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Thailand's Metha Khatisuk (Aladdin) completed Transport Canada's commercial pilot tests after about a year of ground school and 200 hours of flying instruction and practise in a four-seat Cessna 172 at Lakeside Flight School last week. See story on pg. 4.

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Arborg family anxiously awaits Ukrainian family

By Nicole Brownlee

A family in Arborg is preparing for their distant Ukrainian relatives fleeing Ukraine to arrive any day.

Researchers suspect over 10 million people have been displaced since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

Around five million Ukrainians have escaped to neighbouring countries, while the rest are trying to find a safe space in Ukraine.

Rosemarie Maksymchuk reconnected with a distant cousin in Drohobych after Russia invaded Ukraine and offered her family a place to stay in Manitoba.

"We've met her once," said Maksymchuk.

Maksymchuk visited Ukraine in 2016 with her husband Roger and reached out to Irena's family, who share an aunt with Maksymchuk.

"She just wants her kids to be safe. Her husband is unable to leave at this time," said Maksymchuk.

Air sirens are blasted daily in Drohobych, a city 77 kilometres south of Lviv, 30 kilometres closer than Arborg is to Winnipeg.

"They would have to go down and seek shelter."

Irena and her two children, an eight-year-old girl and a two-year-old boy, have stayed with family in Poland for



Irena, her eight-year-old daughter and two-year-old son have been waiting in Poland for four weeks to come to Canada. Lubomyr has to remain in Ukraine to defend the country.

about four weeks, waiting to be approved to fly to Canada.

"Some people are waiting up to six weeks to get their passports back," said Maksymchuk.

"She's getting anxious to come, and



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Rosemarie and Roger Maksymchuk met their distant family in Drohobych, Ukraine, in 2016. Six years later, the Maksymchuks are welcoming their Ukrainian family to stay with them in Arborg.

her little girl is getting anxious to start school and we're getting anxious for them to arrive."

The families connect through Facebook and can send consistent updates, but Maksymchuk hopes they'll arrive sooner rather than later.

"It's scary, and it's a long way for her

to come." Maksymchuk said they're unsure how long Irena and her family will stay in Canada and don't know when Irena's husband Lubomyr will be able to join them.

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Learn more about the Interlake through self-guided tours

By Nicole Brownlee

Over 60 virtual tours of the Interlake region will be available through a mobile app partnered with the Interlake Tourism Association (ITA).

“With the financial assistance from the Tourism Relief Fund, we will be able to accomplish our goal of creating our Digital Travel Guide through the Driftscape app and continue to entice visitors,” said the ITA in a statement.

The ITA received \$46,400 from the federal government as a part of the Tourism Relief Fund. The fund was created to support tourism businesses and organizations to meet public health requirements and invest in changes that encourage growth.

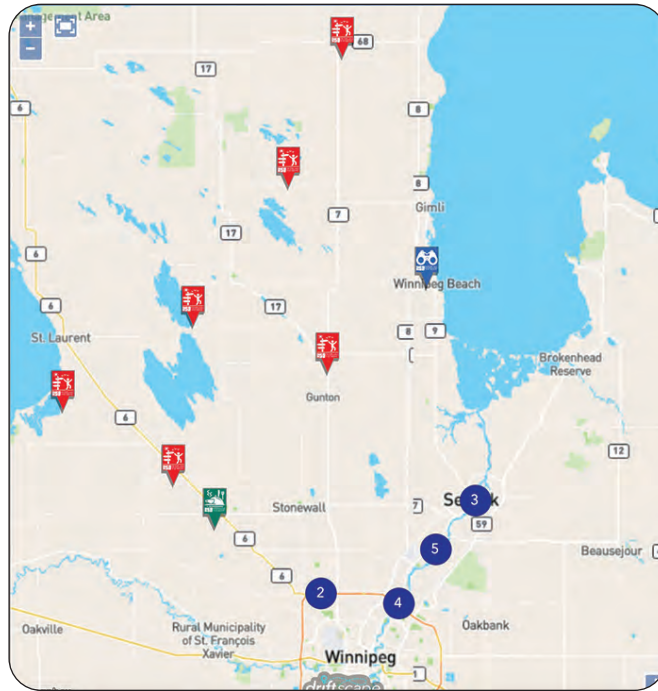
The federal government’s most recent donation raises the budget for the ITA’s digital tourism project to \$319,100. Community Futures contributed \$246,900.

The additional funding enables ITA to create 19 new jobs to help develop content for the 40 virtual tours.

Tours include navigational maps, photos and interesting facts about destinations and features.

Photography, art galleries, camping and shopping are a few focuses for upcoming tours, said Melissa Van Soelen, ITA manager.

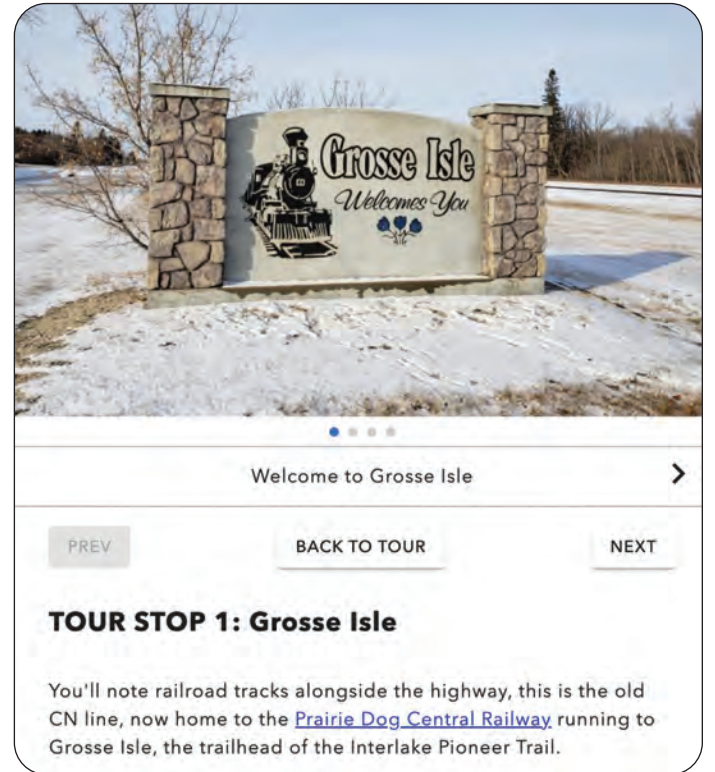
The new tours will be added to the app by the end of June and will be available with



The Interlake Tourism Association has 25 virtual tours available through an interactive map on its website and through the Driftscape app.

American Sign Language interpretations, captions in English and French and transcripts in English and French.

Virtual tours like the Secrets of 17, which highlights features along Highway 17; 10 tasty take-out spots, which showcase hidden eateries throughout the region; and Fishing Hot Spots are already available for



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This tour explores Highway 6, guiding travellers from Grosse Isle up to Steep Rock.

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Gimli Lakeside Flight School graduate earns his commercial pilot stripes

By Patricia Barrett

The sky is literally the limit for an international student who enrolled in Gimli's Lakeside Flight School and earned his commercial pilot licence (CPL) last week.

Metha Khatisuk, who's from Thailand and uses his nickname Aladdin, completed Transport Canada's commercial pilot tests with flying colours after about a year of ground school and 200 hours of flying instruction and practice.

He had already earned his private pilot licence, which allowed him to wear two gold stripes on the epaulettes of his pilot uniform. A CPL entitles him to wear three stripes, which he received last Thursday at the school.

"It was a big relief for me to graduate. I completed the flight test in one attempt. Some people find that hard. I'm proud of myself for doing that, and I can now make money to support myself," said Aladdin, whose family gave him the affectionate nickname at birth, never suspecting he'd be flying one day. "This is what I like to do every day; I get up and say, 'I can go flying' and the view is amazing."

Aladdin had earned a university



Aladdin passed his commercial pilot licence tests last week and received his third stripe from one of his flight instructor Twitch from Thailand.

degree as an aircraft maintenance engineer in Thailand and worked for about six months before discovering he would rather be in the sky than on the ground.

"It was in my mind. Whenever I went to the airport, I saw the pilots and I thought, 'I want to be one of them,'" he said.

When he told his family he wanted to be a pilot, they supported his de-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Lakeside students Gam, Aladdin and Mick celebrate their respective airborne achievements. Gam completed her first solo flight, Aladdin earned his CPL, and Mick completed his first solo flight.

cision. He applied to Lakeside and got a Canadian study/work permit for international students. He chose to train in Canada for a number of reasons, including the country's high standard of aviation training and the relative affordability of the program at Lakeside.

"It was difficult to envision myself a pilot in my country because the training is very expensive — about two to three times more than here — and if you don't have that kind of budget, you have to be a prodigy to get a scholarship," said Aladdin. "I saw the Facebook page of a flight instructor here — he is also from Thailand — posting about his life in Canada.

I talked to him about the course and found out it was challenging because it has very high standards and written exams. They won't let you fly if you're not competent."

The CPL tests (written exam and flying test) are provided by Transport Canada at a certified school. The school that trains pilots isn't allowed to administer the tests. Aladdin took his test at a school in St. Andrews.

Lakeside Flight School is a Transport Canada-designated flight school that offers a number of pilot training programs that enable people to earn a recreational pilot permit, a private

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Aladdin, with his instructor Mustafa, practises some flying techniques on the school's simulator.



Adeeb, one of Lakeside's instructors, provides a refresher lesson on landing. Front row from left: Aladdin and Gam; Back row from left: Mick and Mustafa (instructor).



From left: Gam, Aladdin, Mustafa (instructor), Mick and Adeeb (instructor).

> FLIGHT SCHOOL, FROM PG. 4

pilot licence, a commercial pilot licence, a multi-engine rating (certificate to fly a plane with two or more engines) and a float (seaplane) rating. The school has accommodations on-site for students so that they don't have to find an apartment or stay in hotels. It trains Canadians and students from all over the world, including South Asia, the Middle East and China.

Aladdin took 80 hours of ground school in which he learned about air law, navigation, meteorology and aeronautics, 65 hours of flight training in a Cessna aircraft and 30 hours of solo flying including cross-country trips — he flew to Lindsay, Ont. — and night flights. He said he was a little bit scared the first time he took the yoke.

"Once you get the hang of it, the most fun part is landing. Every time, you try to make the landing more efficient and smoother so the customer will be satisfied with your

flight," he said.

Planes land into the wind, but if the wind is coming at an angle to the runway, pilots have to compensate so that the plane doesn't "drift off the runway," he said. They turn the nose slightly into the wind. To passengers, it might feel that the plane is braking at a slightly sideways angle and is not a "good" landing, but the pilot is "doing the right thing."

Aladdin said he took a number of jobs to help pay for his tuition, including as a cook and server at the Smile Thai Restaurant in Gimli. His flying time was interrupted by Manitoba's extreme and extended cold snaps this winter. Minus 25 Celsius is the limit for a Cessna aircraft, he said, so in the interim he took jobs in Winnipeg in the hospitality industry and at a grocery store.

Now that he has earned his commercial pilot licence, he can choose from a number of different career options.

"There are so many choices here in Canada. That's partly why I decided to study here because there are lots of jobs," said Aladdin. "You can work as a crop duster, spraying a farm, or you can fly for a charter service to take passengers up north or do sightseeing charters or fly for a sky-diving company."

Lakeside might be taking him on as a pilot to fly charters through its sister business, Lakeside Aviation Services, which hauls passengers and cargo and has a fly-in wilderness lodge at Bennett Lake that's popular with hunters, anglers and canoers. Because the aviation industry is starting to recover from COVID, there may be other jobs

available to people who've earned a CPL.

"The school might have a job for me flying a charter for sightseeing and flying passengers up north," said Aladdin. "I feel I'm really lucky that Lakeside would consider me to fly for them right after I graduated."

Aladdin's ultimate goal is to fly a jet for a major airline, he said. To do that, he'd have to complete a multi-engine rating course first then earn several hundred more hours of flying time.

"I want to be able to fly for an airline. That's my dream. I'd like to work for a big airline such as Air Canada, WestJet or Perimeter Aviation," said Aladdin.

Lakeside Flight School is located at 311 Anson St. in the Gimli Industrial Park. For more information about pilot training for Canadian and international students, call 204-651-1402 or email admission@lakesideflight-school.ca.

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Multiple cases of avian flu confirmed in Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Avian influenza has officially arrived in Manitoba, with samples from a snow goose near Waskada and a bald eagle in the Dauphin area testing positive for the illness last week and a case confirmed in a commercial poultry flock on Sunday.

All three birds tested positive for the highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype known as H5N1. Poultry and water fowl are most susceptible for contracting the virus.

Manitoba chief veterinary officer Dr. Scott Zaari stressed at a media briefing last Wednesday that the risk of avian flu to human health is low.

"There are no known cases of transmission of this strain of the virus from birds to humans in North America," he said, adding this strain of the flu does not pose a food safety risk. "Manitoba poultry and eggs are safe to eat, when proper handling and of course cooking takes place."

Zaari expressed confidence in the province's protections at the commercial poultry farm level, which includes samples being sent regularly to the provincial lab for testing and precautions when it come to farm visitors.

"Really, it's a matter of maintaining our existing structure and follow-

ing the biosecurity protocols that our producers already have in place," he said.

Small flock or hobby farm owners are being advised to take precautions as well, as birds in such settings often have access to outdoor pens or are free range, putting them at greater risk for coming in contact with wild birds carrying the virus.

If possible, small flock owners are encouraged to confine their birds indoors during this high-risk period of wild bird migration, the province has said. Small flock owners can also submit samples through their vet for testing at the provincial lab at no cost.

Zaari noted there are currently no plans to issue any regulatory orders on this matter.

It's expected more cases of avian flu will be identified and reported in bird samples throughout the summer.

"This is an evolving situation," noted Maria Arlt, acting director of the Fish and Wildlife branch of Manitoba Agriculture. "Manitoba is constantly monitoring the latest guidance and advice from our partners and we will be adjusting accordingly.

