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The Nutton But Button team along with Interlake youth had the opportunity to experience a Junior Funspiel during their spring break on March 25 at the Gimli Curling Club.

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Midsommar in Minneapolis: Swedish Cultural Association organizing road trip

By Patricia Barrett

The Winnipeg-based Swedish Cultural Association is preparing for a road trip this upcoming summer to Minneapolis, Minn., and is inviting people of Swedish or Nordic descent to come along for the ride.

The association holds field trips to communities in Manitoba where there is a Swedish cultural presence, and it's hoping to round up folks of Swedish descent from the Interlake and beyond for the trip to Minneapolis where they'll be celebrating Midsommar.

Swedish Cultural Association president Sonja Lundstrom said that over the past 10 years — apart from the years of the pandemic — they've been organizing one to two road trips a year that they call culture and heritage days. Those trips have included a visit to the Chatfield area in 2022 to pay respects to Swedish ancestors from the area and to Eriksdale in 2023.

In addition to Sweden, the cultural association has members from the Nordic countries of Iceland, Denmark, Norway and Finland. It offers a number of cultural and heritage programs including Fika night (taking a break to socialize), Svensk (Swedish) lunch, cultural education, language classes, pageants, folk dance classes, movie nights, a book club, winter

sports activities and Midsommar picnics that include the making of the maypole.

Midsommar is an ancient tradition that welcomes warm weather and marks the longest day of the year. People make wreaths from flowers, sing songs and dance around the midsommarstang or maypole.

The association was invited by the American Swedish Institute of Minneapolis to attend its Midsommar celebration on Saturday, June 15, and Lundstrom said there is "great interest" from Canadian Swedes to take part in the event.

"This is our first time to attend. We've been only to small places in Manitoba up to now and we've had such a good time. I can't imagine what will happen with so many other fellow Swedes [for Midsommar in Minneapolis]," she said. "We also hope to go to Lindstrom at Taylor Falls where many of the first Swedish immigrants settled and the movie and book by author [Vilhelm] Moberg was written. It is near Minneapolis."

The day-long celebration in Minneapolis will include crafts, a wreath-building station, a Fika café that will serve traditional Swedish food, an art demonstration, an official welcome to Manitoba visitors and dances around the maypole.

Get in the Summer Spirit!
As hardy Scandinavians we enjoy these winter months, but before long it will be spring and after that comes Midsommar!



Dating back to ancient times, Midsommar is a tradition that welcomes back warm weather and marks the longest day of the year. It's celebrated by making fresh-flower head wreaths, singing songs, listening to live music, and dancing around the midsommarstang (maypole).

This year the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis has invited members of the Swedish Cultural Assoc and friends to attend their Midsommar celebration on **Saturday, June 15, 2024** at the ASI grounds, 2600 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN

Mainstage Schedule

10:00 Doors Open	1:30 CEO Remarks and Official Welcome to Manitoba Visitors
10:30 ASI Male Chorus	2:00 Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag
11:00 ASI Lillalag	2:30 Cloudberries
11:30 Dance Around Midsommar Pole (ASI)	3:00 Dance Around Midsommar Pole (McNordiques)
Spelmanslag	3:30 McNordiques
12:00 ASI Spelmanslag	4:00 Event Concludes
12:30pm Twinflower	



In addition to the mainstage music lineup and maypole dancing, there will be a free mini maypole make and take craft activity; a Midsommar crown wreath building station using fresh flowers - cost \$10 ; their FIKA café will be serving traditional festival food all day and a new exhibit on Karin Larsson will be on display in the Mansion. There will be some volunteer artists from the MN Weaver's Guild working on a collaborative textile art demo as part of the exhibit.

Special Advance Entrance Fee for our members is \$7.50 (50% discount). Everyone is to provide their own transportation or car pool with another member. More details regarding accommodations, directions, etc. to follow.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please reply to svenskclub17@gmail.com by April 15, 2024

An advance entrance fee for Swedish Cultural Association members is \$7.50. People interested in attending the event can email the association at svenskclub17@gmail.com by April 15. The association will be hosting an

AGM on April 18 that includes the history of Swedes. The cultural association is located at 764 Erin St. in Winnipeg. Visit www.scandinavian-centre.ca for more information.



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LCRC celebrates long-time board member with afternoon tea'

By Becca Myskiw

A long-time Lundar Community Resource Council Inc. (LCRC) board member was celebrated last week as she retired.

On Thursday, March 29, LCRC honoured Vivian Jeffery with an afternoon tea for her over 25 years as a member and treasurer of the LCRC board.

"She is one special lady who has volunteered her time over these 25 years, demonstrating expertise and knowledge in carrying out her role as treasurer of our charitable organization," said Patty Johnson, LCRC secretary. "But, also, has done so with passion and caring for clients, community and those she has worked with on the LCRC board, co-ordinators and supporters."

During her speech, Johnson called Jeffery's dedication over the years inspiring for others. She said when Jeffery started as treasurer after stepping up to take on the role, she was "proficient in looking after all aspects" of the board's finances.

"Telling us when it was OK to make



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Vivian Jeffery was honoured last weekend for her 28 years with LCRC with her family at the tea.

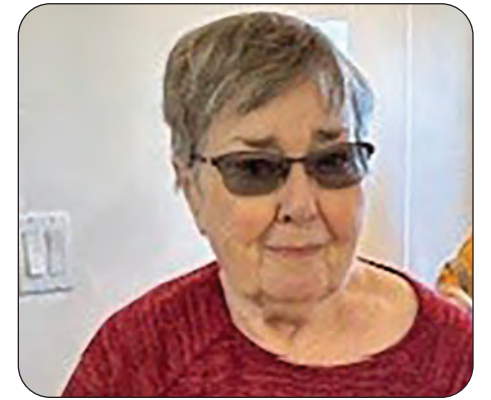


improvements or take on a major project and telling us to stop spending money ... all this and doing the books by hand," said Johnson. "I think that has become a lost art nowadays."

Johnson went on to call Jeffery selfless and passionate about helping to make LCRC the best it can be. She said it's not about the time for volunteers, it's about the heart — and she said Jeffery has a big one.

Johnson ended her speech by thanking Jeffery for her unwavering dedication her 28 years with the board.

