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Disabled actors shine in basketball comedy 'Champions'

By Brooke Lefferts, The Associated Press

The new comedy *Champions* stars Woody Harrelson and Kaitlin Olson, but the veteran actors have tough competition for the spotlight with some charismatic newcomers.

Harrelson plays a college basketball coach with a bad temper who's facing jail time or community service for some bad behaviour. To avoid punishment, he finds himself coaching a basketball team of young adults with intellectual disabilities, who help him rediscover the joy of the game.

Harrelson's agent and another producer wanted to remake the original film, called *Campeones* — Spain's biggest box-office hit in 2018 — and thought the actor and basketball lover would be a great fit. Harrelson loved the story and signed on as star and executive producer, and tapped his longtime friend Bobby Farrelly to direct.

Casting was challenging as the producers wanted the athletes played by disabled actors, who also needed basketball skills. They auditioned hundreds of people before finding the 10 standout personalities who make up the Friends basketball team.

Harrelson says he wasn't sure what to expect on the first day of shooting. "Once I came in and met everybody

and we started at it, I was like, 'Oh, this is going to be so much fun!' And it really was," Harrelson told the Associated Press. "They taught me that they can nail the lines, no problem. But also they just taught me, just the great fluidity of being who they are."

The 10 actors have different intellectual challenges but many found their comedy chops on screen.

"Everybody brought something so unique and different to it," Olson said. "And parts of their actual personalities shone through, which is probably why they ... got the role in the first place. There was a lot... of wonderful acting, but there's also a lot of wonderful just being themselves, and it gave us an opportunity to just play off of that."

The film was a chance for Harrelson to collaborate again with Farrelly after making the bowling comedy *Kingpin* in 1996. The director said he thinks audiences are more open to disabled actors on screen and seeing their stories. He recalled making the 2005 movie *The Ringer* with his brother, Pete Farrelly, where Johnny Knoxville infiltrated the Special Olympics. Farrelly said they cast nondisabled actors in disabled roles back then.

"We would never do that nowadays so the world has changed in that re-



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This image released by Focus Features shows, from left, Kevin Iannucci, Kaitlin Olson, James Day Keith, Madison Tevlin, Cheech Marin and Woody Harrelson in a scene from *Champions*.

gard," Farrelly said. "We played that a lot broader. It was... much more of a kind of a goofy comedy. This one here, it's set in reality. These are all very real people. Before, we didn't think anything of it. It was just what people were doing. Dustin Hoffman played *Rain Man*, you know? But nowadays I think we've come to realize that disabled actors have a hard time getting roles ... so the parts that that they do have in the Hollywood world, it should go to them."

Some of the actors playing the Friends team members attended the film's New York premiere last week and for many it was their first time on a red carpet. James Day Keith, a Special Olympian for basketball, who

plays Benny in the film said he likes setting a positive example for other disabled actors. "I do see myself as a role model because seeing what I did will probably make them want to do it themselves because there's no limit to success," Keith said.

Casey Metcalfe, who plays Marlon, said he hopes disabled actors have a place in Hollywood going forward. "The more people we have in this industry who are diverse, like myself ... not just racially diverse ... but you're neurodiverse. I think that's exactly, you know, what the industry needs," Metcalfe said.

Some of the actors, like Madison Te-

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Arborg Collegiate students' Truth and Reconciliation artworks on display

By Patricia Barrett

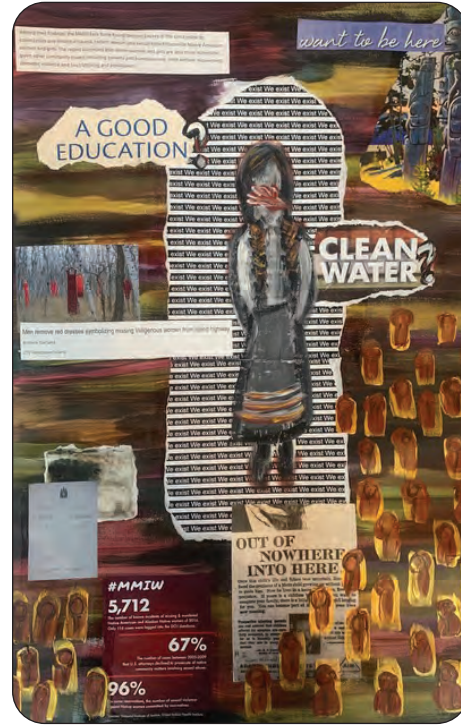
Indigenous-themed artwork created by grades 11 and 12 art students at Arborg Collegiate is being showcased at the New Iceland Heritage Museum (NIHM) in Gimli until the end of this month.

To recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation last fall, students in art teacher Rachel Orbanski's Grade 11 and 12 visual arts class were asked to create images that reflected the importance of truth and reconciliation. Some of the powerful images depict abuses suffered by Indigenous people at Canada's residential schools while others underscore ongoing violence against Indigenous women and girls. The artwork was put on display in Arborg last year.

Orbanski said she took the student artists to the NIHM last Tuesday for an opening celebration.



Adriana Gislason depicts an Indigenous child having her hair cut off at residential school.



Nevaeh Munroe depicts a number of major challenges faced by Indigenous peoples, including a lack of clean water on reserves, access to education and missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

play. "Artists should have a place to show their work, and the NIHM wanted



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Maya Friesen created a watercolour titled Children of Elkhorn, naming some of the children who died while attending the school. The Elkhorn Indian Residential School, northwest of Virden in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, opened in 1888 and closed in 1949. The building was demolished in 1951. A nearby cemetery contains burials of those who died while at the school.

to support the kids and the projects they're working on," said Roberts.

The New Iceland Heritage Museum is located on the ground floor of the Waterfront Centre at 94 First Ave. in Gimli. For more information, call the NIHM at 204-642-4001.

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NIHM executive director Julianna Roberts said the museum saw over 250 visitors on the weekend of the Gimli Ice Festival, which gave the students' work lots of exposure. There are 20 artworks on display.

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Conservatives loosen purse strings in election-year budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget was touted last week as delivering both historic help for Manitobans and record levels of funding for services.

It delivers \$1.8 billion in affordability and tax measures while bolstering vital programs and services with a record-setting investment of \$2 billion, said Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen.

"I think this is a significant and very bold step in the right direction. ... In fact, this is historic in our province. We have never before seen the kinds of tax relief that we have in this budget," said Stefanson. "We are getting back to our roots as progressive conservatives — progressive on social issues and conservative on fiscal issues."

"This budget is about doing everything possible for Manitobans at a time when they need it most," said Cullen.

He went on to stress that the spending increases were not coming at the expense of fiscal responsibility.

"I wouldn't say it's out the window at all. I think the focus initially when we came into office was on the bottom line," he said. "We're in a pretty good place economically from our recovery ... that allows us additional money to make additional investments."

"It's really finding a balance. We only have so much money to deal with."

The budget projects a \$363-million

deficit, which would be down \$15 million from the current 2022-23 forecast of \$378 million.

It will leave more than \$5,500 in the pockets of the average family by 2024 while delivering across-the-board funding increases in all 19 government departments, officials say.

The budget includes the largest personal income tax reduction in Manitoba history. Changes to the provincial basic personal amount will ensure Manitobans do not pay tax on the first \$15,000 they earn in 2023.

This measure alone will save the average two-income family over \$1,000 and will remove 47,400 low-income Manitobans from the tax rolls, the government says.

At the same time, the government says its redoubling efforts to help heal the health-care system with an investment of \$7.9 billion. It is an increase of \$668 million to help shorten wait times and rebuild the front lines. The budget also initiates a \$1.2-billion multi-year capital campaign that will add capacity to nine health care facilities.

"Budget 2023 is making significant investments to heal health care in our province to help people get the care they need, when and where it's needed," Cullen stressed. "We're making foundational investments to reduce diagnostic and surgical backlogs, hire more health professionals and support health infrastructure needs, but we're also expanding coverage for



SCREENSHOT

Premier Heather Stefanson and Finance Minister Cliff Cullen unveiled the Conservative government's 2023 budget last week in Winnipeg.

diabetes insulin pumps and glucose monitors and creating a new hearing aid program for Manitobans."

The budget provides funding of more than \$100 million to address the challenges of violent crime and homelessness and \$1.7 billion for public schools.

The Manitoba government says it is also well on its way to creating 23,000 affordable child-care spaces and will invest \$76 million this year to introduce affordable child care three years ahead of plans in other provinces.

The budget will also provide more help for Manitobans with disabilities, as funding increases there to \$640 million. Municipal operating funding is also increasing \$47 million to a total of \$217 million.

The financial plan will also invest \$65 million more into post-secondary institutions and cap university tuition

increases at 2.75 per cent, and it assists small business growth and supports the creation of new made-in-Manitoba jobs by increasing investments in loans and guarantees by \$27 million to spur private-sector investment. It also includes \$15 million for the community economic development fund and \$20 million to support economic development.

"Our message to investors is simple: Come grow in Manitoba," Cullen said. "We are investing more than \$2.5 billion in trade-enabling highway infrastructure over the next five years and making investments to spur economic development opportunities and generate well-paying jobs."

"Combined, the opportunities that lie ahead will support vital services, strengthen the government's fiscal position and provide historic help for Manitobans."

Critics slam Tory budget as too little, too late

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial budget introduced last week delivered a range of measures touted by the government as historic, but the tax relief and investments, though welcomed, also had critics suggesting the government didn't go far enough in providing more relief after years of falling short.

"I recognize where they're coming from; we recognize, sure, there's more to do, but I think that today this is a historic day in giving and providing much needed relief to Manitobans," Premier Heather Stefanson emphasized after unveiling the budget.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation supported the much-touted income tax cut but was calling on the government to speed up its timeline and immediately provide more full relief.

"Today's tax relief is good news and

will let Manitobans keep more of their money when it's needed the most," said prairie director Gage Haubrich. "But families are struggling to afford groceries today, so why is the government waiting until after the election to provide the full tax cut?"

"The government needs to balance the budget and stop throwing more debt on the backs of future Manitobans."

Dougald Lamont and the Manitoba Liberals observed that the PCs were trying to buy back trust from Manitobans with a big promise budget that will not make up for their seven years of cuts and freezes to health care, education, municipalities and people in need.

"The PCs seem to think they can foul up as badly as they want, and it doesn't matter because they'll just

buy their way out of trouble," Lamont said. "Even where the budget makes big promises, how can you trust the PCs to fix health, education or infrastructure when they just spent seven years trashing these sectors?"

"Manitoba needs a plan to rebuild and recover after a pandemic and decades of neglect by both the PCs and NDP. This is more of the same that we've heard for decades, and it hasn't worked," he added. "If we're really going to tap into Manitoba's potential, we need to invest in our own people, our own businesses, our own public services and in environmental renewal for the long-term."

An increase in funding for universities is a step in the right direction, but it fails to repair the damage inflicted on the post-secondary education sector since 2016, suggested the Mani-

toba Organization of Faculty Associations.