"It is important to note that the overall impact of avian influenza on the wild bird population is expected to be low."

Monitoring wide-ranging wild bird populations across Manitoba is a challenge, Arlt said, which is why the province is asking the public for their help.

Manitobans are asked to contact the toll-free TIP Line at 1-800-782-0076 if they find any of the following:

- clusters of six or more dead wild waterfowl (e.g., ducks, geese) or other water birds;
- any number of dead raptors or avian scavengers (e.g., ravens, crows, gulls); or
- large groups of dead birds, such as more than 20 of any species.

While the transmission risk to humans is low, people should not touch any dead birds or other wildlife they come across with their bare hands.

If you have to handle a dead bird, wear gloves, Arlt urged. Protective eyewear and masks are also advised as additional precautions, and hands should be cleaned thoroughly afterwards.

When it comes to backyard bird feeders and baths, the province is not currently recommending people put them away.

"If you have a property without domestic poultry, backyard bird feeders are OK as long as they're regularly cleaned and sanitized," Arlt said.

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Lieutenant-governor looking for outstanding volunteers

Submitted

Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon is inviting nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Leadership Awards, to be presented to three deserving individuals from across the province as part of the 39th Annual Volunteer Awards, hosted by Volunteer Manitoba. This year's ceremony will take place virtually during the last week of September 2022.

The Lieutenant Governor Community Leadership Awards will recognize individuals who embody the spirit of volunteerism by identifying a need in the community, by initiating creative and meaningful ways to fill that need, and by motivating others to join them in service for the greater good.

This award was originally established by former lieutenant-governor Peter M. Liba in 2000 and has been supported by all lieutenant-governors who followed.

"Our province is blessed to be rich with the spirit of volunteerism. In every community large and small, Manitobans give so much of their time, talent and creativity to impact and enrich the lives of others, and make a difference in their communities and around the world," said Filmon. "I encourage you to recognize a worthy volunteer by nominating them for this award."

To nominate an outstanding volunteer go to www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards. Nominations must be received by Monday, May 30.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HARLEY ANDERSON

With the extra precipitation caused by the Colorado Low this past weekend, the water in the Icelandic River continued to rise, causing overland flooding. The Weather Network reported 27.6 millimetres fell in Arborg on April 23 and another 8.9 mm on April 24. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

Spring weather in the Interlake



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT AND LANA MEIER

Spring was coming along nicely last week with balmy temperatures, sunshine and snow on the fields starting to melt; however, Mother Nature played a late April Fool's joke when Manitobans woke up Sunday morning to a blanket of snow, 70-kilometre winds and temperatures dipping below 0 degrees C.

\$5.1 million in 15 organizations to support settlement services for newcomers announced

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing \$5.1 million through the Newcomer Community Integration Support program in 15 organizations to assist in the integration of newcomers to Manitoba, Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Monday.

"As refugees from Ukraine begin to arrive in Manitoba, this investment will help build a network of services and a community of care supports for all newcomers right across the province," said Reyes. "This investment also aligns with the Economic Growth Action Plan and the Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy to ensure newcomers are able to participate fully in the community and contribute to a growing economy."

Earlier this year, the Manitoba government issued a call for applications to service delivery organizations that directly support newcomers, drive labour market attachment and con-

tribute to the economic growth in the province. This funding process ensures a range of settlement providers can apply for government support for their projects, noted Reyes.

Manitoba Start will receive \$3 million in funding to provide services that connect newcomers to settlement, orientation, language and employment services. The province is providing the other \$2.1 million to 14 organizations for settlement projects across the province including:

- Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities;
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Supporting Employment and Economic Development Winnipeg Inc. (SEED) was approved for their Recognition Counts program, which provides supports to skilled immigrants wishing to work in their fields of expertise or alternative career in Manitoba.

Approximately 6,000 newcomers along with their families and communities are expected to benefit from these projects, which help support newcomers as they settle into the community, enhance their ability to

participate in the labour market and accelerate their overall integration and settlement in Manitoba.

The minister noted these projects provide integration services for all newcomers, including skilled workers with temporary work permits and international students with study permits who are normally ineligible for federal settlement supports.

"The Manitoba government recognizes that immigration is a key priority for the province, particularly as we recover from the pandemic," said Reyes. "Settlement services that support the meaningful integration of newcomers help drive our economy by supporting stronger and longer-term economic attachment and newcomer retention."

For more information on immigration to Manitoba, visit:

<https://immigratemanitoba.com/>.

\$10 million for Canada-Manitoba job grant to address workforce training needs committed

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has opened the first of two intake periods for the 2022-23 Canada-Manitoba Job Grant, with a total budget of \$10 million, to support Manitoba's workforce training needs, Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week.

"Our government recognizes the increased need for employers to hire and train new workers, retrain returning workers and upgrade the skills of existing workers, as businesses con-

tinue their post-COVID-19 economic recovery," said Cullen. "This year's investment provides an additional \$2 million in funding over the 2021-22 grant allocation."

The Canada-Manitoba Job Grant provides funding to address an employer's workforce training needs. Employers can apply for up to \$10,000 per employee, with an overall maximum of \$100,000. Employers with 100 or fewer employees can receive 75 per cent of eligible training costs and employers with more than 100 employ-

ees can receive 50 per cent of eligible training costs. To qualify, the training must be delivered by a third-party trainer.

Eligible training costs include tuition fees; mandatory student fees; textbooks, software and other required materials; exam fees; and travel costs for the training of individuals in northern and remote communities.

The minister noted this investment, for which funding was received from the Government of Canada through Labour Market Transfer Agreements,

will contribute to the development of a modern, agile and technologically proficient workforce.

The application process has been streamlined to make it easier for applicants to apply. The second intake period will open in August 2022.

For more information on the Canada-Manitoba Job Grant and to access the application form, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/jec/busdev/financial/cmjg/index.html>.

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> UKRAINIAN FAMILY, FROM PG. 2

"There are so many unknowns right now."

While they're waiting for the family to arrive, the Maksymchuks have been using Duolingo, a language-learning website, to learn Ukrainian.

"(Irena) doesn't speak very much English, but the inter-

net is wonderful for translation," she said.

Community members have dropped off clothes, toys and baby supplies and offered to host Irena's friends or family.

"Maybe once she gets here, it'll be easier for her to talk to them and see," said Maksymchuk.

When Irena saw a hundred comments and dozens of shares on Maksymchuk's Facebook post asking for donations, she was overwhelmed by the response.

"She was totally amazed," said Maksymchuk.

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Critics give provincial budget the thumbs down

By Lorne Stelmach

The 2022 provincial budget unveiled earlier this month came up short of what is needed in the eyes of some critics and provincial organizations.

Premier Heather Stefanson's first budget fails to deliver the solutions families need, suggested Opposition NDP leader Wab Kinew.

"Rural families are looking for hope. With her first budget, Premier Stefanson had the chance to deliver it, but she failed to meet the moment," he said following the April 12 budget presentation by Finance Minister Cameron Friesen.

"We know this isn't the budget rural families wanted," Kinew said. "Instead of setting herself apart from Brian Pallister, she repeated his mistakes by continuing to under fund health care and schools. Instead of making life more affordable, she's raising hydro rates at the cabinet table and freezing funding to municipalities."

Manitoba Liberal leader Dougald Lamont described the budget as "flimsy" with over \$1 billion in promises that had been made before.

"They are passing off pouring concrete as investments in health and education, when we have nursing shortages and children going hungry," he said. "This is a lost opportunity to reinforce critical systems like health and education and making sure Manitobans can fulfill their potential through education."

He particularly noted that the PCs are extending the freeze on funding for municipalities across the province for a sixth straight year. And while the \$11 million increase in Manitoba Housing funding is desperately needed, due to the decades long maintenance deficit it is nowhere near enough given the dire state of many complexes.

"People are the economy, people are health care and people are our education system. The PCs promised a change in tone, but the problem was substance, and there's no change

there," said Lamont.

Frustration came from a number of other fronts as well.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business expressed its disappointment that the budget included few measures to really help small businesses' post-pandemic recovery and in fact excludes small businesses from some of the budget's only cost relief measures.

"Two years into the pandemic, many small businesses are still in survival mode. Only 41 per cent are back to normal sales, and many have accumulated tens of thousands of dollars in pandemic-related debt," noted Kathleen Cook, CFIB provincial affairs director. "The budget was a missed opportunity to help small firms facing massive cost increases on virtually every line of their own budgets."

"We were hoping to see cost relief measures introduced in the budget to help small businesses recover. The Manitoba government has missed an opportunity to help small businesses move beyond survival mode."

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, which is Canada's largest union representing more than 700,000 members, suggested the budget continues to put public services at risk.

"Manitobans expect to see a budget that protects the public services they rely on," says Gina McKay, president of CUPE Manitoba. "This government continues to cut taxes for ideological reasons rather than fully supporting our schools and health-care facilities."

CUPE is concerned that the government's plan to reach a balanced budget by 2028 will come on the backs of Manitoba workers and public services families rely on, she further suggested.

"We are also deeply concerned the government will look to privatizing, contracting out and selling off public services in order to balance their budget," McKay said. "We need a government that takes bold steps to support

public services, especially during a pandemic that is not yet over. This budget doesn't do that."

Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Kristijan Thompson, meanwhile, was encouraged by some of the health-care commitments from the province.

"From a financial perspective, the Manitoba budget has appropriately prioritized investing in health care, though the results will be measured not by dollars spent but by shortening wait times, clearing the pandemic backlog, and recruiting and retaining more nurses, doctors and other health-care workers to ensure pa-

tients get the care they need.

"The significant investment in health care is an important step toward rebuilding a medical system that has been under tremendous pressure," Thompson added. "While this can't be undone with money alone, matching the government's financial investment with a meaningful partnership with physicians will help to ensure our medical system recovers and is better prepared for the next health crisis."

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Johnny-O: Behind the scenes in the book biz

By Jennifer McFee

There's little in life more satisfying than curling up with a true page-turner — except maybe listening to a lifelong bibliophile share stories from behind the literary scenes.

John Oleksiuk spent a lifetime immersed in Canada's independent book industry, rubbing shoulders with renowned Canadians like wordsmith Margaret Atwood, communications theorist Marshall McLuhan and musician Neil Young. At the same time, he enjoyed recommending a good book to anyone who walked into the bookstore.

Oleksiuk first stepped foot in the Canadian book business in Toronto in the 1960s and later carved a career in Winnipeg at Mary Scorer Books, which he eventually took over as the shop's owner in 1973.

As described by poet Patrick Friesen, "Johnny-O, with mischief in his eye and a finger in a book," Oleksiuk made his mark nationally as an award-winning Canadian bookseller.

Then, nearly three decades ago, Oleksiuk moved to the Interlake near Teulon with his wife Irene Shaw and worked at Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market in Gunton for 15 years.

In late 2020, his nephew Arthur MacKinnon, a Canadian filmmaker and actor (*The Good Doctor*, *The Magicians*) had an idea to interview his Uncle John for a short episode-length video project, using the antique store as an eye-catching backdrop.

"He said he was on board and he loved the idea. So we started meeting in Gunton at the antique shop and filming some interviews about his experiences working in the Canadian book business from the '60s to the '90s, and all the interesting personalities and characters he met through the years," MacKinnon said.

"As we continued filming, we ended up with so much great material that it turned into a feature documentary. It's been a really neat experience."

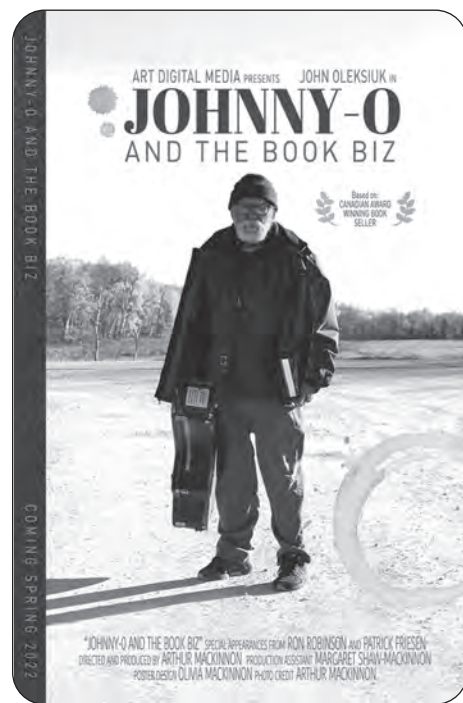
The two-hour film, entitled *Johnny-O and the Book Biz*, features first-hand stories told by Oleksiuk about his meandering journey through the local and national literary world.

The videography also showcases the beauty of the Interlake area, which became close to Oleksiuk's heart.

"My Uncle John and Aunt Irene have just loved living in the Interlake in the country," MacKinnon said.

"There's a nice segment at the end of the movie where he talks about just how beautiful it is in the country and the sense of community that's there."

Oleksiuk's boisterous personal-



The film *Johnny-O and the Book Biz* is available for viewing by donation.

ity and enthusiasm for the arts shine through in the film, which features a guest appearance by Ron Robinson, co-founder of McNally Robinson Booksellers.

"My Uncle John said the film was a really good experience and a milestone for him. He was excited about it and hoped more people can see it," MacKinnon said.

"It's an important story to get out there because there are a lot of local authors, Canadian authors and famous personalities that he talks about."

Now these reflections seem even more poignant since 77-year-old Oleksiuk passed away peacefully on April 21 at Stonewall and District Health Centre due to a lengthy battle with illness.

The day prior, he took the time to share a few musings with the *Tribune*, facilitated by MacKinnon and other family members.

At the same time, Oleksiuk shared his thoughts about living in the Interlake.

"The Interlake is a magical place with all the wildlife and everything around it," he said.

Oleksiuk remained an avid reader through all his days. The last books he read were *Trails of an Alaska Trapper* by his former customer Ray Tremblay and *Trampoline Twins* by Miki and Julie Collins.

He recalled how he used to have many customers in Alaska who would write him letters to request books since they didn't have phones. Oleksiuk would package the books up and send them through the mail.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ARTHUR MACKINNON

John Oleksiuk was an award-winning Canadian bookseller — and he was also a familiar face at Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market in Gunton.



