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# Mama Bear's den expanding with third location

By Nicole Buffie

There's a faint smell of fresh paint and the sound of power tools at 511 Robinson Ave., which means a new business is coming to town.

For the last two weeks, Glen and Pauline Noordenbos have been preparing the space for the arrival of over 600 bolts of fabric for quilters in the area to get their hands on. For those not in the know, that equals to approximately 8,200 metres of material.

Mama Bear's Quilt Shoppe's new den in Selkirk is the third for the husband-and-wife entrepreneurs, with one location in Brandon and the other in Ashern, the first of their storefronts to open 21 years ago.

"There was an opportunity because there was no other establishment here," said Pauline, a veteran quilter and co-owner of the quilt shops. "We've had a lot of the clientele that support us from this area asking because of that fact so we decided to go for it."

While some would call opening a new business in the middle of an economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic risky, the pair said the move came as a result of consultation

and requests from customers and the larger quilting community.

"Once you're in the quilting community, people get to know you," Pauline said of the name her shops have built for themselves throughout the years. "You also get to know the community and their needs."

Fulfilling their needs is what led to a third store versus building an online presence, said Pauline. She noted the desire to feel and see the fabric before purchasing it as important to her customers; therefore, the idea to expand their brick-and-mortar locations was natural.

"We like challenges," said Glen.

Learning how to stitch from a friend, Pauline said the hobby is not a dying art as many would think.

"A lot of people think it's for old people. It's not," she said. "Modern quilts or the new techniques that are out there, or even the old techniques, people are getting back into it because it's something that you can do to create. You can be as creative as you want, and the sky's the limit."

The duo also hopes to bring more business into the area as a result of commuters seeking out their prod-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY NICOLE BUFFIE

From left to right: Pauline, Mikayla and Glen Noordenbos plan to have their third Mama Bear's Quilt Shoppe open by early April.

ucts.

With much of their fabric purchased in Canada and being a small business, the Noordenbos put the economic health of the communities they operate in at the forefront.

"If you're looking for a quilt shop, you're going to find us, right? So they're coming here, then hopefully they'll support the local community

or other businesses that are in this community as well," Pauline said.

Mama Bear's Quilt Shoppe, while still under construction, hopes to open their doors to the public in April when they will offer fabric, sewing machines and more. All they ask for in return is a warm welcome to the region.

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# Granddaughter raises money in memory of her late Baba

By Sydney Lockhart

After a long battle with cancer, her Baba died in October, leaving granddaughter Megan Humeniuk inspired to fundraise for cancer research.

"She fought a long and hard battle against cancer from basically when I was born until she passed away, so it was always a big thing in my life," said 18-year-old Humeniuk.

Her Baba, Augustine "Auggie" Konopetcki, was 85 years old when she passed from cancer. Humeniuk said losing her during the pandemic was hard because not everyone could enter the hospital to visit with her.

"She was in palliative care at the Stonewall Hospital, and they were just really, really good to her," she said.

Humeniuk said when she started to reflect after she passed, she realized she wanted to do more to help end cancer, even though her Baba was no longer there to see her efforts.

"I talk to her now, even though she's gone. I won't be able to like say to her, like, 'Hey, I'm doing this for you. I don't want people to suffer the way you suffered,'" she said.

Humeniuk teared up while talking about her late Baba but said it was because thoughts of her make her happy.

"I realized I should have done something in support of the disease, not just on her, because I'm not the only family that's hurt by this. People all over the world are hurt all the time and it's just not fair. And it sucks, and I think that cancer sucks," she said.

Humeniuk participated in Dry February to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

So far, she has raised over \$1,700 but

said she hopes to continue her fundraising even though the Dry February is technically over.

"I had some friends and family members sign up and join as well so I would love to do it again," said Humeniuk.

"I would do it all year if I could raise that much money."

Throughout Dry February, the fundraiser does not drink any alcohol and goes for as long as they can to raise as much money as they can.

"She was just like a really good person, like genuinely had a like a beautiful, beautiful heart," said Humeniuk, "And she was a teacher, too, so she was like a saint basically."

Humeniuk said she and her Baba were always close and that she was always there to support her and her brother at any sports event she could, even when she was sick.

"You know those cinnamon hearts? She used to have all the time like no matter where we were, she would have them on her. They were always like rock hard, just like awful, it's so old," said Humeniuk.

"But she always had them so if we were crying or if we were happy, if we were sad, it didn't matter — she had them for us."

Humeniuk said her Baba was one of the kindest people she knew and would help anyone out if they needed it. She described her as her "all-star."

"My brother (Ryan) and I, when we were little, would sit on the counter in the kitchen and watch the driveway for my mom to come home and my Baba every day, she would sing this song, 'She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes,'" said Hu-



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Megan Humeniuk is raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of her late Baba, Augustine "Auggie" Konopetcki.

meniuk.

She added that she wants to fundraise every year to remember her Baba and help in the fight to end cancer for other families going through the same thing hers did.

To donate and help Humeniuk fundraise for the Canadian Cancer Society, go to <https://www.dryfeb.ca/users/megan-humeniuk>.

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# An eggstraordinary day at Winnipeg Beach School

By Gary Kelly

If spring is near and the smell of beeswax is in the air, it's probably a sign Ukrainian Easter eggs are being created.

Last week the smell of beeswax was in the air at Winnipeg Beach School. The classes of Ms. Chantal Pawluk and Ms. Amber Lawrence had an eggcellent day at school participating in a pysanka workshop provided by substitute teacher Angela Sarakula.

Sarakula comes from a Ukrainian immigrant background; both her parents immigrated to Canada from Ukraine and have passed many cultural traditions on to their children. Sarakula was exposed to pysanka as a child in Winnipeg and carried the tradition with her in her travels throughout Canada. In addition to running workshops in Winnipeg, she has also brought the art to small coastal fishing villages in Newfoundland and Labrador, and even in a school on the slopes of a British Columbia ski hill.

The Ukrainian art of dying eggs or pysanka is a reverse dying or batik process that applies symbols in melted bees wax to an egg before it is dipped into a dye. The colour of the dye under the beeswax remains and the uncovered portion takes on the colour of the next dye. The process is repeated moving from the lightest to the darkest dyes. When all the dyes have been applied, the build up of wax is slowly melted near a candle and wiped from the egg, revealing the finished product.

It is believed that pysanka dates back thousands of years in Slavic cultures and was a very important part of life. The symbols applied represent many things ranging from religious beliefs, folklore and hope for the renewed prosperity as the new spring season marks an end to winter. In



Ukrainian Easter eggs created using reverse dying and beeswax.

modern times the traditional symbolism remains strong for some; birds representing fulfillment of wishes, the sun and the stars representing fortune and growth, and many other symbols with specific representations. For others, designs have also taken on an art form of free expression.

Throughout the workshop the students were



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GARY KELLY AND CHANTAL PAWLUK  
Winnipeg Beach students learned the art of dying eggs or pysanka for Easter.

intently focused on their creations, and their imaginations were the only limits to the end results. As the process moves from one step to the next, it is often difficult for the beginner to visualize the final result, which is some-

times a bit different than they had envisioned. Whatever the difference in what was planned and what resulted, though, the new artist is usually in awe as the wax is melted and the colourful finished pysanka is revealed.

## Hydro negotiations still underway with union

By Nicole Buffie

A contract dispute between Manitoba Hydro and the union that represents its workers is still underway as the two entities have been negotiating amid rotating strikes and an averted general strike on March 17.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 2034 declared a general strike last week after a final offer was not presented by the Crown corporation. IBEW workers have been without a contract for 28 months amid unsuccessful negotiations resulting in rotating strikes at facilities across the province.

The updated deal tabled by Hydro offered IBEW members a three-year contract with a 0.75 per cent

wage increase in the third year retroactive to Jan. 1, 2021.

In a press release from Manitoba Hydro, president and CEO Jay Grewal said Hydro's final offer on March 17 was "fair" amid allegations from IBEW that Manitoba Hydro ignored negotiating an Essential Services Agreement with IBEW.

"This is categorically untrue," Grewal said. "The union would only agree to negotiate an Essential Services Agreement if, after 10 days of strike action, the corporation would agree to binding arbitration."

"We believe in the collective bargaining process and hope our offer to the union resolves this strike as quickly as possible," she said.

IBEW 2034 could not be reached for comment.

The last strike by IBEW workers at the Crown corporation was in 2009, which lasted several days after a deal for higher salaries and a shorter contract could not be reached. The contract settled on pay and benefit increases of 9.6 per cent over four years for union members.

Last Wednesday IBEW announced they did not receive an updated offer before the 5 p.m. deadline therefore declaring a general strike. However, early on Thursday morning IBEW 2034 confirmed Hydro presented an updated offer, which the bargaining committee will review and vote on in the coming days before further strike action is taken. As of press time on Monday, no vote on the proposed contract had been announced.



# BASF Canada's \$7,500 donation provides hot lunch daily for students

By Patricia Barrett

Not only are students at Riverton Collegiate able to start the day with a nutritious school-provided breakfast, but they can also get a meal at lunch to re-fuel for the afternoon.

The high school has been providing a variety of lunch options for students since February thanks to a generous \$7,500 donation from chemical company, BASF Canada.

"We have a very robust daily breakfast program, but we had no lunch program," said principal Erin Furgala. "We were able to do special lunches every once in a while, but didn't have anything consistent. With this donation from BASF Canada, we're able to provide a lunch every day for kids at no cost. The company is giving back to the local community by supporting local students."

Out of a current student population of 77, about 40 kids each day benefit from the lunch program, she said.

Among the meals students can choose from are taco salad in a bag – the "most popular" so far – chilli, spaghetti and meat sauce, soups, sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs and pizza buns.

A lot of Riverton's students are bused to school and don't have an opportunity to go home for lunch, she said. Many would either skip lunch altogether or eat unhealthy snack food. Others would order lunch at a restaurant in town, which would often make them late back to class or cause them to miss out on lunch-hour intramural activities or catch-up study periods.

Vice-principal Rob Jantz said the BASF donation does more than provide food to help students maintain the energy they need to get through the school day. It's also a way to connect through the sharing of a meal, especially one that has been cooked for them. Someone handing them food is a "beautiful



RCI was presented with a \$7,500 cheque from BASF Canada to establish a lunch program for students this semester.

thing" even if they have to eat it six feet away from others.

"One of the struggles we're having during COVID-19 times is keeping the soul in a school. We're teaching what we need to teach as we deal with all the public health restrictions, but many of the things that create soul, such as sport teams, after-school clubs and other extracurricular programs, have been sucked out of our students' lives," said Jantz. "The lunch program serves as a means to bring back a sense of community in a real tangible way."

One of the students who uses the lunch program gave it and the school a vote of approval.

"This school has so much to offer, from lunch time learning opportunities and helping support kids with breakfast and lunch," said the student who preferred not to use his name. "The teachers and staff here are incredible. They love supporting the students and making fun activities for the kids."

The lunches are prepared in the collegiate's com-



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCI Educational assistants Agnes and Tamasin prepare and serve lunch in the school's commercial kitchen following COVID-19 safety protocols.

mercial kitchen following COVID-safe protocols for food handling and serving, said Furgala. Three educational assistants prepare and serve the lunches. The additional two hours required to run the program are funded through grant dollars and do not replace regular EA time and duties.

Long-time employee Agnes Furgala, who wears multiple hats as an EA, librarian and northern student liaison, is the breakfast and lunch program's coordinator and has been the "glue" holding everything together, said Furgala. Agnes will celebrate 30 years at Riverton Collegiate in June.

"Agnes is one of the EAs keeping our kids' bellies and hearts full. She's tasked with both food programs and she does an amazing job," she said. "She puts her whole heart and soul into it. She comes in on the weekends to cook the chilli so that it's ready. She's a huge part of why we can do what we do at RCI."