"After seven years of cuts, this has left Manitoba's universities struggling to recruit and retain faculty, support student success and invest in the future of our province. One year of good news will not fix seven years of bad choices," said vice-president Allison McCulloch. "Public funding for higher education has been cut by nearly a quarter in real dollars, shifting the burden on to the backs of students."

Manitoba's largest union was also not convinced the budget is anything more than an attempt to bury the harm the Conservatives have caused to public services.

"After two terms of active attacks on

MPs take pay raise same day they take more from taxpayers

By Franco Terrazzano

In less than a month, members of Parliament will take more money out of your wallet and stuff more into their own.

On April 1, the federal government is increasing carbon and alcohol taxes while MPs take their fourth pay raise since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's pay raise will range from an extra \$5,100 for a backbench MP to an extra \$10,200 for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, based on contract data published by the government of Canada.

A backbencher currently collects a \$189,500 salary. Ministers take home \$279,900. Trudeau gets \$379,000 from taxpayers. Do they really think they should take thousands more from their constituents, many of whom are struggling to fill the fridge?

But this year's changes alone downplay the pay raises politicians took during the pandemic.

As of April 1, MPs will receive an annual salary \$15,700 higher than they did pre-pandemic, while the

prime minister will take home an extra \$31,400.

Politicians don't deserve pay raises when they make life unaffordable with higher taxes.

The federal carbon tax will be cranked up to 14 cents per litre of gas and 12 cents per cubic metre of natural gas on April 1.

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with its carbon tax and rebates. The government expects you to believe it can raise taxes, skim some off the top to pay for hundreds of new bureaucrats and still make you better off.

The parliamentary budget officer's math shows Canadians shouldn't swallow that spin.

The carbon tax will cost the average family between \$402 and \$847 this year even after the rebates, according to the PBO. And this will be the fourth time Trudeau has increased his carbon tax since COVID-19 touched down.

While Ottawa sticks Canadians with higher bills, other countries have provided relief. The Canadian Taxpayers

Federation identified 51 national governments that cut taxes during the pandemic and as inflation took off. That includes more than half of G7 and G20 countries and two-thirds of the countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Many of our peers were also offering relief at the pumps.

Australia cut its gas tax in half. India cut its gas tax to "keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes." The United Kingdom announced billions in fuel tax relief. South Korea cut its gas tax by 30 per cent. Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Peru, Poland, 25 Indian states and union territories, Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Jersey and Florida also cut gas taxes.

You could be forgiven if all this drives you to drink. But Trudeau will also be reaching further into your wallet every time you pick up a case of Keith's, a bottle of Pinot or a mickey of rum.

Canadians already pay about half

of the price of beer, 65 per cent of the price of wine and three quarters of the price of spirits in taxes. And in April, the federal excise tax will be going up by another 6.3 per cent.

First passed in the 2017 budget, the federal escalator tax automatically increases excise taxes on alcohol with the rate of inflation each April. This undemocratic tax hike allows MPs to take more money from your wallet every year without having to vote on the increase.

After April's hike, the federal government's alcohol excise taxes will have increased by about 18 per cent since the automatic annual increase was introduced in 2017.

Politicians shouldn't be raising taxes and giving themselves pay raises when Canadians are choosing between the jug of milk or the package of beef at the grocery store. All MPs should oppose April's tax and pay hikes.

Franco Terrazzano is the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Amendments would ensure wildfire firefighters benefit from firefighter cancer, heart injury presumption

Submitted by Manitoba government

Bill 25, the Workers Compensation Amendment Act (wildfire firefighters), is being introduced to ensure wildfire firefighters benefit from cancer and heart injury presumption that applies to other Manitoba firefighters under the Workers Compensation Act, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Friday.

"Wildfire firefighters work diligently in extreme, hazardous conditions to protect the environment and public health and safety, and their occupational demands are ever increasing as climate change causes wildfire seasons to become longer and more severe," said Reyes. "This bill recognizes that the hazards of wildfires are on a similar scale to those experienced in urban firefighting and ensures wildfire fighters benefit from the same presumption as other firefighters."

When firefighters contract certain types of primary cancers or heart injuries, the firefighter presumption makes it easier to establish that their cancer or injury is related to work. Currently, the presumption does not apply to wildfire firefighters.

Under the current act, if firefighters or Office of the Fire

Commissioner personnel are diagnosed with one of 19 designated cancers or suffer a heart injury within 24 hours of responding to an emergency, the act presumes this to be a work-related illness or injury. By adding a definition of "wildfire firefighter" to the firefighter presumption, it would apply equally to all firefighters.

The minister noted wildfire firefighters, like urban firefighters, are exposed to varying levels of smoke with the potential for exposure to carcinogens. In addition, like other types of firefighters, wildfire firefighters are exposed to similar stresses of heavy muscular work, extreme temper-

atures, sympathetic nervous system activation and exposure to smoke, and are therefore at a similar risk for suffering a heart injury. As such, they should receive the same treatment as other firefighters in Manitoba, noted Reyes.

"While these changes will more effectively address the risks posed to wildfire firefighters, prevention and risk mitigation remain a central focus of Manitoba's occupational safety and health framework," said Reyes.

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public services, the Conservatives think that they can buy themselves the next election," said Gina McKay, president of CUPE Manitoba.

"The damage that Stefanson's government has done to our public services isn't going away because of an election-year budget," she emphasized. "People are struggling across Manitoba to make ends meet, and this government has spent its time in office cutting health care, privatizing services and failing to meet the needs of our schools and universities.

"The government tried to freeze workers' wages and push Manitobans further behind. How can anyone trust them to provide real support that keeps up?"

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COVID infections, hospitalizations rising in Manitoba

By Patricia Barrett

COVID infections and hospitalizations are creeping up in Manitoba, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for Feb. 26 to March 4 (reporting Week 9).

There were 150 new infections detected by PCR testing in Week 9, an increase in cases from the 124 new infections reported the previous week and the 94 new infections reported the week before that.

The government restricts access to PCR testing, and COVID infection data reported in its surveillance reports are an underestimate of the true number of infections. Rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

The government stopped listing in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals experiencing COVID outbreaks.

There were 75 new COVID hospitalizations, an increase of 10 from the 65 new hospitalizations reported the week before and the 44 reported the week before that. Eight of those 75 people required intervention in the intensive care unit. The numbers are derived from differences in total severe outcomes between the current and the previous week's report.

The COVID vaccination status of hospitalized/ICU patients and people who died is not included in the weekly respiratory report.

"The province no longer reports on the vaccination status of individuals in the surveillance reports," said a provincial spokesperson.

The Week 9 surveillance report says wastewater data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to Feb. 27 indicates sustained COVID activity, as well as "an increase in activity from early February."

There were two deaths from COVID reported in Week 9.

Vaccination

Table 2. Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccinations, Manitoba, March 4, 2023

Age group (years)	At least 1 dose	At least 2 doses	At least 1 dose within the last 6 months	At least 1 dose of Bivalent
5-04	10.4%	5.7%	8.5%	0.1%
05-11	54.3%	41.8%	7.3%	1.5%
12-17	82.2%	77.2%	8.2%	7.3%
18-29	87.8%	84.7%	7.2%	7.9%
30-39	84.1%	81.6%	11.0%	13.0%
40-49	87.8%	85.9%	15.0%	17.7%
50-59	86.7%	85.3%	22.0%	24.0%
60-69	>=95.0%	93.9%	39.6%	43.0%
70-79	100%	>=95.0%	53.0%	58.4%
80+	>=95.0%	>=95.0%	51.9%	59.3%
ALL	81.2%	77.9%	19.6%	20.6%

For more information, please visit COVID-19 vaccination coverage in Canada - Canada.ca

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COVID vaccination data to March 4, 2023, show 81.2 per cent Manitobans having had one dose of a COVID vaccine and 77.9 per cent having had two doses. Only 20.6 per cent of Manitobans have had a bivalent COVID vaccine, which targets different strains of the virus.

Manitoba's COVID death toll was 2,464 as of Feb. 25, according to the federal government's COVID webpage, and Canada's death toll now stands at 51,447.

There were two cases of influenza A and one case of influenza B reported in Week 9, along with 20 hospitalizations and one death.

The number of new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases did not appear in the Week 9 report. There were 56 new RSV cases reported the week before and 61 the week before that.

Manitobans' uptake of bivalent COVID vaccines, which target different strains of the virus, has been fairly low. Only 20.6 per cent of Manitobans have had a dose of a bivalent COVID vaccine.

Other health news:

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority declared on March 10 a COVID outbreak at Gimli hospital. The COVID outbreak declared

on March 1 at the Rosewood Personal Care Home in Stonewall continues, according to the IERHA's outbreak page (viewed March 11).

- Worldwide, there were almost 4.5 million new COVID infections and 32,000 new deaths reported over the period Feb. 6 to March 5, according to the latest epidemiological update from the World Health Organization. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been more than 759 million confirmed cases of the virus and over 6.8 million deaths.

- Emergency room service at the Arborg hospital and the Eriksdale hospital continues to be limited. The schedule for the period March 16-31 shows Eriksdale's ER open on only two days while Arborg's ER shows two days (24-7) and one half-day of service. The schedule is subject to change.

- Concerns about the sharing of digital health data arose after the federal

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The early morning sunrise on Lake Winnipeg at Hecla Island was picture-perfect last Saturday. The temperature hovered around -5 degrees C. making it a perfect day for ice fishing. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

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> CHAMPIONS, FROM PG. 2

vlin who plays the only woman on the team, said learning the basketball moves was harder than acting.

"I'm really natural on camera when it comes to acting, but with basketball, I never played before ... so the team helped me a lot."

Olson, who gave big hugs to all the Friends at the premiere, called working with them "really inspiring."

"They showed up every single day, 100 per cent. They're ready to work, ready to do the best that they could, ready to take in all the information. And it was really beautiful," Olson said. "You work with a lot of people sometimes who are just like, 'this is just a job and they're getting it done.' These guys were like, 'We're here. We're ready to milk every single ounce out of it.'"

Champions will be showing at the Flicks Cinema in Stonewall from March 24 to 27 and March 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Don't let food insecurity cost you a pretty penne

With the cost of living continuing to grow, and the average salary staying the same, it's no surprise that Canadians are struggling with finances. More and more communities across the nation are experimenting with new ways to battle the ongoing food insecurity crisis.

According to reports from Second Harvest, a national food rescue organization, food banks and other food-related programs across Canada served 5,141,481 people per month last year. They expect that number to climb to 8,208,679 in 2023, a roughly 60 per cent increase. That's compared to 2,196,238 per month before the pandemic.

At the same time, Canada's Food Price Report has stated that grocery prices will continue to rise. The report predicts that food inflation will rise a steep five to seven per cent in 2023.

At an acute level, people struggling with food insecurity, are at higher risk of infectious diseases, injury, chronic conditions (heart disease, chronic pain and hypertension). The inability to access healthy food can trickle down to a person's mental health as well.

While you may think that your reliable sources of nutrition are out the window, you may find many of your daily vitamins and minerals in your grain products, like pasta!