PHOTO BY MARGARET SHAW-MACKINNON
Arthur MacKinnon (right) created a feature-length film about his Uncle John Oleksiuk.

"I would just throw it in an envelope. And that's the way it worked, and they would get a book," he said. "And if I got the money, great."

If Oleksiuk happened to start reading a book that he didn't find captivating, he would just forge forward to the end.

"I will finish it," he said. "And I will not say anything bad about it. It's not right to the author."

When it comes to movies based on books, Oleksiuk recommended to always read the book first.

The best part about being an independent bookseller, he shared with the *Tribune*, was being able to choose the books for his store and proudly offer them to his customers. And Mary Scorer did the same thing, he added.

For Oleksiuk, he felt the best part of his nephew's film was watching himself "walking around like a wizened old crone" followed by his animated excitement when discussing different Canadian writers and personalities.

"That's when my face brightens up. That was the best part," Oleksiuk

Johnny-O & the Book Biz Review(s)
Photo Credit: Ron Robinson

"Beautiful. Great shots, and well-integrated with John and Ron's comments and the poem. What I've seen here is exceptional. Good work man. Showed it to five and she was blown away by the footage."
-Congrats/Admns, man."
-Patrick Friesen - Poet, Playwright, Essayist

"Excellent top notch presentation. Wonderful to hear the history of the Book World with Toronto beginnings and Manitoba connections. Books, art, music, a veritable Anthology of the emergence of Canadian Arts all ably selected by Johnny O and chronicled by Arthur and Company. Very impressive and enlightening. Thanks for that. The camera work was seamless. Johnny O became more and more enthusiastic creating even more interest and momentum. His love for books and all that goes along with it was glowingly apparent and recorded in the moment of taking for posterity. The clear themes represented of literature, music, culture, community talent, supporting the aspirations, of newcomers, the accidental finishings all in the fabric of family and the book biz, was inspiring. The writers, the books and the readers and the love of reading, the cultural advancements that are possible through promotions and sales. The getting of quality literature created by talented writers into the hands of the reading public, is for Johnny O, a message made in a bookstore where positive change went hand in hand with growth of the Canadian identity and became a novel everyday thing."
-John MacKinnon, English Teacher, Winnipeg

The film *Johnny-O and the Book Biz* is earning rave reviews.

shared with *Tribune* readers. "And the cinematography was awesome."

Johnny-O and the Book Biz, produced and directed by Arthur MacKinnon with production assistance and artwork by Margaret Shaw-MacKinnon, premiered March 27 and is available for viewing via video link throughout April and May. MacKinnon extends special thanks to Irene Shaw, Rachel Oleksiuk, and Poole's Place Antique and Flea Market.

Access to the link is available by donation at gofundme.com/f/tickets-for-digital-premiere-by-donation. Half the funds raised have been given to Oleksiuk and his wife Irene Shaw (and will continue to go to Irene), while the other half is being used to cover MacKinnon's costs to create the film and for festival submissions.

To view a trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/X-pZHkVOCQI>.

Intuition attracted Ukrainian restaurant to Matlock

By Nicole Brownlee

Joanna Pacwa has owned Julia's Ukrainian Restaurant for over three decades, withstanding a harsh learning curve, a near 70-kilometre move and a global pandemic.

Julia's Ukrainian Restaurant started in Winnipeg on the corner of McPhillips Street and Alexander Avenue.

"Right now, it's a sushi restaurant," said Pacwa.

The restaurant moved across the Red River to Nairn Avenue, where Pacwa would take ownership for 23 years.

"I was working at a nursing home in Maples, and my friend said, 'someone is giving up the Ukrainian place,'" said Pacwa, who moved to Canada in 1982 from Katowice, Poland.

"I took it overnight."

Even though she isn't Ukrainian, Pacwa decided to keep the restaurant's original name.

"What's the difference? Poland, Ukrainian — it's a European restaurant."

Pacwa hosted, cooked and served all the meals at the diner but found increasingly less business.

"There's not so much need anymore for breakfast," said Pacwa.

"They'd rather go to Tim Hortons and have a coffee and doughnut."

After two decades of business, Pacwa couldn't afford the increasing rent and decided to move to the Interlake with her husband, Marian.

"My husband wasn't working, so we needed to do something."

Despite knowing nothing about the area, Pacwa felt urged to visit Matlock in January 2014.

"Matlock is the most beautiful place to be," she said.



Joanna Pacwa considered selling the restaurant two years ago amid the COVID-19 pandemic but rediscovered her joy of cooking and hosting.

"We never liked the city."

A friend in the area showed Pacwa an old Ukrainian restaurant in the area that they were renovating. The vacated restaurant used to be operated solely in the summer and needed TLC, but Pacwa knew she'd found a new home.

"Since then, I am there. I love it."

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically reduced Pacwa's sales, but she said she continues to cater events in Winnipeg and is known for her European sweets.

"Easter used to be very busy," said Pacwa.

"I was doing cabbage rolls, perogies. This year? Zero."

Pacwa considered selling the restaurant two years ago after experiencing



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JOANNA PACWA

Pacwa moved Julia's Ukrainian Restaurant from Winnipeg to Matlock in 2014 after falling in love with the community while visiting a friend.

lasting symptoms from the COVID-19 virus. She struggled to breathe after catching COVID-19 and temporarily lost the joy she used to find in the restaurant.

As months passed and Pacwa slowly healed, her ambition and solace in

the Ukrainian Restaurant returned.

"God gave me Matlock, so God will give me a buyer. One day it will be sold, but right now? I'm OK," she said.

"I have friends. I have customers coming and helping me. It's fun."



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Province unveils its new plans for education reform

By Lorne Stelmach

The province hit the reset button last week on education reform with a new strategy that leaves out at least one key controversial piece that led to the government scrapping its previous proposal.

The new Manitoba K to 12 Education Action Plan is in response to 75 recommendations from the Manitoba Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education.

It's the sequel to Bill 64, which was otherwise known as the Education Modernization Act — a widely unpopular piece of legislation that among other things aimed to replace school divisions with a centralized education authority run by government appointees.

The new plan puts aside the plan to consolidate the province's public school boards into six to eight regional boards consisting of five to seven trustees, the majority of whom would have been appointed.

"We heard loud and clear from Manitobans that they didn't want us to change the governance structure," Education Minister Wayne Ewasko said in announcing the new plan that will be implemented over the next five years.

He touted the strategy as "a vision where all Manitoba students succeed no matter where they live, their backgrounds or their individual circumstances."

"All children deserve a high-quality education, and our government is committed to strengthening and improving education in the province," said Ewasko. "This action plan redefines our focus on actions that improve educational outcomes with student achievement and well-being at the centre of all planning and decisions."

The action plan is focused on ensuring access to high-quality, equitable education, preparing students for their future, supporting excellence in teaching and leadership and strengthening the public education system.

As part of the strategy, an education council will be established to provide strategic guidance and advice on the implementation of the action plan, which has four pillars for student success:

- High quality learning — to improve learning and outcomes for students through responsive and relevant curriculum and learning experiences in safe and inclusive learning environments.
- Student engagement and well-being — to respond to diverse life experiences, engage students, promote

well-being, support successful transitions and leverage partnerships.

- Excellence in teaching and leadership — to ensure teachers, school staff and leaders have the knowledge, skills and tools to support student achievement and well-being.
- Responsive systems — to ensure an equitable, aligned and effective public education system that focuses on engagement, inclusion and planning for provincial and local needs.

"Despite everyone's best efforts, there continues to be inequities in our education system," said Ewasko. "There's work to be done to advance truth and reconciliation, to ensure personal and social circumstances aren't a barrier to education and to create safe, welcoming and respectful learning environments."

"We need to undertake this work in a co-ordinated, systematic way to better support young Manitobans and to

ensure all children can receive a high quality education," he continued. "By working together, we can realize our vision where all Manitoba students succeed, no matter where they live, their backgrounds or their individual circumstances."

The minister emphasized an open and collaborative approach moving forward with the plan, which he add-

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Breaking down the action plan

The provincial government's new action plan on education reform released last week is built around four key pillars.

While perhaps short on specifics in some places, the plan does cover a lot of ground, so here is a selection of some highlights including measures already underway or in the plans:

High-quality learning

- Implement Indigenous Education Policy Framework in partnership with the Indigenous Inclusion Directorate Advisory Council.
- Establishment of a curriculum advisory panel.
- Establish a minister's advisory council on inclusive education.
- Strengthen Français and French immersion curriculum policy.
- Implement a curriculum renewal process with an initial focus on physical education, health education and science.
- Shift the provincial assessment program to include Manitoba curriculum-based assessments in early years, middle years and Grade 10.
- Update the provincial report card to ensure it is inclusive for all learners.
- Introduce consistent early years assessments, focusing on children entering kindergarten and students who have experienced disrupted learning.

Student engagement

- Establish a student advisory council to provide advice and perspectives to the minister.
- Launch an elder and knowledge keeper in schools initiative in 33 schools across Manitoba, with the program expanding in the 2022-23.
- Establish a poverty and education task force to remove barriers to participation and engagement in learning.
- Launch a mental health in schools strategy.
- Develop a provincial remote learning strategy including an online high school to enhance access to programming across the province.
- Undertake a needs assessment and program review for technical vocational learning.
- Develop a strategic plan to enhance access to adult education.
- Explore approaches to expand access to the arts, including music, visual arts, dance, drama and other value-added community activities.

Excellence in teaching and leadership

- Consult on options for a regulatory body to guide teacher practice and certification.
- Create a workforce planning framework focused on recruitment/retention of school staff in rural and northern communities and increasing French, Indigenous and Indigenous language educators.
- Assess and plan for professional learning needs including the exploration of a provincial consortium model.
- Ensure every principal takes concrete actions to improve the achievement of Indigenous students and includes improvements as part of their annual school plans.
- Explore options for preparation and deployment of literacy and numeracy coaches.
- Review requirements and processes to streamline certification for internationally educated teachers.

Responsive systems

- Launch a review of the education funding model.
- Measure system-wide progress towards the achievement of the truth and reconciliation calls to action.
- Launch an education council with representatives from the education system, youth-serving organizations and partners to support provincial planning and alignment across divisions and schools.
- Develop a provincial data and performance measurement strategy that will measure and report on all students' achievement and wellbeing at the provincial, school division and school levels.
- Launch a provincial survey for students, parents, staff and leaders to inform provincial, divisional and school-level plans and broader decision making.
- Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of those responsible for an effective, efficient and accountable public education system and develop a strategy to assess effectiveness.
- Build and promote a user-friendly public platform with access to information, data and policies about the public education system.
- Explore shared-services opportunities to promote equitable access to programming, learning supports and information technology systems and to enhance efficiencies within the K to 12 system.
- Consult on strategies to enhance school, family and community partnerships and engagement.

Dozens of Manitoba projects to receive funding

Submitted by Manitoba government

More than 40 projects will receive a total of \$704,000 in targeted financial assistance through the Agricultural Crown Lands Forage Productivity Pilot Program under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced today.

"Manitoba's producers are stewards of this land and are helping to ensure it continues to thrive," said Bibeau. "With this investment to the pilot program, the Government of Canada is helping to provide Manitoba producers with the resources they need to adopt climate-friendly practices that improve pasture productivity and further protect the environment."

In all, 42 projects have been ap-

proved for the one-year pilot project, the ministers noted. These projects will receive up to \$30,000 with a cost share ratio of 75 per cent government and 25 per cent applicant, and must be completed by December 2022.

"The funds committed through this project will enable Manitoba agricultural Crown lands forage lease holders to increase productivity and sustainability by adopting beneficial practices that support comprehensive forage management," said Johnson. "Pilot programs such as this help make much-needed improvements that have long-term benefits for producers and industry."

Forage lease holders in good standing with the agricultural Crown lands program were eligible to apply for funding for planning, infrastructure or rejuvenation activities related to

forage management techniques that would improve productivity and sustainability. Recipients were required to complete an environmental farm plan.

Eligible projects include the development of grazing management plans, the targeted placement of key infrastructure components such as cross-fencing, wells or dugouts, and the rejuvenation of forage lands through measures such as seeding and brush management.

"Manitoba Beef Producers thanks the federal and provincial governments for supporting this pilot project," said Tyler Fulton, president, Manitoba Beef Producers. "Beef producers recognize the value of beneficial management practices when it comes to managing their pastures and forage production. Investments made

through this program will help producers realize greater productivity and resilience on Crown land leases, which are a key component of a sustainable beef industry in Manitoba."

The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

For more information on the Agricultural Crown Lands Forage Productivity Pilot Program, visit www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/canadian-agricultural-partnership/ag-action-manitoba-program/for-farmers.html.

Spots still available for Camp Stepping Stones!



Submitted by IERHA

Spots are still available for campers at Camp Stepping Stones, which will be back in person from June 3 to 5.

This camp is geared for kids aged seven to 17 who have recently lost a parent or somebody close to them. Volunteers create a safe environment for kids to explore their grief alongside other youth who are also grieving.

A registration form is avail-

able on the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority website at www.ierha.ca by clicking "Care in Your Community," then "Palliative Care" and "Camp Stepping Stones."

Completed applications must be received by May 1.

For more information, contact Crystal Behrends at cbehrends@ierha.ca, 1-855-494-7369 or 204-785-7542.

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ed can continue to evolve.

"There are going to be some things that we're going to learn throughout this whole process," said Ewasko, who noted the lessons learned during the pandemic also means they are "trying to make sure that we're nimble and flexible to be able to provide those different learning opportunities for our students ... I think, moving forward, we learnt a lot from the pandemic."

Manitoba NDP leader Wab Kinew saw very little of what he was looking for in the plan.

"We know parents and educators want smaller class sizes, more learning supports for their kids to help them recover from the pandemic and more community involvement in their schools," he said. "Premier Stefanson had the chance to meet the needs of students, but she chose to stick with Pallister's failed road map instead."

