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Burton's Bunch holding walk in Sandy Hook to raise awareness of workplace tragedies

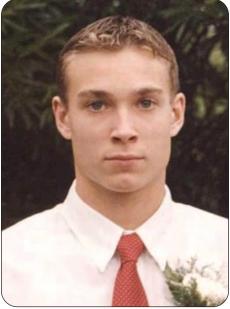
By Patricia Barrett

To raise awareness of workplace tragedies and the importance of staying safe on the job, a Sandy Hook resident is organizing an annual fundraising walk that will take place in a few weeks.

Lynda Kolly, who is part of the Burton's Bunch Steps for Life Winnipeg team, is organizing a walk in Sandy Hook to raise money for Threads of Life, a national charity that supports families who've experienced a workplace fatality, a life-altering injury or an occupational disease while on the job.

Kolly's 17-year-old son, Burton Reimer, was working as a commercial fisher's helper on Lake Winnipeg in 1999 when the boat he was in sank. He didn't have a lifejacket and he died.

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Burton Reimer, 17, was working as a commercial fisher's helper on Lake Winnipeg in 1999 when the boat he was in sank. Burton didn't have a lifejacket and he died.



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The Burton's Bunch Steps for Life team walked in Sandy Hook last year to raise money for Threads of Life, a national charity that supports families who've experienced a workplace tragedy.

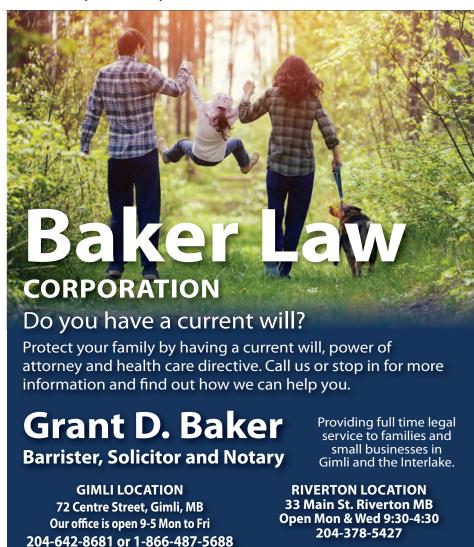
shouldn't have happened because it was preventable," said Kolly. "If the proper precautions would have been taken, if he would have had a lifejacket, he might have lived."

Kolly said Burton's Bunch used to hold their fundraising walks in Winnipeg's Kildonan Park because hundreds of people would take part. When COVID arrived, they held the walk in Sandy Hook. They decided to hold it in Sandy Hook again this year. Threads for Life walks are held across Canada in memory of loved ones who died on the job and to advocate for safe workplaces.

"We want to raise funds for two reasons. Threads of Life supports families across Canada who've suffered a workplace tragedy," said Kolly, who

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NACI recommends second booster of COVID vaccine although unauthorized by Health Canada

By Patricia Barrett

With troubling COVID-19 numbers sweeping across many provinces, as well as waning vaccine protection from first booster doses and the ability of variants to evade vaccines, Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommended last week that a second booster be administered to vulnerable segments of the population.

The recommendation comes even though second doses are considered off-label use, which means a drug is used without regulatory approval from Health Canada.

"Second COVID-19 booster doses are currently not authorized by Health Canada and therefore constitute off-label use," said NACI in a vaccine update titled "Initial guidance on a second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccines in Canada" published April

NACI is an advisory committee that provides medical, scientific and public health advice to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The committee said there are "concerning trends" in the COVID pandemic and that jurisdictions should prepare for a "rapid deployment" of a second booster for people 70 year of

age and older, those who live in congregate settings such as personal care homes or assisted living facilities, as well as for Indigenous people under 70 years of age.

"Preparation for implementation and deployment of a second booster dose program for groups outlined above is recommended given the increasing circulation of the BA.2 VOC [variant of concern] and the possibility of waning protection against severe disease in those at highest risk," said NACI in its update.

Second boosters can be given six months after the first booster or sooner, said NACI, depending on the how BA.2, an omicron subvariant, is spreading in communities.

"In general, jurisdictions should aim to provide a second booster dose 6 months after receipt of the previous booster dose, but the 6-month interval may need to be balanced with local and current epidemiology," said the committee. "As a result, shorter intervals may be indicated for these older adult populations in these settings at this time."

The committee recommends an mRNA vaccine for a booster unless that type of vaccine cannot be tolerated.

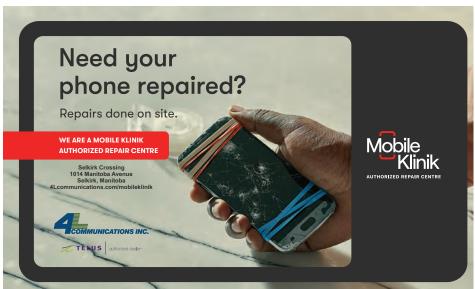
Current scientific data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines offer reduced protection against omicron infection and symptomatic disease, said NACI, and somewhat lower protection against hospitalization and severe disease compared to the protection they offered against the ancestral (or original) strain of the virus and previous variants of concern.

"This lower protection is also occurring in the context of decreasing protection over time since the previous dose," it said. "Vaccine effectiveness against infection/symptomatic disease for Omicron from a first booster

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Gimli to hold second pride event; call for volunteers

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli is getting set to hold its second pride celebration in June, and the town's Pride Gimli Committee is looking for volunteers to help run a variety of events.

Scott Carman, who own the Ship & Plough Tavern in Gimli and sits on the committee, said the committee is in the early planning stages but is looking for volunteers.

"For our first event, we had a lot of people expressing interest in helping us out with whatever we needed help with," said Carman last week. "We're looking for help to put on a number of different events this year."

The committee will "take all the help we can get," said Carman. Volunteers will be needed for helping plan events and activities and helping with set-up and tear-down.

The second pride celebration will incorporate some of the major events that marked the inaugural event, including a pride walk through town, the raising of a rainbow flag at the harbour, stage shows and art, as well as some new activities. And the committee is hoping businesses take part in the celebrations.

"We're planning to have big visual components again this year such as painting a rainbow crosswalk on a street in town," said Carman. "We'll also be approaching local businesses and reaching out to the local chamber of commerce to encourage businesses to participate."

Carman's pub will be holding a pride happy hour and hosting a drag show. And new this year will be a trans comedian.

"We have a trans comedian coming from Winnipeg for the pub's queer comedy night," said Carman. "That will be a lot of fun."

Also new this year will be an exhibit by Interlake artist Anthony Nelson. Nelson's exhibit will launch a few weeks before pride weekend but remain in place as part of the weekend's celebratory activities, said Carman.

Gimli's first pride event was held in May 2019. The event wasn't held In 2020 and 2021 because of COVID-19 and public health orders.

The Municipality of Gimli provided "great support" the first time around, said Carman, and the committee is anticipating the same support.

Pride events are held across Canada to celebrate the decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada. The federal government passed legislation 53 years ago to amend the Criminal Code. Attitudes towards homosexuality, however, were slower to change. Pride events also celebrate people who identify with the gender, sexual and relationship diverse (GSRD) community and bring awareness to



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The use of rainbow colours symbolize pride in celebrants being who they are and the unity and diversity within their community.

human rights challenges facing them around the world. The use of rainbow colours symbolize pride in celebrants being who they are and the unity and diversity within their community.

Pride Gimli Committee co-chair Tammy Axelsson said the committee plans to hold some of the same events that made the first year a success.

"This year, we hope to have some of the same programming as in the past — a coffee house, film and art exhibits, displays by local businesses and lighting up the Viking statue," said Axelsson in a news release. "We also anticipate some exciting new events, which we will share as soon as details become available."

The committee is inviting students at Gimli High School to put their best

ideas forward for a new Pride Gimli logo. The winning designer will receive a cash prize of \$150. Details on how to enter are available from teachers or from posters at the school. The committee extended the deadline for entries to May 15.

"The logo contest is a way to do some outreach with students and get them involved," said Carman. "For our first event, students painted a rainbow sidewalk on the side of the school."

Pride Gimli is scheduled for June 10-12. To volunteer or to find out about getting involved as a business, email the Pride Gimli Committee at gimlipride@gmail.com. The committee can also be reached via its Pride Gimli Facebook or Instagram.

Workshop showcases natural benefits from herbal remedies

By Nicole Brownlee

An unkempt field contains hundreds of varieties of native plants some would consider weeds. However, an Eriksdale herbalist says these seemingly unwanted plants offer natural remedies.

Erica Lindell grew up in Eriksdale, learning about foraging, trapping and hunting from her parents.

"We've always been connected to the land," said Lindell.

Her interest in native plants grew in her 20s when Lindell visited a herbalist to discuss her health concerns.

"It opened up a whole other world of thinking of how to deal with herbs," said Lindell.

She was intrigued by herbs and nature's potential to improve her health while listening to medical doctors.

"We tend to balance out medical doctors and herbalism, so often, instead of running to the doctor for certain things, (we reach) for something from nature," said Lindell.

"I like to think that I am a lot healthier now."