Pasta is an affordable, versatile and nutritious meal to provide to your family. The noodle is high in fibre, keeps your blood sugar in check, and contains 25 per cent of your daily folic acid intake.

With over 60 per cent of vulnerable Canadians turning to food banks as a resource to feed their families each month, making pasta a regular part of your diet will be sure to keep your tummy and wallet full.

Hannah Magee, registered dietician, is available to discuss the health benefits of pasta and

ways you can incorporate it into your meals during inflation.

- Warmly, Emma Gostovic

> COVID, FROM PG. 6

government and provincial and territorial governments agreed to a new health-care funding deal. The premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario said they would not be sharing personal health data with the federal government.

Manitoba's government told the *Express* that personalized health information will not be shared.

"As is required by law, individual personal and personal health information cannot and will not be exchanged. Government organizations are required to follow the law and the province takes the legal responsibility to protect personal and personal health information very seriously," said a provincial spokesperson. "As part of health care funding agreements with the federal government, any data sharing will only include deidentified health information. Any data sharing measures will ensure the protection of personal and personal health information."

Community debate over council compensation

I don't believe the RM of Gimli council was trying to start a community-wide debate about municipal governance when they recently proposed a large increase in their compensation and perks. However, this seems to have clearly been the result. Comments I have heard around the town, and there have been many, varied from resigned acceptance to a call to "defund

politicians."

As noted by many, these times of relentlessly rising costs are very stressful for most people, particularly the retired on a fixed income, myself included, who have no way to increase our earnings by a third by a simple decree. I wonder if council has taken into account how their actions will be perceived. They seem to have lost the perspective and nuance of governing with the best interests of the populace in mind.

- Richard Perry, Gimli



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Armstrong to review indemnity bylaw; compensation for Interlake councils

By Patricia Barrett

With the October 2022 municipal election behind them, various councils across the Interlake either increased their rate of compensation and/or expenses, changed nothing or are planning to undertake a future review of what they get paid.

Under Manitoba's Municipal Act, councils are allowed to establish bylaws or policies to set their own compensation, reimbursement of expenses and conditions of payment.

Rural Municipality of Armstrong Reeve Kate Basford said she and her new council are planning to review their indemnity bylaw, which had been updated and passed by the previous council about a month before the 2022 election.

Basford said council is in the process of changing how the municipality will be run. They hired a public works foreman — public works responsibilities previously fell under the purview of each councillor — and plan to hire a permanent chief administrative officer. The responsibilities attached to those positions could affect the duties performed by council and subsequently the compensation they receive.

"I'm hoping to look at the indemnity bylaw passed by the previous council as soon as we get the staff we need and the office running smoothly. The indemnity bylaw and the procedural and organizational bylaw were built on the fact that the previous council didn't have a public works foreman. This municipality was run on a ward system and there were indemnities allocated to councillors when they were doing public works duties, including getting paid for mileage," said Basford. "We've now hired a public works person and we're transitioning. We're also looking at how the CAO and council positions will be organized."

Basford said she'd like to review the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' municipal salary survey to see how other RMs of similar size and character are paying their council members. And to judge whether indemnities are fair, Basford said they'd also have to look at the RM's population and revenue it generates. She wants to look at the compensation other RMs pay their CAOs based on experience and degree of responsibility.

"A review of the indemnity bylaw has to be relative to how much council is involved in the opera-

tion of the municipality," said Basford. "And the reality is we don't have the tax base to raise indemnities to the extent that some other municipalities have. RM indemnities have to be relative to the revenue an RM brings in. When you look at our RM's revenue, I don't think we can support too much more."

Armstrong has a population of 1,967 (census 2021). Its current indemnity bylaw (9-2022) was passed Sept. 13, 2022, giving the reeve an annual indemnity of \$10,342.32 (or \$861.86 monthly) and councillors \$8,963.40 annually (or \$746.95 monthly). Council members are paid a daily indemnity of \$151.60 for meetings and an hourly indemnity of \$18.95.

Meals for conventions "where receipts are not submitted" will be paid flat rates of \$15 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$25 for dinner to a daily maximum not to exceed \$80.

Council members receive \$50 monthly for a cell phone with an answering service and \$25 for a cell phone with no answering service. An additional \$50 per month is provided for personal Internet service in the event meetings are held via Zoom or other online conference system.

By contrast, Armstrong's 2017 indemnity bylaw saw the reeve being paid \$759.75 monthly and councillors paid \$658.45 monthly. The hourly indemnity was \$16.71 for attending external organization's meetings within or outside the municipality and for attending special council or committees of council meetings above those specified in the monthly indemnity. Each council member had also been paid \$16.71 an hour for public works inspections, \$16.71 for inspecting roads for snow plowing and \$16.71 for hauling culverts, road signs and flagging roads. Reimbursement for meals and for cell phones were the same rates as stated in the 2022 bylaw.

Below is compensation information from indemnity bylaws of select municipalities in the Interlake.

For comparative purposes, previous indemnity bylaws (where available) for each municipality are provided.

TOWN OF ARBORG. Council for the Town of Arborg, which has a population of 1,279 (census 2021), passed a new indemnity bylaw (11-2022) on Dec. 14, 2022. The mayor receives a monthly indemnity of \$830. The deputy mayor receives \$650 per month and councillors receive \$650 per month.

Councillors receive zero dollars for performance of duties, work or services within the limits of the Town of Arborg. Beyond the limits of the town, councillors receive \$190 per day to attend meetings and/or business. To attend AMM meetings, Federation of Canadian Municipalities meetings or other organizations' meetings, councillors are paid \$190 per day.

Councillors receive an indemnity of \$21.50 per hour, including travelling

SCHEDULE "A"		
2022 TOTAL COMPENSATION		
MAYOR		
Annual Indemnity	\$ 10,342.32	
Monthly Indemnity	\$ 861.86	
COUNCILLOR		
Annual Indemnity	\$ 8,963.40	
Monthly Indemnity	\$ 746.95	
MEETING RATES		
Daily Indemnity	\$ 151.60	
Hourly Indemnity	\$ 18.95	
MAXIMUM DAILY INDEMNITY	\$ 151.60	
MONTHLY COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE	Internet \$ 50.00	Mobile Phone \$ 25.00 w/o VM service \$ 50.00 w/VM service
Note to Communication Allowance	Internet allowance to be paid ONLY when a member of council uses their personal internet for meetings held via an internet conference service during that month	

RM OF ARMSTRONG

The previous council for the RM of Armstrong had updated their compensation and expenses just before the 2022 election, giving both the reeve and councillors a 13.4 per cent indemnity increase. The RM's new council will be reviewing the compensation.

time, to attend meetings of fewer than five hours outside town limits. They receive 50 cents per kilometre in the performance of duties, work or services. Meal allowance is set at \$70 a day and a technology allowance of \$135 per month.

Arborg's previous indemnity bylaw (4-2020), passed on Dec. 9, 2020, was as follows: The mayor had received a monthly indemnity of \$742.63; the deputy mayor, \$571.24; and councillors \$571.24. Each council member received zero dollars for the performance of duties, work or services within the limits of the town. Beyond the limits of the town, council members had been paid \$168 a day. They were also paid \$168 a day for attending an AMM meeting, Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting or attendance at other organizations' meetings. Within the limits of the town, members were paid \$168 a day for a full-day meeting. Meal allowance was set at \$60 a day and a technology allowance of \$100 a month. For meetings fewer than five hours and outside town limits, councillors were paid \$19.10 an hour. Councillors had also received 45 cents a kilometre.

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON. The municipality has a population of 3,320 (census 2021). Its current indemnity (2-2022) was passed last year on Feb. 10, 2022.

The reeve receives an indemnity of \$12,670 annually and all other members of council receive \$9,210 annually. These indemnities remain unchanged from 2019.

Councillors act as "road commissioners" and are paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre travelled. There was no increase to road commissioner wages, but councillors are receiving a per-kilometre increase of 15 cents (previous kilometre rate was 44 cents).

For attendance at meetings of committees or boards for which they haven't received remuneration, each council member is paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre. For attending business outside the municipality, councillors are paid \$24 an hour and 59 cents per kilometre. Each council

COUNCIL INDEMNITY RATES				
YEARLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2022 = 8.4 %				
	CURRENT 2022 RATES	ADJUSTED RATES FOR 2023	ROUNDED ADJUSTED RATES FOR 2023	MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS FOR 2023
Mayor's Indemnity	\$ 21,480.00	\$ 23,284.32	\$ 23,290.00	\$ 1,940.83
Deputy Mayor's Indemnity	\$ 19,070.00	\$ 20,671.88	\$ 20,680.00	\$ 1,723.33
Councillor's Indemnity	\$ 15,790.00	\$ 17,116.36	\$ 17,120.00	\$ 1,426.67
Daily Per Diem	\$ 180.00	\$ 195.12	\$ 200.00	
1/2 day Per Diem	\$ 90.00	\$ 97.56	\$ 100.00	
Citizen Member Hourly Rate	\$ 22.25	\$ 24.12	\$ 25.00	

TOWN OF STONEWALL

The 2023 rates of compensation for Stonewall's mayor and councillors are provided in Policy No. 20.1.

> INDEMNITY BYLAW, FROM PG. 8

member receives a communication allowance of \$75 per month, no change from the 2019 bylaw.

Bifrost-Riverton's previous indemnity bylaw (No. 1-2019) was passed on Jan. 9, 2019. As road commissioners, each council member received \$24 an hour and 44 cents per kilometre. For attendance at meetings of committees or boards for which they hadn't received remuneration, each council member was paid \$24 an hour for less than half a day, \$96.50 for a half day, \$207 for a whole day and 44 cents per kilometre. Beyond municipal boundaries, each council member was paid \$24 an hour for less than half a day, \$96.50 for half day plus a \$20 meal allowance for non-local meetings, \$207 for a whole day plus a \$60 allowance for non-local meetings and 44 cents per kilometre.

GIMLI. The *Express* reported on Gimli's proposed new indemnity bylaw last month (see Feb. 23 edition online). The RM has a population of 6,569 (2021 census). If council passes the bylaw, the mayor's compensation will increase by 43.4 per cent. The deputy mayor will see an increase of 45.9 per cent and councillors will see an increase of 47.8 per cent.

Several RM of Gimli residents expressed concern about the proposed raise. Silver Harbour residents Fred and Barb Veldink wrote to council, saying a pay increase after fewer than six months in office seems "odd" and normally people have to first prove themselves. They reminded council that the RM has lots of seniors whose fixed incomes may not withstand potential tax increases.

"I want to remind you that in the RM of Gimli we have a high number of retired seniors on a fixed income, including myself. In addition, we have a number of people who have difficulty making ends meet. Some rely on food banks to survive," they wrote in an email dated March 7. "Your action to award yourself a 40%+ increase is an insult to all of us as well as [a] probable increase in taxes."

The couple is encouraging council to vote down their proposed bylaw, consult former municipal councillors to determine fair wages then bring a new salary proposal to taxpayers.