"We know there are fewer teachers work-

ing in Manitoba classrooms this year because of PC cuts, and unfortunately, under Premier Stefanson, nothing has changed."

A representative of the Manitoba Teacher Society suggested the plan does represent a distinct and welcome departure in tone and focus and is perhaps better rooted in the heart of the K-12 commission recommendations.

"It's gratifying to see that the extensive consultation undertaken by the commission is finally reflected in the government's planning," said president James Bedford. "It's clear that MTS, along with other education stakeholders and indeed thousands of private citizens committed to public education have been heard."

"We are cautiously optimistic today, however we will continue to speak out in the interests of teachers and an effective, inclusive and appropriately funded public education system for all Manitoba students."

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> MEAL IDEA

Spicy Alaska Sablefish in Lettuce Cups



Recipe courtesy of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4 (2 lettuce cups each)

1/4 cup yellow or white miso

- 1 tablespoon Korean chili paste
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 pound Alaska sablefish (black cod), cut into 2-ounce portions
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1 small avocado, pitted, peeled and chopped
- 1-1 1/4 cups cooked sushi rice or quinoa
- 1/2 cup chopped English cucumber
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced halved radish
- 1/2 cup pickled ginger, chopped
- 1/2 cup bottled Asian-style salad dressing with wasabi and ginger
- 8 medium-large butter lettuce leaves
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves

Preheat oven to 450 F.

Blend miso, chili paste and honey; spread onto Alaska sablefish portions. Place portions on nonstick cooking spray-coated, foil-lined baking sheet. Roast 5-7 minutes, or until fish is opaque throughout and deep golden brown; cool slightly.

In mixing bowl, combine avocado, rice or quinoa, cucumber, radishes and ginger; pour in dressing. Toss to coat.

To serve, place about 1/3 cup vegetable-rice mixture in each lettuce leaf. Top with one sablefish portion. Sprinkle each lettuce cup with 1 tablespoon cilantro leaves.



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GHS petition for a single graduation ceremony

By Patricia Barrett

Graduating students at Gimli High School launched a petition to hold a single pre-pandemic-style graduation ceremony this year after the school proposed holding two separate graduations with a limit on the number of guests each graduate can invite.

Grade 12 student Melandria Bale posted the petition on Change.org on behalf of the majority of graduating students, who told her they're in favour of having only one ceremony.

The class of 2022 has about 55 students, smaller than previous grads which could see 70-80 students receiving their high school diplomas. And now that the provincial government has lifted all COVID-19 public health restrictions, the grads see no reason why they can't be together at one ceremony.

"You want to graduate with all your classmates who you've grown up with," said Bale. "You want to be there to see their accomplishments and you want to throw your cap with them, not with half your class."

School staff had approached the grad heads with the "decision really already made" about having two separate ceremonies, said Bale. The school also had meetings with parents and students where "it was obvious the majority of students and parents were disappointed" about the decision to hold two ceremonies outside the school, with the option of moving into the gym should the weather not co-operate.

In pre-pandemic times, graduations were held at the Gimli Recreation Centre where hundreds of people could be accommodated. The three-to-four-hour-long ceremonies included a toast to each grad and numerous awards and scholarships presented by local businesses, individuals and post-secondary institutions.

After students and parents indicated their displeasure with the two-grad idea, the school proposed holding a vote, giving students the option of voting for two ceremonies outdoors with each grad allowed eight guests or one ceremony, also outdoors, with grads allowed four or five guests, said Bale. But a limit on the number of guests puts each grad in the disagreeable position of having to choose between parents, grandparents, siblings and so forth. And the school also proposed having students choose their "five top" classmates with whom they'd like to graduate. Based on those choices, the school will try to place them together in one graduating group.

"The majority of the students and their parents said they want one grad. I feel that we shouldn't have to choose between family and friends. We might be only allowed five guests," said Bale. "And [having to choose five classmates] is sad because I'm friends with lots of students. I talk to a lot of students and I see the stress that's being put on them. A lot of grads have been part of each other's lives for 12-plus years, and it's hard for them to decide who is more important in their lives. We're all important and we should stand together and celebrate each other's accomplishments during this moment — that's what graduation is."

Bale said she hopes the petition will have some

bearing on the school's final decision.

"I hope this shows them how much this matters to us as graduates," said Bale. "After two and a half years of being separated, and not having school trips or band concerts and other things we enjoy, we feel it's time we as a class celebrate grad together. We've worked so hard. It has been a rocky couple of years and we feel that we should relax now, open up and enjoy this moment together."

As of last Wednesday (April 20), Bale said the petition had 403 signatures and almost 200 shares and 3,500 views.

The petition notes the lifting of public health restrictions, which allow people to gather in groups without masks or social distancing, if they so choose.

"With the lifting of the Public Health Restrictions, we thought that our class and future classes would have the regular ceremony, as they have had in the past. After two and a half years of being separated and segregated into different cohorts. As a class, we don't want to miss this final opportunity to celebrate one another," states the petition in part. "The staff has provided minimal reasoning on why they are choosing to have two separate ceremonies and we feel that there are no reasons to hold the two separate graduation ceremonies."

Evergreen School Division Supt. Roza Gray said last Friday that the school's consultation with students about graduation was still "underway" and that no decision had yet been made.

A letter written by principal Leona Groot was sent out that day, she said, informing students about a vote scheduled for April 25.

The letter said the drastic changes imposed by the pandemic revealed improvements that could be made to former practices, and going forward, the school will be using a scaled-back, more intimate grad format.

"The school received significant positive feedback regarding the more intimate and student-focused graduation ceremonies that occurred over the last two years," wrote Groot. "Therefore, with careful consideration, we will be moving away from having the ceremony at the Gimli Rec. Centre starting this June."

The letter spells out other reasons for the new format, including ensuring everybody can hear the ceremony, creating a sustainable service as past ceremonies at the recreation centre evolved to become "increasingly difficult for the staff to manage," and moving the ceremonies back to the school so that each graduate has an opportunity to say goodbye to staff.

The letter also says having a limited number of guests is necessary in the event of rain and the forced relocation of students and guests to the gym, which has a maximum capacity of 400.

The students were given three options to vote on: Option A, two groups of grads with eight guests each; Option B, one group with four guests each; and "Option C" which states "We have no opinion about how grad will happen, or either option is fine with us. We will go along with whatever is decided."


Should two ceremonies be held, grads from

each group will be able to attend the alternate ceremony.

Gray said ESD's two other high schools, Arborg Collegiate and Riverton Collegiate, will each be holding one graduation ceremony.

"The circumstances are quite different in Riverton and Arborg, both in the size of the graduation classes and the venues available," she said.


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Stand with Ukraine committee seeks shelving, racks, volunteers and household items

By Patricia Barrett

Interlakers have poured their hearts into a clothing drive for Ukrainian refugees who will be arriving in the region as the Russian invasion and bombing of Ukrainian cities and villages continues to displace millions of people and cause millions more to flee to other countries for safety.

Residents and businesses in the Interlake stepped up to donate clothing, shoes, blankets and other household items to help refugees who will eventually be living and working in Interlake towns.

Interlake residents Romanna Klymkiw, Allison Magnusson and Cindy Genik formed a Stand with Ukraine committee to collect the clothing and other essentials, and they set up a clothing depot in a municipally owned building in the Gimli Industrial Park.

The committee now has enough clothing donations but is in great need of shelving units, clothes racks and shoe racks to better organize what they received. They want to make it easier for the refugees to look through



Jeans, pants and sweaters need to be sorted.

the items and find what they need.

The committee also needs volunteers to help sort clothes by type and size.

"We're not looking for clothing donations anymore. We got a ton of clothing donations from local people — which was awesome — but we need clothing racks and shelving units to organize it better. Right now, it's on tables and in boxes and bags," said Klymkiw last Friday. "If people could lend us or donate clothing racks to us, that would be very helpful, as well as any sort of shelving. We could use bookshelf-type shelving, which is great for sorting items."

The committee is welcoming donations of new household items such as hand soap, dish washing soap, laundry detergent, menstrual products, toilet paper, coffee, tea and other pantry staples. Baby items such as new baby bottles, diaper cream, baby wipes and diapers would also be appreciated.

Klymkiw said when the refugees are ready, they can come to the depot and "take whatever they want" to help them get settled.

"Anything that is left over that we don't actually use in the Interlake, I will drop it off in Winnipeg at the UNF [Ukrainian National Federation], where they are also doing a drive for items," said Klymkiw. "Nothing will get wasted."

Although she has a job, Klymkiw said she's doing what she can in her



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Romanna Klymkiw, along with and a small committee of Interlake residents, organized a clothing drive and opened a clothing depot in Gimli for Ukrainian refugees.

she can spare hours to help in whatever way she can.

"This clothing drive keeps me distracted from the news about Ukraine. I'm very upset by everything I'm seeing and hearing," she said. "It feels good to be doing something instead of doing nothing."

Cindy Genik, who is working with Klymkiw and Magnusson on the committee, said she too had to do something to help.

"Everyone [in Ukraine] ran with their boots on their feet and their jackets on their backs. I'm sure no one thought it would be this long," said Genik. "When you see a mother and children with luggage, I bet the luggage is filled with mostly kids' clothing. The refugees don't have clothes. They don't have anything. We had to do something."

Genik said the "wonderful lady" at Johnson's Store in Gimli went "above and beyond to help us and has been so incredibly generous with donations." And Lakeview Dental in Gimli "went over the top" by donating hundreds of dental care items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"There are so many wonderful people helping us. I've had help from Fisher Branch, Arbog, Riverton, Fraserwood and surrounding areas," said Genik. "We're surrounded by angels, I'm telling you, everyone has been so kind. To see everyone working together for a common goal makes me want to cry with happiness. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone from me."

The clothing depot is located on Dunlop Avenue in the Gimli Industrial Park. From Municipal Drive, turn right onto Dunlop. The depot, which has a small Ukrainian flag in the window, is the second building on the right-hand side of Dunlop. There is no street number posted on the building. It is next to the fisheries building.

The committee has three upcoming [non-clothing] donation drop-off dates coming up: Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Thursday, May 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, email the committee Gimlistandwithukraine@gmail.com



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- Toilet Paper

The Stand with Ukraine committee is holding non-clothing donation drop-off days this weekend.



2021

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The year in review

2021 was a year of success and co-operation for Noventis.

2021 marked the 11th year since the original merger of four local credit unions (Gimli, Arborg, Riverton and Eriksdale) to become Noventis. In 2015, Starbuck Credit Union joined the family to make Noventis what it is today. Since then, we have successfully adapted to changing regulatory, technological, and social environments.

And, in 2021, we were proud to have achieved a new milestone: reaching over \$1.15 billion in assets! For that, we thank you, our members, for your loyalty.

As we moved forward, it became evident that if we were to remain competitive and be able to best support our communities, we needed to consider another partnership.

Early in the year, the boards from Noventis, Sunova and Access Credit Unions started discussions around a possible merger. In September, these discussions were announced to our membership. Thanks to a shared vision and collective commitment to growth and sustainability between all three organizations, our boards were happy to make the recommendation we move forward with merger plans. Throughout the third quarter of 2021, our team shared the benefits of the planned merger with our membership and prepared for a vote to be held in 2022.

We love to watch our membership and community thrive and prosper, and to join in the celebrations when they do. So, we will be here for our members again this year; supporting them, giving back to them and finding solutions with them.

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Overview of giving



Noventis gives back.

In 2021, due to COVID-19, most of our community hamper-coordinating groups were unable to fundraise, making their momentous annual task more difficult than usual. COVID also changed the contents of those hampers - with most groups purchasing and distributing grocery and retail gift cards instead of accepting physical donations of food and toys.

Noventis wanted to make sure that each of their initiatives was a successful one, so the decision was made to proactively reach out to each of them to make a contribution. We pledged \$10,000 to local Christmas hamper groups, to help make everyone's Christmas a merry one.

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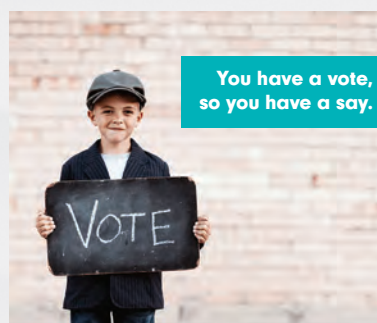
Credit unions are financial institutions which provide the same services as banks; The main difference being that we are owned by our members. Unlike banks, credit unions are independent, locally controlled financial institutions, connected by a set of international co-operative principles.

The seven co-operative principles are:

1. **Voluntary & open membership**
2. **Democratic member control**
3. **Members' economic participation**
4. **Autonomy & independence**
5. **Education, training & information**
6. **Cooperation among cooperatives**
7. **Concern for community**

We value the seven co-operative principles and try our best to invest in our communities wherever and whenever we can.

Together, our members have a strong voice that advocates for a better, fairer way to bank. We will always strive to provide financial service to members and to contribute to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of our communities.



Did you know?

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Noventis gives back.



Johnson Hall at Betel Home
Replacement of the community event hall chairs.



Lundar Community Recreational Park
Construction of new shed and sidewalk.



Arborg & District Arena
Arena entrance upgrade and multiple facility upgrades

Here at **Noventis**, we know how important the local recreation centres, arenas, park and playgrounds are to each of our communities. They are the places where we gather to be entertained, to socialize, to exercise, to celebrate and to catch up with our friends and neighbours.

So, when we are approached by the boards of our local communities' facilities with requests for funding, we are always proud to be able to help.

In 2021, several groups in our communities had projects on the go, including; **Gimli's Johnson Hall** within Betel Home, the **Lundar Community Recreational Park**, the **Arborg Arena** and the **Icelandic River Heritage Site**, to name a few. The work to be done for each project was extensive; from replacing a hall's worth of chairs to building new sheds and sidewalks to upgrading washroom facilities.

The Noventis vision of *building strong community* inspired us to help get these projects completed. And, now that the work has been finished, the folks who use these facilities will be able to stay busy and connected to their friends and neighbours for years to come.