Lindell's open perspective about health has been passed to her children, who often ask for her advice on a salve, food or drink that could help with a headache, stomach pains or other minor issues.

"There's still a place for western medicine, but in conjunction, the land and our Creator do give us everything we need to heal ourselves on a basic level." Lindell has participated in several certificate courses and is currently enrolled online at Dominion College to learn more about clinical herbalism.

"I am also trying to find out how to work with some Indigenous bodies for the Indigenous medicine side," said Lindell, who is Métis.

In the meantime, Lindell is selling crystals, jewelry and homemade products like creams and salves from her online store Mossy Birch Homestead. She is also offering her second workshop in Eriksdale on April 23 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eriksdale Memorial Community Centre.

"People consider a lot of the plants I talk about weeds, but these plants have such amazing uses that we have to almost rethink how we treat the plants," said Lindell.

"I think that's where a lot of people's excitement comes, from the disbelief that these things will actually fix skin or stomach issues."

Lindell will walk participants through creating an oxymel, a tangy mixture of apple cider vinegar, honey and herbs that can soothe sore throats while suggesting incorporating herbs and fruits into a diet

"To balance out the bad stuff that we put in our bodies," she said.

The workshop will also teach participants how to make salves.

"It's important that people get to learn about na-



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ture and the connection to the land."

Participants can pre-register for the event online through the Mossy Birch Homestead website or purchase a ticket at the door for \$50.

To learn more about Erica Lindell and Mossy Birch Homestead, visit mossybirchhomestead.ca.

Federal government tables \$52.8B deficit budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The Liberal government sees the federal budget released last week as offering smart, necessary investments with a focus especially on growing our economy.

The Conservative Opposition, however, sees it differently, and Portage-Lisgar MP and interim Tory leader Candice Bergen particularly sees the influence of the NDP, who have agreed to support the minority government in return for concessions.

"It's not good news for Canadians," Bergen said last week.

"It's an NDP budget. It's a tax and spend and tax and spend big NDP budget, and the Liberals are really going further to the left," she said. "It's dangerous for the country. ... When things are good, this government spends, and then when things are not great and we need to have had a responsible government in terms of fiscal policy, it's not there."

The budget offered more than \$85 billion in new spending room that the government cited as coming from a stronger than anticipated economic rebound.

Money is being targeted at speeding the flow of goods through the supply chains, boosting housing supply and boosting business investment among other priorities.

Overall, there is \$452.3 billion in new spending on projected revenue of \$408.4 billion, leaving a deficit of

Among the highlights cited by the

federal government:

- \$4 billion over five years to launch a new fund to help cities and municipalities create more affordable housing and \$1.5 billion over two years to create 6,000 new affordable housing units with at least one-quarter of the funding for women-focused projects.
- \$625 million over four years for childcare to help the provinces and territories build new facilities and make new investments.
- \$1 billion over five years to create an independent federal innovation and investment agency designed to spur economic growth and address the fact that Canada is ranked last in the G7 in spending on research and development by business.
- Over \$8 billion pledged over five years for the defence budget to better equip the Canadian Armed Forces, reinforce cyber-security and support a culture of change. The budget contained no road map on whether this would be enough to boost Canada's defence spending to the NATO target of two per cent of GDP.
- Up to \$1 billion for the Ukrainian government through the International Monetary Fund to help keep its government operating.
- \$4 billion over six years to remove systemic barriers to First Nations children receiving services in health, education and social services.
- \$5.3 billion over five years and \$1.7 billion ongoing to Health Canada to provide dental care to Canadians as a result of the Liberal-NDP agreement.

The plan will start with children under 12 in 2022 at an initial cost of \$300

- \$1.7 billion over five years to help make zero-emission vehicles more affordable for people. The Canadian Infrastructure Bank will spend \$500 million over five years to build infrastructure to support 1,500 charging stations the government has promised to build throughout Canada.
- \$547 million over four years to help businesses upgrade their fleets to zero-emission vehicles.

Bergen said there were three key things they had wanted to see in the budget starting with tax relief for Canadians, who have been suffering with inflation and rising costs.

"We wanted to see some tax breaks. ... We also were hoping that we could see just much, much controlled spending because spending is what adds to

"We wanted to see a big halt on all of the massive, permanent programs that they've been doing," she said, adding they had also hoped for more effective housing strategies and sup-

"We were very frustrated but not surprised that we didn't see any of those three things, and the reason is we can see this now in the budget," Bergen said. "The Liberals have collected a windfall of revenue on the backs of Canadians paying through the nose for things like gas and groceries and essentials. And they're using that money to again spend on

big permanent government programs instead of tax cuts or things that will grow the economy and produce longterm productivity and investment."

In her foreword to the budget, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland highlighted what they feel a stronger country looks like:

"It means we need housing that is affordable for everyone and a system where an entire generation is not priced out of owning a home.

"It means we need to do our part to fight climate change so that we can leave our children with clean air, clean water and a livable planet.

"It means we need to continue to face up to the sins of our past and ensure that Indigenous peoples in this country are able to live dignified and prosperous lives.

"It means we need a health-care system that allows people to see a doctor or a dentist and to receive mental health care too.

"It means we need to continue to build a society that is truly equal for everyone because the colour of your skin or who you love or where you were born should not dictate whether you get to share in the opportunities that Canada provides.

"And it means we need an economy that allows businesses to grow and create good middle-class jobs and where everyone can earn a decent living for an honest day's work."

> BURTON'S, FROM PG. 2

is trained to speak about workplace safety and has provided sessions at various businesses. "The second reason is to make people aware that this organization is available to them if they need support."

The Steps for Life walk comes after Workers' Day of Mourning on April 28, a day on which Canadians remember those who died on the job, and before Occupational Health and Safety Week, which runs May 1-7.

In 2019, 925 Canadians died from work-related disease or injury, according to a University of Regina report released last year on workplace fatalities and injuries. In 2018, 1,027 Canadians died, according to the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada.



The Steps for Life walk takes place on Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. Walkers will start off from Palmer Place near the Sandy Hook golf course. There are three prizes for people who register for the walk or who make a donation of \$20

"I'm going to have donuts and coffee at the walk and I'll say a few words," said Kolly. "Then we'll walk around the



Visit "Burton's Bunch Steps for Life Winnipeg" on Facebook for more information or to register, or visit www. stepsforlife.ca



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Disease, drought and war – a time of volatility

By Cam Dahl, general manager of Manitoba Pork

Anyone who tells you that they know where commodity prices will be six months from now is either being misleading or fails to have a firm grip on reality. We are in a time where contradictory pressures on supply and demand are combined with political upheavals. As a result, farmers can expect an extended period of volatility in the prices they receive for of the food they produce, and the cost of inputs needed to deliver that food to consumers' tables.

How did we get to this uncertain place? We can start with the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has caused disruptions in international shipping. Labour shortages, which were appearing before the pandemic, have become acute. Government policies, like vaccine mandates for international truckers, have exacerbated labour gaps and logistics concerns. Our supply chain has become more brittle. What was an efficient international "just in time" logistics system has become "just in case," with each link in the value chain having to build in extra shipping time and holding increased inventory. Carrying costs have increased. Uncertainty has increased. This is not going to change anytime soon.

On the positive side, Canadian agricultural value chains have proven to be resilient throughout the pandemic. Production and processing capacity has been bent but has not broken. We continue to deliver on our promise of safe, high-quality food for Canadians and consumers around the world. This is a competitive advantage.

COVID-19 is only one disease influencing international supply and demand. African Swine Fever (ASF) has devastated pork production in Asia, particularly in China and the Philippines, two countries that are leading destinations for Canadian pork. This

has helped support pork prices in Canada. But how long is this going to last? What is the status of Chinese pork production today? Europe has also been hit by ASF outbreaks. What impact will this have on their production and export volumes? How far will ASF spread? These questions are difficult if not impossible to answer. ASF has caused, and will continue to cause, significant market uncertainty and volatility.

There was widespread drought throughout the Great Plains of North America in 2021. For livestock producers, this has meant feed has been hard to find. Many operations that have traditionally been self-sufficient have faced the decision of either buying feed or exiting the industry. Producers' margins have been squeezed by ballooning feed costs. Prior to the fall of 2021, most people would have laughed at the suggestion that feed wheat would be over \$10 per bushel, but here we are. Will North American crop production levels recover in 2022? How will reduced supply from the Black Sea impact feed prices? Again, we are uncertain.

Which brings us to the third major contributor to market uncertainty war. Over the past 20 years, the Black-Sea region has become a key contributor to international agricultural markets. For example, before the Russian invasion, Ukraine accounted for 16 per cent of world corn exports and 12 per cent of world wheat exports. Curtailment of these supplies has already sent the soaring price of feed grains higher. What happens if supplies from the Black Sea stop all together? What impact will the war in Ukraine have on major European pork producers, like the Netherlands and Spain, that rely on the region for feed? Further, the region is also a critical

supplier of fertilizer. Ongoing disrup-

tions in key crop inputs will have an impact on world crop production. The degree to which changes in input supply will impact crop producers, and how long this impact will be felt, is unknown. Also unknown is the impact on world supplies of, and cost of, soybean meal, corn and feed wheat.

