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Grahamdale at odds with Kayak rental business owner

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After deciding to not renew the lease of a well-known local business, the RM of Grahamdale says it still supports the owner, while the owner says actions speak louder than words.

Peter Hofbauer, 41, is the owner of Steep Rock Kayak and Pete's Place (the local snack shack). In November 2020, the RM of Grahamdale opted to not renew his lease agreement, but it was last week he decided to go public via Instagram.

"During a pandemic when entrepreneurs face layers of stress, cost, anxiety, and with higher levels of government assisting small business, local government is taking drastic steps to remove a local entrepreneur who has invested two decades into promoting tourism and putting Steep Rock on the map," said Hofbauer. He has been operating his business in the RM since 2008. Hofbauer grew up on a farm seven kilometres from Steep Rock and said he still lives there.

"By the time the snow melts and the ground thaws, Steep Rock Kayak (also known as Pete's Place) will have only a matter of weeks to dismantle 13 years of what has become a tourist attraction," he said, noting the RM



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PETER HOFBAUER

Steep Rock Kayak has been a staple in the community since 2008, with this photo having been taken after Hofbauer's landscaping efforts following the flood of 2011.

also asked him to renew his liability insurance, which was required on the previous lease. Hofbauer said he did so, and that insurance is of no use to him now but valid through September 2021.

Grahamdale Reeve Craig Howse said in a press release that the RM decided not to renew Hofbauer's lease for a couple of reasons.

The first, according to Howse, is be-

cause the RM has a longer-term development plan for the Steep Rock and surrounding area, though he did not elaborate on that plan. The second reason is, according to Howse, safety concerns relating to congestion of the area around the dock.

"One of the objectives of this (long-term) plan is to remove structures existing on public lands along the lakeshore to better facilitate access to the lake and to public lands," said Howse.

"The area sees a large amount of foot and vehicle traffic, powered and unpowered boats launching or loading,

swimmers in the water, and visitors to Steep Rock exploring the lakeshore, including the Steep Rock cliffs," he said.

Howse added the RM hopes Hofbauer will relocate his business to help mitigate this congestion, and that the RM "remains supportive" of Hofbauer's business.

Hofbauer disagrees with Howse's sentiment, as he said actions speak louder than words. Steep Rock Kayak rents non-motorized watercrafts to visitors, who then often paddle out to what Hofbauer dubbed "Goat Island." Hofbauer brought two goats to the island a couple of years back, and he said the goats instantly became a tourist attraction.

But he said the business represents so much more; it represents community.

"The business is so much more than renting boats. It's irreplaceable. I designed this business to be a tourist attraction, to make people feel like they're in another country, and to make people from other countries feel like they're at home," said Hofbauer.

"Not only has this business served as the anchor of local tourism but also as one of the highlights of people's vacation. Friendships have been formed here. For many visiting Steep Rock for the first time, it was first things they

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Winnipeg Beach mom and Shenanigans restaurant raising funds for St. Amant Centre

By Patricia Barrett

A Winnipeg Beach mom, whose son died from COVID last year while he was living in the St. Amant Centre in Winnipeg, has raised a considerable amount of money for the organization and has received some help from a beach restaurant.

Odette Carreiro said she has raised over \$100,000 for St. Amant, which cared for her son Mark, through her popular "Bidding Wars for St. Amant" Facebook page. And the non-profit organization stands to benefit even more now that local restaurant Shenanigans on the Beach created a BLT platter in Mark's honour.

Shenanigans two co-owners had called Carreiro after Mark passed away, offering to donate half of the proceeds of the platter to St. Amant until the end of the year.

"Oh my God, I just went crazy," said Carreiro by phone last week. "Even though Marky passed away, his name is still alive here in the Interlake. There are businesses that want to do something to help."

Shenanigans' co-owners told her they sold about 69 Marky burgers in April (as of last Thursday), raising \$409 for St. Amant, said Carreiro. Hundreds of people also sent donation cards directly to St. Amant after Mark's passing. Robin's Donuts in Gimli also pitched in last month to help raise funds.

Mark was born healthy in 1984, but after he received his first baby vaccination for pertussis (whooping cough), he had seizures.

"I had never heard of contraindications with vaccines," said Carreiro. "And then Mark got the second vaccine when he was six months old and the reaction was so much more severe. He was hospitalized all the time with seizures. He would have 50 to 60 seizures a day. Unfortunately, it caused severe brain damage. His brain was totally fried. He couldn't even hold a



Shenanigans is donating half of the proceeds from the "Marky" burger platter until the end of 2021 to the St. Amant Centre.

toy."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, side effects of the pertussis vaccine can include rare adverse reactions such as chronic neurological problems.

Carreiro cared for Mark at home for the first 15 years of his life, taking him to medical appointments and therapy programs, and also running a special needs childcare in her home, she said. When he moved into St. Amant, she would visit him nearly every day.

"As a mom of a special needs child, you're very protective and you want to be there with your child all the time," said Carreiro. "I used to go to St. Amant four or five times a week."

She said she came up with the idea of the fundraising page for St. Amant a few years ago.

"I took all the stuff in my house that I didn't use, appliances I bought and never used, and took pictures of everything. I created a site on Facebook and I invited friends to join," she said. "And all of sudden it boomed. Now I



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Odette Carreiro's son Mark passed away from COVID last year while living in the St. Amant Centre.

have 1,700 followers all over the Interlake and I've raised over \$100,000 for St. Amant."

People donate the "most amazing" items to her, not junkyard stuff, she said, and some items get distributed to needy families in the Interlake through a connection she has in the community.

"I didn't expect my Facebook page to grow like this and be so popular," said Carreiro, who's in her sixth season working for the Town of Winnipeg Beach as gardener and landscaper. "I have three friends that help me with my bidding site, doing photoshoots and documenting the winning bids."

Carreiro said Interlake children with autism use St. Amant's services and special equipment, and the organization provides training to staff at Heima Er Best and Cornerstone in Gimli. The funds she and businesses raise for the centre will support Interlakers. She and her helpers will also be selling St. Amant triple-layer facemasks

in the Beach this summer to further support the organization.

The Express reached out to St. Amant for comment but did not hear back by deadline. It made a number of attempts to reach Shenanigans.

Although she lost faith in vaccines after Mark experienced brain damage, Carreiro said she would have wanted him to have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

"I prayed that Marky would have been able to get vaccinated against COVID at St. Amant. I was terrified of it," she said. "I decided to get the COVID vaccine. I never thought in a million years I'd do it, but I did. The shots need to get out there. This is a nightmare."

RM of Armstrong to hold public hearing on budget; may offer virtual meeting

By Patricia Barrett

The Municipality of Armstrong council will be holding a public hearing next week to present its proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

Copies of the financial plan are available on the RM's website or by calling the municipal office.

Depending on COVID-19 cases and provincial public health recommendations, council may offer the meeting virtually whereby the public can call in from the comfort of home and listen to the proceedings.

After the budget presentation, council will take questions or comments

or hear anyone who wishes to make a presentation or register an objection to the budget. The RM will also accept written submissions.

The budget presentation takes place on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Fraserwood Hall. Pre-registration is required by May 4 at 4:30 p.m. Please call the municipal office at 204-278-3377.

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RM of Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski, shown here in 2020, and council will be presenting their 2021 proposed budget on May 6.



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Chartreuse-coloured waterhole in Poplarfield a rare surprise

By Patricia Barrett

An incidental waterhole that was created last year on Tom and Rozanne Nevakshonoff's Poplarfield property has turned a unique colour, indicating the presence of marl sediment, a calcium carbonate or lime-enriched soil.

After snowmelt, the waterhole turned a colour that can be best described as somewhere along the chartreuse colour spectrum (different shades between green and yellow).

Some may consider it to be more of a turquoise (a bluish-green) colour.

The most striking example of a large marl waterbody in Manitoba is Little Limestone Lake, about 450 kilometres north of Winnipeg. As temperatures rise, the quantity of marl increases and can turn the water a turquoise or robin's egg blue colour, which makes it look as though it belongs in the Caribbean, according to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.



An incidental waterhole that was created in 2020 when three wetlands were built on the Nevakshonoffs' Poplarfield property has turned a chartreuse colour.

Tom Nevakshonoff said his waterhole's colour could possibly change by the end of summer as sediment builds up. The Nevakshonoffs had teamed up last year with the East Interlake Watershed District to build three wetlands and dykes on their property. Because Manitoba has lost around 70 per cent of its wetlands from agricultural drainage activities

and housing developments, the Nevakshonoffs wanted to do their part to restore wetlands while still maintaining an ability to farm.

Wetlands have many benefits, including controlling flood waters, making water available during drought periods and creating vital habitat for animals, insects and plants.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TOM NEVAKSHONOFF

One of the new wetlands the Nevakshonoffs constructed with the East Interlake Watershed District last year is holding water.

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saw at the end of the pavement."

Locals have started a petition to save Hofbauer's business. To sign the petition, visit <https://bit.ly/3tjf3kd>.

History of Pete's business

Hofbauer started working for the RM-owned Steep Rock Beach Campground seasonally but quit his job in 2007 to become an entrepreneur.

"I started renting out kayaks and canoes at the beach. ... The wharf was not a destination for tourism and there were no services. Only for two weeks a year, there were swimming lessons.

"I asked the RM back then for permission to (use) the wharf ... and they were very helpful and agreed at the time. They allowed me to set up on their property. The community club allowed me to use the little hut they used for a canteen," he said, adding the hut was in rough shape, so he

fixed it up and purchased it.

It was at that point people started coming, he said, and the business took off from there. In 2009, he said the RM saw the need to build a parking lot to accommodate traffic. To Hofbauer, the construction of the lot was indicative of a thriving business.

But 2011 was especially difficult, he said, as the flood had a huge negative impact on a business that, at the best of times, relied on 90 days of summer annually to advance itself economically.

But still, Hofbauer said he persevered.

"I landscaped, hauled rocks and sand, and more rocks, and saved the property," said Hofbauer.

"I converted the landscaping to create what it looks like today. People love it. It's become the icon of Steep Rock," he said.

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High-profile hairdresser making his way home

Peguis First Nation member bringing talents to home community

By Nicole Buffie

Cutting hair may just be a monthly activity for many, a way to stay presentable and feel good. But for Tyrone McCorrister-Choken, picking up the shears is an art form.

The owner of the newest soon-to-be-open barbershop in Selkirk and a member of Peguis First Nation will be bringing his talents back to the community where he spent a lot of time and learned his craft while hoping to bring some faithful clients to the new space, including players of the Winnipeg Jets.

As a young boy, McCorrister-Choken remembers receiving haircuts from his grandfather and uncles in his home community of Peguis. As he grew up, he took over the shears and started giving the cuts himself while inserting his own flair into the styles.

"In junior high, everybody had these crazy hair designs in their hair. Everybody had some crazy art or pieces in their hair and I wanted to know who was doing them because I was always into art and drawing growing up," he said.

When he was only making his way through middle school, McCorrister-Choken, now 29, became acquainted with the artist behind the designs, Scott Ramos, and would eventually become his apprentice — and eventually an employee of his barbershop in Winnipeg, Saint.

Though the young barber's journey was seemingly a full-circle experience, it was not as easy as it sounds. After losing touch with his passion for cutting hair and working construction jobs as an adult, it was only after becoming injured in a work-related accident and looking for some extra income that he began an amateur

barbershop in his basement slinging cuts for cash. The experience inspired him to go back to the profession and attend hair school.

Once done with his academics, he landed a job at a salon and got to work. It was one day, however, that he says changed everything for him: he received a booking from Winnipeg Jet Mark Stuart.

"I was super nervous like, 'Man, if this is the guy that's a huge stepping stone for me. That's gonna look good,'" he said.

After the appointment was a success and Stuart became a regular client, McCorrister-Choken bounced around shops until he found a home at Saint, owned and operated by his old friend Ramos, a popular spot in Winnipeg that sees many high-profile clients sitting in their chairs.