Jeffery was celebrated that afternoon at the New Horizons Club in Lundar. LCRC president Irene Danielson could not attend the day's festivities but sent her wishes and toast in the speech Johnson read. Rural Municipality of Coldwell Reeve Virgil Johnson participated in the tea and brought greetings, along with past senior resource co-ordinator Cindy Thorkelson, who reminded everyone of Jeffery's many volunteer hours dedicated to the board that afternoon.



Vivian Jeffery

The afternoon was beautiful, complete with Jeffery, her family, past and present board members and community members. At the tea, Jeffery was presented with a plant, gift cards and personal thanks from everyone in attendance at her tea. Everyone spent the afternoon reminiscing, chatting and enjoying goods and refreshments after the few formalities of the event.

A plaque in Jeffery's honour will be placed on a bench in the park between the New Horizons Club and the museum, and her name and years of service will be outlined on it.

Keith Lundale elected Ward 1 councillor for RM of West Interlake

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of West Interlake has another councillor serving Ward 1 after a byelection was held on March 25 to replace a vacant seat.

Keith Lundale, who previously served on West Interlake council from 2015-2019, was declared the winner with 169 votes. Walter Whiteside, who also ran for the seat, got 76 votes. The Ward 1 seat became vacant after

councillor Keith McLelland handed in his resignation last December.

"I'm looking forward to serving for almost two years as a councillor for Ward 1. I want to bring a positive outlook to working with council and help the municipality progress," said Lundale. "I also look forward to ad-

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Gimli Junior Funspiel a rocking success with all-day fun and prizes for youth

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Curling Club organized a Junior Funspiel for Interlake youth on Monday that saw about 64 kids from the Gimli, Petersfield and Arborg areas hit the ice and enjoy a fun-filled competition.

Jay Boaz, who coaches curling, served on soccer boards and loves all things sports, helped organize the day-long event for youth at the Gimli Recreation Centre. The rink's five sheets were occupied from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by 16 teams comprised of kids aged six to 16.

The main aim of the event was to provide younger kids with an opportunity to have fun, as well as to curl against a number of new teams and enjoy a low-stakes competition without undue pressure.

"There are very few bonspiel opportunities for kids age 10 and under," said Boaz. "We wanted to create an opportunity for the younger kids in the junior program to get out and enjoy a bonspiel too."

The youth came up with very creative team names such as Team Swifties, Clandegirls, Sassy Sliders, One Man Short, Sweep the House, Petersfield Boys, Petersfield Girls, Nutton But Button and Finders Sweepers, along with Gimli Vikings and teams named after team leaders.

Boaz said the kids were broken into two categories: one for kids aged

10 and under and another for kids aged 16 and under. The kids in the 10 and under category (six teams total) played a half-sheet, meaning they had to throw the rock only half the distance. There were ten teams total in the 16 and under category.

All games were four ends (a normal curling game is eight) so that the kids could play three different teams that day. The scoring was modified so that no matter how many points were scored in an end, each end was only worth one point.

"Each end is worth one point, making the Funspiel very friendly to new curlers," said Boaz. "Every game is close and the worst you can lose is 4-0!"

There were nifty prizes for the kids. A Draw to the Button Contest saw a winner in each category receive a Team Canada jersey signed by Kerri Einarson, and the winning team in each category won a four-pack of free game passes and a pizza from Gimli's Bowlers Lanes bowling alley.

Jeff's Plumbing, Marvelous Meadows Golf & Grill, the Marvelous Curling Week-end, Access Credit Union, Red Apple and Asham Curling Supplies supported the event and donated additional prizes. Each participant went home with a prize and were entered in a draw to win a free broom that was donated by Lynn Hoplock.



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Vidir Solutions one of Manitoba's Top Employers third year running

By Patricia Barrett

Vidir Solutions Inc. has been chosen again this year as one of the province's best workplaces for its progressive business environment and forward-thinking human resources programs.

The family-owned company with locations north of Arborg and in Teulon earned a spot in Manitoba's Top Employers 2024 competition that's run by Mediacorp.

This is the third year in a row that Vidir Solutions was chosen as one of Manitoba's top employers, said Carrissa Rempel, who is the company's program manager, human resources and public relations and who plans a variety of social events for employees.

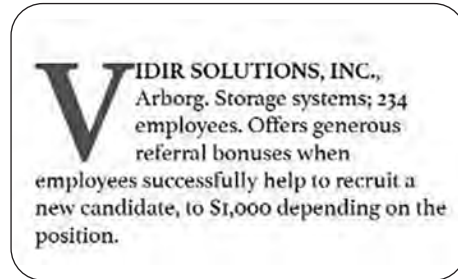
"Some of the reasons we are continually chosen for these awards are our company events and activities, our commitment to learning and development, our safety culture, as well as many other benefits and perks related to culture and environment," said Rempel.

Vidir Solutions co-owners Sid Dueck and Peter Dueck said being honoured for the third time comes down to the company's talented leadership team and the recognition of employees' contributions.

"We have an incredibly talented and committed leadership team in every area at Vidir Solutions. Our HR department is very active, strong and very committed to bring out the best in all our employees," they said in a joint statement. "We realize the value that each employee brings to the success of the business."

Companies that are designated as one of Manitoba's Top Employers 2024 are chosen by Ontario-based publisher Mediacorp Canada as a way to highlight employers' progressive workplace initiatives and best practices. Mediacorp organizes the contest in different regions of the country, including Manitoba, which is now in its 18th year.

Employers have to submit an application and are then evaluated on criteria such as work atmosphere, health, financial and family benefits, vacation and time off, training and skills development, and community



Excerpt from Manitoba's Top Employers 2024

involvement. They are also compared to other organizations in their field to determine which offers the most progressive programs.

Thirty-five Manitoba companies were chosen in 2024, including Red River Co-op and Access Credit Union.

Vidir Solutions is a family-owned company that started as a small machine shop on a farm north of Arborg in 1979 and is now in its 38th year as a manufacturer with 234 employees. It manufactures vertical motorized storage carousels and display systems that are distributed worldwide in over 40 countries. It has installed over 40,000 of its products, which are used by industries such as retail, construction, medical, government, automotive, printing and manufacturing.