## Financial relief offered to outfitters and hotels for tourism losses

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government announced last week it will provide \$8 million in financial relief to the accommodation and tourism sectors to support them with business expenses.

The government is creating a Hospitality Relief Sector Program, which will provide funding to hotels and full-time licensed resource tourism operators after public health restrictions around COVID-19 curtailed operations and hurt revenue.

The new program will be administered by the Manitoba Hotel Association and by the Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association.

"Manitoba's tourism sector — a key contributor to the province's economy — has been significantly impacted by a reduction in domestic and international travel and other restrictions that were necessary to protect Manitobans and all Canadians from the spread of COVID-19," said Premier Brian Pallister in a March 16 news release. "We recognize that these businesses have made significant sacrifices in order to protect their community. We are committed to helping them through this challenging and unpredictable time and to help position them for recovery."

Among the business expenses to be reimbursed under the program are property taxes, property insurance, mortgage interest, service fees, land leases and maintenance of camps.

The Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association (MLOA), which promotes activities such as angling, bear hunting and deer hunting, is staring down the barrel of another uncertain season, according to its statement thanking the province for the grant money.

MLOA president DJ Seales said the funding represents a "lifeline."

"With the nature of this industry, many are facing a second year of no business due to the border being closed," said Seales on the association's website and in the province's news release. "MLOA would like to thank the province for partnering with and supporting these businesses and this industry during these uncertain times."

The Express reached out to the MLOA with a request for information about what percentage of revenue the sector

has lost since March 2020 when COVID arrived and whether local and Canadian tourism is insufficient to support the industry.

Details of the provincial grant program, such who will be eligible, how much a business could be compensated and when businesses can apply, will be released at a later date, according to the province.

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## Government funding should support inequality

By Sydney Lockhart

On International Women's Day, women deserved more than an insult from their government.

The provincial government announced \$50,000 toward an initiative to "encourage women pursuing non-traditional career options."

In a March 8 press release from The Sport, Culture and Heritage ministry, it defines non-traditional career options as "heavy construction industry and information and communications technology industries."

This initiative is a prime example of the provincial conservative government demonstrating how little it understands about inequality for women in the workplace.

It's hard to see how this money — which is paltry — is going to move the needle on equality for women in these sectors.

Saying construction is "non-traditional" is an old-school view out of touch with the current sexist workplaces women in construction deal with.

Many women who work in these fields are eventually forced out by the harassment they encounter on the job, leaving only 3.4 per cent of women in the construction workforce, according

to The Manitoba Construction Sector Council.

On page 120 of *The State of Women in Construction in Canada* by the Construction Sector Council, a woman recalls her experience in the field: "Sometimes you actually have to quit. You do. There's just nothing to do. You can try to deal with it. ... This is a huge reality that women end up quitting, not continuing with trades because it really just is inhospitable."

The \$50,000 was announced by Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox, who is also responsible for the status of women.

But that responsibility isn't an official ministerial portfolio — rather a side responsibility tacked onto the lap of one of the Tories' six female cabinet ministers, five of which are white.

From this alone, it's easy to see how gender equality is not a priority to the sitting government.

It's puzzling because about half of voters are women.

The 2020 budget for Sport, Culture and Heritage was approximately \$73 million, making the insignificant amount of \$50,000 equal to 0.06 per cent of the yearly budget.

In other words, the equivalent to a single 10 per cent down payment on

the average Canadian house.

Government funding should go towards addressing the inequality in the workplace first, before encouraging women into the field in order for women to be able to succeed in their careers. Women already know they can do the job if they pursue it, but they also know they would be placing themselves into what is likely to be a sexist workplace, hence the low number of women in the field.

In the press release, the province said they want to encourage women into these fields using the money to set up training programs, networking opportunities and other initiatives.

In 2018 Statistics Canada found that 19 per cent of women experienced harassment in the workplace; however, the percentage of women specifically in construction that experience harassment is way higher at a staggering 92 per cent according to Canadian Association of Women in Construction.

With the vast majority of women in construction facing these issues, the provincial government needs to invest a lot more than \$50,000 into creating safe work environments for women rather than "encouraging" them to start a career that does not support them.

## letters to the editor

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### Mordens' Meadows expansion proposal

Spring is here and the nay-sayers have woken up from their hibernation — and, just like old bears, are growling and in a mean mood.

But with vivid imaginations. Wor-

rying about things that do not matter to them but seem to think it does.

ATVs, motorbikes, golf carts and, best of all, nonsense on public property, Sea-Doos?

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would have an easier year-end balance? Could they not imagine a better life? Or just be selfish and not share our good life?

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- Baldur Nelson, Gimli

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Due to the ongoing above-average and fluctuating temperatures in the province, Lifesaving Society Manitoba is advising everyone to stay off frozen bodies of water. All ice in the province is now unpredictable and potentially unsafe. Selkirk RCMP received a report that a male was seen walking on the ice about 50 to 100 metres from the shore when he fell through on the Red River in Selkirk on March 21. The 52-year old male was brought to the shore by Selkirk Fire Department and treated by EMS. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### Betel Home is a cut above many PCH in Manitoba

Family concerned about a few shortcomings after survey. The purpose of Ms. Benson-Podolchuk's comments regarding Betel mystify me. The points she identifies as problems need to be put in context of the bigger picture. We have been undergoing COVID-19 for over a year. During most of that time, Betel has been in lockdown in an effort to keep the virus out of Betel. I thank our good fortune that there has been no outbreak at Gimli Betel despite staffing challenges and ever-changing directives from health authorities. I am regularly amazed at what the administration and staff have been able to achieve over the past year under abnormal circumstances. There is no denying COVID has been hard on residents of care homes, but at Betel the best that can be done is being done.

Betel is not perfect, but it is a significant cut above many of the other PCHs in the province. I have found

it much more effective to talk regularly to Betel administration and staff about concerns I have. Generally they have been more than willing to listen and make the changes they can within the constraints of the system. I will continue to raise concerns in order to see constructive change directly with staff. I am really disturbed at Ms. Benson-Podolchuk's admonishment of staff regarding how they should approach residents and that "unconscious bias" needs to be discussed. That is using a pretty broad brush, which is uncalled for. It shows only a surface understanding of the dynamics of the current system of elder care. Ms. Benson-Podolchuk is addressing the symptoms rather the problem. I have dealt with the system for 10 years in three regional health authorities, and I can assure you it is far more complex that telling facility care staff that they need to do better. My centenarian mother has been

in Betel for just over three years and is happy there. During the past year, my brother, my mother's sister and I have been able to regularly keep in touch with her through phone calls and letters. We did not have the good fortune to visit her through a window as she is on the second floor. I also kept in touch with staff often to find out how Mom was doing. Over the past year, I have taken every opportunity available, as has my aunt, to visit my mother as caregivers — in the garden, in the pods, in her room. Room visitation has now been re-opened. If Ms. Benson-Podolchuk really wants to make a difference, then I would suggest she start writing and lobbying the provincial government to increase the funding to personal care homes so that more staff can be hired and wages can be improved.

- Dawn Harris  
Gimli

## Gimli taxpayer wants council to invest in what's important to residents

Reading the article in the March 18 edition of the *Express Weekly News* to me is very concerning. We have gone through, and we are not out of, a pandemic that has affected so many people's lives financially and personally. I would have thought the municipality would have at least made an effort to ease people's burdens. No word on holding or reducing taxes as other municipalities have. Instead of making repairing infrastructure a major priority, we are status quo, with more money going into the harbour. We have spent millions on the area over the last few years and it is enough. We need better roads, water lines, sewage plant fixes and a hundred other infrastructure upgrades through the whole municipality. I think it is about time the council start talking to its constituents and become more transparent with where all of the money is allocated and why.

Also, applications for federal-provincial grants, as the municipality pays a portion, should only be submitted for projects that benefit the whole community, not just for small select areas. Walking trails is one example. This is a great town and area. We all love it here, and all we ask is that our tax dollars pay for what we feel will improve our lives and general well-being in the municipality.

- D. Albright, Gimli

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# Five new youth hub sites for mental health, addictions services

## Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government, Shared Health and a group of philanthropic partners led by United Way Winnipeg are expanding Integrated Youth Services (IYS) in Manitoba by awarding five additional Youth Hub sites, Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery Minister Audrey Gordon announced last week.

“Navigating the system to find the right services, especially when it comes to mental health and addictions, can be daunting for youth,” said Gordon. “Each of these Youth Hubs will bring together mental health care, addiction services, primary care, peer support and other social services together in one youth-friendly site.”

Youth Hubs provide low-barrier, integrated services for young people and their families at a single easy-to-access location. A network of organizations and service providers work closely together to provide youth-centred services across a continuum of care so that young people can access all of the core health services they need in one place.

The five new sites include:

- an Indigenous-led Youth Hub serving the Centennial and Point Douglas neighbourhoods, located at and led by Ka Ni Kanichihk, in Winnipeg. Its primary partners include the

Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network and the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development.

- a downtown-based Youth Hub located in the West Broadway neighbourhood of Winnipeg, led by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Primary partners include the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs’ Eagle Urban Transition Centre, Youth Employment Services, Family Dynamics and the University of Winnipeg’s Community Renewal Corporation.

- a Westman-region Youth Hub in downtown Brandon, led by the Westman Youth for Christ in partnership with the Brandon Friendship Centre, Career and Employment Youth Services (C.E.Y.S. Brandon), and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and supported by Prairie Mountain Health. The hub will continue to establish key partnerships driven by youth input as well the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health at Brandon University will support ongoing youth-centred evaluation of the hub.

- a Youth Hub in downtown Selkirk serving Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth from Selkirk, Peguis First Nation and other Interlake communities, created by Peguis First Nation. Primary partners include the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, the Lord Selkirk School Di-

vision, the START Program and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

- a Youth Hub for families in St. Boniface/St. Vital neighbourhoods in Winnipeg, including francophone, newcomer and Indigenous youth, led by Youville Clinic. Primary partners include Centre de santé de St. Boniface, Aulneau Renewal Centre, Marymount, Sara Riel and Teen Stop Jeunesse.

The five Youth Hub partnerships announced last week were selected in response to a call for proposals issued in November 2020 and will serve a large number of youth in some of our province’s highest-needs areas, noted the minister.

“These spaces are so important for youth,” said Kayleigh, a young person who helped the Ka Ni Kanichihk-led partnership develop their initial proposal. “These Youth Hubs will be safe places, where youth can feel like a big family, feel loved, and receive the help and support that they need.”

The Manitoba government is investing \$1.92 million in this youth hub expansion, and the philanthropic partnership including the Bell-Graham Boeckh Foundation Partnership, United Way Winnipeg, RBC Foundation, The Winnipeg Foundation, the Moffat Family Fund, the Réseau Compassion Network and others will be contributing \$2.96 million over three years. United Way Winnipeg is leading and

co-ordinating the initiative including the creation of a Manitoba Youth Hubs Network to enable shared capacity building across all youth hub sites.

## Correction

### Staff

In the article “Gimli hosts Hollywood” of the March 18 *Express Weekly News*, it was incorrectly reported that Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister and his wife posed with Hollywood-star Liam Neeson. It should have said Pallister posed with Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox.

The article also suggests that filming took place in February 2021, when it was actually February 2020. Given this, the provincial government has received a number of calls asking why the premier was touring a film production site without a mask while we’re in Code Red on the pandemic response system. This photo was taken in the early months of 2020 — before the pandemic was declared and any public health restrictions existed.

The *Express Weekly News* apologizes for the misinformation.

### Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Conservation and Climate has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI – WASTEWATER EVAPORATION POND FACILITY – FILE: 6090.00**

An Environment Act Proposal has been filed for construction of a three cell evaporative pond on portions of SW10-21-3 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Gimli in order to manage the dry house cleaning wastewater and annual maintenance shutdown wastewater generated from Diageo Gimli plant. The wastewater in each cell will be managed in rotation and each cell will accept wastewater for one year followed by two years of natural and/or active supplemental evaporation. The wastewater will not be discharged into the environment.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to comment on the proposal should contact Asit Dey, Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at [Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca), not later than APRIL 22, 2021. Further information is available from the Online Public Registry: [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/)

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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# It’s not going to be like this forever

By Lorne Stelmach

The province preached continued caution this week even as it moved to further ease public health restrictions.

There is still a long way to go with vaccinations, and case numbers — including variant cases — have climbed in recent days, noted chief public health officer Dr. Brent Roussin at his Monday update.

He offered some notes of optimism but continued to advise against non-essential travel and discouraged spring break and Easter celebrations plans.

“We want to continue to open in a cautious manner, but we do need to do what we can to delay the transmission of this virus, delay a third wave, as we are rolling out vaccine,” he said.

“We need to be cautious. We can think back to the issues that we had following Thanksgiving. This isn’t how we wanted to spend our spring break or holiday weekend. We do continue to need to be cautious with our case

numbers slowly trending up and the variants of concern becoming more and more an issue,” said Roussin.

“It’s not going to be like this forever. We do have optimism that we see the vaccines beginning to roll out, but we’re still many, many weeks to months away from having enough of the population protected for us to really significantly reduce our public health measures,” he said.

“We have to keep our interactions down outside of our households or we are going to see a third wave, and that is going to compromise our ability to rapidly vaccinate Manitobans.”

On Monday, the province reported one additional COVID-19 death in the Winnipeg health region, which brought the total deaths to 928.

The five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was 5.2 per cent provincially and 3.7 per cent in Winnipeg. There were 65 new cases of the virus confirmed Monday to bring the total since the pandemic began to 33,418.

The number of active cases was at 1,205 at the start of the work week. A total of 138 people were in hospital due the virus, 25 in ICU.

Active cases in the Interlake-Eastern region include five in Fisher River/Peguis, 15 in Northern Remote, eight in Powerview/Pine Falls and five in the Unknown region.

Manitoba as a whole has thus far had 63 confirmed cases of the B.1.1.7 variant and 14 of the B.1.351 variant.

Meanwhile, vaccination eligibility on Monday was broadened to include people aged 65 or older and First Nation people aged 45 or older.

Eligible individuals can book their appointment at a supersite online at [protectmb.ca](http://protectmb.ca) with an email address and their health card number. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-844-626-8222.

You can also sign up at the website to receive vaccination updates via email.



# Bifrost Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) officially launched; volunteers wanted

By Patricia Barrett

Residents in the municipality of Bifrost-Riverton are stepping up and taking it upon themselves to patrol communities, farms and back roads in a bid to deter crime or spot criminals in action.

Led by a local woman, a new Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) was officially registered this month to help combat rural crime.

Bifrost COPP co-ordinator Bianca Hamblin, who lives in the Riverton area, said she started working on establishing a group last year with other interested volunteers. She was slowed somewhat by COVID-19 and public health restrictions on in-person gatherings, but the group is now up and running, having received official sanction from the RCMP on March 12.

Hamblin said she started investigating how to organize a patrol group after an upsurge of theft and vandalism across the municipality.

"The winter before last there were a lot of people talking about fuel theft happening in the middle of the night. Thieves would drive into farmyards to steal diesel or gas," said Hamblin by phone last week. "There were several incidents. Friends of ours got hit and the thieves tried to steal fuel from our yard but our tanks were empty; we saw the tire tracks in fresh snow."

Property owners lock their fuel tanks and have cameras on their property, but thieves know they're being watched, she said. Nine times out of 10, they're committing crimes using a stolen vehicle. Or they'll cover up licence plates and wear balaclavas to hide their faces so that they can't be identified on camera.

Before fuel thefts, the area saw a lot of cattle rustling. Residents found out that a semitrailer was hiding in the bush somewhere. The thieves would steal cows, take them to the trailer and butcher them, leaving behind the bones. And one farmer had two bulls shot dead in his pasture by someone driving along a road.

Other residents have suffered break and enters and vandalism. Thieves broke into cottages in the Beaver Creek area one winter, for instance, and cleaned out everything that "wasn't nailed down" and purposely left windows and doors wide open, said Hamblin. Seasonal residents returned in spring to thousands of dollars worth of damages.

"We thought enough is enough. We need something out here to make a difference, to curb and deter criminals. We need people on foot and we need people in vehicles paying attention to what's going on in the area. That's the reason why I started the group," she said.

She made a Facebook page for the COPP group and has about 1,300 members. In terms of feet on the ground, Hamblin said they've got 15 people but need more as Bifrost-Riverton is a huge municipality to cover with diverse areas such as farmland, communities, towns and cottage country.

Any resident is welcome to join. Hamblin said she's also hoping seasonal residents with cottages in Bifrost will think about joining for the spring/summer/fall months because "the more eyes out there, the less criminal activity."

To become a member of Bifrost COPP, volunteers have to sign a volunteer agreement and clear a criminal record check (as a volunteer there is no fee).

Once accepted, they'll receive training from an RCMP liaison officer on how to stay safe and how to take notes while on patrol. Personal safety is paramount. Before they head out, volunteers call the RCMP's non-emergency number to let them know they'll be on patrol.

"All you do on patrol is observe and/or listen. If a situation gets heated or dangerous, you remove yourself. You're not a vigilante; you don't engage anybody and you don't follow anybody. As soon as you see suspicious activity, you

dial 911 and stay on the line with the operator," said Hamblin.

The Bifrost COPP will be receiving a number of signs from its parent organization to put up at town entrances and other areas to let criminals know the area is patrolled, she said. Volunteers will also receive a high visibility vest and either a vehicle magnet or a sign for their vehicle to identify them as patrols.

"People are free to choose their own areas to patrol. If they want to patrol where they live, they can, or they can patrol areas where crime is happening or where they think crime might happen," said Hamblin. "There are no set hours, either. It's up to them. They can even just go for a drive with no specific area in mind. Sometimes the police will have a hotspot area they want a closer eye on; if a COPP member is in that area, the RCMP may ask them to patrol."

Hamblin said she has had a "huge amount"

of RCMP support. The liaison officer told her it "takes a community to make a community safe."

She has seen that in action when a member's vehicle was stolen from the side of a road while he was traipsing through the bush, she said. He immediately got on Facebook and the community came together in real-time to track the perpetrator's whereabouts. He was eventually caught by police but totalled the truck in the process.

"It makes you feel really great to have made a difference and helped somebody," she said. "Helping someone in need is what it's all about."

To inquire about volunteering, contact Bianca Hamblin through her personal Facebook site, the Bifrost /Riverton/Arborg rural crime watch Facebook site ([www.facebook.com/groups/609968216410016](https://www.facebook.com/groups/609968216410016)) or email her at [hamblinbianca@gmail.com](mailto:hamblinbianca@gmail.com)



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# Getting into the swing of things with multi-sport facility

By Patricia Barrett

Although the ice surface at the Arborg arena fell victim to provincial public health restrictions around COVID-19 earlier this year, the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission is utilizing the arena's floor space for a number of indoor sports, including batting practice.

Recreation director Tom Chwaliboga said people were disappointed that the ice surface had to be removed early after the mandated closure of rinks and recreation facilities and the subsequent cancellation of hockey league games. But there is "renewed excitement" now that people can get back into the swing of things.

The commission transformed its ice surface into a multi-sport court, providing space for basketball, floor hockey, soccer and baseball (a batting cage). Residents are welcome to reserve a spot.

"Over the past number of years, the recreation commission offered baseball and soccer practices inside the arena once the ice was taken out in April," said recreation director Tom Chwaliboga. "This year we will still do that for our teams later in April. But right now, the removal of the ice has provided us with the opportunity to have residents come out and have some fun."

The commission was in discussions with a provincial health inspector to ensure everything that's to be provided is in accordance with provincial health regulations, he said. That includes restrictions on the facility's capacity.

"There are some conditions we have to meet: we are only allowed two groups of 10 people in the arena at the same time. People from each group are not allowed to intermingle and everyone must wear masks while participating in an activity," said



Hockey players can perfect their swing using the dedicated floor hockey section of the arena.

Chwaliboga. "Our goal is to provide a safe environment where people can come and have some fun."

The arena opened in the evenings a few weeks ago after the province loosened health restrictions. It will see extended use over school spring break. It will be open Monday, March 29 to Thursday, April 1 from 1 to 8 p.m. (April 2 is Good Friday), and on Saturday, April 3 from 1 to 5 p.m.

After spring break, the arena is expected to stay open in the evenings.

To ensure nobody is disappointed should they show up and find the arena already at capacity, the commission is asking people to reserve one-hour time slots during spring break by calling 204-376-5576 or by emailing tom.abprc@mymts.net.

The commission is also taking registration for baseball and soccer. The deadline is April 1.

Available time slots for the indoor courts can be



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TOM CHWALIBOGA

Batter up! Baseball players can swing away using the indoor batting cage at the Arborg-Bifrost arena.

viewed on the Town of Arborg's website under its Recreation/Arena tab. There is a \$2-per-person fee to use the facility.

Because COVID is an ongoing concern, the commission asks that participants bring their own sports equipment, such as floor hockey goalie equipment and baseballs for the batting cage.

## Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators give virtual presentation

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators (ISEE) wants you to know who's talking to your kids online and how to prevent exploitation in our communities and to bring more awareness to this topic during sexual exploitation awareness week with a virtual presentation for the community.

The goal of the presentation according to a presenter at the meeting was awareness, education and talking about what's happening in our community.

The presentation let parents know that at this point the most prominent form of sexual exploitation is online but children should still be prepared for dealing with a stranger coming up to them asking for assistance or in some other way trying to coerce them into going somewhere with them.

Children should also be taught what sexual exploitation is, which is the exchange of sexual acts for anything, not just items or money.

One well-known example of sexual exploitation that the presenters tell

when they go into schools to provide information to students is to talk about the story of Dr. Larry Nassar who exploited members of the USA's Olympic gymnastics team while he was a doctor working for the team.

The presenters then went on to talk about the teenage brain and that teenagers need to be talked to about this by their caregivers because our brains don't fully complete development until the age of 25 or so. This means that parents need to guide their children and teens to make better choices because sometimes they don't have the ability to make the best decisions yet or don't understand the risks because of that lack of complete development.

The presenters emphasized that the predators in these situations are adults that are skilled in communication and are tech-savvy, often using apps to get in touch with teens and children.

They then spoke about some apps that parents should have conversations with their children about and talk to them about how to use safely emphasizing that these apps

aren't necessarily bad and that you shouldn't delete them all from your teen's phone but both you and your teen should know their risks. The list of apps and their risks can be viewed at commonsensemedia.org.

Coming off the topic of connecting online, the presenters said that the pandemic has increased instances of sexual exploitation in our community with more teens and children using technology to connect when they are having to spend more time at home.

Between March and July 2020, 113 new investigations into sexual exploitation were started in Manitoba, which is a significant increase compared to last year with victims ranging in age from nine to 17 years old.

The presenters wanted to emphasize that it isn't just young girls who are being exploited as boys are also at risk of sexual exploitation.

In 2017 the Canadian Centre for Child Protection reported that there had been an 89 per cent increase of teen boys getting targeted online in the preceding two years.

One of the ways that adults might

find is a surprising avenue that children and teens are targeted for exploitation is through video game chat where either real people or "bots," which are simulated computer chat programs, can talk to teens fairly freely and coerce them.

