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Bifrost-Riverton, other municipalities prepared for emergencies

National Emergency Preparedness Week
May 4-10 asks Canadians to be ready to respond

By Patricia Barrett

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is keeping an eye on possible climate-related disasters and other emergency situations in the lead up to Canada's Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs May 4-10.

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that's coordinated by Public Safety Canada. It encourages local governments and emergency management personnel to promote the importance of being prepared and serves as a reminder to Canadians to learn how to protect themselves and their homes during emergencies.

This year's theme is "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks." It encourages people to become familiar with risks in their particular region — which could include droughts, extreme heat or cold, floods, landslides, tornadoes or wildfires — learn how to make an emergency plan and what to include in a 72-hour emergency kit.

Manitoba has its own Emergency Management Organization (EMO),

which falls under the umbrella of the provincial government's transportation and infrastructure department. EMO coordinates responses to emergencies and disasters on behalf of the government, working with municipalities and other local authorities and emergency management partners.

For their part, municipalities typically have their own municipal emergency coordinator (MEC), who works with councils and other organizations when a disaster strikes.

Warren Toderan is the MEC for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, the Town of Arborg and the Rural Municipality of Fisher. MECs are volunteers but are paid for training and during emergencies.

Toderan said all three municipalities have emergency plans that are updated each year, and approved by Manitoba EMO through legislation.

With respect to Bifrost-Riverton in particular, Toderan said there have been three emergencies — flooding, a power outage and a snowstorm that



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY EDWARD PENNER

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton was hit by significant flooding in 2022.

shut the area down for an extended period — since he became MEC in 2019.

"Our emergency plan identifies any potential emergencies and has steps for us to deal with them if they occur," said Toderan. "Other potential emergencies are tornadoes, wildfires and chemical spills."

At present, there is risk of an emergency but they're prepared for one.

"Emergencies are, at most times, very unpredictable and can occur at a moment's notice. We are prepared as best we can if one occurs."

Manitoba EMO provides public updates on flooding at this time of the year. Its April 16 Situation Update

shows no significant flooding risk at this time in the Interlake, and no flood alerts, provincial road closures or evacuations in effect.

"Over the past week, spring melt has begun resulting in a variety of impacts across Western Manitoba including ice jamming, road closures and the activation of the Portage Diversion," states the update. "Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) staff continue to inspect and monitor drains, infrastructure and bridges. As snowpack remains intact, staff continue to monitor the Parkland and North regions closely."

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Manitoba government advances paramedicine practice in rural and northern areas

IERHA gets two clinical service leaders with advanced care paramedic training

By Patricia Barrett

After having no opportunity work as advanced care paramedics (ACPs) in rural Manitoba under the previous provincial government, primary care paramedics in rural and northern health regions can now work their way up the career ladder and earn a higher salary in the Interlake and other rural and remote regions of the province.

The Manitoba NDP government is allowing rural paramedics to work at a higher level of paramedical practice after consulting with paramedics and the unions representing them, and taking steps to address the critical shortfall and retention of paramedics in rural regions.

The ACPs, who are referred to as clinical service leaders, come in ad-

dition to the government's efforts to recruit paramedics to rural and northern regions.

In total 14 ACP-trained clinical service leaders are being stationed across seven locations in rural and northern Manitoba. Two clinical service leaders/ACPs are now working in the Interlake-Eastern region — one in Ashern and one in Lac du Bonnet.

Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara said expanding the scope of paramedicine in rural areas with strategically placed ACPs will provide patients with "more definitive pre-hospital" care.

"We're expanding the scope of paramedicine in the province, starting with clinical service leaders stationed in communities throughout rural and northern Manitoba," said Asagwara in an April 9 news release. "The previous government denied paramedics the opportunity to enhance their training outside of Winnipeg. This is one step we're taking to ensure that when there's an emergency, a trained health-care professional can respond

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EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Paramedics attending a call in Winnipeg are shown. Two clinical service leaders/ACPs are now working in the Interlake-Eastern region — one in Ashern and one in Lac du Bonnet. The NDP government is allowing ACPs to work in rural and northern Manitoba.

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RCMP arrest in Fisher Branch leads to cocaine seizure

By Annaliese Meier

A routine arrest by Fisher Branch RCMP has led to a significant drug seizure.

Officers attended a residence on April 15 to arrest a 20-year-old man on outstanding charges. Police say the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident.

While inside the home, Mounties observed a quantity of unstamped tobacco, prompting them to secure the residence and obtain a search warrant.

During the subsequent search, police seized more than 1.4 kilograms of

cocaine, 102 grams of crack cocaine, unstamped tobacco and various drug-related paraphernalia.

Two additional men, aged 46 and 23, were arrested at the scene and later released. They are scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 2 in Peguis First Nation, where they will face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The original suspect, identified as Jordan Sinclair, 20, has been remanded into custody and faces an additional trafficking charge.

Fisher Branch RCMP continue to investigate.



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Seized drugs and contraband were seized by Fisher Branch RCMP during an arrest on April 15 that led to the discovery of more than 1.4 kilograms of cocaine, crack cocaine, unstamped tobacco and drug-related paraphernalia.

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Provincial government inviting Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers to summit in Selkirk

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government is holding a Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers' summit in Selkirk in a few weeks. The summit aims to unite the lake's north and south basin fishers and provide them with an opportunity to share their vision of the future of their fishery.

Natural resources Indigenous futures minister Ian Bushie said in an April 17 news release that the summit will address the long-term viability and success of the province's freshwater fishery.

"It's been many years since commercial fishers have had a seat at the table when it comes to ... deciding how best to advance the future of the freshwater fish sector in Manitoba," said Bushie. "Our goal is to bring commercial fishers into the decision-

making process and have a say in the future of their industry. We hope that fishers from across the province will attend this summit and share their vision of the future."

Bushie said the commercial fishery contributes about \$100 million annually to Manitoba's economy, and the voices of commercial fishers are integral to its success.

"It is imperative that fishers are part of the conversations that involve their industry and livelihoods," said the minister. "We want to make sure this industry grows and prospers, creating rural jobs and vibrant communities for the next 100 years."

The upcoming summit is a continuation of a series of forums that were held last April for people from communities around Lake Winnipeg, says the news release.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A commercial fisher on Lake Winnipeg in 2018.

The summit will be held in Selkirk Email fish@gov.mb.ca to register. (location TBA) on Friday, May 9. To

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on site as quickly as possible."

One clinical service leader/ACP said they'll be able to provide a type of care people would receive in an emergency room.

"This is an exciting time to be a paramedic in rural Manitoba," said Bryan Collier in the news release. "We've seen the needs of the public continue to grow, so having a higher scope of care and the ability to provide the type of care people would receive in an emergency room to our communities is vitally important."

The clinical service leaders/ACPs are the first paramedics under Shared Health to practise at the advanced level. Rural paramedics are Shared Health employees.

In addition to having two clinical service leaders/ACPs in communities in the Interlake-Eastern RHA, the government has placed them in Swan River, Neepawa, Dauphin, Portage la Prairie and Flin Flon.

Clinical service leaders respond to medical emergencies in rapid response vehicles and do not transport patients, said Asagwara. But their advanced training and skills provide people with more definitive pre-hospital care on the scene.

Shared Health, an organization created by the previous provincial Conservative government, oversees rural and northern paramedics and patient transport, among other responsibilities.

Scott Noble, Shared Health's executive director of emergency medical services operations, said the introduction of ACPs in rural Manitoba will provide people in less populated regions of the province with enhanced care.

"The introduction of ACPs in rural Manitoba is a very exciting initiative that provides patients in more remote and less populated parts of the province with enhanced care before they get to a hospital, while helping our emergency response system to be more nimble and responsive at the same time," said Noble in the news release. "Equally im-

portant is that this initiative supports paramedics who have told us about their long-standing desire to practise at this level and to have better opportunities for career advancement."

Other health-care news:

- Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care is offering a spring COVID-19 vaccination program that will run from May 1 to June 30.

"The spring program is timed to provide the best protection to Manitobans at highest risk of serious COVID-19 outcomes during the summer months when COVID-19 circulation may increase," states the health department in an April 16 news release.

The targeted program is being offered to adults 65 years of age and older, Indigenous people 45 years of age and older regardless of their place of residence, adult residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings for seniors, as well as to individuals six months of age and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised due to an underlying condition or treatment.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available free of charge from medical clinics, pharmacies, nursing stations and rural public health offices. For

help locating a vaccine provider, call the provincial call centre at 1-844-626-8222 Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- As of April 7, there have been four probable cases of measles identified in Manitoba, according to the province's website.

In 2025 (as of April 5), Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec have reported a total of 880 measles cases, according to Health Canada.

- Health Canada issued a recall on April 19 for Sweet Cream brand and D. Effe T. brand frozen pastries due to possible salmonella contamination.

There are 10 affected products, which are listed by name, codes and UPC on Health Canada's Alerts and Recalls website.

The products were sold in Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and possibly other provinces and territories.

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Interlake-Eastern Health celebrates hundreds of volunteers during appreciation week

By Lana Meier

Interlake-Eastern Health is recognizing the efforts of 368 volunteers this National Volunteer Appreciation Week, celebrated from April 27 to May 3.

With the theme “Volunteers Make Waves,” the regional health authority is shining a light on the individuals who support health facilities and programs across the region.

“Each of our volunteers contributes to the health care system in their own way,” said Interlake-Eastern RHA CEO Marion Ellis. “People who donate their time, energy and personal resources to help others are inspiring. Volunteers make communities stronger and healthier through the connections they make and the people they help. Together, volunteers generate waves of positive change and we are grateful for all that they do.”

Board chair Michele Polinuk said health care offers many meaningful ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

“If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the community and be of help to patients, residents and staff members, we have many different opportunities available. We thank and applaud each volunteer for their service throughout the year,” she said.

Volunteer opportunities are available in the recreation, palliative care and spiritual care programs, with roles that include friendly visiting, reading, crafts, assisting with meals and transportation, and more. Several health facilities and community partners, such as seniors resource councils, also have specific volunteer openings.

The palliative care program is cur-

rently seeking volunteers for Camp Stepping Stones, an annual grief camp for children held at Camp Arnes. This year’s camp runs from May 30 to June 1. Those interested in volunteering can contact Barb Ramsay, Interlake-Eastern RHA’s volunteer coordinator, at bramsay@ierha.ca or 1-855-494-7369.

The spiritual care program is also hosting its “Spirit of Caring” training course on Wednesdays from April 30 to June 25, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Completion of the training allows individuals to volunteer in spiritual health care. To register, contact Ferdinand Funk, regional spiritual health services coordinator, at 204-461-3414 or ffunk@ierha.ca by April 25.

For more information on how to get involved, visit www.ierha.ca and click on About Us > Community Involvement > Volunteer Opportunities.

letter to the editor

Bill 43 sparks concern over rights, gender language

Bill 43 is set to be passed at lightning speed — a bill that makes using the wrong pronoun a violation of the law.

Bill 43 undermines our civil liberties and holds potentially serious implications for Manitobans who stand on the biological truth that there are only two genders — that a man is a man and a woman is a woman. Un-

der Bill 43, you will lose the right to freedom of speech, to freedom of conscience and to freedom of expression. You will be forced to deny your beliefs, values or religion to satisfy an ideology.

