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Gimli fitness centre is in desperate need of repairs

By Autumn Fehr

Many residents in the Gimli area know the gym in the basement of the Gimli Rec Centre as dingy and run-down.

However, as one of the only fitness centres in the area, many paying members have adapted to the space and made the most out of it.

Amanda Raine, a resident in the area, said she has been going to the gym for over a year now and, when speaking with other members, said things have been left neglected for long periods.

"It's just very run-down. We pay our membership fees, and nothing comes of it ... It's frustrating that it

doesn't get taken care of," said Raine.

The yearly membership fee is \$250, and a drop-in fee for the day is \$10. A few years before Raine signed up for a membership, she did a drop-in workout and said the space hasn't changed since today.

She said the one treadmill in the hallway in pieces has been "under repair" for over three years.

"There's definitely no maintenance or repair on things. Everything is old," said Raine.

There are ripped areas on the material part of the machines. There isn't much space to do mat workouts. Also, some of the weights and equipment have rust.

Raine said she has wrecked a couple of shirts because of the rust on the equipment rubbing off on them.

Speaking to another member at the gym, the cable snapped, almost hitting his face when he was working out.

"Things just don't get repaired in a timely manner or at all," said Raine.

The bathrooms are dingy. The overall air quality is not good. The ceilings

are really low, and you can't do some exercise because of it. The pull-up bar took down some ceiling tiles when members used it.

Raine said they have cleaners that come in occasionally, but it's less clean than she would prefer.

"The housekeepers do the floors, but no one thoroughly cleans the equip-

"THE HOUSE-KEEPERS DO THE FLOORS, BUT NO ONE THOROUGHLY CLEANS THE EQUIPMENT."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY AMANDA RAINE

Regulars at the Gimli Rec Centre gym say this has been the facility's state for 20-something years. The space is dingy, rundown and unkept, with equipment needing repair or complete replacement.

ment," said Raine.

When talking to some regulars who have been using the space for 20-something years, they said the equipment is all the same, and the state of neglect is familiar.

"I've seen quite a bit of people come and get the tour of the facility and never come back," said Raine.

The men's bathroom has a sauna and the women's don't, but they pay the same fees.

Funding for the fitness centre comes from the RM budget. Out of the budget, the fitness centre gets its budget for the centre's upkeep.

Tyler Yellowega, manager of parks and recreation for the RM of Gimli, said it is always looking to do upgrades in the fitness centre, and every year they are looking to replace more.

"In my four years here, we've replaced several pieces of equipment. We've done a refresh down there. We've painted and done good cleans and replacements such as mirrors and

treadmills. We've done whatever we can get out of our budget every year," said Yellowega.

Yellowega said they are always looking to relocate the gym out of the basement of the rec centre.

"If the possibility of getting a gym that is not located in the basement of the rec centre presents itself, then we are always open for that. ... It's an unfortunate location for a fitness centre," he said.

The rec centre is applying for grants and funds to get some capital to expand from what it is now. But unfortunately, they have yet to be successful at this point.

To address the concerns about cleanliness in the space, Yellowega said they are looking to up their budget to have the room cleaned more often.

This week, Yellowega said he has a meeting with the councillors of the RM for the rec portfolio to discuss public concerns about the space and determine which direction to go in.

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Auditor general disappointed 90% of recommendations to province not implemented

By Patricia Barrett

Auditor general of Manitoba Tyson Shtykalo said he's "disappointed" by a lack of action on most of the recommendations that were made to provincial government departments and agencies about four years ago.

Shtykalo released a report this month titled Follow-up of Previously Issued Recommendations, showing only 10 per cent of the total recommendations made had been implemented.

The follow-up outlines the status (as of Sept. 30, 2022) of 209 recommendations that were made between November 2019 and October 2020 regarding the management of foster homes, the oversight of commercial vehicles safety, the management of provincial tourism, the Vital Statistics agency, oversight of drinking water safety, oversight of post-secondary institutions and quarry rehabilitation.

"I recognize that things were exceptionally challenging for a couple of years due to the pandemic, and that this would have impacted entities' abilities to implement our recommendations," wrote Shtykalo in his report. "That said, I am disappointed by the low implementation rate of our recommendations. We found only 20 of 209 recommendations (10%) were implemented as at September 30, 2022."

Of the remaining recommendations, 13 (or six per cent) were reported as "action no longer required," seven (or three per cent) that won't be implemented and 169 (or 81 per cent) reported as in progress.

The auditor general provides independent audits on government operations and financial statements to improve public sector performance. The public release of recommendations aims to promote government accountability and public administrations excellence, as well as help audited entities improve their practices. The reports are tabled in the legislature then referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to follow up on implementation of the recommendations.

Shtykalo said "reasonable progress" was made with respect to three reports, Oversight of Commercial Vehicle Safety (December 2019), Management of Provincial Tourism (January 2020) and Provincial Oversight of Drinking Water Safety (September 2020). The implementation rates were 29 per cent, 50 per cent, and 32 per cent respectively.

But none of the recommendations in two reports — Quarry Rehabilitation

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Figure 1: Reported implementation statuses, as at September 30, 2022

Report	Total	Implemented/resolved	Action no longer required	Do not intend to implement	Work in progress
November 2019					
Management of Foster Homes	112	4	13*	6	89
December 2019					
Oversight of Commercial Vehicle Safety	17	5	0	1	11
January 2020					
Management of Provincial Tourism	4	2	0	0	2
May 2020					
Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation	15	0	0	0	15
September 2020					
Vital Statistics Agency	19	3	0	0	16
Provincial Oversight of Drinking Water Safety	19	6	0	0	13
October 2020					
Oversight of Post-Secondary Institutions	23	0	0	0	23

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The table shows the status of the auditor general's recommendations to the province as of September 2022. None of the recommendations were implemented on quarry rehabilitation.

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Arborg launches program to trap and re-home feral cats

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Arborg is in the process of rounding up feral (wild) cats and finding permanent homes for them as their numbers have increased and some are getting into a bit of mischief.

Town of Arborg chief administrative officer Cindy Stansell said typically in the spring, when the weather improves, cats start to roam around and become more noticeable.

"There are quite a few feral cats in the community," said Stansell. "We received concerns at the office that the stray cat population was damaging property and personal property. Some of the cats are urinating on property and on personal effects outside, and that can smell for a long time. We've also had reports of skirting being damaged by cats trying to get underneath a house to find a warm spot."

Under the town's animal control bylaw, each household is limited to only two pet cats and owners cannot let them roam at large.

The town's bylaw enforcement officer, who is trapping the cats, has facilities to board them as he tries to find homes, said Stansell. Cats will be held for three days before they're re-homed.

"A home is typically found for the cats after three days. Our bylaw enforcement officer was able to find some experienced volunteers who are helping to re-home the cats," she said. "In some cases with feral cats, re-homing them can be quite a process."

The town issued a notice on its website, saying efforts will be made to find the owners of pet cats that

get inadvertently trapped.

There are benefits to having cats in the community — they keep rats and mice in check — but Stansell said when their numbers grow and they start damaging property, the town becomes concerned.

To help control the cat population and mitigate the burdens they face as strays (e.g., starvation, disease, injuries, abuse), the town is providing some funding for spaying and neutering. But it's also encouraging people to make donations to its spaying and neutering program.

"We do provide limited funding toward spaying and neutering, and we're welcoming donations toward this program. But we don't want to encourage people to take advantage of the program; it's not there to entice people to drop cats into the community. That's a big concern. We want property owners to spay and neuter their pets and to assist with this issue," said Stansell.

People can contact the town to make a donation, volunteer to shelter a cat or volunteer to help re-home a cat.

"This won't be an ongoing trap program," said Stansell. "It's just to help limit the cat population."

Anyone interested in helping a stray cat or donating to the spay and neuter program can contact the town's administrative office at 204-376-2647.

The town is posting photos of trapped cats on its website (under notices) and on its Facebook page. If any of the cats are identified as someone's pet, please notify the town right away.



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Some of the cats the Town of Arborg's bylaw officer has caught since the trapping and re-homing program got underway.

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Access Credit Union named a top employer in Manitoba

Staff

For the ninth year in a row, Access Credit Union has been named one of Manitoba's top employers by the editors of *Canada's Top 100 Employers*.

The list, which has been compiled for 17 years in partnership with the *Winnipeg Free Press*, recognizes the Manitoba employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work.

"Top employers in Manitoba are raising the bar in their support of local community groups to guarantee maximum impact," says Richard Yerema, executive editor at the Canada's Top 100 Employers project. "Through programs like matching charitable donations by employees and providing paid time off to volunteer (often with no formal maximums), this year's winners offer staff the ability to take action and really make a difference."

Access Credit Union was singled out for its focus on community development.

"Access Credit Union established a special investment committee responsible to review donation requests from local charities," the project's editors said in a news release. "The company also provides paid time off to volunteer in the community and matches employee donations to charitable organizations."

For its part, Access CU says it works hard to be a workplace of choice in Manitoba. That includes creating a culture to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

"My job is to create an environment where people can excel. I find if people are empowered to excel, they will," says president and CEO Larry Davey. "We spend a great deal of time on leadership training and getting the staff flow as frictionless as possible. I find that if staff are empowered and know they are trusted, they are that much more engaged."

Other benefits of working at Access, the financial institution shares, include paid training and continuing



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Access Credit Union was named one of Manitoba's Top Employers for the ninth year in a row.

education, flexible hours and work locations, matched pension plans, competitive salaries, tuition subsidies, a fully paid health plan and family coverage, and the opportunity to contribute to the community.

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It's a record-breaking amount for the

financial institution, which last summer merged with the Noventis and Sunova credit unions.

"We are proud to be in a position where we are able to pay Member Rewards as a way of saying thank you to our loyal members," board chair Kevin Beresford said.

"This year marks the biggest payout in our history and fulfills our core commitment to strengthen our profit-sharing program."

Alzheimer Soc. looking for new board members

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba board of directors is looking for some new members.

Chair Ray Bisson explains they find themselves with three empty seats at the board table thanks to two members finishing their terms this spring and a third who had to step aside for personal reasons last year.

With their dementia-related educational and support programming being offered across Manitoba, they're casting a wide net in their search.

"What we want to have on our board is a gender balance, we want to have inclusivity, and we want to have diversity," Bisson says. "And we certainly want to have representation from the rural communities."

"We really want representation from various areas of expertise — some people from business, from health care, some people with a financial background," he continues. "If you have any experience in policy governance, that's also an asset."

A personal connection to Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia can also be a powerful motivator for a potential board member, Bisson says, but it's not a requirement, though an interest in giving back certainly is.

The successful candidate can be elected for a maximum

of two consecutive three-year terms.

Bisson notes the board focuses its efforts on big-picture planning for the agency, creating policies that are enacted by the chief executive officer and her staff. The society has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3 million and a client base of 6,000.

The board meets six times a year in Winnipeg. Prior to the pandemic, board members would have to travel to the city to attend, but in the last few years remote attendance has become the norm as needed.

"So distance is not a barrier anymore, and it opens the door to have people from really anywhere in the province, which is exciting," says Bisson, who is himself from Roseau River.