How should agriculture respond to uncertainty and volatility? Risk management tools become far more important when market uncertainty drives increased volatility. Manitoba's hog farmers run modern business operations. They use risk management tools such as forward contracting for their pigs and hedging feed. However, we can do more to mitigate the growing risks that are beyond the control of producers. First, governments need to reform the current suite of business risk management programs so that they meet the risks farmers are facing today. The pork industry is not alone in calling for changes to AgriStability or access to affordable livestock insurance programs. Second, industry and governments should be looking for ways to improve market and price transparency to allow for better risk assessments. This can, and should, be a collaborative effort that includes all parts of the value-chain.

Manitoba Pork has just held our 57th annual general meeting. With all the uncertainty facing producers, one might have expected pessimism to be the predominant emotion at the event, but that was not the case. Farmers are optimistic that our pork will continue to see rising demand in global markets. Most are looking for ways in which to grow the sector here in Manitoba, both in production and processing. This attitude goes a long way in explaining the resiliency that the value chain has shown through the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is a predictor of how we will face uncertain days ahead.

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Two conservation officers were hard at work removing an abandoned trailer off of Lake Winnipeg last Saturday. The trailer was located north and adjacent to the Gimli Harbour. Through their resourcefulness and expertise, the officers made quick work of the recovery.

These two officers deserve our acknowledgement and appreciation for the often "unheralded" work that they do to keep our environment clean and safe.

letter to the edit

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Lake Winnipeg — the jewel in our backyard

Two items in the April 7 issue of the Express Weekly News: One is eutrophication of Lake Winnipeg; the other being the lake is the biggest producer of whitefish in Canada. Kind of a paradox? Watching fishing shows on TV amazes me with the huge catches coming up in the

winter.

How is it that no food industry company has seen this potential? I do not know where all that product is going but probably somewhere that companies can see the value in processing the fish to gain.

Why is it that other places can see past the end of their noses and the Interlake or at least Manitoba companies cannot?

- Baldur Nelson

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RM of Grahamdale ends 2021 with a \$30,000 surplus

By Nicole Brownlee

The RM of Grahamdale revealed a slight increase to the mill rate, additional legal costs and transportation services, but the municipality's financial plan is mostly business as usual.

The municipality held a public hearing to discuss the budget on March 22 at the Moosehorn Community Hall. One community member attended the hearing over Zoom to learn more about changes in the budget but did not voice concerns, said Reeve Craig Howse.

"We've gradually increased some items," said Teresa Olson, chief financial officer for the municipality.

Almost half of the municipality's costs will go towards transportation services, while the remaining 51 per cent is dispersed to six departments including general government services, economic development and environmental health services.

In 2021, the municipality's net operating surplus was \$32,575.

The mill rate for residents living in the Lakeshore School Division catchment area is 36.710 for 2022, a 0.10 increase from 2021 and a decrease of 2.245 compared to 2019's rate of

"We kept the mill rate the same, so we have an additional \$45,000 that we budgeted," said Olson.

"It's not a significant amount."

The municipality collected over \$2.95 million in revenue in 2021, which was around \$680,000 more than the council expected. The municipality budgeted revenue to be over \$2.32 million for 2022.

Over \$623,000 was spent on general government services in 2021, almost \$300,000 more than the municipality budgeted. One of the leading culprits for the increase in spending was legal, audit and consulting costs.

"A lot of the legal is also offset by people that purchase land," said Ol-

"We sold a lot of lots, so we pay for legal, and then we also have income from legal."

The municipality collected \$229,862 through the sale of municipal land and the rental of municipal residences, Crown land and forage leases.

The municipality received \$5,000 in legal revenue in 2021. In 2022, the council budgeted \$15,000 for legal expenses.

The budget also lists that taxation services cost the municipality \$14,411.55, but it can be considered revenue, said Olson.

"It's technically not an expense for us because we budget \$3,500, and it shows (the actual cost) is \$14,000, but the \$14,000 goes back to the munici-

Transportation services cost the mu-

nicipality \$343,920, which exceeded 2021's budget by \$78,590. Public works equipment, signs, road construction and land purchases are under the umbrella of transportation services costs.

"Road and street expenses were up, which had a lot to do with the land purchases for \$129,000. We also did a lot of civic addressing signs," said

"One of the land purchases that we bought was in the town of Steep Rock for future development."

In 2022, the council budgeted \$238,570 for transportation services, a \$26,760 decrease from 2021's budget.

The council estimates that \$50,000 from general revenue will be used to purchase land in 2022.

RM of Grahamdale's 2022 financial plan will be finalized later this month.

Thousands of hearing loss, tinnitus cases reported after COVID-19 vaccination

By Patricia Barrett

Emerging data on some of the adverse effects that may be associated with various COVID-19 vaccines now includes tinnitus and hearing loss.

In January of this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report on hearing disorders dating back to February 2021 (and prior to that) in people who received one of the COVID vaccines, but says further monitoring is required to determine direct association.

In a report titled "Covid-19 vaccines and hearing loss and tinnitus" in the WHO's Pharmaceuticals Newsletter No. 1, 2022, researchers found 531 cases of hearing loss and tinnitus in people who received different COVID vaccines.

The WHO's newsletter provides safety information on medicinal products and legal actions taken by regulatory authorities around the world.

The hearing loss and tinnitus case reports had been entered into Vigi-Base, the WHO's global database of individual case safety reports (IC-SRs). The hearing disorder cases date from vaccinations administered from the time the first COVID vaccines were made available until late February 2021.

"Up to 22 February 2021, there were 164 unique individual case safety reports (ICSRs) which reported hearing losses ... and 367 ICSRs which reported tinnitus ... with COVID19 vaccine in the WHO global database of ICSRs, VigiBase," states the report.

Health Canada approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID vaccine with an interim order on Dec. 9, 2020. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave

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Gimli Group AA

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WHO PHARMACEUTICALS NEWSLETTER

Cases of hearing loss and/or tinnitus in VigiBase, a database on adverse events maintained by the World Health Organization.

the vaccine emergency use approval on Dec. 11, 2020. Moderna was the second COVID vaccine Health Canada authorized on Dec. 23, 2020. The FDA gave Moderna emergency use authorization on Dec. 18, 2020.

Tinnitus is defined as the perception of sound, often described as ringing in the ears, that doesn't have an external stimulus. It can be intermittent or continuous, occur in one or both ears and be acute or chronic. Hearing loss refers to the partially or completely diminished ability to hear in one or both ears. It can result from damage to the inner ear, the cochlear nerve or the brain. It can also occur after viral infections or be caused by hypertension or certain medications.

The 164 hearing loss cases in Vigi-Base had been reported from 10 countries. The time to onset ranged from the same day of vaccination to 19 days afterwards, with an average of one day. It affected people aged 19 to 93, with an average age of 49.

Fifty-one people were noted as recovering or had recovered. Fifty had not recovered. There was no outcome information for the remaining 63 cases

"The most reported COVID-19 vaccines in these [hearing loss] cases were Pfizer/BioNTech (142 cases), followed by Moderna (15 cases) and AstraZeneca (7 cases)," the report states. And most cases of hearing loss were in "young healthy adults with no comorbidities."

The 367 tinnitus cases in VigiBase came from 27 countries. The time to onset ranged from several minutes

to 30 days after vaccination, with an average of one day. The subjects' ages ranged from 19 to 91 years old, with an average age of 48.

Of the 367 reports, 90 were noted as not having recovered, 164 as having recovered and 112 were unknown.

"The vaccines received were Pfizer/BioNTech (293, 80%), Moderna (39, 11%) AstraZeneca (31, 8.4%), and Sinovac (1, 0.3%)," states the report.

The WHO's report includes an update carried out in November 2021 on hearing disorders entered into Vigi-Base. It notes that hearing disorders "have been reported for most of the COVID-19 vaccines."

"On 18 November 2021 there were 37, 529 deduplicated cases ... from 86 countries: 21 countries reported more than 100 cases; another 22 countries reported 10-99 cases; 15 countries reported 5-9 cases and 28 countries reported 1-4 cases," states the report.

Despite the number of growing cases, the WHO says data are "limited" to make a definitive link to the vaccines and further monitoring is required.

In addition to the WHO's report, researchers from Pakistan and Qatar found over 12,000 case reports of people developing tinnitus after receiving a COVID vaccine, either an mRNA vaccine or a vector vaccine.

Their study titled "SARS-CoV-2 vaccine-associated-tinnitus: A review," was published online on Jan. 25, 2022, in the journal Annals of Medicine and Surgery.

By September 2021, there were 12,247 cases of tinnitus registered in

the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which is a U.S. early warning system co-managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, they wrote.

The researchers said cases of tinnitus arose after people received one of the viral vector vaccines such as Astra-Zeneca, Sputnik and Janssen, or one of the two mRNA vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna.

In addition to tinnitus, they said other adverse events have arisen following vaccination for COVID, including hearing loss, sensorineural hearing loss, otalgia, anaphylaxis, myocarditis and pericarditis, and vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia.