Never before has the Manitoba government dictated which words a person must use, under threat of legal sanction. Regardless of how they

spin it, Bill 43 is compelled speech.

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- Jennifer Friesen, Gretna

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Live music, late nights and lakefront vibes coming to Winnipeg Beach

By Becca Myskiw

A new restaurant is bringing live music and late-night energy to the heart of Winnipeg Beach just in time for summer.

Midnight Annie's Beach Bar and Grill is set to open this May on the town's iconic boardwalk, offering food, drinks and a stage for local talent in the building that once housed Valentino's and Shenanigan's.

Midnight Annie's Beach Bar and Grill will open at 46 Main St., in the building formerly home to Valentino's and most recently Shenanigan's. The revamped space will offer karaoke nights, jam sessions and performances by musicians and bands, aiming to be a gathering spot for locals and visitors alike.

Kim Baryluk, owner of Treble's Beach Bar and Grill, has long eyed the larger location for its potential. When the opportunity came to purchase the building, she jumped at it.

"I'm so excited because it's nice and big," she said, adding that Midnight Annie's will be able to hold 75 more patrons than Treble's. "I've always wanted to bring music into town but that's harder to accomplish with Treble's."

Baryluk's vision for the new venue is rooted in her family history. Her European relatives, many of whom immigrated to Canada during the Great Depression and world wars, were known for their colourful personalities and nicknames — like Great Uncle Mousy and Monkey Mary's daughter.

One story that stuck with Baryluk was about a

woman her grandmother referred to as Midnight Annie.

"I always thought the name sounded exciting," she said.

In her imagination, Midnight Annie became a mermaid-like figure, inspired by Denmark's Little Mermaid statue, perched under the moonlight with a cocktail in hand. That image became both the name and logo of her new venture.

Baryluk is aiming for a May long weekend opening but said there's still plenty of work ahead. She's been deep-cleaning the space and is now turning her attention to renovations and finalizing the menu.

A sample menu shared on social media shows breakfast being served from 7 to 11 a.m., with offerings like pancakes, French toast, potato pancakes, skillet and a classic breakfast. Lunch items include seasonal salads, a club sandwich, fish, chicken or shrimp tacos, and burgers. The working dinner menu — available until 10 p.m. — features dishes such as pan-fried pike, bistro steak frites, chicken souvlaki and marinara linguini. A late-night bites menu and cocktail list are also in the works.

The space will host local performers, open mic and karaoke nights, and open jam sessions. Baryluk plans to hang instruments on the walls for anyone to use, and she intends to keep the restaurant open late to give the community more evening entertainment options.

"I want it to be a really cool place with a great atmosphere," she said, noting she'll be bringing in



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Midnight Annie's, a new live music restaurant, will be opening in Winnipeg Beach this May.

new management and guest chefs on select nights.

Midnight Annie's will also offer senior specials on certain days and will stay open year-round.

Baryluk is confident the new spot will open for the May long weekend. If not, it will be ready in time for the high season.

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Toderan said each of the three municipalities under his aegis have identified in their emergency plans "reception centres" and a "secondary site" where the public can go in the event of a serious emergency.

"As an example, the Town of Arborg would use the Recreation Centre Hall in Arborg. Each emergency plan has identified an Incident Command Centre (IOC)," he said.

In addition to each municipality having an emergency plan, Toderan said they have trained staff and volunteers and they've completed training exercises — mock table top and functional exercises — so that they know what to do during emergencies.

The RM of Gimli also has a dedicated MEC, who is working on a plan to use the Gimli Recreation Centre as a public shelter.

"The emergency coordinator is creating a plan to bring forward for setting up an emergency centre in support of public safety," said the RM's interim assistant chief administrative officer Christine Payne.

In addition to enhancing public

awareness of emergencies, national Emergency Preparedness Week will include an Alert Ready National Public Alerting System message.

Manitoba is participating in the test, which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at 1:55 p.m. The test will occur on television, radio and compatible wireless devices. Test alerts help the public become aware of what an emergency looks and sounds like so that they can be ready in the event of a real emergency.

Manitoba's EMO website has a variety of resources for the public. They include a guide to emergencies and disasters, hazards in Manitoba, funding support for emergencies and disasters, and what emergency supplies to have on hand, including water, non-perishable food, manual can opener, toilet paper and cash.

The federal government's Public Safety Canada website also has information on hazards and guides for Canadians so that they can be prepared for and know what to do in an emergency.

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Access CU reports on another year of steady growth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union reported on a year of growth and fielded questions from concerned members about changes connected to that growth at its annual general meeting last week. The meeting, held virtually April 16, saw board president Curt Letkeman go over some of the highlights of 2024.

“Following two years dedicated to amalgamations — Noventis and Sunova in 2022, and Casera, Carpathia and Amaranth in 2023 — 2024 focused on aligning business processes from the legacy credit unions and building the culture of the new Access,” he said. “This process has been exciting and has opened new opportunities that we all can be excited about — opportunities such as the corporate sponsorship with the Blue Bombers,

support of the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, the Children’s Hospital, Elm Creek Arena and many more.” Letkeman stressed that community-building remains a core focus of the financial institution, and they were honoured for prioritizing that by being named as the Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist for the year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Manitoba. “[It’s] an honour all members can be proud of,” he said.

On the business front, Access CU continues to strive to offer competitive rates and services, Letkeman said, delivered by dedicated staff members. “We’re proud of our employees who greet you with a smile and are happy to serve our more than 200,000 members across Manitoba.”

Looking to the future, Letkeman acknowledged the uncertainty looming from the effects of tariffs, global conflicts and cyber threats. “Spending on technology is becoming more crucial and expensive,” he noted. “In fact, in 2023 one of the big five banks spent roughly \$725 million just on AI research alone. These costs are going to continue to increase, making it difficult for smaller financial institutions to compete.”

Manitoba’s credit union network has seen an increasing number of amalgamations in recent years — there are just 15 credit unions right now, down from 70 a few years ago — and it’s expected more mergers are on the horizon.

“We expect amalgamations both provincially and nationally to continue,” Letkeman said. “As we move ahead, know that your board’s focus is on providing our members with excellent service and creating a credit union we can all be proud of.”

In his report, retiring president and CEO Larry Davey highlighted the organization’s work, post-mergers, on providing a consistent level of service across all its branches as well as on its online and mobile platforms.

“We’re immensely grateful for the patience that all members provided us during that transition and we expect that they will continue to benefit from that work for many years to come,” he said.

Access gave back over \$2.2 million this past year to support a variety of projects and causes in the communities it operates in, Davey shared.

“Whether it was capital investments in hospitals across our area or investing in community centres that enable

a wide demographic of participants, we know that our members hold great value in these initiatives and we are pleased to play a significant role in supporting, promoting and championing these exceptional opportunities.” He also shone a spotlight on their financial literacy program, which reached over 1,200 people in 2024. Access saw strong growth this year, Davey noted.

“We are reaching more Manitobans than ever before, and in building those relationships we continue to see our business expand,” he said, noting they’ve also been working to control expenses and increase efficiencies across their service network. That has included consolidating or closing branches in communities where there are other nearby locations able to service members.

The decision to close the Lowe Farm branch drew questions from members at the meeting, who stressed its value to the community, expressed frustration at the decision to shutter it without consulting members and asked if the board might reconsider.

“The board looks at all branch closures and branch operations,” Letkeman said in response. “The reality is we are operating in a very unique system. When we look at some of our competitors, the largest competitor in Manitoba would probably have three branches, whereas Access has 50-plus.

“We really look to see a lot of things that go into these closures. One of the realities is also traffic. In some of the smaller branches, we run the numbers and in some cases we have fewer than 10 members a day coming into some of these branches, which really makes it challenging to operate.

“And also it provides some security challenges, as we’ve had some unfortunate instances of robberies in the past few years, which has jeopardized the safety of our staff. So these are all things that play into it. Proximity to other branches in the nearby area plays into it.

“Branch closure are something we continue to take seriously,” Letkeman said. “We look at all aspects of it.”

Davey noted their data shows many members living in communities with small branches are already making

regular trips to larger markets for shopping or work. “We don’t take [closures] lightly,” he said, echoing Letkeman, “but at the same time we’re trying to provide the same competitive rates that are put forward by credit unions with much fewer number of branches.” “The reality is ... we have a responsibility to all 200,000 members of Access,” Letkeman said in response to the impact the Lowe Farm closure specifically will have on that community. “When we make a decision, it’s taking the overall organization into account.”

Davey noted Access has reached out to the large account members potentially impacted by this particular closure and have found they are generally understanding of the metrics behind the decision.

“To date, we have not seen any sort of large impact,” he said in response to concerns members may move their business to other financial institutions.

The meeting saw the board announce a combined member rewards payout of \$5.7 million in 2024, paid out to members as a dividend in the form of surplus shares.

Further financials shared include the \$13.4 million in assets Access CU currently has — an increase from \$12.3 million the year before — as well as \$11.5 million in members’ loans, \$11.6 million in deposits and a net income of \$48 million (down slightly from \$49.3 million the year before).

Gross operating expenses came in at \$181.5M, up from \$152.3M the year before. Davey noted the increase reflects the fact the expenses of Casera CU and Carpathia CU were only on the 2023 financial statement for six months of that year, whereas it’s for the full year in 2024.

He noted administrative expenses also increased, owing largely to increases in technology costs and in prices-per-transaction on payments, which were anticipated.

“Technology costs continue to rise, which is again [one of] the benefits of being a larger organization. Allowing us to absorb and spread these costs has really been beneficial to Access,” Letkeman noted.

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NIHM launching exhibit celebrating key moment in New Iceland's 150-year history

By Patricia Barrett

The New Iceland Heritage Museum will be unveiling a captivating exhibit in May that will take people back to 1975 when thousands of visitors descended on Gimli to celebrate 100 years of Icelandic settlement in the New Iceland colony.

The first Icelanders to the colony — which the Canadian government created on land along the southwest shore of Lake Winnipeg — arrived on Willow Island, south of present-day Gimli, on Oct. 21, 1875, during a winter storm. They learned how to survive a harsh Canadian winter with the help of Indigenous people in the area.

The museum is paying tribute to the 1975 celebration, a key moment in time when the settlers' descendants and other people of Icelandic heritage threw a massive celebration in Gimli to mark 100 years of surviving and thriving in the region.

"It's going to be a spectacular exhibit that will focus on our centennial celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of New Iceland," said NIHM executive director Julianna Roberts. "That was a huge celebration. Thousands of people from Iceland came to Gimli and we didn't have enough accommodation in Gimli for everyone. [Resident] Hedy Bjornson was phoning around to get more people billeted because there were so many Icelanders here."

It took a year of research to pull the exhibit together, she said. The gallery space in which it will be displayed is already painted thematic blue with recognizable Icelandic elements, and museum staff will be installing the exhibit this week.

Components of the exhibit will include colourful, expressive 1970s garments, which Roberts obtained from the Winnipeg-based Costume Museum of Canada, television footage from an Icelandic broadcaster that came to Gimli to cover the 1975 event, clothing that was sold by an Icelandic store located in the Eaton's department store in downtown Winnipeg, lava pottery, a wool blanket made specifically for the centennial and family photos.