That rural perspective is important, he stresses, since the society's client base extends well beyond Winnipeg. There are regional service offices located in the Interlake/Eastern, North Central, Parkland, South Central, South Eastman, and Westman regions of the province.

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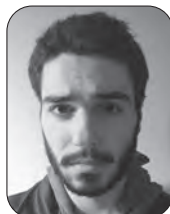
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COVID infections rise, hospitalizations fall; province makes spring COVID vaccine booster available

By Patricia Barrett

COVID infections rose but hospitalizations fell during the third week of March, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for March 12-18 (reporting Week 11).

There were 155 new infections detected by PCR testing in Week 11, up 25 cases from the 130 new infections reported in Week 10 and the 150 reported the week before that.

COVID infection data in surveillance reports are underestimates of the true number of infections because the government restricts access to PCR testing and rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

Hospitalizations decreased in Week 11 with 49 new hospitalizations which included six intensive care unit admissions. There were 59 new hospitalizations in Week 10 with nine ICU admissions. The numbers are derived from differences in total severe outcomes between the current and the previous week's report.

There were no deaths reported in Week 11. There were four deaths reported the week before.

Wastewater data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to March 14 indicates sustained COVID activity.

Manitoba's COVID death toll was 2,470 as of March 11, according to the federal government's COVID webpage, and Canada's death toll now stands at 51,800.

The provincial government no longer lists in its surveillance reports the names of personal care homes and hospitals experiencing COVID outbreaks.

There were no new cases of influenza A and no new cases of influenza

B reported in Week 11. The previous report had eight and two new cases, respectively. There were two new hospitalizations in Week 11 but zero the previous week. There were no new deaths reported in Week 11, the same as in Week 10.

There were no new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) numbers provided for Week 11. There were 40 new cases reported the previous week.

OTHER HEALTH NEWS:

- The COVID outbreak reported on March 13 at the Sunnywood Personal Care Home in Pine Falls continues, according to the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's outbreak webpage (viewed March 25).

- The COVID-19 outbreak at Gimli's Johnson Memorial Hospital has concluded. General visitation and admission have resumed.

- Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), which provides immunization advice to the Public Health Agency of Canada, released new guidance March 3 on COVID booster doses for this spring.

NACI is recommending a booster for individuals at high risk of severe illness from COVID. That includes adults aged 65 years and older, adults living in long-term care homes, seniors in congregate living settings and immunocompromised people 18 years of age and older.

Canadian data looking at health-care workers and non-institutionalized elderly populations suggest vaccine protection may reach a plateau for adults with hybrid immunity (vaccination and prior COVID infection) with "limited benefit demonstrated in

receiving booster doses" of the original mRNA COVID vaccines against omicron subvariants, says NACI's update.

The duration of protection from bivalent vaccines, which target two different strains of the COVID virus, is unknown.

"Due to the short follow-up period to date, there are no estimates available regarding waning following bivalent booster doses against infection or severe disease," states the update.

The safety of bivalent vaccine boosters is "comparable" to the original COVID vaccine formula, says NACI's update, but there is a "possible association" between Pfizer-BioNTech's Comirnaty bivalent BA.4/5 booster and ischemic stroke in persons 65 years of age and older, according to a U.S. vaccine surveillance system.

- Following NACI recommendations, the Manitoba government made a COVID bivalent vaccine available last week for those "at the highest risk of serious COVID-19 outcomes," according to COVID-19 Bulletin #591.

Those eligible are adults aged 65 years of age and older, Indigenous people aged 45 and older, residents of long-term care or assisted living facilities and immunocompromised adults aged 18 and older.

It is recommended that people wait six months between booster doses and six months between a COVID infection and vaccination, states the province.

Manitoba Health is anticipating a fall 2023 COVID booster campaign and eligible people are advised to

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letter to the editor

Gimli pay raises - Autocracy not democracy

The mayor and council have approved their own pay raise. This action was partly rationalized after the mayor and the council compared their salaries to those in other municipalities. The mayor of Selkirk earns \$24,730. Selkirk is approximately double the population of Gimli. It prompts the question as to which municipalities were the comparisons made. Furthermore, in a shocking move to further restrict the democratic rights of Gimli citizens, question period will now be at the conclusion of council meetings and not livestreamed, as the rest of the meeting will be. Citizens of a democracy should be able to freely access the opinions of other fellow and citizens, and to hear the answers/non-answers of the mayor and council. This is a flagrant, sickening lurch towards autocracy.

- Tom Sherbrook, Gimli



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Gaia Turner, right, was out hardwater fishing as the sun set in Steep Rock on March 25 with her dad Paul Turner, left, and her grandpa Cal Turner. Paul had just reeled in the only pickerel of the weekend. The temperature registered at -3 degrees C.; however, temperatures dipped unseasonably in the evenings the rest of the week. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Province upgrades Red River flood risk to 'major'

Staff

So much for Mother Nature giving us a break this year.

Snow in recent weeks means we are now expecting at least some level of flooding along the Red River.

The Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre released a March spring flood outlook last week that has a bit of a darker outlook than the one released in February.

It is now predicting a major risk of flooding on the Red River and a low to moderate risk of flooding in most Manitoba basins.

"At this time, the centre advises that due to recent precipitation events south of the border in the United States, the flood risk has increased to major on the Red River," the province said in a news release. "The flood risk is low to moderate in the Interlake region along the Fisher and Icelandic rivers, and along the Assiniboine River. The risk of spring flooding is generally low along several other rivers, including the Souris, Roseau, Rat and Pembina rivers."

"There is also a low risk of flooding for most other Manitoba basins, including the Saskatchewan River, Whiteshell lakes area and northern Manitoba. With the exceptions of Dauphin Lake and Lake St. Martin, most Manitoba lakes, including Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba, are projected to remain within operating ranges after the spring run-off."

On the plus side, the Red River's water levels are expected to remain below community and individual flood protection levels, the province said.

As always, weather conditions between now and spring melt could change the flooding forecast significantly in the weeks ahead.

If we get average weather conditions, we could be looking at flood levels akin to what was seen in 2019. If we see a lot of snow or rain in the next few weeks, it might be more like the flooding of 2020.

Neither of those years saw water levels crest above the ring dikes protecting communities such as Morris, nor did Highway 75 have to be closed.

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Manitoba government continues restoration of infrastructure damage

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government continues to restore, repair and rehabilitate infrastructure damaged during the spring 2022 flood event, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced.

“Our government continues to focus on proactive measures to reduce future natural disaster impacts and increase the resiliency of our communities,” said Piwniuk. “Critical investment in infrastructure protection will ensure our province is safeguarded from the potential damage of future weather events. Protecting Manitoba’s infrastructure is part of our government’s mitigation strategy and we are committed to further advancing preparedness solutions to enable communities and all Manitobans to continue to thrive even after experiencing significant weather events.”

The minister noted that over \$9 million in pre-emptive and response work related to the spring 2022 flood event has been completed including \$6.4 million for 16 projects in the Parkland region and an additional \$45 million in capital infrastructure work tendered. Several consulting assignments have been awarded for culvert inspections, structure stabilization and replacements resulting in new construction projects for 2023, the minister added.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure estimates \$193.5 million in costs from the 2022 flood, including \$182 million in recovery work to be completed in the next three years.

KEY PROJECTS UNDERWAY INCLUDE:

- \$3.5 million for structure rehabilitation

of the Bell River bridge on Provincial Trunk Highway 10 in the Rural Municipality of Mountain, including completed embankment reconstruction and river channel realignment. Further design and construction of long-term river training work is underway.

- \$3.5 million for structure replacement of Boundary Creek culverts through Prospect Road in Winnipeg Beach, which were removed to prevent upstream flooding. Construction is proposed for later this year.

- \$2.4 million for structure replacement of the Silver Harbour Bridge on Reconciliation Road in the Rural Municipality of Gimli. A replacement bridge is expected to open in April, with approach roadworks completed later this summer.

- \$3.5 million for structure replacement of Mary Jane Dam in the Rural

Municipality of Pembina after the emergency spillway sustained significant erosion. The rehabilitation, designed for a one-in-100-year flood event, will be substantially completed by the end of March.

In addition to supporting municipalities in recovery through the Disaster Financial Assistance Program, municipalities can apply disaster financial assistance deductibles into an approved mitigation or preparedness project that builds resiliency against future events through the Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP). This innovative initiative will invest millions into local projects that help municipalities prepare for future events, the minister added.

To learn more about the MPP visit: www.gov.mb.ca/emo/mitigation/mpp.html.

> HEALTH, FROM PG. 6

discuss the timing of spring boosters with a health-provider as it could “affect when an individual would be eligible to receive a booster dose in the fall.”

As of March 4, about 20 per cent of Manitobans have received a dose of a bivalent vaccine.

- The provincial government is expanding access to the Manitoba Pain Care Program with an investment of nearly \$4 million, according to a

March 23 news release.

The program includes a new pain-care clinic at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre — it will be located at the outpatient clinic sometime this year — and will also add resources to the Health Sciences Centre and Pan Am Clinic in Winnipeg, the Brandon Regional Health Centre and a satellite clinic in Thompson.

- Seven of 13 nurses that made up the sexual assault nurse examiner program (SANE) in Winnipeg quit last week. According to the nurses’ union, the nurses quit because they

were overwhelmed.

The provincial opposition NDP said in a statement that SANE has been struggling to deliver services to sexual assault survivors for over a year because of the government’s “health system mismanagement,” and that nurses with the program had publicly raised concerns multiple times.

The program struggled to fill shifts, forcing nurses to ask those who’d been sexually assaulted to return later or the next day and to not wash or change their clothes, says the statement.

The NDP called on health minister Audrey Gordon to resign.

“If the Health Minister cannot take responsibility for our health care system it’s time for her to resign. And if Minister Gordon won’t do it herself, the Premier needs to show leadership and ask her Health Minister to step down,” said NDP health-care critic Uzoma Asagwara. “The premier cannot allow her minister to continue in this role. Manitobans expect a higher standard from their government and the premier should demand better from her cabinet.”

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Nominations open for Physician Emeritus Award

Submitted by IERHA

This year, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is launching a new Physician Emeritus Award.

Physicians who are retired or have reduced their practice in preparation for retirement are eligible for nomination if they have provided exemplary service and expertise to their communities.

The nomination can be submitted by either physician colleagues or by community members.

Nominations should have three signatures and a paragraph about why the physician should be considered for the award.

The regional Medical Advisory

Minimum wage to increase twice in 2023

Submitted by Manitoba government

This October, Manitoba minimum wage earners will be making \$3.35 per hour more than they were in September 2022 following iterative increases that position Manitoba as one of the top minimum wage provinces in Canada, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced today.

“Recognizing the exceptional financial challenges facing Manitobans, our government passed legislative amendments to the Employment Standards Code that, in prescribed circumstances, allow minimum wage to be increased by an additional

amount above the legislated inflation-tied formula,” said Reyes. “To balance the financial realities of Manitoba workers and the economic challenges for small businesses, we implemented a phased-in approach that will help more Manitobans get ahead.”