The presenters then went over the ways caregivers can prevent sexual exploitation emphasizing that spreading awareness is key to protecting not just your kids but our entire community.

They suggest:

Building positive relationships with teens.

Being involved with what they are doing and following their online accounts.

Using parental controls and time limits on use of electronics and avoiding having phones in the bedroom.

Teaching and modelling safe social media use.

Talking about sexual exploitation and how it happens.

Having regular conversations about

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# ESD programs, schools could get axed in provincial education overhaul

By Patricia Barrett

The province announced last week it intends to replace Manitoba's 37 locally elected school divisions with a single provincial school board in order to try to improve student outcomes.

But the Evergreen School Division said the proposal comes without evidence of improved educational achievement and may jeopardize local programming that meet the needs of its eight schools.

ESD Supt. Roza Gray said there are number of programs unique to Evergreen that could be lost should Bill 64 — the legislation required to establish what's called a provincial education authority (PEA) and make other changes — become law.

"Unless there's a change to Bill 64 ... a provincial education authority will become responsible for decisions and funding for all school programs effective July 2022," said Gray by email.

Evergreen invests in a number of specific programs and services that meet educational needs in its communities, said Gray.

Those include a junior kindergarten program; a three-day kindergarten program, a half-day of which is funded by the division; reading recovery, intervention teachers who provide instruction to kids needing extra help; high levels of student supports including educational assistants and resource and guidance teachers, supplemental resources for the music program, improvements to infrastructure; supports for field trips and other school costs; and a mature student graduation diploma program.

A few years ago, the provincial government tasked a nine-member commission to review the K-12 system to determine how to improve student outcomes. The commission's report, titled *Our Children's Success: Manitoba's Future*, made 75 recommendations. The government also introduced Bill 64, The Education Modernization Act (which passed first reading Nov. 2, 2020) to overhaul the system.

Manitoba students are underperforming in reading, math and science compared to other provinces, according to data from the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment, which ranks the performance of 15-year-old students in those subjects.

The government said its new Better Education Starts Today (BEST) strategy will move more money into classrooms to improve performance.

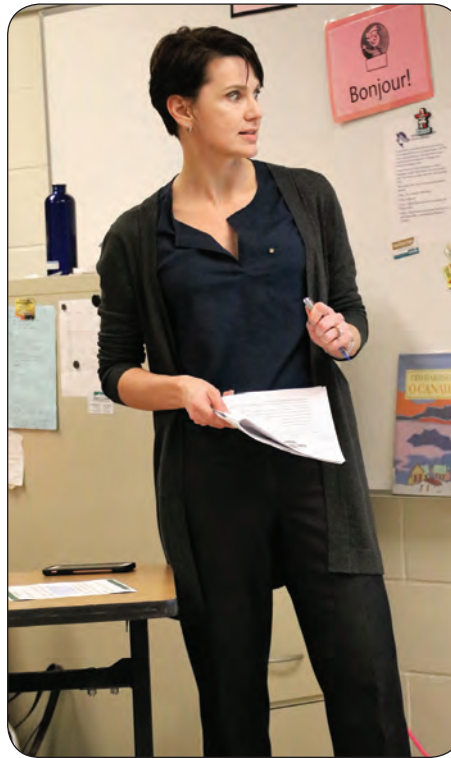
"The strategy introduces much-needed change to create a unified provincial education system that is accountable for results, classroom focused, student centred and parent friendly, leading to the most improved education system in Canada," said Minister of Education Cliff Cullen in a March 15 news release. The government expects about \$40 million to be "shifted to the classrooms to support educational results."

There'll be no immediate changes to everyday school life, according to what the province stated, said Gray, but as provincial policy starts to replace "locally, collaboratively developed procedures," the administrative processes in Evergreen schools may "change significantly." And that could affect everything from the structure of the school day to the resources available in classrooms.

Property that's currently owned by the school division would also fall under the jurisdiction of PEA and the implication of that is unclear at the moment, said Evergreen's board of trustee's chair Penny Helgason by email.

"If the health-care consolidation is any indication of what to expect for retaining local services, there is reason for concern, particularly given this government's track record for funding cuts to Evergreen," said Helgason.

Education taxes collected by the division are directed back into its communities to pay for special programs, said



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Supt. Roza Gray, pictured here in 2017, wrote a letter to parents last week saying it's unclear how a centralized provincial school board will support local needs and improve student achievement.

Helgason. Those education taxes will continue to be collected by PEA rather than local school divisions and "we'll have very little say in how the money is spent."

According to the provisions of the 300-plus-page bill, there are a number of hierarchies that will be established to replace the current school board system.

PEA will be incorporated as a government agency under the direction of the education minister. It will be composed of an appointed board of between six and 11 people, at least two of whom will be parents of current school students. It will appoint a chief executive officer.

PEA will oversee education and

manage "shared" administrative services such as collective bargaining, procurement, information technology and workforce planning. It will also determine the number and type of schools in each region, what programs and courses of study will be offered and establish school policies.

Bill 64 also allows for the creation of a "director of education" for schools in each new regional catchment area — the province created 15 regions composed of amalgamated school divisions — as well as for the creation of a Provincial Advisory Council on Education that will advise PEA and the minister.

A school community council (SCC) made up of parents will be established for each school. SCC will advise a school's principal, make recommendations to meet the needs of the community, assess program effectiveness, oversee the hiring of teachers and staff and make recommendations about the use of disciplinary tools.

ESD's board chair said one way the province can improve school performance is by addressing poverty, building capacity in families and creating strong relationships rather than creating a centralized system.

The harmful effects of poverty on scholastic achievement have been well documented by research studies and by organizations that advocate for poverty reduction as a way to give kids a level playing field at school, said Helgason.

"As a school division, we're not opposed to change. However, we're opposed to changes that are not evidence-based or built upon the recommendations of the education review," she said. "We are opposed to the premise that this is the way forward without meaningful consultation and collaboration with education partners. This is merely an attempt to undermine local power and put decision-making into the hands of an appointed provincial education authority."

Addressing the anger that arose as a result of the province's announcement, Manitoba School Boards Association president Alan Campbell said people should contact their MLAs and register for upcoming committee hearings on Bill 64.

"In the wake of yesterday's announcement from @Cliff-CullenMLA, the anger and frustration must be directed toward those who now hold the future of the education system in their hands; your local MLA's," said Campbell in a tweet posted March 16. He also encouraged people to call the Office of the Clerk at the Legislature (204-945-3636) to register to speak about the bill.

After first and second reading, Bill 64 will go before a House standing committee for possible revision, and the public can make oral presentations or submit written documents.

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# Whitehead wins Canada Reads 2021

By Nicole Buffie

Joshua Whitehead, Selkirk ex-pat and member of Peguis First Nation, has become the first Indigenous author to win CBC's Canada Reads competition for his debut novel *Jonny Appleseed*.

Whitehead, now living in Calgary, published the novel in 2018 and is still gaining national recognition.

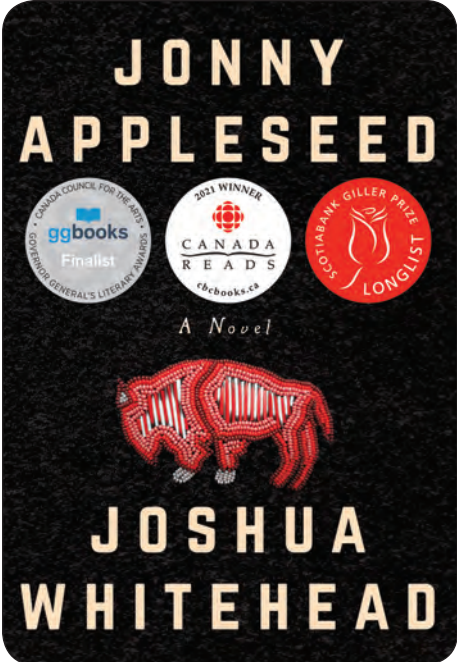
"It's overwhelming," Whitehead said.

"It humbles me to know that I'm a long ways from being in a small town peddling poems for pennies in Selkirk and Winnipeg way back, so I've come a long way."

CBC's Canada Reads competition is an annual battle where chosen books battle it out and are eliminated one by one until a single title is crowned as the must-read of the year.

Whitehead's book was championed by actor and filmmaker Devery Jacobs and survived the final round of elimination on March 11, 2021.

Whitehead's winning story centres around Jonny Appleseed, a two-spirit Indigiqueer man coming back to his home reservation for the funeral of his stepfather. The pages follow his journey from living in a big city where



Canada Reads 2021 Winner!  
*Jonny Appleseed*

he seeks to hone identity to a week-long trip exploring his past and heritage in a tale similar to Whitehead's real-world experiences.

"I think it was just like a book that was timely and needed," Whitehead said. "It's a book that I think speaks to a lot of the perhaps emerging or re-emerging stories that are sorely need-



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Joshua Whitehead is the first Indigenous person to win CBC's Canada Reads competition with his novel *Jonny Appleseed*.

ed for Canadian literature, but also for Indigenous literature of centring two-spirit characters and Indigenous

women in a text like Jonny." The term "two-spirit," coined in Win-

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nipeg in the 1990s, is a description unique to Indigenous communities in Canada for a person who identifies as having both feminine and masculine spirits and/or traits within them. Traditionally, many languages of First Nations people do not include feminine or masculine distinctions as is found in much of the Western or European speak. Whitehead identifies as both two-spirit and Indigiqueer, another term blending the words "Indigenous" and "queer."

"I think my goal in life is to, like, contemporize us, but then also to give us futures and to demonstrate the power I think Indigenous folks and specifically two-spirit and Indigenous people house," he said. "For me, too, [it's about being] able to show being in these communities that I'm a part of, that small-town boy living in the housing projects in Selkirk, Manitoba, and from Peguis First Nation has made it to the stage. Then, it's a possibility for all of us to succeed in our own most wild ways."

Whitehead said when it came to writing *Jonny Appleseed*, there were parts of his own identity reflected in the story, an issue present with many queer and Indigenous writers as Whitehead says is their experiences are not commonly represented in the literary landscape to reference.

"If you don't see yourself in the land-

scape, write yourself into it. Because as we write for ourselves, we write for the communities and we write for the universal and these stories are so desperately needed," he said.

Despite the niche Whitehead's novel may present to some, the discussion around reflecting the experiences of Indigenous people and people of colour in media has become commonplace. The 2020 Canada Reads competition winner also followed this theme with Samra Habib's memoir *We Have Always Been Here*, representing the story of Habib's journey to come to terms with her identity as an Ahmadi Muslim woman living in Canada.

In the final round of Canada Reads, *Jonny Appleseed* faced off against *Butter Honey Pig Bread*, defended by celebrity chef and TV host Roger Mooking. The other contenders in the four-day competition were *Hench* by Natalie Zina Walschots, defended by actor Paul Sun-Hyung Lee; *The Midnight Bargain* by C.L. Polk, defended by former Olympian Rosey Edeh; and *Two Trees Make a Forest* by Jessica J. Lee, defended by musician Scott Helman.

Whitehead said while he doesn't feel like he or Jonny should be the sole person to diversify Canadian literature, he's happy to be part of the collective wave. And while he's busy working on a new project in his now-home of Calgary, he still holds his

home community close to him. "I still hold Manitoba and Selkirk in my heart and carry them with me,

and we get to see them in Jonny Appleseed on that stage."

## > PRESENTATION, FROM PG. 10

healthy relationships and why relationships are healthy and not healthy.

Noticing if they get new expensive items.

Emphasizing the importance of boundaries between children and adults on and offline.

Listening to what your kids are talking about when online gaming.

Asking your kids open ended questions about their life and friends lives.

Creating opportunities to spend alone time with your kids.