"One of our favourite photos shows Icelandic women walking in the 1975 celebration parade. There were about 50 or 60 women wearing Icelandic costumes and sunglasses. We're calling them the Cool Ammas," said Roberts.

Although the exhibit's focus is on the 1975 celebration, it will include a panel that looks forward to the future, she said.

The opening of the exhibit will coin-



FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
Playing Vikings at the New Iceland Heritage Museum.

cide with the first day of the Icelandic National League of North America's (INLNA) biennial convention, which the Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society is hosting this year, and it will remain in place until May 2026.

Roberts said she and a team of people put together the exhibit. Winnipeg-based graphic designer Aniko Szabo designed it and Laurie Bertram (curator, historian) and University of Winnipeg associate history professor Ryan Eyford carried out the research.

Eyford, who is the curator of the exhibit, has family ties to the New Iceland area. He moved to Winnipeg Beach with his family when he was a child and went to Gimli High School.

His research interests are western Canada, Indigenous-settler relations, migration and Iceland, has written a number of scholarly papers and a book titled *White Settler Reserve: New Iceland and the Colonization of the Canadian West*.

He said he has helped out with exhibits in the past, but the NIHM project was different in that it entailed a fair amount of research, writing and photo-finding, and it was the "most I've ever done for an exhibit."

In the wider context of the time, the 1975 centennial celebration was more than a significant event celebrating 100 years of Icelandic endeavour in the region. Much like today, with many Canadians concerned about the U.S. tariff war, inflation and job security, people in Gimli in the 1970s were facing a period of economic uncertainty.

"The centennial was a major event in the community's history and it happened at a really critical moment in time. And I thought it was worth re-visiting that time period," said Eyford. "In the immediate years prior to the centennial, the air force base closed. And just before that the fishery had closed for a couple of seasons because of concerns about mercury contamination in the lake. People were really concerned there was no future for the community. Two major economic drivers were in question. One was definitely disappearing and it was unclear what would happen to



ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF NIHM

The NIHM will be launching an exhibit on May 1, telling the story of Gimli's 1975 celebration of 100 years of Icelandic success in New Iceland.

the fishery. This celebration falls within that context in which there was an emphasis on celebrating the Icelandic heritage as part of the identity of the community."

Despite the economic stressors of the time, the 1975 celebration gave rise to economic opportunities that included the birth of Viking Travel. Its founders — Ted and Marjorie Arnason and Stefan and Olla Stefanson — realized there was strong interest among the community to visit Iceland, and they subsequently organized charter flights directly from Winnipeg.

As a history professor, research and writing are part of Eyford's everyday job in addition to teaching. For the NIHM exhibit, he said he pored over newspapers from 1975, including *The Winnipeg Tribune*, *The Winnipeg Free Press* and a local paper called *Lake Centre News* to find coverage of the Gimli celebration.

He also looked for historical material, photographs and film footage in the Archives of Manitoba and in the Icelandic Special Collections at the University of Manitoba.

"For the video component of the exhibit, we'll have excerpts from a documentary that was shot by the Icelandic public broadcaster and footage from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that was shot in 1975 and shown in 1976," he said.

The NIHM had also put out a call to the local community, asking them to lend the museum any memorabilia and/or photos they had from the centennial celebration. Those items are part of the exhibit.

"We couldn't have done this without the local people contributing their photographs and artefacts," said Eyford. "And I and the NIHM are thankful for that and for all the help that everyone has given us in putting this together."

He said he's also grateful that Szabo, whose clients include the Mennonite Heritage Village, could work with

them on the project as she's a "fantastic exhibit designer."

The NIHM's 1975 exhibit opens on Thursday, May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. and includes wine, cheese and refreshments.

Eyford will speak briefly about the genesis of the exhibit and thank everyone who contributed to it.

In addition to having the 1975 exhibit in place for a year, Roberts said the NIHM is organizing a bus tour of the New Iceland area on Sunday, May 4 for people attending the INLNA's convention.

But there are plans to offer additional bus tours of New Iceland for the general public in July, August and perhaps September.

The NIHM is located in the Waterfront Centre on First Avenue. Call 204-642-4001 for more information.

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Gimli council appoints interim assistant chief administrative officer; Airport Working Group created

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council appointed an interim assistant chief administrative officer (ACAO) last month to assist its acting CAO with the overall operation of the municipality after the RM experienced some turnover at the senior management level.

Christine Payne, who was serving as the RM's community engagement manager, replaced assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove, who recently assumed the acting CAO job after former CAO Trilbee Stirling-Kattler resigned after about three months on the job.

Payne said she was appointed on March 31 and that there was no council resolution necessary for the appointment.

Although Payne is no longer listed as the RM's community engagement manager on its administrative staff webpage, she said she will continue to "facilitate" both her community engagement role and the interim ACAO position.

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

At its April 9 regular meeting, council approved the operation of a dog grooming business — Sandy Paws Grooming — at a residence at 13 Holar Cres. in the Sandy Hook subdivision.

The home business will be subject to a number of bylaw rules, including that it not detract from the neighbourhood and be carried on solely by members of the family residing there.

Payne said that in the opinion of council, Sandy Paws won't create a nuisance and not generate undue traffic and parking issues in the neighbourhood.

Information about how councillors voted was unavailable.

Sandy Paws' owner, Brittany Morello, said in a submission to council that she plans to open on Fridays for now but that she'd like her home business to become a full-time occupation once she builds clientele. Once that happens, she'd be operating Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., grooming three to five dogs.

"There will be a minimum 15 minute break between each appointment to ensure the traffic flow is not disturbed," said Morello in her submission. "In the event clients happen to [overlap], we have enough parking for three extra cars in the driveway."

Morello added that some benefits of having her grooming service include having a locally operated service, limiting unnecessary travel to commercial groomers, reducing traffic in other areas, and encouraging "small business growth while preserving the residential environment."



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Gimli airport's runway (background) and decommissioned runway (foreground) are shown in 2016. Members of Gimli council and, specifically, Coun. Andy Damm, who is a retired commercial airline pilot, have been working with the provincial and federal governments to make airport improvements and negotiate funding with the province, which owns the airport.

The RM received two letters of objection to Sandy Paws Grooming.

"Please note I love all animals and have owned dogs a great part of my life. I do believe that if this is approved, there will be no further checking up [or] monitoring if this business increases in size, and/or if there are complaints about more traffic, noise etc., they will not be addressed," wrote one Sandy Hook resident. "I believe that this type of business should be located in the town of Gimli or Winnipeg Beach, not in residential cottage area."

The second objection letter from a couple also noted traffic concerns and the reason why they bought their residence when they relocated from the city.

"We specifically chose this residence because of the quiet location free from flow-through traffic, especially in the wintertime," they wrote. "Any amount of increased traffic due to a business being operated on Holar Crescent will have an absolute detrimental effect on our quiet neighborhood [sic]."

- Council considered an amendment to a medical clinic incentive agreement that it had approved last year at its Nov. 20, 2024, special meeting.

Dr. Adeniyi Adegbesan is building a clinic beside Shoreside GM on PR 231. Dr. Adegbesan had agreed to provide full-time family doctor services until the end of 2029, according to information the *Express* had obtained from the RM in December. Information about the exact amount of the incentive was not provided at that time, but the RM had agreed to cover the cost of bringing water, sewer and electrical services to the building.

"The amended medical center incen-

tive agreement was tabled for further information," said Payne in response to questions about the details of the amendment at council's April 9 meeting. "No vote was taken as it was tabled."

- Council appointed Payne to the RM's Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre Steering Committee.

- Council discussed creating a new entity — the Gimli Airport Working Group — to oversee airport matters, and terms of reference for the group are being drafted.

The resolution to create the new entity states that Gimli's aviation history since the 1940s has "enhanced" the municipality's relationship with both the provincial and federal governments, that the RM has "direct influence over air industry economic and social benefits" and that the operating agreement with the provincial government, which owns the airport, is in a "six-year holdover for renegotiation."

"Airport talks" have occurred with the province since January 2024, and agreements have been made with the federal department of national defence (DND) under the guidance of the province.

But a reduction in an undefined number of municipal staff who are required for renegotiation has "stalled" the process.

"Whereas the reduction in RM staff dedicated to the renegotiation efforts has stalled the process, and whereas potential enhancements to airport activity, aviation clients and the associated regional economic and social benefit spin-offs to the municipality are equally stalled without a new agreement," states the resolution shared by Payne.

"Be it resolved that the Airport Working Group (AWG) led by Councillor Andy Damm, RM Council, and administrative staff, including Brian Renaud, Airport Manager, Kelly Cosgrove, Accountable Executive for CYGM [Gimli Industrial Park Airport], and contract subject matter experts, proceed with negotiations toward an operating agreement with the Province of Manitoba. Relevant steps by the AWG leading to a formal agreement regarding CYGM, are to be vetted and agreed by RM Gimli Council, and administration, if required, be tasked with providing Terms of Reference for the AWG."

- Council reviewed a request from Ukrainian Park for a letter of support regarding a Jubilee and Canadian flag anniversary program.

"A letter of support was requested for the Ukrainian Park by the executive director for a Jubilee and Canadian Flag Anniversary Program," said Payne. "The program aims to provide critical emotional and physical support to the community and refugees, promoting reconciliation and community celebration."

- Council posted its compensation and expenses (cumulative) under its April 9 agenda.

As of March 31, 2025, council's total payroll was \$41,037.51 and its total expenses were \$1,182.35. A breakdown of salary and expenses by councillor is available under the agenda.

- The provincial government's department of transportation and infrastructure said it will be replacing culverts this summer that are part of the Fish Lake Drain, which flows from the west and drains into Lake Winnipeg. Corrugated steel pipe culverts were washed out at McElheran Road, north of Gimli, during a 2022 flooding event.

"Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure ... has completed the design of the proposed replacement structure in order to restore the crossing and re-establish access along McElheran Road in the Rural Municipality of Gimli," states the department in a newsletter the RM posted under its meeting agenda.

The proposed new drainage structure will consist of a triple-cell reinforced concrete box culvert bridge with retaining walls and a water-control drop structure downstream of the bridge to "further control" water flow exiting the channel.

Construction is expected to start in June and be completed between June and September. Earthworks, roadworks and final construction is expected to wrap up in October, according to the newsletter.

Arborg's Access Aquatic Centre offering drop-in swimming lessons and lots of poolside fun

By Patricia Barrett

It's time to break out your swimsuits and sandals and prepare for another season of poolside fun at Arborg's Access Aquatic Centre.

The Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission is getting ready to pull the cover off its outdoor pool, polish the decks and hose down the waterslides.

The pool will be celebrating its 16th season this year when it opens on Saturday, June 7.

It has a plethora of programs for all ages, including a new program in which kids and their parents can simply drop in for swimming lessons.

"Families with young children (under four years of age) may not be able to attend every swim class during the week, so we will offer a few drop-in classes where a parent and child can just drop in for a lesson," said recreation director Tom Chwaliboga. "We will monitor these classes and make changes as necessary. Drop-in classes are just one more way of trying to accommodate families. The children won't receive a pass or fail for the class — it's all about getting children feeling comfortable in the water."

The Access Aquatic Centre provides hours of fun for all ages. It has a pre-school swim area, numerous spray features, three water slides and a 25-metre lane pool.

In addition to the new drop-in swimming classes, the aquatic centre will be offering Aquasize classes in June (at lunch hour) and in July (evening classes), as well as Aqua Zumba classes in July.