The increases started with a \$1.55 increase to \$13.50 on Oct. 1, 2022, to be followed by a 65 cent increase to \$14.15 on April 1 and now a further \$1.15 annual increase on Oct. 1 to \$15.30. These increases project Manitoba to be top three in provincial minimum wages.

The minister noted the legislated inflation-tied formula ensures minimum wage is tied to economic indicators to maintain purchasing power, stability and predictability for businesses.

Following the Oct. 1, 2022, minimum wage increase, the Manitoba government implemented the Small Business Minimum Wage Adjustment Program to support small businesses. The program’s eligibility has recently expanded to include seasonal (summer) employees, and the application and submission process has been streamlined to allow eligible small

businesses to make a single online application to receive a one-time lump sum payment. The program is available until March 31, noted Reyes.

For more information on the Small Business Minimum Wage Adjustment Program, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/jec/busdev/financial/sbwa/index.html>.

For more information on Manitoba’s minimum wage and other employment standards, visit www.gov.mb.ca/labour/standards/.

> AUDITOR, FROM PG. 3

Program Investigation (May 2020) and Oversight of Post-Secondary Institutions (October 2020) — were implemented.

“For the reports with little to no progress in implementing our recommendations, I encourage the Public Accounts Committee to call those entities to Committee to discuss the lack of progress,” wrote Shtykalo.

The auditor general had made 15 recommendations in May 2020 on the Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation, but zero have been implemented.

An investigation into the quarry program was sparked in March 2019 when the auditor general received an audit request from the then minister of finance to “conduct a forensic examination of the irregularities in the financial management of the Quarry Rehabilitation Program,” states the follow-up report.

Fourteen of the recommendations that followed the investigation were for the then-department of agriculture and resource development, which oversaw quarries. The department of economic development, investment and trade is now responsible for quarries.

The auditor general asked the department to prepare a risk analysis and risk-based criteria for different quarry project types, develop extended procedures (environmental assessments, increased monitoring, etc.) for high risk projects, create and maintain a provincial database of all quarry sites, including Crown quarries, assess and monitor quarry returns to ensure the department receives levies and royalties owed to it, ensure required tendering practices are followed, separate the administration of quarry inspection from quarry rehabilitation projects, develop a quality assurance process, use up-to-date

technology to monitor rehabilitation projects, and review data on its inspection function and the rehab program in its annual report so that the public can “determine whether the objective of the Program is being met and how the funds entrusted to the Department are being used.”

The one recommendation the auditor general made for the department of finance was to monitor funds paid out to ensure contracts over \$10,000 are listed on the government’s proactive disclosure website.

A spokesperson for the province said there has been “significant progress” on the auditor general’s recommendations.

“There are two components to the quarry rehabilitation program that are grouped under many of the auditor’s recommendations (private pits and quarries and Crown pits and quarries),” he said. “A private pit and quarry rehabilitation program was delivered in 2020, 2021 and 2022 using an application-based intake process and a third-party consultant to provide technical oversight and inspections. The Crown program remains paused until further work is done on the overall program and staffing levels are resumed.”

The department is also working with the Office of the Provincial Comptroller to inventory and assess Crown pits and quarries, said the spokesperson.

“A contract was issued to provide for an assessment of Crown pits and quarries and recommendations for a five-year rehabilitation plan,” he said. “Mining, Oil and Gas awarded \$13.7 million through 133 funding agreements for quarry rehabilitation on private and municipal lands.”

The auditor general’s reports can be viewed on the Office of the Auditor General’s website at www.oag.mb.ca

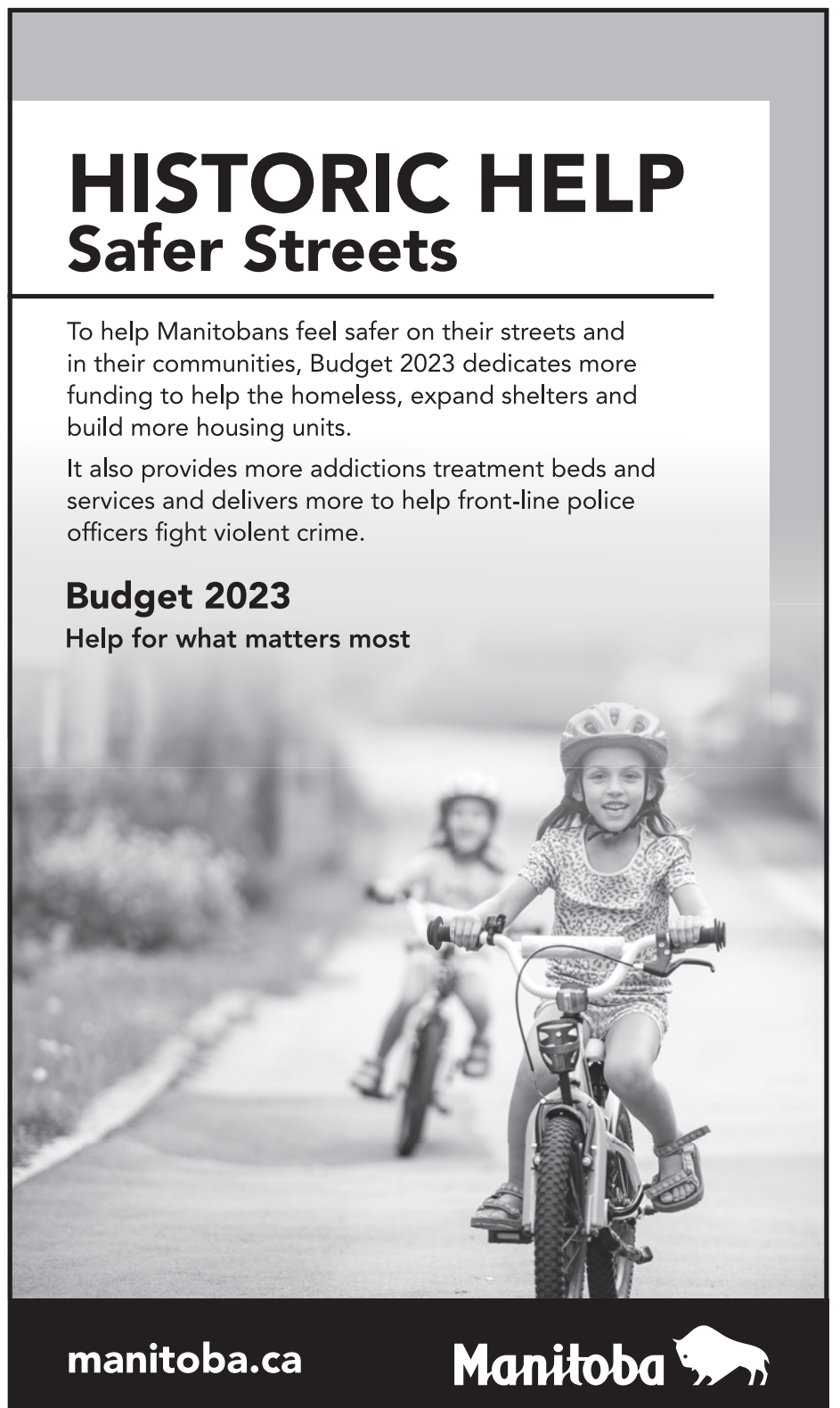
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Gimli council holding open house on short-term rentals

Launching survey March 30

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli council will be holding an open house next month to present information about short-term rentals and gather feedback from the public, and it will also be launching a survey this week asking the public for their thoughts.

The results of the survey, which is set to launch on March 30, will be presented at the open house in April.

Councillor Thora Palson said the open house will essentially be an information session at which council can engage with the public and help people become better informed about issues relating to short-term rentals. People will also be able to find out what sorts of regulations the municipality can currently implement under the provincial Municipal Act.

"We recognize there has been a significant rise in short-term rentals in Gimli over the past few years, and we've been hearing from residents about the negative impacts they've had. We also recognize the importance of protecting divergent interests

so that's why we're developing and actively advancing a strategy to regulate short-term rentals," said Palson. "At this time, it's public participation that we're encouraging. We're committed to hearing from residents, cottage owners and businesses on this issue. The more people participate and give council feedback, the better we can understand all side of this issue and develop solutions."

Renting property on a short-term basis has fallen under the radar as far as regulation goes, she said, and some of the regulatory tools council will be reviewing include business licensing, density, capacity and fire safety.

Palson said she didn't truly appreciate the complexity of short-term rentals until council started looking into the legality of them and at what other jurisdictions have done to try to regulate them.

"It's important for us in this preliminary phase to gather information and be proactive in putting it together. What are the limitations municipalities are facing? What can they do as opposed to a higher rule-making body such as the province or the federal government?" she said. "A municipality doesn't have the same regulatory authority as higher levels of government."

The RM issued a notice on its website, saying it recognizes the need to regulate short-term rentals to protect the availability and affordability of long-term housing, minimize neighbourhood impacts and support the local economy and tourism industry.

Short-term rentals have led to concerns with noise, late-night parties, property damage, housing shortages and a rise in rental prices. All types of housing, from standalone dwellings to condominiums, are being used as short-term rentals. In Montreal a few weeks ago, fire broke out in an apartment building, killing at least four people and leaving a number missing. It was confirmed by police that the building had unlicensed Airbnbs operating in it. At least one of the Airbnb units was said to have no windows.

Gimli mayor Kevin Chudd said concerns in the RM about short-term rentals have been around for a long time, but the issue was not dealt with by the previous council. The demand for having a regulatory structure put in place to oversee short-term rentals is being "driven by the people" and was a major election issue. The RM has hired a consultant to help them with the process.

"I have to commend this council for moving forward be-



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A for rent sign on a property in the town of Gimli in 2016 (the phone number was edited out of the photo).

cause we heard loud and clear in the [October 2022] election that people want this dealt with. Nothing had been done, but we're doing it now. We've hired a professional consultant to guide us through it," said Chudd.

Council wants to hear from all sides on the issue, said Chudd, including people who rent their properties, local businesses, residents and others who have an interest in the issue.

"It's important for people to share their concerns because that's how you build a better community by working together," said Chudd. "We need to get everybody involved. This is an opportunity for the people to be heard and council is listening."

The survey on short-term rentals will be released both online and in print on March 30. The open house will be held on April 21 from 6-9 p.m. in Johnson Hall at the Waterfront Centre.

> EMERITUS AWARD, FROM PG. 8

Committee will consider nominations and make the final decision about granting the designation based on the considerations listed above. The award will be presented at the annual physician dinner in April.

"As a medical professional, there is no higher honour than being recognized by the community you serve or the colleagues you work with daily," said Dr. Charles Penner, regional lead of medical services and chief medical officer, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (RHA). "I look forward to reading the nominations of physicians in the region who go above and beyond every day for their patients."

Have a physician in mind? Nominations should take into account the following factors:

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2. Scope of service
 - Recognition of exemplary skill by colleagues
 - Recognition by the community
 - Demonstration of the Interlake-Eastern RHA values in their practice (always with compassion, success in collaboration, accountability in everything we do, acting with integrity and respectful of each other)

Please send nominations to Debbie Gregoire at dgregoire@ierha.ca by Friday, April 14.

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Starting Friday March 3rd.

