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Change and growth for credit union

By Lori Penner

Significant change, evolution and growth were the themes of 2022 for Access Credit Union.

Board chair Kevin Beresford delivered a review of the past year at the annual general meeting last week, and he recalled how 2022 started off with membership approval of a merger with Noventis and Sunova credit unions in January.

"We're seeing the core benefits the board covered in their due diligence process — a stronger, more resilient credit union that can give back to the communities it serves, a robust development environment for staff and a continued commitment to great product, services and rates for all members regardless of the way they wish to bank," said Beresford.

He added these benefits led to additional conversations with Amaranth, Casera and Carpathia credit unions later in the year. As a result, memberships from all three credit unions voted to join Access as well.

"In joining with Access, it underscores the necessary work that our legacy directors and credit unions began many years ago in building the foundation of success we see today.

"While these changes have been

impactful on staff and members, the rapidly changing financial services environment requires that credit unions adapt, grow and change at a faster pace than ever before," added Beresford.

"We're all faced with new requirements, new technologies and new demands for members who see convenience of technology, an aggressive rate environment and the importance of local investment as key priorities for their financial institution of choice," he continued. "Access is well positioned to be that institution, and as we continue to grow, we'll focus on serving the needs of those members including expanded in-branch offering and wealth services."

Last year, the board tasked itself with determining the new vision, priorities and values for the amalgamated organization.

"Our refreshed vision aligns with the strategic direction of the board, ensuring the financial well-being of our members and communities is served through the unique strengths of our new credit union," Beresford said.

"We continue to prioritize serving our clients and members with excellence, to invest in a sustainable future



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After a year of growth, Access Credit Union will see its membership increase to more than 194,000 members by July 1, 2023.

for our communities and to empower our staff to their fullest potential. We will achieve these goals through the consistent application of four basic principles: doing good, being better, owning it and moving forward."

Access Credit Union's deposit and loan portfolios grew substantially in

2022 in addition to growth as a result from the Noventis and Sunova mergers. The loan portfolio grew by 85 per cent in 2022, 65 per cent of which was the result of the merger but 20 per cent was a result of the organic

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Arborg RCMP move to Gimli detachment

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg RCMP is moving out of its attachment in the west end of town to Gimli, where a new detachment has been constructed and services will be centralized.

The Town of Arborg advised residents last week that phone lines at the Arborg detachment are not working properly.

“Please be advised that the RCMP Detachment in Arborg has begun to transfer to their new offices in Gimli. Currently, the phone lines in Arborg

are experiencing technical difficulties with not being able to re-direct to the Gimli Detachment,” said the town in a post late last week.

One resident said on a local social media site that the RCMP moving out of town “makes no sense at all” as the area’s population is increasing.

Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck said in a statement to the *Express* that the RCMP worked with the town during the transition period and that policing services will continue to be available.

“The Town of Arborg believes that

the RCMP have worked with us throughout the transition and assured us that the police will continue to be as available and visible as in the past,” said Dueck.

For all non-emergency matters, residents in Arborg and area can call 204-642-5106. For emergencies, dial 911 or call 204-642-5104.



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Every day is Earth Day; Winnipeg Beach students creating mural to respect Earth

By Patricia Barrett

Students at Winnipeg Beach School are in the process of creating a mural to represent the human relationship with the Earth and to spark a conversation about respecting it.

The school typically plans activities around Earth Day (April 22), which promotes the protection of the planet from degradation, but through the Evergreen School Division's K-8 Indigenous educational consultant, Kelly Milne, students are learning the Indigenous perspective and engaging in "ongoing discussions" about Earth, as well as taking part in activities such as Indigenous drumming, songs and teachings that stress the importance of caring for it.

Milne, who is also Winnipeg Beach School's reading recovery and interventions teacher, is working on the mural project with students in Makayla Spicaluk's Grade 3-4 class.

"The kids brainstormed their ideas for creating a mural. Our school does a lot of activities involving caring for the Earth. We talked about a mural that would include our reciprocal relationship with Nimaamaa Aki [my mother the Earth]," said Milne, who is Métis Ikwe [woman]. "They'll be incorporating into the mural what they've learned about medicines and the seven sacred teachings."

The seven sacred Indigenous teachings are guiding principles or values that prescribe cultural practices and respect for all living things. They take the form of animals: eagle (love), buffalo (respect), bear (courage), Saabe (honesty), wolf (humility), beaver (wisdom) and turtle (truth).

Milne said medicines in Indigenous culture are



A Métis sash, sweetgrass, sage and beaded work on birchbark represent Indigenous teachings, including the care and love for Earth.

considered to be more than just sacred plants. They include the air, the water, the animals and everything else that Nimaamaa Aki provides.

"The gifts of medicine are the things that keep us well in terms of mind, body and spirit, or our whole well-being. Medicines don't have to be only from a pharmacy; they can be the clean water we drink or the fresh air and sunshine that help keep us healthy and well. The kids are also learning about the four



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY KELLY MILNE

Kelly Milne's drum and sweetgrass, which she harvested from Peguis First Nation. Sweetgrass is the hair of Mother Earth and a kindness medicine. Milne, who is a member of the local Nibi Ikwewag Drum Group and Evergreen School Division's K-8 Indigenous educational consultant, drums with the students and teaches them the importance of respecting the Earth.

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LSD's 'On the Land' program focuses on Indigenous ways of knowing

By Autumn Fehr

The Lakeshore School Division is making strides for Indigenous education with its "On the Land" program.

In the 2022 school year, the school division adopted a new Indigenous education policy framework, Mamāhtawisiwin: The Wonder We Are Born With. The framework was launched in the spring to expand the Elder and Knowledge Keepers in Schools initiative, with a provincial focus on Indigenous ways of knowing.

In an interview in December with Donald Nikkel, superintendent of HR and policy at the Lakeshore School Division, he said the division had been thinking long and hard about how they would implement that framework in Lakeshore and how they could make it their own.

To start putting their talk into action, last year, they introduced the concept of an On the Land program that would help bring this new frame-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ANDREA NEISER

Lundar kindergarten students tapped maple trees and collected sap.

work to life for their students.

"The land is a place where all of our students can come together to connect and learn. We have a diverse history; almost half of our students identify as Indigenous. Almost all of our stu-

dents have a connection to the land through farming, hunting, trapping or even just spending lots of time outdoors," said Nikkel.

This year, they received a grant through the Teacher Idea Fund to

hire land-based co-ordinators Andrea Neiser and Albert Bruce to help connect students with the area they live in by implementing land-based learn-

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sacred medicines — tobacco, cedar, sweetgrass and sage."

Indigenous teachings help students understand that humans have a relationship with Nimaamaa Aki and that we have a "huge responsibility" to take care of her, she said.

In her work as the Indigenous educational consultant, Milne works with K-8 schools in the division, sharing with them teachings she receives from Indigenous elders and knowledge-keepers, as well as teaching them drum songs she's learned through ceremonies, smudging, how to give a gift of tobacco and how to do beadwork, all of which are part of the cultural connection to Indigenous ancestors and the Earth.

"We do talk about how they can be agents of support, including how to be protectors of water and to show care and responsibility in other areas. I feel they have the knowledge and skills to take care of the space we're borrowing. It's not ours: we're borrowing and sharing it and we must treat her well and honour her gifts," said Milne. "When you look at things through that perspective, it shifts the focus and beliefs that these aren't just objects we can take and use but are something living with a spirit and we have a relationship with them."

Milne said a lot of conversations she has with students begin with her drumming and sharing teachings that go along with it. But it's the students and their teachers that are "extending" that work through activities that promote the stewardship of the Earth. And the students' understanding of the importance of protecting the Earth is ap-

parent as some, for example, recently told Milne they were singing to the water because "it needs healing" from us.

"When I hear of the little ones who've learned the songs and are taking those teachings through to action, that's truly what this is about — to have children be engaged and have that connection. Children are sacred. There's always such a good energy when children are around. Their laughter, love and positivity radiate from them," said Milne, who acknowledges the contributions from knowledge-keepers in helping her pass along teachings to the students.