The Arborg pool is a major venue for teaching children about water safety and swimming skills. Every year the pool sees about 400 children from across the Interlake enrol in swimming lessons.

"The Interlake is surrounded by two massive lakes and features numerous streams, ditches, ponds and rivers, so being able to swim and having water-safety knowledge is vital for everyone," said Chwaliboga.

Along with swimming lessons, the pool will offer Lifesaving Society courses such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Lifeguard (NLS) Courses. And for those who want to become a swim instructor and earn money this summer, the Swim for Life Instructor course will also be offered.

"We've been very fortunate over the years to have had great staff, but every year we are looking for more as some graduate university and move on to their chosen profession," said Chwaliboga. "To efficiently operate the Aquatic Centre, we require around 10 staff members to instruct and lifeguard. It's a great summer job."

The pool can be rented for celebra-



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Waterslides at Arborg's outdoor pool.

tions such as birthdays, employee appreciation events, family reunions or other occasions. There are time slots throughout the summer for private rentals.

"Private rentals are very popular," said Chwaliboga. "We usually sell out all openings very quickly as people enjoy having the aquatic centre to just themselves."

Online registration for swimming lessons and all the Lifesaving Society programs will start on Thursday, May 1. Visit the Town of Arborg's website to register.

For more information on the Access Aquatic Centre and its programs, email recdirector@townofarborg.com or contact the recreation office at 204-376-5576.

Sunny skies for Easter fun



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Youngsters enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at Whytefold Emporium on Sunday with 8 degrees above average temperatures recorded at 17 C. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in friends and family enjoying the outdoors to news@expressweeklynews.ca

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Sweet smiles for Gimli's Evergreen Basic Needs campaign

Smile Cookies on sale at
Gimli's Tim Hortons from
April 28 to May 4

By Jo-Anne Procter

Evergreen Basic Needs is teaming up with Tim Hortons in Gimli for a sweet fundraising initiative from April 28 to May 4.

The popular Smile Cookie campaign offers a tasty way to support the local non-profit while indulging in a treat. During the week-long event, Tim Hortons restaurants across Canada will sell chocolate chunk cookies decorated with cheerful pink and blue icing smiles.

One hundred per cent of proceeds from each Smile Cookie sold will be donated to local charities in the communities where they're purchased. In Gimli, all funds will go to Evergreen Basic Needs.

The campaign is part of Tim Hortons' national effort to support grassroots organizations. Now in its 25th year, Smile Cookie has raised more than \$150 million for community groups across the country. Last year alone, the campaign generated \$18.8 million nationwide.

New this year is an ooey, gooey chocolate chunk version of the beloved cookie.

Cookies can be purchased individually, or by the half-dozen or dozen.



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Gimli Tim Hortons employees, from left, Vlad, Asher and Shannon are gearing up to decorate and serve Smile Cookies from April 28 to May 4, with all proceeds supporting Evergreen Basic Needs.

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Fast and flurrious: Gimli winner loads up on meat

By E Antonio

It was a meat lover's dream come true for Gimli's Nancy Bomberak, who loaded up on \$500 worth of groceries during her 60-second shopping spree.

While a spring snowstorm swept through the region, customers filled the aisles at Gimli Co-op Food Store on March 28 — none faster than Bomberak, who raced through the store with free rein to grab whatever she could. She said time seemed to slow down during the dash, giving her a few extra seconds to stock up at the deli counter.

"We are looking forward to smoking that brisket and enjoying it with our friends," said Bomberak, who had her sights set on the butcher section from the start.

Bomberak was one of nine winners of the Red River Co-op Food Stores' 60-second shopping spree promotion. Each winner had the chance to race through their local store and fill a cart with up to \$500 in products — limited to two of each item.

A regular customer at Gimli Co-op, Bomberak was automatically entered in the draw during Red River Co-op's Membership Days. From Feb. 21 to



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Nancy Bomberak was the winner of Gimli Co-Op Food Store's 60-second shopping spree. She walked away with \$500 worth of meat, all of which she put in her cart in 60 seconds.

March 14, any member who spent over \$150 in-store was entered to win the grand prize, along with other perks like free car washes and discounted gas.

"Given the tough times we're facing, it's important for us to show our gratitude to our loyal members," said Janelle Oyugi, senior director of marketing with Red River Co-op.

When Bomberak received the call that she'd won, she immediately set her sights on the meat department. She spent the next three days preparing — mapping the aisles and creating a detailed list of high-value items to target.

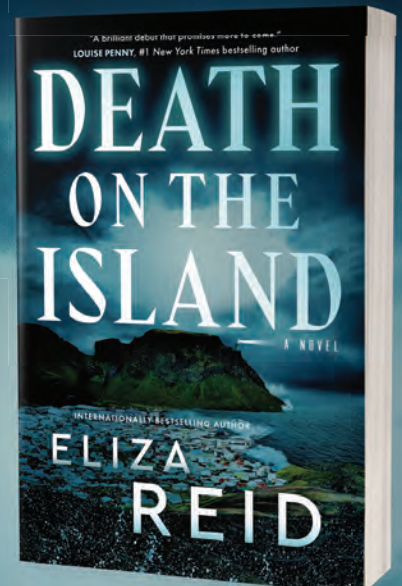
With grocery prices on the rise, she said it was easy to fill her cart with expensive items and ended up collecting \$620 worth of meat. Because of the \$500 limit, she had to put some of it back.

But in a surprise twist mid-spree, she realized she still had 30 seconds left after grabbing everything on her list.

Planning to share her haul, she used the extra time to collect even more meat.

"Two of our sons live away and we want to make sure they can fill their tummies too," she said.

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Correction



In the story "Gimli Chamber honours local business leaders at inaugural gala" in the April 17 edition of the *Express*, an incorrect caption was inadvertently added to a photo that appears on page 13. The incorrect caption says Michael Lazer of the Lakeview Resort accepted the Chamber Champion Award. While it's true that Lazer accepted this award, he is not shown in the photo. The photo caption should say Interlake Brewing owners Graeme Maclean and Kristin MacCary accepted the Tourism & Hospitality Excellence Award. Lazer presented the award to the couple. We apologize for the slip-up.

CHRIS RIDDELL

Chris was born and raised on a farm in the Interlake near Warren. Upon completing his education, he joined the Winnipeg Police Service in 1980.

During that time he worked in several different divisions such as Traffic Division, General Patrol, Vice Division and Community Relations.

He served for several years on the Board of the Winnipeg Police Association in positions of Director, and Treasurer, also as President of the Manitoba Police Association and Manitoba Vice President for the Canadian Police Association.

After retiring from the Police Service, Chris worked in sales—mostly in the agriculture sector in rural Manitoba, including the Interlake.

Chris, a Father, grandfather, and husband, presently lives in the Interlake.

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Phase 2 pre-leasing begins for The Renaissance

By Jennifer McFee

Pre-leasing is now underway for Phase 2 of The Renaissance in Stonewall, with occupancy to begin next fall.

Ventura vice-president Tim Comack describes The Renaissance as an age-friendly building targeting empty-nesters who are looking to downsize into an amenity-rich environment. At the same time, they're able to join an active community of like-minded peers.

"What makes The Renaissance unique is that we have a full-time, live-in Building Ambassador — think caretaker, brand ambassador, plus event planner and curator — who hosts a bunch of exciting events for residents, whether they be seasonal, holidays or monthly gatherings and outings," Comack said.

"These get-togethers ensure that residents don't just live in our building, but rather become part of a vibrant community of their peers. Residents enjoy Thanksgiving dinners together in the main floor amenity room, listen to live music, enjoy barbecues on the outdoor patio, have fun going to

sporting events together, do exercise classes and get involved in a variety of speakers we bring to the building to help them stay connected to the community."

Phase 1 is already complete and has been occupied for many years. The first phase building is home to 33 suites, complete with an indoor community gathering space with kitchen and outdoor patio.

Some other highlights include indoor heated parking, two elevators, quartz countertops and nine-foot ceilings. The suites also feature large balconies, master bedroom ensuites (some with roll-in showers), extra wide corridors and entrance areas, storage spaces for each suite and a garden courtyard out front with seating areas.

Now Phase 2 is about to begin, offering 26 luxury suites — most of which are large two-bedroom, two-bathroom spaces.

The second phase will add indoor garbage and recycling, as well as more indoor parking, indoor bike storage, a three-season games room and an extended patio. There's also a huge fit-

ness centre with an outdoor wellness patio and a new pet park area.

"The pick-up and drop-off area out front is now completely covered, enabling a safe path to vehicles picking up and dropping off residents," Comack added.

Adding to the amenities, the Phase 2 building will offer a top-floor visitors' guest suite that residents can book for family or friends.

"This guest suite will be fully furnished and offer luxury finishes," Comack said. "This is something not offered in any other building in the area."

In addition, Phase 2 features a few bachelor and one-bedroom suites that are designated for "market affordable" rents via Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation requirements.

"This makes living in The Renaissance uniquely affordable for a few lucky residents who might not otherwise be able to afford to live in such a luxurious setting," says Dimitrios Cotsianis, director of property management for Renaissance Property Management Inc.

"The remainder of the suites are well-appointed, luxury-driven suites

with walk-in closets, ensuite bathrooms, comfort height vanities and toilets, quartz counters and large open-concept spaces. These are all very large two-bedroom suites with two bathrooms, which makes this building a little different than Renaissance 1."

All 33 suites are currently occupied in Phase 1, although some suites will be available in the short term and tours of the existing building are being offered for viewings. Pre-leasing opportunities are available for Phase 2, and these much-anticipated suites are already generating a lot of interest in the community and beyond with more than 25 per cent now pre-leased.

"We are now accepting non-refundable deposits on suites, meaning residents can put down \$2,000 and hold a specific suite for themselves at a known all-inclusive rental rate per month," Cotsianis said. "The estimated move-in is late fall 2026."

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New fire trucks for St. Laurent and Winnipeg Beach to bolster rural emergency response

By Annaliese Meier

New fire trucks are coming to St. Laurent and Winnipeg Beach.

The Manitoba government is investing more than \$500,000 to help the two Interlake municipalities upgrade their fire protection services and improve emergency response times, Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard announced Wednesday.

"We want to make sure that our first responders have the equipment they need to protect Manitoba families in communities across the province," said Simard. "We're proud to support municipalities in purchasing new fire

trucks and equipment that will keep you safe."

The Rural Municipality of St. Laurent will receive \$472,500 to purchase a new 2026 fire truck, while the Town of Winnipeg Beach will receive \$40,000 for a specialized fire truck with the capacity to tow its 16-foot boat. The vehicle is expected to enhance response times for water rescues and other water-related emergencies.

Reeve Richard Chartrand said the investment is a major step in improving safety and emergency response in the RM of St. Laurent, especially during the busy summer season when the population more than doubles.

"Our council has been diligently working to make our community safer and a place where ratepayers, as well as visitors, can enjoy," said Chartrand. "A

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New inclusive theatre group rehearsing play written by member

By Becca Myskiw

The B-Inspired Performing Arts Group has a new facility and a brand-new board.

The theatre group first formed last year, performing in a few plays with the A-Spire Players group. This year, they've become their own cast with a new board, and they'll be rehearsing and performing at Minerva Hall. The performing group is completely inclusive and currently has 10 members from the Gimli and Arborg areas.