Asking your kids for help with social media questions, even if you already know how it works, so that you can have conversation with them about their use.

Noticing and talk about current examples of sexual exploitation in the paper or media.

Letting your kids know that you are available to talk about stuff without judgment or punishment.

Talking about how to get out of tricky situations online and in person before they happen.

Having a code word with your child

or teen to identify when they are unsafe and need your help.

Explaining that healthy adults should never want to be friends with or act in a sexual way towards kids and teens.

Modeling how to have a healthy romantic relationship so your teen has something real to compare to.

Talking about how sharing personal info and pictures can be dangerous so they understand the ramifications.

Having a conversation about what a real friends are.

And, discussing the laws in Canada, for example, letting them know that it is illegal to distribute nude photos.

The presenters ended the discussion by telling the parents that they need to remember that their teens may make mistakes and that they aren't foolish for making those mistakes but that if they do they need to feel comfortable enough to talk to an adult because abusers thrive on secrecy.

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# Grahamdale unhappy with outlet channels' EMP

By Evan Matthews

The RM of Grahamdale has concerns about the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin outlet channel project's environmental impact, and the RM won't endorse the project until the concerns are addressed.

The RM's concerns, according to Reeve Craig Howse, relate to:

- The project depressurizing the carbonate aquifers, which stretch from the RM's northern tip to the City of Winnipeg;
- The region's fish population and fishing industry.

## Depressurizing the aquifers

Howse said the project aims to depressurize the region's carbonate aquifer, so as construction moves along, water is prevented from coming into the construction area.

In addition, the Environmental Impact Study shows while the carbonate aquifer is depressurized during construction and commissioning of the channel, there is a possibility of surface infiltrating and contaminating the aquifer.

"They also haven't said how they're going to depressurize it, which is a huge concern. This won't just affect us. This could affect municipalities south of us," said Howse, noting the result of depressurizing the aquifer would be a loss of artesian pressure and access to water from private wells.

"The only way we see depressurization being possible is by drilling wells and pumping water out. People's wells will stop flowing.

"How much potable water will be wasted? We haven't gotten any responses, and we believe these are very serious concerns. It's going to be an unreal amount," he said, adding many farmers access wells on their property for livestock.

Howse said the study shows artesian aquifer wells will lose pressure as far

as five to seven kilometres east of the channel.

The RM of Grahamdale sent its concerns to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) last month.

The IAAC was formerly known as the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and is a division of Environment and Climate Change Canada reporting to the federal minister of the Environment.

The IAAC will ultimately make decisions on whether or not the flood outlet channel project meets the environmental impact assessment standard and receives subsequent licensing.

"The unknown is what's scary. Once it's done, we've got to live with it," said Howse.

"It's forever, this thing. If it's not done right the first time, there could be long-lasting consequences," he said.

Howse said there is no definite timeline for the IAAC's decision.

A second concern relates to what Howse called the "Birch Creek Drain."

Coming off the south end of Lake St. Martin, Howse said the area is used as a spawning area for pickerel, jack and suckers, for now.

"This channel is going to cut off 27 per cent of the water flowing into that drain," said Howse.

"What's going to happen resulting from the loss of water flow? Will the fish come up and spawn in the creek anymore? What will happen to the white fish population, habitat and industry in Lake St. Martin?" he asked.

Questions remain about whether or not the area's water will retain the nutrients and oxygen levels required to sustain fish life, according to Howse.

Howse said the RM had a meeting with Manitoba Infrastructure scheduled for the first week of March in

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# McMunn and Yates: We want a presence in this market

Staff

Though future plans remain unclear, one thing is for sure — that Eriksdale will have a McMunn and Yates in the foreseeable future.

Jason Yates, president and CEO of McMunn and Yates, said while he would have loved sharing some positive news and break ground on a new building shortly thereafter, insurance claims remain in limbo for the time being.

"What's for certain, is we want a presence in this market," said Yates, noting it's uncertain whether insurance

will pay out at all or, if they do, how much funding the company will get.

"We don't know if it'll be a big rebuild or a small one; we're not sure yet. We just don't know," he said.

In August 2020, the Eriksdale McMunn and Yates moved in to a temporary storefront at 14 Main St., just four doors down from the previous location.

The temporary location had been offered to McMunn and Yates because the building's owner had been in the process of moving a business from

Ontario to Eriksdale but was unable to do so due to COVID-19.

When asked if the building owner had provided McMunn and Yates with an updated rental agreement or whether McMunn and Yates anticipated being able to stay in its current, though temporary, location, Yates declined to comment.

"For now, I'm not even going to speculate on how it's going to play out," said Yates.

"We want to have a spot in the Eriksdale area and look after our customers, contractors, consumers, for sure,"

he said.

## Background

At 4:20 a.m. on May 21, 2020, fire decimated the 100-year-old McMunn and Yates building and its attached warehouse.

At the time, Eriksdale Fire Chief Craig Pottinger said it was a suspected arson, though no new information has come to light.

Smith's great-grandfather started the business in 1915, known back then as A.J. Smith, eventually becoming Gordon K. Smith and Sons, and then sold to McMunn and Yates in 2001.

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# Company with Manitoba Fish Dealer Licence charged by CFIA

By Patricia Barrett

A fish processing and harvesting company that holds a current Manitoba Fish Dealer Licence has been charged with selling previously frozen and defrosted fish as fresh fillets.

Presteve Foods Ltd., which is based in Wheatley, Ont., purchases fish such as whitefish, walleye and perch from Manitoba producers.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) laid six charges in February against the company, its CEO and president Ulysses Pratas and its general manager and executive VP Abraham Schmitt, according to a CFIA notification released on March 11.

"The charges under the Safe Food for Canadians Act pertain to the la-

bellling and sale of previously frozen fish as fresh fillets, contrary to s. 6(1) of the SFCA," states the notification. "The CFIA alleges that the misrepresentation of previously frozen (defrosted) fish as fresh fish on the label and during the sale of the products misleads retailers and consumers."

The accused are to appear virtually in a Chatham, Ont., court on April 22. They are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Those holding a Manitoba Fish Dealer Licence can have their licence suspended or revoked should a violation occur, according to the Fish Dealer and Fish Processor Licence Application Rejection, Licence Suspension and Revocation directive issued in 2018 under the Manitoba Wildlife and



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Individually packaged fillets.

Fisheries Branch, which now falls under the Department of Agriculture.

A provincial spokesperson said the department can't discuss whether it will review Presteve's dealer licence should the company and/or its execu-

tives be found guilty.

"As this matter is still before the courts, we will not provide further comment or speculate on next steps," said John Neufeld.

## > OUTLET, FROM PG. 14

which some questions were to be answered, but that meeting was pushed back.

While the RM sent its concerns to the IAAC, Howse said they've also sent them to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change Jonathan Wilkinson, federal MP for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman James Bezan, provincial Minister of Conservation and Climate Sarah Guillemard, MLA for Interlake-Gimli Derek Johnson, as well as the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

In early February, Peguis First Nation called for a halt to conversations between the federal and provincial governments on the project.

Chief Glenn Hudson said the First Nation does not support the Environmental Impact Study, largely because "the short- and long-term effects of this project (have) not been adequately assessed or understood."

The province has publicly said the outlet channels project — which is estimated to cost \$540 million in total, cost-shared between the federal and provincial governments — is the largest and most significant flood mitigation project undertaken in Manitoba since the Red River Floodway expansion.

The project is said to improve drainage and mitigate floods, according to the province, by diverting high water levels from Lake Manitoba to Lake St. Martin, and then ultimately to Lake Winnipeg, through two respective man-made channels.

The province has also made expropriation offers to 23 affected property owners in the RM of Grahamdale relating to the project. Many of the property owners feel their land has been undervalued and will continue to fight the province on the project.



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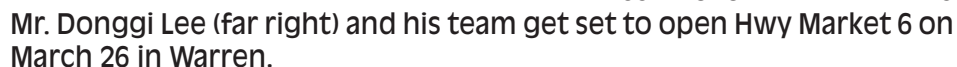
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# Lakeshore School Division weighing implications of province's education system revamp

By Patricia Barrett

There's more to education than a test score, says the Lakeshore School Division as it weighs the province's proposal to dissolve Manitoba's 37 school divisions and replace them with a single school board in a bid to improve scholastic outcomes.

The government announced last week it will create a provincial education authority (PEA) with six to 11 members to replace divisions and their trustees and launch a new strategy called Better Education Starts Today (BEST). It has already passed (in November 2020) first reading of Bill 64 that will legislate the government's proposed changes to the education system.

Manitoba is one of the highest spending provinces on education but among the lowest in the country when it comes to student achievement, according to the province's March 15 news release announcing the overhaul of the system.

The government said it expects to "shift" about \$40 million into classrooms, and BEST will give parents more input into how kids get educated, making the need for local school boards redundant.

"When a parent has a problem with their child in school, they don't go to a trustee, they don't go to a superintendent — not with great frequency," Premier Brian Pallister said last week. "They go to a teacher."

Don Nikkel, Lakeshore School Division's superintendent of human resources, policy and public relations, said the division has a history of being open to new ideas and adapting over time. That mindset is their starting point as they "digest" a plethora of information from the province, including the 300-plus-page Bill 64, the K-12 study from a provincially appointed education commission and the BEST strategy.

Although still in the process of weighing the proposed changes, Nikkel said the division and its board of trustees have a number of concerns. The rhetoric around testing and accountability is one of them.

"We know that tests can be useful and they can help us get a snapshot of where students are, but they don't paint the whole picture of how students are doing," he said. "If you were to go around a community and ask people what they want their child



Don Nikkel, Lakeshore School Division's superintendent of HR, policy and public relations, alternative programming

to be able to do and what they want them to get out of education, none of those responses would be 'I want my child at the end of Grade 12 to do really well on a standardized test.'"

What the division would hear instead is people saying that they want their child prepared for the workforce. They want them to learn how

to be good community members and become good people. They want them to develop a strong work ethic.

A second concern is whether future provincial education funding will be sufficient to support rural schools. The division has seen a steady reduction in funding.

"Lakeshore is in the fourth year of a funding reduction. It's been about two per cent a year that we've had our provincial funding reduced and that adds up over time. But we're seeing increases in inflation. It has been getting more and more difficult to maintain our programming," said Nikkel. "What we need to see now is rural education being supported. We need to see funding that will allow us to give an education to our students that's equal to what's being given to students in urban centres."

The loss of school divisions across the province will likely come with a muting of local needs. Nikkel said the Lakeshore school board is very clear on a need for "strong local voices" that represent rural people and their communities.

"When we hear language that school

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The West Interlake watershed District, in partnership with local stakeholders, developed the Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A Project Management Team established three watershed goals, based on review of technical information and public input received.