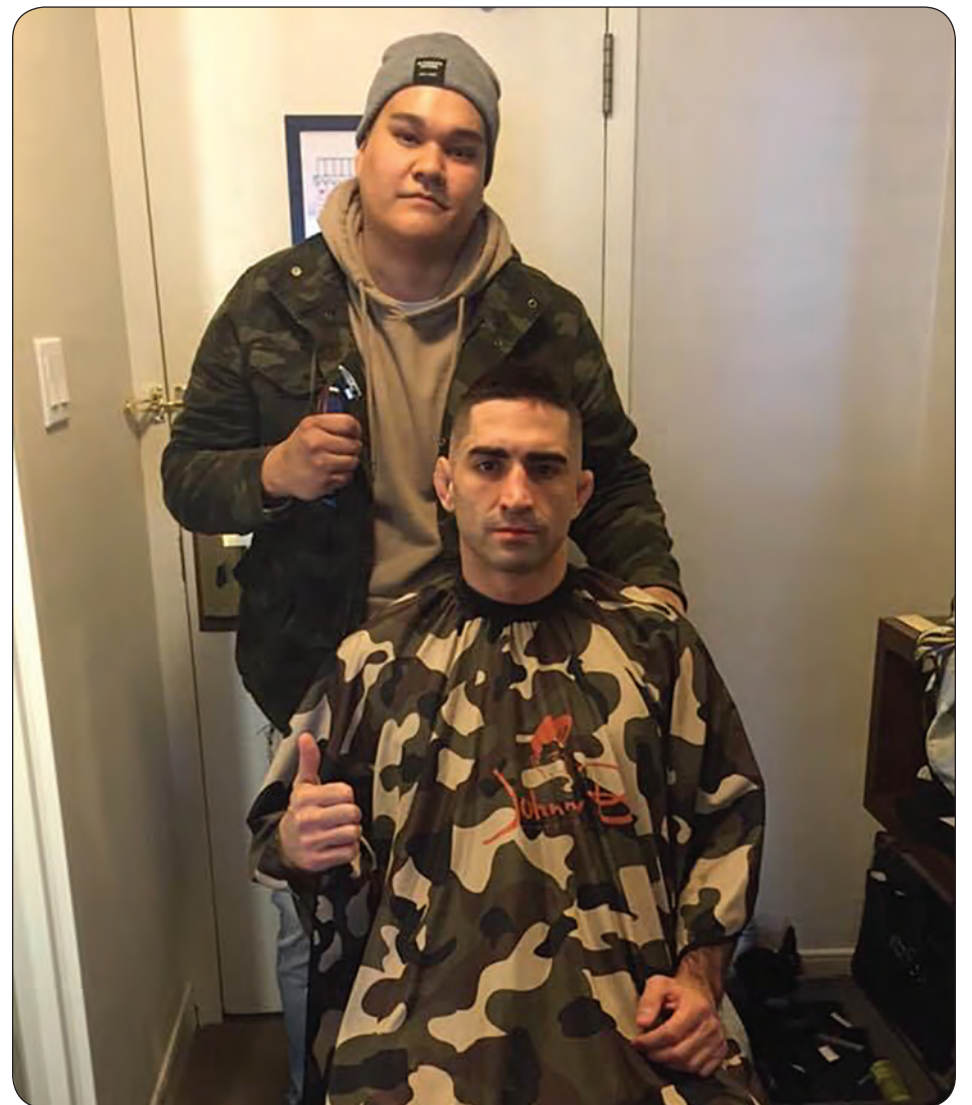
With the move came more Jets players looking for cuts and McCorrister-Choken increasingly thinking about opening his own space, a thought he's had since he was a young man.

"It was always been in the back of my head. It's always been in my heart. I knew that one day I wanted to own a business and it was something that was gonna happen," he said.

Quoting Wayne Gretzky's famous line, "you miss 100 per cent of the shots you don't take," McCorrister-Choken looks forward to the grand opening of First and Originals Barbershop in the first weeks of May, despite COVID-19 affecting hairstylists and their salons to a great extent.

He also hopes to serve as a role model for Indigenous youth in the area.

"The generation that's coming up behind me, as a young Indigenous man or a businessman now, I need to really motivate the people that feel



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Tyrone McCorrister-Choken will be bringing his talents to the city of Selkirk with his own barber shop and hopes some of his faithful clients such as Winnipeg Jet Dylan DeMelo will follow him there.

like there's doubt and that they feel like they can't do it, but really you can because I've had that doubt for years and I finally broke through that doubt and broke those barriers and I'm finally doing it now."

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• GUEST COMMENTARY

Improving education requires avoiding curriculum traps

It is hard to imagine a better description of our current situation in Manitoba public education than that provided by Tom Green (1984 – a coincidence?) in *The Formation of Conscience in an Age of Technology*. "... our institutions must also be sufficiently resistant to change so that those whose conscience is merely technical and limited to skills of managing the political apparatus, but who are rootless in their souls, may not do irreparable harm." In short, people focussed on carrying out the how to miss the why and the what.

Simply put, Bill 64 leaves public schools in the hands of people who have no knowledge about, or investment in, why we created them in the first place. People who are more adept at sponsoring the mechanisms of this government than at upholding an educational agenda. They do not seem to understand or care about the havoc they are creating and enabling.

Politicians, both rural and urban, are abandoning their constituencies. Their civil servants, selected on the basis of their management skills (technical conscience) and not their knowledge of education, keep check on their partisan politician bosses to ensure that they do not deviate from the prevailing script predetermined by the premier and the minister. And they are only willing to work with those who endorse their strategies. Together, they are on the verge of doing irreparable damage to the very roots that provide them with their current legitimacy and which they took an oath to defend and



By John R. Wiens

uphold. It is an undisputed fact that extreme provincial controls undermine local institutions and local rights. In schools, this means closing "inefficient" schools — schools with enriched staffing to meet local needs which provide some semblance

of equal educational opportunity. It means longer bus rides even for very young children, itself an equality issue. Bill 64 eliminates the moratorium on school closures and the mandate to keep one-way bus rides under an hour.

Bill 64 inevitably ends up with fewer teachers in rural communities, where they are often so much more than teachers, providing a host of other leadership functions. It means fewer people such as those in schools and board offices having gainful local employment.

Control from urban centres means that rural values, solutions and resource allocations lose their sway in public policies — removing locally elected trustees means that the rural roots just dry up faster.

By sheer numbers and efficiencies of scale, urban frameworks and prescriptions hold out no promise for local responses and initiatives. But singular, simple answers to multi-layered, complex problems also do not work in urban areas.

Winnipeg is a cosmopolitan city with very diverse neighbourhoods, a fact that most of us are very proud of. Our city council, to their credit, have not given up on making our city an inviting, affirming community for its original inhabitants and newcomers. However, making it all one jurisdiction for educational purposes is bound to make its efforts more challenging.

As Maggie MacIntosh, *Winnipeg Free*



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Press education reporter, has repeatedly revealed, each school division has tailored very unique services to the needs of their diverse populations. It is hard to imagine that level of sophistication and responsiveness in a solitary system under the management of one director whose first responsibility is to the provincial government.

Decisions that have a great impact on the everyday lives of citizens ought to be made as close to these citizens as possible. Furthermore, these citizens ought to have relatively easy access to the decision makers and the processes of decision making that affect them so directly. I fear the alienation and senses of apathy, resentment and resignation that so often accompany shifts of power to higher and higher levels of a system of governance.

As power and authority shift to the upper levels of a system, those who occupy the lower levels often feel much less of a stake in the enterprise. This loss of ownership breeds a disinterest in the affairs of governing and, quite often, an unwillingness to take responsibility for the consequences of decision making.

Green concludes with "... Rootedness and vision ultimately [are] what [provide] both the only salvation there is of those institutions and the only fixed point for the guidance of persons engaged in public policy."

Bill 64 tears away at the moral, social, economic and political rootedness that defines Manitoba, and our present government, in its soulless and rootless agenda, is threatening the souls of all of us!

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A pair of lighthouses at the northern end of Hecla Island, in Hecla-Grindstone Provincial Park, date from the early days of navigation on Lake Winnipeg. The shorter, wooden lighthouse dates from 1898 while the taller, steel lighthouse was built in 1926. Both are tended by the Canadian Coast Guard. Much of the water on Lake Winnipeg remains frozen but is gradually beginning to melt. Help us record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends and/or families enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca

New COVID cases announced Monday

Health officials on Monday announced 210 new cases of COVID-19 and a test positivity rate of 7.6 per cent provincially and 8.2 per cent in Winnipeg.

There were 2,093 active cases of the virus at the start of the work week. A total of 34,747 Manitobans have recovered from the virus since last spring. The number of people who have died is 968.

COVID-19 hospitalizations were at 148 Monday, including 37 people in intensive care.

Breaking it down by health authority, Interlake Eastern was reporting 106 active cases, eight hospitalizations and two ICU patients. The region has lost 38 residents to the virus.

In the Interlake, Gimli's active case numbers are up to 28, Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 20, Arborg/Riverton 1, Eriksdale/Ashern 6, Fisher River/Peguis 7, Selkirk 7, St. Clements 13, Stonewall/Teulon 10, Unknown 6. Meanwhile in the east, Beausejour had 2 active cases, Springfield 2, Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 2 and Powerview/Pine Falls 2. Meanwhile, Whiteshell and Northern Remote recorded none.

Tighter gathering restrictions in effect Wednesday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Stricter public health orders go into effect this Wednesday, April 28, as Manitoba tries to stem the third wave of COVID-19.

Officials on Monday announced plans to further restrict gathering sizes after seeing the province's COVID-19 case counts rise by the hundreds daily over the previous week.

"Despite our best collective efforts ... Manitoba's case numbers, our test positivity rates have been rising and our hospitalizations have been going up somewhat as well," said Premier Brian Pallister, noting the more contagious variants of concern are spreading rapidly.

An overburdened health-care system puts not just COVID patients at risk, the premier noted, but anybody who may need care for other serious ailments and injuries.

And so, new public health measures have been added to the existing code red restrictions.

Until May 26, no visitors are allowed in private households, either indoors or outside, with certain exceptions allowing one visitor for people who live alone.

No indoor gatherings are allowed and outdoor gatherings in public spaces are limited to 10 people.

Faith-based gatherings are limited to 25 per cent capacity or a maximum of 10 people, with indoor mask use now required at all times.

Patio dining is restricted to groups of four people, with no household restrictions. Indoor dining remains capped at 50 per cent and people may only dine with others from their household.

Food courts in malls and shopping centres must close.

Gyms and fitness centres continue to be limited to 25 per cent capacity, but everyone inside is required to maintain physical distancing of nine feet from one another.

Spectators at outdoor sports and

recreation facilities are limited to one parent/caregiver spectator per youth participant, so long as physical distancing of six feet is maintained.

Dance, theatre and music schools continue to be limited to 25 per cent capacity, but the new orders limit the maximum number of people on site to 10 with one parent/caregiver spectator per youth participant, all physically distancing.

Personal service businesses can continue to operate at 50 per cent capacity, but appointments are required.

Day camps are permitted to have up to 10 children indoors and outdoors.

Retail stores are limited to 25 per cent of the capacity of the store or up to 250 patrons, whichever is lower, while malls are limited to 25 per cent of the facility's capacity.

"To all Manitobans I say this today: stay at home if you can, significantly limit your close contacts, and get your vaccine as soon as you are eligible to get it," Pallister urged.

The vaccine eligibility requirements continue to change rapidly. As of Monday, anyone age 50 years or older and First Nations people age 30 and up can book an appointment at the vaccination super sites.

The province has also expanded eligibility to allow all front-line police officers and firefighters age 18 or older to be vaccinated at the super sites.