Alan Bann, board member of the B-Inspired Performing Arts Group, got the idea for an accessible, inclusive group when a bowler on his Special Olympics team asked if there was a theatre group for people with intellectual disabilities. After searching online and not finding a local group like that, Bann decided they could start their own — so they did.

"It's a group for people with intellectual disabilities but anyone can join," he said. "We want our group to be accepting."

Bann said what makes the B-Inspired Performing Arts Group different from other theatre groups is they're able to take the time the cast members need to perform their best. Where other groups may be on a fast-paced, tight schedule, they can slow down and take longer to rehearse.

"There's more training that goes into it," he said. "We have a couple people that can't read so we work with them to read their lines. There's a lot going on behind the scenes."

Bann began writing a play last September that the group is now rehearsing, with the goal of performing it this fall. The play is about a woman with special needs, how she was treated as she grew up, and how that affected her as she got older. It starts in the 1970s, follows her through time, and chronicles her interactions and adventures with her friends in a band.



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The B-Inspired Performing Arts Group is an all-inclusive theatre group, with an emphasis on those with intellectual disabilities.

"We had one lady that talks really soft, and I wanted her to find her voice," said Bann. "The play just came from that."

He said rehearsals have been going well so far, with the group getting better each day. Though they initially planned to perform the play in June, Bann said they kept getting more ideas and decided if they were going to do it, they'd do it right, so they pushed the performance date back.

The B-Inspired Performing Arts Group's new board has seven members, five of whom are part of the upcoming play. Their duties will include registering the group's name, planning fundraisers, managing finances, acquiring lights, sound and other equipment, and more.

"Our group, we just wanted for our people to be able to shine," said Bann. "One gentleman is a natural born actor, and how would he have ever brought that out before? It's just about treating everybody equal."

> FIRE TRUCKS, FROM PG. 14

new fire truck provides a quicker response to various situations including vehicle collisions, grass or brush fires, and structure fires."

Chartrand added the RM's population grows from approximately 1,550 permanent residents to as many as 4,000 during the summer months.

"This investment will go a long way in helping our volunteer fire department keep up with demand," he said. "We've not only applied for this vehicle but have also made improvements to our fire hall, along with purchasing equipment that keeps our firefighters safe and confident in their duties."

Chartrand thanked Premier Wab Kinew and Minister Simard for approving the Manitoba GRO grant application, and noted the RM will continue to listen to community input as it grows.

"The ratepayers have a voice in how we run this municipality, and we continue to listen to their concerns and

comments," he said. "While we may not be able to answer all as quickly as possible, we are working to make St. Laurent a great place to live and visit."

The funding is part of the \$42-million Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunity (GRO) program, which supports critical infrastructure projects in growing and sustainable communities.

In total, the province is contributing \$424.3 million in funding for municipalities and Northern Affairs communities.

Budget 2025 builds on a two per cent increase in municipal funding introduced in 2024, with another two per cent increase in 2025, along with four per cent of the gas tax allocated through the new One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund. More information about the Manitoba GRO program is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro.html.



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Eriksdale trainer proud new owner of elite stock dog

By E Antonio

As Kaelene Forysth sat glued to her computer screen on April 2, she hoped her final bid would be enough. With each passing minute, her heart pounded harder as the stress of the online auction mounted. At 11:07 a.m., the confirmation came through — and with it, a deep sigh of relief.

Forysth had just become the proud new owner of Preseli Jim, a two-year-old working sheepdog from the United Kingdom with a prestigious pedigree and exceptional promise.

“I can’t even begin to describe the emotions I felt when I saw we had won,” said Forysth.

She and her father, Campbell, operate CKF Kennels in Eriksdale, where they raise and train herding dogs to work with sheep and cattle. Their current team includes eight working dogs, and they had been hoping to expand with a top-tier addition.

“A couple of good working dogs are a useful tool on any ranch,” said Forysth. “They can enter thickets of brush to gather cows that you can’t get into on horseback. ... It’s a low-stress way of handling livestock. And just like any farmer would say, the well-being of their livestock is most



important.”

Jim, who comes from a championship bloodline, was the top-selling dog at the CCM Auction — a prestigious livestock and working dog auction based in the U.K. Though Forysth is keeping the final cost private, she emphasized the importance of sourcing puppies from reputable breeders.

Jim is the son of Preseli Jock, a decorated border collie with multiple stock dog titles in the U.K.

“Jock checks all the boxes for us,”



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CKF Kennel owners Kaelene and Campbell Forysth recently welcomed Preseli Jim — a top-selling U.K.-bred border collie from a championship bloodline — into their team of working dogs. Jim will be used to herd livestock and is expected to compete in upcoming stock dog competitions.

Forysth said. “He’s strong, has lots of presence and many titles behind him. He has such a great personality, which is why it’s so important for us to bring Jim into our kennel.”

This was Forysth’s first time bidding in an online auction, and she admitted it was a nerve-racking experience. She had never met Jim in person and relied on extensive communication with his breeder before making the leap.

“We’ve been super impressed with his bloodline, and we’re really excited to bring this breed into Canada,” she said. “There are only a few dogs like Jim here, so we’re looking forward to seeing what he can bring to our program.”

CKF Kennels trains, raises and competes with working dogs in stock dog trials, including time-based and field-

based competitions where dogs are judged on efficiency and handling skills.

Kaelene and Campbell have over 30 years of experience in the stock dog world and are constantly watching for standout pups to join their ranks.

Jim arrived in Canada on April 16 after a nearly nine-hour flight from London to Calgary. From there, he was driven to Manitoba by Forysth’s cousin — finally completing his journey to his new home.

Now Jim is adjusting to life in Eriksdale. Forysth said transitioning to a new handler can be a challenge, especially since Jim’s previous trainer was a British male, but she’s confident he’ll settle in well.

While breeding Jim is a possibility down the road, Forysth said her focus is on continuing to raise high-quality, competitive working dogs.

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Former Icelandic First Lady brings murder mystery to Gimli

By E Antonio

Eliza Reid, the former First Lady of Iceland, will visit Gimli's A-Spire Theatre on May 3 to launch her new novel, *Death on the Island*, a thrilling murder mystery set against the backdrop of Iceland's Westman Islands.

Hosted by H.P. Tergesen & Sons, the book launch begins at 3:30 p.m. and will feature a live reading by Reid, followed by an author chat and book signing.

Released April 29, *Death on the Island* follows the story of two mysterious deaths during a high-stakes diplomatic dinner party in Vestmannaeyjar. As tensions rise among the guests, secrets unravel and suspicions mount in a race to identify the culprit.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Reid moved to Iceland in 2003, later marrying Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, who served as president of Iceland from 2016 to 2024. She began her writing career as a freelance journalist for *Iceland Review* and co-founded the Iceland Writers Retreat in 2014.

"The retreat is to do with my love of the written word," she said, noting that's when her passion for writing truly took off.

Reid's first book, the non-fiction *Secrets of the Sprakkar*, was published in 2022 and helped launch her into the world of creative writing. She credits that success with motivating her to try fiction.

"I told myself if I don't start now, I will probably never do it," she said. "I knew there was a

100 per cent chance it would not be published if I did not try, and that is what really kept me going."

To complete the novel, Reid committed to a regular writing routine and pushed through waves of writer's block. The result is a fast-paced, character-driven mystery filled with Icelandic atmosphere and real-life locations.

"All my characters are made up, but every place I mention is real," said Reid. "I wanted to preserve the Icelandic language by using authentic names and cities."

The novel even includes a subtle nod to Gimli, which Reid visited with her husband.

"I wanted to have a character that had familial connections to Gimli," she said. "It's a fun insider nod to people from the area," adding she was struck by the strong Icelandic heritage in the Interlake.

Drawing from her own experience in the diplomatic world, Reid infused her novel with political intrigue. One of the victims, Kavita Banerjee, is a fictional Canadian deputy ambassador.

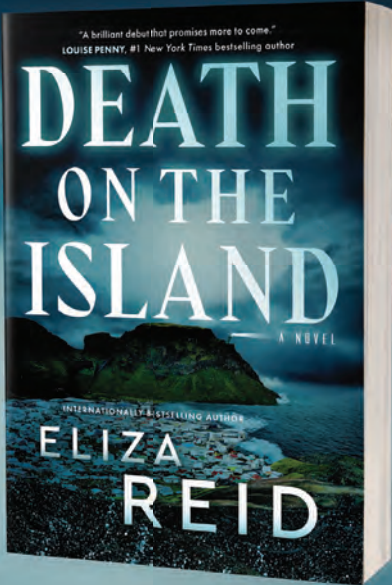

"I admire the work diplomats do and wanted to express that appreciation," said Reid. "It really helped me explore the contents of this book."

A sequel is already in the works, and readers can expect more deaths, new mysteries, and the return of favourite characters.

"It is going to be another page-turning, fun murder mystery to read," she said.

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From Manitoba to Uganda: tractors bring hope

By E Antonio

Fifteen small motorized tractors, two drilling machines and a portable welding unit are on their way from Manitoba to Africa as part of the Riding Tractor Project.

The machines were built by Interlake farmers for test marketing in Uganda and South Sudan and officially shipped out April 14. The tractors were designed using accessible materials so they can continue to be produced in Kampala, Uganda, and sold to farmers across the continent.

Riverton's Brian Dyck, Marquette's Kurt Porteous and Inwood's Cameron Kleinsasser spearheaded the initiative with a shared goal: to help combat hunger in Africa.

Dyck, who has travelled to both Uganda and South Sudan, said he's seen the crisis firsthand. Many farmers still work with hand tools, limiting their production. He first visited Uganda in 2016, spending three months helping farmers develop sustainable practices and trialing prototypes for simple walking tractors. He's since returned to Africa three more times, most recently in 2023 to South Sudan, each time introducing modernized farming equipment into local practices.

During one trip, war broke out and Dyck's 450-acre project was looted, with all the equipment reduced to scrap. But he returned undeterred and began exploring ways to help farmers in the most economical, practical way possible.

"I discovered that in places like India, Bangkok and eastern Asia, people were repurposing motorcycle



A drill press and other equipment are also en route to Africa as part of the shipment.

parts to create their own little tractors, and they were improving their agricultural output," Dyck said.

With support from other farmers, Dyck turned his research into action. Production began in January 2025, with all 15 tractors built at K&E Welding, a shop owned by Porteous in Marquette.

The tractors are powered by 212cc motors from Princess Auto and built from mild steel, including box tubing, angle iron, round shafts and bushing materials. Each machine fits into a four-by-four-by-eight-foot frame and is described as "easy to use" — any simpler and it would no longer be effective. Each tractor took about 70



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Volunteers who helped build the tractors pose at K&E Welding in Marquette, where all the machines were assembled.

hours to assemble and pack.

To fit them all in a 40-tonne shipping container, the tractors were disassembled. That left about five feet of space for other equipment, including a metal lathe, air compressor and various hand tools that will support ongoing production in Uganda.

The container will travel by truck to Winnipeg, then by train to Montreal before crossing the Atlantic. It's expected to arrive in Uganda in early July, where Dyck, Kleinsasser, Porteous and other team members will meet with African farmers to train them on building and maintaining the tractors.

