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Fisher Branch Collegiate students begin work on a collaborative

By Emma Honeybun

Middle-year students at Fisher Branch Collegiate will be unveiling a colourful new piece of art they designed and created, which they hope will help others reflect on their history for years to come.

The large art project is a glass tile mosaic that depicts the history of Fisher Branch.

The proposal and idea for the piece was created through staff, student and community input, said Lindsay Rachell.

The original idea had been to include a farmhouse with a clothesline bearing quilts, each decorated with a different country's flag.

The idea was changed during the process, turning it into a depiction of a train station with suitcases in the place of the quilts.

The chosen countries represent Fisher Branch's original settlers and their different cultures.

The cultures featured in the mural are Indigenous peoples, Métis, Ukrainian, French, Polish, Filipino and Portuguese.

Fisher Branch's wagon wheel monument, a historic site of Manitoba, is also depicted in the piece. It's located in the bottom right.

This is a collaborative piece with Winnipeg artist Ursula Neufeld, who is returning in June to help prep the final piece for display.

Neufeld works with teachers to create an exciting environment where the children learn through hands-on experiences with tile, tools and many other materials.

Everyone involved created a meaningful theme and came up with ways to depict that message. Neufeld teaches the skills needed to create a mosaic that will create beauty within that community



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LINDSAY RINSELL

Fisher Branch students, staff and community members are putting the finishing touches on a colourful mural that they have been working on since April. The finished mural will be installed on the east wall of the school's front foyer.

for hundreds of years to come.

The project had originally started work on April 25 but had been pushed back due to extreme overlands flooding in the area that caused cancelled class-



es at the school.

The students have been working on the art during lunch periods, separated into groups of eight who specifi-

cally focus on different sections.

The finished mural will be installed into the east wall of the school's front foyer.

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Experiences Canada holds first in-person event after two years

Program promotes teachings on allyship topics not as familiar to rural youth

By Autumn Fehr

First thing Thursday morning, Elisee Moore grabbed her bags and headed out the door with her parents.

After months of virtual webinars, she looked forward to truly experiencing the program through the in-person summit and exploring the City of Winnipeg with the knowledge she had learned.

From May 5 to 8, Experiences Canada brought together 60 youth participants and youth leaders for their summit on allyship and advocacy in Winnipeg after two years of running their program virtually.

Over the past three months, the participants learned about a variety of allyship topics through their regular monthly webinars — including Islamophobia, LBGTQ2S+, reconciliation, accessibility for persons living with disabilities, environmental racism, mental health and the impacts of social media — to prepare them for the in-person event.

Through the program, Moore learned about the importance of advocacy.

“Joining together with a group of people can create better change than individuality. For example, working together in a team can really help push towards the change that you imagine,” said Moore.

As part of the summit, the participants volunteered with Pride Winnipeg to clean up the Assiniboine Forest, visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Quamajug: the Inuit Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG), and toured Fort Whyte Alive.

“It was really cool to explore the city with a group of individuals who are like-minded,” said Moore.

The participants also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers such as an Indigenous elder named Parry who spoke about respecting others and the land and the importance of keeping family traditions alive.

“It was really inspiring,” said Moore.

Experiences Canada also taught Moore the importance of and how to be an ally to those in marginalized communities by creating a podcast to inform others on human rights issues.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Participants of Experiences Canada's summit on allyship and advocacy on May 6 in front of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

As part of the in-person event, the participants were split into groups and given different topics to focus on in creating their own podcast.

Moore's group took on the issue of environmental racism, focusing spe-

cifically on Curve Lake First Nation and the lack of access to clean water.

Curve Lake First Nation is one of the most endangered communities in

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WAVE Tour artist finds Wisdom at the Crossroads

Interlake Artists'
Studio Tour June 11-12

By Iris Dyck

Every time Amanda Onchulenko steps into her studio, she tries to solve a puzzle.

Sometimes, the answer comes to her quickly. The bright flowers and landscapes she is known for flow from her paintbrush, every stroke falling in just the right place.

Other times, it's a more difficult process. She'll turn her canvas upside-down and paint over it, looking for a new angle to work from. The closer she gets to finishing a painting, the more impact each mark has.

"You do eventually get to a resolution," Onchulenko said. "Knowing when something is finished can be really challenging."