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Youth leaders and volunteers are the future of our communities



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA COWLING-MASON

Councillors and community leaders heard from Ashern Collegiate students about improvements they would want to see in their community.

By Autumn Fehr

Youth are the future of our communities. But do they feel a part of the community and know the critical role they have in the future of their communities?

To show their importance, the Community West Interlake hosted an event that would show the youth in the Interlake just how important they are on March 14.

The Youth Leadership Retreat welcomed students from across the Interlake to join in a day to build their leadership skills, let their voices be heard, and learn the ins and outs of what it would be like to own their own business one day.

“We need these kids to know they are a part of our communities. They are our future leaders of the communities, and they have a voice. We think that if we can get into the school and start working with them at this age that they will have a better understanding of what it means to be a community volunteer or a community leader, and we can prepare them for whatever task they plan to take in the future,” said Lana Cowling-Mason, general manager of Community Futures West Interlake.

Approximately 100 Grade 10 students from Warren Collegiate, Lundar Collegiate and Ashern Collegiate attended the

retreat at the Rec Centre in Eriksdale. Students arrived at 10 a.m. and left around 2:30 p.m. to return to their home schools. There were a few other schools in the region that Community Futures had invited to attend, but due to various circumstances, they couldn't make it. Approximately 12 facilitators came from other Community Futures offices, board members and partners to help facilitate the day.

The day's first activity was a team-building activity that consisted of a bridge-building competition. Students were tasked with identifying and strategizing how to build the longest bridge possible with a limited number of resources provided.

After developing team-building skills, students engaged with councillors and community leaders to tell them what improvements they would like to see made in their community.

In attendance were the following individuals: Coun. Darryl Langrell and Coun. Val Stelck from the RM of Woodlands, Reeve Richard Chartrand and Coun. Yves Combet from the RM of St. Laurent, Reeve Virgil Johnson and Coun. Bill Eyolfson from the RM of Coldwell, Coun. Keith McLelland and Coun. Edith Peterson from the RM of West Interlake and Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce president Keith Lundale.

“Those conversations were phenomenal. We

really wanted to focus on identifying what those things were that were important to them because their voices matter. ... I was thrilled that the municipal council reps that were in the room really did listen and interact. It was such a great exchange. The commitment is that those conversations are going to continue. It isn't something that happens just once a year,” said Cowling-Mason.

The day's last event was a business challenge game to teach the students some of the ins and outs of owning a

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To get a feel for what it would be like to own a business, students had to produce three glasses of lemonade that would be judged based on the product itself, how they marketed their business, and how they made business decisions to sell the products.

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Coldwell March Madness fishing derby winners



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RM of Coldwell March Madness fishing derby Week 2 (March 6-12) and Week 3 (March 13-19) winners were, left to right, Bob Martin for his 22-inch walleye, Logan Christensen for his 12.75-inch perch, Paul Monkman for his 23.25-inch walleye and Stetson Hogue for his 11-inch perch.

Music award



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Ty Plett was recently awarded the Conservatory Canada Medal for Excellence for the Level 6 Contemporary Idioms piano exam.

This award represents the highest mark and grade in the Province of Manitoba. Plett is a dedicated and talented Grade 10 student at Arborg Collegiate Institute and studies private piano with Brenda Gulay.

Plett is a graduate of the Music for Young Children program.

> FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM PG. 11

business. There were four to seven students in each group. Each group had to produce three glasses of lemonade that would be judged based on the product itself, how they marketed their business, and how they made business decisions to sell the products. Each group was given \$50, and there was a store set up so they could get ingredients to make their lemonade. In addition, each group had to have some of their budget left over. They also had to make a 30-second video marketing their product and business.

The process took them right from considering what their business would look like (the business's name), assigning the key roles every business would consider at start-up, and business planning.

The winning teams of the Lemonade Stand Entrepreneurship challenge were Ashern Group 3 called Zesty Squeezers, Lundar Group 1 called La La Land Lemonade and Warren Group 2 called Loud Lemons.

Grade 10 students from Ashern Collegiate Jasmine McRae and Breanna Taylor said that the lemonade stand challenge was their favourite activity of the day. They liked learning about and engaging in all the work that goes into starting a business.

The girls also said they appreciated the opportunity to share their opinions and requests with leaders in their community.

One of their group's suggestions was to build a rec centre in the Ashern area that would include a gym, pool, workout room and lounge.

"It was nice that they heard our opinions," said McRae.

They also asked if they could volunteer with certain things within the community to see if they are interested in being a part of the decision-making process in the community and with the rec centre proposition.

A student from Warren Collegiate



Lundar students chatted with councillors and community leaders about improvements they would want to see in their community.

felt that this was an excellent opportunity to bring to light improvements that needed to happen on their school grounds.

"After our questions were answered, we worked towards solutions. Our school grounds need improvement; it was a relief to talk to adults who can help us start taking action on this important issue," the student said.

Cowling-Mason said she was impressed by the conversations in that room.

"Those Grade 10s have some great futures in mind for our communities, and there is a great future ahead for our communities because of them. They are engaged, and they communicated very well," she said.

This is the first event that the organization has hosted on a regional level. Community Futures West Interlake had been working on this event for about a year with the other schools in the district before it came to fruition. However, with the positive feedback and success of the event, the organization plans to continue hosting this event for the next two to three years, so other generations of Grade 10 students in the community can participate in it too.

"We knew coming out of the pandemic that there was definitely a need to reconnect with our young people be-

cause that had not been something we could easily do during the pandemic, and we wanted to get back in there and get engaged and involved again," said Cowling-Mason.

"An event like this is important so that we know more for the future, and that we are ready to do stuff like this when we are older, and to be more involved in everything," said McRae.

"It taught us that we don't have to be older to do this stuff. We can start it now and learn it now instead of waiting until we are older," said Taylor.

The group of students from Warren Collegiate had many takeaways after the retreat and left feeling they had learnt a lot of valuable tools, such as how to make a change in their community, how their voices matter, how council deals with problems, and how to start a business. But, most importantly, they could openly express their concerns for their community.

One of Community Future's hopes is that if students are thinking about starting a business in the community or have a project they want to work on, Community Futures is there to help. The organization has a micro-use loan program where students can borrow up to \$4,000 to do a seasonal or summer business. More details on this program can be found on their website at <https://cfmanitoba.ca/west-interlake>.

Eclectic Expressions comes to the Gwen Fox gallery this April

By Katelyn Boulanger

This month at the Gwen Fox Gallery there is wood sculpting, fibre art, paintings and jewellery all on display for residents to check out made by local artists Iris Bidinosti, Courtney Jensen, Wanda Slawik, and Renay Taylor-Besant. Because of the variety of mediums that these artists use and the differences in their styles, they have decided to name their show Eclectic Expressions.

Iris Bidinosti

Bidinosti is a woodcarver that makes fantastical, creative and cosy sculptural pieces.

"It's all done out of cottonwood bark, except for my lovespoons, which are out of basswood," she said.

Though there are a variety of lovespoons at the gallery this month, she doesn't sell them because they are made for people she loves. Bidinosti's other pieces are whimsical wall hangings that are often in the shape of cosy homes influenced by the bark itself.

"It's all whimsical. It's houses, castles, and lighthouses. If an architect was to look at them, they would be horrified because my houses aren't architecturally true. But they're influenced by the pictures I have in my head," she said.

Bidinosti started her artistic pursuits in 2005 when she was inspired by her brother to pick up a creative outlet.

"He gave me a knife and he gave me a lesson and I carved a cowboy boot. And since then I've taken different classes. And that's where it all started," she said.

She encourages other carvers in the community whether they are new or old pros to join the local groups that we have in our communities.

"Belonging to a carving group where people are doing different types of carving. If you're a beginner, sooner or later you'll look at a piece someone else has made and say, 'That's what I would like to do'," said Bidinosti.

She welcomes residents in the community to check out the gallery for this month's show but also if you are a creative person to join a group with

other creative people.

"It's wonderful. I've met so many interesting people because of belonging to the gallery. A lot of us are retired, and we all have a story. By volunteering on a regular basis, you get to know these people better and share their stories. It just opens up your whole world to other people, what they've done and what they are doing, and what they have accomplished," said Bidinosti.

Courtney Jensen

Jensen is an artist that enjoys creating works that take you to another realm. Many of her mixed-media paintings are fantasy inspired and she also creates beautiful beadwork jewellery.

"It's a lot about fantasy creatures and characters. There are some abstract landscapes in there and pieces that have an under the sea theme with mermaids and stuff like that," she said.

The jewellery making is a newer art form for Jensen that she started doing as a way to keep her hands busy while attending online classes during the pandemic, however, she has been painting for much longer.

She says that her mixed media pieces are largely inspired by her imagination and that she started creating when as a teen, she used art as an escape from a difficult home situation.

"I was always on the creative side as a child. But, I think it finally clicked when I went into grade 11. My teacher, she was an art teacher, she is cool and funky and I still keep in touch with her. I just find her so cool. . . She asked me, because like she knew about, my childhood and what I was experiencing, she asked me, 'Have you ever tried painting?'," said Jensen.

From there Jensen bought an inexpensive canvas and paints and hasn't looked back.

She recommends that other people that are creative give making art a go.

"Try it. If you like it, keep going. There's nothing you can't do. If keep trying and you like it, you'll get somewhere," said Jensen.

She invited residents to check out

the show this month for themselves.

"The colours and the feelings it's different for each person. Everyone always gets something from art," said Jensen.

Wanda Slawik

Slawik is a multi-media artist who this month has brought paintings, pastel work, ink sketches and fibre tapestries to the gallery.

"My art, during the pandemic focused on Manitoba, the landscape of Manitoba, the people of Manitoba and also events in Manitoba. It seemed to me because I've been here for forty years, [it was the right time] to focus on the province," said Slawik.

The art she has created this month in the gallery includes many landscapes but also sketches of old buildings, some of whom aren't even around anymore, as well as depictions of events like Folklorama in order to capture many of the amazing aspects of our Manitoba culture.

She says that she sometimes feels as if people don't recognize Manitoba as a very unique place and she wants to showcase its beauty.

Slawik is originally from Poland and that's where she was educated in art, however, since coming to Canada she has continued to challenge herself and uses the mediums that she feels best suits the art she is trying to create.

"I'd rather just focus on the media that fits my need for that moment," she said.

She really feels that the Gwen Fox Gallery is a special art gallery in our province and encourages people to check it out.

"This is the best gallery in Manitoba and I love it. [And, wonderful people who are willing to chat] and create and share," said Slawik.

Renay Taylor-Besant

Taylor-Besant is bringing colour and abstract brilliance to the gallery this month. She is an acrylic artist that has helped to fill the gallery's walls with fluid paint pieces.

"They're the brightly coloured wild and crazy abstracts. That's my current



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Iris Bidinosti

focus is having some fun with fluid acrylics," she said.

She says that like many artists she feels that she's been making art for as long as she can remember but Taylor-Besant feels that she is more of a hobby artist because her art provides her with a creative escape.

"[My art is] very intuitive. I draw from things that inspire me and make me feel happy in the world. The other side of my world is, I work in social services and so, I use art as my way of rejuvenating and destressing from the day. In our world, you give away little pieces of yourself all day long, and you need to find a way to fill those little holes back up and Art has always done that for me," she said.