"We don't want these people to be fully dependent on us, so assembly on their part is required," Dyck said. "We made sure these tractors are easy to build and repair, and we'll address long-term maintenance so farmers can keep using them effectively."

Dyck said market interest is already strong, with farmers eager to put the tractors to use.

More than 600 volunteer hours from about 30 builders went into the project. Several Hutterite colonies donated materials and labour, including Keystone Colony, which provided painting services, while others that helped with steel cutting.

The project's send-off was celebrated with a barbecue on April 2 at K&E Welding for volunteers and supporters. Dyck offered words of encouragement and thanks to those who helped bring his long-time vision to life.

As they monitor the shipment's journey, the team is also seeking donations to help cover costs. The Riding Tractor Project has cost more than \$95,000, covering supplies, labour and shipping.

Donations can be made through www.equipcanada.org/donate, with an option to direct funds specifically to Brian and Ruth Dyck's work. To follow the project's progress, Dyck also shares updates through his newsletter at www.appropiate technologies.ca.



Brian Dyck, Kurt Porteous and Cameron Kleinsasser led the Riding Tractor Project, which built and shipped 15 motorized mini-tractors to Uganda and South Sudan.

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McDonald rink, dressage steward Adey-Bagg win Sport Manitoba awards

By Jeremiah Knight

Cam Olafson can point to two moments when he realized his team was playing well beyond its years.

The first came in February 2024, when Team Jordon McDonald — a group of 19- and 20-year-olds still in the junior ranks — made an improbable run at the Manitoba men's curling championship in Stonewall.

McDonald, along with third Dallas Burgess, second Elias Huminicki and Olafson, who throws lead, survived nearly every team in the 30-team modified double-knockout playdowns and pushed tournament favourite Brad Jacobs to the brink before falling in an extra end in the semifinal.

It was the second time that week the young rink had taken the Olympic champion to the limit.

"At the time, you're disappointed because obviously you want to win every game," said Olafson. "And then I was thinking about it leading up to (Thursday), retrospectively — we were literally playing an Olympic champion as a junior team. That's kind of unbelievable, really, especially playing in one of the biggest games of our lives and raising our performance level."

The second moment came in September at the PointsBet Invitational — one of the premier events on the men's and women's curling calendars. Team McDonald had qualified for the bonspiel after winning the U25 NextGen Classic.

"We come out firing," said Olafson. "We won that first game against (world No. 4) Matt Dunstone, then we beat (two-time world champion) Kevin Koe, and again, took (world champion) Brad Gushue to the ropes. That was three of the teams I've been watching since I was a kid — and kind of taking them to the ropes — that was pretty cool."

The rest of the campaign became a season of tremendous growth for Team McDonald, which recorded two wins and seven top-three finishes while climbing to No. 6 in the country and No. 17 in the world.

Last week, the McDonald rink was named Sport Manitoba's Team of the Year. They were recognized for their 2024 season alongside five other recipients: Susan Adey-Bagg of Stonewall, Official of the Year; Raya Surinx of Winnipeg, Athlete of the Year; Carla Wolfenden and Clayton Swanton of Dauphin, Volunteers of the Year; and



Susan Adey-Bagg was named Sport Manitoba's Official of the Year for 2024

Shari Hebert of Winnipeg, Coach of the Year.

"I didn't expect it to go the way that it did. It was a shock — pretty much — that we went as far as we did this year," said Huminicki, a resident of Winnipeg Beach.

Team McDonald also received a \$1,500 award to help cover expenses next season.

While the team hoped to qualify for the playoffs in every event — and nearly did, missing out at just two — Huminicki said his focus was on less tangible goals, like team growth and bonding through the rough patches they expected to hit against seasoned men's teams.

"Most of our goals got surpassed because of all the experiences we had," he said. "Quite frankly, we forgot about our goals because of the crazy events that we didn't even think about at the start of the year. So any goals that we did have set were majorly surpassed just by attending those events."

Team McDonald made its Grand Slam of Curling debut at the WFG Masters in January and reached the playoffs at the Manitoba men's championship. Though they narrowly missed direct qualification for the Olympic trials, they'll compete at the pre-trials this October in Wolfville, N.S.

"One major takeaway I had at the end of this year was we didn't quite understand how young we were compared to our competition," Huminicki said. "The takeaway was that it doesn't matter your age — if you get the experience and do what you want to do in sport, you can get to the big guys. You can meet (Brad) Gushue at



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Team Jordon McDonald, left to right, Jordan McDonald, Dallas Burgess, Elias Huminicki and Cam Olafson, was named Sport Manitoba's Team of the Year for 2024.

PointsBet or something like that at our age.

"If the younger kids are watching us and they believe they can do it, I guarantee you they can. We'll definitely be seeing a lot more younger curlers in the men's circuit in the future."

Meanwhile, Adey-Bagg remained busy in 2024 as an equestrian steward.

She is Manitoba's only senior dressage steward, and one of just eight in Canada to hold that title. As a Level 3 official, she is certified to work Olympic events and chief Five Star competitions.

"It's quite rewarding to be at that level, and there aren't that many of us at that level," she said. "That's the reason I'm in the U.S. so much — they need more officials there, as well."

The Stonewall resident spent much of the year officiating international dressage competitions in places like New York, Florida, California, Kentucky and B.C., often working World Cup qualifiers featuring top horses and riders preparing for the Paris Olympics.

"You get used to packing efficiently from packing so much," she joked.

Adey-Bagg was first approached about stewarding at age 18 and needed little convincing to stay involved. Four decades later, she's one of Canada's most influential voices in the

sport.

A former civilian member of the Winnipeg Police Service's training division, she's used her background to help advance equestrian sport in Canada. She's worked Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) events including the Pan Am Games, World Cups and Olympic qualifiers, and has helped shape national standards through Equestrian Canada and the Manitoba Horse Council.

"For myself, a big part of it was the horses. I absolutely love horses," she said. "And a big part of being a steward is we're there for the welfare of the horse. It was important to me that I was there not just for the (rider), but for the horse."

She also created the internationally recognized Stewards Hub website to support others in her role.

Now a part-time official, Adey-Bagg is receiving recognition both locally and nationally.

"I'd actually heard I'm receiving Equestrian Canada's Official of the Year, which in our sport is really tough to get," she said. "So I was really excited about that. But when I also heard I received it for Manitoba — not that it meant more — but going up against other officials doing basketball, hockey, soccer ... this one meant a lot to me."

Team Anderson repeats as Club Provincial champs

By Kieran Reimer

Gimli's Team Anderson prevailed once again in their return to the 2025 Seagram's Whisky Curling Club Men's Provincial Championship.

The Anderson corner of skip Derrick Anderson, third Justin Hoplock, second Mitch Einarson and lead Chris Sigurdson defeated Team Birchard 7-2 in the final on April 6 at St. Vital Curling Club.

The game lasted only seven ends as Team Anderson pulled ahead by three in the second. After Team Birchard brought the lead back down to two in the fourth, Team Anderson responded with two points in the sixth and one in the seventh to help secure their second provincial club title.

Their first win came in 2023, and they didn't appear in 2024 due to their championship status.

They'll now head back to Winnipeg for the 2025 Canadian Curling Club Championships from Nov. 18 to 23 at Granite Curling Club, last competing at nationals in 2023.

"It was a bit of a surprise," said Derrick Anderson on Thursday. "Even though we've done it before, Manitoba's so hard. Even at these club levels you have to be playing your best to win games and we're excited, we're going to nationals in Winnipeg again, and it was in Winnipeg the previous time we went so no trip for us but now that we've done it once."

Team Anderson's trip to the final

did, however, comes with its fair share of turbulence.

After dropping two of their first three Asham Pool games to Team Lowdon and Team Birchard, they needed to win back-to-back in their last two pool games on April 5 for a shot at a playoff berth.

They came up big in the first of the two, with a late come-from-behind win against Team Friesen that saw Team Anderson score three in the eighth for a 6-5 win.

They then put together a similar act in their Asham Pool finale against Team Lott, scoring one in the seventh and two in the eighth to prevail 6-5 once again.

The two wins brought their record to 3-2 in the tournament and they jumped into second in the Asham Pool to earn a playoff spot.

"Once we started winning on Saturday (April 5) everyone was feeling a lot better," said Anderson. "We just kind of, that third game, everyone struggled a little bit and it went really bad but everyone played to where they could and we made all the shots that we really needed to if we were ever in a little bit of trouble and got ourselves out of it and that kind of just brings the other team down a little bit more to when they think they have a chance and we kind of make one to stop when they're putting any pressure on us."

Team Anderson continued to ride



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Team Anderson celebrates their 7-2 win over Team Birchard to claim the 2025 Seagram's Whisky Curling Club Men's Provincial Championship at St. Vital Curling Club on April 6. From left are Derrick Anderson, Justin Hoplock, Mitch Einarson and Chris Sigurdson.

their momentum through the playoff round, knocking off Team McCullough late in the evening on April 5 by a score of 6-2 and then Team Hyde 7-3 in the semifinal on April 6.

Later that day, they officially capped off their incredible run with the championship win over Team Birchard.

Anderson spoke on the championship game.

"Right from the lead position for our team, we were just kind of outplaying

them and a little bit ahead with rock positioning. They definitely in the fourth end had a chance to kind of put a lot of pressure on us. There was lots of rocks in play and it looked like they were going to get a steal and we were able to make a run back to score two. That kind of was a big swing to get two back after they had just scored, and go back up four points in that game."

Gimli student eyes spot at JV badminton provincials

By Jo-Anne Procter

Gimli's Madison Sokil is aiming to secure a berth at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Junior Varsity Badminton Provincials, set for May 1-3 at École régionale Notre-Dame.

The Grade 10 student recently captured gold in girls singles at her school's junior varsity tournament on April 19, defeating Maples Colle-

giate's Nara Wiwat in the final.

Earlier this month, Sokil also earned a silver medal at the Collège Louis-Riel Badminton Tournament on April 10. She went 5-0 in round-robin play and lost in the third game of the best-of-three final match.

Sokil will compete at MHSAA zones in Gimli on April 23-24, where a strong performance could clinch her ticket to provincials.



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Madison Sokil of Gimli proudly displays her gold medal after winning the girls singles title at her school's junior varsity badminton tournament on April 19.

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Terry McRae remembered as champion curler, true teammate

By Kieran Reimer

One of Petersfield's finest will be remembered not only for his incredible career on the curling ice.

Terry McRae, whose death came suddenly on March 4, 2025, was a five-time provincial champion with multiple national appearances. But more than that, he was a beloved teammate and figure in his community.

In 2020, injuries ended McRae's impressive playing career, but his love for the game and support for his team never stopped.

Up until his passing at 61, the former Team Manitoba member could still be found at the rink, cheering on his former teammates and offering pointers as they pursued a Canadian Senior Curling Championship.

Whether for team events or neighbourly get-togethers, McRae's garage in Petersfield was the place to be — often after a victory from the squad that dominated the Manitoba circuit for so long.

McRae's common-law wife, Lori McEwen, who was also a competitive curler on the women's side, said it was his welcoming spirit that drew everybody in.

As a youngster growing up in Clan-deboye, McRae's sporting career began on the ice — but with a goalie stick in hand rather than a curling stone — as a AA goalie in Selkirk.