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### Eligible Project Activities

GROW Activity	Projects	Goals	Contract Length
Wetland Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving class 1 &amp; 2 wetlands on annual crop land (not draining or filling).</li> <li>Re-establishment of perennial upland buffers (inter-pothole seeding) around wetlands to minimize mechanical disturbance.</li> <li>Fencing &amp; off-site watering systems for grazing management.</li> </ul>	To improve water quality and aquifers, enhance recharge and water storage areas moderating the timing and volume of runoff, reduce negative impacts downstream, and increase wild life habitat.	10 Year Contract With WIWD
Riparian Area Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of existing healthy riparian areas.</li> <li>Exclusion fencing that optimizes grazing impacts.</li> <li>Alternative watering system to keep cattle out of riparian area.</li> <li>Establishment or improvement of stream crossing.</li> <li>Constructed works to stabilize banks &amp; prevent erosion.</li> <li>Re-establishment of riparian vegetation.</li> </ul>	Projects to improve water quality, improve storage capacity to reduce downstream flooding during high water events, stabilize shorelines and prevent erosion and, increase wild life habitat.	5-10 Year Contract With WIWD
Buffer Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of a new buffer or shelterbelt.</li> <li>Expansion of existing buffer or shelterbelt (adding new rows, inter-planting differing species to add diversity).</li> <li>Re-establishment of buffer vegetation.</li> <li>Pruning or removal of deceased trees.</li> </ul>	To improve water quality and water conservation efforts, increase crop yield and carbon sequestration, add thermal protection for livestock, reduce surface runoff and soil erosion, and to improve wild life and pollinator habitats.	10 Year Contracts With WIWD
Upland Area Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving native prairie or highly erodible upland areas.</li> <li>Enhancing natural and managed upland areas.</li> <li>Re-establishment of perennial native/tame cover on sensitive lands.</li> <li>Re-forestation of previous wooded areas.</li> <li>Permanent or alternative fencing and watering system to improve grazing strategies that support pasture health.</li> <li>Establishment of Soil Health crops (cover-crops, polycrops, green-manure).</li> </ul>	To improve the ecological function of natural and maintained upland areas, increase soil health and carbon sequestration, reduce soil erosion, and to promote healthy wildlife and pollinator habitat and biodiversity.	3-10 Year Contracts With WIWD



# Protecting yourself from the top frauds in Manitoba

The Canada Anti-Fraud Centre gives best advice on how to protect yourself and your business

By Katelyn Boulanger

Want to know how the fraudsters are trying to get into your wallet? March is Anti-Fraud month and the Canada Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) gave virtual presentations this year addressing the top frauds in each province for residents and businesses and giving advice on how to protect yourself.

Extortion, personal information and general phishing scams are the top three frauds both Canada-wide and in the province of Manitoba by number of reports, according to the CAFC. However, if you look at the top frauds by money lost, extortion still takes the top spot followed by romance investments and spear phishing as the ways Manitobans are being duped.

The CAFC wants to limit the number of frauds and the amount of money lost to scammers by Canadians, so they have created their #Tell2 campaign, which asks Canadians to each talk to two other people about fraud to spread the word about how to protect themselves.

The presentation then explained the basics that you should know about each of these frauds.

Extortion fraud is when someone unlawfully obtains money property or services from a person entity or institution through coercion. An ex-

ample of this is the typical call you might get from a scammer saying that your social security number has been linked to criminal activity. The scammer might then threaten the resident with arrest or imprisonment unless they pay them in some way. Another example might be a fraudster impersonating a hydro employee and saying they will cut off power unless they are paid.

The CAFC representative said that in these cases and many others the scammers usually do something called call spoofing where they disguise their number so that it appears on call display as a legitimate call from whatever agency they are impersonating.

"Never provide personal information over the phone to an unknown caller. Always remember that no government or law or law enforcement agency will demand immediate payment or submit all of your money for investigation," said the CAFC representative.

Romance scams involve a fraudster making contact via social media or dating websites and establishing a romantic relationship with the person they are targeting. They will typically profess their love very quickly and then run into trouble needing

money and will run into more trouble making it so they can't pay the initial money back and may even need more for this new trouble. These frauds can last years.

"Some warning signs and how to protect yourself from romance scam: always be wary of individuals quickly professing their love for you. Beware of individuals who claim to be wealthy but need to borrow money. When trying to set up an in-person meeting be suspicious if they always provide you with reasons to cancel," said the CAFC representative.

Spear phishing frauds collect information on targets and then send convincing emails that seem to be from a trusted source.

An example of this might be the fraudster sending a company a duplicate invoice from a company that they do work with, saying the initial payment went astray and asking that it be paid urgently. Another example might be someone in the human resources department of a company receiving a legitimate-looking email from a fraudster impersonating an employee submitting a change to their direct deposit information.

"Some of the warning signs are unsolicited emails. Direct contact from the senior official you're not normally in contact with requests for absolute confidentiality, pressure or a sense of urgency. Unusual requests that do not follow internal procedures," said the CAFC representative.

Their advice for people who have

fallen victim to any type of fraud is to:

- Gather all the information that you can about the fraud
- Contact the two major credit bureaus Equifax and Trans Union about the fraud
- Report the incident to local law enforcement
- Report the incident to the CAFC
- Keep reviewing your financial statements even after the fraud and report any suspicious activity
- Notify your bank, financial institutions, credit card companies and change passwords on all of your accounts
- If you suspect your mail has been redirected notify Canada Post
- Notify federal identity document issuing agencies
- Notify provincial identity document issuing agencies

But, most importantly, they want all residents to talk about fraud before a scammer takes advantage of someone and ask that people share their knowledge to help protect more people from becoming victims in the first place.

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boards will be eliminated and replaced with a number of new organizational structures, there are concerns that arise with that," said Nikkel. "One concern is the creation of school community councils."

Bill 64 will allow every school to establish a school community council (SCC) that will be made up of parents who will, according to the bill, be tasked with overseeing the hiring of teachers and staff, assessing program effectiveness and recommending disciplinary tools.

Nikkel said there may be some benefits to SCCs, but there are also a number of structural issues that can arise in a rural setting. Lakeshore has 12 schools within an area that encompasses 7,000 square kilometres.

"Out here we know our parents are already strapped for time juggling a bunch of organizational commitments, supporting rinks or other programs in a community," he said. "The

burden on parents attending meetings regularly can be significant in a rural area. We're spread out here. It would be an hour's drive for some parents to the meeting, a few hours at the meeting and another hour to drive home. Distance will be a challenge in implementing this successfully."

Nova Scotia implemented school councils a number of years ago, said Nikkel referring to a recent news report, and only a quarter of over 300 schools were successful in establishing one.

"One of the suggestions we have is to think about how we could make a council more feasible for rural areas, whether that's having one SCC for a group of schools or having an honorarium for people on the executive of these councils to help with travel expenses," said Nikkel.

Another concern the division has is whether unique programming will be preserved. One of its programs — a

partnership with the federal government — called Lakeshore Educational Growth Opportunities provides work experience to students in a number of sectors.

"One thing Lakeshore is really proud of is that over the years we've responded to needs in our communities and we developed some unique programs to address those needs," said Nikkel. "With decisions being made centrally from Winnipeg, you do question whether there'll be the same attention to detail and whether your area's needs will be reflected."

Bill 64 will allow PEA to determine the number of schools in a given area. That means school closures — along with their community-tailored programs — could be on the table, said Nikkel. However, the bill stipulates that a consultation process would first need to occur before a school is closed.

The government has already created 15 new regions that are composed of amalgamated school divisions. Lake-

shore and the Evergreen School Division make up one region.

"We don't have any clarity as to the decision-making process that went into the creation of the regions," said Nikkel. "This does differ markedly from the K-12 commission report and its recommendation to create six to eight divisions across the province with elected boards of trustees."

The province has been clear, though, that each region will have a director of education, he said. The director would replace, he surmises, the role of superintendent. The province will likely develop a detailed organizational plan in the coming months.

What will happen to teaching and staff jobs in rural areas are also on Lakeshore's radar as it obtains more information from the province.

The focus for now is on the kids and "what will be best for them," said Nikkel.



# St. Adolphe vying for the Kraft Hockeyville 2021 title

Submitted by Kraft Heinz Canada

Kraft Heinz Canada, in partnership with the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), announced the Top 4 Canadian communities that are competing for the coveted title of Kraft Hockeyville 2021 last week. This year's shortlisted communities are (West to East):

- Lumsden, Saskatchewan (Lumsden Community Sports Centre)
- Saint Adolphe, Manitoba (St. Adolphe Community Club & Arena)
- Bobcaygeon, Ontario (Bobcaygeon-Verulam Community Centre)
- Elsipogtog First Nation, New Brunswick (Chief Young Eagle Recreation Centre)

Over the past 15 years, Kraft Hockeyville has established a legacy of breaking down barriers and encouraging participation in Canada's beloved sport by upgrading local hockey arenas in need of repair and refurbishing. Even in a year impacted by the pandemic, the program received thousands of nominations from com-

munities across the country who rallied together in support of their arena, all while adhering to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The Top 4 community finalists are now one step closer to the grand prize after being selected based on their unique nomination story and their ability to score additional rally points by engaging their community.

"An outpouring of nominations and participation in this year's program make it clear the pandemic has not extinguished the passion and enthusiasm of hockey communities across the country" said Matt Bruce, senior brand manager, Kraft Heinz. "With so many deserving communities, selecting finalists is never easy, but we are thrilled to announce our Top 4 finalists and look forward to watching Canadians virtually support their big push towards the Kraft Hockeyville 2021 title."

The Kraft Hockeyville 2021 grand prize winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL® Preseason Game and receive \$250,000 for arena

upgrades. The remaining community finalists will also be awarded \$25,000 each for arena upgrades and the winner and each of the three runner-up communities will receive \$10,000 to purchase brand new hockey equipment for their minor hockey programs, courtesy of the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund.

The Top 4 communities are now tasked with safely rallying their community and Canadians from across the country! Kraft Heinz Canada encourages all participants to adhere to COVID-19 health and safety protocols that may be required or recommended by federal, provincial, or local authorities in your respective jurisdiction. This may include social distancing, limitations on large gatherings, and mask wearing. We encourage you to also consider virtual alternatives to replace any human interaction that may put you or others at risk.

To determine the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2021, Canadian residents can vote for one of the remaining com-

munities online at [krafthockeyville.ca](http://krafthockeyville.ca). Voting opens at 9 a.m. ET on April 9 and closes at 5 p.m. ET on April 10. Votes can only be cast on the website during the voting phase and voting per person is unlimited. The final announcement will take place later that evening on Hockey Night in Canada on Sportsnet and CBC during the first intermission of the 7 p.m. ET NHL® games.

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](http://krafthockeyville.ca).

## About Kraft Hockeyville Canada

Kraft Hockeyville is a partnership with Kraft Heinz, the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) to support local community arenas across Canada. Since its inception in 2006, Kraft Hockeyville has awarded \$3.5 million dollars to support 81 communities.

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# Selkirk Curling Club to host next year's Viterra Championship

By Brian Bowman

Next year's Viterra Men's Championship will be hosted by the Selkirk Curling Club.

CurlManitoba unveiled its choices to host Manitoba's top events in each of the next two seasons last week.

Next year's Viterra is slated for Jan. 25-30, 2022, followed by the Tim Hortons Brier scheduled for Lethbridge in early March.

"We are excited by the opportunity to host the Viterra Championship for the second time," said Garry Dola, Chair of the Selkirk host committee in a media release. "We helped launch the Viterra era in Manitoba curling when we hosted the first Viterra championship in 2016. We look forward to working with CurlManitoba and Viterra in staging a showcase event as a part of a season which re-launches Manitoba curling after this past year of pandemic cancellations."

Selkirk will be hosting the men's championship for the sixth time. The list of teams that have won in Selkirk over the past three decades is very

impressive — Vic Peters (1993 Labatt Tankard), Kerry Burtnyk (2002 Safeway Select), Randy Dutiaume (2005 Safeway Select), Jeff Stoughton (2009 Safeway Championship) and Mike McEwen (2016 Viterra Championship).

Meanwhile, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts will be hosted by the Carberry Curling Club from Dec. 14 to 19, 2021. The winner advances to the national Scotties in Thunder Bay, Ont., in January 2022.

"Carberry was one of the original seven clubs which formed the Manitoba Curling Association over 130 years ago," noted CurlManitoba past president Rob Van Kommer, who will chair the 2021-22 Scotties organizing committee.

"Our committee said an emphatic 'Yes' when we were given this opportunity. It will be one of the highlights in the history of our curling club and in the sports history of our community."

In 2022, the East St. Paul Curling Club will host the Scotties while the

Neepawa Curling Club was selected to be the home of the Viterra Championship.