The Duecks said they create a sense of community within the company by offering activities during the workday and outside of work. These include lunches, potlucks and the celebration of employee birthdays with a cake.

"Away from work we have numerous family events where we gather to socialize. The biggest one is always our Christmas dinner that is for the whole family to enjoy with special kids features. Over the last couple of years, we have had these Christmas parties at the Fort Garry Hotel followed by a night's stay at that hotel," they said. "In the



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Santa and Mrs. Claus shared stories with the children of Vidir's employees at one of the company's annual Christmas parties for staff.

summer we do things like a family pool party, Vidir at the movies, Vidir at Mary Poppins Rainbow Stage, Vidir at Activate and many more fun family events."

The company values the welfare of the community, taking part in fundraisers and providing sponsorship for local events.

"It is very evident in our local communities of our support in a lot of different areas like recreation, the heritage museum, our local Bridge [outreach] for youth and the creation of a small Elizabeth Dueck Family park among many other things," they said.

"Our community at large is very important to our organization and this creates a sense of community within our organization."

The company values its staff diversity and is committed to high employee satisfaction. It offers generous compensation options for employees.

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Access Credit Union members rewarded with \$13.5-million cash back payout

By Lana Meier

The board of directors of Access Credit Union announced a \$13.5-million cash return via their Member Rewards profit-sharing program to their members.

The Member Rewards program is the credit union's way of showing appreciation to its members for their continued relationships and patronage. Because Access Credit Union is a co-operative, members are true owners of the organization and are eligible to share in the annual profits. After satisfying requirements for equity reserves, the board of directors may set aside a portion of earnings

for members who have borrowed and saved at the credit union. The amount a member receives is based on interest earned on non-registered deposits and interest paid on lending products.

Board chair Curt Letkeman expressed gratitude to Access Credit Union members for their ongoing support during another year of growth. He reaffirmed the organization's dedication to providing the best possible service to its members and emphasized their desire to be present wherever members may need them.

"We are very pleased to share our success with our members through

this year's Member Rewards payout," says Access President and CEO Larry Davey.

As the leader of Access Credit Union, Davey is pleased to announce that they experienced robust growth in their business and achieved impressive financial results for 2023. This success is a direct result of their ongoing commitment to investing in innovative solutions and forming valuable partnerships.

For more information about Access Credit Union's Member Rewards program, please visit accesscu.ca/rewards.

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dressing the concerns of the public."

The RM of West Interlake is made up of the former RM of Eriksdale and the former RM of Siglunes. The province mandated an amalgamation in 2015 based on low population numbers.

Lundale said he would like to bring greater attention to politics in general,

policies such as taxation and tax burdens, and how those factors can affect residents, businesses and the economy of the municipality.

"Politics matter. The decisions that council makes affects residents and their ability to live in communities such as ours," said Lundale. "What is a council doing to make their community a really good place to live? Are they providing enough recreation

and services that the people who are living there — or the people who want to move there — want? You've got to be progressive because people have choices as to where they can live in the Interlake."

Lundale, who is currently president of the Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce, will serve from March 2024 to October 2026.

letter to the editor

Letter to the Editor: news@expressweeklynews.ca

Carbon tax hike felt across every Manitoba industry and household

This week, Manitobans will wake up to a 23 per cent federal carbon tax hike, with support from Premier Wab Kinew and his Manitoba NDP government. From farm to truck to dinner table, the effects of the NDP-Trudeau carbon tax hike on April 1

will be felt by every household and industry in Manitoba.

Let's start with our pork industry, which contributes more than \$2.3 billion a year to the provincial economy and employs more than 22,000 Manitobans.

Manitoba is the largest supplier of hogs in Canada, with 624 farms exporting to over 30 countries. Hog barns are heated by natural gas or propane, and hogs are usually fed

soybean meal and corn.

From buying their feed to keeping on the heat, pork producers will be impacted by the 23 per cent carbon tax hike in their barns and at the farm where they grow the crops, as will the companies that dry the grain using natural gas or propane. A soybean crusher paying \$150,000 per year in carbon tax today will pay \$185,000 starting April 1, which

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Can customers of Manitoba pork stomach a 23 per cent increase in prices so that Manitoba producers can break even on the carbon tax? Or will they just find another supplier who doesn't have to pay the carbon tax instead?

Either way, the carbon tax hike will cost Manitoba a lot of bacon, and the same equation can be applied to beef, poultry and just about any products from Manitoba's agriculture industry.

But it's not just producers who will be hit by the hike.

Manitoba truckers, who bring most of our goods from the farms and factories to our tables, will bear the burden of the carbon tax hike. Local companies not only haul in Manitoba but across North America. How can they possibly sustain themselves without passing cost hikes on to customers?

In short, they can't.

And just like farmers and industry, all Manitobans will be hit with increased food prices, increased fuel costs and increased heating costs as a result of the carbon tax hike.

When will it end? The carbon tax is set to keep rising until 2030, costing every Manitoban and Canadian more money to live, year by year.

Meanwhile, Wab Kinew has yet to

join seven other premiers across party lines in openly calling on Trudeau to scrap his outrageous carbon tax hike on the backs of hardworking Manitoba families. Kinew instead deflects the topic by evoking the temporary gas tax "holiday." However, the fact is that the 23 per cent hike will bring the carbon tax to \$0.17/litre at the pump. Not only does the carbon tax cost more than the provincial gas tax but, unlike the NDP's temporary stunt, the carbon tax is here to stay.

These fuel costs have an impact on food prices. Kinew promised that the fuel tax pause would drive prices down, but the stats show otherwise as Manitoba food prices are set to rise another 4.5 per cent this year. Despite

the NDP premier threatening action in November against grocery chains if savings aren't passed to consumers, Manitobans haven't heard a peep about the topic since December.

Manitobans need to know what this premier is doing for long-term affordability because so far Kinew has proven to be more of a showman making idle promises than a statesman who has plans to take action.

From industry to household, the 23 per cent carbon tax increase is no April Fool's joke. Manitoba's premier must stand up to Ottawa and ensure real solutions and real relief for Manitobans.