The students completed their initial draft of the mural last week during a brainstorming day where they drummed, sang songs and discussed different types of medicines and the gifts they bring, she said. They are considering whether it might be possible to display it in a public setting when it's completed.

As a member of the local Nibi Ikwewag Drum Group, Milne will be drumming on Gimli Beach (red dock) on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. to mark the National Day of Aware-

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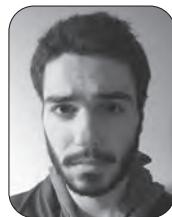
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COVID infections on upswing, 13 deaths; Province says wait times eliminated in certain areas

By Patricia Barrett

COVID infections were on the upswing during the second week of April, according to the provincial government's respiratory surveillance report for the period April 9-15 (reporting Week 15).

There were 172 new COVID infections detected by PCR testing in Week 15. There were 132 new infections reported the previous week. Provincial COVID case data are underestimates of the true number of infections as the government restricts access to PCR testing. Rapid antigen tests aren't tracked.

Forty-six people were hospitalized with COVID in Week 15, including 12 people who required intervention in the intensive care unit. There were 60 new hospitalizations with eight ICU admissions in Week 14.

Numbers are calculated using comparisons of total outcome data between the current and the previous week's report.

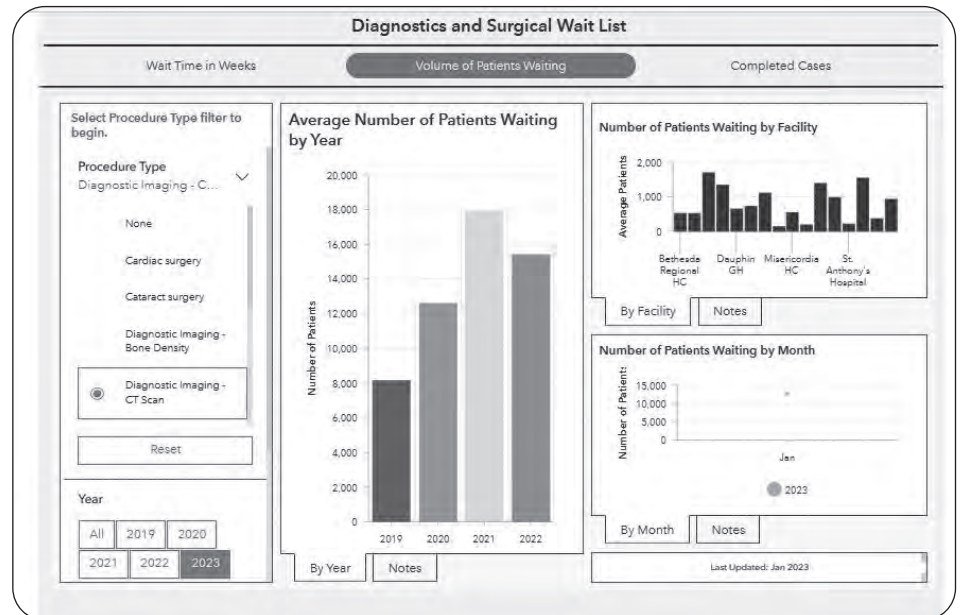
Wastewater surveillance data for Winnipeg and Brandon up to April 11 show sustained COVID activity.

The province reported 13 COVID deaths in Week 15. There were zero deaths reported the week before.

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

There were four new cases of influenza A and seven new cases of influenza B reported in Week 15. There were no new hospitalizations and zero deaths from influenza reported. There were four cases and one case, respectively, reported in Week 14, along with three new hospitalizations and zero deaths.

There were 10 new cases of respira-



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The number of Manitoba patients waiting for a CT scan in 2023 appears to be midway between 10,000 and 15,000 patients, according to the provincial government's online Diagnostics and Surgical Wait List dashboard as of January 2023.

tory syncytial virus (RSV) in Week 15. There were 21 new cases reported the previous week.

OTHER HEALTH NEWS:

- There were over 2.8 million new COVID cases and about 18,000 deaths reported worldwide between March 20 and April 16, according to the World Health Organization in its epidemiological update published April 20.

Increased cases and deaths were reported from the Southeast Asia and Eastern Mediterranean regions, as well as individual countries.

At the country level, the highest numbers of new COVID cases over that 28-day period were reported

from the U.S. (432,798 new cases), the Republic of Korea (286,182 new cases), Russia (259,138 new cases), France (219,428 new cases) and Brazil (212,578 new cases).

The highest numbers of new COVID deaths over that 28-day period were reported from the U.S. (5,559 new deaths), Brazil (1,177 new deaths), Russia (994 new deaths), Germany (813 new deaths) and Iran (754 new deaths).

Globally, there have been over 763 million confirmed COVID cases and over 6.9 million deaths reported since the start of pandemic record-keeping up to April 16 this year.

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Timber the husky was feeling right at home in Winnipeg Beach last week with another four inches of the white fluffy stuff that fell overnight on April 18-19.

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> COVID, FROM PG. 6

- The number of Manitobans needing a CT scan is hovering midway between 10,000 and 15,000 as of January 2023, according to the province's online waiting list for surgeries and diagnostic procedures.

The provincial government said last week that its progress on wait times is now shifting from addressing the backlog to building capacity in the health-care system, and that since 2020, the surgical backlog has been reduced by 32 per cent and the diagnostic backlog reduced 31 per cent.

In late 2021 the province created a task force to address the backlogs.

"The initial focus of the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force was on addressing the immediate needs of patients, reducing wait times, and getting procedures done as soon as possible," said health minister Audrey Gordon in an April 19 news release. "As the task force has now made important strides in reducing and eliminating pandemic-induced

backlogs, it is time to shift the focus to building health-system capacity now and for the future. Today marks a milestone as the task force shifts from prioritizing recovery to emphasizing increased capacity in a stronger, more resilient public health system."

The news release states that "pandemic backlogs" have been "eliminated" for CT scans, ultrasound tests, cataract surgeries, cardiac catheterization lab tests, pacemaker surgeries, pediatric neurodevelopmental assessment, urology tests, orthopedic surgeries (excluding hip, knee and spine surgeries), oral surgery and dentistry, and echocardiography tests.

The provincial opposition NDP said last week Manitoba's health-care system is in "crisis," and that Premier Heather Stefanson spent only six per cent of the \$812 million in health-care funding that was announced in August 2021 by the former premier, according to Manitoba Health data it obtained through a freedom of information request.

"Our healthcare system is in crisis because of the choices Brian Pallister

and Premier Stefanson made," said NDP health critic Uzoma Asagwara in a statement. "Now we're learning that Premier Stefanson won't even invest the funding Brian Pallister promised. Brian Pallister created chaos in healthcare with his cuts. And Premier Stefanson just made it worse."

NDP leader Wab Kinew said the government is responsible for delivering timely high quality care.

"The provincial government's most important responsibility is delivering timely, high quality healthcare to families," said Kinew in a statement. "Premier Stefanson said she'd be different, but she's spending less at the bedside than what Brian Pallister promised. Our team has the solutions to start fixing healthcare and helping families."

- The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is offering a virtual program to help people stop smoking. The classes run on Thursday mornings from May 18 to June 15. To register, call 1-877-979-9355.

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growth, explained president and CEO Larry Davey.

Deposits enjoyed similar success, growing almost 71 per cent — 64 per cent of that was from the mergers and seven per cent was a result of organic growth. Last year also saw a record \$13.5 million in profits returned to members.

The institution continued to support the communities it serves by sponsoring organizations, charities and events that reflect the values of its members, employees and communities. In 2022, Access donated over \$1.5 million to local charitable organizations, and employees raised over \$118,000 for community organizations through the Access Jeans for Charity program.

For the eighth year in a row, Access was also named one of Manitoba's Top 30 employers.

"As our team grows to almost 800 staff across Manitoba, we continue to strive to be employers of choice. Supporting professional and innovative environments, developing staff to achieve their full potential. Each employee contributes to the continued success of Access," said Davey. "Being recognized as a top employer is an important goal of Access, as both the employment market shifts and the demand for specialized knowledge increases.

