishermen.

Raymond Hefferman and Matt Brooks each had three assists in the



The Arborg Ice Dawgs' Michael Crave scored twice in his team's 9-3 home loss to the Selkirk Fishermen last Friday.

game.

Arborg goals were scored by Michael Crave (two) and Mark Hamrlik.

Selkirk's power play was on fire, finishing 5-for-10 while Arborg was 2-for-4.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RAYME THOMSON

Arborg Ice Dawgs' forward Michael Crave has a great scoring opportunity against the Selkirk Fishermen.

The Fishermen outshot the Ice Dawgs 45-28 as Marcus Sharpe earned the win.

Arborg will play at Selkirk this Sunday for a 3 p.m. game.

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Municipal RCMP Detachment Clerk Rural Municipality of Gimli

The Rural Municipality of Gimli is accepting applications for the position of Municipal RCMP Detachment Clerk. This position is with the Gimli Detachment, under the general supervision of the Staff Sergeant or his designate. The work is being performed in a police detachment environment. This may result in occasional exposure to intoxicated, mentally unstable, hostile and potentially violent individuals as well as victims of crime or other distraught individuals. The work is performed in an open office environment. It involves tight deadlines, time pressures, frequent interruptions, conflicting priorities and multiple demands from staff, callers and visitors.

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (40 hour work week). Occasional weekend and/or evening work may be required as needed in unusual circumstances.

Requirements:

- Successful completion of secondary school (Grade 12) and/or an acceptable combination of education, training, or experience relevant to the position.
- Must be able to obtain RCMP security clearance.
- The ability to remain calm during and cope with stressful situations in a high-pressure environment.
- As a Municipal Employee working within the RCMP, you must:
 - o Be a Canadian citizen.
 - o Be of good character: you must possess integrity, honesty, professionalism, compassion, respect and accountability, which will be assessed through the interview process.

Information you must provide:

- Your resume
- You must meet all essential qualifications in order to be appointed to the position. Other qualifications may be a deciding factor in choosing the person to be appointed. Some essential and other qualifications will be assessed through your application. It is your responsibility to provide appropriate examples that illustrate how you meet each qualification. Failing to do so could result in your application being rejected.

In order to be considered, your application must clearly explain how you meet the following (essential qualifications):

- Experience in performing clerical duties.
- Experience in providing assistance to the public.
- Experience using word processing programs.

If you possess any of the following, your application must also clearly explain how you meet it (other qualifications):

- Experience in the use of Police Reporting Occurrence System (PROS)
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Other information:

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The successful applicant will have to obtain, as a minimum, an RCMP Reliability Status. The candidate must not have a Criminal Record. The process also requires a Security/Reliability Interview, a field investigation in matters of credit/finances, education, employment, references, etc.

Interested persons must meet the essential qualifications to be appointed to the position, in a manner determined by the Selection Board. A person may be appointed to the position even though he/she does not meet any or all of the asset qualifications, operational requirement or organization needs. However, meeting these criteria is desirable and may be a deciding factor in choosing the person to be appointed. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

All communication relating to this process, including e-mail correspondence may be used in the assessment of qualifications.

Please note: Where an e-mail address is provided, the Selection Board may choose to communicate with candidates by e-mail to provide/request information and to invite candidates to attend any portion of the assessment. Please include a valid e-mail address that you check frequently, if you have one.

Please forward applications to the attention of:

Staff Sergeant Robert Gray
Gimli RCMP Detachment
PO Box 1500, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Email: RCMP.DGimliDet-DDetGimli.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on November 14th, 2023.

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **22nd** day of **November, 2023**, at the hour of **2:00 PM**, at Rural Municipality of Armstrong, Lot #55 - Highway #17, Inwood, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

| Roll Number | Description | Assessed Value | Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|--|
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- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Rural Municipality of Armstrong as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$498.75 (\$475 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2023.

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OBITUARY



Mildred "Pearl" Homick (nee Haines)
February 1, 1928 – October 9, 2023

On Monday, October 9, 2023 with her family by her side, our beautiful Mother, Granny, Great-Granny, Aunty and Sister, passed away peacefully at Health Science Centre in Winnipeg, at the age of 95.