- Jeff Bereza, Progressive Conservative Critic for Agriculture



Easter surprise

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The Easter Bunny was making his rounds in Gimli last weekend and surprised Scarlett with a visit. In spite of the cloudy day and wind gusts, the spring-like temperatures reached 2 degrees C, melting the snow and leaving lots of puddles around. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@expressweeklynews.ca

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New art club hosting larger art shows for local artists



By Becca Myskiw

A new art group has emerged, and its purpose is to give local artists an outlet for selling their creations.

Artists of the Lake was started by a few members of the Gimli Art Club, including Sharon Cory and WAVE. Last weekend, the new group held its first art show at Minerva Hall, with pieces on display following the theme of "Birds of a Different Feather."

"Birds have always been a source of inspiration for artists, and this show celebrates that," said Cory.

The club's first show featured around 25 artists, including one who showcased nine paintings under the theme. Some artists at the show had just a few pieces on display, while others had upwards of 20. Those showing more than three had to pay a fee to display, and artists were welcome to show as many pieces as they wanted.

Cory hopes Artists of the Lake will only reinforce the idea that Gimli and the surrounding area are an "artist's colony" full of talent. She plans to hold five shows like the recent one each year, and she already has the next one planned for Minerva Hall again on Mother's Day.

"It's for people who don't have a place to exhibit their whole range of work," she said. "I do very big paintings, and without going into the gallery system, I've never had a place

to show these big pieces of work except online. I think some artists have things shoved under the bed and in closets. The work piles up if it doesn't sell."

One of the shows Cory is planning for this year will be titled "Water World." Whether it's a lake, river, boat, beach or Caribbean cruise, any and all pieces related to water will be on display there.

"This narrows it down and allows artists to work under a theme," said Cory. "And I think that's better for the viewer. Where they get a chance to see an artist's impression on birds but another artist has a totally different idea on birds."

Cory said selling their pieces is how artists make a living and progress in their field.

"When you get a piece of work out, you have to move on," she said. "It prevents us from getting stagnant or hitting a brick wall. I think we should always be in a kind of progression doing new work, doing fresh work and challenging our brains to come up with new ways to express ourselves."

Each show Artists of the Lake will put on has free admission for visitors.



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Walking to raise funds for CancerCare Manitoba

By Jo-Anne Procter

Bonnie Lussier and Leanne Magnusson from Lundar are back at it again this year, but with a twist.

After successfully completing the 80-kilometre Run/Walk Challenge in 2023, they have upped the ante to 100 kilometres and will raise funds for CancerCare Manitoba.

In honour of their late mothers Darlene Law and Dorene Petersen, the duo raised a remarkable \$19,300 for the Canadian Cancer Society last year — the highest amount collected in the country-wide challenge.

Choosing to donate their funds locally this year shows their commitment to supporting their community and helping those battling cancer in

Manitoba. The decision to fundraise for CancerCare Manitoba Foundation will undoubtedly make a significant difference in the lives of patients and families affected by this disease.

Joining Bonnie and Leanne on their journey or making a donation can go a long way in supporting the provincial organization's mission to provide top-notch research, care, treatment and support for Manitobans fighting cancer. Every step taken towards this cause counts.

Watch their Facebook pages for dates and times they will be walking. Online donations can be made at <https://support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca> and click on "Bonnie & Leanne 100km Walk."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LEANNE MAGNUSSON

Bonnie Lussier and Leanne Magnusson kicked off their fundraising walk on April 1 with a handful of friends and family that put on 5.11 kilometres. Pictured left to right: Joe Eirickson, Fran Kimber, Lenore Eirickson, Bonnie Lussier, Becky Desjarlais, Ethel Desjarlais, Debbie Chartrand, Linda Fortin and Leanne Magnusson.

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RCMP recover drugs, firearms and cash in multiple searches

By Lana Meier

As a result of an ongoing investigation, RCMP officers from NWest (National Weapons Enforcement Support Team) and Manitoba East District CREST — along with assistance from multiple RCMP support units including the D Division Emergency Response Team (ERT), F Division ERT, Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) and the RCMP Manitoba Organized Crime Unit (MOCU) — executed search warrants at five separate residences in Fairford on March 22.

As a result of these searches, officers seized over 2.5 kgs of cocaine, numerous firearms and over \$25,000 in cash.

RCMP have arrested and charged three individuals with possession for the purpose of trafficking and multiple firearm-related offenses.

The accused include Kyle Woodford, a 32-year-old from the RM of Woodlands, 40-year-old Kyle Canada from Winnipeg and Desnee Woodford, a 31-year-old from Fairford.

All three were remanded into custody.

RCMP continue to investigate.



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Annual ABPRC Volunteer Gala honours six volunteers

Over \$50,000 raised to date

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission (ABPRC) paid tribute to local volunteers who've shown exemplary service and dedication to their community during its third annual gala event a few weeks ago in Arborg.

Bailey Sigvaldason, who is part of the gala's organizing committee and sits on the board of the recreation commission, said that over the past few years, the gala has raised over \$50,000. The money is put into the Phil Bauernhuber Accessibility Fund, which then goes towards upgrades to make local facilities accessible to people of all abilities.

"The ABPRC board is thrilled at the success of this year's event. With the generous contributions of attendees and community-minded businesses, we were able to raise funds for the Phil Bauernhuber Accessibility Fund," said Sigvaldason. "Although final numbers are still being calculated, the gala has raised over \$50,000 in the previous two years. All proceeds raised go towards improving accessibility of our recreation facilities for all community members to enjoy."

This year's gala attracted 230 people



Guest speaker Keenan Roche.



and was MCed by Joel Fridfinnson. It included special guest speaker Keenan Roche.

"Keenan Roche, a young man from Arborg who was paralyzed in a motor vehicle accident, spoke about his own experiences as a disabled young person and the importance of accessibility for all," said Sigvaldason.

The event honoured six volunteers,



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF BAILEY SIGVALDASON

who were chosen by municipal and community organizations.

The Town of Arborg recognized Allan Sigurdson. The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton recognized the late Marvin Magnusson. The Riverton Friendship Centre recognized the late Donald Bilinski. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #161 recognized Les Gislason. The Arborg Ice Dawgs recognized Ivan Gulay. And the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission recognized 10-year-old Conley Bardarson, who received a youth award.