"By creating an environment that encourages development, facilitates teamwork, inspires innovation and highlights the importance of work-life balance, we are better able to recruit and retain exceptional individuals that serve our members in-branch and online. Our internal teams manage specialized areas within our organization."

Looking ahead to 2023, Davey said they are excited about their upcoming merger effective July 1 with Carpathia and Casera Credit Unions, and their already effective merger with Amaranth. This merger will result in membership increasing to over 194,000, more than 1,000 employees and 61 branch locations.

"Our focus on our members, employees and communities continues through each merger, and we anticipate bringing that effort to the benefit of those organizations and their members as well."

letter to the editor

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A failure of vision

What a snow job. It is well known that if you carefully formulate your questions, you will get the answers and statistical results you want. So it is with the Gimli's recent STR "Survey Monkey." The councillors are looking for answers ... the ones they want, and the questions fit the mould.

Have the councillors forgotten that Gimli has a zoning bylaw (No. 11-0013), the purpose of which is to divide the community into zones, some commercial, some high density residential, some single family residential and so on. Making no distinction between these zones (there are 13 of them) and treating Gimli as a monolithic entity denotes either incompetence or, worse, a cunning plan to get the answers needed to

railroad ahead.

It should be obvious that what might be "good" in some commercial zones and trailer parks, would be "bad" in most residential zones.

For example, what may be good in an SRG Zone (recreation resort general zone), or a CC Zone (commercial central zone) would be a completely disruptive intrusion, and therefore "bad," in an RS Zone (residential single-family zone).

Furthermore, the survey gives no hint of the fact that Gimli's Zoning bylaw already contemplates STRs in its definitions:

"Boarding or Rooming House means a building or portion thereof, other than Multiple Family Dwelling, Hostel, Hotel, Motel or Motor Hotel without individual cooking facilities in each sleeping unit, where lodging or meals are provided usually by the week or month for com-

pensation for two or more lodgers exclusive of the proprietor and his/her family."

In law, such short-term arrangements are regarded as "licensures." They are not rentals at all. They allow use but do not give an interest in land. They are not governed by the Residential Tenancies Act.

Gimli's bylaw currently does not allow such uses as a matter of right in any of its 13 zones. They are not allowed as a "permitted" use even in commercial zones. In all zones, except those in which they are completely prohibited, such a use requires an application for a conditional use, which in turn requires public notice and, if opposed, a hearing.

Gimli has not been enforcing its bylaws and has taken no action to shut down these zoning-violation uses or the "scofflaws" who run them. Scofflaw rooming houses appear to be a

growing industry, and council appears to be encouraging them. Any councillor with a direct or indirect interest in such a non-approved use is in a conflict and should recuse him or herself. Citizens attending any meeting should be required to reveal any property they have operated as an STR without having obtained the appropriate conditional use permit.

If Gimli administrators were to take the trouble to enforce existing bylaws, there would be no need to "monkey around" with this loaded, ridiculous and inept survey. It is appalling to think that anyone in Gimli's municipal government considers, at any level, that degrading residential areas is a viable way of improving commerce. What a failure of vision.

Sincerely,
A.J. MacKenzie, Siglavik

Manitoba welcoming new Canadians

Immigration is a hallmark of a thriving society. It strengthens our social fabric and supports economic growth and prosperity. As a government, we have undertaken a number of initiatives to increase economic immigration, including forming the Manitoba Immigration Advisory Council (IAC), securing more nominations for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) and supporting the extension of work permits by the federal government for former international student graduates and skilled workers.

We formed the IAC to serve as an expert panel to recommend improvements to Manitoba's immigration policies and programs. The IAC met with Manitobans to hear their experiences and held 14 town hall meetings with residents and business owners across the province. It also gathered valuable feedback through a public survey, which emphasized the MPNP should prioritize candidates with skills most in demand in the provincial economy.

As co-chair of the IAC, along with Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, we worked with 20 experts to develop recommendations to help attract more immigrants and business investors to Manitoba, align programs with regional labour market and community economic needs, and improve settlement, integration and foreign credential recognition services for newcomers.

The IAC report contains a number of valuable recommendations. These include increasing the number of immigrants nominated by the MPNP, conducting targeted outreach to specific labour markets, establishing regional hubs to address community labour market needs, recruiting skilled immigrants from other countries, and increasing Manitoba's capacity to process applications from French-speaking countries.

The recommendations are instrumental to our efforts to advance Manitoba's economic prosperity and improve our immigration programs and policies.

I am pleased to note, as a result of our government's advocacy, Manitoba has been successful in securing more MPNP nominations than ever before. In 2023, the province plans to issue up to 9,500 nominations — a 50 per cent increase over 2022, and I expect nomination numbers to increase again in years to come. My team continues to work constructively with our federal partners to ensure Manitoba receives the nomination allocation it requires to support businesses, regional economic needs and the growing labour market.

We also support the federal government's measures to extend work permits for former international student graduates and skilled workers who are invaluable to Manitoba's growing labour market needs. I meet regularly with my federal counterpart to advocate for international student graduates working in Manitoba on a temporary status. Through my advocacy, they now have the opportunity for an 18 months extension on post-graduate work permits, should they decide to remain in Canada beyond the expiration of their initial postgraduate work permit.

Thousands of newcomers settle in Manitoba every year from around the world and the diverse array of knowledge, skills and experiences they bring with them advances our province's economic prosperity and enriches the vibrancy of our communities. The Manitoba government is providing a total of \$7.1 million — \$2 million more than last year — in funding for this important Newcomer Community Integration Support (NCIS) program. These services are critical for helping newcomers transition into their new communities and build a sense of security and stability.

Manitoba needs skilled workers and I will continue to be a strong advocate for the growth of the MPNP. We have a proud history in Manitoba of welcoming newcomers from around the world and, as minister, I am proud to champion this great province as a wonderful place to live, work, build a business and raise a family.

- Jon Reyes
Minister of Labour and
Immigration

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Federal workers in Manitoba hit the picket lines last Wednesday

Staff

Picket lines went up across the country April 19 as more than 155,000 Public Service Alliance of Canada members working for Treasury Board and Canada Revenue Agency began strike action.

The PSAC, the largest federal public-service union in the country, did not reach a tentative agreement with the federal government on April 18, forcing workers to hit the picket lines.

"We truly hoped we wouldn't be forced to take strike action, but we've exhausted every other avenue to reach a fair contract for Canada's federal public service workers," said Chris Aylward, PSAC national president. "Now more than ever, workers need fair wages, good working conditions and inclusive workplaces. And it's clear the only way we'll achieve that is by taking strike action to show the government that workers can't wait."

Picket lines were set up in more than 250 locations across the country, including the Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

The bargaining groups include federal public servants, including Canada Revenue Agency workers.

According to PSAC's website, it has more than 8,000 members in Manitoba.



Employees from the largest federal public-service union were on strike as of April 19. The picket line set up at the south west entrance going into the Stony Mountain Penitentiary was one of more than 250 across the country.

EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The federal workers are seeking fair remote-work arrangements and wage increases, with the union pushing for annual raises of 4.5 per cent over the next three years.

With nearly a third of the entire federal public service workers on strike, Canadians can expect to see slowdowns or a complete shutdown of services nationwide beginning tomorrow, including a complete halt of the tax season; disruptions to employment insurance, immigration and passport applications; interruptions

to supply chains and international trade at ports; and slowdowns at the border with administrative staff on strike.

"As we begin this historic strike, PSAC bargaining teams will remain at the table night and day as they

have been for weeks," Aylward said. "We're ready to reach a fair deal as soon as the government is ready to come to the table with a fair offer."

Negotiations between PSAC and Treasury Board began in June 2021 but reached an impasse in May 2022.

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Staff

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The Matlock Rec Club is hosting a Princess and Superhero Party on Saturday, May 27 from 12 to 3 p.m. for kids to meet their favourite characters in real life.