The Icelandic River Heritage Site
Construction of new sidewalk and renovations to porch and roof.



Looking to our future; Connecting Manitoba



In September of 2021, Noventis released some very exciting news. The Noventis Board of Directors announced publicly that they had been discussing a possible merger between **Noventis, Sunova** and **Access Credit Unions** - a merger which would result in many benefits for the Credit Union.

The boards were looking at three primary groups when evaluating the benefits associated with this opportunity: our members, our communities and our staff.

First off, they recognized that our **members** would benefit from the strength of the new credit union in these areas:

- highly competitive rates and fees
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- a flexible patronage program designed to thank members with cash rewards for their loyalty
- advanced and secure technology
- enhanced online banking solutions
- investment in new technology

They saw that our **communities** would benefit from the merger, too. As a larger credit union, we would have:

- a larger commercial lending capacity for local businesses
- a stronger community support system
- a broader ability to provide volunteer and financial support to local charities and organizations

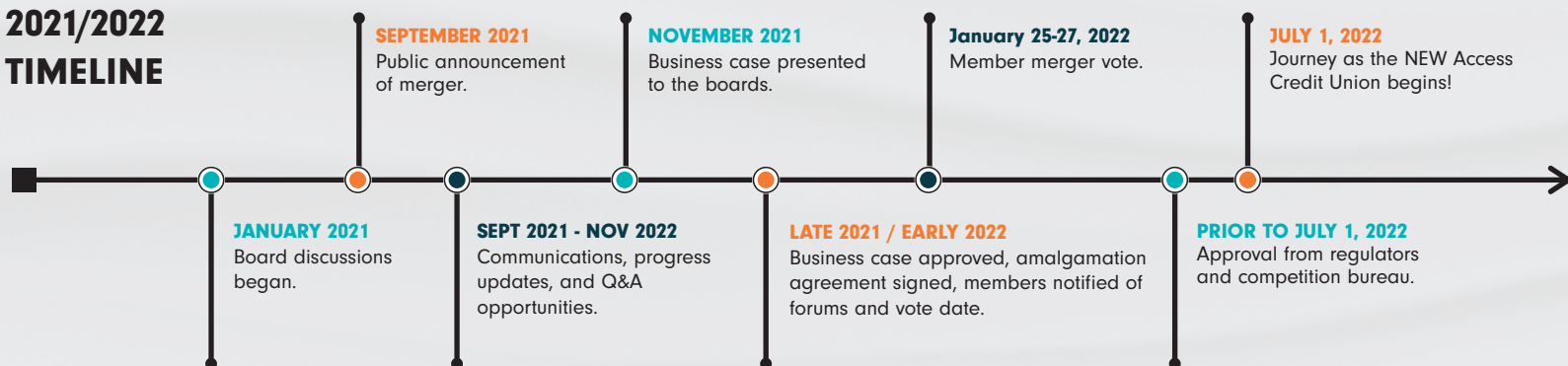
Finally, they saw that the benefits for the **staff** would also be many, starting with the most important one of all: All staff from each credit union would keep their jobs after the merger.

Access Credit Union has been included in the list of Manitoba's Top Employers for the past eight years; moving forward as the new **Access Credit Union**, keeping that title would be a priority. Access is focused on sustaining an organizational culture with empowered employees who enjoy what they do, and how they can contribute to the organization as a whole. And, happy employees provide fantastic service to their membership!

In November, the final business cases were presented to each of the credit unions' board members. And, in December, after reviewing these cases, all three boards signed amalgamation agreements and recommended that we should move forward with the merger. It was announced in these amalgamation agreements that the newly formed organization would be called 'Access Credit Union', and that if the membership vote came back positive, the merger would happen on **July 1, 2022**.

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IERHA volunteers are the heart behind the hands



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National Volunteer Week is April 23 to 30. Past and present volunteers in Interlake-Eastern RHA hospitals, personal care homes and other health-care facilities received this magnet as a thank you for their service.

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National Volunteer Week falls April 23 to 30 and the theme is Volunteers: The heart behind the hands.

In years past, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority has hosted a series of teas during the month of April to celebrate the invaluable support volunteers provide to health care. With this year's teas being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IERHA's regional recreation manager Lori Martin is using the week of national recognition to thank volunteers for their contributions to health care in the region.

"Over the last two years, we have had to adapt to new ways of doing things to help keep residents healthy, safe and happy. Although we have not seen as many volunteers in our facilities, we have seen some and we thank them for their valuable support during these last few years," Martin said. "They have adapted to the new way of delivering care and been an incredible support to our staff. We look forward to welcoming more volunteers back this upcoming year."

The region is seeking volunteers to fill support positions in facilities once again. If you or someone you know is available to volunteer, please visit www.ierha.ca

Gimli Highschool Class of 2022 One Graduation Ceremony Petition



The Gimli High School staff has announced they will be conducting 2 separate graduation ceremonies, without considering the values and beliefs of the current and future students at the school. Having been split apart for the past 2 years due to the pandemic, the majority of graduates want to end our childhood adventures together as former graduating classes did. We have navigated the hardships as a class for the past 12 years, and feel it is only right to end our time off together at 1 ceremony.

During the covid pandemic, the school decided to have multiple graduation ceremonies to honour the graduates. It was the only option at the time due to the public health restrictions. The

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Gimli High School's student petition for one grad has received 413 signatures so far (as of April 24).

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Although COVID is currently making some staff sick, the virus — or the anticipation of it still circulating in June — hasn't figured into the reason for the new graduation ceremony format.

"Yes, we continue to have some cases in our schools; however, this has no bearing on the options provided to GHS students regarding the diploma ceremonies," said Gray.

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BY BROCK VANDOR, DENTURIST

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are great, the top one still fits good. I hate to part with them but they're wearing out. Can you make me a new set like my old ones?" The answer is yes!

Perhaps a little more than fine tuning is needed but not quite a new one, sometimes we can correct the bite with relining or changing some teeth on the denture. As well, what is becoming very popular is that patients will go with dental implants to secure that lower denture down so it doesn't float around anymore, allowing them to eat the foods they want and no longer be embarrassed of loose teeth and all that comes with it.

As always, the first step is a free consultation with myself (Brock) or Matthew where we can sit down, check that bite and go over all your options and find a solution that suits you. Call today, we're here to get your bite right!

Thanks for reading. - Brock Vandor D.D., MBA

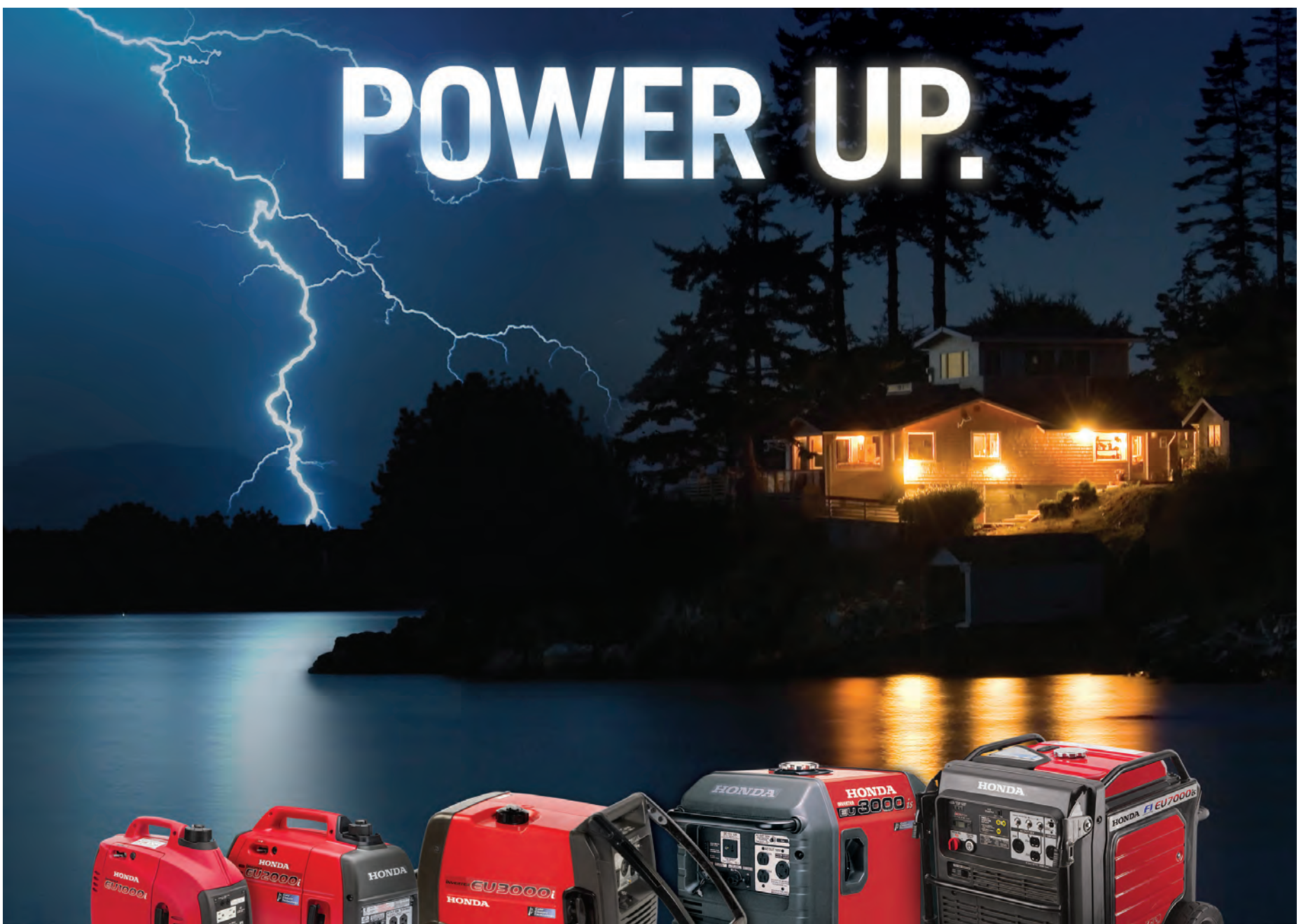


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Truckers learn the signs of human trafficking

By Nicole Brownlee

An international organization is training truck drivers to recognize signs of human trafficking with the help of survivors.

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) launched its Canadian programming in 2019, the same year Canada created their Human Trafficking Hotline.

"It's been a pretty amazing journey to see where Canada has come," said Liz Williamson, training specialist and survivor leader with TAT.

"From maybe not being able to identify human trafficking to now have so many different companies willing to come on board and say that this issue matters."

The non-profit targets trucking organizations because they travel major roads and highways that traffickers use to move their victims. Traffickers often relocate between cities to isolate their victims and make them rely on the trafficker.

"(Truckers) are already the eyes and the ears of the road," said Williamson.

If drivers can recognize the signs of exploitation, they can call the Trafficking Hotline and potentially save someone's life.

TAT uses online programs, in-person presentations and mobile exhibits to spread information about human trafficking.

The organization's Freedom Drivers Project uses first-person stories and artifacts from human trafficking survivors to give people a glimpse into human trafficking and the guidance to safely intervene.

"I'm actually a survivor on staff at TAT, so I use my story very often to highlight what the issue of sex trafficking is all about," said Williamson, who was trafficked for 17 years.

"If you're dealing with the issue of human trafficking, who better to hear from than somebody who lived it?"

Williamson was sold into human trafficking by her mother when she was six years old.



Doug Tingley, chief operating officer of Day & Ross Canada, said truckers are the eyes and the ears of the road.

"We never think that a mom or a parent figure is capable of something like that and the vast majority, at least a third of trafficking survivors, know their trafficker intimately. It's someone they trusted."

Sharing her story and other survivors' stories during presentations to transportation companies humanizes human trafficking, she said.

"I've had tremendous response and feedback because they're like, 'Oh, I finally get it.'"

Williamson's story also proves that survivors can have a life after escaping human trafficking.

"We're so much more than what we've lived through," said Williamson.

"I have an ordinary life and a job and a husband and life is good. If you had met me 11 years ago when I was just getting out of trafficking, you couldn't have pictured any of that."

Within six months of launching the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline, the centre received over 1,000 messages, but Statistics Canada states that between 2009 to 2018, Canadian police reported 1,708 incidents of human trafficking.

Measuring the prevalence of hu-



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Visitors looked through the Freedom Drivers Project exhibit at the Edmonton Day & Ross location.

man trafficking is difficult because people who are being trafficked may not know they're being exploited, feel distrustful of police or may face threats from their traffickers.

"It starts with someone who strikes up a conversation with you, and you think that they're genuinely interested in you or genuinely want to be your friend," said Williamson.

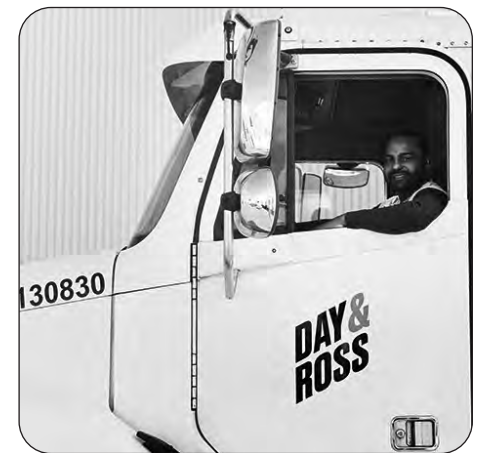
Over 70 per cent of reported human trafficking victims in Canada are under the age of 25 and 97 per cent of victims are women and girls. Human trafficking can take various forms, but often involved forced labour or sexual exploitation.

"It's easier to say stranger danger and look out for someone you can't trust. ... You have to realize that it happens in your own community, and most of us don't want to look at trafficking that way."

Across North America, 26 companies have partnered with TAT, including FedEx, Atlas Canada and Walmart.

Day & Ross, one of Canada's largest transportation companies, has donated \$200,000 since 2021 to help TAT expand its educational programs.

"Human trafficking really is depen-



Approximately 4,000 employees of Day & Ross have been trained to recognize signs of human trafficking.

dent upon the highway systems," said Doug Tingley, Day & Ross chief operating officer.