Recreation director Tom Chwaliboga — who also received kudos at the gala for having recently earned a 2024 People and Communities Award from Recreation Manitoba — said there have been several accessibility upgrades completed.

At the Arborg Curling Club, a new front door with accessibility opener was installed, a new chair ramp added and landscaping (a level approach) completed from the parking lot to the front door.

At the community centre, landscaping (a level approach) was completed from the parking lot the front door, landscaping (levelling the approach) completed to the side entrance and new moulding installed around the dance floor.

At the Arborg-Bifrost arena, a new front door with an accessibility opener was installed, landscaping completed (approach made level) at the front entrance and the ramp and an accessibility viewing stand in the ice area of arena completed, including an accessibility door opener, platform and railings.

Get rolling in riches with the Manitoba Coin Club

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba Coin Club could have you rolling in riches during its one-day Coin, Stamp & Collectibles show in Steinbach in a few weeks' time.

People who have a cache of coins stuffed in a sock that's been tucked away in the back of their bureau or paper notes taking up space in a box under their bed can haul them out and bring them to the show where coin club experts will gladly tell them whether they've been hoarding treasure.

The coin club's numismatists — those are the folks that study and appraise coins and other currency such as paper notes and tokens — can put a price on Canadian and foreign coins and notes and teach you some of the fascinating social, economic or political history that lies behind currency. They can also tell you how to spot counterfeit currency and what steps you can take before purchasing currency online or from an auction house.

In addition to educating people about their own treasure, club members will have some of their collectibles on display at the show so that the public can see what collecting is all about. There will also be other experts on hand for people who collect items from stamps, comic books and cards to sports memorabilia, model cars and medallions.

Numismatist and coin club member Larry Dalman, who has about 50 years' experience valuing currency, said the club's experts can help people understand that money may be worth more than its face value and even hold great historical significance.

"The Manitoba Coin Club realizes that our province is huge and that there are a large number of people in other areas collecting commemorative coins or other money that could be valuable. Or their parents or grandparents were collecting coin sets or paper bills or bank tokens, and people are now wondering how they can find out the value of what they've got in those collections and what they can do with it," said Dalman. "Our coin club offers people information and advice and can value their money. People are very welcome to join our club, too."

Founded in 1954, the Manitoba Coin Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The club provides numismatic education, hobby and fellowship. Its members collect mostly Canadian and foreign currency, banking memorabilia and exnumia (tokens, which are forms of coinage, souvenir medallions, encased coins and so forth). Members hold regular meetings in person or via Zoom.

This is the second time since the club

was founded that members have organized a show outside Winnipeg. The overwhelming success of their first rural show — in Stonewall in 2023 — saw people from across the Interlake and southern Manitoba drop by, and the club more than doubled its membership numbers from 50 to 109 after they learned what numismatics was all about, said Dalman.

Spending a bit of time with a coin club member at the show or becoming a member of the club could net you some cash or simply inspire you to start sifting through your change or bills. With some of the club's members creeping up in age, the club is hoping to inspire and attract younger adults, youth and kids to hoist the numismatic banner.

And it's important to bear in mind that unlike old and newly issued currency, expired debit and credit cards have no value and aren't on a trajectory to become collectors' items anytime soon.

But older currency such as Canada's so-called devil-faced 1954 paper bills, in which the devil reveals himself hiding in the Queen's hair, and newer currency such as commemorative 10-cent coins issued by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2021 for the 100th anniversary of the Blue Nose (there were four versions issued, including a coloured dime and a dime bearing a single date, which is the most valuable), can be worth more than face value, said Dalman. Same for tokens that were issued by butchers, barbers, cigar stores and the Hudson's Bay Company (its so-called beaver pelt coin) back in the days when "everyone had their own tokens."

Tokens issued by various banks before Canada had a national currency and "shinplasters" (small paper notes) that date back to 1870, as well as commemorative gold and silver coins, are either worth a fortune already (depending on how well-preserved they are) or destined to creep up in value over time.

For example, the Mint stopped producing Canada's 50-cent coin as a circulating coin in 2004, said Dalman. Now they're issued only as collector's coins (collectors have to buy them from the Mint). Those 50-cent pieces are going to be worth far more than their face value, depending on condition.

The most important thing to remember, said Dalman, is to not haul your stash of silver coins or older paper notes into a bank because you'll get only their face value in return. And ditto for companies that buy silver currency — you'll only get the current



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Larry Dalman of the Manitoba Coin Club will be helping educate the public on the value of coins, paper notes and other forms of currency at the club's show in Steinbach on April 20.

market price of silver by weight.

A single silver coin or a coin set could be worth far more if in pristine condition or if they have unique characteristics such as a flaw, small production run or other special feature.

Take our new king, for instance. The Royal Canadian Mint issued in 2023 a limited number of circulating coins with the image of Charles III. Should his health take a turn for the worse (he was diagnosed with cancer), all the dies at the Mint will have to be changed in order to start producing an image of our next monarch. Having a limited number of coins out there means they could increase in value. A 50-cent coin with Charles' image is considered "highly collectible."

"We're trying to teach people about changes like this that happen in currency," said Dalman. "As soon as it was announced that the king had medical issues, they [the Mint] probably started preparing and moved to Plan B. And the reason you're likely not seeing Charles on your coins right now is that there are a limited number of these coins in circulation and there are still billions of coins out there with the Queen's image. We're also still waiting for the Bank of Canada to announce if Charles will be on our \$20 bill. We're assuming we'll have a monarch on our \$20s because we've always had one."

Another newly issued coin that's destined to increase in value is the Mint's Year of the Dragon (2024) coin.

"The Mint has done a number of special coins for the Year of the Dragon, but one of the award-winning coins

they just did is in silver or gold and has the dragon's head coming out of the coin on one side and the tail sticking out on the other," said Dalman. "This is a high-end collector coin. The others are flat like most coins."

Staff from the Royal Canadian Mint will be attending the club's Steinbach show and offering the public a coin exchange. For a loonie, people can get a set of 10 coloured Blue Nose dimes.

"This is an award-winning coin and the very first time we've had our dime coloured. We've done toonies and loonies but never the dimes," said Dalman.