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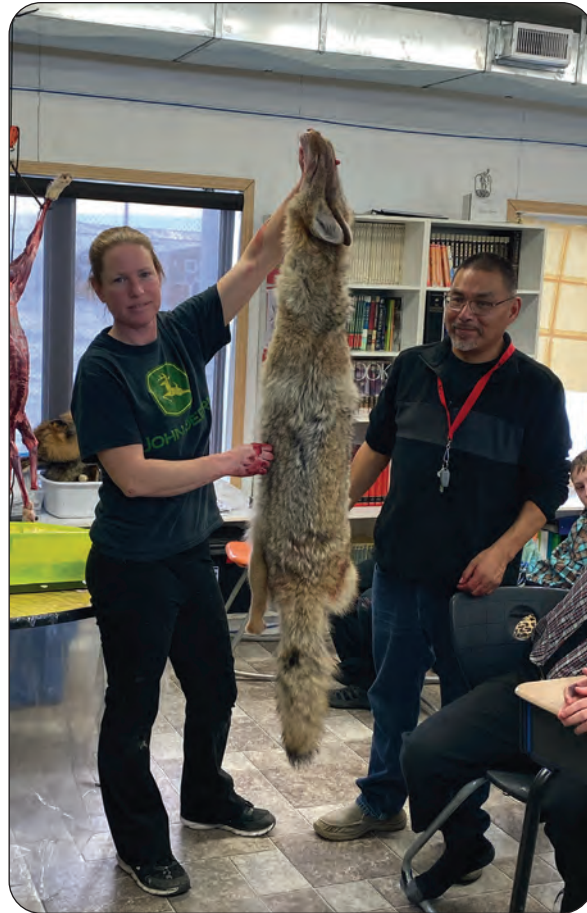
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EXPRESS PHOTO BY ANDREA NEISER

Andrea Neiser's daughter Dakota Fuz caught a perch while ice fishing.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY DEBBIE JENSEN

Andrea Neiser, left, and Albert Bruce skinning a coyote at Broad Valley Colony School.

> ON THE LAND, FROM PG. 5

ing. Since the program officially started in February 2023, it has hit the ground running.

Students from kindergarten to Grade 12 across the entire school division have been learning and interacting with Indigenous culture on the land (on-site or off-site) and in the classroom.

Neiser primarily leads the activities in the division for the 10 different schools. Bruce is based in Ashern and primarily teaches language classes to students there, as he is fluent in Ojibwe. Sometimes he will also accompany Neiser and help her with the activities.

"We want to educate kids more and get more interest in getting them outside and more familiar with the Indigenous culture and background," said Neiser.

Neiser said that since starting the program a few months ago, they have received good feedback from staff, students and parents.

The program has many activities to get the students involved and use Indigenous practices, knowledge and skills.

"It's good to get them outside. It's good to get them in touch with nature, to know basic survival skills, to know the difference between what's edible and what's not. It's a way to enjoy the outdoors and get away from technology and learn something new that's right at their fingertips. They have a great advantage of living in the Interlake because everything is around them," said Neiser.

Some learning students have done so far include tapping maple trees, an introduction to canning, coyote skinning, outdoor cooking, ice fishing and learning Indigenous languages.

This week students will learn how to completely skin a coyote from start to finish, which involves skinning, fleshing and stretching for the fur. At the start of May, Neiser hopes to do a two-day trapping course with the students.

"There are a lot of specific skills that we are covering in this program that are being lost as younger generations get more and more distanced from the land around them. These are skills that our grandparents and ancestors knew: how to tap a maple tree, how to cure a hide or which

plants are edible. Within practising these skills, there are also many lessons to learn, including Indigenous ways of knowing, how to respect the land and each other, humility and wisdom," said Nikkel.

Some other activities students will do later this year are mushroom picking and looking for sheds from elk and deer, and once the ditches thaw out, they will do ditch fishing.

These activities — and the learning and knowledge that come from participating in them — are only the start of learning and embodying Indigenous ways of knowing back into everyday life. But it's a good start.

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Musicians to be honoured at Manitoba Fiddle Association Wall Of Fame Ceremony

Staff

The Manitoba Fiddle Association will be inducting a number of fiddling greats into the Wall of Fame in Carman on Sunday, April 30.

Fiddler/Performer Jason Lepine from Portage la Prairie is one of four musicians being recognized at the Manitoba Fiddle Association Wall of Fame Ceremony.

Lepine is an accomplished musician and entertainer. His expertise on the fiddle has amazed and delighted audiences all around the world. He has travelled far and wide with his performances, thrilling listeners everywhere with his captivating playing.

Also being inducted on Sunday will be builder/promoter Daniel Koulack, accompanist Irene Gamey and fiddler/performer Walter La

Croix, posthumously.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each, and those aged 14 and under are admitted free. Plus, you can enjoy a delicious supper from Chicken Chef for \$11.50.

There will be lots of great old-time fiddle music and dancing to enjoy while supporting this year's inductees. Dancing is from 2 to 9 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. and the induction ceremony will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Wall of Fame, at Carman Community Hall on 60 1st Ave. NW, is a Manitoba Fiddle Association initiative that honours the talent of Manitoba fiddlers and friends of the fiddle. It provides an educational opportunity to learn about fiddle music and its history, as well as view several Manitoban artifacts.



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Jason Lepine is an accomplished musician and entertainer and will be inducted into the Manitoba Fiddle Association Wall of Fame in Carman on April 30.

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Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson pays tribute to platinum jubilee medal recipients

By Patricia Barrett

Interlake-Gimli MLA and agriculture minister Derek Johnson paid tribute to recipients (in his riding) who received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal last year.

Johnson's constituency assistant Tammy Axelsson said medal recipients were invited to the Manitoba legislature by Premier Heather Stefanson for an official presentation ceremony held on Jan. 23 of this year.

"Recipients received their medal and a certificate from the lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, the premier

and MLA Johnson," said Axelsson.

The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal celebrates the 70th anniversary (on Feb. 6, 2022) of the Queen's accession to the throne. There were 1,000 medals distributed to recipients across the province.

Three of the award recipients from the Interlake-Gimli constituency — Pat Eyolfson, Philip Thorkelson and Maxine Ingalls — were unable to attend the medal ceremony, but Johnson plans to hold a ceremony at a future date to honour them, said Axelsson.



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Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson (centre) with residents who received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal earlier this year. Medal recipients are Bill Barlow, Larry Moore, Frances Sigurdson, Marion Furey, Mary Helen Szklaruk and Susan Holfeuer. Missing are Pat Eyolfson, Philip Thorkelson and Maxine Ingalls.

Correction

Staff

The April 20 article "CervixCheck comes to Riverton" contained an incorrect address. The correct address for Riverton Clinic is 68 Main St. NE.

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MANITOBA CANADA'S HEART IS CALLING

Interlake WAVE artists holding festive season launch in Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

Artists that are part of the WAVE Interlake Artists Studio Tour are holding a celebratory event in May at the Gimli Art Club to launch their 2023 season.

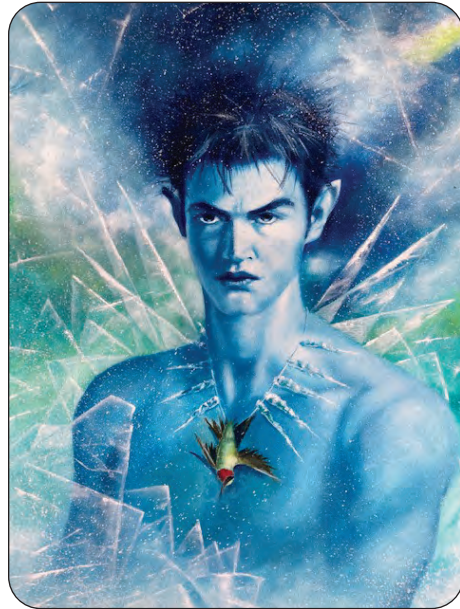
They've invited their sponsors and other supporters and are welcoming the public to drop by for a sneak peek as to what the WAVE is all about.

The WAVE studio tour is heading into its 22nd year of showcasing a variety of artistic expression through photography, jewelry, glass, clay, metal, acrylic and watercolour paintings and other media by people who live in eastern Interlake areas such as Arborg, Gimli, Winnipeg Beach and St. Andrews.