TOWN OF STONEWALL. The Town of Stonewall, which has a population of 5,046 (2021 census), set out new indemnity rates for 2023 under Policy No. 20.1.

The mayor receives an indemnity of \$23,290, an increase of \$1,810 or 8.4 per cent from the \$21,480 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,940.83. The deputy mayor receives \$20,680, an increase of \$1,610 or 8.4

per cent from the \$19,070 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,723.22. Councillors receive an indemnity of \$17,120, an increase of \$1,330 or 8.4 per cent from the \$15,790 received in 2022. The monthly installment is \$1,426.67.

A daily per diem is set at \$200 and a half day per diem is set at \$100.

"During the four-year term, the indemnities shall be reviewed annually and may be adjusted at the first meeting of December for the next calendar year to reflect cost of living. The Cost of Living allowance will be calculated by the Consumer Price Index for Manitoba and will be determined from the percentage listed from October of the previous year to October of the current year," states the policy.

The indemnity rates for 2024, 2025 and 2026 have not yet been set.

RM OF WEST INTERLAKE. The RM of West Interlake has a population of 2,228 (2021 census). Council passed a new indemnity bylaw (No. 10-2022) on Nov. 15, 2022.

The reeve receives a monthly indemnity of \$650 (\$7,800 a year), which includes a monthly expense allowance to cover regular council meetings and ratepayer inquiries. It excludes mileage. Councillors receive a monthly indemnity of \$500 (\$6,000 a year), which includes a monthly expense allowance to cover regular council meetings and ratepayer inquiries. It excludes mileage.

Each member of council receives an hourly indemnity of \$20 (including travel time) when attending special council meetings, boards or district meetings, conferences, seminars, conventions and training.

Each member of council receives \$150 when attending a full day meeting (over five hours, including travel time) inside or outside the municipality.

Reimbursement for meals is set at \$10 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$30 for supper. Each member receives a monthly office/communication allowance of \$175 and is enrolled in the Blue Cross benefits program, where the member pays one third and the RM of West Interlake pays two thirds of the premium.

The previous indemnity was not obtained.

SELKIRK. The City of Selkirk has a population of 10,504 (census 2021). Its 2019 indemnity bylaw [No. 5323 of Feb. 11, 2019] is the most current version, said Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol. And council "has not prioritized review or amendment to this bylaw at this time."

The mayor receives compensation of \$28,302. The deputy mayor receives

\$18,137. Councillors receive \$14,451.

Each council member is paid an hourly indemnity of \$25 for committee attendance within City of Selkirk limits. Outside the boundaries of the city, each council member is paid \$309 for any combination of meetings.

There are no dollar amounts stated for eligible municipal business expenses incurred, including meals, registration and tuition fees, courses, meeting materials, accommodations outside city boundaries and travel. Mileage is paid in accordance with the rate set out by the Canada Revenue Agency.

If appointed by resolution to travel beyond city limits on business, each council member is paid \$103 for fewer than four hours and \$206 for four

hours or more.

Each council member is also paid a monthly communication allowance of \$142.50 to support materials such as mobiles, Internet service, papers, printers and ink. The mayor and deputy mayor are provided with a cell phone, or at their discretion with an additional \$65 per month allowance.

The bylaw is reviewed at least once during the term of each elected council.

The *Express* reached out to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to obtain its municipal salary survey but was unable to obtain it.

Director of policy and communications Nick Krawetz said the survey was shared only with "participating municipalities as per AMM policy.

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Canadian Agricultural Safety Association launches new mental health hub

Submitted by CASA

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online farm safety and mental wellness hub bringing together information and resources in one place to support farmers, farm families, farm workers and farming communities.

Available on the hub will be farm safety and mental wellness resources created by CASA, resource and programming highlights from other organizations, links to national, provincial, and international resources, links to reports and research, as well as section highlighting news and events linked to agriculture safety and men-

tal wellness.

"Healthy farmers, farm workers and farming communities are key to safe and sustainable farms," says Andrea Lear, CASA's CEO. "The Hub acts to bring together information for producers, community members, providers, researchers, journalists and anyone else interested in the link between mental wellness and farm safety."

The intent of the Hub is not to duplicate resources but rather to amplify and promote the already existing programs and resources available to producers across the country.

The new Hub has been generously supported by Farm Credit Canada (FCC), a long-time supporter and

champion of farm wellness and safety.

"The strength and vitality of the agriculture and food industry depends on many things, but especially on the health and wellness of the people who are the backbone of its success," said Carla Warnyca, FCC's manager of community investment. "We see the work of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and the new Mental Health Hub as an important part of supporting Canadian farm families with the resources to help them better navigate mental health challenges and understand the importance of overall wellness on the farm."

The Hub is available on CASA's website at casa-acsa.ca/mental-

health. For more information about CASA programs, visit casa-acsa.ca.

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, their families and agricultural workers. CASA is funded in part through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, federal, provincial and territorial initiative and receives additional support from the agricultural and corporate sectors. For more information, visit www.casa-acsa.ca, find us on Facebook or LinkedIn or follow us on Twitter @planfarmsafety.

Fisher Branch community recreation fair April 22

Submitted by Debra Barrett

Come see what Fisher Branch has to offer.

Did you know Fisher Branch has over 70 organizations, groups and clubs to spark your interest?

Have you ever wondered what you can do for fun in Fisher Branch? If so, come to the Fisher Branch Community Hall on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many of the organizations, groups and clubs will have displays set up. People will be there to answer your questions and explain about their particular group.

You can learn that every Monday

night at 7 p.m., you can play cribbage for \$5.

If you enjoy sports, you can play pickleball for free on Thursday nights. If you're not sure how to play, the friendly group will teach you.

If cooking ethnic foods is your interest, come find out about the times and places that these cooking gatherings take place.

Golfing anyone? Fisher Branch Golf Club has various leagues. Prices are very reasonable for the well-maintained course.

If July 1 celebrations interest you,

find out how to volunteer or attend the festivities. It's a friendly group who plan activities on the special holidays. It's a great time to meet new friends and have fun in Fisher Branch.

There are activities and clubs for every age group and interest area. Hope to see you on April 22. The Recreation Fair is free but please, bring a tin for the bin.

Children's activities will include information about Cadets, Chaika Ukrainian Dance Club, Girl Guides, minor hockey or summer day camp co-ordinators.

If you have an idea for a new activity or group, please attend and share your idea.

Examples include community gardens, Communities in Bloom, holiday choir, fishing derby, food bank or Cheer Board.

A canteen will be available for beverage and food purchases from the Fisher Branch graduating class of 2023.

For more information, email FisherBranchRecreationFair@gmail.com.

Kraft Hockeyville 2023 announces Top 4 community finalists

By

Kraft Heinz, in partnership with the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), has announced the Top 4 finalists competing for the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2023. Those communities are (from West to East):

- Maple Ridge, British Columbia (Maple Ridge Planet Ice)
- Ste. Anne, Manitoba (Maurice Chaput Arena)
- West Lorne, Ontario (West Lorne Arena)
- Saint-Anselme, Quebec (Centre Sportif Bellechasse-Dorchester)

Over the last 17 years, Kraft Hockeyville has awarded \$4.5 million to 93 communities to support Canada's aging sports and recreation infrastructure. The program is dedicated

to building stronger, more connected, and inclusive communities across the country through the love of the game of hockey. The Top 4 community finalists are one step closer to cementing their place as part of the program's longstanding legacy, alongside most recent winners Sydney, N.S. (2022); Elsipogtog First Nation, N.B. (2021); and Twillingate, N.L. (2020).

In a very close competition, the Top 4 community finalists were selected based on their nomination stories and their ability to score additional rally points by engaging their community and demonstrating their passion and pride for the game of hockey.

"This year's program has once again reinforced the important role passionate hockey communities play in both growing the game and making it more inclusive and accessible for all

Canadians," said Adam Butler, president of Kraft Heinz Canada. "We received thousands of entries from deserving communities and narrowing it to four finalists was certainly a challenge. This year's Top 4 finalists truly embody the heart and soul of hockey and now it's up to Canada to vote for the winning community."

The 2023 grand prize winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL preseason game and receive \$250,000 to be used towards arena upgrades, in addition to the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2023. This year's winner, and each of the three runner-up communities, will also receive \$10,000 worth of new hockey equipment for their minor hockey programs, courtesy of the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund.

All Canadians from coast-to-coast

can play a role in determining the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2023 by voting for one of the Top 4 communities online at krafthockeyville.ca. Voting opens on March 31 at 9 a.m. ET and closes on April 1 at 5 p.m. ET. Votes per person are unlimited but can only be cast on the website during the voting phase. The winner will be announced live on Hockey Night in Canada the evening of April 1 following the conclusion of the voting phase.

For complete contest rules and programs details, and to learn more about the Top 4 finalists, including their stories, photos, and videos, please visit krafthockeyville.ca.

Erinview Hall fire under investigation

By Autumn Fehr

On Monday morning, March 6, at 4:30 a.m., the Woodlands fire department responded to a fire at Erinview Hall.

The fire was discovered and called in by a local leaving for work. Unfortunately, the building was fully engulfed when it was found.

The Woodlands department arrived on the scene with a pumper, a tanker and five firefighters.

When the firefighters arrived, they noted that the hall door had been forced open. In addition, the lock and deadbolt had been smashed, and the door had been opened.

There were no vehicles stored in the building, but when firefighters arrived on the scene, they discovered a pickup truck burned inside the building. It has been determined that the fire was caused by a pickup truck placed in the build-

ing and lit on fire. As the truck was placed in the middle of the hall, it wasn't long before the fire spread everywhere.

"The roof was already collapsed by the time we got there. At the time the person saw who was leaving for work, it was a fully involved fire," said fire chief Dean Campbell.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the firefighters, the building was a total loss and is in the hands of the insurance company now.

Erinview Hall had been an important part of the community, serving as a place for gatherings and storing community equipment. The loss of the building is a devastating blow to the town and its residents.

Campbell said they do not have any further details. However, the cause of the fire is under investigation by the RCMP.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DEAN CAMPBELL

The Erinview Hall burned to the ground on March 6. The fire appears to be suspicious and is under investigation.

Week one fishing derby winners



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Week 1 winners of the Coldwell's March Madness fishing derby are Roy Fortin (left) with a 21-inch walleye, which won him a minnow bucket, rod and reel, a lure and a \$50 Cabela's gift card. Branden Lussier (right) caught a 11.9-inch perch, which earned him a rod and reel, a lure, \$50 Cabela's gift card LOTW sweat pants and hat. The tournament runs from March 1 to April 2, 2023, and anyone can join by downloading the app "fishdonkey" from the App Store. From there, click "Fish in a Tournament" and search and join "Coldwell March Madness." The entry fee is \$28.25 per person. There are local prizes for the biggest walleye, biggest perch and more.

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Gimli's youth bowlers bring home the hardware

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli's Youth Bowling League has rolled out several pieces of hardware so far this year after competing in a High/Low Doubles Tournament and the Provincial Doubles Tournament in Winnipeg.