Manitobans 18+ who live and work in what the province has deemed high-risk communities are also able to be vaccinated. Right now that list includes several neighbourhoods in Winnipeg and the entire Northern Regional Health Authority.

Meanwhile, any Manitoban age 40 or older can book an appointment at a pharmacy or medical clinic offering the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine.

For up-to-date vaccination eligibility and booking information, head to protectmb.ca or call 1-844-626-8222.

U.S. government lifts pause on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

By Patricia Barrett

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lifted an order that had put a hold on the use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine after determining the vaccine's benefits outweighed the risk of developing serious blood clots and potentially dying.

The two agencies had paused the use of the vaccine on April 13 after over 6.8 million doses had been administered in the U.S. Blood clots had occurred in 15 women between the ages of 18 and 59. Three women died. The onset of symptoms occurred between six and 15 days after being inoculated.

Despite evidence linking the vaccine to the blood clots, the agencies lifted the pause on April 23, saying people should be warned of the possibility of developing blood clots and low platelet levels.

"Safety is our top priority. This pause was an example of our extensive safety monitoring working as they were designed to work — identifying even these small number of cases," said

acting FDA commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock in a joint statement issued April 23. "We've lifted the pause based on the FDA and CDC's review of all available data and in consultation with medical experts and based on recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices."

The agencies said they conducted a risk-benefit analysis and concluded that the potential benefits of the vaccine outweighed the risks.

"We are confident that this vaccine continues to meet our standards for safety, effectiveness and quality. We recommend people with questions about which vaccine is right for them have those discussions with their health care provider," said Dr. Woodcock.

Two days before the pause was lifted, the FDA reported it found unsanitary conditions and possible contamination at the Baltimore-based Emergent BioSolutions manufacturing plant, which makes both the Johnson & Johnson and the AstraZeneca COVID vaccines.

Emergent had earlier been forced to

dump 15 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The FDA's inspection report cited "multiple failures" at Emergent BioSolutions, including possible cross-contamination of vaccine drug substances, loose debris, peeling paint and some sort of dark residue coating the walls. It also found flaws in the size and maintenance of the manufacturing facility and determined that workers did not follow proper procedures to prevent contamination.

Doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that Emergent had in reserve will be tested by the FDA for quality.

"In the case of Emergent BioSolutions, we are working with the company to address the conditions identified. At the agency's request, Emergent BioSolutions has agreed to pause new production while it works with the FDA to resolve potential quality issues," said acting FDA commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock and director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Dr. Peter Marks in an April 21 bulletin. "For the vaccines already manufactured, the products will undergo additional test-

ing and will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure their quality before any potential distribution. We will not allow the release of any product until we feel confident that it meets our expectations for quality."

Health Canada had already given interim approval in March to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine before the blood clot events and deaths occurred. It made an agreement with Johnson & Johnson to receive up to 38 million doses of its vaccine. A shipment to Canada is expected this week.

Canada's chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam said she didn't know the specifics of the report on Emergent BioSolutions, but Canadians shouldn't worry if they received an AstraZeneca vaccine that was made there as Health Canada has measures in place to ensure safety.

"As far as I understand, what is happening in the U.S. right now does not impact us in the vaccines we have already received and that's being deemed of high quality and met the regulatory standards as we receive them," said Tam during a virtual meeting with media last week.

Alzheimer Society challenges you to Walk Your Way in May

By Daniela Wenger

The Alzheimer Society challenges you to Walk Your Way in May by participating in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's online. Go for a walk, run, bike ride or create a fun challenge! The sky's the limit because together we CAN make a difference for Manitobans living with dementia and their families.

The Walk is the Alzheimer Society's largest annual, nationwide fundraiser. Last year, Manitobans showed their support by joining the Walk online and raising crucial funds that allowed the Society to shift many of their services online, continuing to meet the needs of people living with dementia and their caregivers.

"We're calling on all Manitobans to show their support by walking online," says Wendy Schettler, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba. "It's

critical that we all get behind this cause and raise as much as possible so the Alzheimer Society can continue to help those affected overcome the challenges of dementia and live to their fullest."

By 2031, the number of Canadians with dementia will increase by nearly 70 per cent and we have yet to find a cure. More funds are required to meet the growing demand for life-changing programs and services, including education, support groups and community programs for people with dementia and their caregivers.

One family plans to head out on a beautiful, winding trail near Beausejour for this year's walk. "We're planning the greatest time ever, and we'll make some amazing memories while we do it. That's what my dad would do!" says Cristy Law, whose entire clan will gather in honour of their patriarch, Terry Law, who has Alzheimer's disease.

The Society is excited to see the unique ways that people are participating online. While we can't all participate in the same place for this year's fundraiser, we can still come together virtually to support families living with dementia.

"IG is proud to support the Alzheimer Society and their efforts to

raise awareness and funds to find a cure," says Damon Murchison, president and CEO, IG Wealth Management. "We all know someone who has been touched by dementia and are aware of the significant impact it can have on those coping with the disease, their families and caregivers. Our employees and consultants look forward to the walk every year and are committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work."

No one should have to face this disease alone. By joining the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's, you make a positive difference in the lives of people living with dementia and their families. Get involved:

- Sign up individually, with your family, or create a team at WalkForAlzheimers.ca
- Take a photo or video, upload it to social media and include the hashtag #IGWalkForAlz.
- Join the live broadcast on the Alzheimer Society of Canada's Facebook page on Sunday, May 30 where we'll share stories from walk participants across the country and celebrate together.
- Most of all, have fun raising money for a fantastic cause!

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Manitoba joins eTick platform for expert identification

Staff

The snow on the ground this past week makes tick season seem a ways away still, but the creepy crawlies will be out before you know it.

To help Manitobans stay safe while out exploring the great outdoors, the provincial government has joined the eTick platform to help people better determine their risk of Lyme disease.

"More and more Manitobans are exploring nature and the outdoors during the pandemic. While this is a safe, healthy way to connect during the pandemic, we also want people to pay attention to reduce their risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness-

es," said Health Minister Heather Stefanson in making the announcement last week. "The eTick program will ensure people can access rapid tick identification and distribution maps, while enhancing the surveillance of tick species in Manitoba."

Manitobans can submit pictures of ticks they might find on themselves, a loved one or a pet to the eTick program for experts to identify.

Developed by Bishop's University and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, the program is useful in figuring out if a given tick belongs to a species capable of transmitting the bacteria responsible for

Lyme disease.

In addition to learning what species of tick users have found, identified specimens are mapped to better outline the distribution and seasonality of the various tick species. This information will help Manitobans understand where and when ticks have been found in precise areas of the province.

A new mobile application has been developed to facilitate and streamline the submission of tick observations in Manitoba. It is now available for free download under the name eTick on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Don't want to download the app?

You can also submit your tick observations directly on the eTick website at www.etick.ca.

Blacklegged ticks, which can carry anaplasmosis, babesiosis and Lyme disease, are most commonly found within and along the edge of forests and in areas with thick, woody shrubs and other vegetation. These ticks are typically found between April and November (from snowmelt through snowfall), with adults most active in the spring and fall months.

To learn more about blacklegged ticks, tick disease, and prevention, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne.

Vaccinated care home staff now able to work at other sites

Staff

Personal care home staff who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 are now able to work once again at multiple locations.

Staff in long-term care facilities have been required to work at a single care home, with limited exceptions, since last May in a bid to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Now, with the new public health order that went into effect last week, vaccinated workers are allowed to work at more than one facility once again two weeks after their first dose. A second dose is required within 16

weeks.

"Personal care home staff on the front line provide an absolutely invaluable service to our Manitoba seniors and personal care home residents who have been hardest hit by COVID-19," said Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson in announcing the change. "Our government has fast tracked vaccinating both personal care home residents and staff, and this new public health order recognizes that work and improves staffing flexibility for personal care homes and to allow care providers to schedule additional shifts."

Non-vaccinated staff are still required to work at only one facility.

"Across Canada, a significant proportion of reported COVID-19 deaths have affected residents of long-term care facilities," said Stefanson. "We are continuing this order to protect our most at-risk Manitobans and ensure employees working in personal care homes can provide care safely."

COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, as well

as to reduce severe illness. As the majority of personal care home residents have also received the vaccine, having vaccinated staff move between sites will have less risk for residents, said Stefanson.

The new order will be in effect until lifted by the chief provincial public health officer, a decision that will be based on a number of different factors including case numbers, test positivity rates, and the ongoing risk of COVID-19, the province has said.

Gimli businesses come together to raise over 200 pounds of food for EBN

By Patricia Barrett

A number of Gimli businesses came together to support the Evergreen Basic Needs' food bank. Real Changes Fitness partnered with Robin's Donuts, Interlake Handmade Boutique and The Butter Tart Lady to raise over 200 pounds of food.

"So we happy we could do this again this year especially during COVID-19," said Michelle Wierda, who owns Real Changes Fitness, the Butter Tart Lady and the Sugar Me Cookie bakery. "Thank you again to Elaine Gibbs for all your support and what you do for our community."

Elaine Gibbs is the program co-ordinator for Evergreen Basic Needs. She said the food bank was "thrilled" to receive the donation from the community-minded businesses as there is greater need in the community.

"Our food bank numbers have recently increased slightly due to COVID," said Gibbs. "In response to what is currently going on in our community, EBN has also



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ELAINE GIBBS Michelle Wierda holds some of the non-perishable food items that she and other Gimli businesses helped raise for Evergreen Basic Needs' food bank. Over 200 pounds of food was delivered last week.

offered to provide and deliver food hampers to any households experiencing food insecurity due to having to self-isolate."

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Manitoba partners with N.D. to get truckers vaccinated

By Lorne Stelmach

Government and industry officials last week heralded a partnership that will allow Canadian truckers to get COVID-19 vaccinations across the border in North Dakota.

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum and Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister welcomed the Essential Worker Cross-Border Vaccination Initiative as an opportunity to support the integrated economies by co-operating on the vaccination of individuals who work in both jurisdictions.

The Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) and its members identify and co-ordinate with eligible individuals and work with North Dakota to schedule vaccination appointments for truck drivers during their routine trips to the U.S. over the next six to eight weeks.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation's rest area near Drayton will initially serve as the vaccination site, which will also be open to North Dakotans ages 16 and older to get vaccinated. Vaccinations will take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The state and province are establishing a joint-operations group to manage the initiative. The North Dakota Department of Health will provide nurses and other staff to administer the first and second doses of the vaccine to provide full immunization of truckers. There is no cost to the state or province as the U.S. government supplies the vaccine and reimburses the costs to administer.

It remains to be seen how many truckers may take advantage of the opportunity, although officials are estimating roughly 2,000 to 4,000 Manitoba drivers could participate.

"When it comes to the COVID vaccine, the most important question is not where can one get it but when can one get it?" noted Bernie Driedger, president of Portage Transport in welcoming the initiative.

"To see Manitoba and North Dakota coming together to creatively collaborate on a vaccination strategy that will expedite the vaccination of Manitoba truck drivers working to or through North Dakota is excellent news. This move protects these important essential workers and their families, while

also freeing up vaccination spots back in Manitoba. A genuine win-win."

The shared goal of this initiative is to create a model of continental co-operation as the governments aim to safely reopen the shared border. Officials noted Manitoba and North Dakota will consider further joint initiatives to vaccinate other essential workers and Manitobans.

"As Manitoba faces the third wave of the pandemic and the significant challenges associated with variants of concern, our number one limiting factor in protecting Manitobans is the availability of COVID-19 vaccines," Pallister said.

"Manitoba is proud to partner with North Dakota on this innovative strategy to provide life-saving vaccines to Manitoba's essential workers delivering the goods and services Manitobans, Canadians and Americans rely on," he added. "Manitoba and North Dakota have enjoyed a strong relationship of mutual respect and friendship, and I want to thank them for their willingness to support Manitoba through this joint vaccination effort."