WAVE artists throw open their studios to the public in June and September to enable them to get a behind-the-scenes look at how they create art and give them an opportunity to learn about the skill and process that's goes into making it.

Georgina Ball, who is based close to Arborg, will be one of the 18 WAVE artists showcasing their work this season. She and cartoonist and sculptor Jerry Maryniuk — who is well known for his unique gourd artworks — are hosting the kick-off event in Gimli. It will include artist demonstrations and refreshments.

"There will be about six artists who've agreed to do a short demon-



Jack is the nasty side of winter, where birds frozen by the cold become trophies.

stration of the kind of artwork they make or things they dabble in," said Ball, who is new to the WAVE, having joined earlier this year, but is not new to art.

Ball said she's been painting since she was a child and specializes in figurative painting (paintings of people), using events or circumstances or her own experiences. She incorporates into some of her work elements of the myths and legends that fascinated her when she was growing up. She also creates works straight out of her own



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GEORGINA BALL

Reconciliation depicts a post-colonial event and was inspired by a true story. Georgina Ball generalized the story to depict reconciliation between European culture (the man in the tweed jacket) and one of the cultural groups whom Europeans subjugated.

imagination.

"My work is influenced by myth and legend," said Ball, who will have some pieces of her work on display

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Maeve at the Wedding depicts a freckle-faced young woman with a floral headdress. Throughout history headdresses have taken on different meanings depending on the culture.



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Submitted by Manitoba weed supervisors

The Province of Manitoba has declared the last full week of April as Invasive Species Awareness Week (C.C.S.M. c. 197). The Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association (MWSA) recognizes this week by highlighting just a few of the invasive plants considered to be a significant threat to the landscape of our province. Many of these invasive species are mistaken for wildflowers, but unlike native wildflowers, these species threaten agricultural productivity of both cultivated and non-cultivated land, as well as waterways and natural areas.

The Noxious Weeds Act of Manitoba (NWA) (C.C.S.M. c. N110) requires control or destruction measures for different invasive plants. A comprehensive listing of noxious weeds is found in The Noxious Weeds Regulation, which ranks plants according to their threat levels and specifies the areas of the province to which these levels apply. The act requires that Tier 1 weeds must be eradicated without conditions. Examples of Tier 1 weeds that are currently negatively affecting Manitoba's ecosystems are diffuse and spotted knapweed, orange hawkweed, red bartsia and Palmer's



Tall Waterhemp



Palmer's Amaranth



Nodding Thistle

amaranth and tall waterhemp. Tier 2 weeds are also a significant concern, and include leafy spurge, common tansy, field scabious and nodding thistle.

The MWSA is comprised of and represents weed supervisors who are in-

dividually employed by weed control districts formed by one or more municipalities. Weed supervisors are authorized through the NWA to ensure problematic weeds are dealt with appropriately on all lands in the districts they cover. Weed control districts,

first started in 1964, have developed programs to deal with invasive plants such as leafy spurge and red bartsia. Prevention measures, early detection and rapid response by weed supervi-

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April 26 has been proclaimed Community Foundation Day!

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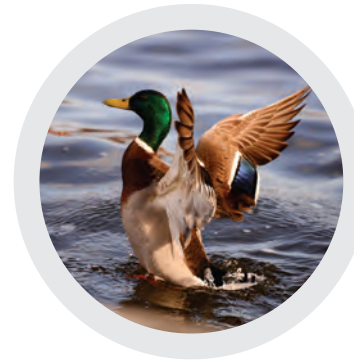
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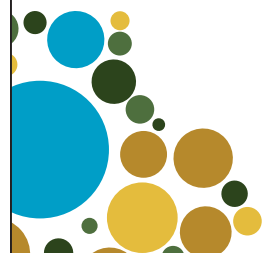
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Staff

Crazy Jumpers Dog School is thrilled to host the Canadian Association of Rally Obedience (CARO) next weekend.

This exciting event is all about showcasing your dog's obedience skills as they navigate through a challenging

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On Saturday, the novice level competition kicks off bright and early at 9 am. The day will wrap up around 4 p.m.

Sunday brings advanced and excellent competitors to the ring starting at 9 am until 6 p.m. It will be an intense day filled with excitement and challenges as these highly skilled dogs compete for top honours.

But that's not all. Friday afternoon features the highest levels of competi-

tion.

All the events are open to the public for viewing but organizers are not looking for a large crowd to show up.

"This can be a stressful time especially for new handlers coming to their first trial," said organizer Kimberly Masiak.

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at the launch event. "I grew up in Britain, which adopted other cultures' myths and legends as different peoples invaded the island. There is a mish-mash of cultures such as Celtic, Roman and Viking and so forth. It's all mixed into my work."

Ball will be opening her Giddy Cat Studio, just east of Arborg, for the WAVE's summer and fall tour.

In addition to Ball becoming part of the WAVE this year, artist Pat Tymkiw from Sandy Hook has joined and will be showcasing her passion for colourful and vibrant fused glass. CJ Tennant is a returning artist who makes gemstone jewelry and will be holding her studio tour in Ponemah.

Ball said it's well worth the time to pay a visit to artists' studios during the WAVE.

"We have so many talented people in the Interlake. It's amazing. At one time the WAVE limited the circuit to Gimli and Winnipeg Beach, but in recent years it has expanded to take in more of the north."

The WAVE's 2023 season launch will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Gimli Art Club near the harbour.

Access to the artists' studios will be held on June 10-11 and on Sept. 2-3. For more information about the artists, their work and their locations, visit www.watchthewave.ca

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Hailey's Way charity honours Hailey Dugay and will provide youth programs in Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

After losing her daughter Hailey Dugay in a deadly shooting in 2018, a Gimli woman recently launched a registered charitable organization that will raise funds for youth programs.

Dana DesRoches founded Hailey's Way Inc. to help engage youth in the community and provide them with programs centred on the acquisition of life and career skills.

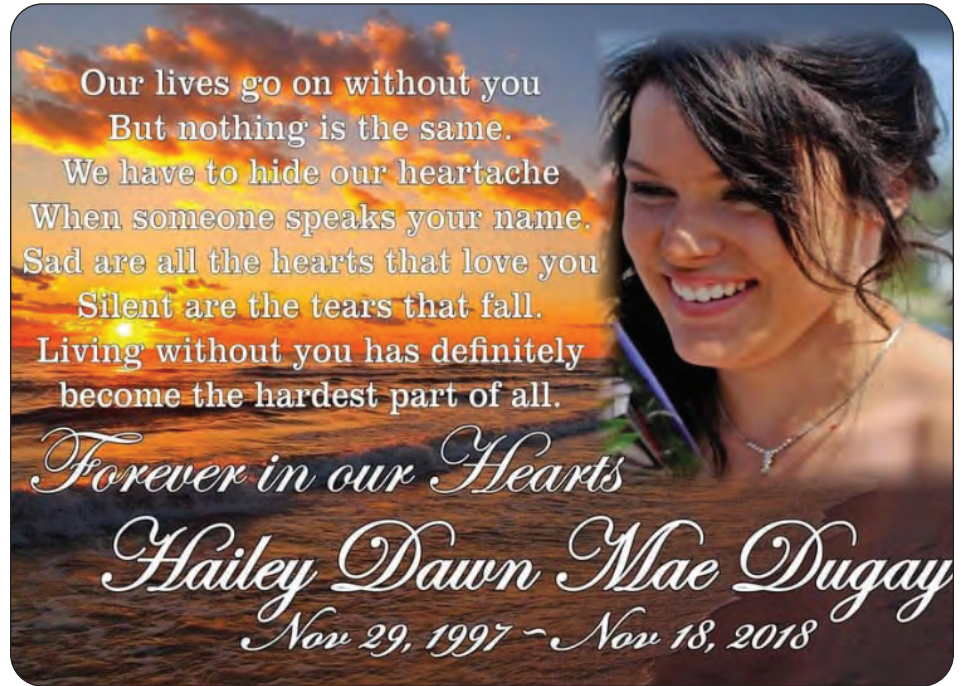
As a nurse with 19 years' experience in various locations throughout Manitoba, DesRoches said it's important to provide youth with leisure and recreational activities, as well as courses to help them build up their self-esteem and acquire skills.