The High/Low tournament was held Jan. 29 at the St. James Bowling Lanes.

Dianna Auer, who is the director of the program, said the youth in different leagues scooped up bronze and silver medals and made a strong showing in their respective divisions.

"We had entered three teams in the tournament, two of which came out in the top three in Pins Over Average (POA)," said Auer. "Our bantam team, Tilley Kilpatrick and Arthur Buller placed third in their division with bronze. And Riley and Emily Kilpatrick, our seniors, placed second bringing home silver. Our junior team placed a close fourth in their division. I'm so proud of all our bowlers."

The youth practise at Bowlers Lanes on Sixth Avenue in Gimli. There are leagues for kids aged 4-6 (bowlasaurus), 7-10 (bantam), 11-14 (junior) and 15-19 (senior). In addition to youth, the lanes offer adult leagues.

In addition to the January tournament, the youth leagues competed at the Provincial Doubles Tournament on March 4 and 5 at the Polo Park Bowling Lanes, and Auer said the competition was "fierce." Bowlers from across the province took part in the two-day event. There were eight teams from Gimli and three placed in the top three.

"On March 4, the Gimli bantam girls, Eva Nemeth and Lucy Kilpatrick, brought home a first-place win in POA while the bantam boys, Ryder Zaik and Benjamin Cranton, placed third in POA for their division. Our bantam girls Tilley Kilpatrick and Nya Falk brought home a third-place finish in the scratch for their division," said Auer.

The juniors competed on March 5. Demi Nemeth and Kenedi Sherred "pulled up their socks" and got a first-place win in POA.



Emily and Riley Kilpatrick



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIANNA AUER

Tilley Kilpatrick and Arthur Buller



Kenedi Sherred and Demi Nemeth



Tilley Kilpatrick, Nya Falk and Coach Rick Sherred

Gypsumville RCMP investigate homicide

Staff

Gypsumville RCMP received a report of an injured male at a residence in Lake St. Martin First Nation on March 2, at approximately 6:20 p.m. Officers attended the residence and located an injured 34-year-old male. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. His death is being treated as a homicide.

Gypsumville RCMP, along with RCMP Major Crime Services and RCMP Forensic Identification Services, continue to investigate.

"All our bowlers proudly represented Gimli and displayed such kindness on the lanes," said Auer.

Auer is one of the volunteer certified coaches of the Gimli youth league. She thanked the other coaches — Joe Auer, Val and Rick Sherred, Stewart Campbell, Geoff Kilpatrick and Sheldon Kowalchuk — for "being there for our bowlers."

As a result of COVID, there have been increased costs this year for the youth to take part in tournaments and for jerseys, awards and travel expenses, all of which has posed a challenge, said Auer. Anyone who's interested in supporting the youth league program can contact Bowlers Lanes at 204-642-6837 or Dianna Auer for information on how they can help.



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Local ranch owner named Novice Cutting Co-Champion

By Raegan Hedley

Cutting? No, not with a knife. It's a sport with horses!

"It's a different sport. ... A lot of people don't even know what cutting is or understand how you get points," says Brenda McQueen, owner of Rocking Q Ranch in Stonewall.

If you've never heard of cutting, here's how McQueen describes the sport: "In a cutting competition, you have two and a half minutes to show the judge how good you and your horse are at cutting cattle."

According to Wikipedia's page about cutting, during the allotted time, the horse and rider must cut at least two cows from the herd, and one must be a deep cut, meaning the cow must come from deep inside the herd instead of from the edges.

Each contestant has four helpers: two are designated as turnback riders, who help to keep cattle from running off to the back of the arena, and the other two are designated as herd holders to keep the cattle bunched together and prevent potential strays from escaping into the work area.

The hardest part according to McQueen? "When you're riding a cutting horse, you can never even lift up your hands off the horse. If you lift them, you get docked points right away. You're controlling them with your legs."

At the beginning of the competition season, McQueen's cutting horse, Time In Montana, came up sore because of a front tendon problem in his front leg. To compete, you need to use a horse that's been trained to cut, and McQueen retired her last cutting horse RJ after a great career and a championship win in 2018.

When it comes to winning, McQueen says you have to get points throughout the season to work up to it. With her horse on the mend, she sat on the sidelines until she turned to her partner, Garry Gerbrandt, and said, "let me just get on Amando and see if he'll cut for me."

Amando Smoothie was a cutting horse but became a turnback horse after a streak of quitting out of nowhere on his riders.

"Luckily, he never quit on me and we kept going," she says. "That was actually at the Morris Stampede that



Brenda McQueen was named Novice Cutting Co-Champion for 2022.

I tried him out. So, thank goodness, he came up for me and got me some points there."

Despite not showing in as many classes as she would've liked, McQueen was able to make a comeback.

"The last class of the year, that's what helped me win the finals."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association had its 59th annual awards banquet to celebrate the winners of the 2022 season on Feb. 11, 2023. Despite splitting her season between two horses, McQueen was named co-champion alongside Tanya Harms Watkins — and her horse Popcorn — in the \$5,000 Novice rider class.

"Tanya and I have been competing against each other for a few years now. She is a great rider and has a great horse, so competition is tough," says McQueen. "I am very fortunate to have amazing horses and to be a part of a great club."

This is McQueen's first championship win since she retired RJ, and she says it was very exciting.

"I say it doesn't matter if I win to myself because I'm so nervous, but I'm pretty competitive. I think everybody's out there whether they think it or not."

McQueen was introduced to cutting by Gerbrandt in 2015. She switched from competitive trail riding to cutting and says she was hooked.

"There are lots of things that could happen — you can't predict what cow you're going to pick. You might



Brenda McQueen riding her main cutting horse, Time In Montana (Monty), at Evergreen Land & Cattle in Steinbach.



McQueen cutting on Amando Smoothie, a horse she borrowed from her partner to stay in the competition for the 2022 season, at the Morris Stampede.

get good cattle and do well. Then you might get really bad cattle that are running end to end and there goes your class. You never know what's going to happen that day. ... You could be the top rider and still blow it," she says.

"My horse always looks after me out there. It's definitely an adrenaline

rush, I think that's what keeps people coming back."

The Manitoba Cutting Horse Association's 2023 season starts back up in May, and Rocking Q Ranch is hosting a show in August. Visit the club's website for more information about upcoming events and competitions at mbcutting.ca

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Your FARM



GrainFox launches game-changing agtech platform

By Raegan Hedley

The future of grain and commodity marketing is personalized. On Feb. 21, GrainFox launched a new virtual platform that will help producers keep up with the markets, plan and track their cash flow, tabulate expenses, calculate returns, track sales and inventory, and make sales decisions.

"The process of grain marketing is very complex. There's a lot on the line and a lot of factors that go into making that selling decision," said Liz Pham, chief growth officer at GrainFox. "We're really there to guide them through that complexity and remove the emotion of that selling decision."

GrainFox doesn't sell or broker the sale of grain or commodities. According to the company, the platform uses machine learning and AI, input from analytical teams, and insights from their network of customer success managers to provide recommendations. It all came about because Lepp said they identified a gap in the market: small-to-medium-sized farms were being underserved when it came to marketing support for their operations.

"In these times of heightened volatility and uncertainty in the markets, personalization has never been more important to a producer's sales strategy," said Mark Lepp, founder and CEO of GrainFox.

"We wanted to create a platform that's cost-effective and has a self-serve option to bring more value and support to help producers make more informed grain selling decisions as they go through their journey on their operation of taking their crop from the bin to the bank."

Lepp said the goal with GrainFox is to offer a "single source of truth for all things grain marketing," where producers can connect all their data that are relevant to the grain marketing decision to help them make the best strategies possible.

"Farmers typically have at least a dozen different apps and different data silos within their operation," said Lepp. "What we're working on is bringing all those data silos together so if the producer wants to use that information from their operation to help power their wealth management tools, they can."

At the core of the GrainFox platform is a tool called Smart Advisor. The first of its kind in North America, it provides personalized sales recommendations based on how the sale of each crop in a farmer's portfolio interacts with one another. It synthesizes historical and current market data, along with producers' cash flow goals, storage constraints and risk tolerance to deliver advice that helps growers get their bins empty by harvest.

"There are literally dozens of key features that producers take into consideration when they make that decision to sell," said Lepp. "The amount of data that we're able to synthesize and bring to each individual operation is incredible."

Richard Surendrakumar, chief product officer of GrainFox, said Smart Advisor pulls from an ever-growing bank of over 20,000 data sets.

"Every day we discover new data sets that could be potentially relevant to the trends, the prices, and some of the decisions that we make in the algorithms. Now, these data sets could be things like your macroeconomic data trends, data events, news articles, financial data and more," said Surendrakumar.

"It's the algorithm that's really doing the heavy lifting here. It finds pat-

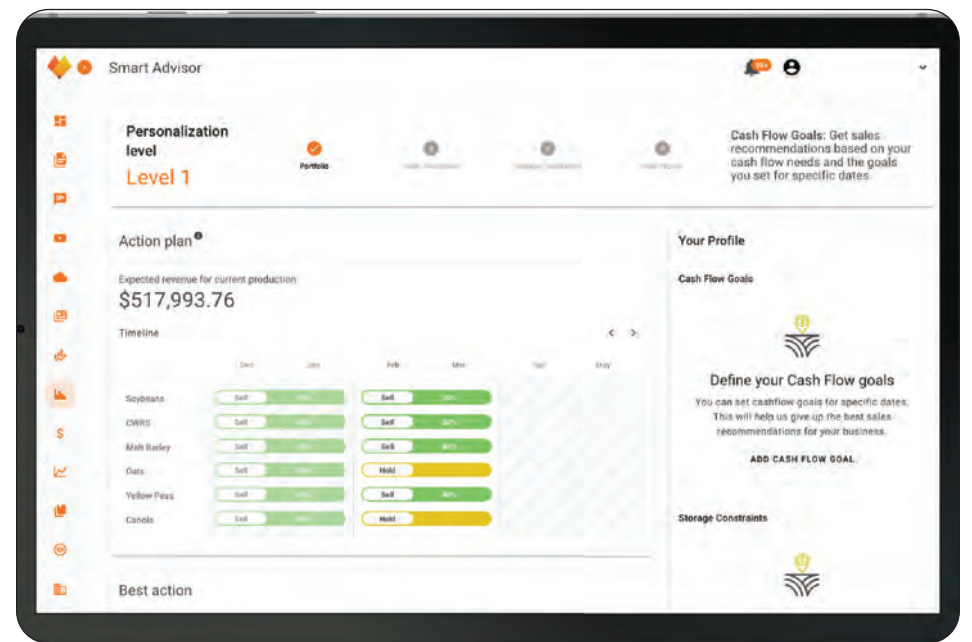


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The Smart Advisor will help producers keep up with the markets, plan and track their cash flow, tabulate expenses, calculate returns, track sales and inventory, and make sales decisions.

terns, correlations and causality relationships between all of these types of information and marries them to the farm's operational constraints."

Surendrakumar said they are always striving to make their algorithms better.