The precise mechanism behind the development of tinnitus after vaccination has yet to be determined, they wrote, but a "hypersensitivity reaction" or inflammation induced by a COVID vaccine may be responsible. A pre-existing autoimmune condition, such as Hashimoto thyroiditis and gastritis, could also play a role. As well, the "possibility of one or more vaccine components exerting ototoxic effects cannot be written off" and requires further investigation.

"Anti-spike antibodies may potentially react with antigens anywhere along the auditory pathway and initiate an inflammatory reaction involving the tympanic membrane, ossicular chain, cochlea, cochlear vessels, organ of Corti, etc.," they wrote.

Developing tinnitus is "rare" after vaccination, they said, and the CO-VID vaccines' benefits outweigh adverse effects.

"Although the incidence of CO-VID19 vaccine-associated tinnitus is rare, there is an overwhelming need to discern the precise pathophysiology and clinical management as a better understanding of adverse events may help in encountering vaccine hesitancy and hence fostering the CO-VID-19 global vaccination program," the researchers wrote. "Despite the incidence of adverse events, the benefits of the SARSCoV-2 vaccine in reducing hospitalization and deaths continue to outweigh the rare ramifications."

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Province provides \$11,000 grant to NIHM for Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre exhibit

By Patricia Barrett

The New Iceland Heritage Museum received \$11,000 from the provincial government for the expansion of an exhibit at the Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre, which the NIHM operates.

Interlake-Gimli MLA and agriculture minister Derek Johnson popped by a few weeks ago to present the cheque to NIHM executive director Julianna Roberts.

"We are pleased to get this funding. We've been working on this project at the Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre for over five years," said Roberts. "We got the mural installed and then we had to wait for more funding. After we applied for this grant, we were pleasantly surprised we were able to get some funding.'

The visitor centre pays tribute to the commercial fishing industry and has a number of different displays and artefacts in the building, which is located at Gimli Harbour. The NIHM had installed a 30-foot-long mural in the centre to help visitors learn about the Lake Winnipeg watershed, which extends across four Canadian provinces and parts of four U.S. states. The

second phase of the project will add a digital component to the exhibit to enhance historical and factual infor-

"The grant funding will go towards the second phase, which will entail the installation an interactive exhibit with smart TVs," said Roberts. "And we're going to put benches in front of the mural where people can sit. The TV will have closed captioning for people who are hearing-impaired."

Exhibits with interactive components costs tens of thousands of dollars, said Roberts, and the NIHM had to break the project into three phases. The third phase will be comprised of pneumatic tubes, which teach people about motion. Science World in Vancouver, for example, has an exhibit with pneumatic tubes that demonstrate the dynamics of airflow.

The NIHM grant was awarded under the Community Museum Project Support Program, which provided funding to 29 museums across the province. The program funds museum activities that advance reconciliation, equity, diversity, inclusion, COVID-19 recovery and collections management. A total of \$240,000 was (\$5,000); Friends of Dalnavert Muallocated in 2022.

"Museums help preserve and promote Manitoba's diverse heritage, culture and identity," said Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith in a March 30 news release. "This new grant will help support the economic recovery of these important community institutions and help fulfil our government's commitment to advance reconciliation and build a more inclusive and prosperous future for all Manitobans."

The other 28 museums that received funding are as follows: Beautiful Plains Museum Inc. (\$3,600); Brandon Museum Inc. (Daly House) (\$11,000); Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (1971) Inc. (\$11,000); Cardinal Church Historical Project (\$4,500); Cartwright-Roblin Municipality (Badger Creek Museum) (\$5,000); Cross of Freedom Inc. (Trembowla) (\$17,530); Dufferin Historical Society Inc. (\$6,250); Dugald Costume Collection (Costume Museum of Canada) (\$4,300); Fort Dauphin Museum Inc. (\$6,287); Fort la Reine Museum, Pioneer Village and Tourist Bureau

seum Inc. (\$25,000); Gilbert Plains Municipality (Gilbert Plains Heritage Committee) (\$8,000); J.A. Victor David Museum Inc. (\$8,000); Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library Inc. (\$14,000); Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre Inc. (MI-CEC) (\$14,000); Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Inc. (\$14,000); Manitoba World War One Museum, Archives and Library (\$3,225); Mennonite Heritage Village (Canada) Inc. (\$9,000); Miami Railway Station Museum Association Inc. (\$4,600); Prairie Mountain Regional Museums Collection Inc. (\$7,000); Sam Waller Museum (\$1,545); Service Battalion Senate Inc. (\$5,000); Seven Oaks House Museum (\$3,897); Société historique de St-Georges Historical Society Inc. (Winnipeg River Heritage Museum) (\$8,000); Transcona Historical Museum Inc. (\$11,000); Ukrainian Museum of Canada of the UWAC Manitoba Branch (\$3,500); Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. (\$5,000); and Winnipegosis Historical Society Inc.

> NACI, FROM PG. 3

of mRNA vaccine is approximately 60% and decreases over time since vaccination in most studies."

NACI said the evidence on the effectiveness of second boosters is "limited" and is compared to the first booster – given after the first two doses of a vaccine series – as a relative benefit.

"Preliminary data indicates that a second booster dose provides additional protection compared to a first booster, including against severe disease," NACI said. "However, the duration of protection is currently unknown, and the absolute benefit will depend on the residual protection from the first booster dose and on the level of circulating disease in the community."

Vaccine manufacturers are working on new COVID vaccines, including those that specifically target variants of concern but their "exact composition and timing of availability are not yet known," said the committee.

And further research is needed on "optimal timing" for future booster doses, evaluation of potential risks of providing booster doses earlier than necessary, and vigilant monitoring and reporting of adverse events.

The Manitoba government, which is not providing daily data on COVID infections and hospitalizations, recommended April 6 that personal care home residents, those living in congregate living facilities, individuals in the wider community aged 70 and older and Indigenous people aged 50 and older are now eligible for a fourth dose, according to the government's

The government is recommending an mRNA vaccine be given for the second booster. It recommends the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine for people aged 12 to 29 (there is a greater risk of myocarditis or pericarditis with Moderna's vaccine in this age group), and either Pfizer or Moderna for people aged 30 and older.

Correction

IERHA hires 60 uncertified health-care aides to help support nursing and HCA staff

In the story "Ongoing nursing vacancies, bed closures in IERHA; Eriksdale to replace physicians" in the April 7 edition of the Express Weekly News, we wrote that the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority had hired 13 uncertified health-care aides (UHCAs) when it had, in fact, hired 30 uncertified health-care aides. The *Express* apologizes for the error.

A spokesperson for the IERHA added that in addition to the 30 UHCAs that had been announced during the March 31 briefing with municipal officials, the health authority has "just added another 30 from the most recent graduating class."

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Pesticide Control Program

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Jig to support Ashern handivan service

A musical gathering is heading to Ashern on April 23 to raise money to purchase a new handivan for the Lakeshore Handivan service.

Ashern's Living Independence for Elders Inc. (LIFE) is hosting the fundraiser at the Ashern Centennial Hall. The evening will feature a performance from a Manitoba musician, a silent auction and snacks.

Maria Michaniuk, resource co-ordinator for LIFE, said she started planning the fundraising event in 2020.

"It was planned last year just in hopes of when COVID ended," said Michaniuk.

"I emailed (Gerald St. Laurent) during COVID and said (the performance would) tentatively be for this year when things open up."

St. Laurent, a Manitoba country singer and fiddler, will entertain audience members from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with two 45-minute sets. Dainties, coffee and tea will be available between sets.

"This is our first fundraiser since March 2020," said Michaniuk.

"We wanted to do something to bring everybody out, and we thought it'd be nice for the seniors and other community members."

LIFE has also applied for a grant to help pay for the \$100,000 vehicle and is potentially working with the RM of West Interlake and the RM of Grahamdale for additional funding.

The RM of West Interlake left the West Interlake Handivan Association in July 2020, making the Lakeshore Handivan, which used to service the former RM of Siglunes and the RM of Grahamdale, the sole provider of accessible transportation in the municipality.

Lakeshore Handivan has three vans. Two are stationed in Ashern and one in Eriksdale.

Tickets for the evening are \$15 and can be purchased at the LIFE office or at the door on April 23.

LIFE is collecting prizes for the silent auction from local businesses and community members. For more information, contact LIFE at 204-768-2187.



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Country singer and fiddler Gerald St. Laurent is performing on April 23 at the Ashern Centennial Hall.

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Manitoba Conservation officer service enforcement update

Submitted by Manitoba Conservation

Natural Resources and Northern Development advises that conservation officers are continuing enforcement to protect Manitoba's natural resources through a variety of enforcement activities across the province.

On Jan. 8, a conservation officer and a park patrol officer were at Lockport conducting fisheries checks on the Red River when officers observed a pop-up fishing tent. Officers entered the tent and observed a male and a female fishing. Officers determined that neither person had a valid fishing licence. The male was issued a \$298 ticket for angling without a licence while the female was given a warning. Officers later observed the same male, who was suspended from driving, drive a vehicle off the ice. They initiated a traffic stop and issued the male a \$672 ticket under the Highway Traffic Act for driving while disqualified and his truck was seized and impounded for 30 days.