She leaves to mourn, her son Douglas (Lorraine), daughter Norma (Douglas), son-in-law Bill, grandchildren Trevor (Keri), Amber (Rich), great-grandchildren Deanna, Hayden, and Desmond, brother-in-law Hank and Walter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Peter (1993), daughter Diana (1995), her parents Sidney and Mildred Haines, sisters Annie, Violet, and Margaret, brothers Norman and George, and her grandson Tyson (2023) who passed away on the same day as her.

Pearl was born and raised in Miami, Manitoba. This is where she met and married Peter on October 14, 1950. Their early years of marriage were spent moving to many rural communities with CN, until they moved to Fisher Branch. Here they worked and lived for over 62 years. Mom worked for 18 years at the Interlake Motor Hotel restaurant. She was a member of the Fisher Branch Women's Institute for over 58 years, Seniors Resources, Fisher Branch Community Centre and she was a member of the Songbirds. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening and canning, volunteering with local groups making pierogis, and baking for fundraisers. Her life was a testament to resilience, kindness, and unwavering love. She touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. With a warm smile and a generous spirit, she brought joy to every room she entered. Her legacy of compassion, strength, and grace will forever remain in our hearts. Pearl's life was a gift, and her memory will be cherished by all who knew her.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Parish, 59 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fisher Branch Women's Institute Box 25, Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0.

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Announcements



OBITUARY



Walter Scott

January 3, 1939 – October 14, 2023
Walter Watt Scott passed peacefully at the Betel Home in Gimli, MB at the age of 84.

He was predeceased by his son Callum and his daughter-in-law Dorothy and lovingly remembered by his wife of nearly 64 years Mary, sons Alan (Leigh Ann), Glenn (Linda), daughter-in-law Lorna, grandchildren Jamie, Vanessa, Alana, Alexandria, Gavin and Cullen along with seven great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Walter was born in Fraserburgh, Scotland and immigrated to Canada with Mary and their boys in 1968, stopping briefly in Saskatchewan before landing in Brandon. Walter was a millwright by trade and worked at Simplot for 11 years, and finished his working career with Manitoba Hydro retiring in 1997 as the Mechanical Supervisor.

While in Brandon, Walter was actively involved in the Senior Soccer League that he and close friend Sandy Sanderson created. Walter was a Shriner, and played the drums in the pipe band. He was actively involved in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star attending numerous events in Canada and the US.

After retiring, Walter and Mary moved to Lester Beach where Walter worked part time with his son Alan at Grand Pines Golf Course. Walter golfed, curled, enjoyed happy hour at the Birchwood regularly and remained active in the lodge and Eastern Star. The diagnosis and progression of his Parkinson's caused the move after 13 years to Selkirk where they spent three years before moving to Gimli.

Walter remained active and participated in the men's league at Links at the Lake until he was no longer able to play. Walter entered the Betel Home in Gimli in September of 2019. The staff at Betel treated Walter with extreme compassion and care until his passing, which the family is very grateful for. The family would also like to thank all the home care workers, doctors, nurses, health care aides, and staff at Johnson Memorial Hospital that cared for Walter over the years.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Parkinson's Canada-Manitoba, CancerCare Manitoba, or any other charity of your choice.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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Please submit resume with references to:

Arborg Christian Fellowship Church
Pastor Search Committee
P.O. Box 676, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **WILLIAM HARRY LAZAROWICH**, late of the Postal District of Mulvihill, Manitoba, Retired, Deceased. All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at his office at 11 Main Street, P.O. Box 200, Ashern, Manitoba, ROC OED, on or before the 26th day of November 2023.

DATED at Ashern, Manitoba, this 17th day of October, 2023.

PAUL D. GEISLER J.D.
DUNCAN E. GEISLER LAW OFFICE
Solicitor for the Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL JEANETTE CARON, late of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 109-94 1st Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba, ROC 1B1, on or before the 30th day of November, 2023.

Dated at the R.M. of Gimli, in the Manitoba of Manitoba, this 18th day of October, 2023.

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ATTENTION: NICOLE CHAPNICK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHANN MAGNUS GUTTORMSON, late of the R.M. of Gimli, Manitoba.

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