The type of pieces that she's showcasing in the gallery this month is a relatively new form for Taylor-Besant. She's only been working with fluid

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Gimli Art Club among local organizations receiving provincial arts and culture funding

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Art Club will be upgrading its building to improve accessibility after receiving a grant from the provincial government a few weeks ago.

It's among a number of local organizations that applied for funding under the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund (ACSC).

The art club received \$22,040 for accessibility upgrades.

Gimli Art Club president Erika Hanneson said the club was really excited to be chosen as one of the funding recipients. The club will be working with the RM of Gimli — from which it leases the building — to make it easier for residents and visitors with accessibility needs.

"We're working on our grand dreams of making all the areas of this building more accessible for everyone. We have an age friendly community in Gimli that includes all ages and all abilities. We're finding that getting into the art club building and certain areas within the building can be improved upon," said Hanneson, who is a ceramic artist and painter and also runs her own studio. "Some of that improvement will entail widening the doorways and improving the doors themselves."

Originally, the building was two separate buildings that had a third building built between them to bridge them and it has different levels of

flooring, Hanneson said she was told. That will be looked at. The club is also hoping to improve the club members' washroom facilities to make them more accessible.

The province announced on March 17 that it's providing \$50 million to support arts, culture and sports programs. The money will be divided among 402 projects that foster community, creativity and innovation.

The fund plans to distribute up to \$100 million over two years for large capital projects, small capital projects and special initiatives, and community celebrations.

"Our government recognizes the critical role Manitoba's community facilities play in the development of our children and youth, while also supporting the growth of our communities and economy," said Premier Heather Stefanson in a news release.

The ACSC provides funding to strengthen the arts sector, the cultural sector which includes public libraries and ethnocultural organizations, and the amateur sport sector. The funding also supports the development and renewal of facilities and spaces that are needed for activities.

Hanneson said the art club upgrades will be carried out in phases.

"Phase 1 will start at the front of the building because we want to make improvements for visitors, as well as for our members and community members," she said. "Visitors come



EXPRESS GIMLI ART CLUB

The Gimli Art Club showcases art in its gallery by the harbour, provides a number of art programs and hosts events.

to Gimli from all over the world. In addition to our gallery, we open our doors to events that allow people to come play with art materials, and we've noticed how difficult access can be for some people or just moving crowds in and out the door."

Other local organizations that received ACSC funding include the

newspaper *Logberg-Heimskringla* (\$10,000), the Gimli International Film Festival (\$15,000 for beach screenings), the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba (\$4,920 for a technology upgrade), the Gimli Yacht Club (\$32,500 for redevelopment), and the Riverton & District Friendship Centre (\$22,610 for air conditioning).

To view the full list of 2022-2023 funding recipients, visit www.manitoba.ca/acsc

Anyone interested in applying for funding, can visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/acsc/small-capital-and-special-initiatives.html>

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Einarson captures bronze at 2023 LGT World Women's Curling Championship

By Curling Canada

Canada's Team Kerri Einarson is back-to-back bronze medal champions following a win on Sunday morning at the 2023 LGT World Women's Curling Championship, presented by New Holland.

Canada's Team Einarson of Gimli, defeated Sweden's Team Anna Hasselborg by a score of 8-5 to earn bronze at Goeransson Arena. It's the second time in a row the teams clashed for third place at a world championship.

"I feel pretty excited to come here and medal. I know it's not gold like we wanted, but at least it's a medal. To win bronze two years in a row is pretty special," skip Einarson said.

Ask any member of Team Canada — skip Einarson, vice-skip Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, lead Briane Harris, alternate Krysten Karwacki, coach Reid Carruthers and national coach Renée Sonnenberg — to describe the week and they'll say it was an up-and-down event. Canada built momentum early in the week but couldn't string together wins in the latter part.

The team's 7-5 round-robin record was good to qualify for the third seed in the playoffs. However, a semifinal loss to Norway kept the Canadians

short of the gold-medal game and they needed a solid performance to earn bronze.

"It is very special. It was an up-and-down week, but we put ourselves in a good position yesterday and it was really hard to lose that semifinal again. But I'm super proud of how we came out today and getting up against the hometown team isn't easy either. We have a really good support crew here with our coaching and families and everything and it definitely helped us get through that," Sweeting said.

Sweden had the support of the hometown crowd, but it didn't deter Canada, which jumped out to an early three-point lead. Team Einarson found its footing when Canada had to make a pinpoint draw to the side of the button to score two in the first. Sweden had a chance to score in the second end but rolled out on a hit and gave Canada another point.

Canada forced Sweden to one in the third and repeated its deuce with hammer and steal combo in the fourth and fifth ends to take a five-point lead into the fifth-end break. In the fourth end, Canada was sitting five counters, but an excellent draw from Sweden forced Canada to play a long angle raise to score two. In the fifth, Sweden attempted a runback to score but left Canada sitting one.



JONAS EKSTROMER/TT NEWS AGENCY VIA AP

Team Canada's skip Kerri Einarson releases a stone during the bronze medal match between Canada and Sweden of the LGT World Women's Curling Championship at Goeransson Arena in Sandviken, Sweden, on Sunday, March 26.

Team Hasselborg was far from out of it in the second half of the game and hung on until the 10th end. The teams traded deuces in the sixth and seventh ends, then Sweden scored a single with hammer in the eighth and stole a point in the ninth to get within three. Team Einarson ran Sweden out of stones to claim the win.

The bronze-medal win adds another piece of hardware to Team Einarson's mantel. While gold was the preferred colour to bring back to Canada, the team believes this will be another

building block in long-term success.

"The fact that we were able to still get the bronze with not our strongest performance this week is big for our team," Birchard said. "It's lit a fire under us. We want to come back and we want to challenge for the gold, obviously, we had hoped to do that this week but it wasn't in the cards, so we'll just look forward to next year."

Switzerland's Team Silvana Tirinzoni defeated Norway's Team Marianne Roerвик to win the gold medal.



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acrylics for the past five years or so but previously has worked in water-colour and has created pencil crayon pieces in the past.

With fluid acrylics, she has a limited

time to work

with the fluid paint and manipulate its shapes to become what she wants. She uses different tools to move the paint around the horizontal canvas.

"It's like a little science experiment. You figure out how to layer the paints and how to move them in a way that you get the colours popping through," said Taylor-Besant.

Her advice for artists new to fluid acrylics is to not worry about perfection.

"I think you have to, literally go with the flow, in the case of fluid acrylics. You have to trust in the process and be willing to be intuitive and change as needed," she said.

She also says that if things aren't what you want them to be that you can paint over them.

"You just have to put your fears aside and just go for it and be creative. That's the whole fun of it," said Taylor-Besant.

She encourages residents throughout the region to come to the gallery.

"I think art can brighten our day, literally and figuratively and give you both moments of happiness, but also introspection. Sometimes the greyer days of spring where we don't have green quite yet, we have lots of colour and light to brighten people's day," said Taylor-Besant.

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Interlakers win MWJHL championship

By Brian Bowman

Imagine being a goaltender and winning a championship after blanking the opponent in a shootout.

That sounds pretty surreal, doesn't it?

But that's exactly what happened to Cortney Marko as she led her Silvertips' team to a 2-1 victory over the Gray Owls to claim the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League title on March 22.

The Silvertips won the best-of-five series 3-1.

"It was pretty exciting, for sure, especially in my last year (of junior hockey)," said Marko, formerly of Stonewall and now living in Lundar. "I worked hard for it this year."

Marko stopped all three Gray Owls' that she faced in the three-round shootout.

"It felt really good, especially with one of their players being the top goal scorer this year and shutting her down," Marko said. "It felt good."

The championship was made even sweeter with the fact that Marko previously played two seasons with the Gray Owls and then was with the Polar Ice but they were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Polar Ice are no longer in the league.

This year's Silvertips' team was a really good one. They finished the regular season in first place with a 15-7-3 record and 33 points. The Silvertips were one point ahead of the Western Predators.

"From all my other teams in the league, this team played really good together as a team," said Marko, 23. "Everyone got along together in the dressing room and all of the ice. There was a lot of team bonding amongst the girls."

Defensively, the Silvertips were extremely good, allowing just 53 goals in 25 regular-season games. That was the second lowest in the league.

The Silvertips' roster also included Stonewall's Brooke Wadge, Stony Mountain's Sydney Byle and Ashlyn

Riley (first cousin to McKenna Riley).

Also present for the final game was Lisa and Kevin Riley (parents of McKenna Riley who passed away). The Silvertips were McKenna's team.

This was said:

McKenna Riley was an amazingly humble and compassionate young woman. She found beauty and peace in the outdoors. McKenna showed determination in hockey and life by setting the example of what it means to

"IT FELT REALLY GOOD, ESPECIALLY WITH ONE OF THEIR PLAYERS BEING THE TOP GOAL SCORER THIS YEAR AND SHUTTING HER DOWN."

be a supportive, caring and encouraging person. McKenna's teammates and family remember her brightening any room with a smile, kind heart, positive attitude and infectious laugh. She showed kindness with her big heart and respect for those around her. McKenna played with the Sturgeon Heights Huskies before joining the Kelvin High Clippers, where she served as

team captain in the WWHSHL. Her leadership, sportsmanlike attitude and skills were noticed upon entrance to the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League. McKenna was a leader with the Silvertips throughout her time playing Junior and made significant contributions both on and off the ice.

McKenna was dedicated and excelled at the University of Winnipeg with her sights firmly set on a career as a speech-language pathologist. McKenna earned her place on the Dean's Honour List, as well as receiving an academic proficiency scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Her family and friends loved her, and this scholarship is being awarded in her name to carry on her legacy for what the game of hockey represents: determination to set goals, live dreams and do good for others. She will always be remembered as an adored daughter, sister, friend and teammate.

It is with profound sadness that the family announces the sudden passing of McKenna on the morning of Tuesday Dec. 15, 2020, at the young age of 20 years old. McKenna was known by



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DARRYL GERSHMAN

Lundar's Cortney Marko, formerly of Stonewall, led the Silvertips to a Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League championship after a thrilling 2-1 shootout victory on March 22. The Silvertips won the best-of-five series 3-1.



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The family of McKenna Riley, who passed away Dec. 15, 2020, were on hand to celebrate the Silvertips MWJHL win. McKenna was a valuable member on the Silvertips when she passed away. Pictured with Grandma Donna, her mom Lisa, sister Brooklyn, cousin Ashlyn, who also plays for the Silvertips, and her dad Kevin.

many nicknames including Kenna, out of great love. Kenna Lou, Jeena, Lou Lou, Jee, JeJa, Nanner, Nan, all of which were given

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Johannesson wins ACHA hockey championship

By Annaliese Meier

A pair of Interlake players were successful in winning the ACHA (American College Hockey Assoc.) Division I National Championship on March 21 in Boston, Mass.

Defencemen Wayde Johannesson of Arnes and Brayden Pawluk of Teulon were part of the No. 1 Minot State men's hockey team that beat No. 3 Adrian (Mich.), to claim the third ACHA Division I National Championship in program history.