McRae's childhood hero was Montreal Canadiens goaltender Ken Dryden. In the 1973-74 season, an 11-year-old McRae had a Dryden-esque year, winning the Most Outstanding Goalie Award with the Selkirk Minor Peewees.

Despite his natural talents, other challenges — such as his slight build, being the youngest of six siblings, travel, and the expenses of hockey equipment, especially as a goaltender — made it difficult to pursue the sport. That ultimately led him to switch to curling.

McRae began curling the following season out of the more affordable Petersfield Curling Club, alongside friends who were also early in their curling careers.

McEwen said the challenge, courtesies, and camaraderie of the game were what attracted McRae to the sport, which kickstarted a lengthy curling career.

"Curling for nearly 50 years, he displayed qualities of sportsmanship, skill, dedication and a friendly spirit worthy of his five provincial championships," said McEwen.

Those championships included three Curl Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial titles from 2018 to 2020, a Manitoba Mixed Championship in 2000 and



In 2018, Team Boehmer featuring Terry McRae, third; Dave Boehmer, skip; Tom Want, second; George Hacking, lead; and Kerry Fedorchuk, fifth, lifted their first Curl Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Championships at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club.

a Legion Championship representing Selkirk Branch #42 in 1989.

Throughout his career, he played on multiple team combinations with friends from the area and respected the game, passing on valuable life lessons to those he coached.

In 2018, Team Boehmer — featuring McRae at third alongside skip Dave Boehmer, second Tom Want, lead George Hacking and fifth Kerry Fedorchuk — captured their first Curl Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Championship at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club.

Though they didn't win nationals, that season marked the beginning of a dominant run for Team Boehmer, which continues to this day.

With a new and capable lineup, the team has remained a top contender in the senior men's ranks.

On March 19, they claimed their fifth Senior Men's Provincial title in the past decade.

The win, however, came with heavy hearts. McRae's passing just two weeks prior to provincials in East St. Paul left a deep void for his family, friends and the curling community.

At the tournament, Team Boehmer — now made up of Boehmer, Hacking, Sean Bracken, Scott Szydluk and Dale Lott — wore patches in honour of Terry McRae.

Hacking said they would rub the patch when in trouble.

"It's really been a hole in our hearts and it felt so good to win because I don't know what we'd have done if we didn't win," said Hacking. "It wouldn't have felt right. We kind of had to win. It's a weird thing to say but we were pretty happy when we did."



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

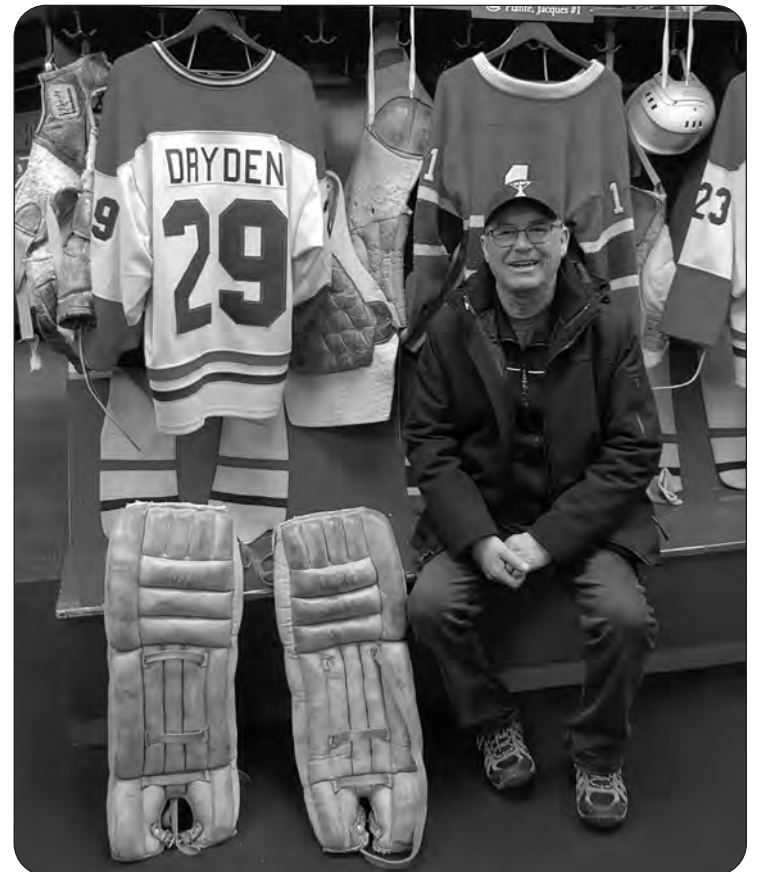
Terry McRae's provincial plaques are displayed in his beloved sports-themed garage. McRae won three Curl Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Championships from 2018 to 2020, a Manitoba Mixed Championship in 2000 and a Legion Championship representing Selkirk #42 Branch in 1989.

Also in attendance for the win was McEwen, who will continue to support the team and reflect on the memories they created together on and off the ice.

With the team bound for nationals in Ottawa in late November, McEwen and more than 40 of the team's supporters are expected to attend.

"Terry would visit the rink often and share stories of past events with a laugh," said McEwen. "For as long as the Boehmer team's competing, he will be watching with great pride and respect for the game that gave him so many lasting friendships and fond memories."

Team Boehmer has sponsorship



Terry McRae at the display of former Montreal Canadiens goaltender Ken Dryden at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in December 2023. Dryden was McRae's childhood hero. In 1973-74, an 11-year-old McRae had a Dryden-esque season as a AA hockey goaltender, winning the Most Outstanding Goalie award with Selkirk Minor Peewee's coached by Tom Waterman.

opportunities available. They will compete in the 2025 Canadian Senior Curling Championships in Ottawa from Nov. 29 to Dec. 6.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Savory Street Tacos

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 1 chuck roast (2-3 pounds)
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can (10 ounces) beef consommé
- 16-20 street taco tortillas
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheese
- 1/4 cup avocado oil
- salsa, for serving
- guacamole, for serving

queso, for serving

Cover chuck roast with taco seasoning then place in slow cooker. Pour beef consommé over roast and cook on low 6 hours to braise.

Heat oven to 425 F.

Use fork to shred roast.

Brush outside of tortillas with avocado oil and fill with meat and shredded cheese. Place in casserole dish and bake 10-15 minutes until tacos reach desired crispiness.

Place on tray and serve with salsa, guacamole and queso.

Tip: Recipe can be doubled for large crowds.



Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 2 carrots
- 2 celery stalks
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups cooked, chopped chicken
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 6 cups broth
- 1 cup orzo
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder

Hot Honey Chicken Rice Crackers and Ranch Dip

1 tablespoon thyme

1 tablespoon sugar

1 cup heavy cream

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

cucumber sandwiches, for serving

Chop carrots and celery. In pot, saute with butter.

In bowl, mix chicken with lemon juice and lemon pepper then set aside.

After carrots and celery are tender, add broth and orzo to pot. Then add garlic powder, onion powder, thyme and sugar. Simmer 10 minutes then add chicken and cream; simmer about 5 minutes.

Add salt and pepper, to taste. Serve with cucumber sandwiches.



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 3 pounds tomatoes
- 1/2 onion (optional)
- 1 garlic bulb (optional)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon mesquite seasoning
- avocado oil
- 1 1/2 cups broth of choice

Roasted Tomato Soup

1 cup heavy whipping cream

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

grilled cheese sandwiches, for serving (optional)

Heat oven to 375 F.

Slice tomatoes. Slice onions and garlic, if desired. Place in baking dish.

Sprinkle garlic powder, onion powder, sugar and mesquite seasoning over tomatoes. Drizzle avocado oil over top and mix well.

Bake about 1 hour. Blend until smooth.

Pour into pot and mix in broth and whipping cream. Bring to simmer and add salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve with grilled cheese sandwiches, if desired.

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

I am now finally retiring at 66 after working all my life in retail, since I was 15 years old. I am looking forward to not working, but I am still worried about not having enough money. My condo is paid for, I don't have any debt, but I also only have \$120,000 in savings. Do you think that is enough?

- Gemma

Dear Gemma – it might be enough. You will now be receiving your OAS and CPP, plus any LIRA/LIF income from company pensions. The fact that you own your condo free and clear and have no consumer debt is also a very good thing. Let's talk about the costs of aging since I know many Canadians may also be wondering if they have saved enough as well.

If we look at the time you will be retired based on a standard life expectancy for a single woman, you would need to plan for about 25 to 30 years (that would make you 91 to age 96). Planning for out-of-pocket expenses must be something you keep in mind as you age. The three most common expenses for seniors today are dental, hearing loss, and vision. I know many will think these are not important, but these are needs that can lead to many other issues if overlooked or ignored. Thankfully the Canadian government has many programs available for their aging population.

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is available for all seniors over 65 and children under 18. Aging is hard on the teeth, and everyone should go to the dentist once a year to ward off tooth decay and oral cancer. Hearing loss as you age doubles your risk of dementia and severe hearing loss makes dementia five times more likely to occur. Almost 50% of Canadians over 75 have significant hearing loss. In Ontario and Alberta seniors are covered for hearing aids and other provinces have different programs, for example, Manitoba seniors receive \$2,000 towards hearing aids – so it's a good idea to check what is available where you live. The days of the obnoxious, oversized hearing aids are now gone. Today you can join in on conversations by using a small, discrete hearing device. Glasses are a fact of life for most seniors and the Canadian government helps out with this expense too. Here is a link for those interested.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/healthy-living/your-health/lifestyles/seniors-aging-vision-care.html>

The key to not running out of



Christine Ibbotson

money for all seniors is to try to find ways to create multiple streams of income and keep your expenses to a minimum. And this should be easy enough to do, since by the time you get to retirement, you really should not be needing to buy the "big-stuff" anymore. The government security benefits will make up one stream of income, but then you will need to find more. This could include a part-time job, having a boarder in your basement, company pension plans, rental income, RRSPs and TFSA's, or annuity strategies. As a single in retirement with a small retirement savings, (less than \$400,000) why not consider a straight-life annuity that protects against longevity risk and will provide a guaranteed income for life.

A solid fixed, straight-life annuity with a good rate of return would be a great option for you Gemma. The annuity will provide you with a guaranteed monthly income for life from your \$120K investment. My worry would be that you might make excessive withdrawals from these savings in retirement for expensive hobbies, travel or just simply increasing your lifestyle, and then find that the funds deteriorate faster than you thought. The annuity will provide you with a life-long income that you can plan your new retirement budget around (along with other incomes: pension, OAS, CPP, etc.). Another tip before you retire would be to also take out a secured line of credit on your condo. I know you don't need it, but having this available in the event of an unseen emergency will make it easier to use some of your home equity if you are short on funds. Good planning and forward thinking will always ensure you live comfortably your way.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, Syndicated National Radio Host, and now on BNN Bloomberg News and CTV News every day in every province. Send your money questions, (answered free) to info@askthemonetlady.ca

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF COLDWELL REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Gravel Hauling Tender

Hauling and depositing of traffic gravel per hour to various roads marked for the annual gravel program.

Must provide:

- A close under load trailer & list of equipment to be used
- letter of Good Standing with WCB
- evidence of liability coverage

Gravel program is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Municipality

Tractor Rental Tender

Quotes for Rental of a 80-100 HP Tractor to be used by Municipality to cut roadsides. Must have a safety light & ROPS and ability for us to install safety screen, 3 PTH and hydraulics. Needed for approx. 200 hrs in June and 200hrs in August.