"I see a great need for youth programs in our community — for a lot of small communities, actually, having worked in them — and I wanted to do something as a legacy for Hailey," said DesRoches. "When we lose someone, a lot of people feel uncomfortable bringing it up. But something we're afraid of is that people are going to forget about them. And I just



Hailey Dugay

feel that Hailey had so much more to give. Her legacy will provide a safe space for youth. If we reach out to youth who are struggling or suffering and make a difference in their lives,



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF DANA DESROCHES

Hailey Dugay, 20, was shot and killed in 2018 near Fraserwood after a man opened fire at a vehicle she was riding in. Dugay's mom, Dana DesRoches, recently founded Hailey's Way, a registered charity, to raise funds for youth programs and services in Gimli.

maybe what happened to Hailey won't happen to someone else."

Hailey was only 20 years old when she was shot and killed near Fraserwood in 2018 after a man opened fire at a vehicle in which she was a passenger. She was getting ready to embark on a new career in childhood education.

Hailey was born in Prince Edward Island. She lived there until she was nine years old when her family moved to Manitoba. DesRoches said Hailey was a loving, caring and responsible young woman who touched a lot of people and brought joy to those around her.

"She loved horses and children and

was always described as being selfless and loving and caring. She was always looking after everybody else," said DesRoches. "She had her health-care aide certificate and she worked in various hospitals throughout the Interlake. Then she realized her true love was children so she went back to school to do an early childhood education program. She was in the process of completing that program when she was killed."

Hailey used to take care of her younger brother, getting him to hockey games when DesRoches had to work, and helped her best friend Jas-

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> INVASIVE SPECIES, FROM PG. 15

sors are critical for protecting habitats and agricultural land from these types of invasive species.

Tall Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*)

Waterhemp is native to the U.S. but was not considered a major agronomic problem until the 1980s. Herbicide resistance and changing production systems, including more corn and soybean, reduced tillage and more reliance on herbicides for weed control, favored the “weediness” of this plant.

This member of the pigweed (*Amaranth*) family can rapidly take over crop land and significantly decrease yields. The native habitat of waterhemp is wet, low-lying areas, but it grows well in drier areas. It thrives in reduced tillage and no-till environments.

Watch for patches to pop up along field edges or near field entrances, along ditches and waterways. The plant typically grows to 5-6 feet tall, with glossy, hairless and more elongated leaves compared to redroot or smooth pigweed.

Waterhemp is well-adapted to warm growing temperatures and intense sunlight and is capable of producing up to a million seeds per plant that can germinate over the whole summer. Waterhemp has very tiny seed, (similar to red root pigweed seed), so it is easily transported in equipment, with water and by wildlife, and can be a contaminant in seed lots.

Removing small patches of waterhemp prior to seed set, and destroying the plants, is one of the most effective strategies to eradicate this weed. Tall waterhemp populations can be resistant to multiple herbicide groups, making it very hard to control this weed in field crops. Waterhemp samples in Manitoba have been tested and confirmed resistant to three herbicide groups. This has serious implications for local producers.

New populations have been discovered since it was first detected in Manitoba in 2019, with confirmed presence in 16 municipalities as of 2022.

Palmer’s Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)

Palmer’s Amaranth is an aggressive, invasive weed native to the desert regions of the southwest U.S. and northern Mexico. It was accidentally introduced to other areas and has devastated crops in the south and midwest U.S. as it rapidly became herbicide resistant.

With the ability to emerge all season, grow 2-3 inches per day and set seed over the entire season, this highly invasive weed can drastically reduce crop yield. Infestations have slowly moved north through contaminated seed, equipment, animal feed and bedding and the digestive tract of wild birds.

Palmer’s amaranth was first detected in North Dakota in 2018, and is spreading throughout the state.

Considered to be the No. 1 weed in the U.S., this plant can grow at least 6-8 feet tall and produce one million seeds and heavy infestations can reduce soybean and corn yields by approximately 80-90 per cent.

A member of the amaranth family like redroot pigweed and tall waterhemp, Palmer’s amaranth can be difficult to distinguish from its cousins. Smooth-stemmed like tall waterhemp, its leaves are a little wider, more like redroot pigweed but can be distinguished by the long petiole (stem-like structure that attaches the leaf to the main stem). Petioles of Palmer amaranth are longer than the leaves, while its cousins have shorter petioles. Long, snaky seed heads that can be up to two feet long are a distinctive feature of Palmer’s amaranth.

Identification is crucial, and removal of individual plants and small patches is critical to prevent this weed from establishing in our province. Two plants were found in Manitoba in 2021. A single plant was found in 2022 in the same area.

Nodding thistle (*Cardus Nutans*)

Nodding thistle is an invasive species accidentally introduced to Manitoba over 100 years ago as contaminant in forage seed. Nodding thistle grows as a biennial (two-year growth cycle), invading dry areas such as heavily grazed rangeland, coarse soils, etc. Its stalks and leaves have strong sharp spines that can injure

livestock. Animals will avoid it and graze elsewhere, giving the plant a competitive advantage. Nodding thistle reproduces only by seed. The first year the seedling will develop into a large flat rosette and will need to overwinter, then continue to grow to maturity the following growing season.

Usually, the rosettes require adequate snow cover to survive the winter. That’s why nodding thistle patches are generally found in ravines or bluffs within a pasture.

Since seed is its only means of spread, the first step is to cut down the flowering stalks and destroy the seed heads. Later in the fall, once the rosettes have established, (late September) apply a broadleaf herbicide to prevent maturation and seed set the following year. Continue checking for and spraying new rosettes as they develop throughout the fall. This will provide you a head start on control for next year, but it’s still important in the spring to look for and treat any more rosettes that you may find before they start to form flowering stalks.

Nodding thistle is found primarily in southwestern Manitoba.

More information on invasive plants either threatening or already present in Manitoba can be found in The Noxious Weeds Act (C.C.S.M. c. N110) and the Noxious Weeds Regulation (Man.Reg.42/17), by contacting your local weed district or at the MWSA website, www.mbweeds.ca

> HAILEY’S WAY, FROM PG. 18

mine become a permanent member of their family after her mother died, said DesRoches. Her friends looked up to her.

“I’ve had people come up to me and say even through school, Hailey was someone they looked up to, that they always felt safe being vulnerable and talking to her about things,” said DesRoches.

Hailey and her boyfriend had just purchased their first home, she said, and were out celebrating at the bar in the Fraserwood Hotel in 2018. It was 11 days before her 21st birthday. She was shot later that night.

“She was killed in a random act of violence. On the night of Nov. 17, there were groups of people leaving the Fraserwood bar and driving to a party. There were two men with guns on the side of the road who felt [the people] were coming after them — which they were not — and one of the men shot into the air to try to scare them off. The other man shot at the moving vehicles, and Hailey was shot

and killed.”

Jesse Paluk, whom Hailey knew through school, got four years for the reckless use of a firearm and has already been released, said DesRoches, while William Comber, who was not from the area, was convicted of second-degree murder in December 2022.

“I often think of it as a random act of violence and how we can all be just one decision away from something like that happening. When you’re young, you do things that are dumb. And I think offering programs that reach out to youth in the community and giving them a safe space where they can come will help,” said DesRoches, who sits on the Gimli Youth Centre Committee, which is overseeing the construction of the youth centre and reports to the Rural Municipality of Gimli. “We want a supervised facility where youth can take part in activities and educational programs that encourage growth and increase self-esteem.”

The funds raised by Hailey’s Way will go towards programs and services that will eventually be housed in the youth centre, which has been named the Gimli Youth Hub and has yet to be built. It will be located by the Gimli arena, skate park, outdoor pool and two of Gimli’s schools.

In the meantime, DesRoches said her charitable organization has programs already lined up. She’s just waiting for confirmation from venues that may be able to provide space to Hailey’s Way.