Johannesson played an instrumental role in the team's path to victory as ACHA National Champions. Throughout the tournament, Johannesson contributed two assists in his four games, showcasing his talent and leadership on the ice.

As the first-ranked team in the division, the Beavers dominated the competition, winning their first game against Michigan-Dearborn with a score of 8-0. The team's momentum continued, beating Indiana Tech 4-3 in an exciting overtime game and moving on to the semi-finals against Liberty University. The Beavers secured another overtime victory, winning 3-2. The Beavers' final test was against Adrian College; in a thrilling 1-0 game, the Beavers ultimately

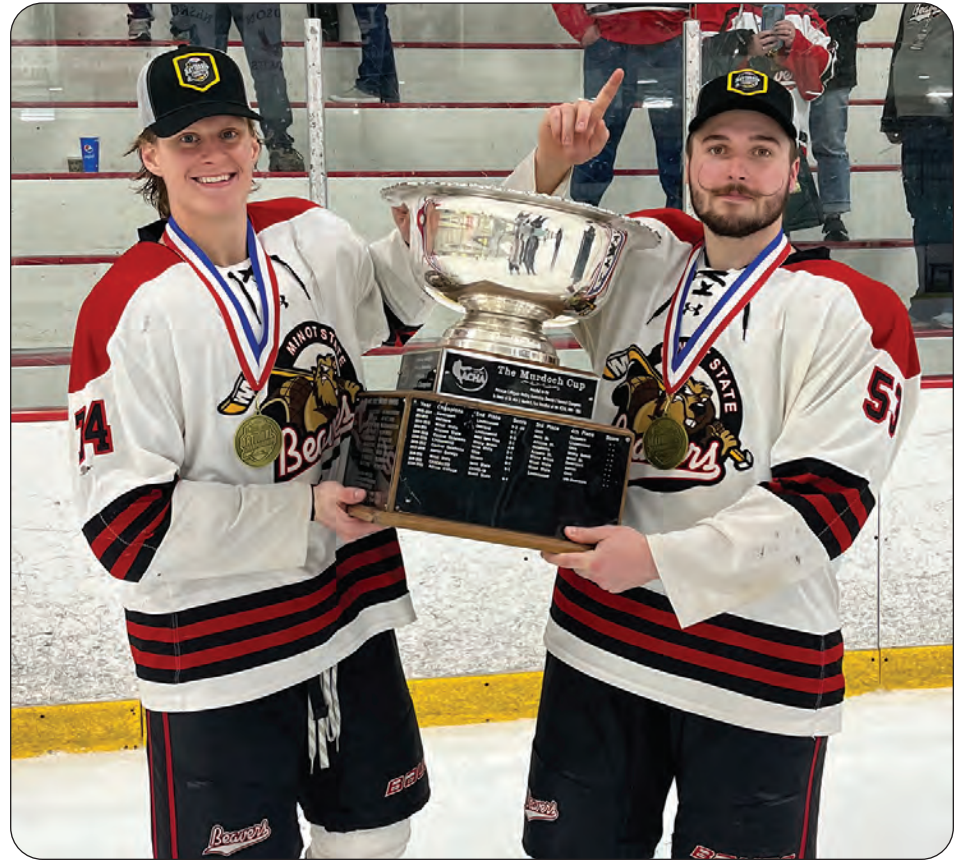
emerged victorious, securing the National Championship title.

Reflecting on the win, Johannesson said, "The feeling when the clock hit 0 was indescribable. It was an exciting experience that I will never forget."

With a successful four-year career on the blue line from 2019 to 2023, Johannesson demonstrated his commitment to the game by playing 32 games and registering seven assists in his senior year.

Johannesson's path to success began in Arnes where he played minor hockey for the Riverton Eagles and Gimli Vikings. He played for the AAA Interlake Lightning for two seasons before transitioning to the MJHL, where he played for the Waywayseecappo Wolverines for two and a half seasons and then joined the Nipawin Hawks of the SJHL for half a season. In his final season of the MJHL in 2019, he played for the Dauphin Kings and the Selkirk Steelers before signing with the ACHA Minot State University for his college career.

Johannesson will graduate with a business marketing and management degree, a testament to his hard work and determination both on and off the ice.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DAVID HERMAN

Brayden Pawluk, left, and Wayde Johannesson and the Minot State men's hockey team defeated Adrian College 1-0 in the 2023 ACHA National Championship on March 21.

Boehmer fights back to win senior provincials

By Ty Dilello

On Monday afternoon, the "Night Train" Dave Boehmer of Petersfield pulled off perhaps "The Great Escape" of his curling career when he stole the sixth, seventh and eighth end to defeat La Salle's Randy Neufeld 6-5 in the final of the 2023 Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Curling Championship in Dauphin.

Dave Boehmer and his Petersfield team of Dale Lott, Sean Bracken and George Hacking finished the round-robin with a record of 6-1 that put them into the page playoffs. After losing to Neufeld in the 1v1 game, Boehmer rebounded to defeat Richard Muntain in the semi-final 8-6 on Monday morning.

In the final game, Boehmer got behind 5-1 at the midway point of the contest. After scoring a deuce in the fifth end, Boehmer then miraculously stole points on the 6th, 7th and 8th ends to secure the 6-5 victory.

In the senior women's event, Charleswood's Joelle Brown was victorious after defeating Neepawa's Terry Ursel 6-5 in the provincial final. Stonewall's Laurie Deprez also competed in the event but narrowly missed the playoffs with a round-robin record of 3-4.

Boehmer and Brown will be heading to Vernon, B. C., to represent Manitoba at the 2023 Canadian Senior Curling Championships to be held from Dec. 4 to 10, 2023.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CURLMANITOBA

Petersfield's Dave Boehmer, far left, and his team including Dale Lott, Sean Bracken and George Hacking are the 2023 Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Curling Champions.

Lott's reach playoffs at Mixed Doubles Nationals

By Ty Dilello

Gimli's Colton and Kadriana Lott reached the playoffs last weekend at the 2023 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Sudbury, Ont.

Representing Manitoba in the 32-team event, Team Lott/Lott finished the round-robin with a 5-2 record, which was good enough to advance them to the 12-team playoff round.

Team Lott/Lott fell in the first game of the playoffs to Ontario's John Epping and Lisa Weagle by an 8-6 scoreline.

Jennifer Jones and Brent Laing ultimately won the event as they defeated Jocelyn Peterman and Brett Gallant 9-4 in Sunday afternoon's championship final. Team Jones/Laing will now head to the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships, which will be held in Gangneung, South Korea, from April 22 to 29.

"We're always so excited to compete at another Nationals for Mixed Doubles," said Kadriana Lott. "The event in Sudbury was amazing as it was well

put together as always, and it is always fun seeing all the familiar faces of teams. Colton and I are proud of how well we've done. We had a tough pool to come out of, and we were able to come out of it and qualify for playoffs."

Team Lott/Lott had a quiet season compared to past years, as they only played in two events together. They would have likely played more had it not been for Colton's busy schedule playing men's curling for Team Matt Dunstone.

"We can't be upset with how well we played with so little time competing," said Lott. "But it's a thing we do together and enjoy it every time we go out and play."

Team Lott/Lott has plans to try and play some more mixed doubles events next season if the schedule allows them to play more. Colton will also still be throwing second stones for Team Dunstone, while Kadriana is undecided if she will play women's curling in the fall.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED
Gimli's Colton and Kadriana Lott reached the playoffs last weekend at the 2023 Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Sudbury, Ont.

Interlake Thunder team trains with world-class players



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER/JOEL MCDONALD

The Interlake Thunder female football program is well underway for the upcoming season. Last Sunday at the weekly indoor practice, four Manitoba Fearless football team members who play in the Western Women's Canadian Football League — Lisa Thomas, Andrea Buckland, Hallie Eggie and Julie Sprague — spoke to the team and ran drills. The four Fearless players have competed at the highest level of female football in the International Federation of American Football championships. The Thunder will field a Junior girls team (11-14-year-olds) and a Varsity girls team (15-18-year-olds) in the Manitoba Girls Football Association League that runs May and June. Pictured left: guest coach Craig Bachynski with the Fearless team runs a blocking drill for defenders. Middle: Julie Sprague and Andrea Buckland demonstrate offensive line footwork. Right: Interlake Thunder girls with guest coaches.

St. Malo Warriors down Ice Dawgs in Game 7

By Brian Bowman

The Arborg Ice Dawgs' season came to an abrupt end on March 20.

Arborg gave the St. Malo Warriors all they could handle in their CRJHL best-of-seven semifinal series before losing 9-4 in Game 7.

"They had a little bit more depth than us and I knew that going in," said Ice Dawgs' head coach Scott Wong. "Defensively, I thought we were a much better team and in goal but they were able to manage that early in Game 7."

Arborg had a terrible start to the game, trailing 4-0 after 20 minutes.

Jeremie Collette and Teagan Fillion scored to give St. Malo a 2-0 lead and

then Thomas Maynard tallied a pair of power-play goals.

The second one came with just 11 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

Ashton Dubois and Dayden Collier (shorthanded) scored for St. Malo in the second sandwiched around markers from Arborg's Harris Dankowich.

The Ice Dawgs' Brody Maxwell added a goal late in the second.

Third-period goals were tallied by the Warriors' Levi Penner, Braeden McFarlane and Kaden Rioux while Tyson Barylski and Ashton Kornelson answered for Arborg.

Wong felt the turning point in the

series was Arborg losing Game 6 at home (6-4) on March 17.

"I really thought our must-win game, our Game 7, was the Friday night in Arborg," Wong said. "We came out really flat but the last half of the game we owned them and if we had five more minutes then we would have tied that game but that's hockey. That's the way it goes."

This club, no doubt, benefited greatly from playing playoff hockey in March, said Wong.

Looking ahead to next season, Arborg loses just two players — defenceman Jordan Einarson and goaltender Tre Strachan — due to aging out of

junior hockey.

But both players made major contributions to this year's team.

Most of the players on the Ice Dawgs' roster this season were local. Wong was proud of that fact and he really enjoyed his first season as the Ice Dawgs' head coach.

"Do you know how young this hockey club was?" Wong asked. "I am so proud of these guys because our nucleus of this hockey team is 2003, 2004."

St. Malo currently trails the Selkirk Fishermen 2-1 in their best-of-seven championship series.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Savory Cheese Balls

fruit (optional)
vegetables (optional)
Cut each cream cheese block into three squares. Roll each square into ball.
In small bowl, combine caraway seeds, poppy seeds and half the garlic.
In second small bowl, combine parsley, thyme, rosemary and remaining garlic.
In third small bowl, combine cranberries and pecans.
Roll two cheese balls in seed mixture, two in herb mixture and two in cranberry mixture.
Cut each ball in half and serve with crackers, fruit or vegetables, if desired.