Dealers and other specialists looking to nab a table at the upcoming show will receive a discount. At the moment, Dalman said the coin club has had confirmation that Memory Lane Diecast & Collectables, which is one of the largest Hot Wheels dealers in Western Canada, and the Antique Mall from the Forks in Winnipeg will be attending the show.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach. There will be door prizes and raffles. Admission is \$5.

Anyone interested in reserving a table for the show or joining the Manitoba Coin Club can send a message to the organization using the online email form on its website at www.manitobacoinclub.org or by emailing the club's president at president@manitobacoinclub.org. Memberships in the club cost \$25 (corporate), \$15 (adults) and \$5 (youth). Applications will be available at the show.

Prairie Blaze win the MWJHL Provincial Championship

Submitted by Mike Steciuk

Congratulations goes out to the Prairie Blaze, who won this year's provincial championship. It took all five games before the champions were crowned as this final series lived up to everyone's expectations with a tightly contested series where each team showed signs of dominance and determination.

Leading up to the finals, the third place Prairie Blaze first had to survive a quarterfinal scare by losing Game 1 5-0 to Maggie Medock (Selkirk) and her sixth place Manitoba Blizzard. Taylor Morden (Stonewall), Kenady Christensen (Lundar) and Haley Steciuk (St. Andrews), along with their Prairie Blaze teammates, rallied to win games 2 and 3, advancing them into the semifinals to face last year's champions Silvertips. Kiera Dawson (St. Andrews) and her Silvertips teammates had to contend with a shortened bench due to some key injuries. As a result, the Tips were no match for the surging Blaze, who prevailed by winning the best of five in three straight games.

The first place Northern Stars awaited the winner of the other quarterfinal as they earned a first round bye, finishing the regular season with an impressive 18-6 record. Coach Rod Goetz (East Selkirk) and his Northern Stars also experienced a scare as the last place Polar Ice took them to Game 5 before Rayley Goetz (East Selkirk) and her Northern Stars decisively beat them 5-0 to advance to the finals. Goetz, who had an exceptional regular season amassing 33 points finishing second overall in the league, helped propel her team into the finals.

The championship best of five started with the Prairie Blaze, winning Game 1 by a score of 2-1. The North-

ern Stars rebounded with a Game 2 win (4-1). With each game, the crowds became larger and more boisterous urging their teams to victory.

The Prairie Blaze won a hard-fought Game 3 by a 3-2 score. With their backs to the wall, Northern Stars roared back by shutting out the Blaze 4-0 in Game 4. The fifth and deciding game — winner take all. The crowd erupted at the Hockey For All Centre when Steciuk opened the scoring in the second period, but that lead was short-lived as the Stars tallied to even the score. Jenna McLennan's shot from the blueline found its way to the back of the net, giving the Blaze a 2-1 lead heading into the third period. This would turn out to be the game-winning goal as the Blaze would add another goal late in the third period to make the final 3-1. However, the final few minutes of the game did have some controversy as each team, initially the Blaze then the Stars, had goals disallowed due to the play being whistled down prior to the puck crossing the goal line. Blame the crowd noise in the building, which made it very difficult to hear the whistle.

When asked after the game if winning championships ever gets old, head coach Dale Bear's smile said it



Lundar's Kenady Christensen played for the Prairie Blaze.



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The Prairie Blaze won the 2024 Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey Championship on March 27.



Left to right: Dale Bear (head coach), Jacinta Bear (manager), Hannah Pales (assistant coach), Kevin Monkman (assistant coach), Jamie Johnson (assistant coach and Tina Keeper (trainer).

best. He responded by saying that you never know if this will be your last one, so he enjoys the moment by taking it all in with the players, coaches and management. This was the Prairie Blaze's second win in the last three years and third win in the last five (excluding the year lost due to COVID restrictions). Bear continued by saying that he was very proud of how his team responded to each and every setback throughout the season.

He concluded by sharing that once his team survived the initial onslaught of Northern Stars pressure in that final game, he knew his team stood a very good chance of outlasting their opponent and coming out on top. Congratulations to Blaze goalie Abegael Glass, who was named Playoff MVP and the entire Prairie Blaze organization for their championship season.

Lightning forward Sigurdson selected to roster of POE spring selection camp

By Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Manitoba announced the roster for the 2024 Male Under-16 Program of Excellence Spring Selection Camp that will take place from April 5 to 7 at the Hockey For All Centre in Winnipeg.

One of those players is Interlake Lightning forward Tavyn Sigurdson. He led the Lightning with 10 goals and added four assists in 28 regular-season games.

The Spring Selection Camp is the first stage of the 2024 Male U16 POE team selection process. Following the Spring Selection Camp, the Male U16 POE Top-40 Camp will take place from May 9 to 12 in Brandon at J &

G Arena.

Male U16 Team Manitoba's Head Coach is Jordan Wohlgemuth (Landmark), who is currently on the coaching staff with the Winnipeg Bruins U18 AAA. This will be Wohlgemuth's first year as head coach of U16 Team Manitoba but his third year with the program as he was an assistant coach for U16 Team Manitoba in 2019 and 2021. Wohlgemuth is joined by assistant coaches Devin Himpe (Dauphin) and Aaron Kaatz (Winnipeg). Director of operations for Male U16 POE is Bernie Reichardt.

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Meleb Waste Disposal Ground Operator

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the position of a permanent, part-time operator for the Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds.

Under the supervision of the Public Works Coordinator, the Disposal Grounds Operator operates the site in compliance with the Waste Disposal Ground Operating Permit, Municipal By-laws and policies, and applicable federal and provincial regulations.

MELEB WASTE DISPOSAL GROUNDS

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Saturdays	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

The operator will be required to take the Manitoba Landfill Operator Certification Program and be responsible for various recycling programs.

Deadline to submit applications will be Friday, April 19, 2024. Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We appreciate your interest in the position, however, only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. This position commences as soon as possible.