“We’re looking at offering different types of art classes, including painting, and a course in photography, pottery and music instruction like basic guitar. There will be a life skills course offered for free to help build kids’ self-esteem and give them the ability to find employment. There will be a babysitting course, a food handling certificate course, first aid and CPR and some after-school tutoring and resumé-writing,” said DesRoches.

“We’ll be helping youth find a job in a field they’re interested in. We’re hoping we can have a bulletin board

at the youth centre so community members can post things; if they need someone to rake the lawn or cut the grass, youth can have an opportunity to make \$20 or \$40 doing odd jobs.”

Hailey’s Way will have its own website where people can find information on what youth programs will be offered and how to donate to the charity. Donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt, said DesRoches. The website is expected to be launched in mid-June.

She said they also plan to hold some fundraising events in the upcoming months that could include a 50-50 draw or a social. Events will be posted on the website.

DesRoches said she’s open to ideas about youth programming and welcomes people to get in touch with her. She also welcomes volunteers who want to help with programs.

People interested in volunteering for or donating to Hailey’s Way Inc. can reach out to Dana DesRoches by email: Haileys.way2022@gmail.com She can also be reached through the Hailey’s Way Facebook page.

sports & recreation

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Interlake athletes win MWJHL awards

By Brian Bowman

Interlake athletes came away big winners as the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League handed out its 2022-23 awards.

The Silvertips' Cortney Marko was named the league's Goaltender of the Year and the Most Valuable Player of the Year while her teammate, Brooke Wadge, was selected as the Rookie of the Year. Marko was also nominated for the league's most valuable player in the playoffs award.

"(Getting the recognition) felt pretty

good, especially it being my last year in the league," said Marko, who has now aged out of junior hockey after playing four seasons.

Marko really enjoyed her time playing junior hockey.

"It's a good league and I recommend it to anyone. I enjoyed my four years in it. Even during the COVID year, my team got together and played on the outdoor (ice). You meet a lot of different girls, especially throughout the city. A lot of different people, it's a very good league and I enjoyed it a



Lundar's Cortney Marko was named the MWJHL Goaltender of the Year and the Most Valuable Player of the Year.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Silvertips' Brooke Wadge, left, was the recipient of the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League Rookie of the Year Award.

Einarson rink named Calm Air Team of the Year



PHOTO CURLING CANADA/ANDREW KLAVER

Kerri Einarson's Gimli rink was named the Calm Air Team of the Year at last Thursday's Night of Champions. After winning the two previous Canadian Scotties Tournament of Hearts National Championships, the pressure was on Team Einarson to win a third title in a row. After going undefeated in their pool, they lost one seeding game but carried on to win the whole championship, and became three-time Scotties Champions. They carried that success forward as the home team at the Women's World Championships, where they won a bronze medal. And in the same season, they won the Grand Slam of Curling Champions Cup.

lot."

Wadge also really enjoyed her rookie season in the MWJHL as her team claimed the league championship.

"I was so happy that I got it and I honestly couldn't believe it because there were other people that could have (won it) as well because they were such good players," she said. "I had the points lead in the first half of the season which was really good and then I got suspended so I lost a bit of confidence and was playing cautiously."

Wadge also received a \$750 Keener Jersey Rookie of the Year scholarship. She's using that money for school as she studies at the University of Manitoba.

The Western Predators' Emerson McAuley, meanwhile, was picked

as the Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year. Brenna Barylski was one of six players who received Spirit of the Game awards.

McAuley picked up just one minor penalty her entire rookie season.

"I was very happy when I got (the award). I wasn't really expecting it but it was nice," said McAuley.

McAuley liked the parity amongst teams in the league.

"It wasn't like one team was at the top and another team was on the bottom," she said. "It was kind of equal and every game was different. It was fun to play and the competition was pretty equal."

Having four Interlake athletes win awards is pretty amazing. McAuley said it was "awesome and pretty cool."

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

PUBLIC HEARING

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- 3) An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2024), and
- 4) A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2024-2028)

The purpose of the PUBLIC HEARING is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong 2023 Financial Plan.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person on the RM of Armstrong website at www.rmofarmstrong.com or at the Municipal Office at Lot 55 Highway 17, Inwood, Manitoba during regular office hours.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2023.

Nancy Howell

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

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Town of Winnipeg Beach PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the Council of the Town of Winnipeg Beach intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023** at 6:00 p.m.

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

Interested parties may also submit questions, concerns or register and objection by email to Sharon Desiatnyk, CAO at cao@winnipegbeach.ca until Monday May 8, 2023.

The 2023 Financial Plan is available for review on the municipal website at www.winnipegbeach.ca after Friday April 28, 2023.

Sharon Desiatnyk, cmma
Chief Administrative Officer



Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present its 2023 Financial Plan on:

Thursday, May 11, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Municipal Office - 329 River Road, Arborg, MB.

The 2023 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2023 Operating Budget
- 2) 2023 Capital Budget
- 3) An estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2024)
- 4) A Five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2024-2028)

The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection. Copies of the proposed Financial Plan are available upon request at the municipal office during regular business hours.

Larissa Love
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
Dated this 20th day of April, 2023

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*This position is an indefinite term.

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Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School
*This position is expected to continue to June 29, 2023.

See website for details and application procedures:
<http://www.esd.ca/Employment under Support Staff>.

CLOSING DATE: May 2, 2023 (3:30 pm)

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

Employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal record and child abuse registry checks. Evergreen School Division may contact former employers.



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at Arborg curbside pickup

Thurs. May 11
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Tues. May 23
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Gift Shop and Visitor Experience Coordinator, New Iceland Heritage Museum

Located along the western shore of Lake Winnipeg in Gimli, Manitoba, the New Iceland Heritage Museum (NIHM) is seeking a dynamic professional to serve as Gift Shop and Visitor Experience Coordinator. Reporting to the Executive Director, Gift Shop and Visitor Experience Coordinator has overall responsibility for the gift shop and volunteer coordination. The nature of the museum operations requires a strong commitment to teamwork and willingness to be flexible in carrying out other operational duties as may be required from time to time.

Key areas of responsibility:

- Oversees all aspects of gift shop operation including inventory control
- Actively participate in the execution of NIHM Annual calendar of events
- Operation of gift shop and facility rentals as two revenue streams
- Customer Service and reception duties
- Assist with the set up of incoming travelling and temporary exhibits
- Volunteer recruitment and co-ordination
- Manage the day to day supervision of summer students

The ideal candidate will be: highly organized and able to work independently; experienced in managing volunteers. Knowledge of the unique history and culture of New Iceland is considered an asset.

Resumes will be received up to noon on May 5th, 2023
 Interested applications are invited to submit their resume, along with 3 references to

Julianna Roberts, Executive Director
 108-94-1st Ave, Gimli, MB R0C 1B1
 email: julianna.roberts@nihm.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.
www.nihm.ca

Arnes Lutheran Pioneer Memorial Church

Invitation to Tender Repairs and Improvements

Closing date: Friday, June 2, 2023

The Arnes Lutheran Pioneer Memorial Church is accepting tenders for the repairs and improvements required to bring the building up to compliance with the Manitoba Building Codes and Health and Safety for Public buildings.

The church is an RM of Gimli Heritage Building and requires repairs to the overall building including the foundation.

Phone Harold Thorkelson 204-642-7677 or Ken Peterson 204-642-5767 to arrange a time for an inspection to provide a detailed quote.

Submit sealed envelopes on or before noon on Friday, June 2, 2023.

Arnes Lutheran Pioneer Memorial Church Tender
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Reporter/Photographer Wanted

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Qualifications:

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- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

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Lana Meier
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **CLARON BLAKE BEARDSLEY**, late of the R.M of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 24th day of May, 2023.

DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 27th day of April, 2023.

BAKER LAW CORPORATION
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 Attention: Grant D. Baker

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 24th day of May, 2023.

DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 27th day of April, 2023.

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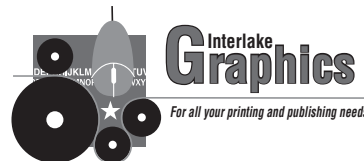
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TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

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 2023 on:

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 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 2023 Financial Plan.