The most recent provincials, wiped out due to the COVID pandemic, were originally scheduled to be hosted by East St. Paul (Scotties) and Selkirk (Viterra).

"Although they understood and were supportive, we know that the Selkirk and East St. Paul commit-

tees were disappointed by the need to cancel this year's championships," said CurlManitoba executive director Craig Baker. "It was appropriate for us to consult with them both on their wishes going forward."

The schedule of events for qualifying into the Carberry Scotties and the Selkirk Viterra Championship will be announced in the near future.

## CRJHL cancels 2020-21 season

From the CRJHL

Recognizing that the 2020-21 hockey season has been a challenge, the Capital Region Junior Hockey League has made the difficult decision to cancel the hockey season as it no longer appears feasible to finish the season under the current public health orders.

The announcement was made on the league website on March 17.

"This is certainly a blow to all the teams in the league, especially

the players who had committed so much, and made the league entertaining and competitive," read a statement.

"The CRJHL wishes to thank all the players, coaches, team officials, on-ice officials, league officials and fans for their support throughout this challenging time."

The CRJHL continues to closely monitor the situation and plans to return for the 2021-22 season.



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## Local rinks rockin' at mixed curling nationals

By Brian Bowman

Gimli Curling Club's Kerri Einarson and St. John's Curling Club's Brad Gushue were 4-1 — and in second place in Pool B — heading into Draw 24 Monday evening at the 2020-21 Home Hardware Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship.

The pair was slated to play Quebec's Felix Asselin and Laurie St-Georges on Monday evening but no score was available at press time.

After opening action with a convincing 9-1 win over the Yukon's Bayly and Wade Scoffin, Einarson/Gushue were dumped 10-4 by the duo of Jennifer Jones and Brent Laing.

But Einarson and Gushue rebounded nicely to reel off victories over Kimberly and Wayne Tuck (8-2), Ontario's Shane Konings/Lauren Wasylkiw (7-5) and Robert and Emilie Desjardins (7-3).

The victory over Ontario was a huge one for Einarson/Gushue.

"That game could have gone the other way, where we found a way to lose, so getting a win, when I don't think either one of us was as sharp as we would have liked to have been, was good," said Gushue on the Curl Canada website. "They're obviously a good team, they got through Ontario, which is a tough province, so they can play. They made some shots, and a couple ends Kerri had to make some really nice last rocks when I didn't really leave her much."

Einarson is getting adjusted to sweeping during a game.

"I think I'm doing an OK job," she said with a laugh. "Maybe overswept one or two. Sometimes I get sweeper-happy, just head down and go, but I think I'm doing all right."

In the win over Ontario, Einarson/Gushue trailed 3-2 after three ends but roared back with three in the fourth. Tied at 5-5 after five ends, the pair scored one in the sixth and then added a steal of another in the seven for the hard-fought win.

"When we gave up the steal of two, I just looked at Brad and I was like, 'Ah, shoot. Let's stay patient and wait for our opportunities,'" said Einarson. "And we did and came back with a three. It's definitely a game of patience and getting our rocks in some



Kerri Einarson and Brad Gushue were 4-1 heading into Monday evening's Draw 24.



The West St. Paul Curling Club's team of Krysten Karwacki and Derek Samagalski were 3-2 after their first five games.

really good spots."

Meanwhile, the Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's duo of Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak were also 4-1 — and tied for first place in Pool A — heading into Tuesday afternoon's draw against New Brunswick's Alex Robichaud and Melissa Adams.

Lott/Sahaidak started play 2-0 before losing 7-3 to St. Vital Curling Club's Brett Gallant and Jocelyn Pterman. The local pair then picked up a 1-0 forfeit win over Darren Moulding and Joanne Courtney.

That rink had to pull out of the nationals due to Moulding suffering back spasms.

Lott/Sahaidak then defeated Nuna-



EXPRESS PHOTOS CURLING CANADA/MICHAELBURNS

Brad Gushue watches his shot as teammate Kerri Einarson starts sweeping during last Saturday's win.



The Petersfield Curling Club's Briane Meilleur and the St. John's Curling Club's Mark Nichols combined for a 2-3 record after five games.



Kadriana Sahaidak and Colton Lott were 4-1 and tied for first place in Pool A heading into Tuesday afternoon's draw.

vut's Peter Van Strien and Angela Dale 11-1.

As of Monday evening, other rinks with Manitoba connections and their records included Team Manitoba's Derek Samalgaski/Krysten Karwacki (3-2), Jones/Laing (5-0), Briane Meil-

leur/Mark Nichols (2-3), Shannon Birchard/Catlin Schneider (3-2), Kaitlyn Lawes/Connor Lawes (1-4), and Selena Njegovan/Reid Carruthers (3-2).

Action wraps up this Thursday with the gold-medal game.



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**CLOSING DATE: March 29, 2021 (3:30 pm)**

We wish to thank all applicants for their interest, however only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 21-0001  
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6:50 pm

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## PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

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The purpose of this hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask question or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

A copy of the 2021 Financial Plan is available for review on the municipal website at [www.winnipegbeach.ca](http://www.winnipegbeach.ca) or can be requested by emailing [finance@winnipegbeach.ca](mailto:finance@winnipegbeach.ca) on or after March 19, 2021.

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Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
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## MORTGAGE SALE

Nine parcels of land in the Rural Municipality of West Interlake, in the Province of Manitoba, more particularly described below and as described in Certificate of Title Nos. 2687399/1, 2687400/1, 2687407/1, 2687413/1, 2687414/1, 2687415/1, 2687416/1, 2687419/1 and 2772919/1 will be sold at auction on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. by a licensed auctioneer, by way of video or teleconference. Attendees are required to pre-register with Taylor McCaffrey LLP at least 24 hours prior to the auction by submitting the following information: 1. your full legal name; 2. your email address; 3. your telephone number; 4. the address of the subject property; and 5. the date and time of the auction by telephone to 204-988-0443 or by e-mail to [dransom@tmlawyers.com](mailto:dransom@tmlawyers.com). On the date of the auction, an email will be sent to all attendees at the email addresses provided. The attendees will need to follow the instructions in the email, which will include a video link or teleconference call-in information. The successful bidder shall have a period of 24 hours to provide the deposit payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP in certified funds and sign the auction sale conditions.

### Title No. 2687399/1

**Directions:** Drive 2.5 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 137N, N side of Road. Access via 135N then 2 Miles N. **Land Description:** THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 31-23-9 WPM

TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 160 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Caveat No. 233652/1 **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017. (Wherever realty taxes are referred to in this advertisement, such term excludes any accruing water charges.)

### Title No. 2687400/1

**Directions:** Drive 2.5 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, N side of Road.

**Land Description:** THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 19-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS, PROVISOS AND CONDITIONS RESPECTING MINES, MINERALS, MINERAL OILS AND OTHER MATTERS AS THE SAME ARE MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN INSTRUMENT NO. 115941 WLTO (P DIV) TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 161 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Nil **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687407/1

**Directions:** Drive 3 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, 1 Mile South, 1/2 Mile East. Property N side of Road. **Land Description:** THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 18-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN

TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 160 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Caveat No. 82-63471/1 **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687413/1

**Directions:** Drive 2.5 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, S side of Road.

**Land Description:** THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 18-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 161 acres of vacant farmland.

**PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Caveat No. 82-63473/1 **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687414/1

**Directions:** Drive 3 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, 1.25 Mile South, property on E side of Road. **Land Description:** LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 12, 13 AND 14 OF 7-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN

TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 120.75 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Nil **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687415/1

**Directions:** Drive 1 Mile W of PTH 68 on Road 133N, 1 Mile S, 1/2 M W, 4.25 Miles W, Property on E side of Road. **Land Description:** ALL THAT PORTION OF THE W 1/2 OF 16-22-9 WPM WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY ANY OF THE WATERS OF LAKE MANITOBA AS SHEWN ON A MAP OR PLAN OF SURVEY OF SAID TOWNSHIP APPROVED AND CONFIRMED AT OTTAWA ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1895, BY EDOUARD DEVILLE, SURVEYOR GENERAL OF DOMINION LANDS. SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM

THE CROWN TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 177 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Nil. **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687416/1

**Directions:** Drive 2.5 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 136N, N Side of Road. Access via 135 N then 1 Mile N. **Land Description:** THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 30-23-9 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge,

this parcel consists of 160 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Nil. **REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2687419/1

**Directions:** Drive 1.5 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, S side of Road; Drive 2 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135N, S side of Road. **Land Description:** LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 13 AND 14 OF SECTION 17 AND LEGAL SUBDIVISIONS 10, 15 AND 16 AND THE N 1/2 AND THE SW 1/4 OF LEGAL SUBDIVISION 9 OF SECTION 18 BOTH IN 23-9 WPM EXC THOSE PORTIONS COVERED BY THE WATERS OF MCRAE LAKE AS SHOWN ON PLAN OF SURVEY OF SAID TOWNSHIP APPROVED AND CONFIRMED AT OTTAWA ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1895 AND OF RECORD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND EXC OUT OF SAID LEGAL SUBDIVISION 16 ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LIMITS NAMELY: COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID LEGAL SUBDIVISION 16 THENCE WLY ALONG THE NORTHERN LIMIT 74 1/4 FEET THENCE SLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SAID NORTHERN LIMIT 132 FEET THENCE ELY PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERN LIMIT TO THE EASTERN LIMIT OF LEGAL SUBDIVISION 16 THENCE NLY ALONG THE SAID EASTERN LIMIT TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT AND EXC OUT OF THE LAND ABOVE DESCRIBED ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND SPECIAL RESERVATIONS AS RESERVED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN

TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of 210.78 acres of vacant farmland. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Caveat No. 82-63474/1; Agreement to Extend/Amend Mortgage No. 2008034/1.

**REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

### Title No. 2772919/1

**Directions:** Drive 3 Miles W of PTH 68 on Road 135 N, 1/4 Mile S, property on W side of Road. **Land Description:** THE NLY 1070 FEET PERP OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13-23-10 WPM EXC PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 704 WLTO (P DIV) SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN TO THE BEST of the vendor's knowledge, this parcel consists of approximately 63.23 acres of farmland, and there is situated on the property a one and a half story house with an area of approximately 1327 square feet, including 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. There is also a summer outdoor kitchen. The house was built in approximately 1975. The property includes a metal implement shed of pole style construction with metal roof and walls and gravel floor, measuring approximately 38 feet by 54 feet and built in approximately 2007. **PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES:** Caveat No. 82-63472/1, Caveat No. 2348564/1.

**REALTY TAXES** are paid to December 31, 2017.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Each of the parcels will be sold as an individual parcel, with Title No. 2772919/1 being the last title offered for sale, subject to a Reserve Bid to be announced at the sale **plus GST as applicable**, plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 12th day of March, 2021 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale. Each of the parcel sales shall require a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price for that parcel by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP. If any parcels remain after completing the nine auctions of individual parcels, all remaining parcels will be sold together, subject to a Reserve Bid to be announced at the sale **plus GST as applicable**, plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 12th day of March, 2021 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale. The sale of all remaining parcels shall require a deposit of \$50,000.00 of the purchase price by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP, and the balance according to conditions which will be available for public view at the Auctioneer's address above prior to the auction. The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$356,900.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 12th day of March, 2021 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale. The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: [www.teranetmanitoba.ca](http://www.teranetmanitoba.ca).

GST will be payable on the purchase price at the time of closing unless the purchaser is a registrant under the Excise Tax Act for GST and, on or before the closing date, provides a Declaration and Indemnity to that effect, satisfactory to the vendor's solicitor.