On Jan. 25, Swan River conservation officers located a moose kill site along Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 77 west of Barrows. The moose was killed within a moose conservation closure area (in Game Hunting Area 13) along the north side of the Porcupine Mountain Provincial Forest. Evidence collected at the scene led investigators to a residence in Cross Lake. The Manitoba Conservation Officer Service and RCMP executed a search warrant and a 32-year-old male was issued a Fish and Wildlife Restitution Notice for \$6,000 and a notice to appear in Swan River provincial court in May.

The Manitoba Conservation Officer Service is investigating two other moose kills within the moose conservation closure area along the Porcupine Mountain Provincial Forest in January and February. Anyone with information about illegal moose hunting is encouraged to contact the Conservation Officer Service at 204-734-3429 or the TIP Line at 1-800-782-0076.

On Feb. 4, conservation officers from the Winnipeg District conducted an inspection of a Winnipeg restaurant to ensure its fish was acquired from legal sources. Officers entered the restaurant and began inspecting coolers, locating 21 whole walleye and one package of fillets. The restaurant owner was unable to provide documentation proving that the fish were lawfully obtained. Further investigation revealed that some fish had been obtained from a licensed angler, who does not have the authority to sell, trade or barter fish caught under the authority of that licence. All the fish were seized and the restaurant owner received a \$577 ticket for exceeding the fish possession of the fish and nets and determined that approximately quota.

On Feb. 7, conservation officers from the Riverton area were conducting a commercial fishing compliance patrol on Lake Winnipeg near Hecla Village when a gang of unmarked nets was located. Officers inspected the nets, and one net was found to have a mesh size larger than allowable by the Fisheries Act. Through an investigation, a suspect who is a commercial fisher was identified. Charges for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a licence under the Fisheries Act (Manitoba) as well as using an improperly marked gill net under Fishing Licensing Regulation are pending, totaling \$1,158 in fines. If convicted, the fisher will face a one-year suspension of his commercial fishing licence.

On Feb. 14, conservation officers from the Riverton District and Fisheries Branch staff conducted a compliance patrol off Black Island and Hollow Water area. During the patrol, officers and staff observed three males pulling commercial fishing nets and observed a large amount of walleye and whitefish left on the ice around the recent basin holes that they fished. Officers conducted an inspection

Supporting Ukraine

Interlake's Arbora Food and Eriksdale Food stores accepted donations totalling \$1,528.39 during March in support the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine **Humanitarian** Crisis Appeal.

The stores also had Ukrainian flags made up that hung in the store with names of those who donated the cause. Members and guests could donate amount of money.



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80 per cent of the fish were decayed and unfit for human consumption and one illegal mesh net was larger than allowed under the Fisheries Act. Charges are pending, with fines totaling more than \$1,500. The total weight of decayed fish will be deducted from the fisher's annual quota and the fisher faces a possible fishing suspension upon conviction. Anyone with information on illegal activity is asked to call their local Natural Resources and Northern Development office or the Turn in Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800-782-0076.



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Arborg, other communities, team up to bring Ukrainian refugees to Manitoba

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg and other communities have come together to support a number of Ukrainian families fleeing from Russia's invasion and bombardment of their country.

Several businesses in the Arborg area, partners in Riverton, churches and partners in Niverville and Por-

tage la Prairie in southern Manitoba have formed an ad-hoc coalition to bring dozens of Ukrainian refugees to Manitoba and provide them with housing and jobs.

The coalition is working with Christian Camping International, a world-wide alliance of Christian camping associations.

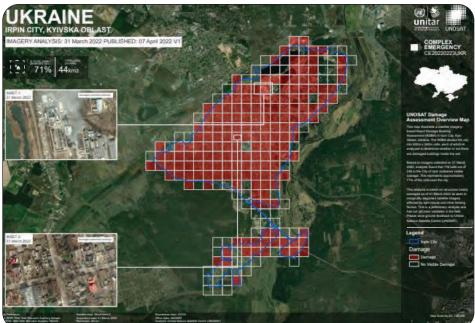
Coalition partners, which include Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions, Diemo Machine Works, Romafa Metal Works and the Arborg Bakery, will be shouldering the cost of supporting the families — including paying for their airfare.

Gerald Huebner is part of the coalition, working closely with a contact he has in Christian Camping International in Ukraine.

"I wanted to do this because there Continued on page 16



PHOTO BY W. J. TOPLEY/LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA/PA-10401 Ukrainian immigrants from Galicia in the Austro-Hungarian Empire arrive in Quebec circa 1911 during the first wave (1891-1914) of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. In the 19th century, 80 per cent of Ukraine was ruled by Russia and the remainder was governed by the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Ukraine became an independent country in 1991 (source: Canadian Encyclopedia).



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UNOSAT Damage Assessment Overview Map - Ukraine, Irpin City, Kyivska Oblast - Imagery Analysis 31 March 2022 Published 07 April 2022 V1. This satellite image — a preliminary analysis not yet validated in the field — shows extensive damages to Irpin, a city just north of Kyiv, where one of the refugee families lived.



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Province boosts support for Manitoba 4-H

After plummeting participation during the CO-VID-19 pandemic, the Manitoba 4-H Council is optimistic members will return.

To help spur interest in the Manitoba-originated organization, the province has committed to a \$900,000 investment in the Manitoba 4-H Council over three years. This builds on the province's \$1 million donation to 4-H Manitoba to provide postsecondary scholarships to current and former 4-H members.

"Leaders invest their time in helping to shape the youth in 4-H," said Derek Johnson, minister of ag-

"There are so many assets that 4-H teaches."

Started in 1913 in Roland, Man., 4-H develops leadership skills, communication and self-confidence through projects and activities. In Manitoba, 4-H offers over 90 hands-on projects focusing on topics like beef, photography and machines.

"We're able to use (the investment) for our project materials, project development, the printing of project manuals," said Shannon Carvey, Manitoba 4-H's executive director.

A portion of the investment will also be set aside for each of the 10 area councils in Manitoba to use for events and projects.

"Those area councils are able to use that funding for activities within their area, like camps and clinics," said Carvey.

Area councils can also distribute the money to



The province donated \$5,000 to the Manitoba 4-H Council to help cover Clover's \$40,000 cost. Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson got to see the cow's complexities inside and out at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

clubs in their area.

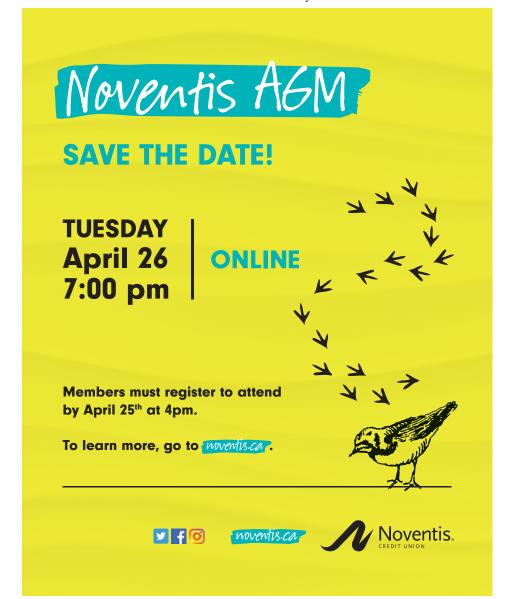
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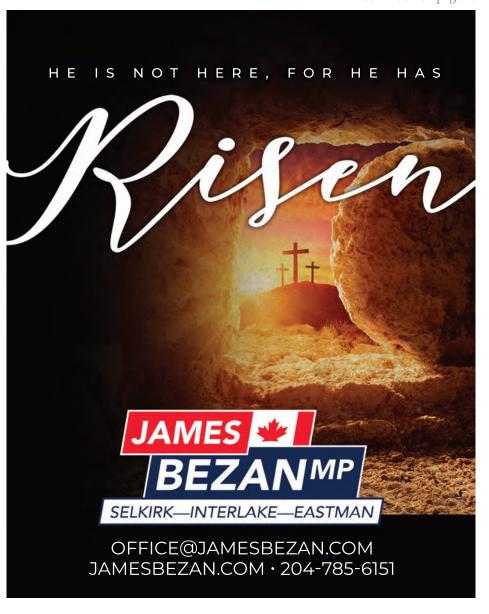


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A life-sized model and simulator of a cow in labour attracted crowds at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair on March 30.

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Nah Yo-dle puts a Low German spin on Wordle

By Ty Dilello

Over the course of the past few months, Wordle has taken the world by storm. Hundreds of millions of people are playing the unique word game every day.

But the question is: have you ever wanted to play a Low German version of Wordle? Well, Jared Falk has got you covered with Nah Yo-dle.