But not everyone is so excited at the

prospect of heading south for vaccination.

"I'm not sure of the logistics, but it would require an extra trip for myself," said Jon Martens, a Winkler trucker.

It seems like a good idea in theory, but there are issues with it, he suggested, noting that his driving takes him across the border regularly but usually not to the rest area on Interstate 29.

As well, Martens noted it is his understanding that an extra trip such as this without transporting product is not allowed under existing restrictions.

"So right now, I would have to take a day off work along with taking a trip that's not allowed, and that's on top of the fact that I'm in the percentage of people that doesn't quite trust the vaccine yet, although I could be convinced by my family," he said.

"If I should decide to get vaccinated, I think it would be much simpler if they would open it up to my age or my employment to get vaccinated locally here."

Fisher fire department, neighbouring departments battle backcountry fire

By Patricia Barrett

The municipality of Fisher's fire department fought a two-mile long backcountry fire last week with help from neighbouring fire departments.

In a post on its social media page, the Fisher Fire Department said the fire took over 40 hours to extinguish and burnt an area of over two miles long and one mile wide.

A Fisher resident who preferred to not give their name told the *Express* the fire had broken out in area of peat moss with some tree coverage, about four to five miles northwest of Poplarfield. The resident said it's difficult to fight fires in peat; the fire can smoulder underground for some time then suddenly flare up again. And as soon as any moisture dries up, sparks from ATVs or discarded cigarettes can easily start a fire.

The Fisher Fire Department said the fire was likely started by an ATV or other vehicle.

"We would like to thank our neighbours Eriksdale Fire and Arborg Fire for [their] assistance, the RM of Fisher staff for their support and as well, MB Conservation for their resources. A



EXPRESS PHOTO BY FISHER FIRE DEPARTMENT

A fire believed to have started by a passing ATV covered an area over two miles long and one mile wide. A fire ban is currently in place in the RM of Fisher.

great team effort," wrote the department.

The department is asking people to

avoid travelling in the backcountry as dry conditions persist.

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Study shows slim chance Lake Winnipeg commercial fishers overfished pickerel

By Patricia Barrett

A study that was commissioned and paid for by the members of the Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba (PCFM) shows there's a slim chance that fishers on Lake Winnipeg overfished pickerel stocks, contrary to what the provincial Conservative government and the Manitoba Wildlife Federation have been saying over the past few years about imperilled stocks.

PCFM represents all of Lake Winnipeg's commercial fishery communities, apart from two First Nations. As 90 per cent of the fishers on the lake are Indigenous, PCFM works closely with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

PCFM president Einar Sveinson, who lives in Gimli, said both organizations have been trying to get the provincial department of Agriculture and Resource Development [ARD], which is responsible for the commercial fishery, to acknowledge the findings of the third-party study, which was carried out by the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/ORFC) from North Bay, Ont., and published last June.

"We have been trying to get a meeting with the department for about a year with help from [AMC] Grand Chief Arlen Dumas. The government changed the mesh size on us and bought up our quotas, saying the reason was the pickerel stock was in terrible shape," said Sveinson by phone last week. "But we proved through A/ORFC that wasn't the case. The scary part is A/ORFC used the same data [as the province] but came to the conclusion that there was a one per cent chance we overfished the pickerel population."

The A/ORFC report, titled *Assessment of population dynamics and fishery status for Lake Winnipeg Walleye (Sander vitreus), Sauger (S. canadensis) and Lake Whitefish (Coregonus clupeaformis)*, is available to the public on PCFM's website. It assesses 2019 populations of walleye (also called pickerel), sauger and whitefish.

"Overall, the walleye fishery was strong in 2019. Biomass was high at ~69% of the carrying capacity, the risk that overfishing occurred was 1%, and the risk that the population was overfished was 6%, the result of stable biomass in the north basin and recent increases in biomass in the channel and south basin, combined with reduced commercial catch. The fishing mortality rate in 2019 was the lowest in the time series since the early 1970s," states the report (page 48). The researchers also determined that whitefish was "good" but sauger "less robust."

PCFM was formed a few years ago

to replace the former Lake Winnipeg Fisheries Co-Management Board — a board composed of fishers and provincial fisheries officials. Fishers had voted to voluntarily dissolve the board because they felt the province had been acting unilaterally and ignoring their concerns.

Along with its commercial fishing quota buy-back, the provincial government implemented new mesh sizes on Lake Winnipeg that took effect in spring 2020, claiming pickerel was on the verge of collapsing.

Fishers in the north basin must use a three-and-three-quarter-inch net. Fishers in the south basin were prohibited from using their traditional three-inch or three-and-a-quarter-inch nets, forced to adopt a three-and-a-half-inch mesh size. The larger mesh means they no longer catch a size of pickerel demanded by the restaurant and hospitality sector, their primary market.

"With regard to the new regulations, the hardship on fishers is totally unacceptable. Not only did fishers not have nets to use that were three and a half [inches], but net companies had nothing in stock to sell us because of the speed at which this was enforced, in addition to the COVID-19 pandemic complications with production," said Sveinson. "To add insult to injury, the government not only threatened [our livelihood] by not letting us use nets we've used for the last 100 years, but also offered top dollar to [any fisher] that would like to sell out [their quota] before the mesh changes took effect."

In September 2020 the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, in collaboration with PCFM, wrote to the provincial government, asking it to review its fisheries regulatory regime in light of the A/ORFC's findings.

"This report is superior in methodology and data than that provided



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Pickerel and whitefish caught in 2018 by a Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher

through the Lake Winnipeg fisheries assessment program and management systems administered through the province of Manitoba," states the joint letter to the government.

It goes on to say that the report "clearly establishes" that there are some similarities but also "drastic" differences between the analyses conducted by the research team and the results published by the province. It said pickerel is "well established" and the status of those stocks, as well as whitefish stocks, are sufficient to start the process of eco-certification.

In 2019 PCFM commissioned economists at Meyers Norris Penny to undertake a review of the commercial fishery's contribution to the Manitoba economy. MNP said the fishery contributes about \$90 million annually to the economy with over triple that in economic spinoffs.

Commercial fishers contend that the provincial Conservatives have an agenda to build up the recreational angling industry and its tourism-generating dollars at the expense of the commercial fishery and fish food production.

PCFM sent a lengthy letter to agriculture minister Pedersen and Premier Brian Pallister's office last Thursday, asking again for a meeting, raising concerns about the "crippling" mesh size changes and citing a serious conflict of interest with regard to the former director of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF), Rob Olson, having been appointed by the government to oversee the commercial fishery.

"When you made all of these crippling changes to our industry, with the quota buy-backs and the mesh size change, we welcomed anybody to peer review the A/ORFC study conducted, and presented it to you with no response," wrote Sveinson and PCFM vice-president Raymond Smith in the April 22 letter. "It seems the ARD department would rather put their heads in the sand and continue pushing the MWF's agenda."

The Express contacted the province, but it did not provide a response to questions. The Express also reached out to the AMC.

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It may be simplest to set a timer and let your sprinkler system do the rest, but there are a number of benefits to maximizing your use of rainwater in growing your garden. When captured before it hits the ground, rainwater is free of pesticides, pollutants and chemicals it often gathers when running across streets, sidewalks and lawns. Rainwater, which is naturally



acidic, can balance out the alkaline nature of soils near chemically basic concrete. Rainwater also has the benefit of being a similar temperature as the air and does not shock plants' roots like tap water does. Overall, rainwater is a healthier option for plants.

Making sure your plants are predominantly watered by rain can re-

quire some advance planning, especially in places with dry seasons. Plant lovers can ensure that their gardens have the best, most natural water source by using a rain barrel. Rain barrels provide a free source of water that is ideal for vegetables, trees

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MMF increases financial supports for housing repair program

By Staff

When a friend told Brett Harvie the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) had a program to help with housing repair, he was taken by surprise.

Harvie, a Stonewall resident, had been looking to get his shingles, electrical panel and heat recovery ventilator (HRV) system done, but Harvie said when the contractor came to do the HRV system, they noticed a crack in his furnace's heat exchange.

"Instead of doing the electrical panel, we switched it up and did the furnace, HRV and shingles. I wouldn't have even known my furnace was on its way out had it not been for the program," said Harvie, noting it was this time last year when he utilized Manitoba's only housing repair program, called the Home Enhancement Loan Program (HELP).

"It wasn't so much about cosmetic or aesthetic stuff, but if something was a bit dire, the offer was there. I thought, 'What a good little program.' I was one of the first people to actually use it," he said.

Even a year ago, Harvie said the program was easy to navigate. He gave a list of the projects he had in mind, the MMF encouraged him to get quotes on pricing and eventually approved his list.

On April 7, the MMF upped the limit from the program, which was \$15,000 at the time Harvie used it, to its current limit of \$18,000 per household.

"If there are some programs people can use to their advantage, especially now with so many people out of work and not making money, they should. If the program exists, use it,"

said Harvie.

"It's fortunate they have this. I felt fortunate. It should go without saying," he said.

MMF president David Chartrand and Manitoba's Minister of Housing Will Goodon made the announcement.

"The costs of lumber and other construction materials have risen substantially in the last while," said Goodon.

"The HELP program has received a lot of interest since we announced it almost a year ago, but we are finding that some houses need that little bit more," he said.

Since the Government of Manitoba cancelled all its repair programs a couple of years back, Chartrand said there has been nothing available to assist with housing repairs for Métis families.

The MMF is expanding the program based on the overwhelming demand uncovered since the launch of HELP. To date, over 190 homes have been repaired or are being repaired, with forgivable loan amounts totalling over \$2.4 million.

"We are very proud to expand on successful programs like HELP," said

Chartrand.

"They allow us to continue improving our support and make life even better for Métis families across Manitoba," he said.

The increases are not retroactive to existing loans, MMF stated, but they do apply to applications still

"I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN KNOWN MY FURNACE WAS ON ITS WAY OUT HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE PROGRAM."



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Brett Harvie replaced the furnace at his home with the financial help of MMF's Home Enhancement Loan Program.

being processed in the system.

Métis families interested in the program should call MMF's housing department for more information by calling 204-586-8474 or visiting the website at www.mmf.mb.ca.

Interlake-Eastern RHA installing sprinklers in Arborg PCH, hospital and clinic

By Patricia Barrett

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is in the midst of installing a fire sprinkler system in the Arborg Personal Care Home.

The health authority will also install sprinklers in the Arborg & Districts Health Centre (the hospital) and its attached primary health-care clinic.

The work will be carried out in phases. Phase 1 of the project was scheduled to start in the personal care home on April 6.

"Work will involve installing sprinkler piping and devices throughout the building," said the PCH's clinical team manager Wanda Hicks in an information update issued March 30. "This means contractors will be accessing every room in the facility to install piping in the ceilings and, where needed, renovating to accommodate the needed installation of the system equipment."

Contactors will be adhering to COVID-19 protocols and infection prevention and control standards, she added.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Arborg Personal Care Home, shown here in 2018, will be getting a fire sprinkler system installed.

To accommodate the contractors, PCH's residents are to be temporarily re-located in other rooms for a period of about two weeks, said Hicks, and provided with a call system. Staff would ensure that residents experi-

enced as little inconvenience as possible.

The *Express* reached out to the IERHA's capital planning senior project manager for an update on the work.



Building a Lasting Legacy

POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARY FUNDS

The Westshore Community Foundation Inc. invite students within the Westshore catchment area to apply for post secondary Scholarships and Bursary Funds. Eligible students must have graduated from the Gimli High School or Riverton Collegiate Inc.

Consideration will be given to students who have completed a minimum first year of studies or Apprenticeship certification at their chosen institute of learning, including University, College and Trade Schools.