He said they're always asking, "What are some of the ways in which we can understand the user better,

understand the user's farm operations better, and then integrate that into the algorithms and the decision-making?"

Pham said they often get asked about data privacy and security, and clarified that they do not sell or solicit individual client data.

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Canada's farmland values continued to climb in 2022, FCC reports

Submitted by FCC

The average value of Canadian farmland increased by 12.8 per cent in 2022, amid strong farm income, elevated input prices and rising interest rates. The demand for farmland remained robust and the supply of farmland available for sale continues to be limited, according to the latest FCC Farmland Values Report.

Farmland values saw the highest increase since 2014 and follow gains of 8.3 per cent in 2021 and 5.4 per cent in 2020.

In Manitoba, average farmland values increased by 11.2 per cent in 2022, following gains of 9.9 per cent in 2021 and 3.6 per cent in 2020.

"Challenging economic conditions could have been expected to slow the demand for farmland and the resulting price buyers paid for land in 2022," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist. "But the underlying fundamental factors in the

farmland market tell another story."

FCC estimates that receipts of grains, oilseeds and pulses in Canada have increased 18.3 per cent in 2022 and are projected to grow 9.4 per cent in 2023.

"Higher farm revenues are driving the demand for farmland, but higher borrowing costs and increased input prices are expected to lead to declines in the number of sales in 2023," according to Gervais.

The highest average provincial increases in farmland values were observed in Ontario, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, with increases of 19.4, 18.7 and 17.1 per cent, respectively. Saskatchewan followed with a 14.2 per cent increase. Five provinces had average increases below the national average at 11.6 per cent in Nova Scotia, 11.2 per cent in Manitoba, 11.0 per cent in Quebec and 10 per cent in Alberta.

British Columbia is the only province to have recorded a single-digit increase at eight per cent, but it is also a market where land values are the highest on average.

There was an insufficient number of publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon to fully assess farmland values in those regions.

"It's good practice to have and maintain a risk management plan that takes into account possible economic changes," said Gervais. "When producers ensure their budgets have room to flex if commodity prices, yields or interest rates shift, they're better off in the long run."

FCC also suggests producers to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values exceeded that of farm income in recent years, which was the case in most provinces.

Gervais acknowledges that higher farmland values pose a challenge for young producers, new entrants and other operations that are looking to expand.

"Land is more expensive now relative to income than it's ever been. The ability to service debt and overall equity in the operation are critical factors of success going forward. The good news is that farmland value increases reflect a positive outlook for the demand of agriculture commodities and the quality food we produce in Canada," he said.

"Producers have a long track record of making strategic investments in land, even before agriculture and food was identified as one of six sectors with the highest potential for growth by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth in 2016. These long-term investments in food production have spurred growth and create a bright future for Canada's agriculture and food industry."

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"We know that clients are inputting that data to get the most out of the tools in GrainFox, and we know they're entrusting us with protecting it," said Pham.

"GrainFox clients own their data. The farm data information that is inputted is really for the benefit of the client. The more specific the information, the deeper the personalization."

GrainFox (formerly FarmLink) acquired DePutter Publishing in 2022. Lepp said they were excited to bring together two of the leading brands in Canada that provide farmers grain marketing strategies. GrainFox features analysis from two in-house teams that work together: FarmLink and DePutter Publishing.

"Those two different strategies are fed into GrainFox and pushed out to our clients, making it a really efficient channel for real-time information gathering," said Lepp.

GrainFox is currently only available to Canadian growers, but they have plans to expand to the U.S. in the near future.



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Team Canada on a roll heading into the World Women's Curling Championship

Municipality, Gimli residents and MMF Gimli Local hold send-off party for Kerri Einarson

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli, local residents and members of the Manitoba Métis Federation Gimli Local gave curler Kerri Einarson a big send-off last Saturday afternoon before she and her fellow Team Canada curlers headed to the World Women's Curling Championship in Sweden.

Einarson, who is Métis and grew up in Camp Morton, and her team are four-time consecutive champions of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, winning the title in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. They are representing Canada at the world championship game in Sandviken, Sweden, from March 18 to 26.

An estimated 150 to 175 people attended the two-hour drop-in celebration that was held in council chambers at the municipal office.

Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd said the RM and the MMF Gimli Local created two banners that residents and supporters could sign and write messages of support.

"As a community we wanted to show our support and appreciation for Kerri, who is an incredible role model for our youth and for the community at large. It's very important to show our support and appreciation



Donna Austfjord from the MMF Gimli Local (centre), with her daughter Asia Knutson (right) and granddaughter Skhyler Knutson, presented Einarson (left) with a banner signed by well-wishers and curling supporters. Einarson's children helped their mom celebrate the day.

for what she's accomplished," said Chudd. "We are really blessed with talent in our community when it comes to curling."

Gimli Robin's Donuts owner Cheryl Buhler provided treats and coffee for the celebratory event.

"We're so proud of Kerri and Team Canada. We wish them all the best as they play with the Canadian flag on their backs," said Buhler. "We will all be cheering them on from Gimli as they play each game."

In addition to the MMF Gimli Local, residents and supporters, Einarson was joined by her family and friends.

Local social media sites were brimming with messages of support and encouragement for Einarson and Team Canada.

Betty Hurak Lubinski wrote, "Good



Einarson's family joined her at the send-off celebration.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CHERYL BUHLER

From left: Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd, Kerri Einarson, Donna Austfjord of the Manitoba Métis Federation's Gimli Local and Deputy Mayor Kurt Reichert.

Luck Kerri and Team Canada! What a journey you have all been on, we are so very, very proud of you! Enjoy!" And Lyn Ekosky wrote, "Go get em Team Einarson."

The day before the send-off, Einarson and her teammates — Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Harris, Krysten Karwacki, coach Reid Carruthers and representatives of Curling Canada — took part in a media conference via Zoom.

Einarson said the team is going to focus on taking one game at a time at the world championship and get on a "good roll." Their No. 1 goal is to bring gold home to Canada.

"We have been on an amazing journey and put in so much hard work on and off the ice over the years. It would mean the world to us to bring gold back to Canada. It hasn't been done since 2018, so we're going to give it our all out there and do our absolute best," said Einarson. "We're going to support each other and have each other's backs no matter what. And, also, we're going to go out there and have some fun. I know we play our best when we're out there laughing."

Coach Reid Carruthers said the team

has family members coming to Sweden to watch the games and the players will have support for the "ups and downs" of the event.

"I feel we have a great contingent going, good support staff, and I feel that the ladies are ready to go out and win," said Carruthers.

Renee Sonnenberg of Curling Canada said she has spent a lot of time with Einarson and her team and has also studied the strategy and tactics of the teams playing in the world championship.

"I've watched every team at least three times so we have a good sense going in. And I know this team (Team Canada) really well. I know what their strengths are and what we can leverage. We definitely have a solid game plan," said Sonnenberg. "Some of that will come out in training and we'll rehearse situations. There's going to be no stone left unturned. My comfort with these amazing women is good. I look forward to being on this journey with them."

Team Canada will play Team Sweden on March 18. The game will be broadcast on TSN.

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Laugh out loud at Shenanigans On The Beach March 18

By Autumn Fehr

For the first time, Shenanigans On The Beach, in Winnipeg Beach, will be hosting a comedy night.

On March 18 at 7:30 p.m., Rollin Penner will take the stage.

Penner is a comedian, musician, actor and singer from Winnipeg. Often you can find him performing at The Winnipeg Comedy Festival, The Winnipeg Comedy Showcase, Rumour's Comedy Club, Wee Johnny's Comedy Club and many others across Canada.

If you want to stop by earlier to get

your seats, the restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and drink specials.

The event is great for a night out in your community, with laughs, good food and company.

Early bird sales ended on March 6, but there's still time to get your tickets. Call 204-389-2223 for more details or stop by Shenanigans for \$25 tickets.

If the event is a hit, you are sure to see other comedians at the restaurant in the near future.



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Comedian Rollin Penner will be taking the stage at Shenanigans on March 18.

Giant Pumpkin Growers seminar coming to Carman

By Ty Dilello

The Manitoba Giant Growers Association (MGGA) invites all pumpkin growers to a seminar about the intricacies of growing giant pumpkins.

The seminar will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 25 at the Carman Legion Hall.

The MGGA is pleased to organize a seminar again following the two-year COVID hiatus. The seminar will include a PowerPoint presentation by Milan Lukes, a two-time Roland Pumpkin Fair winner.

"This is an excellent opportunity for new growers to learn the many challenges of growing giant pumpkins,"

said Art Cameron of the MGGA.

In his presentation, Lukes will cover all aspects of growing a giant pumpkin from selecting good quality seed to getting the seed started in the house and transplanting it out to your garden. Once established outside, he will touch on pruning the plant, pollinating the flowers, watching for disease or insect damage, providing good wind protection as the plants are quite fragile, and also discuss many ways to encourage good growth.

He will also discuss things to watch out for when the pumpkin grows and how to avoid problems. Finally, Lukes will show how to carefully remove

your pumpkin from the vine and take it to a weigh-off.

After Milan's presentation, Laverne Wojciechowski, the western Canadian representative for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC), will report on the recent conference held in Boston. The GPC is the governing organization that establishes the rules for over 100 weigh-offs around the world, and the rules are designed to ensure that all growers are treated fairly.

Finally, a short discussion about the rules will be held to ensure all new growers know their responsibilities. There will be four door prizes of seeds from the 2,537 pound pumpkin

grown by Mr. Don Crews of Lloydminster.

"Since the MGGA hasn't charged a membership since 2017, it will be necessary to charge in 2023 to pay for the cost of holding the seminar," said Cameron. "Memberships are \$10 per person or \$15 per family, and it's cash only."

Good seeds will be available for anyone new to the hobby. Coffee and snacks will also be included. For further information, please contact Art Cameron at 204-343-2314 or artcam@mymts.net.

Primary care nurses contributing to community care

By Jennifer McFee

Fisher Branch residents can turn to a local primary care nurse for a range of health-related services closer to home.

Eva Gulay started her role as primary care nurse in September at the Fisher Branch Primary Care Centre. She supports physicians at Ongomiizwin Health Services, an inter-professional health service agency led by a team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous health professionals.

"As a primary care nurse, I provide care to individuals in Fisher Branch and the surrounding area with the goal of achieving the best health outcome for patients and families," said Gulay, who grew up in a farming community and now lives near Fisher Branch on a mixed farm with her family.

"In my role as a primary care nurse, I strive to provide health-promoting care that is culturally competent and respectful of diversity. Clients can make appointments directly with myself or I can also receive referrals from the physicians at our clinic."

Gulay provides a variety of services such as wound care, dressing changes, suture or staple removal, injections, immunizations and ear flushes. Other services include wart treatment, weight and

blood pressure checks, urine tests, blood glucose checks, pregnancy tests, and ear and throat assessments.

In addition, she provides education on health and harm-reduction strategies, as well as screening and risk assessments according to clinical practice guidelines. She supports clients in self-management of new chronic disease diagnoses until they can be seen by a dietitian or chronic disease nurse. She also connects clients with health services and social services in the area.