Onchulenko has been working toward "resolutions" in her art for over 20 years. After completing art school in Australia where she grew up, she travelled and taught art and English on three continents before settling in Winnipeg. She finds inspiration in

Manitoba's changing seasons.

"I'm fascinated by the perennial gardens that can survive in the extreme conditions that we live in here," she said.

Onchulenko draws from her gardens at her cottage in Ponemah to create abstract scenes bursting with colour. During the winter months, when the landscape is cold and grey, the summer hues from back home brighten her studio and drive her painting.

"As an immigrant ... where you come from comes with you, and so I'm naturally drawn to colour," she said.

She started her studio practice in 2001, around the time of the birth of her first child. She went to her space in Winnipeg's Exchange District whenever she had a spare moment, and was able to go regularly once her children were in school. She has always seen art as a type of therapy — an exercise of the body and mind.

"It's solving a visual equation, is what really what you're doing, and it's physical, it's active," she said. "It can be really inspiring, it can be really infuriating, but it's always something that I want to keep doing, so I keep



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Amanda Onchulenko poses with some of her colourful works that she will have on display at her Ponemah Cottage during the Wave studio tour from June 11 to 12.

doing it."

Recently, Onchulenko moved her studio to a smaller space in Winnipeg's South Osborne neighbourhood. The move got her thinking of new ways to create. Her most recent project is a podcast called

Wisdom at the Crossroads, a series that reflects on lessons she's learned through her artistic career.

Each episode begins with soft music, and Onchulenko invites the listener to grab a warm drink and "settle in for a short while." She wants the podcast to be a space where people can take a moment for themselves.

"The world is really fast, and we're stressed, and we juggle a lot of balls, and we have a lot of things on the go," she said. "So the idea of having you come to my studio and just chilling out for half an hour with your cup of tea ... that is sort of what I'm hoping to convey."

Onchulenko describes the process behind some of her paintings, similar to what she does when she opens her cottage to visitors for the WAVE Art-

ist Studio Tour. She keeps that audience in mind as she writes her script, answering questions while making the listener feel welcome. To her, it's a type of meditation.

"Meditation was my way of finding how to deal with things in a different way," she said.

"I find I'm energized by the peacefulness of it, which sounds ironic, but it really has been helpful and I highly recommend it."

Onchulenko is looking forward to once again hosting WAVE visitors in Ponemah on the weekend of June 11, and says the podcast is a way of saying "thank-you" to all those who have supported her over the years.

"I want to serve my clients and I want to give back to them, so I want to share some of the stories that they've asked me in a new way," she said.

For more information on Amanda Onchulenko and the other artists participating in the WAVE Interlake Artist Studio Tour, visit watchthewave.ca or download the free app from the App Store.

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Stonewall woman speaks out for motorcycle safety

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall woman is driving home the importance of motorcycle safety while she steers down the road to recovery after a near-fatal highway accident.

Ellen Francis of Stonewall says she's lucky to be alive after she hit a deer with her motorcycle 10 months ago.

On Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, the experienced motorcyclist was travelling a familiar route to Saskatchewan.

"I was on my way to see my sister, who lives in Indian Head close to Regina. That's a trip I've made dozens of times over the years. I've been riding for 20 years. I'm not a new rider and I certainly wasn't a new rider that day, but there are some things you just cannot foresee," Francis said.

"Lots of drivers of cars have hit deer, but the only people I've ever known who hit a deer on a motorcycle are no longer here. I'm fortunate to be alive because most people do not survive. There are a few that do and I'm one of them — and I'm very grateful for that."

Although she was alert to her surroundings, Francis didn't see the deer, which was likely tucked out of sight in a nearby ditch.

"When you're on a motorcycle, you're always looking everywhere and scanning the ditches, the bushes, the horizon. It literally came out of nowhere. I blacked out from the impact," she said.

"Then I realized I was laying in the middle of the highway. Luckily, there was no traffic right on my tail. I told myself 'You've got to get off the highway so you're not in the traffic.' I rolled my body to the yellow line. As I looked back, a semi went by my head four inches away."

A man driving the other direction was the first on the scene to help.

"He didn't see what happened. Nobody saw what happened. He stopped traffic and then the ambulance showed up first, followed by the cops. Everyone was terrific," Francis said.

"My bike was totalled and ended up 50 feet down the road. As they were loading me into the ambulance, a cop stuck his head in the door and said they found a deer in the ditch. They had to shoot it."