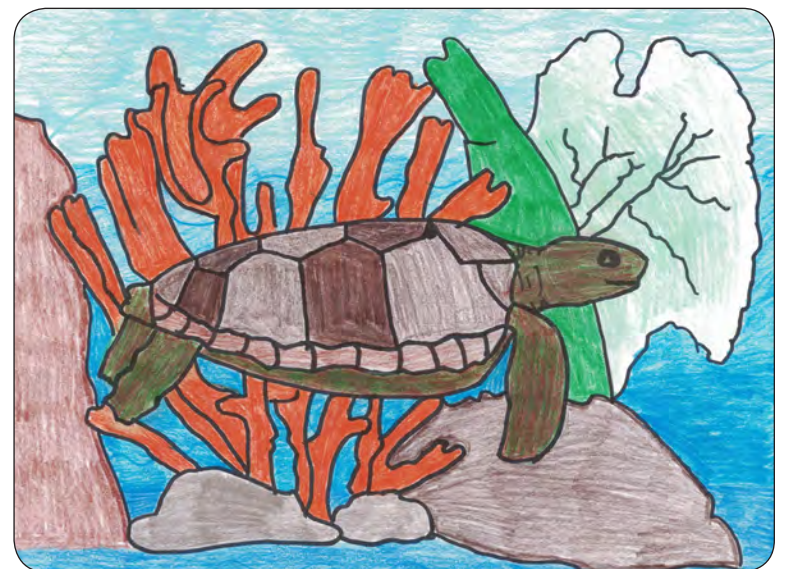
Mature students who have lived in the catchment area for the past 2 years and who have not pursued post-secondary education within the past 5 years are also invited to apply.

Applications and guidelines are available on the Westshore Community Foundation's website: westshorefoundation.ca

Applications will be accepted up to July 15, 2021.

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Endangered species art competition winners announced



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The Interlake Art Board and the Selkirk Community Arts centre announced the winners of their Endangered species art competition. Kadan Waldner took home first place in the 1- to 6-year-old category for a mule deer picture while second place went to Stella Meakin for a plains bison picture. Nyah Dyck claimed first place in the 7-12 bracket for a snapping turtle with the Piping Plover from Wirael Weston receiving the second spot. Cielo Darato's mule deer took home first for the 13- to 17-year-olds and Jynelle Giesbrecht received second place for her grey fox. Leslie Franklin won first place in the 18+ category for her Bison painting while Joshua Pearlman took home the second place prize for his Bobolinks. The art board is also raising funds for an endangered species mural by undertaking a raffle, which will also support our local food bank. The prize will be a Celebration dinner for 10. If you would like to help support this project or purchase a ticket, please call 204-738-2543 or text 204-485-4558. Clockwise from above: Waldner's mule deer, Meakin's plains bison, Dyck's snapping turtle, Darato's mule deer, and Franklin's bison.



Candidates sought for Town of Winnipeg Beach council's byelection

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Winnipeg Beach will be holding a byelection to fill a councillor vacancy and is inviting candidates to submit their papers.

Deputy Mayor Pat Green, who was first elected in 2014 and again in 2018, had announced in February that she decided to step down from her council duties to focus on a family health matter.

Town of Winnipeg Beach senior election official David Lobban is accepting the registration of potential candidates who wish to run for a council seat.

Potential candidates or their agent may file nomination papers with Lobban in person by appointment.

The nomination period runs from

Saturday, May 8 until Friday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. No nominations will be accepted after this time.

Nominations must be signed by 25 eligible voters. Insufficient eligible signees or improperly filed nomination papers will be rejected.

Saturday, May 15 is the deadline for candidates to withdraw their nomination.

"Candidates can withdraw their papers on Saturday, assuming there is more than one candidate running in the election," said Lobban by phone last week. "If there is only one candidate, that person will be elected that day by acclamation."

Updates to the voters' list close on Friday, May 14, he added.

To be an eligible voter, you must be

at least 18 years of age on election day, be a Canadian citizen and have been a resident for at least six months on election day, he said. A maximum of two non-resident voters on title may be included on the voters' list. Where more than two are on title, written consent from a majority of registered landowners must be filed with Lobban by Friday, May 14.

The town will hold its byelection on June 19, 2021.

For more information or to obtain a nomination paper, and/or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact SEO David Lobban by telephone at 204-389-4980 or 204-918-7563 (cell) or email him at seo@winnipegbeach.ca.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Winnipeg Beach Mayor Tony Pimentel at a 2020 council meeting

> RAINWATER, FROM PG. 12

and plants because it does not contain fluoride and chlorine, which are added to many municipal water systems. They enable residents to collect water through the rainy season for use during dry summer months. When outdoor water restrictions are in place, water from a rain barrel can be used to wash vehicles or water lawns. Resi-

dents can also use the water to clean floors and do laundry, and having a source of stored water can be beneficial if an emergency ever arises.

Canadian Parents for French Stonewall has recently launched their fourth rain barrel sale to raise funds for French Language Learners in the Interlake School Division.

Local residents can keep their gardens healthy and well-nourished by ordering a rain barrel in advance of

the May 20 distribution date. New barrels are \$80 and recycled barrels are \$60, which is a fraction of the big box store prices. These barrels come with accessories and are practical and stylish.


Orders can be placed at <https://rain-barrel.ca/cpfstonewall/>

Rainwater can help reduce the pollution and balance the pH in your plants' soil and prevent damage caused by cold water. If you are com-

mitted to ensuring your lawn or garden is as healthy as it can be, use more rainwater in your gardening.

For more information, contact Corinne Lothian at 204-467-5546.

On behalf of Canadian Parents for French Stonewall, we would like to say "Merci" to our previous customers who have supported us and those who are willing to buy from us again.



The West Interlake watershed District, in partnership with local stakeholders, developed the Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A Project Management Team established three watershed goals, based on review of technical information and public input received.

WATERSHED GOALS

- 1. SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT** - Enhance surface water management while ensuring that practices and activities respect current land use, the environment, and potential for downstream impacts
- 2. WATER QUALITY PROTECTION** - Protect and improve ground water and surface water quality
- 3. FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION** - Protect, restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat

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West Interlake Watershed District

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Through the Following Programs

Well Water Protection Program: to assist landowners with the protection of ground water supply. Includes Abandoned Well Sealing, Flowing Well, and Well Head Protection up to **\$1,000.00**

Well Chlorination Program: to assist residents with disinfecting well and plumbing systems. Up to **\$250.00** (partial chlorination) and up to **\$500.00** (full chlorination)

Water Testing Days: to assist landowners in the payment and transportation of their water samples, cost and transportation of sample covered by WIWD (sample taken by owner) Days for water samples **May 10 and May 25, 2021.**

Community Tree Nursery Program: to assist residents with the purchase of seedlings. Part of the cost will be covered by the WIWD. Applications can be submitted from **September 1 to October 31.**

Fuel Storage Tank Rebate Program: to reduce the risk of soil contamination from damaged tanks. **\$500.00** rebate provided by WIWD with the purchase of a new Double Wall Stationary Fuel Tank

Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW): to encourage incorporation of beneficial management practices on private land.


Public Education: to educate youth about the environment and conservation. Schools within the WIWD can receive up to **\$500.00** per year

Composters and Rain Barrel: turntable composter and rain barrel sold at **\$50.00** and standing composter sold at **\$30.00** (no tax)

Properties must be in the WIWD boundary to be eligible

For more information on these programs please visit our website wiwd.ca or contact us

Contact: T.204.762.5850 admin.wiwd@mts.net



The GROW program developed by the West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is delivered in the context of the Southwest Interlake Watershed Management Plan.

Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW)

GROW is designed to assist landowners in developing projects that maintain or improve local watershed health. GROW encourages the delivery of ecological goods & services (EG&S), promoting conservation of natural areas and changes to land uses that provide EG&S.

Eligible Project Activities

GROW Activity	Projects	Goals	Contract Length
Wetland Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conserving class 1 & 2 wetlands on annual crop land (not draining or filling).Re-establishment of perennial upland buffers (inter-pothole seeding) around wetlands to minimize mechanical disturbance.Fencing & off-site watering systems for grazing management.	To improve water quality and aquifers, enhance recharge and water storage areas moderating the timing and volume of runoff, reduce negative impacts down stream, and increase wild life habitat.	10 Year Contract With WIWD
Riparian Area Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conservation of existing healthy riparian areas.Exclusion fencing that optimizes grazing impacts.Alternative watering system to keep cattle out of riparian area.Establishment or improvement of stream crossing.Constructed works to stabilize banks & prevent erosion.Re-establishment of riparian vegetation.	Projects to improve water quality, improve storage capacity to reduce downstream flooding during high water events, stabilize shorelines and prevent erosion and, increase wild life habitat.	5-10 Year Contract With WIWD
Buffer Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of a new buffer or shelterbelt.Expansion of existing buffer or shelterbelt (adding new rows, inter-planting differing species to add diversity).Re-establishment of buffer vegetation.Pruning or removal of deceased trees.	To improve water quality and water conservation efforts, increase crop yield and carbon sequestration, add thermal protection for livestock, reduce surface runoff and soil erosion, and to improve wild life and pollinator habitats.	10 Year Contracts With WIWD
Upland Area Conservation, Restoration or Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conserving native prairie or highly erodible upland areas.Enhancing natural and managed upland areas.Re-establishment of perennial native/tame cover on sensitive lands.Re-forestation of previous wooded areas.Permanent or alternative fencing and watering system to improve grazing strategies that support pasture health.Establishment of Soil Health crops (cover-crops, polycrops, green-manure).	To improve the ecological function of natural and maintained upland areas, increase soil health and carbon sequestration, reduce soil erosion, and to promote healthy wildlife and pollinator habitat and biodiversity.	3-10 Year Contracts With WIWD

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> MEAL IDEAS



Classic Cheese Bouquet

Craft courtesy of Jessica Lawrenz (@mongermoldandmilk)

- Real California White Cheddar Cheese
- Real California Brie Cheese
- Salumi or Salami (thinly sliced)
- Goldenberries
- Lemonquats
- Mini apples
- Mini artichokes
- Rosemary
- Bay leaves
- Wax flowers
- Tools:
- Knife
- Floral foam block
- Plastic wrap
- Vase or bouquet paper
- Flower cookie cutters (various sizes)
- U-shaped toothpicks
- Wooden skewers
- Toothpicks
- Floral tape
- Ribbon or twine
- Using knife, cut floral block into shape

that fits inside vase. If using bouquet paper, use base at least 3 inches across and 4 inches high.

Wrap floral block in plastic wrap to keep from touching items in bouquet; place inside vase. If using bouquet paper, place wrapped floral block in mug to keep from falling over.

Use various cookie cutters to prepare cheeses as flowers.

To create salumi roses, lay out 4-5 slices salumi overlapping one another. Fold row in half and roll into rose bud, securing with u-shaped toothpick. Place on skewer, add herb leaves and use floral tape to secure ends of toothpick to skewer. Repeat.

Skewer cheeses, salumi roses, goldenberries, lemonquats, mini apples and mini artichokes.

To assemble, start in center with larger items. Use shorter skewers or toothpicks to secure smaller items closer to edges.

Use rosemary, bay leaves and wax flowers to fill gaps in back of bouquet.

To wrap: Once finished, gently lay block with skewers on top of paper, wrap and secure with tape and ribbon.



California Bounty Cheese Bouquet

Craft courtesy of Jessica Lawrenz (@mongermoldandmilk)

- Real California White Cheddar
- Real California Smoked Jalapeno Cheddar
- Real California Brie Cheese
- Salumi or Salami (thinly sliced)
- Lemonquats
- Mini apples
- Fresh figs
- Green grapes
- Goldenberries
- Dried apricots
- Mini artichokes
- Rosemary

Bay leaves
Olive leaves
Wax flowers
Tools:
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Christine Ibbotson

Dear Money Lady, I am 67 and getting married again – hopefully third time's the charm. Should I consider a prenup? Jeannies

Conratulations Jeannies – and YES !!