Servings: 6-12
2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
2 tablespoons caraway seeds
1 teaspoon poppy seeds
2 cloves garlic, minced, divided
1/4 cup parsley, chopped
2 teaspoons thyme leaves, chopped
1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
1/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped
2 tablespoons pecans, chopped
crackers (optional)



Lemon Blueberry Trifle

mint, for garnish
To make lemon curd: In medium saucepan, stir sugar and cornstarch. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, water and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and gradually stir in three egg yolks; mix well until combined. Stir in remaining egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
Stir in butter; mix until incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap, touching surface of lemon curd to prevent curd forming skin. Refrigerate until completely cool.
To make whipped cream: In large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Do not overbeat.
To make trifle: Mix blueberry jam with 12 ounces fresh blueberries. Place one layer cubed pound cake in bottom of trifle dish. Top with layer of blueberries. Add dollops of lemon curd and whipped cream. Repeat layering ending with whipped cream.
Decorate trifle with lemon slices, fresh blueberries and mint.

Prep time: 45 minutes
Servings: 8-10
Lemon Curd:
1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tablespoon lemon zest
6 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 egg yolks
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
Whipped Cream:
2 cups heavy whipping cream, cold
2 tablespoons Domino Golden Sugar
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
Trifle:
1 cup blueberry jam
12 ounces fresh blueberries, plus additional for garnish, divided
1 pound cake, cubed
lemon slices, for garnish



Easy Brunch Quiche

utes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.
In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.
In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies. Bake 40 minutes.
Cool at least 12 minutes before serving.
Note: To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.

Serves: 12
1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
12 slices bacon, chopped
1/2 cup green onions, sliced
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)
Heat oven to 350 F.
In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside.
In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 min-

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: Why are so many Canadians still struggling with money when we have such a large banking industry that says it wants to help us?

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Stage 1: In your 20's you will have debt—either consumer and/or school debt. This is the time to begin saving and establishing good credit so that you can borrow from the banks in the future. You don't want to pay higher lending rates simply because you continually overindulge or can't pay your bills on time. Open a tax-free savings account (TFSA) and have 15% of your paycheque taken out of your bank account the same day that you get paid (setup automatically with your bank). Once the TFSA is maxed, open a RSP account and do the same. TIP: Invest in ETF's (exchange traded funds) that follow an index such as the S&P 500 or the Nasdaq Composite. Don't have too much invested domestically. Historically, the US stock market has always outperformed all others.

Stage 2: Now in your 30's you will most likely be working fulltime and it is imperative that you continue your savings regime as in Stage 1. Always take 15% off the top of your paycheque to be first put in your TFSA and then into your RSP. If you are lucky enough to hit your maximum RSP contribution limit, any other savings should go into a non-registered investment account. In this decade you want to get into the real estate market. You may need to buy a home with friends or family or even take in boarders to help make ends meet. I know it will be a stretch for most young Canadians,



Christine Ibbotson

but it is an absolute necessity to give you more options for the future. You should have a Will + two Power of Attorney (medical direction + assets) and review your insurance needs at this stage.

Stage 3: This is the phase that combines your 40's and 50's and it's most likely when you will have your maximum earning potential. Always keep building on the foundation that you created in Stage 1 (15% towards TFSA, RSP, non-registered accounts). At this point you now must work to eliminate debt. You may have upgraded your home, have a second home, started a business or be thinking of your children's education. All these added expenses will have a huge impact on your income – but never succumb to reducing your 15% savings routine. During your 50's you must work at eliminating all debt. Why not refinance into a new mortgage with the amortization set to the year you plan to retire. Setup this way – you're guaranteed to have zero debt at retirement.

Stage 4: This phase starts in your 60's and goes to your 90's. You will want to start simplifying your lifestyle and your commitments especially as you age. Stage 1 and 2 were all about building your life and acquiring "things" to make you happy. In this stage you must now start the "big purge," reduce the clutter, downsize or right-size your residence to eliminate any remaining debts, lower expenses and add more funds to your retirement savings. In your 60's it is a good idea to update your Will and POAs. In your 70's to 90's, make sure you have a plan to fill your days if you have stopped working and always work towards improving your health, plus keep active – both mentally and physically.

*Good Luck & Best Wishes,
Christine Ibbotson*

Written by Christine Ibbotson, National Radio Host, YouTuber, and Author of 3 finance books plus the Canadian Best-Selling Book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" www.askthemoneylady.ca or send a question to info@askthemoneylady.ca

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULINE MARY GOLAS, late of the Town of Arborg, Manitoba, Retired, Deceased. All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at his office at 11 Main Street, P.O. Box 200, Ashern, Manitoba, ROC OED, on or before the **30th day of April, 2023.**

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MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter(s):

THE MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON BY-LAW NO. **2-2023**
Being an amendment to the RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law No. 04-2011, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Council Chambers 329 River Road, Arborg, MB


DATE & TIME: April 13, 2023 9:00 am

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. NW 2-24-02 EPM Roll 190350

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton from "AR" Agricultural Restricted Zone to "GD" General Development Zone.

PURPOSE: For the construction of a new Church as part of a proposed subdivision in the north-west corner of the affected property.

FOR INFO CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District 62 - 2nd Avenue PO Box 1758 Gimli, MB ROC 1B0 Ph: 204-642-5478 Fax: 204-642-4061 Email: eipd@mymts.net Website: www.interlakeplanning.com



A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be provided upon request to the contact person mentioned above. Please note, if you have received this notice in the mail, the proposal and supporting material are already enclosed.

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Being Approx. 155.89 Acres

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CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or any number or all parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 2:30 pm on April 28, 2023.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$10,000.00** cheque payable to **MMJS LLP** in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be **June 1, 2023**, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact
Scott W. Johnston at:
Ph: 204-745-2546
Fax: 204-745-3963
email: scott@mmjlaw.com



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL & STUDENT POSITIONS

General Skills & Qualifications for all positions

Candidate must have excellent communication, organizational skills and must be able to work independently or in a team environment.

SEASONAL POSITIONS

(Part-time June & September and Full-time July & August)

Park Patrol – Duties include monitoring and maintaining a clean safe beach and park areas as well as other public facilities. Greet visitors, provide tourism and environmental information. Shifts are varied; seven days per week; 8:00AM to 10:00PM.

Rec Centre General Labourer – Grass cutting and other miscellaneous maintenance duties. Work shift Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Some weekends and evening shifts will be required.

Summer Program Leader – Help organize and host summer day camps and recreation programs. Work with the Programmer to develop and promote new initiatives. This position will involve work in a variety of facilities including the Rec Centre, Beach and Pavilion. Shifts vary, some weekends and evening shifts will be required.

Visitor Center - Duties include greeting visitors, interpreting exhibits on natural history on Lake Winnipeg and fisheries, providing tourism information, maintaining Visitor Centre attendance data, assist with planning and implementing summer programs. Shifts vary seven days per week, some weekend shifts will be required.

Municipal Office Assistant – Assisting with administrative duties through the busy summer season. Work shift Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM (possible start in MAY)

PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL POSITIONS

(Approximately June to October, as required)

General Labourers – Duties include refuse crew, grass cutting, landscaping, etc., must be physically fit. Shifts are varied; seven days a week. Valid class 5 driver's license required. Wage based on collective agreement.

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Completed applications stating the position(s) applying for, with resume and references, are to be submitted to the Municipal Office located at 62 2nd Avenue by 4:00 p.m. on April 21st, 2023.

Kelly Cosgrove, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli
PO Box 1246, 62 – 2nd Avenue
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
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POSITION DESCRIPTION

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Reports to: Quality Control Quarry Supervisor
Department: Winnipeg Aggregates
Location: Stonewall Quarry
Type: Term - May through October

Overview

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Responsibilities

- Quality control of limestone aggregate, through the active testing of finished goods
- Interpret and communicate all test results to QC Supervisor and Production in a timely manner
- Ability to multi-task within business unit, flexible with regard to hours of work and responsibilities.
- Develop and maintain strong working relationships with Logistics, Production and Sales
- Responsible for the maintenance and cleanliness of equipment and lab
- Performs additional duties as assigned

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- Adhere to all company safety and environmental practices and policies – training provided
- Assist operations in the support and implementation of safety protocols
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- Required PPE must be worn at all time

Qualifications

- Education:**
- Grade 12 or equivalent
 - CCIL Technician Certificate would be an asset

Knowledge & Skills:

- Able to understand and work with QC lab equipment
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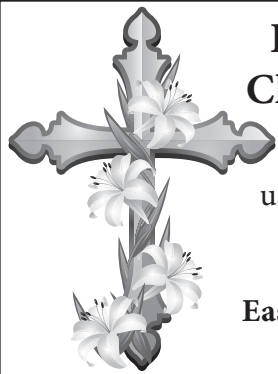
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2023 BUDGET HEARING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

**RM OF FISHER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
30 TACHE ST, FISHER BRANCH**

At this time the Council will present the proposed 2023 financial plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed financial plan will be available upon request, April 17, 2023 at the RM of Fisher Municipal Office, 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, MB during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may also be directed by letter to the Chief Administrative Officer or through e-mail at fishercao@mymts.net



TOWN OF ARBORG INVITATION TO QUOTE ROAD & CULVERT REPAIRS - DFA

The Town of Arborg is accepting Quotations for various Asphalt Repairs, Road Repairs and Culvert Replacements as a result of the May 2022 Spring Flooding.

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Deadline for tender submission is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6th, 2023.

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Cindy Stansell, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Arborg
P.O. Box 159, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

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

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

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

Public participation can be met through interactive technology or by written submission. Please contact our office for more information Ph: 204-768-2858 or email: info@grahamdale.ca

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2023.

Shelly Schwitek, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
R. M. of Grahamdale



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR AQUATIC CENTRE SEASONAL POSITON

General Skills & Qualifications for all positions

Candidate must have excellent communication, organizational skills and must be able to work independently or in a team environment.

SEASONAL POSITIONS

(FULL & PART TIME POSITIONS JUNE TO SEPTEMBER)

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Please contact the Gimli Recreation Centre for more information or if you have any questions.

Completed applications stating the position(s) applying for, with resume and references, are to be submitted to the Recreation Office located at 45 Centennial Road by 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023.

Tyler Yellowega
Manager – Parks & Recreation
Rural Municipality of Gimli
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CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2023 (3:30 pm)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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OBITUARY

Gunnar Boyd Palson

Peacefully, on Friday, March 24, 2023 with his family by his side, Gunnar Palson, aged 84 years, of Arnes, MB, passed away.

Full obituary to follow.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



Announcements



OBITUARY

Donald Symington

November 26, 1943 – March 21, 2023

With great sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing on March 21, 2023 of Don Symington, aged 79 years of Gimli, MB.

He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife of 57 years, Bernice; daughter Lorraine (Leo) Passaggio, grandson Dylan; daughter Kelly Smith and granddaughter Jessie.

In keeping with Don's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal service. Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Don's family would like to extend their gratitude to the first responders, the STARS Air Ambulance, the doctors at Health Sciences Centre, and the amazing nursing staff. Despite the difficult circumstances, the quality of care Don was given was exceptional.

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OBITUARY



Edwin Harold Goritz
Born January 29, 1937
Date of Passing March 24, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our loving father and grandfather, Edwin Harold Goritz, at the St. Boniface Hospital on Friday, March 24, 2023. After a lengthy hospital stay of 84 days Harold passed away very peacefully at the age of 86 years with his family and many health care staff from all disciplines, his "second family" lovingly at his side.