Falk, who is originally from Halbstadt and went to school in nearby Altona, says it all started as an off-the-

"I saw a lot of these Wordle clones popping up and thought, 'Someone should make a Low-German Wordle.' The idea itself is a little ridiculous, though: make a word puzzle game based around an unwritten language? Ha. Who would play that? Well, it turns out myself and Adrian Trimble [the backend developer] found ourselves with some spare time and we both like doing something even if it only makes a couple of people chuckle. So, really, it's a ridiculous idea that we said, 'Let's build it, why not?'"

Trimble, who was behind the coding and app development for this project, actually doesn't speak a word of Low German, even though he lived in Steinbach for a while growing up.

Falk, meanwhile, picked up bits and pieces of the language as a child.

"All the Low German I learned growing up, I learned because I wasn't supposed to," he said. "My parents and grandparents all spoke fluently, but they would speak in 'Plaut' when they didn't want us kids to understand what they were saying. So, of course, you try

hard to learn what you can.

"I don't speak it fluently at all, and it takes me a while to understand what fast speakers are saying. Slowly but surely, I am learning more."

For the initial list of words that a player is trying to guess, Falk sourced suggestions from friends and family for words that might be common for both fluent speakers and people who only grew up around the language to try and make it at least accessible to as many people as possible.

"A lot of times the more common words on the list are words that I and some friends use on a daily basis without really even realizing that it's a Low German word and the people I'm talking to have no idea what schnetje [biscuits] is."

Also, some of the words in the game that the player is trying to guess are actually English words that might be common in Mennonite culture, like "quilt" or "choir."

The reception for Nah Yo-dle has been great so far as the website has been seeing a few thousand people playing every day, which is far more than Falk expected this early on.

"The feedback has been really great so far. We've had a Nah Yo-dle is a Low German version of the lot of people reach out and say how much of a feel-good popular Wordle game. It is the brainchild of thing it is," he said. "It's part game and part nostalgia Halbstadt native Jared Falk. as lots of people are remembering something about their family or an event from their childhood. Or some website also follows up the word of the day people say, 'I use that word all the time.' And some are with a definition and maybe a funny anecsaying 'that's not how you spell that,' which is always dote of the word in context on its Instagram

To play the game, head online to nahyodle.com. The dle).

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Icelandic Festival of Manitoba to select new Fjallkona for 2022 celebration

By Patricia Barrett

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba will be choosing its new Fjallkona for

the 2022 Islendingadagurinn during a Sunday brunch at the Waterfront Centre in a few weeks.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Fjallkona Wanda Josephson Anderson, with maids of honour Willow Josephson (left) and Stephanie Johnson at the 2018 Icelandic Festival of Manitoba.

> 4-H, FROM PG. 13

and is directed on to the grassroots level."

Clubs across the province experienced a decline in memberships because the public health restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted in-person meetings, but Carvey said the numbers are slowly improving.

Jennifer Harmon, leader of Gimli's Minerva 4-H Club, said before the COVID-19 pandemic, the club would attract around 30 to 50 members between six to 21 years old.

"This year, we're at six kids," said Harmon.

"We're just trying to rebuild."

The province also kicked in \$5,000 to help Manitoba 4-H reach their \$40,000 goal to purchase Clover, a life-sized cow that simulates birthing a calf.

The 1.36-metre-tall model has an inflatable calf airbed support system, clear vinyl uterine bag and functional udder with a milk tank. The Hereford Model Dystocia Simu-

lator made by Veterinary Simulator Industries gives trainers a realistic view and process of a cow in labour.

"We have had that purchase of the Dystocia Model in the back of our mind for a while now," said Carvey.

Clover will live at the Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiative Learning Centre as an educational tool.

"We'll be able to host workshops and teach our members under the direction of a veterinarian about calving techniques."

Johnson demonstrated Clover's abilities on March 30 at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon, delivering a calf he has dubbed Leaf.

"There's everything that you would feel when you would reach inside a cow to pull a calf," said Johnson.

"You can place the calf in different scenarios, like if the calf is breached." Johnson said Clover fits Manitoba 4-H's "Learn to Do by Doing" motto perfectly.

"Clover is a very hands-on, powerful teaching tool."

To learn more about Manitoba 4-H clubs, visit 4h.mb.ca.

The Fjallkona means lady or maid of the mountain and is the personification of Iceland as a nation. The tradition of selecting a Fjallkona began in 1924, according to the IFM's website. The Fjallkona is featured at each festival, sitting on an elevated throne with two maids of honour.

The new Fjallkona will replace Anna Stevens, who served during the 2020-

2021 festival season.

The brunch takes place May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the New Iceland Heritage Museum, H.P. Tergesen & Sons store or by calling the IFM at 204-642-7417.

The festival is scheduled to run from July 29 to Aug. 1.

> REFUGEES, FROM PG. 12

are people who need help. Somebody, I don't know who, helped my family come to Canada 98 years ago," said Huebner, whose family roots lie in Ukraine. "We're lining up jobs for the refugees to enable them to support themselves because there isn't a government-funded program that helps finance that. The government provides a three-year visa, work permit and medical coverage. That assistance is very valuable but our assistance will allow the families to become productive here."

Huebner said the coalition is currently in the process of finding housing for the refugees and jobs, which could include positions at the various machine shops in the Arborg area.

And they're looking for others who can "take on a family" and provide meaningful assistance. That could entail paying for airfare, providing housing/rent for about six to eight months, providing household furnishings and jobs.

"Most of these families are coming with little in terms of resources or belongings, so we are usually going to be responsible for virtually all costs to bring them to Manitoba, get them settled and house them as well as arranging jobs," he said. "So far, we have full arrangements in place for three families (flights, housing and jobs) with interest from many others and some finances raised. Although the task looks daunting, I feel with the interest and people in our community we can do this. I'm also working with people in Niverville and Portage to have some of these families go there."

The coalition already settled one Ukrainian refugee family in Steinbach where there was a family connection. It is anticipating the arrival of 11 more families made up of 38 people (23 adults, 10 children and five youth).

The first family is expected to be

ready to travel around April 13.

"I am so encouraged by the response and support so far from our community," said Huebner. "These families have all been displaced from their homes and communities across Ukraine. They come from many of the places we've been seeing through media coverage — Kharkiv, Kherson, Irpin, Bucha, Mykoliav — where horrific things have been reported."

One of the families is from Bucha, said Huebner. Media images showed people shot in the street outside a shelled apartment building where the family used to live.

"The other city that is getting a lot of coverage lately, in addition to Mariupol, is Irpin, a city on the edge of Kyiv. One of our families we have coming from Irpin is a pastor's wife and their two daughters. This is the second time they've been forced to evacuate. They previously lived in the city of Kerch, which is in Crimea. They had to leave their home in 2014 [when Russia invaded Crimea]," said Huebner.

Huebner said they've already made arrangements in Arborg to have the children of the refugees attend school.

"We've been working with the elementary and the high school [Arborg Early Middle School and Arborg Collegiate] to get the kids plugged into school," he said. "The principals have been wonderful in opening the doors."

And Interlake Co-op in Arborg has stepped up with gift cards for food, he said.

The coalition held two meetings this week — one in Arborg and one is Riverton — to see whether others are interested in providing support to the Ukrainian refugees.

"I'm thrilled to be part of a community that can pull together and help people from around the world," said Huebner. "When the community works together, it's easy."

UTI prescribing, smoking cessation and COVID travel tests

By Patricia Barrett

In addition to administering rapid COVID-19 tests to people who need them for travel purposes, Pharmasave Gimli is expanding its services by offering speedy access to antibiotics for urinary tract infections and helping people quit smoking.

Pharmacists at Pharmasave Gimli are now allowed to prescribe antibiotics for female urinary tract infections (UTIs) without the patient having to first visit a doctor. The pharmacy was able to start offering the service on March 7, said pharmacist Melissa Ja-

The hallmark symptoms of a UTI are dysuria, which is a feeling discomfort or pain when peeing, urgency and frequency, she said.

"We have an assessment that takes less than 10 minutes," said Jacobs. "It goes over some red flags, some reason why we wouldn't be able to prescribe antibiotics. For example, if you've had a UTI in the last month, we can't prescribe because that's too soon and we would do a referral. If you have a catheter or renal dysfunction, we can't prescribe. If you're male, we can't prescribe because that's considered a complicated urinary tract infection."

Part of the criteria also stipulates that a female must have had at least one UTI already.

"After they've had one, they know what it is," she said. "This gives women a convenient option to get their UTI treated quickly without having to wait."

Pharmacists will be able to prescribe antibiotics up to three times a year for recurrent UTIs for most females, said Jacobs. The service is available Monday to Friday before 5 p.m.

In addition to antibiotic prescribing for UTIs, pharmacists can now act as a personal coach to help people quit smoking. Pharmasave Gimli is taking part in a new program called Quit Smoking with your Manitoba Pharmacist, which was launched April 1.

"People who are currently using cigarettes — they have to be smoking cigarettes; they can't be vaping or chewing — and have a goal to completely quit would qualify for this program," said Jacobs.

Pharmasave pharmacists will sit down with a patient for an initial assessment to review past quitting attempts and then draw up a plan that would include non-drug interventions and potentially medications. Up to nine follow-up sessions are included in the program.