Around half of the 8,000 employees at Day & Ross have completed TAT'S training to combat human trafficking.

"If we give them the tools to recognize and they know what to do ... we thought, by virtue of our scope and size, that we could be helpful."

To learn more about Truckers Against Trafficking, visit truckers-againsttrafficking.org.

Eriksdale community spring dinner set for May 7

By Nicole Brownlee

The Eriksdale Community Club is hosting a spring dinner and dance on May 7 at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre, starting at 5 p.m.

Cocktail hour will end at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a barbecue steak dinner prepared by the community club, which includes steak, baked potatoes, salad and desserts.

"Normally, it's a catered meal, but we decided to save costs and do it

ourselves," said Vienna Kinkead, one of the event's organizers.

"This keeps the tickets at a reasonable price."

The Third Chins will perform throughout the night while patrons dance, enter the silent auction or test their luck in a cash draw for \$500.

The spring dinner and dance is a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Eriksdale Recreation Centre and an opportunity for the community to

gather, said Kinkead.

"We're putting in new flooring in one of the halls, so this helps cover some of the cost," said Kinkead.

The spring dinner is the second event the community club has hosted this year since public health restrictions were lifted.

"Our last event was a nice evening out. People really enjoyed it, so I hope that's what the spring dinner and dance will be as well," said Kinkead.

The community club hopes to sell around 100 tickets, which are \$40 each.

"Hopefully, we see lots of people out to enjoy an evening of companionship and music."

To purchase tickets, contact Vienna Kinkead at 204-739-8276 or Dale at 204-214-0145. The deadline to buy tickets is April 30.

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Interlake badminton players headed to MHSAA provincials

Staff

The Interlake will be well represented at the MHSAA badminton provincials that will be held May 5 to 7 at the Prairie Badminton Club in Winnipeg.

The top three placings in each division advance to the provincials.

The varsity boys' doubles division was won by Gimli's Keenan Karish and Zack Meadows while the Lakers' duo of Owen De Meyer and Noah De Meyer finished third. Stonewall Collegiate's team of Justis Hellegards and Zach Voth placed second.

Riverton Collegiate's Brody Maxwell was tops amongst varsity boys in the singles division, followed by Gimli's Matthew Huston and Stonewall's Carter Boughton.

Warren Collegiate's team of Abby Cassidy and Lexi Carriere won the varsity girls' doubles title while Stonewall's Brooke Wadge and Emmi McAuley were second. The Rams' Reese Loewen and Sarah Shewchuk finished third.

Arborg Collegiate's Kylee Emms-Finnsen won the varsity girls' singles division, ahead of Stonewall's Hayden Turner and Warren's Katie Dorsch.

Teulon Collegiate made it a clean sweep in the varsity mixed doubles event.

Aiden Miller and Brookelyn Morris were the top team while Jaxen Park and Des Chartrand finished second and Matthew Dzuba and Madi Charison placed third.

In junior varsity boys' doubles action, Teulon's Ethan Inglis and Sam Lowe were the top team, followed by classmates Jaxson Grose and Tyler Chartrand and Gimli's Ethan Yablonski and Ian Gray.

The Lakers' Haden Magnusson won the junior varsity boys' singles event, followed by Stonewall's Spencer Schaeffer and Arborg's Brandon Burak.

The Rams' duo of Shannon Bodnarus and Annika Hildebrand won the junior varsity girls' doubles division, ahead of Warren's Samie Boonstra and Jadyn Baldwin, and Teulon's Ali Charison and Annika Kowalchuk.

Arborg's Brooke Barylski won the JV girls' singles division while Gimli's Ivy Alexander was second and Warren's Bryn-Lee Procter finished third.

The junior varsity mixed doubles event was won by Teulon's team of



Arborg's Brooke Barylski, left, won the JV girls' singles division while Gimli's Ivy Alexander finished second.



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Riverton Collegiate's Brody Maxwell, left, was top amongst varsity boys in the singles division, followed by Gimli's Matthew Huston.

Logan Morin and Avery Reed. The Saints' duo of Tate Lussier and Teagan Price finished second while Lunder's Aiden Spawding and Jersi Godfrey were third.



Arborg Collegiate's Kylee Emms-Finnsen, left, defeated Stonewall's Hayden Turner to win the varsity girls' singles division.



The Lakers' Haden Magnusson, left, won the junior varsity boys' singles event, followed by Stonewall's Spencer Schaeffer.

Flames douse Peguis in Game 5

Staff

A strong third period lifted the NCN Flames to a 4-1 road win over the Peguis Juniors in Game 5 of the KJHL best-of-seven final series last Wednesday.

Kyle Cochrane gave Peguis a 1-0 lead with a first-period goal but

the losing cause.

Armando Evans, Keistin Saunders and Lavery Melsted scored for the Flames in the third. The final two goals came on the power play late in the game.

Aiden Marchand made 27 saves in

Game 6 of the series was played this past Tuesday but no score was available.

If necessary, a Game 7 is set for Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at the Peguis Multiplex.

MJHL schedule set for 2022 Centennial Cup

Submitted by Hockey Canada

Hockey Canada has announced the official tournament schedule for the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, set for May 19 to 29 in Estevan, Sask., marking the 11th time the prairie province has hosted Canada's National Junior A Championship.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League champion will see action against the champions of the CCHL, MHL, SJHL and NOJHL.

The event is a partnership between Hockey Canada, the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL), Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL), Hockey Saskatchewan and the City of Estevan. The 2022 tournament, the 50th edition, will be a 10-team tournament, with the host Estevan Bruins welcoming the champions of the nine CJHL leagues.

"On behalf of the local tournament

organizing committee, the City of Estevan and the Estevan Bruins, we are looking forward to hosting Canada's National Junior A Championship in our community," said tournament co-chair Cory Prokop. "We are preparing to host a 10-team field for the first time in the event's long history, and know this will be 11 days of exciting hockey. We invite the entire country to come and cheer for your favourite team and to experience the hospitality of our community."

Twenty games highlight preliminary-round play at the Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, beginning May 19 when the champions of the Ontario Junior Hockey League and Superior International Junior Hockey League face off at noon MT. That game is followed by the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League and SJHL at 4 p.m. MT, with the champions from the Ligue de hockey

junior AAA du Québec and Alberta Junior Hockey League wrapping up the opening day at 7:30 p.m. MT.

"We are looking forward to the entire nation being focused on this year's championship as a result of the participation of all nine leagues in the event, as well as our initial undertaking with Tim Hortons in the awarding of the Centennial Cup," said CJHL president Brent Ladds.

The host Bruins begin their quest for their first national championship on May 20 when they face off against the LHJAAAQ in their tournament opener. The quarterfinals and semifinals are set for May 27 and 28, followed by the championship game at 7:30 p.m. MT on May 29. TSN and RDS, Hockey Canada's official broadcast partners will broadcast the final, with all preliminary- and playoff-round games live streamed at HockeyCanada.ca.

"The Centennial Cup, presented by

Tim Hortons, is one of Canada's most prestigious national championships, and fans have the opportunity to experience the best Junior A hockey in the country," said Dean McIntosh, vice-president of events and properties for Hockey Canada. "It is an exciting time to announce the schedule and finally be one step closer to this year's tournament, a unique event with hockey fans being able to watch each of the CJHL's league champions in this competition."

Tickets are on sale for the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons; fans can purchase a 25-game full-tournament package for \$210 at HockeyCanada.ca/Tickets.

For more information on the 2022 Centennial Cup, presented by Tim Hortons, please visit HockeyCanada.ca, or follow along on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Canucks lead Twisters 3-1 in MMJHL final

Staff

The St. James Jr. Canucks are one win away from winning a MMJHL title.

St. James defeated the Pembina Valley Twisters 5-2 on Saturday to take a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Kale Price, Rory Neill, Trent Halfdanson, Kurtis Luke and Ethan Unruh scored for the Canucks. Four of

those goals came on the power play.

Mike Heppner and Jacob Carels, on the power play, replied for the Twisters.

Noah Gilbert made 27 saves for the win.

St. James took a 2-1 series lead with a 2-1 home win last Thursday.

Griffin Haight scored the game win-

ner at 17:27 of the third period.

Pembina Valley's Nathan Ayotte opened the game's scoring with a goal midway in the first period but St. James' Brady Whitely answered with a power-play goal at 12:51 of the middle frame.

Gilbert stopped 31 Twisters' shots for the win.

Game 5 of the series was played Monday at the Bell MTS Iceplex but no score was available.

If necessary, a Game 6 is set for the Morris Multiplex on Thursday. Puck drop is 8 p.m.

A series-deciding Game 7 would be played on Saturday (7 p.m.) in Winnipeg.

Kings advance to MJHL final

Staff

The Dauphin Kings have advanced to the MJHL final for the first time since 2014 after defeating the Winkler Flyers 5-1 on Saturday evening.

Dauphin won the best-of-seven semifinal series in five games.

The Kings snapped a 1-1 second-period tie with three goals in the middle frame and then added another in the third.

Kaden Bryant (two), Mathew Rathbone, Cordell Coleman and Nakodan Greyyeyes scored

for Dauphin.

Trent Sambrook replied for Winkler.

Carson Cherepak made 27 saves for the win.

Dauphin took a 3-1 series lead after a 5-2 win over the Flyers last Thursday in Winkler.

Logan Calder and Klim Georgiev, on the power play, gave the Kings a 2-0 lead 11:36 into the game.

Winkler's Trent Penner responded with a goal 50 seconds later but Kings' defenceman Coly Jacquet, a former Selkirk Steeler, tallied a power-play goal at 18:10 of the second period.

The Flyers' Troy Hamilton made it a one-goal game early in the third but Dauphin's Jayden Jubenvil scored a short-handed goal midway in the third to put the Kings up 4-1.

Georgiev sealed the win with an empty-net goal at 18:56 of the third.

Cherepak made 33 saves for the win.

In the other semifinal series, the Steinbach Pistons lead the Virden Oil Capitals 3-2 after a dominating 8-2 home win on Saturday.

Steinbach goals were scored by Braden Birnie (two), Ty Paisley (two), Travis Hensrud (two), Cooper Rice and Hunter Degelman.

Narol's Nathan Driver and Braden Fischer tallied for Virden. Driver now has five goals in this season's playoffs. Simon Harkness made 22 saves for the victory.

Last Thursday, Virden defeated Steinbach 2-1 as Logan Rands scored the game winner on the power play at 6:59 of the third period.

Driver opened the scoring at 5:41 of the first period.

Steinbach's Quinton Pepper tallied at 19:07 of the first period to tie the score at 1-1.

Oil Capitals' goaltender Bailey Monteith stopped 24 Steinbach shots for the win.

Game 6 of the series was played Monday in Virden but no score was available.

If necessary, Game 7 is set for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) in Steinbach.

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Lundar Minor Ball scores \$75,000 JaysCare Field of Dreams Grant

By Brian Bowman

The baseball season has yet to begin but Lundar Minor Ball has already hit a home run after receiving a \$75,000 JaysCare Field of Dreams Grant.

Lundar was one of 16 successful applicants from across Canada. The announcement was made on Sportsnet during a Toronto Blue Jays' telecast last Friday.

Lundar Minor Ball celebrated with a baseball clinic, followed by pizza and the Jays' game.

"We had an awesome night. There was a lot of excitement with the kids and the parents as well," said Lundar Minor Ball president Blaine Fortin, adding he wanted to thank everyone who helped out on Friday evening. "The kids were so excited to be there. We had the clinic start at 5 (p.m.) on the floor at the arena and you could just tell that they were excited just to be doing something."

With the recent poor weather, it's going to be a late start to the baseball season. The clinic was a great way for the kids to have some fun. Fortin said the plan is to hold a clinic every year to get the youngsters together before the season begins.

As for the very generous grant, the money will go towards the new ball diamonds in Lundar. Fortin admitted it was an emotional time when he received the phone call saying that their application was accepted.

"It's really cool, and in the end, it's going to put us in a position where we can get these diamonds ready for play and we'll have dugouts, we'll have fences," Fortin said. "It just means so much that we'll be able to be finished by this year. It's hard to put in words."

The plan, going forward, is to put Lundar Minor Ball in a position where they can host regional and provincial tournaments.

"We just want to be proud of our community and have a good facility for our kids to play on and we're in a pretty good position right now," Fortin said.



Lundar Minor Ball hosted a baseball clinic last Friday and then celebrated the announcement that the club is receiving a \$75,000 JaysCare Field of Dreams Grant with a pizza party and a Jays game.

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Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame banquet set for June 4

Submitted

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and plans to hold the induction banquet in Morden on June 4 for the class of 2020.

For the last two years, banquets were not held due to the pandemic. The Winnipeg Goldeyes will host all the 2020 inductees at Shaw Park for a baseball game June 5 at 1 p.m. against the Lincoln Saltdogs.

The Goldeyes will wear Cardale

Cougar replica uniforms, which will be for sale following the game. All 2020 inductees will be introduced on the field prior to the game. Special 25th anniversary pins and T-shirts will be available.

Members of the 2020 inductees include seven individuals — Ron Arnst (Winnipeg), Les Charles (Didsbury, Alta.), Blaine Fortin (Lundar), Andrew Halpenny (Winnipeg), John Kroeker (Stonewall), Morris Mott

(Brandon) and Kalam Paull (La Salle).

Four teams — the Carman Goldeyes Midgets (1994-95), Carman Goldeyes Juniors (1997-2000), Elmwood Giants Juniors (2002-2007) and the Cardale Cougars Bantams/Midgets/Bisons (1971-75) — will also enter the hall of fame.

The special team to be inducted is the Portage Athletics Midgets (1991). The Honourary Life Member is Jack Callum.

Ticket information is available on the Baseball Hall of Fame website. Tickets for former individual inductees are available at a reduced rate.

Neepawa will host the second Hall of Fame golf tournament on Aug. 26.

Director Kevin Booker has invited Hall of Fame members to Morden Aug. 6 for a special day with Team Manitoba provincial boys' and girls' players at a training camp session.