There's a lot of talk about "grey divorce" these days, but there really should be more about "grey marriages." They seem to be on the rise over the last few years – even with COVID. Everybody deserves to be happy, but you also want to be protected, so good for you to be considering a marriage contract!

Marriage contracts are typically entered into prior to the marriage, hence the term 'pre'nuptial. However, they can also be signed or amended at any time during the marriage. I would always recommend getting a marriage contract because they are extremely beneficial for comprehensive estate planning which includes death succession, not just a possible divorce. To protect clients, I am much more interested in what is to happen in the event of a spouse's death, and of course it is necessary to ensure the marriage contract and the Will are "in sync." You see, marriage contracts can, and often do, override Wills.

Let's look at an example. You cannot gift more to your surviving spouse via your Will than in the marriage contract, unless the contract

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states that you can do so. Typically, the Will states that the testator is a party to a marriage contract already in existence, citing the marriage contract by its date.

Today, many people have had multiple marriages, have complicated financial lives, properties, children, grandchildren and perhaps even dependents that need constant care. It is not a lack of love or future commitment to your new partner, but rather your conscious need to set out the manner in which your finances and property will be shared or divided in the event of divorce or death; based on your wishes and intentions, not on provincial statutory law. Marriage contracts are limited in their scope and to be valid and enforceable, the spouses must have made full and complete disclosure of all their assets and the values, including trust interest and all debts and liabilities. It is also prudent to obtain a certificate of independent legal advice so that the marriage contract is less vulnerable to challenge and to being set aside by the court. Of course, it goes without saying that you must have this done with your lawyer and for the benefit of all parties, really should be signed well in advance of the date of the wedding.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
ATML - Christine Ibbotson

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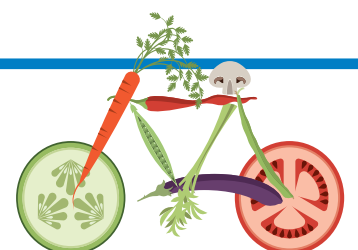
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Communities unite to fight substantial fire in the Interlake

Unseasonably dry conditions are contributing to grass fires across the Interlake

By Tyler Searle

Fortunately, the quick action of local firefighters on Thursday saved the Overby Bison Farm from suffering severe damage.

The Woodlands Fire Department received a call for help for a grass fire north of Road 415 around noon last Thursday.

The fire was started by a single spark, while a contractor was clearing bush, resulting in hundreds of acres of scorched land.

"The brush mower hit a stone, sparked, and started the fire. That's how dry it is," said Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department chief Ryan Trombo.

Owner Ken Overby was not on site when the fire began but arrived shortly thereafter. Cell phone reception in the area is sparse, and Overby had difficulty contacting emergency services.

"Luckily, I was able to stand on the roof of the truck and communicate to the 911 operator," Overby said.

The Woodlands Fire Department responded within a half-hour and was later reinforced by firefighters and equipment from Teulon-Rockwood, Overby said.

Both local fire departments are members of the South Interlake Mutual Aid District, so when a department in one community needs extra resources, they collaborate with neighbouring departments, said Trombo.

"They did a phenomenal job. The wind really picked up in the afternoon, and they were able to control it along gravel road," Overby said.

Overby and his wife Iris operate a bison operation of more than 400 animals on 19 quarter sections of fenced land in the rough terrain of the Interlake.

Fortunately, the nearest herd was a half-mile away and the wind was



The charred remains of a fencing post hangs from a wire on the Overby Bison Farm on April 26. Ken Overby doesn't know what it will cost to repair his fences but said it won't be cheap.

headed in the opposite direction said Overby.

The Inwood Wildlife Management Area is across Road 415, which is a parcel of untouched land protected under the Wildlife Act. If the fire had spread, it would have been difficult to contain due to the abundance of fuel and wildlife in the reserve, Overby said.

The fire departments were not the only ones collaborating to fight the fire; community members also pitched in.

Justin and Frank Thorkelson, local contractors, used bulldozers to turn up the earth and create a firewall encompassing the fire. Interlake Excavating had a dozer on-site as well.

Jack Ogilvie guided firefighters through the wooded trails surrounding the fire.

"We all help out (when there is a fire) here in the local community and do our best to save everybody's property," Ogilvie said.

Overby estimates more than 250 acres of grazing land burned in total. At least 170 acres belonging to him, and another 80 acres of his neighbour Paige Clark.

Though the size of the fire was substantial, Clark said she was not afraid that her house would be caught in the fire, in spite of it being within a quarter-mile of her home.

"I used a hose to dampen the ground, and my second-storey window was a



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF WOODLANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire fighters from the Teulon-Rockwood and Woodlands fire department collaborate to fight a grass fire at the Overby Bison Farm on April 22.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TYLER SEARLE
Ken Overby stands outside his truck, surrounded by 250 acres of burned farmland. He had planned to move his bison here to graze by the May long weekend.

good vantage point to see the fire approaching," she said.

"One thing I realized was I need more hoses," Clark said.

Since then, Clark and other neighbours have been patrolling the perimeter of the burn zone, searching for any hot spots or burning embers.

It is not uncommon for fires to reignite in dry conditions like this, Overby said. We are all desperate for rain.

"Yes, the fire was bad, but I have real concerns going forward with finding water for livestock if we don't get substantial rain."

Before his bison herds return to graze, Overby will need to replace the charred posts and restoring his electric fence. If the spring drought continues, the land will remain unusable for months to come, he said.

In the past four years, the area has seen increasingly dry spring seasons, and Overby said this is the worst it has ever been.

"This entire area is normally covered in three feet of water."

Overall, he is grateful the damage was not worse, and he commends the fire departments and his community members for their diligent response to the blaze.

The firefighters were on the scene for seven hours, Trombo said. Fortunately, there were no animals or structures lost in the fire.

The Teulon-Rockwood Fire Department responded to four fires in three days.

Most fires during dry conditions are entirely accidental, Trombo said, and he reminds people to be cautious when working outdoors and always keep a source of water on hand. Trombo anticipates the fire bans will remain in effect until there is a significant amount of rain.

Fire bans are currently in place for Teulon-Rockwood and Woodlands. The Town of Stonewall and RM of Rosser do not have fire bans in place. But the RM of Rosser was considering a bylaw as of press time Monday.



Paige Clark stares out the second story window of her farmhouse. From this vantage point she could see the firefighters battling the blaze.

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Johannesson enjoys great season with Minot State

By Brian Bowman

Wayde Johannesson's second season with the Minot State Beavers men's hockey team was a tremendous one.

Johannesson led Minot State to the ACHA Division I national final where they lost 6-1 to Adrian College in St. Louis, MO on April 20.

The game was a lot closer than the score would indicate. Minot State simply ran out of gas.

"It was a long season for us as we played close to 30 games and there were some teams there that played four or five," said Johannesson last Saturday from Minot. "It was crazy how it worked out but I was quite proud of everybody."

The No. 6-ranked Beavers reached the final after posting hard-fought victories over Calvin University (2-1), Lindenwood University (2-1) and Liberty University (3-1).

Minot State really had to battle hard to reach the national final.

"I would say the second and third game that we played we're definitely some of the closest games that I have ever played," Johannesson said.

Playing for a national title was a great experience.

"It was super fun," Johannesson said. "I loved it. It was so intense all of the time. It was pretty high-end (hockey). There were some guys that I played against that were really good hockey players."

Eleven players on the Minot State roster previously played in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. For them to reach a national final is pretty impressive.

"The Manitoba league definitely produces good hockey players," Johannesson said.

Johannesson, who had a goal and 13 points this past season, is really enjoying his time with the Beavers and had high praise for his teammates.

"I think this was one of the closest teams I have ever played with," Johannesson said. "We're always doing stuff together whether it's at the rink or away from it. The town supports us well, it's unmatched and kind of reminds me like Dauphin."

Going forward, Minot State loses just three forwards from this year's team. The Beavers should be very strong next season.

"We should be a good team next year, for sure," Johannesson agreed.



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Wayde Johannesson and the Minot State Beavers reached the final of the ACHA Division I nationals in St. Louis last week.

Einarson wins Players' Championship in the bubble

Staff

Kerri Einarson's Gimli rink defeated Ottawa's Rachel Homan 5-2 in the final of the Players' Championship last Sunday in Calgary.

Einarson opened with a pair and was in full control as she led by three in the eighth end. Homan was unable to get any offence going and Einarson made a takeout to run Homan out of rocks for the victory.

Einarson now has a remarkable 32-6 record in four events inside the bubble. The team lost the women's semi-final in the Champions Cup, a Slam event, earlier this month.

Einarson, third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard and lead Briane Meilleur earned \$40,000 for the win.

Team Einarson will participate in the world championship in Calgary, starting this Friday.



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Kerri Einarson defeated Rachel Homan 5-2 in the final of the Princess Auto Players' Championship last Sunday in Calgary.

Netley Creek Golf Course new ownership excited for the season

By Brian Bowman

The Netley Creek Golf Course is under new ownership since March 1 and a lot of positive changes have been made so far.

The course had a very successful opening day last Thursday, attracting close to 100 golfers on a great day to be outside.

"The course is in remarkably good shape," said Alan Grabinski, the principal partner, last Friday. "We got a lot of compliments on the greens. We were able to get an application of fertilizer just before the last week of snow. The snow actually helped get some moisture into the ground. The course itself was very playable and we had a lot of compliments."

The clubhouse was given a facelift while the menu has been upgraded with more options. New equipment has been purchased to keep the course in great shape while golf carts have been purchased.

"The owners built a great golf course in the 30 years but there are some things that needed upgrading so we're going through it from top to bottom," Grabinski said.

Netley Creek, which is located in

Petersfield, will have a men's and ladies' league this season and Grabinski is open to having a junior program if there is enough interest.

Grabinski is really looking forward to providing a great golf experience for all of their customers.

"My business partner and I are both really excited and enthusiastic to be doing this," he said. "I would refer to myself as a host more than anything. We were there (on opening day) getting to know the people and listening to their comments and their requests for food items, liquor items. We want to do all that we can to accommodate everybody and be the hub of the community and be a place where we can draw people to and the local people can feel really good about it."

Netley Creek's ownership, meanwhile, feels really good about the staff that they have assembled.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The 18-hole Netley Creek Golf Course ownership pride themselves on the high quality of championship golf, striking views and outstanding service.

"I hand-picked my team and they are all wonderful, happy people," Grabinski said. "The quote I was giving people (on opening day) was that this is the new Disneyland — the happiest

place on earth. We're giving it a different vibe than in the past."

To book a tee time, visit <https://netleycreekgolf.com/golf/> or call 204-738-4653.

WHL announces no playoffs this season

From the WHL

The Western Hockey League announced last week that the 2020-21 WHL season will conclude following the completion of the 24-game regular-season schedule.

Due to current public health conditions and the ongoing challenges with COVID-19, including restrictions on travel across both provincial and international borders, the WHL is not in a position to conduct the 2021 WHL playoffs, including the WHL championship series.

"When we returned to play in February, we set out with the intention of completing a 24-game regular-season schedule, knowing adjustments would be needed along the way," said WHL Commissioner Ron Robison. "We remained hopeful that public health conditions would improve, but unfortunately that is not the reality we see in front of us today. The ongoing challenges with non-essential interprovincial and international cross-border travel leave us no alternative but to cancel the 2021 WHL playoffs."

"We commend our players, team staff, and officials for their commitment to following the protocols that have made this unprecedented season a success. The WHL looks forward to recognizing individual award winners and all four WHL Division champions at the conclusion of the 2020-21 WHL regular season, including the presentation of the RE/MAX Cup for the B.C. Division champions and the Subway Cup for the East Division champions."