FURTHER information may be obtained from: **TAYLOR McCAFFREY LLP**, Lawyers, 2200 – 201 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 3L3 Attention: Daniel G. Ransom Phone: 204-988-0443 File No.: 85554-91

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### NE 20-23-02W

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### SE20-23-02W

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### SW20-23-02W

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### NW 22-23-02 W

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### NE 17-23-02 W

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### Additional land by informal tender:

Owned by Desmond Skuba

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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](http://www.dunnottar.ca)) at that time.  
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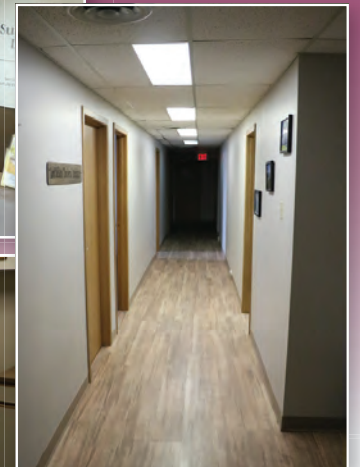


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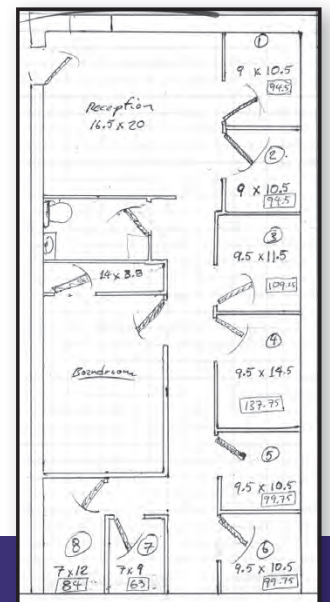
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-Eileen  
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Merle Day – Words cannot say enough how truly thankful for the wonderful support so many people have shown us. From the beautiful flowers to the delicious food that was given to us (including gluten free), the phone calls from near and far, the beautiful cards and donations made in memory of Merle, the wonderful send off the Eriksdale Fire Department did for Merle as he did his final journey through town. Thank you so much.

-Wandis, Daniel, Lisa, Curtis,  
Sabrina and John

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The Park family sends the warmest thank you to the RM of West Interlake, much appreciated. Also a special thanks to family and friends near and far for the prayers, help, kindness and being so thoughtful. Lorne's life took him to many towns, Ashern was the one he felt home in. Whatever town we travelled to, there were friends to have coffee with. The Siglunes people welcomed him and he felt close to them, and proud as well. The ice arena and rodeo grounds became his second home. Lorne loved life and we had an amazing journey. Thanks everyone for making it complete.

"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done." Hugs.

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**OBITUARY**



**Nichole Josine Bye**

June 12, 1949 - March 8, 2021

On March 8, 2021 Nichole Bye went to be with her Lord at the age of 71 years.

Niki was born in Ancaster, Ontario, the youngest of three children. She received her schooling both in Ancaster and Orillia. Niki became a Salvation Army soldier as a young girl and faithfully served God throughout her life. In 1974 she left Orillia to train as a nurse in Kirkland Lake Ontario. Her plan was to nurse in the far north. God had a different plan for her. Instead of nursing in the north, she began a career in Salvation Army personal care homes across Canada.

Niki nursed as an RN at Orillia Sunset Lodge. She was then transferred to Edmonton Sunset Lodge, Golden West Centennial Lodge in Winnipeg, and Sunset Lodge in Charlottetown, PEI. In the latter two homes she was Assistant Administrator, but her first love was nursing. Niki retired from Prince Edward Island, and took up residence in Winnipeg Beach. Soon, she came out of retirement to accept a short-term position as the Administrator at the Salvation Army Personal Care Home in Montreal. Returning to Manitoba she became an RN once again, this time at Betel Home in Gimli. Niki nursed there for a short time before illness took over her life. We thank God for her life of service.

Throughout her career, Niki was an efficient, gentle caring person who put others before herself. Her gentle ways, her kindness and her subdued sense of humour made her many friends.

Niki loved to travel and enjoyed her trips to Florida, Hawaii and other exotic places.

God is good; His timing is perfect. Her pain-filled days and nights are passed, and she will one day by the grace of God see Jesus along with all other Christians. Won't that be a day of rejoicing! Niki's desire was that all of her friends would come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour and for this she prayed continually.

Nichole was predeceased by her parents Gerry and Grace Bye, and by her brothers Barry and Wayne. She is survived by her sister-in-law Jan, her niece Michelle, her nephews Craig, Blair and David, as well as cousins. She will be missed terribly by Diane May, her friend of many years, and by her good friends in Manitoba and across Canada.

Thank you to the home care nurses for their kindness to Nichole over many months. Thank you also to Donna and Walter Klassen and Kim and Eugene Pachet for being available to help in any way at this sad time. Niki was blessed to have such wonderful friends.

A graveside service will be held at Brookside Cemetery, 3001 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg at a later date.

In Niki's memory, donations will be gratefully received by Living Hope Community Church, 51 Morrow Ave., Winnipeg, MB. R2M 1A5.

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December 10, 1925 – March 16, 2019

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**OBITUARY**

**Morris Tanchak**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Morris Tanchak on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Morris was predeceased by his loving wife of 41 years Elizabeth; his parents, Anne and William; and his three brothers, Alec, Harry and Mike.

He is lovingly remembered by his children, Robert, Harvey and Pat (Tym); grandchildren, Skye and Michael Tymchuk; sister Mary (Wayne) Haberstock; sisters-in-law Mary Popien, Anne and Jean Tanchak as well as many nieces and nephews.

Morris was born in Kilkenny, MB on January 11, 1935 and grew up on the family farm. He met the love of his life Elizabeth when she began teaching in the local school. Dad took an active interest in the community coordinating the "Call of the Wild" event for several years as well as working on the Board of the Recreation Centre. He

also took an interest in local and provincial politics assisting the local riding NDP party. Morris was an avid curler and greatly enjoyed playing cribbage with his many friends.

We would like to thank the many friends and family for their support in this most difficult time.

Donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation in Morris' memory.

It was Morris' wish to be cremated with a private service for family and close friends to be held at a later date.

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**OBITUARY**

**Ross Kristjanson**

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beloved son, brother and uncle, Ross Kristjanson at his home in Cross Lake, Manitoba.

Gone too soon, forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his mother Kristin Kristjanson; sister Darlene (Norman) Barylski; niece Brittany Barylski; brother Wes (Sheila) Kristjanson; nephews Aaron (Averie), Jordan and Owen Kristjanson.

He was predeceased by his father Rowland Kristjanson; grandparents Thorstein and Sigridur Kristjanson, Kristjan and Phyllis Sigvaldason

Ross was born in Arborg on June 6, 1970. He grew up on the family farm in Vidir surrounded by a large extended family. In his early childhood he spent a lot of time playing with his brother and his cousins most often with Scott and Todd Sigvaldason on his

grandparent's farm.

Ross attended school in Arborg. He loved sports and excelled in hockey and track and field. He was athlete of the year and had a shelf full of trophies from various sports. He was very outgoing and made friends easily, many of who are still his friends today. Kristinn Finnson and Brian Aitken remained his closest friends. They were always there for him to lean on in hard times. Especially after the death of his Dad which had a profound effect on him.

Ross and his brother Wes had a special bond and he loved to spend time with him and his boys. Joking around and reminiscing about the good old days.

Ross's greatest attribute was his caring nature. He was devoted to his parents and when his Dad was in the hospital before he died Ross came home for two weeks to care for him. He would be at the hospital every day, helping to feed him, combing his hair and shaving him, and trying to keep Dad's spirits up. He would tease Dad, saying "come on Big Guy". He could always bring a smile to Dad's face. After Dad passed his attention turned to Mom and he would call her often to check on her. He was always giving her gifts or money to buy "what she needed". Ross was kind and generous. He will be truly missed by all that loved him.

After High School Ross was offered a hockey scholarship. He attended Dakota College at Bottineau, North Dakota. After returning from the States he attended the U of M studying psychology for a year. He worked at Halderson Group homes for a number of years. He also worked at Classics Bar and Grill for many years making lifetime friends there, notably Mario and Gary. In 2006 Ross went up to Cross Lake, Manitoba to work for Karl at the Cross Lake Inn, managing the hotel, bar and vendor.

Ross had a big hearty laugh and a wonderful sense of humour. He loved to laugh and always had a big smile on his face. Ross loved Vikings and was very proud of his Icelandic heritage.

The family would like to thank the staff and doctors at the Cross Lake Nursing Station, the Cross Lake RCMP, his friends Troy and Peter and his dear friend Karl.

Due to COVID restrictions a memorial service will be held at a future date.

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no one  
Can ever fill





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## OBITUARY

**Doris Ann Alleyn (Jarrett)**

November 3, 1924 - February 28, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother Doris at the age of 96 years.

Doris was predeceased by her parents and siblings, her husband Edward, son Barry and two grandsons Richard and Kieth.

She leaves to mourn her son's Edward (Doreen), Gordon (Yvonne), James (Betty), Micheal (Kendra), Ken, Joseph (Marion) and her daughter Karen (Len). As well as 25 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

As per her wishes cremation has taken place and interment will take place at a later time to be announced.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY

**Mary Krezanski Dunlop (nee Popowich)**

Peacefully, on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the Betel Home, Gimli, Mary Krezanski Dunlop (nee Popowich), aged 99 years of Gimli, MB passed away.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY

**Jean Audrey Rawluk**  
(nee: Redford)

September 14, 1957 - March 14, 2021

It is with sadness in our hearts that we announce the passing of Jean "Audrey" Redford, at the age of 63. She was a loving wife, mother, granny, sister, niece and friend who will be missed dearly. Audrey passed away peacefully on March 14, 2021 at the Health Sciences Hospital in Winnipeg, after a long illness.

Audrey leaves to mourn, her loving husband of 37 years, Henry; her three sons, Georgie (Miranda), Darryl and Dwayne; her grandchildren, Lana, Logan, Liam, Livia and Raeanna; her sisters, Charlette (George), Cheryl (Marvin) and Evelyn (Joe); nieces Shaney, Carmen, Melanie and Chantelle. Also close to her heart are two 'adopted grandchildren' Hayden and Gavin as well as Miranda's children, Kristi and Israel.

Audrey was predeceased by her parents Victor and Beatrice Redford and her brothers-in-law, Ronnie and Robert.

Audrey was born on September 14, 1957, grew up in Fairford, Manitoba and lived there until moving to St. Martin, which was home at the time of her passing. Audrey had many skills and interests.

With Henry, in partnership, she farmed, commercial-fished, and grew a big garden every year. She enjoyed Bingo, the color red, wearing big hats, doing crossword puzzles, listening to country gospel songs and reading her Bible. She never passed up a good game of Scrabble, and loved making sure her opponents were not cheating! Audrey loved her pets and even taught one little dog to sing with her.

Audrey was the youngest girl in the family who was spoiled by Dad and her older sisters. Her presence in the family circle was uplifting and we appreciated her gift of making us laugh with her humor. We will miss her so much.

We would like to thank all the medical staff who worked valiantly to save her life, beginning with the First Responders, the staff at the Lakeshore Hospital in Ashern, MB, Stars Ambulance and the staff at the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Health Sciences Hospital. Thank you to the Chief, Council and Krystal Marsden of Pinaymootang for your support, to friends and family for care packages and to those who have reached out with kind and loving words. Please know these acts of kindness are very comforting to the family. Thank you to Crystal at the Anderson Family Funeral Home for helping us plan our Good Bye to a most beautiful and precious child of God.

Funeral Service was Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Anderson Family Funeral Home

9 Railway Avenue, Ashern, Manitoba. Cremation followed the service. Officiant: Jim Anderson

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