Music is in the medicine for Gimli musician

By Nicole Brownlee

After a life-changing diagnosis, Larry Markusson returned to what he knew best: music.

The Gimli resident was diagnosed with stomach cancer in September 2021, forcing him to stay diligent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Immunocompromised people have a higher risk of developing serious symptoms if they catch the virus.

"I needed something to keep me busy," said Markusson, who was 65 years old when he was diagnosed.

"I've been going on the internet and finding older songs from the '60s and '70s since COVID started."

Markusson has taught himself to play around 200 songs since the COVID-19 pandemic started in March 2020.

In addition to his original songs, some of Markusson's favourite artists to play are Neil Diamond, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles.

"I've been playing guitar since I was about 17, so COVID has given me more time to spend on my guitar."

He also had to leave behind volunteering with his local handi-van service when he was diagnosed with cancer.

"Being sick is a full-time job," Markusson explained with a laugh.

Markusson receives intravenous chemotherapy treatments every two weeks. The type of chemo Markusson is treated with causes his hands to feel weak and tingly.

The feeling worsens when he's cold, but Markusson retains a positive attitude.

"I don't feel sick," he said.

To encourage himself to continue learning songs, Markusson started



Markusson was given the stage name Famous Larry by a Grade 5 class who were inspired by his music and positivity.

hosting weekly performances in his basement for his family.

"During the week, I look for songs and practise, and on Fridays, we sort of have a little party, and I try to do about a 40-minute performance and pick about 17 songs," said the musician.

He has to keep his circle small to reduce his risk of catching COVID-19, but Markusson's daughter Stacey Markusson found a way to safely access a larger audience.

Stacey livestreams her dad's performances on his Facebook page at 7 p.m. every Friday.

"We know people in New Zealand, and we have relatives in Scotland and people on vacation in Mexico that listen to it," said Markusson.

Around 40 listeners tune in on Friday nights to watch Markusson strum his acoustic guitar, serenade his family and request songs.

Viewers can sometimes catch a



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY STACEY MARKUSSON

A few members of Markusson's family get to watch his performance in person.

glimpse of his live audience dancing together.

"They look forward to it, so it keeps me going."

Stacey shared Markusson's music with her friend Sarah Prach who teaches a Grade 5 class in Winnipeg. The class dubbed Markusson Famous Larry, and the name stuck.

"Her students sent my dad a card and wrote, 'Famous Larry, we believe in you,'" said Stacey.

The father-daughter duo created a T-shirt the family now wears during the weekly performances printed with a cartoon of Markusson below his new stage name.

To join Larry Markusson's Friday night performances, visit the Larry G. Markusson Facebook page.



Larry Markusson livestreams a 40-minute set on Facebook every Friday at 7 p.m.

New artist and returning favourites at Gwen Fox Gallery this May

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Gwen Fox Gallery's May show will be open on April 26. The show will run until May 21 and features 88 pieces of art by Brenda Hedberg, Patricia Johnson, Kenneth Wauhkonen and Mia Fournier.

Patricia Johnson

Johnson is a Selkirk-based artist whose work spans many mediums from fabric art to collages to painting. She is known for her beautiful angel woodcarvings and her role as show coordinator at the Gwen Fox Gallery. She finds inspiration for her pieces from her everyday life and the world around her.

"It could be I'm talking to somebody and look in their eyes, and then,

boom, something like lightning goes off. I need to create something from that or it could be looking at the sky and just seeing a cloud drifting by and that gets me going," she said.

She attributes her experimenting with many different mediums to her urge to try other things all the time.

"I'm working on something constantly, and I can't sit down and do a whole bunch of landscapes. That's just not me. I paint people. I do landscapes. I do collage — which is totally different. It's all imagination," Johnson said.

One particular piece, which was created before the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February of this year, is a walking stick that she created to help celebrate her Ukrainian heritage. This

piece will likely be particularly interesting to residents because it contains many symbols with significance to Ukrainian culture and a key so that people can understand the meanings behind them.

One of Johnson's other artistic endeavours with her time is to volunteer teaching art at the Gordon Howard Centre in Selkirk. There she teaches seniors how to use acrylic paints.

Her best art advice to new or returning artists is just to try to do something creative.

"Don't be afraid to try. It's only paint. It can't talk back to you. It can't hurt you. You have to try it. Take a pencil and scribble and see what you can find in the scribble," said Johnson.

She hopes that visitors to the gallery

this month find joy and happiness when they stop by and look at the artwork on display.

Mia Fournier

Fournier started her art journey as a young person in the Netherlands. Once she moved to Canada she took up a career as a teacher but now works on her art full-time.

Her inspiration comes from the travels that she's taken abroad and in Manitoba.

Much of her artwork focuses on our local wildlife, with her paintings on slate and wooden surfaces taking the place of prominence in the gallery this May.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2022 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 2022 at a Public Hearing to be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building 62 2nd Ave on the 12th day of May, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on the 6th day of May, 2022 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 7th day of April, 2022

Kelly Cosgrove, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli



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Costs are as follows:

- 12 ft x 300 ft \$250 plus gst = \$262.50
- 16 ft x 300 ft \$350 plus gst = \$367.50

Areas to be serviced must be staked out by the applicant prior to application.

Applications can be made in person or by using our drop box at the municipal office Lot 55 Highway 17 in Inwood Manitoba.

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You may mail in your application form with payment to the RM of Armstrong, **All information on the application form must be completed or your order may not be processed. Forms can be found at www.rmofarmstrong.com.** Cheques are made payable to the RM of Armstrong or you may make a payment by e-transfer, please call the office for details 204-278-3377.

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1000L Heavy Application 12ft wide for \$395.00

***It is the homeowners' responsibility to flag the site for application.**

Payment must be received by the Rural Municipality of Fisher Office, Box 280, Fisher Branch, Manitoba ROC OZ0 no later than Monday, May 13, 2022. Make cheques payable to the RM of Fisher. Payments are not refundable after application of dust control. Price does not include gravel applied to site prior to dust control application. Gravel at site is at the discretion of the contractor. Dust control application tentatively booked for end of May 2022.

For more information, please contact the Rural Municipality of Fisher Office at 372-6393.

Rural Municipality of Fisher
Box 280
Fisher Branch, Manitoba
ROC OZ0

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Agricultural Equipment Technician – NOC 7312
Full Time/Permanent**

Job Location: Highway 68 East, Arborg, MB

Our Arborg location is currently looking for an experienced Agricultural Equipment Technician to join our high performing service team. In this role, you will perform basic/complex diagnostics, service repairs and maintenance work on customer and/or dealer-owned agricultural equipment/outdoor power equipment.

The wage range for this position is \$32.25-\$35.00 / hour dependent on qualification and experience; also comes with performance incentive, employee purchase program, comprehensive health and dental benefits, disability and life insurance benefits and a group RRSP program. We are also committed to your growth and development and provide ongoing training opportunities, along with John Deere University courses.

Required Skills:

- Proven knowledge of methods, materials, tools and techniques used in the repair of agricultural equipment
- Outstanding knowledge of mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems
- Ability to use computer to support diagnostics
- Excellent problem solving ability

Required Experience:

- Certificate of training in a discipline related to tasks as described in NOC 7312, plus 3 – 5 Years Experience
- Completion of an apprenticeship program in one of the following trades is an asset:

Agricultural Equipment Technician
Heavy Duty Mechanic
Diesel Mechanic
Tractor Trailer Mechanic

- Completion of John Deere certification or willingness to undertake
- Driver's license and clear abstract
- Language of work: English

Contact Information:

Enns Brothers Ltd.
Attn: Human Resources Department
Email: hr@ennsbros.com



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Town of Arborg PUBLIC NOTICE 2022 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 2022 on:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 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 2022 Financial Plan.

The 2022 Financial Plan includes the following general borrowing proposals

- Borrowing of \$113,144.24 at 6% over 15-years for the expansion of the BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. landfill.

Copies of the 2022 Financial Plan will be available for review on May 2nd, 2022 and may be examined by any person on the Town of Arborg's website at www.townofarborg.com.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2022.

Cindy Stansell, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Arborg

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Town of Arborg Invitation to Tender

The Town of Arborg, on behalf of Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services, invites tenders for the purchase of a **1995 Dodge Dually Rescue Truck**.

A detailed tender package is available for pick up at the Town Office, 337 River Road in Arborg, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday or through email.

Sealed bids marked with **1995 Dodge Dually Rescue Truck** and clearly displaying the bidder's name will be received by the undersigned until **4:00 pm on Friday, May 27th, 2022**.

The Town of Arborg reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the project in the best interest of the Town in its sole discretion.

Cindy Stansell, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Arborg
337 River Road, Box 159, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
Ph: 204-376-2647; caoarborg@mymts.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

POSTPONED - Cluck & Quack Poultry Club Auction. Poultry & small animals auction scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022. At the request of the Chief Veterinarian of Manitoba is postponed until further notice.

NOTICES

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

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

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

Sudoku Answer

S	D	V	E	H	E	N	E	K	E	O	P		
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M	R	V	C	U	N	A	V	A	D	I	V	A	H

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- North American people
- Chinese surname
- Fit in at the last minute
- "Very" in musical terminology
- Underwater displays
- Crosby's bandmates
- Belong to he
- Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- Sequences of alternating turns
- Genus of grasses
- Satisfy
- Petty quarrel
- Made level
- Ruler of Iran
- Historical region of Syria
- Food suitable for babies
- Something to lend
- Zone of oceanic trenches
- Philippine island
- Domesticated animal
- Plant of the lily family
- Bluish green
- ___ Tomei, actress
- Without (French)
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Apply pressure to
- Divide in half
- Bad deed
- Don't know when yet
- Hollywood's greatest honor
- Aiming to exhort
- Faked
- A way to pierce
- Midway between northeast and east
- Points

CLUES DOWN

- Chop up
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Egyptian goddess
- Split pulses
- Afflict

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			45					46					
	47	48					49				50	51	52
53						54				55	56		
57										58			
59						60				61			

- Type of area rug
- Tide
- Affirmative
- Sudden change
- One picked
- Debauched man
- Stiff bristles
- Famous arena
- Established rules and methods
- Injection
- Father
- Protein-rich liquids
- He delivers gifts
- Advanced degree
- Fencing swords
- Chinese mountain range
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Precursor to hemoglobin
- Much ___ about nothing
- Compound fabric (abbr.)
- A way to act slowly on
- Ottoman military commanders
- Popular kids' network
- Hard compound
- Sympathize with
- Northeast college
- Frosted
- Turn away
- Benefit
- Dry or withered
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
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- Contributes
- Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- Wear
- Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
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- Student Activity Assistants: Various Locations in the IERHA**
- Must be Metis, Non-Status or Inuit.
 - Must be students between the ages of 16-29

Please see: <https://selfservice.ierha.ca/> and search under: "Direct Support" and scroll to find:

Student Activity Assistant for the complete job posting. (Competition number: MMF LTC 855/22)

Please apply on-line at <https://selfservice.ierha.ca/> with resume attached. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 11:59 pm.



Interlake-Eastern
Regional Health Authority



Town of Arborg NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may be accepted to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the Office of Mayor:

Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the Office of Councillor:

Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the Town of Arborg office,
337 River Road, during regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the telephone number listed below.

Dated at ARBORG in the Province of Manitoba, on April 28, 2022

Jan Larkin, SEO Town of Arborg
337 River Rd. Arborg MB Telephone 204-376-2647



NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RM OF WEST INTERLAKE

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period BEFORE they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council:

Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor:

Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the RM of West Interlake offices, 38 Main Street, Ashern MB and/or 10 Main Street Eriksdale, MB during regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form and package, contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

Myrna Little
204-941-0156
seo@rmofwestinterlake.com

Dated at Ashern on April 18, 2022
Myrna Little
SEO for the RM of West Interlake



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 2022 at a Public Hearing in the Ashern Centennial Hall, 325 East, Ashern, MB on Monday, May 9th 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on the 25th of April 2022, and may be examined by any person during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2022

Jodi Thorkelsson
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
RM of West Interlake



EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION Invites applications for the following temporary positions, effective ASAP

21.EA.29 **Educational Assistant Indefinite Term** (6.0hr/day)
– Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School

21.EA.30 **Educational Assistant Temp** (3.0hr/day)
– Winnipeg Beach School
Expected to continue to and end on June 30, 2022.

See website for details and application procedures:
[http://www.esd.ca/Employment under Support Staff](http://www.esd.ca/Employment%20under%20Support%20Staff).

CLOSING DATE: May 3, 2022 (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.



NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council:

Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor:

Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the RM of Coldwell office, 35 Main Street, Lundar during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the email or telephone number listed below.

Kaitlyn Christensen
Senior Election Official (SEO)
204-280-0223
coldwell.elections@mymts.net

Dated at Lundar on April 25, 2022.

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The Lundar Co-op Golf & Country Club is looking to hire a Golf Course Superintendent, Clubhouse Manager, Cook/Servers (full and part time). Also a summer student to be a Greenskeeper assistant and a Part-time bookkeeper.

Experience an asset but not necessary. Deadline to submit resume May 6, 2022.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates **must** register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of Mayor: From May 1, 2022 to September 20, 2022
For the office of Councillor: From June 30, 2022 to September 20, 2022
at the R.M. of Gimli Office, 62 2nd Ave; Gimli, MB. by appointment with the S.E.O. up to September 20, 2022.

Registration forms are available from the R.M. office or by contacting the S.E.O. at the email or telephone number listed below. Please contact the S.E.O. to arrange an appointment to file the Registration form.

Dated at the Rural Municipality of Gimli, in the Province of Manitoba on April 5, 2022.

Robert J Potter, CMMA
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)
R.M. of Gimli
Phone: 204-461-1664
Email: elections@rmgimli.com

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 FINANCIAL PLAN



In accordance with Section 162(2) of The Municipal Act the Rural Municipality of Armstrong shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2022 Financial Plan for the Municipality on:

**Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
FRASERWOOD HALL
10140 PR 231 Fraserwood, MB**

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong 2022 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) The 2022 Operating Budget,
- 2) The 2022 Capital Budget,
- 3) An estimate of the Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the following fiscal year (2023), and
- 4) A five (5) year Capital Expenditure Program (2023-2027)


The purpose of the PUBLIC HEARING is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong 2022 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 19th day of April, 2022.