"It's like a coaching program to help people stay on track. We come up with a plan to give them the best chance of being successful. We also have follow-ups in place to help people along their quitting journey," said Jacobs. "As pharmacists, we're one of the most easily accessible health-care professionals."

Medications include non-prescription products such as nicotine patches, gums and lozenges, she said. The most common prescription product is Champix.

Participants will receive \$100 that goes towards any smoking cessation products required. That will help offset the cost of medications.

Funding for the program is provided by the Manitoba Smoking Cessation Social Impact Bond, a partnership between the provincial government, Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmacists Manitoba. The program compensates pharmacies for the program.

Jacobs said the program will be audited by a third-party auditor to determine how successful it was.

Pharmasave Gimli will continue to provide COVID testing services for the purposes of travel only. Pharmasave pharmacists can administer a rapid test, interpret the results and provide people with a signed letter, said Jacobs.

The province allowed pharmacies to administer COVID tests — either rapid antigen tests or rapid molecular (non-PCR) tests — for travel purposes last year before broadening the scope of the service in November 2021 and allowing pharmacies to administer the test for any reason.

"When those parameters changed, we were allowed to do a test for anyone who wanted one and interpret



EXPRESS PHOTO BY MATTHIEU MEIER

Gimli Pharmasave pharmacist Katie Jantz can now administer rapid COVID-19 tests, along with offering speedy access to antibiotics for urinary tract infections and helping people quit smoking following the passing of Bill 10 to the provincial Pharmaceutical Act last month.

the results for them," said Jacobs. "Although we are allowed to do it for any reason, we are doing the rapid tests exclusively for travel purposes."

The government passed an amendment (Bill 10) to the provincial Pharmaceutical Act last month, exempting pharmacies from accreditation and approval requirements needed for collecting specimens in the context of administering COVID tests. Under the Health Services Insurance Act, labs and medical specimen collection centres have to be accredited and approved.

Jacobs said pharmacists are not required to report the results of rapid tests to the provincial government. Pharmasave's service costs \$50.

She added that she checked with grocery stores in Gimli on the availability of free rapid antigen tests for the public, but the stores have run out. The government had distributed the tests to grocery stores and libraries across the province some time ago. Jacobs is not sure when the province

will replenish supplies.

Grocery stores in Winnipeg, such as some Sobeys outlets, had run out of the free rapid tests.

"I have applied to have Pharmasave Gimli be a site of distribution for free rapid tests for the public, but I haven't heard anything back yet," said Jacobs.

The provincial government began scaling back access to COVID testing early in the new year after omicron cases swamped provincial testing capacity. Last month the government stopped providing daily infection numbers, hospitalizations and other daily statistics, making it difficult for people to judge their risk in the community.

The government is now shutting down all COVID testing sites across the province on April 15. The omicron subvariant, BA.2, is prevalent in Manitoba and driving up infection numbers.

For more information about the services offered by Pharmasave Gimli, call 204-642-5504.

Arborg looking for photographers to take part in exhibit

The Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission is hosting a Photography Exhibit & Showcase on April 22 and 23 at the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre. The exhibit is open to any photographers from the Interlake, whether a beginner, a hobbyist, or a professional. The Recreation Commission is looking to show

off our community's spectacular

sights and people.

'The goal is to highlight all the different types of photography that people can do and enjoy, whether its northern lights, landscapes, family portraits, wedding, etc. Everyone likes to look at pictures," said rec director Tom Chwaliboga.

"We already have a few photogra-

phers who will be bringing their pic- to 4 p.m. with a silver collection at the tures to display; some do it for a living, others just as a hobby."

In addition, photographers can sell their pictures during the weekend and connect with potential custom-

The public can view the pictures on Friday, April 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10 a.m.

door for admission.

The exhibit is free for photographers to attend. Contact Tom Chwaliboga tom.abprc@mymts.net at the Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission for information and to register as a photographer

Manitoba announces award for innovation in mental health and addictions care

Submitted by Manitoba government

The provincial government is calling on Manitobans to nominate individuals and organizations for an opportunity to win a \$5,000 Council of the Federation (COF), Mental Health and Community Wellness Minister Sarah Guillemard announced Friday.

"I look forward to recognizing a deserving individual or organization this summer with this award to highlight the ways they make positive differences in people's lives every day," said Guillemard. "Mental health and addictions are complex issues affecting many Manitobans and every person's experience is unique. The CO-

VID-19 pandemic has brought these issues into greater focus and the COF Award is one opportunity to recognize the incredible work happening here in Manitoba."

The COF Award for Innovation in Mental Health and Addictions Care is a one-time grant to be given in the summer of 2022. The award recognizes innovation and collaboration in the non-governmental, private and academic sectors. Thirteen awards will be presented, one per province and territory valued at \$5,000, to support the initiative and further innovation.

All provinces and territories are implementing their own selection

processes and will choose their own recipients. In Manitoba, a nomination review committee has been established with representatives from the Department of Mental Health and Community Wellness and from Shared Health, the minister noted. The award winners will be announced at the COF summer meeting in July.

Manitoba's mental health and addictions professional community is diverse, Guillemard noted, adding it is hoped nominations will reflect the province's principles of diversity and inclusiveness. Nominations will be evaluated on their innovation as well as on the anticipated success and ben-

efit of the initiative to Manitobans.

The Council of the Federation consists of all 13 provincial and territorial premiers. It enables premiers to work collaboratively, form closer ties, foster constructive relationships among governments and show leadership on important issues that matter to Canadians.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted until May 1. Applicants are encouraged to submit nominations via an online form.

For more information on the award criteria and nomination process, visit www.gov.mb.ca/mh/mh/cof_award.html.



Manitoba Junior Hockey League to host Prospect Camp

From the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League is excited to host the fifth-annual MJHL Prospect Camp July 20-24 in Winnipeg.

The 2022 MJHL Prospect Camp will feature three divisions of players who will be invited to attend the event. Players born in 2004 and 2005 who are currently protected by MJHL teams will feature the Premier division of the camp. Meanwhile, the Draft Prospects division will feature 2006-born players who will have recently gone through the 2022 MJHL Draft (June) identification process by time the

camp begins.

Last but not least, new to the camp will be the U16 Futures division with the top 2007-born players in the province also attending the MJHL Prospect Camp.

The main goal of the camp is to prepare these players on and off the ice for what it takes to be successful in the MJHL and what it takes to advance to NCAA, WHL, USports and eventually to pro or the NHL. The camp activities will emphasize the elements these players need to focus on to transition successfully from elite minor hockey up into junior hockey.

Successful camp events were held in 2020 and 2021 despite limitations and constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, plans are underway to host the first full-scale camp since 2019 providing added excitement and enthusiasm for MJHL organizers.

What's included for each prospect: Three games (full games)

On-ice practice/skills

Off-Ice Testing Combine

Meals provided by Boston Pizza

Player development seminars/presentations

Special guests generally include experienced individuals from NCAA,

WHL, U Sports, AHL, NHL

Opportunity for prospects to showcase themselves to scouts from all levels in attendance

The 2022 MJHL Prospect Camp will be held at Seven Oaks Sportsplex in Winnipeg. Camp invitations will be distributed later this month followed by further announcements of camp rosters, schedules and special guests.

For more news about this event and all MJHL updates, follow @mjhlhockey on social media or keep posted at www.mjhlhockey.ca.

Peguis leads KJHL final 3-1

Staff

The Peguis Juniors are one victory away from winning the Keystone Junior Hockey League championship.

Peguis defeated the NCN Flames 8-6 on Sunday afternoon to take a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven series.

The score was tied at 2-2 after the first period and then the Juniors grabbed a 4-2 lead heading into the third.

Lyle Murdock had a hat trick for the Juniors while Darian Murdock also had a great game with a goal and four assists.

Peguis' other goals were scored by Ayden

Manningway (he also had two assists), Gabriel Beaulieu, Nathaniel Murdock and Marcus Crate.

Albert Sinclair (two), Lavery Melstad (two), Michael Baron and Armando Evans replied for the Flames.

Peguis goaltender Aiden Marchand stopped 31 NCN shots for the win.

The Juniors took a 2-1 series lead with a solid 5-1 win on Saturday evening in Thompson.

Peguis' Dorian Sinclair and Manningway scored first-period goals and then the Juniors' Keelian Levasseur tallied in the second.

Sundance Paul and then Levasseur added power-play goals in the third to put the visitors up 5-0.

NCN's Logan Primrose closed out the scoring with 3:48 remaining in the game.

Marchand made 45 saves for the victory.

The Juniors hosted the Flames this past Tuesday but no score was available.

If necessary, Game 6 will be played in Nelson House on Friday and a series-deciding Game 7 is set for the Peguis Multiplex on Saturday.

Both games would start at 7:30 p.m.



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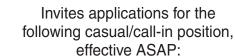
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL & STUDENT POSITIONS

General Skills & Qualifications for all positions

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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 14, 2022.