The 2021 WHL Awards will recognize individual award winners from

each WHL Division, as opposed to the traditional celebration of conference-based award winners. The 2021 WHL Awards will culminate with honourees in each major awards category on a league-wide basis. The 2021 WHL Awards will be celebrated digitally following the conclusion of the 2020-21 WHL regular season.

The WHL will continue to work with Government and Health Authorities regarding schedule options for the 2021-22 regular season.

Manitoba Soccer Association kicks out fans

Staff

The good news is that there will be a soccer season this summer.

The bad news is that no fans will get to see it.

The Manitoba Soccer Association made a curious decision last week, banning all spectators from the sidelines at any youth or senior practice, exhibition, or league game.

For mini soccer players (ages three

to eight) a parent will be allowed to attend but must participate on the field with the player.

Leagues can start exhibition games immediately, with the outdoor competitive season beginning this Saturday.

Current public health orders have a 10-person outdoor gathering maximum but the province says if people are playing a game, more than

10 people may be involved, including players, coaches, and others who may be helping with the game from the sidelines.

The Manitoba Soccer Association said it reviews their Return to Play protocols as new Public Health Orders are released from the provincial health authorities. The current restrictions are in effect until May 12, 2021, at which time the new restric-

tions will once again be reviewed with their Return to Play. "It is our hope that the pandemic situation improves and that the health orders increase the number of persons allowed at gatherings so that we may consider the return of spectators to games," read a statement.

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S.S. Johnson Seeds Ltd.
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Town of Arborg PUBLIC NOTICE 2021 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 2021 on:

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 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 2021 Financial Plan.

The 2021 Financial Plan includes the following general borrowing proposals

- Borrowing of up to \$230,000 at 2% over 5-years to consolidate existing loans for BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. (Compactor) & Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission (includes Dressing Room Expansion, Zamboni Purchase, and Facility Renovations);
- Borrowing of up to \$180,000 at 3.5% over 10-years for the purchase of a new Fire Truck for Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services; and
- Borrowing of up to \$350,000 at 4% over 15-years for the expansion of the BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. landfill.

Copies of the 2021 Financial Plan will be available for review on May 3rd, 2021 and may be examined by any person on the Town of Arborg's website at www.townofarb.org.

Provincial Guidelines on Pandemic Response System Restrictions at the Red: Critical level will be enforced. If you wish to attend the hearing, you must pre-register with the Town of Arborg office by Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 3 p.m. so that appropriate social distancing measures can be achieved. Written submissions will also be accepted.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021.

Cindy Stansell, CMMA, CMMML
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Arborg



Rural Municipality of
FISHER

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

TRACTOR OPERATOR/PUBLIC WORKS

The position of tractor operator / public works is a year-round position which requires a self-motivated individual who can work with little supervision and as part of a larger municipal team. The successful applicant will be mechanically inclined, able to operate various tools and equipment. Training for relief operator to municipal graders will be provided. Duties include but are not limited to roadside mowing, snow removal, maintenance of equipment, and assisting other municipal departments. Hours of work are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during summer months and 7:30 to 3:30 winter months, with statutory holidays off. As a municipal employee the RM of Fisher offers a comprehensive benefits package including holiday and sick leave entitlements.

Requirements for this position are:

- Valid drivers' licence (Class 3 an asset)

Salary is set out in the CUPE Local 4348 Collective Agreement.

Commencement of duties May 3, 2021

Please forward your application by 4:00 p.m., April 30, 2021 by mail, e-mail or drop box at Municipal office.

The Rural Municipality of Fisher supports equitable employment practices and promotes representation of a designated group (women, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, visible minorities)

For further information regarding this position, please contact the Rural Municipality of Fisher Office at 372-6393.

Kelly Marykuca
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Fisher
Box 280, Fisher Branch, Manitoba R0C 0Z0
fishercao@mymts.net



Rural Municipality of Armstrong

PUBLIC HEARING 2021 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 2021 Financial Plan for the Municipality on:

Thursday, May 6, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
FRASERWOOD HALL
10140 PR 231 Fraserwood, MB

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

At this time Council will present the proposed 2021 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by questions or comments from the public.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions, or register an objection to the proposed financial plan. If you wish to appear at the Public Hearing in person, you must pre-register with the Armstrong Municipal Office to attend by calling 204-278-3377 before May 4, 2021 by 4:30 PM. The Municipality will also be accepting written representations by sending an email to cao@rmofarmstrong.com or postal mail to RM of Armstrong, Box 69 Inwood, MB R0C 1P0. Pre-registration is required so we can book space to adhere to social distancing protocols. Council may at their discretion decide to hold the public hearing virtually instead of meeting in person.

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 on April 21, 2021 or by contacting the Municipal Office at 204-278-3377.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.

Corlie Larsen, CMMA

Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Armstrong

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION



MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

Please be advised that a municipal by-election for Ward 3 will be held on July 14, 2021.

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 Ward 3 Councillor between April 29, 2021 and June 8, 2021 at the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton office, 329 River Road in Arborg, MB during the hours of 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

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

Jeannette Nickols, SEO
204-378-0542

Dated at Riverton, MB on April 23, 2021.

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 2021 Financial Plan on:

Thursday, May 13, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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

At this time Council will present the proposed 2021 Financial Plan for the municipality. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by an opportunity for a forum from the public. Included within the plan is the Municipality's intent to potentially borrow under Section 174.1 of *The Municipal Act*, at a maximum anticipated interest rate of 4.5% for the capital expenditure of Arborg-Bifrost Fire and Emergency Services Pumper Truck, The Pumper Truck's estimated total cost is \$690,000 with \$345,000 being borne by the Town of Arborg and the remaining \$345,000 the responsibility of Bifrost-Riverton. \$105,000 was borne by the 2020 Financial Plan and the remaining \$240,000 to be borne by borrowing in 2021. Based on 2021 assessment, 1 at large mill = \$213,083. 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 204-376-2391 or emailing bifrost@mymts.net at the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Office.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we will be ensuring that recommended and required rules for social distancing that evolve can be achieved at all times. If you wish to attend this public hearing, we ask you register before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, or you may mail, email, or fax your questions, concerns and/or comments regarding the proposed financial plan to us by the same deadline.

Call: 204-376-2391, Email: Bifrost@mymts.net,
Fax: 204-376-2742, Website: BifrostRiverton.ca

Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.

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



Rural Municipality of GIMLI

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR GARDENING SERVICES

The Municipality is seeking a qualified gardener to provide services for the Viking Park and the Municipal Building Memorial garden.

Services Include planting and maintaining the plants and trees, watering, weeding, fertilizing, adding topsoil, spring and fall clean ups. Maintenance and appearance of the shrubbery, garden areas, trees, outdoor plants and related landscape elements are an important part of the representational responsibilities of the Municipality.

Qualifications:

- Landscape Pest Control Operator's Certificate (insecticides/pesticides)
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- Care of Trees, Shrubs, and Lawns Certificate
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- Knowledge of greenhouse production
- Experience and knowledge in Arboriculture

Submit your quote to the below by May 7th, 2021

Rural Municipality of Gimli
62 – 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246,
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Attn: Kelly Cosgrove, ACAO
Email: gimli@rmgimli.com
Phone: (204) 642-6650
Fax: (204) 642-6660

The RM of Gimli reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the RM of Gimli in its sole discretion. Contractors must comply with Municipal requirements for liability insurance, WCB coverage and business licencing to be eligible to be awarded the contract.

Rural Municipality of Woodlands PUBLIC HEARING



REGARDING THE 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

In accordance with Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING to present the 2021 Financial Plan for the Municipality at

May 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
Warren Hall

145 MacDonald Avenue, Warren, MB

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2021 Financial Plan consists of:

- 1) 2021 Operating Budget
- 2) 2021 Capital Budget
- 3) an estimate of the operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year (2022), and
- 4) a five-year Capital Expenditure Program (2022-2026)

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection in respect of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands 2021 Financial Plan. If you are planning to attend we are requesting that you pre-register with the RM of Woodlands Office at 204-383-5679 or by email at finance@rmwoodlands.ca.

Due to COVID-19 information and documents concerning the 2021 Financial Plan are available for review by email, mail or fax. Please call 204-383-5679 to arrange for delivery.

Adam Turner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Woodlands

Dated April 14, 2021

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ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 31st day of May, 2021.

DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 28th day of April, 2021.

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Rural Municipality of GIMLI

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2021 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 2021 at a Public Hearing to be held at the Recreation Centre at 45 Centennial Road on the 13th day of May, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

To accommodate social distancing recommendations, we are kindly asking for individuals who wish to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan, to please register by email gimli@rmgimli.com or phone 204-642-6650.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on the 7th day of May, 2021 and may be accessed on the Rural Municipality of Gimli website at www.gimli.ca

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021

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



Rural Municipality of GIMLI

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITION

PUBLIC WORKS GARDENER/LABOURER A

This position will work directly with the public works department when performing duties and tasks such as trimming trees, cutting grass and to maintain the town's appearance. The successful candidate will also work with the Gimli Garden Club when preparing and maintaining the flower gardens and planters in the town of Gimli.

Candidate must possess the following:

- High School Diploma, GED or equivalent
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License
- Have knowledge of Workplace Safety Practices

Candidate must be physically fit, able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be able to work weekends, be available for early start times and overtime when required.

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

Salary and hours of work is in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Completed applications stating the position(s) applying for, with resume and references, should be submitted to the Municipal Office located at 62 2nd Avenue by 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2021

Kelly Cosgrove, CMMA
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Gimli
PO Box 1246, 62 - 2nd Avenue, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Email: kcosgrove@rmgimli.com
Fax: (204) 642-6660

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



Rural Municipality of GIMLI

INVITATION TO TENDER

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Noon

The Rural Municipality of Gimli is accepting tenders for the following:

1. **SIDEWALK TENDER:** Concrete sidewalk renewal, uni-stone renewal and curb restoration at various locations within the Urban Centre and Sandy Hook, including removal of existing concrete where necessary and landscaping with top soil and seed to pre-construction condition.
2. **STREET REPAIR TENDER:** Asphalt street cuts in various areas within the Urban Centre, including removal of existing asphalt, repair existing A-base and regrade shoulder as needed.
3. **STREET PATCHING TENDER:** Supply oil and A1 asphalt to a level that remove depression in roadway and restores a smooth driving surface, and regrade shoulder as needed within the Urban Centre.

Detailed tender packages complete with specifications are available to interested bidders on the RM of Gimli website, www.gimli.ca, or contact the Municipal Office, at 204-642-6650, 62- 2nd Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Any questions or concerns related to the tenders can be directed to:
Karl Bergman
Public Works Foreman
Rural Municipality of Gimli
Phone: (204) 642-6688
publicworks@rmgimli.com

The RM of Gimli reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the RM of Gimli in its sole discretion. Lowest bid may not be accepted. Contractors must comply with Municipal requirements for liability insurance, WCB coverage and business licensing to be eligible to be awarded the contract.



TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

CORRECTION OF DATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days, Saturday, May 08, 2021 to Friday, May 14, 2021, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at a mutually agreed upon location, I will receive nominations for the office of:

One (1) Councillor of the aforesaid Local Authority

The nomination deadline is Friday, May 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority, but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person at the above location, on the dates and hours specified, or by an official agent. To obtain a nomination paper, and/or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the S.E.O. by e-mail or at the telephone numbers listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

David Lobban, Senior Election Official
Town of Winnipeg Beach
204-389-4980 Cell: 204-918-7563
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Dated at the Town of Winnipeg Beach on April 20, 2021

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BIRTHDAY



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April 30, 1941

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The Rural Municipality of Coldwell

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- Be responsible to oversee summer students
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- Assist sewer system, roadside cutting & scale maintenance as required
- Must have valid Drivers licence; bonus if Class 3

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*RM of Coldwell thanks all applicants but only those
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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTICE



MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

Council Meetings moving to Thursdays: Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton passed By-Law 2-2021 on April 14, 2021, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the Council and the Committees thereof. Regular meetings of Council have been moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays. For more information on meetings of Council please see: BifrostRiverton.ca > Government > Minutes & Agendas.