Interested candidates should submit a resume with three references to:

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NOTICE TO CREDITOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **GUNNAR BOYD PALSON**, late of the R.M of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 8th day of May, 2024. DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 4th day of April, 2024. BAKER LAW CORPORATION SOLICITORS FOR THE EXECUTORS Attention: Grant D. Baker

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **DANIEL WESLEY STICE**, late of the R.M of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 1st day of May, 2024. DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 4th day of April, 2024. BAKER LAW CORPORATION SOLICITORS FOR THE EXECUTORS Attention: Grant D. Baker

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **CAROL ELSIE BAKER**, late of the Town of Winnipeg Beach, in Manitoba, Deceased. ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 1st day of May, 2024. DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 4th day of April, 2024. BAKER LAW CORPORATION SOLICITORS FOR THE EXECUTORS Attention: Grant D. Baker

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TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Town of Arborg shall hold a Public Hearing to present the Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2024 on:

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.
Town of Arborg Municipal Office
337 River Road Arborg, MB

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection in respect to the Town of Arborg's 2024 Financial Plan.

The 2024 Financial Plan includes the following general borrowing proposals

- Borrowing of \$300,000 at 6% over 10-years for the Secondary Well Mechanization Project.

Copies of the 2024 Financial Plan will be available for review on April 12th, 2024 and may be examined by any person on the Town of Arborg's website at www.townofarb.org.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2024 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 2024 at a Public Hearing being held at the RM of Grahamdale Municipal Office, 23 Government Road, in Moosehorn, MB on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 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 14th day of March, 2024.

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

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Engineering and Project Management Services

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong (RM) is soliciting bids for Engineering and Project Management Services for Restoration of Approximately 1.6 km length of road embankment and ditch on the west side of Meridian Road between Road Mile Road 125 N and 126 N. The location is approximately 16.6 km west of PTH 7 and approximately 6.5 km east of PTH 17.

Please contact the office at clerk@rmofarmstrong.com or Merx.com to obtain details of the services required.

Ken McMahon
Public Works Coordinator
RM of Armstrong
Lot 55 Highway 17
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Phone: 204-278-3377

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is accepting applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Found in the heart of the Interlake region of Manitoba, northwest of Teulon on Hwy #17, the RM of Armstrong is home to a number of small hamlets offering a mix of urban and quiet country lifestyles.

Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality including: administration, supervision of staff, policies and planning and financial management.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Recommends new initiatives, programs, policies, and plans for Council to consider.
- Advising Council as to current and future policies, programs and budgets.
- Acting as the coordinator and team leader of the administration in areas of staff, personnel, policies, plans and programs.
- Develops and implements a process for preparation of annual capital and operating budgets.
- Assisting Council in determining the future vision of the Municipality.
- Working closely with all levels of government

Skills & Qualifications

- Ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders.
- Ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws.
- A graduate of the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators (CMMA), or equivalent education.
- A background in Accounting is considered an asset.
- Ability to read and understand Municipal Financial Statements and manage a budget.
- A minimum of three years direct experience in municipal administration.
- Computer experience with a municipal software program, preferably Asyst, and demonstrated abilities with Windows, Microsoft Office 365: including Word, Excel, Power Point.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The RM of Armstrong provides an excellent group benefits and pension program. A detailed job description is available upon request.

Please submit your resume and three reference to:

RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Fax (204) 278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

Deadline to apply for the position is Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:30 P.M. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

WESTERN INTERLAKE PLANNING DISTRICT 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:

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF COLDWELL BY-LAW NO. 02/24

Being an amendment to the Rural Municipality of Coldwell Zoning By-law No. 5/05, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: RM of Coldwell Council Chambers
#35 Main St, Lundar, MB

DATE & TIME: April 12th, 2024 @ 11:00 am

GENERAL INTENT:

- To add "Secondary Suites" as a use in all Rural Agricultural, Residential, Seasonal Recreation & Seasonal Recreation - Cottage zones.
- To add "Guest houses" as a use in all Rural Agricultural, Residential General and Rural Residential zones.

AREA AFFECTED: All Rural Agricultural, Residential General, Rural Residential, Seasonal Recreation and Seasonal Recreation-cottage zones in the RM of Coldwell

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherie Millar, Office Administrator,
Western Interlake Planning District
Box 269, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0,
(204) 646-2615, Fax: (204) 646-4150,
Email: wipd@mymts.net

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong invites applications for the position of Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)

Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Public Works Foreman is responsible for the direction, coordination, efficient operation, construction, repair, and general maintenance of all municipal infrastructure.

Qualifications - Public Works Coordinator

- *Minimum of five years related experience, three of which were in a foreman or supervisory capacity.
- *Experience in construction and maintenance of various municipal infrastructure.
- *The ability to operate and maintain various types of heavy equipment. (tractor/mower, compact track loader, grader, loader, tandem)
- *Valid Manitoba Drivers Class 3 License, air brake license or an air brake endorsement.
- *Above average organizational skills.
- *Ability to multi-task and supervise numerous staff and projects simultaneously.
- *Above average skills to manage and direct staff.
- *The ability to perform physical labour.
- *The ability to work outside in all weather conditions

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong offers a competitive salary and benefits package including health/dental and pension.

Applications must contain a resume, covering letter and three references. Application deadline is 4:30 PM on Friday April 19, 2024. Only those candidates chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Please forward applications marked "Application for Public Works Coordinator (Term Position)" Chief Administrative Officer at:

RM of Armstrong
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MORTGAGE SALE

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The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a 2296 square foot single family dwelling, built in 2009, 10 rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2-four piece bathrooms, 1-two piece bathroom, no basement, double detached garage, located on 80.36 acres of the land comprised of 75.36 bushland and 5 acres containing the home and outbuildings.

Property taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid in full to December 31, 2021. The property is sold subject to taxes and penalties accruing after that date. The prior encumbrances which will remain on title after the auction are: Caveat No. 1705555/1

TERMS: Deposit of \$35,000.00 by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to MLT Aikins LLP, or cash (the cash component of the deposit not to exceed \$7,500.00) and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

Sale is subject to Reserve Bid which will be announced at the auction. If the highest bid does not meet the Reserve Bid then there is no sale. The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: www.teranetmanitoba.ca

Further information may be obtained from:

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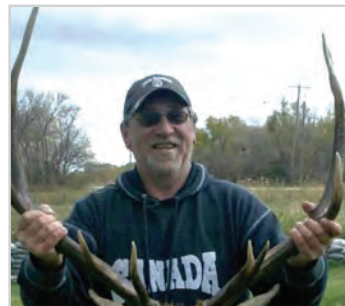
If you see Davey on April 6th, wish him a Happy Birthday!