Kelly Cosgrove, CMMA Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Gimli PO Box 1246, 62 - 2nd Avenue Gimli, MB ROC 1B0 Email: gimli@rmgimli.com Fax: (204) 642-6660

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

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS **PUBLIC HEARING**

REGARDING THE 2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2022 Financial Plan for the Municipality at

> May 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Warren MultiPurpose Building 152 MacDonald Avenue, Warren, MB

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2022 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2022 Operating Budget
- 2) 2022 Capital Budget
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2023), and
- 4) a five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2023-2027)

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2022 Financial Plan. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at finance@ rmwoodlands.ca.

Information and documents concerning the 2022 Financial Plan are available for review by email, mail or fax as of April 19, 2022 at the R.M. of Woodlands Office at 57 Railway Ave., Woodlands, MB

Adam Turner CMMA Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Woodlands

Dated April 1, 2022



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Letter of application, complete with resume, names and phone numbers of three references and other pertinent documentation should be forwarded to:

Evergreen School Division

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We thank all who applied for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Evergreen School Division may contact former employers.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Rural Municipality of Gimli invites written applications for the position of

OPERATOR B

This position will be under the supervision of the Manager of Public Works and Utility Operations. Duties will include utility repairs, operation of tractors, compactor, tandem and single axle trucks, skid steer, sweepers, snow blowers, grass cutting and other related equipment.

Valid Class 3 with air endorsement drivers' license required.

A minimum of two years experience operating and maintaining equipment.

Candidate must be physically fit- able to lift at least 50 lbs.

Excellent communication and organizational skills, and a demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment are required.

The incumbent may be required to work shift work, including weekends, and to be on-call and/or available for any call out emergencies that may arise from time to time.

Previous municipal and or heavy construction (sewer, water and LDS installation) experience will be considered an asset.

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Karl Bergman Public Works Foreman Rural Municipality of Gimli PO Box 1246

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In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST shall be revised at:

The Municipal Office at 62 2nd Ave. in the R.M. of Gimli between May 2, 2022 and September 20, 2022 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm).

At this time an Election Official will be available to update the voters list by: (a) adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on

- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Subsection 21(1)

A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

1) a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on Election Day; and a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to Election Day. OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to Election Day.

VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER: Subsection 22(1)

For municipal elections only, non-resident land-owners are eligible to vote in an election. In order to be eligible, the person must be:

- A Canadian citizen:
- · At least 18 years of age on Election Day;
- · A registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months on Election Day.

A maximum of two non-resident property owners, per property, are permitted to vote in a municipal election. Subsection 22 (2). In order to be included on the Voters List, each of these voters must obtain written consent from a majority of the registered land-owners of the subject property, and file this with the Senior Election Official prior to September 20, 2022. Consent forms can be obtained from the RM of Gimli Municipal Office. When voting, a person may also be required to provide proof of ownership and/or proof of identity.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION: Subsection 34 (3)

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Robert J Potter, CMMA Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) for the R.M. of Gimli P.O. Box 1246 62 2nd Ave. Gimli, MB ROC 1B0

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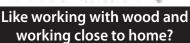
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that candidate registrations will be

For the office of head of council:

Between May 1st, 2022 and September 20th, 2022

For the office of councillor:

Between June 30th, 2022 and September 20th, 2022

at the Rural Municipality of Armstrong office, Box 69, Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0 during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the municipal office at 204-278-3377.

Dated at Inwood, Manitoba on April 4th, 2022.

Ernie Epp Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)



Town of Winnipeg Beach

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BY THE TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH **BY-LAW NO 04/2021 CLOSING AND SALE OF PUBLIC ROAD ALLOWANCE**

Please take notice that The Town of Winnipeg Beach will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing any presentation in objection to or in support of the proposed By-law 04/2021 relating to the Closing and Sale of Public Lane, Block 6, Plan No. 729. The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Winnipeg Beach Municipal Office, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach,

If you require any special Accommodations, please notify the Town Office 15 days in advance of the Public Hearing

In addition, the Council requests that any party who intends to submit as evidence at the hearing any written material or other documents, shall file one copy with the Municipality for public review, at least 10 working days prior to the hearing.

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OBITUARY



Sydney Reimer

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our brother Sydney Reimer of Arborg, MB on April 4, 2022 at Arborg Hospital at the age of 68 years.

Syd was predeceased by his parents, Abe B. Reimer in 1997 and Betty Reimer in 2014.

Remaining to cherish Syd's memory are siblings: Harold (Marlene) of Arborg, Rose (Allan) Dueck of Landmark, MB, Janice (Delmer) Plett of Arborg, Tim (Alvina) of Arborg, Cliff (Lucille) of Morris, MB, Ted (Irene) of Winkler, MB, Bruce (Evalina) of Arborg, Rick (Elaine) of Arborg, Lyndon (Vi) of Arborg; 53 nieces and nephews and their spouses; 32 great nieces and nephews.

Syd was born on February 3, 1954 in Steinbach, MB to Abe B. and Betty Reimer. The family lived in Steinbach until April of 1961, when Syd was seven years old and then moved to Morweena, MB.

Syd attended Elmdale Elementary School, Morweena Elementary School and Hayek Interlake Mennonite Collegiate. Syd excelled in his school work; everything needed to be done to

In Syd's childhood and early adult life in Morweena our family was farming but this occupation gave way to moving buildings and this became Syd's career. When Dad retired, Syd became part owner of Reimer Building Movers, along with brothers Harold and Bruce from 1994 until his death.

Work and travel largely defined Syd's life. In his independence, Syd often traveled alone, but many trips were taken with friends Xay and Vandy Lee and their family. Syd traveled to Laos multiple times, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, China, Germany, Mexico, Belize, Great Britain, coast to coast in Canada, plus multiple destinations in the USA, including Hawaii.

Kindness and generosity also defined Syd's life. Syd loved his community and family and took genuine interest in the many people he met either through work or travel. In his younger years, he played recreational hockey and held the captain position of his team for awhile. He loved to attend local informal events, chatting with neighbors, drinking coffee and eating together. Syd's generosity led him to assist in humanitarian projects and he gave liberally to charitable causes. When there was a need to help our mom in her later years, he was there, respectful and kind. They spent many hours doing picture puzzles and crossword puzzles.

Within the past year, Syd purchased and moved to a property near Poplarfield, MB. On this acreage he was able to enjoy one of his most favorite hobbies, pruning and tidying up trees and

The last five weeks of Syd's life were spent in Arborg Hospital, gradually being forced to yield to the intrusion of a cancerous brain tumor. How like Syd to call the tumor "a flower" - always ready with dry humor! During his illness Syd gave testimony to his faith in Jesus, affirming his readiness to go meet his Creator and Savior. What comfort and assurance!

Viewings and funeral service were held at Crossings Funeral Home in Steinbach and Morweena EMC on April 9 and 10. Crossings Funeral Care was in charge of arrangements and Pastors Eric Isaac and Glenn Plett presided at the funeral service. Thank you to Morweena church, friends and relatives for visits, flowers, prayers and food during these difficult weeks.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Komolafe at Arborg Hospital as well as Dr. Beiko at HSC for their professional care for Syd. Tammy and the nursing staff at Arborg Hospital served Syd with topnotch respect and honor! We thank you sincerely.

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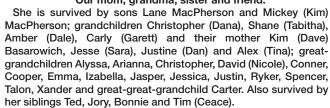
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OBITUARY

Dolores Blanche MacPherson (nee Atkinson) Our mom, grandma, sister and friend.



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lived her life, whatever she pursued, she was all in.

She moved to Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba from Alberta in 1965 with her husband Roy, her two sons and four horses. They bought a piece of property there, and in time, opened up MacPherson's Riding Stables, where she taught kids all about horses and how to ride.

She enjoyed a career in the aerospace industry, becoming a Quality Assurance Inspector at Bristol Aerospace. The product did not leave her department, unless her stamp was on it.

After retirement, she became one of the founding members of the Circle Square Ranch, a camp for kids to come for a week at a time where the kids bunked in chuck wagons. The Lord called her, and she replied. Already divorced, she sold everything and traveled to less

fortunate countries and taught English to the children there for many years. Finally settling down in Gimli, Manitoba, where she joined the art club and volunteered where

ever she was needed. She left us with two panels of her art work on the Gimli pier. A funeral service will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bayview Evangelical Free Church, 8 Colonization Rd., South Gimli, MB.

We would like to thank Shirley and Dave Kowcun, Martha Friesen, her many other friends and the nursing staff at the Lorne Memorial Hospital.

She will be forever loved and deeply mourned.

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY

Albert Joseph Keller

It is with deep sadness we announce the sudden passing of our father, grandfather and great- grandfather, Albert Keller on March 28, 2022 at the age of 75 years.

Albert leaves behind his sons Bradley (Shawn) and Kevin; grandchildren Kaylee, Shayna and Kala and great-grandchild Aaron. Also left are his brothers Richard (Betty), Ken (Jane) and sisters Sylvia (Luc Leclerc) and Mary-Anne, along with sister-in law Carol and brother-in-law, Lynn Greenberg.

Albert was predeceased by his son, Jason; brother Martin; sister Bernice Greenberg and brother-in-law David Bergman.

Cremation has taken place.

Interment to follow at Camp Morton Cemetery.

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