Trails Maintenance Tender

Tender for grass cutting and minor maintenance (cutting back fallen trees) of the Diane Jacobs Interpretive Walking Trails approx. 3 km (between Lundar Beach and Sugar Point). Must supply own equipment.

Private Equipment Rates

The RM of Coldwell is seeking proposals from qualified bidders for hourly rates on various types of privately-owned equipment for the purpose of establishing pay rates of private equipment for the 2025 works season. Contractors who do not submit pricing may not be considered for Municipal Projects. All contractors who submit pricing must have appropriate insurance. Contractor Rate Form available at lundar.ca (Under Municipal Services) or the Municipal office.

Each tender should be individually marked "Gravel Hauling Tenders", "Tractor Rental", "Trails Maintenance", "Private Equipment Rates". Sealed and clearly marked submissions will be accepted by the undersigned at the Municipality of Coldwell office, located at 35 Main Street, Lundar until 4p.m on May 8, 2025.

The lowest or any hourly rate bid is not necessarily accepted.



MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON Call for Community Representatives on Committees 2025

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is currently seeking community members with interest in being appointed to the following non-profit boards and committees:

Riverton-Bifrost Recreation Programming Committee
Riverton-Bifrost Recreation Facilities Committee

More detailed information on the organizations can be received by emailing info@bifriv.ca. Appointments may not be immediate, but the municipality would also like to keep a database on file of interested parties for future vacancies. Please submit an expression of interest by Friday May 2, 2025 to be considered.



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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF COLDWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the 2025 Financial Plan

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the RM of Coldwell intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year of 2025 at a public hearing in the Lundar Lutheran Church, 16 First Ave.N. Lundar MB on the **25th day of April, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided. Copies of the Financial Plan will be at the hearing for review or Contact the office (204-762-5421) prior to.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2025
Nicole Christensen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer



WE ARE HIRING

Romafa Metal Works, Inc, a growing, internationally-operated enterprise in the Interlake region of Manitoba is looking for a skillful, well-educated, and experienced product developer in the mechanical engineering field with programming skills.

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- Familiarity with European mechanical engineering standards would be very much appreciated.
- Willingness and ability to go along with existing design and production process standards and still having a strategy and constructive suggestions on how to improve and optimize the process step by step.
- As SolidWorks includes an application programming interface, you should be experienced to use it in order to optimize the design and production process.
- Some knowledge in CNC programming would be considered as a plus.
- ERP-system experience would be very useful.
- The average level of English at least IELTS 6.

Other information

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING THE 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Gimli intends to present its Financial Plan for the Fiscal Year 2025 at a Public Hearing to be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building 62 2nd Ave on the 13th day of May 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on the 6th day of May 2025 and may be accessed on the Rural Municipality of Gimli website at www.gimli.ca or at the Municipal Office at 62 2nd Ave, Gimli.

Dated this 16th day of April 2025

Kelly Cosgrove, CMMA
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli



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FISHER

NOTICE OF TENDERS

GRASS CUTTING

The Rural Municipality of Fisher is inviting tenders for grass cutting at:

- 1 - Town of Broad Valley
- 2 - Town of Hodgson
- 3 - Town of Poplarfield
- 4 - RM of Fisher Office,
30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch
- 5 - RM of Fisher Water Plant,
144 Tache Street, Fisher Branch
- 6 - Interlake Forest Centre, PR 17

Please state price per cut in the tender and provide separate tenders for each location.

- Applicant is to supply own equipment and fuel.
- Applicant to be 18 years of age or over.
- Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit sealed envelope marked **"Tender Grass Cutting"** for each location. Deadline for tenders is **4:00 p.m. May 6, 2025**. For further information, call the RM of Fisher office at 204-372-6393. Maps provided upon request.

Submit tenders to: Rural Municipality of Fisher
Box 280, Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

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May 5, 2025 to May 30, 2025,
Monday to Friday,

between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.

Water may be discoloured during this time period.
Please take proper precautions.

If you require further information, please call
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Notice of Public Hearing R.M. of West Interlake

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of West Interlake intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year of 2025 at a Public Hearing in the Ashern Centennial Hall, 325 East, Ashern, MB on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

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

Dated this 10th day of April 2025

Gary Campbell
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of West Interlake

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TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE 2025 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 2025 on:

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 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 2025 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2025 Financial Plan will be available for review on April 25th, 2025 and may be examined by any person on the Town of Arborg's website at www.townofarb.org.com.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2025

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8	5	3	4	9	6	2	1	7
9	6	2	3	1	7	4	5	8
7	1	4	8	2	5	9	6	3
1	9	5	2	4	8	7	3	6
3	4	6	7	5	1	8	9	2
2	8	7	9	6	3	1	4	5
6	7	1	3	9	6	2	4	8
5	2	9	8	7	4	3	1	6
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Sudoku Answer

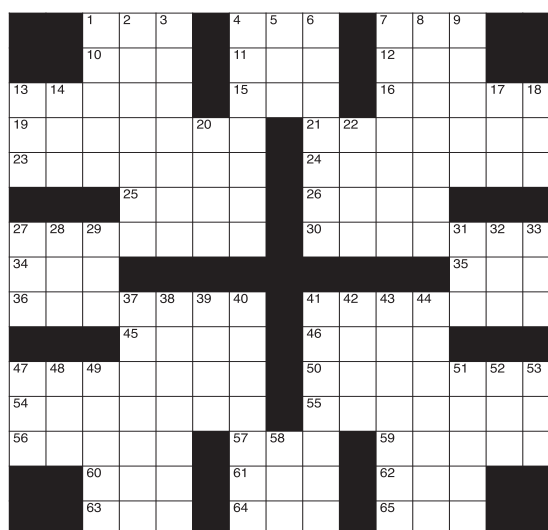
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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- English TV station
- It fuels cars
- Where ships dock (abbr.)
- Indigenous people of Thailand
- Midway between northeast and east
- Small Milky Way constellation
- Fritz __, Austrian chemist
- A Brit's grandmother
- Colombian city
- Visualize
- Charged
- People's assets
- Informative books
- Jeer
- You can do it with your horn
- Agents of your downfall
- Central Uganda city
- Supervises flying
- Type of tree
- Alfalfa
- Dishwasher soap brand
- Hall where military eats
- Ancient Greek City
- Speaks incessantly
- Discuss again
- Extreme greed
- Adopt or support
- Fantasy writer Russell
- Seize
- Early Mesoamerican civilization
- Noted pet detective Ventura
- Automobile
- Georgia rockers
- Color opposite green
- Amount of time
- Attempt



CLUES DOWN

- Sheep sound
- Some can be emotional
- Inflammation of colon lining
- Origins
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Perceived by the senses
- A place to play ball
- Occur before
- Animal body parts
- Thanksgiving dessert
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- 1960s teen idol Bobby
- Promotional materials
- One point east of northeast
- Piers Anthony protagonist
- Popular sports league
- Cologne
- Partner to cheese
- Constrictor snake
- Not good
- Supplement with difficulty
- Hug with fondness
- Enforced again
- Small amount of time (abbr.)
- Substance
- Anterior parts of the brain
- Brews
- Where ships load cargo
- Holiday season singer
- "__ humbug!"
- Monetary unit of Macao
- Popular children's book elephant
- Glutinous
- Function
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

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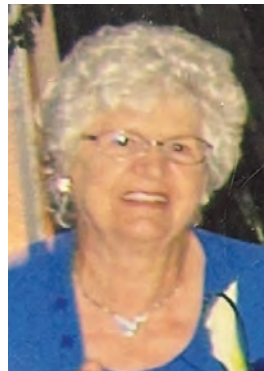
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BIRTHDAY



Happy 13th Birthday Matteo
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OBITUARY



Lucille Theresa Marks (nee Emerich)
May 20, 1930 - April 10, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lucy who was surrounded by the love of her family.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph (2001), her beloved sons Gordon (2013) and Dennis (2019) and siblings Joe, Kay, Mary, Ann, Tony, Margaret, Magdelene and Edward.

She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her children Marilyn, Richard, Gerri, Don, Jason and their spouses; grandchildren Sheri, Darryl, Trevor, Kelly, Kyle, Corrie, Chad, Jennifer, Dustin, Karmyn and their spouses; great-grandchildren Tyler, Samantha, Dorian, Riley, Logan, Devereaux, Grayson, Meadow, Indy, Brody, Blake, Chloe, Rylan, Kayden, Airlea, Sloane and MacKenzie. She is also survived by numerous nieces and

nephews (as the last Auntie in both families) and by her dear friend Rosie.

Lucy will be fondly remembered for her warmth, her kindness and her keen sense of humour. Her legacy of love and compassion will continue to inspire all who knew her and will live on through her treasured children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who all brought her immense joy and pride. She was our matriarch with an unmatched devotion to her family. Her hospitality and love to entertain were legendary - the more the merrier at all times. We cherish the memories of all the family gatherings, both big and small, and all the great foods she created for us to consume over many years. Lucy's other passions included gardening, knitting, card playing, and journaling.

Lucy was a devout Catholic and proud member of The Catholic Women's League for 65 years.

Her Funeral Mass is on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Gimli, MB. Viewing to be held 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Her grandchildren will be her pallbearers. Interment to take place at Berlo Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the staff at Betel Home of Gimli for their compassionate care since 2022.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation of your choosing to either Heart and Stroke Foundation or Berlo Cemetery.

Thank you Mom/Granny for your endless love, support and care. You have enriched our lives beyond what words can express. You will be forever in our hearts.

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THE TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH BY-LAW NO. 01-2025
Being an amendment to the Town of Winnipeg Beach Zoning By-law No. 8-2012, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Winnipeg Beach Council Chambers
29 Robinson Street
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DATE & TIME: May 14, 2025
6:00 pm

APPLICATION: TWB-25-01R

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OBITUARY



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Kenneth Carl Collins
December 22, 1944 – April 15, 2025
To all of our beloved family, friends and acquaintances, Ken Collins says goodbye.

A graveside tribute will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery. We will meet at the Arborg Royal Canadian Legion at 12:30.



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OBITUARY



Susan Lee Holm

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Susan Lee Holm; Mother, Daughter, Sister, Auntie, Niece, Cousin and friend, on April 5, 2025.

A celebration of Sue's life will take place on Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 pm at the Geysir Hall in Geysir MB.

Full obituary to follow



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OBITUARY

William Robert Stewart

It is with sadness we announce the passing of William Robert Stewart who departed this life April 13, 2025 at the age of 84.

Bill was a devoted husband, a loving father and a proud grandfather. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, sense of humor and deep love he had for his family. He is survived by his beloved wife France, his sons Nelson (Jocelyn) Stewart, Ian (Stephanie) Fedyk and stepdaughter Michelle Hill. He also leaves behind three cherished grandchildren Melanie, Brandon and Isabella.

Bill spent his life working with his hands, enjoying the outdoors, and putting his family first. Those who knew him will remember his steady presence, his wisdom and generous heart.

Thank you to the paramedics, and RCMP that went beyond the call of duty. To Andree Parrisien, Drew Johnson, John Kozyra and family for caring and support.

He was cremated and a private service for family will take place at a later date.

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