SHOWER/SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Join us in celebrating the upcoming wedding of Hannah Smolinski and Lane Rozecki at their shower and social at the Riverton Hall April 20th! Community Shower from 1-3:30 p.m., they are registered at Arborg Home Hardware (unwrapped gifts preferred) Social from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Silent Auction, Late Lunch and DJ! Tickets available for purchase by contacting 204-641-1425 or 204-641-8272

OBITUARY



Bobby Craig Obsniuk
April 8, 1964 - March 21, 2024

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Bobby Craig Obsniuk of St. Martin on March 21, 2024 at the age of 59 years. He will be remembered as a brother, "Uncle Bob", a Father, and most importantly, Grandpa.

Bob took great joy picking out the best toys for all of his nieces and nephews. Some had said he was better than Santa! You never had to worry about adding batteries, as he had opened the toys and tried them out before wrapping them up.

It was not a party until Bob was making his famous French fries at any family event. After cooking, he would start the night by making a bonfire with a glass of Jack Daniel's in hand and it wasn't finished until he put on a huge fireworks display. Bob always made sure everyone was having a good time.

Bob was always up for an adventure. He always loved being outside whether it was hunting, fishing, camping, or trips to his boat house. He had a real passion for gardening. Every year he spent hours planning his garden, caring for his plants and sharing his zucchini with anyone that would take.

Bob also cherished his time spent with his grandsons, Devon and Dustin. He loved teaching the boys his favorite magic tricks, playing cards or video games, fixing the quad, and enjoying a Pepsi on ice. Most visits, he would show up with a cooler containing a new critter for them - from frogs to snakes, or even a chicken.

Bob is predeceased by his father Daniel; sisters, Brenda and Sue; brothers-in-law, Frank and Marc and childhood friend Mike Pagee. Followed shortly by his mother Marvel.

He is survived by his daughter Jenna (Gordon); grandsons Devon and Dustin; sisters, Dianne (Chris), Geraldine and Debbie; brother Danny; brothers-in-law, Clarke and Larry; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

At Bob's request, no service will be held, but it would be "cool" if everyone could raise a glass of Jack Daniel's to celebrate his life. Party Time!

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OBITUARY



Kenneth (Ken) Robinson Gowler
December 9, 1930 - March 26, 2024

Kenneth (Ken) Robinson Gowler passed away peacefully on March 26, 2024, at the age of 93.

Ken was born in Poplar Point, Manitoba where he was raised on the farm by his parents with his brothers, Watson, Allen, and Casey.

Moving to Brandon and then Winnipeg, Ken spent 30 years working for Armco Canada until retirement when he and Margaret moved to Gimli.

Ken was a wise, gentle, and caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a beloved family member and friend to countless others.

Ken was predeceased by his beloved son Mitch in 1987.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Margaret; daughters Jody (Jon), Kendra (Nicholas); granddaughters, Jaime (Andrew), Brooke (Dan), Codi (Steven); and great-grandchildren Loewen, Wilkes, Orla, and baby Semchuk-Olson on the way.

Ken is also survived by Casey (Myrna) Gowler, Alice (Morris) Boychuk, Cheryl (Stuart) Beasley, nephews, nieces, and countless friends in Brandon, Winnipeg, and Gimli.

Ken had a lifelong passion for flying. He was a pilot and a homebuilder. Ken built an EAA Biplane and gave it the call sign CF-MGG, named after his son Mitchell Glen Gowler. He flew the plane for many years until it found its home on display at the Winnipeg International Airport. Ken enjoyed many hours volunteering at the Western Canada Aviation Museum.

While he didn't get his wish to die at home, he was given exceptional, professional, tender love and care by his wife Margaret, his family, and the staff at the Gimli Hospital. He felt the love and support from family and friends near and far.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Adeniyi Adegbesan, the entire staff of the Gimli Hospital, and the staff of Interlake - Eastern Regional Health Authority Community Health Home Care Services for their excellent and compassionate care.

There is no memorial planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ken's memory can be made to Gimli Community Health Centre - Johnson Memorial Hospital.

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OBITUARY



Daren Anthony Reiter

With a broken heart and immense sadness, we bid farewell to a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. Daren passed away peacefully at his home in Grindstone Provincial Park on March 26th at the age of 60 surrounded by family and friends.

Daren's warmth, fellow-feeling and invariable offers of help will be forever remembered by all who knew him. He will be deeply mourned by his sons Benjamin, Barret (Shafagh) and Jeremy (Mariette); grandchildren Jessa, Sawyer, Laurel and a fourth expected in April; parents Peter and Caroline; sister Kathy (Wes), brothers Kevin (Carla) and Darcy (Dixi); nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends and family. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 36 years, Crystal, who passed away in October 2023.

Nothing can capture the profound loss which Daren's death has created for his friends and family. Everyone that knew him will remember his tenacity, work ethic, warmth, humanity and good humour. He was a model of diligence, steadfastness, dedication and sacrifice. His memory will live on in all that met him.

Prayers were held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church, 269 Jemima St, Selkirk, Manitoba. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. also in the Church.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Marvel Kate Obsnuk

December 8, 1932 – March 22, 2024

It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mom.

Left to mourn her passing are her daughters, Dianne (Chris), Gerry, Debbie and her son Danny. Sons-in-law Clarke and Larry; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Sisters, Dorothy, Olga and Vi (Ron); brother Walter; sisters-in-law, Ruth and Pauline.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Dan, daughters Brenda and Sue, son Bob and brothers Les, Nick, Steve, Sister Janet and sons-in-law Frank and Marc.

Mom was a great loving, hardworking wife and mother. Mom was a postmaster for 17 years until she retired in 1997. Mom was a great cook, famous for her perogies, Hawaiian Pork, and

chiffon cakes.

She loved to crochet, knit slippers, and Hudson Bay mittens. Mom loved the casino trips they took on bus tours. Later the casino trips were for family birthdays, lovely visits and a nice meal.

Mom will be loved, missed and in our hearts forever. In following our Mom'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 Marvel's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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