Harold was predeceased by his wife Martha Goritz (Kushnir); father Rudolph Goritz and mother Lydia Goritz (Weidman); brothers: Ewald, Carl, Rudy and sisters Lily and Rose; sister-in-law Clara and niece Marlene (all Goritz); mother-in-law and father-in-law Mary and Michal Kushnir; brother-in-law John Kushnir and his precious dog "Honey".

Harold has left to mourn his passing but cherish his memory, his son Derek Goritz, daughter Sandra Goritz and grandson Justin Goritz (Kristina Stanaitis); sister-in-law Mary Goritz; nieces Twyla, Shannon (Danny), nephews Glenn (Inga), Leonard (Betty), Larry (Sharon) and Gordon (Marie), along with many great nieces, nephews, countless friends, neighbours and his extremely loyal dog "Dexter" - who he got to say his final good-bye to in person at his hospital bed just days before he passed.

Harold was born in Friedensfeld, Manitoba just south of Steinbach in 1937. That same year the family moved to Dencross in Brokenhead, MB. Along with working on the farm with his parents and siblings, Harold obtained his grade 12 diploma and being the youngest of his siblings he continued onto College in Winnipeg.

In Harold's younger years he worked for the Winnipeg Free Press as a cashier. Then briefly at a steel manufacturing plant. He worked and lived at a Mayfair rooming house for young boys and troubled youth and sold vacuum cleaners door to door. At age 22, he was hired by the Manitoba Telephone System (MTS) where he started on his birthday, January 29, 1959 and worked until his retirement on August 5, 1995. Dad was a very proud member of the MTS Pioneers and enjoyed the members monthly breakfasts/brunches.

Dad always had a "love of the land", and at age of 42 years he acquired his Real Estate Salesperson License and worked as a Realtor for 44 years. Harold worked with and for a number of Brokerages during this time but namely Delta Real Estate. He proudly held his Realtors license until his passing - even answering client calls while in hospital. Dad knew rural real estate like no other. He knew everything there was to know about land throughout Manitoba, soil types, farming and livestock operations, where what would grow or wouldn't, what would bring the highest yield, land leases, machinery needed to get the job done and who the neighbours were. Dad just knew it all. His passion and experience was unmatched. Frequently other Realtors would contact him to ask for his guidance and learn from his vast knowledge. Sandra and Justin followed in his footsteps as Realtors and are grateful to have had him share his knowledge and passion with us.

Harold met his wife Martha (married x 49 years) at a barn dance in the Brooklins area in Winnipeg's West End/Weston area. They resided in the family home on Wellington Ave. in Winnipeg, where they raised Derek and Sandra, then moved to Southdale, where Dad remained living independently with his dog Dexter until his hospital admission December 31, 2022.

Harold will always be remembered as a loving man who's personality, love and loyalty made him larger than life. Dad was a handsome man, a gentleman with his twinkling blue eyes, his loving smile, his story telling, his quick humour, his hearty laugh and his "wink".

Harold was an incredible husband, father and grandfather. He was his grandson Justin's biggest fan and travelled great distances through any weather to any province to watch Justin's hockey games and practises. Harold often travelled with the team on the bus for away tournaments - everyone welcomed him - he was everyone's "Grandpa". When Justin played in Sweden as the goalie for the Canadian Bandy team - Dad was glued to the TV for hours. He also enjoyed 24 years of watching Justin's indoor and outdoor soccer practises and games.

Harold was vivacious and entertaining, he was a straight shooter, trustworthy, honest, loyal and had a neverending mastery of humour. He absolutely loved life. "Everyday is a good day when you wake up in the morning". Dad treated everyone as family and was accepting of all persons he met or interacted with (except telemarketers). Dad loved his family, friends and his neighbours on "The Cove". Harold's door was always open, his phones were always on. If someone needed help or a ride Dad was there. "I'll come pick you up". No matter what time it was, where it was, what the weather was or what age we were. No questions asked. We could always count on Dad/Grandpa. All he wanted was to ensure his loved ones got home safe.

Dad had a passion for farming and for approximately 60 years hobby farmed in Rosewood, Manitoba. The memories we as a family made there on that land were incredible and we grew to love the land just as he did. Harold and Sandra would talk about the "freedom" that came from being in the open on the fields and after his farming years came to an end we would just go there to enjoy the peacefulness, the quiet and breathe the clean air, walking the land and just feeling "free".

Dad knew or was related to people everywhere he went. No one was a stranger to Harold, he was magnetic. People gravitated to him. Harold would genuinely want to get to know people, where they lived, who they were, what they did, what they enjoyed and of course who they were related to.

Dad was always up for anything. Quad rides with his grandson at the family property, or with Sandra at the cottage round and round the circles we would go. Buggy rides with his dog "Honey" to the local Belair boat launch or just sneaking out to the cottage to nap on the deck in the sunshine. Dad loved wing nights, 'The Half Moon' or 'Skinners' for hot dogs, BBQ's or taco nights at Justin's and road trips anywhere during any season just to see the sights. Justin's hockey and soccer games were his favorite events. At 85 years old he was still cutting grass on his 8N Ford tractor. He loved heading out to the Gimli Islandic Festival to have drinks made by his favorite bartender - his grandson on the beach and "suntanning" on his back deck at his home. Harold was so much fun to be with. He made every encounter an adventure and always had an even better story to tell afterwards for years to come.

Family extends special thanks to all family and friends who had shared moments of their lives with Harold throughout his life and during his stay at the St. Boniface hospital. Thank you to the entire A5S Cardiology Unit health care team at St. Boniface Hospital for their love and kindness to Dad/Grandpa - whom many referred to as "Papa". Dad wanted to express his thanks to his friends and our friends who have been supporting us all so lovingly throughout this journey.

Words could never express what an exceptional person Harold was. He has left our family with a legacy that will live on for generations. Dad, Grandpa you will always be our "Sunshine" and live on lovingly in our hearts and vividly in our minds forever.

Funeral services will be held at Green Acres Funeral Home and Cemetery on Hwy #1 East at Navin Rd. on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will take place between 9:30-10:00 a.m. prior to the funeral. Interment at Green Acres will follow the service. All funeral attendees are invited to attend a luncheon on site following the service. Pastor Don Engel will officiate. Honorary pallbearer is his grandson Justin Goritz. Pallbearers are Egidijus Stanaitis, Donovan Knight, Matthew Meder, Jordan Bergmann, Dane Zarazan, Taylor Poirier.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Lutheran Church of the Cross or the St. Boniface Cardiology department.

OBITUARY



Ruthie Lillian Boivin (nee McLellan)
May 15, 1935 - March 18, 2023

It is with great sadness that we share the peaceful passing of our dear Ruthie at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, MB.

Further details to follow for a celebration of her 87 years, and to be held later this year.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to your local Royal Canadian Legion, Home - The Royal Canadian Legion is appreciated.

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

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OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of Cheryl Lynn LeTexier

July 16, 1961 - January 9, 2023

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Sherry at Percy E. Moore Hospital on January 9, 2023.

She will be deeply missed by her mother Elaine, sisters Darlene (Allan), Shelley (Stan), Pam, brother-in-law Ben.

Cremation has taken place a Celebration of Life will be held on April 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fisherton Cemetery. Pastor James Thiessen officiating.

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OBITUARY



**Sharon Lauraine Margaret Tustin
(nee Breton)**

December 21, 1940 – March 21, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family announces the peaceful passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Sharon Tustin, on March 21, 2023, at Gimli Community Health Centre, at the age of 82.

Sharon was born December 21, 1940 in Regina, SK, to Thomas and Margaret Breton, the fourth of five children. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of 65 years, David Tustin; her children, Randy (Kathy), Rodney (Denyse), Cindy Allard (Sylvio) and Dayna Cyrenne (Blake); grandchildren, Mark, Lisa (Myles), Michelle (Stephen), Matthew (Devin), Scott (Robert), Carly, Michael (Jozie), Natalie (Brian), Caroline (Sean), Justine (Trent), Jenna (Joel), Riley (Dayna) and eight great-grandchildren. As well, her sisters, Darlene

Trafford (Regina) and Candyce Carlson (Calgary) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sharon dedicated her life to being a homemaker and Mom. She spent 24 years volunteering at Grace Hospital, where she brightened the day of everyone she met. Twenty-eight years were spent at the family home on Lodge Avenue after which Sharon and Dave retired to Sandy Hook, residing along the golf course which was great fun. Winters were spent in Texas for a period of time. In 2014 Sharon and Dave made the move to Aspen Park in Gimli. Regardless of where they lived Sharon spent countless hours tending to her flower beds and yard. She loved when passers-by stopped to admire their beautiful yard. She had an amazing green thumb and could coax any plant to life. While other people's flower baskets were withered and dying Sharon's were thriving and overflowing with buds well into September.

Sharon loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed and cherished opportunities to attend sporting events, concerts, recitals and birthday parties. Family meant everything to her. Sharon had a gift of connecting with people, and she especially loved interacting with new people she would meet along the way.

In Sharon's later years she struggled with health issues that impacted her life and affected her mobility. Even as she dealt with these mounting challenges, she kept her sense of humour and entertained us all with her mischievous and saucy ways. We will miss her immensely.

The family would like to thank Betel Home in Gimli for their care and support over these last three months. To the staff at Gimli Community Health Care Centre, thank you for your loving care of Sharon and your support to the family during this difficult time. A special thank you to Dr. Adeniyi Adegbesan.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life to be held at the Johnson Hall in Gimli on June 11th from 1-4 p.m.

OBITUARY



Brian Matthew Armstrong

It is with the greatest sadness that the family of Brian Matthew Armstrong announce his passing on March 17, 2023. Brian was born on August 27, 1928 in Virden Manitoba.

He was predeceased by his wife, Liz in November 2022, and his brother Alvin in February 2023.

As a young man, Brian was very adventurous and, at the age of 14, hopped on a freight train arriving in Calgary Alberta. There he was taken under the wing of a chef at the "Pallister Hotel". Brian started washing dishes and pots, then soon became a line cook and eventually a chef. Brian was also sent to a competition in Germany to chef and came home with a Silver Medal.

He then returned to Winnipeg where he met and married his first wife, Pauline and together they raised four daughters. He worked at a number of different restaurants before buying the "The Golden Cue Inn" in Selkirk, Man. in 1974.

Brian and Pauline, along with their four daughters made a very successful business for 25 years until he retired (for the first time in 2002).

Brian and Pauline went their separate ways but remained very good friends throughout the years.

Brian met and married his second wife, Elizabeth in 2005 where they bought the "Ranch". There they enjoyed the horses and having family BBQ's. You could always see Dad putting in the garden with his flowers.

Brian leaves behind a legacy with his four daughters: Shannon (Tim), Linda (Rodney), Mindy (Serg), and Cindy; nine grandchildren, Katie, Candace, Timothy, Melissa, Amanda, Tyler, Amy, Brandy and Buddy; 17 great-grandchildren and many, many great-great-grandchildren.

Brian also leaves behind his three step-children and their families as well as his very special long-time friends Stan Shewchuck and Bev Claves, to name a few.

Brian was a social butterfly and will be missed by all who knew him.

Following Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Friends and family are invited to visit Brian's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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