"Throughout my career, I have worked in both rural and urban health centres and now community health," Gulay said.

"When I started nursing over 10 years ago, I didn't anticipate where this profession would take me. The role of a nurse doesn't need to be one particular mould but can continuously change and grow."

To inquire about or schedule an appointment with Eva Gulay, call the Fisher Branch Primary Health Care Centre at 204-372-6258.

Three other primary care nurses work across the Interlake-Eastern region in Winnipeg Beach (204-389-3649), St. Laurent (204-646-2504) and Pine Falls (204-367-2278).

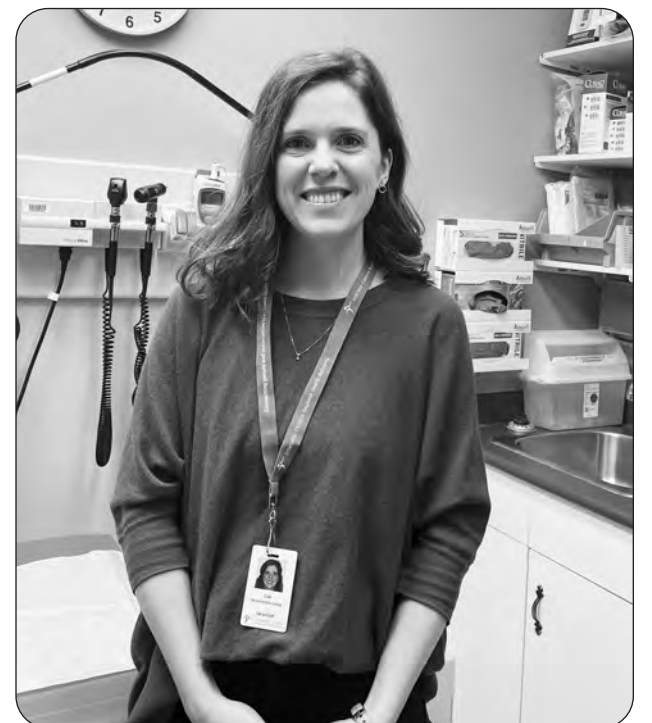


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Eva Gulay is a primary care nurse in Fisher Branch.

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Strachan stands tall in Ice Dawgs' goal

By Brian Bowman

The Arborg Ice Dawgs received an outstanding goaltending performance from Tre Strachan on Sunday afternoon - and it resulted in a crucial road victory.

Strachan stopped 52 shots to lift Arborg to a 5-2 win over the Warriors in St. Malo.

Arborg now leads the best-of-seven semifinal series 3-2.

Dylan Woyotowich gave Arborg a 1-0 first-period lead and then the Ice Dawgs' Cadrick Dueck tallied in the second.

Kaydyn McMahon put the visitors up 3-0 early in the third with a short-handed goal and then Austin Loewen made it 4-0.

St. Malo answered with goals from Kaden Rioux and Ashton Dubois but Arborg's Jake Plett iced the win with an empty-net goal.

Arborg pulled off an exciting 4-3 home win last Friday.

Arborg's Tyson Barylski scored the game winner in the third period.

St. Malo's Colton Magne and Barylski traded goals to start the game before Dueck and McMahon tallied before the opening period ended.

St. Malo's Dayden Collier scored the lone goal of the second period and then the Warriors' Brady Gregoire tied the score at 3-3.

Strachan made 39 saves for the win.

On March 7, the Ice Dawgs were defeated 5-2 by the Ice Dawgs in St. Malo.

St. Malo took a 3-0 first-period lead with goals from Gregoire, Teagan Filion and Reece Unrau.

Arborg's Noah Johnson and St. Malo's Mikka Lambert traded goals before Dubois tallied to put the home side up 5-1 after two periods.

Plett closed out the scoring with a power-play goal in the third.

Game 6 of the series will be played Friday at 8 p.m. in Arborg.

If necessary, a series-deciding seventh game would return to St. Malo on Monday (8 p.m.).



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Ice Dawgs goaltender Tre Strachan stopped 52 shots on Sunday afternoon to give Arborg a 5-2 win over St. Malo in CRHL action.

Divisional champs



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ADELE DONALDSON

The Grade 7/8 girls at Dr. George Johnson Middle School won the Divisional Basketball Championship against Arborg, Winnipeg Beach and Riverton. Pictured top row: coach Mrs. Einarson, Ava, Madeline, Rebecca, Corina, Madison, Addison and coach Mr. Hasselfield. Bottom row: Jersey, Shayna, Vilena, Marley, Zoe and Milana.

2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships to be held in Winnipeg

Submitted

In just under two weeks, Winnipeg will be hosting the 2023 Western Canadian Ringette Championships.

Taking place from March 29 to April 1, the Western Championships will bring together teams from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia at the U14AA, U16A, U19A and 18+ A levels.

The event will feature 500 athletes across 25 teams as they represent their provinces as the "best in the west." The total estimated attendance for the annual championship is anticipated to be around 800 to 900 attendees.

The U16A and U19A teams representing Team Manitoba are the Eastman Heat, which include ath-

letes from the Eastman Ringette Association (Beausejour, Springfield, Lorette, Steinbach, Niverville/Red River, etc.).

Opening ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. on March 29 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex and will be hosted by LTI (Virgin 103.1) and include opening remarks from Obby Khan minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.

It will be immediately followed by the skills competitions for U14AA, U16A and U19A. Attendance to the opening ceremonies is free.

Games begin on March 30 and will be taking place at both Seven Oaks Arena and East End Arena. Attendance at the door is \$35 for the weekend or \$15 for the day.

Gimli represented well at 2023 Brier final

By Ty Dilello

Manitoba's Matt Dunstone (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) reached the final of the 2023 Tim Horton's Brier. However, in Sunday night's final, Dunstone fell to Team Canada's Brad Gushue by a 7-5 scoreline.

Team Dunstone including Dunstone, Neufeld, Lott and Ryan Harnden, who competed as Team Manitoba, was arguably the top team all week at the Brier as they rolled through the round-robin with an impeccable 8-0 record. After defeating Team Wild Card #1's Brendan Bottcher in a playoff qualification game, Dunstone suffered his first loss in the 1v1 page playoff game against Gushue.

Dunstone would rally in the semi-final to defeat Bottcher again to set up a championship final re-match with Team Gushue.

In the final, the two teams traded single points throughout the first seven ends of the game as the score was tied 3-3. It was in the eighth end that Gushue would capitalize on some errors from Team Dunstone and score three points to take a commanding 6-3 lead.

Dunstone wouldn't go down without a fight as they took two points in the ninth end to get it to 6-5. Ultimately, Dunstone forced Gushue to draw a piece of the four-foot against two Manitoba counters for the win.

Unfortunately for Dunstone and his crew, Gushue was perfect on his draw to win 7-5 and earn his record fifth Brier victory as a skip.

"We were down and out after the eighth end, and we made him throw a tough shot to win the Brier," said Dunstone. "It just speaks volumes about this team. We're gritty. We're tenacious. We're never out of it."

With the win, Team Gushue took home \$108,000 in funding, while Dunstone earned \$60,000 for their silver medal. Dunstone and Neufeld also were named First Team All-Stars at the Brier for their strong performance all week.

Team Reid Carruthers of the Morris Curling Club also represented Manitoba the Brier as Team Wild Card #2 but had a disappointing week as they finished out of the playoffs with a record of 4-4. East St. Paul's Kyle Doring was also at the Brier, throwing second stones for Alberta's Karsten



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Manitoba's Matt Dunstone (featuring Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Colton Lott) reached the final of the 2023 Tim Horton's Brier. In Sunday night's final, Dunstone fell to Team Canada's Brad Gushue by a 7-5 scoreline. Left to right: Matt Dunstone, B.J. Neufeld, Colton Lott, Ryan Harnden.

Sturmay, who participated as Team Wild Card #3. Unfortunately, Sturmay would also miss the playoffs with a record of 3-5.

Team Gushue will now go on to represent Canada at the 2023 World Men's Curling Championship on home soil at TD Place Arena in Ottawa from April 1 to 9.

Falcons trail Fishermen in semifinal series

By Brian Bowman

The Lundar Falcons are having a tough time breaking through the Selkirk Fishermen's stifling defence in their best-of-seven CRJHL semifinal series.

Selkirk now leads Lundar 3-0 after a 3-0 home victory on Sunday.

Carter Courchene scored a first-period goal and then Matt Brooks tallied in the second. Xander De La Ronde closed out the scoring in the third.

Owen Derewianchuk made 33 saves for the shutout. Selkirk has allowed just two goals in the first three games of the series.

Last Thursday, the Fishermen defeated the Falcons 3-1 in Lundar.

Cohen Smigelsky scored in the first period to give Lundar a 1-0 lead.

But Selkirk's Kyle Folhoffer and Andrew Hladun, on the power play, tallied in the second.

The Fishermen's Kasen Andrushko closed out the scoring in the third.

Brendon Hocaluk made 19 saves for the win.

Game 4 of the series was played on Monday in Lundar but no score was available at press time. If necessary, Game 5 of the series would have been played this past Tuesday in Selkirk.

A Game 6, if needed, is slated for Saturday (8 p.m.) in Lundar and a Game 7 would be played Sunday (3 p.m.) at the Recreation Complex.



EXPRESS PHOTO BRETT MITCHELL

Lundar goaltender Jordan Armstrong and the Falcons lost 3-0 to Selkirk in their semifinal series on Sunday.

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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*, that the Council of the R.M. of Grahamdale intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a Public Hearing being held at the RM of Grahamdale Municipal Office, 23 Government Road, in Moosehorn, MB on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representations, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on April 3, 2023 and may be examined by any person during regular office hours at the Municipal Office or on our website at www.grahamdale.ca.

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Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office. A copy of the financial plan will also be posted on the Dunnottar website (www.dunnottar.ca) at that time.

Please contact the office, info@dunnottar.ca or call 204-389-4962, to register to attend this hearing or review a copy of the 2023 Financial Plan.

Dated this 6th day of March 2023.

Sarah Palson, C.M.M.A.
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Attention: Leith Robertson Solicitors for the Estate of George Anthony Chzyz

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In the matter of the Estate of Jackie Bonkowski, late of Arborg, Manitoba, Deceased. All claims against the above estate, supported by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the attention of: **Donald Mrochuk**, 204 Kingston Row, Winnipeg, Manitoba on or before the 4th day of May, 2023. Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 14th day of March, 2023. **Donald Mrochuk**
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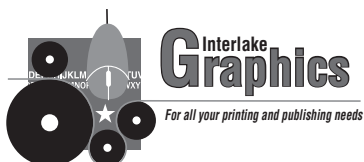
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Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Gimli, MB.
Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Ernest Michael Springer
June 11, 1923 – March 9, 2023
With family by his side, Ernest 'Ernie' Springer, aged 99 years of Moosehorn, MB, loving husband to Elsa, passed away at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern, MB.
Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.
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OBITUARY

Jacqueline (Jackie) Bonkowski

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jackie Bonkowski, née Broeska, at the Arborg Health Centre on Friday, March 3, 2023.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sisters, Pat (Joe) Scott, Kathy Lanthier, Judy (Randy) Buchko and Lorie (Arthur) Rey; her sisters-in-law, Mary (Bonkowski) Hrycak and Rozann (Ken) Broeska; many nieces and nephews, special friend Jan Larkin, her coffee friends and her Legion friends.