All fires require a free permit: Please be reminded that under Municipal By-Law 8-2018, *No person shall start an Outdoor Fire within the boundaries of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton without first obtaining a Burning Permit*, which are available for free from the Municipal Administration Office.
For more information, please call us at 204-376-2391 or email Bifrost@mymts.net.

Request for Dust Control Applications 2021: Please be advised that all previous customers of dust control should have received an application in the mail, but if you are interested in becoming a customer in the Dust Control program, it's not too late! Please contact the Municipality for details before 4:00 PM on May 7, 2021.

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In Memory of
Edward Trachuk

October 4, 1951 - April 29, 2020

Our lives go on without you,
But nothing is the same;
We have to hide our heartache,
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall;
Living here without you,
Is the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true;
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return,
When we are all together;
But with the love in our hearts,
You walk with us forever.

-Missed very much by your wife, Linda;
children and grandchildren,
Dawn, Joe, Rylan, Abby, Heather,
Russell and Aiden

IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of
Darcy Sigurdson

August 1, 1963 - May 1, 2011

A million times we've missed you,
A million times we've cried;
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply,
Are the hardest things to say;
Our dearest one, we have loved you,
In a very special way.
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WE CONTINUE TO GRIEVE YOUR ABSENCE
OF 10 YEARS.

-Forever missing you; son Tristan, parents
Maurice and Sylvia,
sister Maureen (Addison and Garrett),
brothers Jeffrey (Braeden),
Eric, wife Tanya (Zia, Shay, Wynn)

OBITUARY

Bernice Gustaw (nee Lee)
April 19, 1931 - April 21, 2021

It is with much sorrow in our hearts that we announce the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on April 21, 2021. She was hospitalized initially at the Gimli Hospital, then in the medical ward at the Health Sciences Centre and finally at the Arborg Health Centre. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, she suffered mainly alone with a malfunctioning heart.

Bernice was born on April 19, 1931 on the family farm in Wampum, MB as the fifth child in a family of six. Her older sister was so happy to have a sister that she cried. Bernice was a lovely child and was called the Wampum doll, even into her adult years.

Bernice was predeceased by her parents Julius and Gina; an older sister Judith (Iver); three brothers, Melvin (in infancy), Lawrence and Henry (Mildred) and her youngest son Karol. She is survived by her husband Frank of over 68 years and her children, twins Elizabeth (Ken) and Richard (Colette), Karen (Ray), Stephanie (Leland), Eleanor and David; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her younger sister Fern (Clarence) and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Bernice attended school in Wampum. Grades nine and 10 were achieved through correspondence courses offered by the Department of Education. Grades 11 and 12 were taken at the Roseau Collegiate just "across the line" in the USA. After graduation, she took the short course offered for "permit teachers". She then taught at the rural Piney Elementary School, and went on to teach a second year in her own school district at Wampum.

She met her future husband Frank on the train as both were on their way to Winnipeg for a two day teachers' convention. They were engaged the following summer, and married the following year in July. Together they raised a family of seven children, as noted above. Bernice became a loving, caring mother, and reached down to her grandchildren and the older great-grandchildren who adore her to this day.

Bernice was a true "heart to heart" person. Although beautiful physically, her inner character spoke volumes to those who chose to know her. She never failed to express her appreciation for the simplest favours, a "thank you so much" was always on her lips. Her eyes worked with her mind as she expressed herself in the simplest ways.

Bernice became a person of deep faith, but never flaunted it. Jesus was her Saviour and Lord of her life. She read her Bible daily, and sought to put into practice what she learned from it. A key verse which she learned to depend upon greatly is found in I Peter 5:7 "Cast your cares upon Him (Jesus) because He cares for you." Reading good books was a life-long hobby...along with a good cup of coffee! Working at the Thrift Shop, and the Senior bimonthly meetings were a special treat for her. Bernice was truly a rare gem and a precious jewel.

The family wishes to thank all those who prayed for us and supported us with expressions of sympathy. We also thank the doctors, nurses and aides who cared for her "beyond the call of duty" at each hospital.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bernice's name to a charity of your choice, or to the Beaver Creek Bible Camp. (She loved children!)

Due to current restrictions, a private family service was held, the service can be viewed via the link on her obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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

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OBITUARY



Kenneth Nickolas Firman
August 12, 1953 - April 15, 2021

We sadly announce the unexpected passing of Kenneth Nickolas Firman at the age of 67 at the Arborg & District Health Centre.

He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his nephew Nicholas (Kari) of Ottawa, and his niece Tanya of Seattle. He also leaves numerous cousins whom he cherished dearly. Kenny was predeceased by his parents, Steve and Olive, his brother, Terry and sister-in-law Mary, and his fur baby, Orlie.

Kenny was born and raised in Arborg. After completing high school, he worked at the Arborg Co-op for Bjorn Bjornson, hauling fertilizer. The job entailed driving a large truck for the very first time. Kenny rose to the challenge and quickly mastered that skill. He was so proud of this accomplishment that he framed his very first pay cheque.

Kenny attended Red River College taking a commercial cooking course, after which he worked at a number of hospital kitchens. Kenny returned to Red River College, graduated with a hairdressing diploma and secured a job at the T- Eaton's company, where he worked for several years. Kenny also worked at the Rankin Inlet Hotel, NWT and on the Dew Line as a cook.

Kenny successfully owned and operated, Ken's Catering Service and catered hundreds of special events in the area. He was most famous for his roast beef dinner topped off with the best gravy. Kenny was also very community minded and volunteered at the Arborg Heritage Village for the past 10 years. He volunteered his catering services and expertise annually, managing and planning the meals for several of the largest fundraisers in the community. Kenny's "catering girls" were treated like family and once a year Kenny made sure to take them to the city for a special meal and maybe even a stop at the casino.

For the past 15 years, Kenny was employed at the Arborg Assisted Living. He was passionate, personable, and hardworking employee who took great pride in creating delicious, nutritional and tasty meals. He was mentor to many young staff members at the Assisted Living over the years and a co-worker that everyone looked forward to working with. Kenny was loved and cherished by all the tenants and staff at the Arborg Assisted Living and the feeling was mutual.

Ken was a devoted and loving son and caregiver to his Mother in her later years. He was proud of his nephew and niece and often spoke of their accomplishments. Kenny took pride in renovating his house by himself and tending to his beautiful yard and flowers. He was well travelled and loved traveling. His last two trips to England, he invited his cousins Alice, Gwen and Hazel to join him to meet relatives there and research family. Kenny was so looking forward to traveling again when restrictions would be lifted. Another of Kenny's favourite hobbies was attending auction sales, where he spent the whole day looking for treasures and socializing.

We will miss his unmistakable laugh, his big smile and his daily compliments. Kenny was a kind, caring, companionate, and fun-loving man, a wonderful person who will be missed by everyone who knew him!

We would like to thank the ambulance attendants and the emergency physicians and staff at the Arborg & District Health Care Centre for their compassionate care.

If so desired, you can make a donation in Kenny's memory to a charity of your choice.

There will be a celebration of Kenny's life at a later date.
"Til we meet again"

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OBITUARY

Myron Helgason

Peacefully, on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the Gimli Community Health Centre, Myron Helgason, aged 76 years of Arnes, Manitoba passed away.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held.

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

Full obituary to follow.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Colleen Gayle Kilbrei
May 24th, 1946 - April 9th, 2021

It's with profound sadness to announce the passing of Colleen Gayle Kilbrei (nee Sigurdson) on Friday, April 9th, 2021.

Mom will be lovingly remembered by her husband Harold; children Michelle (Lloyd), Ross (Samantha), Stacey (David); grandchildren, Spencer, Travis, Laura, Landon, Taylor, Tyson, Cason and Madden; sister Loretta Hibbert (George); sisters-in-law Margaret, Grace and Yvonne; numerous nieces and nephews; her band members; very close friends and family.

Mom was born May 24th, 1946 and raised on the family farm, Stord, Framnes, along with her parents, John and Gudrun Sigurdson and sister, Loretta. Always outside, barefoot, and playing with her many pets and spending time with her cousins and swimming in the river. She loved to be with her Dad and "wait for the truck to come around the corner" so she could ride with him in his gravel truck.

Her incredible musical talent carved her into an accomplished accordion player and outstanding musician. Her PASSION was her music and her band "The Telstars". She began playing in a band with her uncles and cousins at a very young age at her cousin's wedding. "The Telstars" popularity has spread throughout the province, legions, old time dances at the local Community Centres and beyond. Her band members were like her brothers! They all had a bond and friendship that was unbreakable. She was most proud when they made a CD of their music for all to hear. You could always hear Mom pull into your driveway as her music would be blaring out of her car. The Telstars had continued to play right up to the restrictions of this pandemic.

Mom and Dad married September 26, 1964 and took on the family farm at Stord, Framnes and raised all three kids there as well. It was always fun on the farm from big holiday family gatherings (especially Christmas), having dinner in the field, going to Hnausa for a swim after a long day in the back of the truck (singing 99 bottles of beer on the wall), hauling pigs to Winnipeg and mud fights while digging out the potatoes to name a few.

Mom was actively involved in many clubs, Kinettes, Sno Runners and Figure Skating club. She also spent countless hours making many carnival, skating, Halloween and parade costumes and making decorations for floats for parades and carnivals, participating in all fundraisers, teaching the accordion and playing at bridal showers.

Mom enjoyed always "going for coffee" to the neighbours, going for drives with Dad, visiting with her best friends, getting all "dolled up" to play in the band and of course going to watch "the kids"! She worked hard on her beautiful flower beds and gardens and in the field and barn then off to work at either The Co-op, Post Office or volunteering as a First Responder for 20 years in the community. She was graciously involved with her church and loved teaching Sunday School and taking her grandkids along.

She was a strong, selfless, caring and kind, small but mighty woman that had a passion of putting her family and friends first. You were always greeted with a contagious smile, a hug and a genuine interest in how you're doing. Mom was a social butterfly, always first to start a conversation with everyone she met. To know her was to love her. Mom's pride and joy were her kids and grandchildren. She'd do anything and everything for them. Playing cards and board games, late night texts and pick-ups, supporting them and spoiling them, being at absolutely every possible event for all of them...sometimes four different places in one day...eh Mom!...and with her beloved Princess by her side. Mom loved life and lived every second of her 75 years to the fullest. She was never without a smile on her face, she brightened the day and left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Her love spread so far in this world it was unbelievable how many people's lives she touched. Love you more Mom!

Oh yeah...don't worry mom, we all remember how to blow our noses!

A tremendous thank you to the staff at Gimli Memorial Hospital and CancerCare Gimli for taking such wonderful care of our Mom (Amma).

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your charity of choice or consider smiling at everyone that passes by, just like Mom.

A private service was held at The Arborg Community Cemetery, on Sunday, April 18th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

We invite and encourage everyone to share stories and pictures on the tribute page of Mom. Please visit mackenziefh.com.

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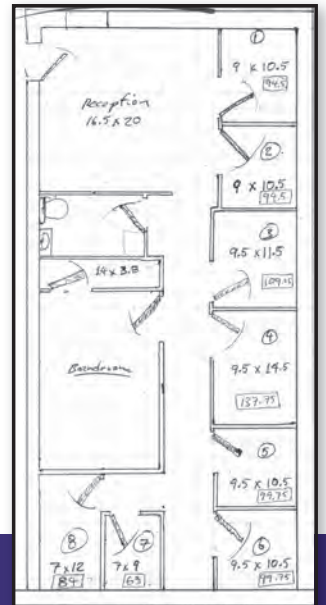
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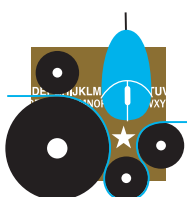
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