Copies of the 2023 Financial Plan will be available for review on May 5th, 2023 and may be examined by any person on the Town of Arborg's website at www.townofarborg.com.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023.

Cindy Stansell, CMMA
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Town of Arborg

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TOWN OF ARBORG SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

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Applications submitted by **May 31st, 2023** to:
 Town of Arborg
 PO Box 159 Arborg MB R0C 0A0
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 In person: 337 River Road

We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



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

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian people
64. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

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3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame

36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to family, friends and neighbors for the kindness shown after the passing of Lloyd Bonwick. To the ladies who prepared the funeral lunch, thank you so much! We also wish to express our gratitude to Arnason Funeral Home for your care, as well to Rev. Cathie Clow for the beautiful service. To all who brought food, baking and sent flowers, your kindness shown to our families at this very sad time has been a great comfort.

-Marian Bonwick,
the Bonwick families and Kolomaya Families

CARD OF THANKS

GUTTORMSON - Our heartfelt thank you to family and friends for the acts of kindness shown to us after the passing of our dearest Dad and Afi, Mike. The cards, phone calls, visits, messages, food, flowers, and monetary donations to Betel Home Gimli in Dad's and Afi's name are so greatly appreciated.

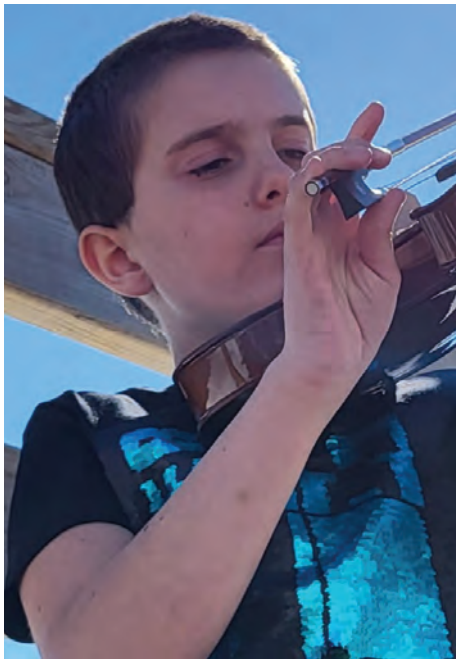
- Doris, Heather, Cindy, Irene
and families

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My heartfelt thanks to my family and friends for all the special cards, flowers, messages and gifts that I received on my 100th birthday.

-With love and thanks,
Anna Stevens

BIRTHDAY



Happy 11th birthday to
Matteo Thomas
April 28th

- Love, Grandpa Thomas
and family

OBITUARY

Donald Walter Fred Dziadow
November 29, 1964 – April 5, 2023

Peacefully at his home in Arborg, Donald Dziadow passed away on April 5, 2023. He will be sadly missed by his housemates and support staff at Riverdale Place Homes Inc., co-workers and supervisors at the Riverdale Place Workshop and many friends in the community.

Donald was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Mary Dziadow, who had devoted themselves to his care, protection and wellbeing for many years, until they were no longer able to do so. Donald was born in Rivers, Manitoba on November 29, 1964, and later moved with his parents to Arborg, where he lived most of his life. He was born with Down Syndrome at a time when there was little known about the condition and few resources available in the community. Walter and Mary provided a loving home environment for Donald, where his intelligence and good humour were appreciated, nurtured and stimulated.



In 2012 Donald moved into a group home in Arborg. This was a challenging transition

for Donald, during which he displayed great courage and resiliency. He went on to form new friendships, with housemates, staff and community members. Donald was a big WWF fan and loved to watch wrestling, both in person and on television. He had a large collection of memorabilia, knew the names of all the popular wrestlers and enjoyed imitating their antics. Donald was affectionate and fun-loving and had a wonderful sense of humour. He held a special place in our hearts, and we are all richer for having known him. We will miss him dearly and fondly remember his gentle ways, his jokes, his zest for life – the unique and genuine person that he was.

Cremation has taken place and a private celebration of life will be planned for a later date.
"To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life"
Robert Louis Stevenson

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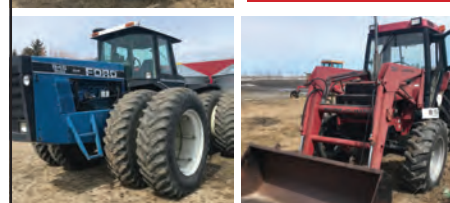
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OBITUARY



Wally (Wallace) Dorald Dumas
December 12, 1934 – March 25, 2023

Peacefully on March 25 Wally passed on to that great racetrack in the sky.

He was predeceased by the love of his life Georgie (Georgena) Moffat, daughter Doralda, brothers Ronnie and Richard, and his parents Charlotte (Alda) and Paul Dumas.

As per his wishes no funeral will be held. A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Ashern, Manitoba. A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Thank you to all the 3rd floor nurses at the Grace Hospital for their care and compassion. We also thank his cousin Gail Mahler for assisting during his hospitalization. A special

thanks to Wally's close friend Wayne Imrie for all his help and support.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Grace Hospital.

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OBITUARY

Elaine Gail Voth (nee Moffit)
January 8, 1949 – April 22, 2023

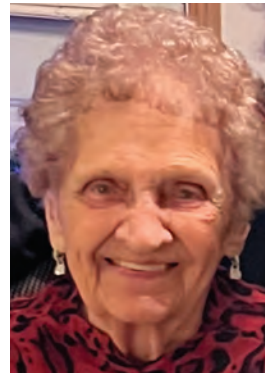
Peacefully with family by her side, Gail passed away on April 22, 2023 at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023 in the Oak Point Community Hall with Cindy Thorkelson officiating.

Longer version to follow.

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OBITUARY



Osk Evelyn Joyce Vidalin
December 3rd, 1927 - April 14th, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Mother and Amma, Osk Evelyn Joyce Vidalin, on April 14th, 2023, at the age of 95 years.

Born on December 3rd, 1927, Oskie grew up in Riverton, Manitoba with her two brothers and four sisters, lovingly raised by her parents, Daisy and Manni Jonasson. One of her fondest childhood memories was eagerly waiting at the train station with her siblings to greet visitors. Later in life, while working as a cook's helper at a fish camp, Oskie met John, who also grew up in Riverton. They were married in 1948 and settled into their home on King Street, where they raised their four children: Patsy, David, Darlene, and Heather. As John worked away, Oskie filled their home with love and laughter, baking fresh cinnamon buns, homemade bread, vinarterta and perogies for her children. Later in life, she found joy in her work as a home care worker, she enjoyed watching curling and spending time with her girls on numerous shopping trips.

Oskie's love extended to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom she showered with hugs, kisses, and cookies. She never missed a phone call on their birthdays and instilled in them the importance of family and gathering for special occasions. Her positive outlook and emphasis on treating others with love and kindness were guiding principles for her loved ones.

Oskie's love and memory will be forever cherished by her children, David (Patti) Vidalin, Darlene D'Hont (Bruce Hodge), Heather (Greg) Woytowich; grandchildren Michelle (Rob), Heidi (Jason), Elisha, Sarah (Chris), Sterling (Liisu), Corey, Troy (Lindsay), Shaylee (Scott), Aubrey (Chris), Jordan, Evan (Hannah), Dylan (Amber); great-grandchildren Kolten (Chloe), Kiera (Yash), Kaylie, Hunter, London, Lincoln, Gray, Maija, Raelynn, Taze, Deacon, Piper, Freyja, Carter, Gunnar, Brody; sisters Shirley-Ann (Johnny) Sigurdson, Sylvia Renaud, Lorna Patterson; as well as many other special nieces, nephews and cousins.

She will be met in heaven by her husband John; daughter Pat; son-in-law Dori; parents Daisy and Manni; and special family members Lloyd, Tom, Harvey, Lillian, Kristen, Norman and Jean.

A service of remembrance will be held Saturday May 6th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Riverton Community Centre.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Johnson Memorial Hospital for the care given to Oskie, especially Dr. Filmore, Dr. Ludwig, Angel nurse Donna Wishnowski and the wonderful care over many years from Dr. S. V. Patel.

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