Corlie Larsen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG PUBLIC NOTICE LONG TERM FORAGE LEASES



The RM OF ARMSTRONG is now accepting applications for LONG TERM FORAGE LEASES. Applications will be accepted until **Friday May 6th, 2022 BY 4:30 PM** to be reviewed at the May 10th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

LEASE terms are to the age of 65, with 5 year renewal options after the age of 65.

The lessee must be 18 years of age and a resident of Manitoba or becoming a resident within 2 years.

The use of the leased lands is meant for the purpose of forage production for livestock owned by the lessee.

Application Forms can be obtained from the Municipal Office at Lot 55 Hwy 17 in Inwood, MB, by email to cao@rmofarmstrong.com or on our website at www.RMOFARMSTRONG.COM.

THE RM OF ARMSTRONG is not obligated to provide access to the leased lands.


Applicants are responsible to view the lands prior to submitting an application.

Lease Rate for 2022 will be a 1.5% of the current years assessment and subject to change pending annual budget requirements.

Land	Roll No	Acres	Assmt
NW 4-20-2E	110300	160.00	36,800
NW 8-20-2E	111900	160.00	36,800
SE 8-20-2E	112000	160.00	36,800
SW 9-20-2E	112500	160.00	36,800
SW 17-20-2E	117000	160.00	41,600
NE 31-20-3E E 1/2	134200	80.00	32,000
SW 10-21-2E	155400	162.00	56,700
SE 32-21-2E	165600	160.00	41,600
SE 12-18-2W (fence improvements \$490)	230300	160.00	32,400
NW 18-21-1W (negotiate for improvements)	309300	159.00	36,100
SE 18-21-1W (negotiate for improvements)	309400	158.46	37,800
SW 18-21-1W (negotiate for improvements)	309500	157.28	34,600
SW 20-21-1W	310600	161.00	56,400
NW 34-21-1W E 1/2 (fence improvements \$240)	316400	68.10	16,000

Corlie Larsen, CAO
RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Phone: 204-278-3377

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 2022 Financial Plan on:

**Thursday, May 12, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Municipal Office located at 329 River Road, Arborg, MB.

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton 2022 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2022 Operating Budget
- 2) 2022 Capital Budget
- 3) An estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2023)
- 4) A Five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2023-2027)

The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by an opportunity for a forum from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection. Draft copies of the Financial Plan are now available upon request by calling or emailing the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Office.

If you wish to attend this public hearing, we ask you register before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, or you may mail, email, or fax your questions, concerns and/or comments regarding the proposed financial plan to us by the same deadline.

Mr. Jordan Willner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2022

**The Express Weekly News Classified booking deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. prior to Thursday's publication
Please Call 204-467-5836**

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Reporter/Photographer Wanted

Are you a natural born storyteller with an eye for photography and a passion for community news? The Stonewall Teulon Tribune and Express Weekly News is currently seeking a full-time reporter and photographer to join its multi award-winning weekly community newspaper.

We are looking for someone who is both motivated and passionate about being the best outlet of interesting and breaking news stories and event coverage in the Interlake and surrounding area communities.

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in journalism or equivalent experience in a related field
- Strong photography and writing skills with an interest in social media
- 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

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:

Lana Meier
Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca
Deadline to apply is Friday, May 6, 2022.



Tribune Stonewall Teulon

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Mary Kowalchuk will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 7th.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Municipality of Bifrost - Riverton

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the Office of Reeve:
Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the Office of Councillor:
Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the Municipal office, 329 River Road, during regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at the telephone number listed below.

Dated at ARBORG in the Province of Manitoba, on April 28, 2022

Jan Larkin, SEO Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
329 River Rd. Arborg MB Telephone 204-376-2391

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Rural Municipality of FISHER

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2022 BUDGET HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.

RM of Fisher Council Chambers
30 Tache St, Fisher Branch

At this time the Council will present the proposed 2022 financial plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed financial plan will be available upon request May 6, 2022 at the RM of Fisher Municipal Office, 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, MB during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may also be directed by letter to the Chief Administrative Officer or through e-mail at fishercao@mymts.net

If you are planning to attend please pre-register with the RM of Fisher at 204-372-6393 or by email to fishercao@mymts.net.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI
PUBLIC NOTICE
OF VOTERS LIST / VOTING
AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER/ and
PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

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

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

At this time an Election Official will be available to update the voters list by:

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

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Subsection 21(1)
A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

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

VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER: Subsection 22(1)
For municipal elections only, non-resident land-owners are eligible to vote in an election. In order to be eligible, the person must be:

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

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

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION: Subsection 34 (3)
A voter may apply in writing to the Senior Election Officer (at the address /email/ fax number below) no later than **September 20, 2022** to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the Voters List in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail/email or fax and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 20, 2022.

Dated at; the R.M. of Gimli, in the Province of Manitoba, on April 5, 2022.

The next General Election for the R.M. of Gimli takes place on: **October 26, 2022.**

Robert J Potter, CMMA
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) for the R.M. of Gimli
P.O. Box 1246
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BIRTHDAY IN MEMORIAM



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on her April 28 birthday.
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SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Marilyn Eiriksson
February 10, 1935 - February 28, 2022

A celebration of Mom's life will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Lundar Lutheran Church with a luncheon to follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Lundar Legion Hall.

Arrangements by:
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OBITUARY

Antoinette Bernice Susanne Geisler (nee Broustal)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Antoinette (Nettie) Geisler aged 97 years of Ashern. She passed peacefully on April 19, 2022 at the Eriksdale Personal Care Home with her family by her side.

Antoinette Broustal was born November 20, 1924 east of the tracks in the Ashern area. She grew up on the Broustal Farm and attended Idylwild School.

Mom moved west across the tracks to her sweetheart Eddie Geisler when they married in 1945 and farmed on Geisler Road. Mom's favorite saying was "I lived on the farm all my life!"

Predeceased by her husband Eddie, her parents Marianne and Louis Broustal, her son Duncan, grandson Brandyn Falk and all of her siblings Louis, Henry, Marcel, Anne, Mary, Liza, Alice, and Henrietta.

She leaves to mourn her children, Dennis, Shelley (Randy) Bjornson and Sandra (Ken) Falk; daughter-in-law Lise Pinsonneault; grandchildren Michelle (Jason) Broussard, Kirsten (Todd) Blackmon, Elliot Geisler, Roland Geisler, Paul (Alex) Geisler; Marianne (Bernard) Lesk; Craig (Jennifer) Bjornson, Derek Bjornson and Brenna (Tim) Sigfusson; great-grandchildren Annalise, Lydia and Frederick Geisler, Ezra Lesk; Logan and Everly Broussard; Noah Blackmon; Torger and Sigge Bjornson; Finn and Brook Bjornson; Kohl, Charlee and Titan Sigfusson.



Mom worked hard all her life and put her heart and soul into everything she did. Farming alongside Eddie and spending long days in the fields only to come home and cook for a table full of workers. Her love of gardening was evident when you looked into her pantry which was always full of jam, jellies and canning. Her community was very important to her and she gave back whatever and whenever she could. She led many young people in her role as 4H leader for over 25 years and led her own life by the 4H motto "learn to do by doing". No one could ever say no to Mom when it came time to buy tickets for community fundraisers and this was evident when she won the Granny Queen Contest for raising the most money. Her leadership skills took her to the Lakeshore Hospital Guild where she held the Presidency for 30 years and remained a member until her passing. Mom was honoured in 1994 as the Northwest Interlake Woman of the Year for all her community involvement. Later in life Mom took up golfing and loved walking around the golf course even after putting in a long day. She often could not see where her ball landed but all she had to do was walk straight to the flag and there it was in the middle of the fairway, always a straight shooter, something Mom was on and off the course.

Mom was a resilient pioneer - there was nothing that she couldn't make, cook or fix, hunt, trap, skin and stretch. She had the biggest heart with unconditional love for her family and would give them everything she could and more. Her love of quilting was evident in the many quilts she made for her family and baby quilts for so many friends. Everyone knew Nettie and loved chatting with her and sitting at her kitchen table over a meal or cup of tea. No one ever left hungry. Everyone received a "Nettie Hug" whether you knew her or not. There was no such thing as "personal space" for her.

Her faith was an important part of her life, and this verse in John 13:34 is a message Mom would want to leave for us all. "A new command I give you: Love one another, As I loved you so you must love one another".

She was very proud of her French heritage and made a trip to France to see her relatives and parent's homestead.

Repose En Paix Maman
Our family is most grateful for the Ashern and Area Staff and Home Care Workers, Lakeshore General Hospital staff and Eriksdale Personal Care Home staff for their kind, compassionate care for our mother.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Nettie's life will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022 in the Ashern Centennial Hall with Melanie Kauppila officiating.

In Nettie's honor, donations can be made to the Lakeshore Hospital Guild c/o Julie Bergner, Box 721, Ashern, MB R0C 0E0.

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OBITUARY

Margaret Lovesa Wishnowski (nee Bjornson)

April 21, 1931 - April 18, 2022

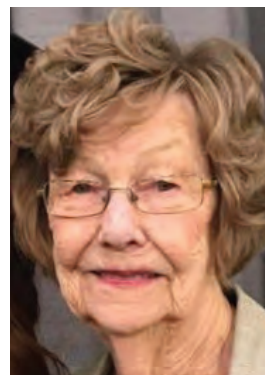
Margaret Wishnowski, age 90, died peacefully on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Gimli Community Health Centre surrounded by her family.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially her children John (Toni), Allan (Donna), Brenda (Drew), Bruce, and Rosanna (Paul). She will be forever cherished by her grandchildren Brittany (Stephen) and Ali, Hannah and Chelsea, Karli and Katie, and Brent and Blaine. Also left to mourn her passing are her close cousins Violet Orbanski and Judy Tait, many nieces and nephews, brother-in-law Walter Wishnowski, sisters-in-law Jean Baziniak and Edna Wishnowski, family members in Iceland, and close friends.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Victor; parents John and Johanna Bjornson; parents-in-law Adam and Mary Wishnowski; and sisters Anna Hook (Jim), Joan Joyal (Dennis) and infant sister Brenda.

Margaret lived her entire life in Riverton on Lundi on the Icelandic River. She grew up in the house built by her father, near her Amma and Afi, and many cousins. She described her childhood as being "glorious and magical", treasuring her memories of times also spent with her family while her dad was fishing at Barney's Point. She and Victor went on to raise their own family in this house that she loved.

Margaret loved music and dancing, and as a young woman, she would go to as many of the old time dances in the surrounding area as she could. It was at one of these dances that she met her love, Victor. They spent 54 years together and raised five children. Margaret was happiest when her home was full of family and friends. Even though she lived alone for many years after Victor died, she still never had a lock on her door as she worried that someone might need a safe place to come. She warmly greeted drop in visitors at all times of the day and night who came by to see her.



Margaret attended Normal School in Winnipeg where she received her teaching certificate. She was a lifelong learner and went on to finish her university degree when she was in her fifties. She was passionate about education and loved her various teaching experiences, remembering her students fondly. She especially cherished teaching Icelandic to her elementary students in Riverton before she retired and she may have been the last person to teach Icelandic in a public school in North America. Margaret was very involved in her Icelandic culture and spent her life preserving it. She was honored to be the Fjallkona at the Icelandic Festival in Gimli in 2001. She was extremely humble about her many recognized accomplishments, including the compilation of the book, "Train Stories from the Icelandic River", which raised money for the heritage museum. Margaret had a deep appreciation for all cultures and instilled this in her children. She had a genuine interest in every person she met and she always wanted to know details about their lives and family which she always remembered.

Margaret was an active and dedicated member on several committees in Riverton, including the Riverton Lutheran Church/Lutheran Church Women (LCW), the Icelandic River Heritage Site (Engimyri), Riverton Cemetery, and the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Museum. She was a steadfast environmentalist, tending to her organic garden, composting, and being conscientious about waste, long before it was recognized as being important. She appreciated the saying, "Let the rivers be rivers."

The family would like to thank Dr. S.V. Patel, her daughter in-law Donna Wishnowski, and all of the staff at the Gimli Hospital who cared for her with such kindness and compassion.

Those who wish to donate in Mom's memory, may consider selecting one of the above mentioned organizations, as well as The Bear Clan Patrol or the Salvation Army which were very dear to her heart.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Riverton Lutheran Church, followed by a Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverton Hall.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council:
Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022

For the office of councillor:
Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the R.M. of Grahamdale office, 23 Government Rd., Moosehorn, MB during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the S.E.O. at the telephone number listed below.

SEO name: Sandra Falk
SEO contact telephone number: (204) 768-2858
SEO fax number: (204) 768-3374
Email: seo@grahamdale.ca

Dated at Moosehorn, MB this 22nd day of April, 2022.

Sandra Falk
Senior Election Official, RM of Grahamdale



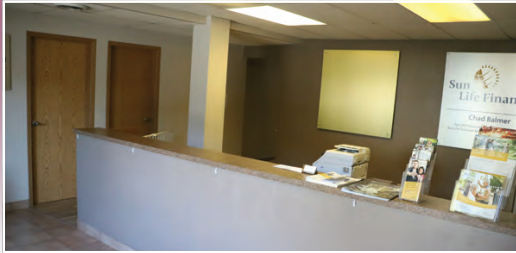
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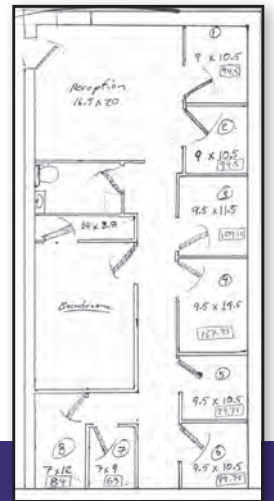
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