Jackie was predeceased by her beloved husband Peter (2011); her parents Adella (née Remillard) and Jacob Broeska; her sisters, Ruth Mrochuk, Joan Spencer, Rita Dandurand; her brothers, Raymond and Kenneth Broeska; her sisters-in-law, Eva and Anna Bonkowski, Edna Broeska; parents-in-law Peter and Annastasia Bonkowski; brothers-in-law, Stan Mrochuk, Harry Spencer, Wally Dandurand, Larry Lanthier and George Hrycak.

Peter and Jackie loved fishing, gardening, garage sales and spending time at Catherine Lake with friends, Lisa and (the late) Ron White. Jackie was a fun-loving person with a great sense of humour always ready to share jokes and was a master at delivering them. She was a great cook and loved playing cards, more so if she was winning. The Arborg Legion was a favourite haunt, the featured dinners and meat draws were always a hit, but it was the time with friends she cherished most. She loved playing the VLT'S, South Beach Casino was also a highly anticipated destination. Jackie touched the hearts of many during her life and she will be remembered for her infectious smile, quick wit and hilarious one liners!

Family and friends would like to thank Dr. Nazim and the staff of the Arborg Health Centre for the compassionate care given to Jackie.

As per Jackie's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

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OBITUARY

Leslie Joseph Kornik



Leslie Joseph Kornik, of Riverton, Manitoba passed away on March 7, 2023 after a short battle with cancer.

Leslie was born in Ledwyn, Manitoba on February 17, 1939, to parents Mike Kornik and Olga (nee Charney).

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sonja (nee Thorarinson), son Wade Kornik, and daughter Christine (Neil) Johnson; grandchildren Julien, Tanis (Trevor), Michelle, Aron (Carly), Elizabeth (Jordan), Kevin, Lex; and great-grandson Ayden.

He was predeceased by his eldest son Wes.

Les' life was one of accomplishment and adventure. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Geology. His career took him to a job in Ottawa with the Geological Survey of Canada and in due course an early retirement. This allowed him to embrace his country roots once more, sleep until noon, and satisfy

his curiosity with many interests.

He was a true jack of all trades: a pilot, gardener, artist, mushroom picker, canner, baker, fisherman, loyal customer of the thrift store, published academic, arctic explorer, rock collector, bush walker, and project starter. Many happy winters were spent in the Turks & Caicos and Dominican Republic. Les was always delighted to have visitors. There was always coffee in the thermos and a cake in the pan.

A family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Should one wish; donations in Les' memory can be made to the Riverton Cemetery, Box 165, Riverton, MB R0C 2R0.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Darlene Lorette King



On March 1, 2023 at the age of 80, Darlene Lorette King passed away at the Grace Hospital.

Darlene was predeceased by her parents Bjorn and Johanna Hjørleifson; brother-in-law Ernie; and nephew Terry Johnson.

Darlene will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by husband Robert; and daughters Dawn (Hugh), Sharon and Teresa; grandchildren Emily, Elizabeth and Aaron; great-granddaughter Gemma; sisters Gloria, Linda (Ron), Brenda (Harry), Kathy; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born August 26, 1942 on a farm just outside of Riverton, Manitoba, at the age of nine Darlene's family moved to Riverton where she finished her schooling. Later moving to Gimli for work she met her future husband, Robert. They were married on December 2, 1961.

They travelled with the Air Force to numerous locations in Canada and Europe, retiring in Winnipeg.

Darlene's artistic abilities were obvious from the many paintings and drawings she left for us to enjoy.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the staff on the 5th Floor of the Grace Hospital for their excellent care during Darlene's last days.

If anyone wishes to honour her memory donations may be made to the Grace Hospital Foundation, Children's Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice.

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

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OBITUARY

Teri Lea Walker



Teri went home to rejoin her family on March 6th, 2023. She leaves behind her beloved son, Andrew, of whom she was very proud and loved with all her heart.

Predeceased by her mother, Maida in 1976, father Ernie, and brother, Tim, both in 1992, as well as her dear friends Janet Cook in 2010 and Gloria Smith in 2017.

Survived by sister Jill and brother Gil; nieces Val (Norm), Dar (Fed), Alicia (Graham), Tori (Simon), and Sarina (Rhys); nephews Matthew, Braydon, and Brett (Cali); great niece Natalie (Chris); great nephews Brandon (Madeleine), Joshua, Lucas, Brady, Ares, Rain, and Luca; great-great nephew George as well as godson, Ryan (Jodean).

Teri was born in Selkirk in 1950 and was raised in Petersfield. In 1961 the family moved to Selkirk. She worked at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre from 1968 until 1987 when she and Andrew moved to Gimli. Once there, she started an in-home day care which she really enjoyed. She considered the children she looked after as "her kids", always enjoyed hearing about them and catching up with them throughout the years.

In 1999 she moved to Elma to be closer to her sister Jill, and started to work for Home Care. She had discovered another job that brought her great joy and would create lifelong friendships.

In the fall of 2000, in addition to working Home Care, she started work at the local Nursery School in Whitemouth. Being back working with children again made her happy and brought her so much joy.

She would later get involved with the Whitemouth Health Auxiliary, for which she served as president for 12 years. Her volunteering would continue with the Whitemouth Library, where she was able to share her lifelong love of reading. In addition to reading books, Teri enjoyed a variety of music, television, and movies. She had a great love for animals, having many beloved pets throughout the years.

Special thanks to the friends, home care providers, doctors, nurses, and health care staff who cared for Teri.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial of Teri's life will be held Friday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m. at Gilbart Funeral Home, 309 Eveline Street, Selkirk.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Teri's memory may be made to the Whitemouth Health Auxiliary, P.O. Box 332, Whitemouth, MB, R0E 2G0.

Teri always tried to do the right things in her life. She wanted only the best for people and for them to be happy. This sometimes got her in trouble!

When Teri lost a family member or friend, she was of the belief that they were always around, watching and guiding, and if you listened hard enough, they would guide you through your life. Now it's her turn! So, listen hard for she has things to tell you!

Remember "God is Watching."

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

John Mervin Brown

July 4, 1956 - March 4, 2023



Peacefully with family by his side, our Dad, John passed away at the Percy. E. Moore Hospital on March 4, 2023.

John is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Amanda (Chris), son Jason, daughter-in-law Angie; his grandbabies: Jayla, Addie, Jaylie and Andrew; his siblings Wayne (Louise), Larry (Connie), Denise (Dave), in-laws Bill (Bev), Molly, Ken, Danny (Linda), Sandra (Stephen), Ivan and numerous nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by wife Mary, parents Alex and Verle, brothers Aurthur, Garry, sisters Brenda, Blanche, brother-in-law Blaine, sister-in-law Nancy.

The family would like to thank the Percy. E. Moore Hospital for all their care and compassion they gave to Dad during his stay there.

Cremation has taken place and the service will be held at the Fisher Branch Ukrainian Hall on March 18, 2023 at 1 p.m.



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OBITUARY



Marilynne Johannson

Peacefully, with family by her side, Marilynne Johannson passed away on March 6, 2023 at the age of 78.

Marilynne will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 58 years, Thor; children Charis (Greg) and Tammy; grandchildren Steph (Ian), Devon (Brittany), Mia (Mitch), Kael, Costa and Isabella; and great-grandchildren Teddy, Myla, Wyatt and Isobel. Marilynne is survived by her loving siblings Caroline (Bob), June, Elma (Richard), Irene, Harvey (Barb), and Ralph; her brothers-in-law Lenny (Shelley) and Kenny; sisters-in-law Patti and Roseanne; as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was predeceased by her parents Sigurdur (Siggi) and Kristrun Sigurdson, brothers-in-law Doug and Bob, and son Scott.

Marilynne was a kind and generous soul who was beloved by everyone who knew her. She adored being a mother and an Amma

to her grandchildren, and was always their biggest supporter. Her smile lit up the room and she was a friend to all.

Marilynne was a creative spirit who loved the arts, sewing and gardening. She was an amazing cook and loved the dinner club she was a part of for many years. She was very involved in her community, having served on the Arborg Hospital Auxiliary Board and worked with the Women's Institute. She was also a longtime leader of 4H and was the President of the Riverton Skating Club.

Marilynne worked as a health care aide at the Arborg Personal Care Home for over 20 years. She truly loved her work and is remembered by many for her compassionate care.

Marilynne's family would like to thank the staff of Arborg Personal Care Home for their gracious and kind care of Marilynne and her family during this difficult time. They would also like to thank all of the home care staff that allowed Marilynne to be at home as long as possible.

A celebration of life will be held on March 25, 2023 at the Riverton Community Hall at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilynne's name can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

OBITUARY

William Theodore Kozub

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of William Theodore Kozub on March 8th, 2023 at age 88.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elma and children: Charisse (Morris) Dwayne (Marion) Grant (Sheryl). Eight dear grandchildren, Jennifer (Garrett) Johnson; Tyler (Cassie) Stadnek; Tara (Brian) Barkman; Regan (Kirstin) Kozub; Terrance (Crystal) Kozub; Lauren (David) Egesz; Drew (Allie) Kozub; Carly (Chad) Mitchell. Twenty great-grandchildren: Gabrielle, Austin, Alysse; Rebecca, Samantha, Dalton; Ty, Brock, Luca; William, Alexandria, Colton, Kyle, Ainsley; Maja, Abigail; Inga; Porter; Casimir, Thorin. Brothers, Jerald (Shirley), Ronald (Lorraine), Reg (Karen), sister-in-law Joan, and brother-in-law Wes Wilson.

He was predeceased by his parents Ted and Anne, brother Wilfred, twin infant siblings, Eileen and Larry. Elma's parents and



brothers-in-law, Richard and Hugh.

William was born February 26th, 1935, the eldest of five brothers. William and Elma met in 1955, set up on a blind date by close friends. They were married November 26th of that same year. William's first jobs were freighting up north and then road construction. He and Elma ran a cow-calf operation for many years, working together in partnership to build a life and raise a family. William spent decades working in construction, primarily as a grader operator. He was known as the "grader operator who always wore a cowboy hat." He loved being an operator. He worked for many different outfits through the years, operating until his 80th year. He was a dedicated worker and possessed a quick wit!

In later years, William and Elma enjoyed travelling and spent many happy years in Mission, Texas, where they enjoyed the fellowship of friends, old and new, music and dancing. Shuffleboard competitions were especially memorable!

William's dedication to his family is reflected in the lives of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. William's storytelling, sense of humour, Kozub smile and larger-than-life personality will be deeply missed.

We will celebrate his life this summer with a gathering at Hnusa Cemetary for an interment and spend the day exchanging "Papa" stories.

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