Francis ended up with a broken shoulder, fractured hand and severe road rash — but she was alive.

"Anything can happen in a split second," she said. "Even now when I tell my story, I get a shiver down my back because it is so unbelievable that I survived that."

She still experiences some mobility issues with her hand and can only raise her arm halfway, which has impacted her work as the owner of Elemental Artisans jewelry shop in Stonewall. She closed her business for the first six months of her recovery, and she's now open once again.

"I repair jewelry and I do custom work for people. It is a challenge. I've learned to do things in a different way. It takes me a lot longer to do the processes than it used to, but I'm grateful that I can still do it," she said.

"I came back to work two months ago and I had customers who were waiting for their jobs that they dropped off



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Ellen Francis of Stonewall is recovering after hitting a deer with her motorcycle last summer. The experienced motorcyclist shares some advice for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

before I had the accident. They waited patiently over the winter and now I'm only just finishing up some of those jobs. Everyone has been terrific."

Since May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, it's the ideal time to remind motorists to share the roads responsibly and exercise caution around motorcycles.

Speaking from decades of experience, Francis offers some words of wisdom.

"When a driver and a motorcycle are involved in an accident, the driver always says 'I just didn't see him.' It's because we become so complacent about shoulder checking, checking in your review mirrors. There's no magic solution. Everybody gets complacent as we get comfortable driving certain routes or certain vehicles. Always double check. Always look twice," says Francis, who used to work at Harley Davidson Winnipeg.

"When you come up to a motorcycle on the highway or one passes you, give them lots of room. Don't crowd them or force them to take a small portion of the road just because you want to get where you're going. A huge issue for all motorcyclists is the danger that cars present when drivers aren't paying attention."

For riders, Francis stresses the importance of choosing the right gear and wearing it properly.

"Always use good eyewear that blocks the wind so your

vision is not impaired. And always wear a helmet. I'm a huge advocate for wearing helmets. If I wouldn't have had a helmet on that day and I hit the pavement, I definitely would've had some kind of brain injury," she said.

"All my gear was destroyed, but that can all be replaced. You can buy a new helmet, new boots, a new motorcycle — but you cannot buy a new life."

At the same time, she encourages people to get to know motorcyclists and talk to them about their hobby.

"A lot of people are wary of motorcyclists, yet motorcyclists can be one of the most wonderful, caring, compassionate, giving groups ever. They're involved in fundraisers and they take time to stop and help people on the side of the road. It's a great community," said Francis, who encourages women to take the mandatory motorcycle course if they're interested in giving it a try.

"Most of us enjoy talking about our bikes, so don't be afraid to ask us about our bikes and how long we've been riding."

Now that the weather is warming up, motorcyclists start to get the inclination to ride, she added.

"It is a dangerous hobby; however, it's an exciting hobby. For me, it's a balance of exercise and being outside. It's a feeling of freedom. It is a passion, and once you get that passion in you, it's very difficult to get away from it," she said.

"Even now, after my injury, I'm still considering getting another motorcycle even though it was totalled that day. I understand that I might not ever be able to do that again. It's too early to tell. It's something I just have to accept."

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More COVID deaths; 4th vaccine doses available; monkeypox in Canada

By Patricia Barrett

Sixteen more Manitobans died from COVID in early May, according to weekly provincial data on the virus as the worldwide pandemic continues.

In its COVID surveillance bulletin for May 8 to 14, the province reported 149 new hospitalizations, of which 16 required intensive care, and the deaths of 16 more Manitobans. There were also four additional COVID outbreaks in long-term care facilities that week.

Manitoba's death toll now stands at 1,913.

Other health news:

The provincial government is expanding eligibility for second booster doses of a COVID vaccine. All residents 50 years of age and older can now get a second booster, or fourth dose for people who've received a primary two-shot vaccine. First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who are 30 years of age and older are eligible for a second booster.

The province also shortened the interval time between second and third doses and between third and fourth doses to four months.

"COVID-19 continues to circulate throughout the province and vaccination is the best protection against serious outcomes," states the province in COVID-19 Bulletin #579 issued May 20.

The province said it has distributed 14.3 million rapid antigen tests (RATs), and that they "continue to be available at libraries and retail locations."

RAT results are not reported to the province, skewing the true number of infections. Infected people are also no longer required by the province to isolate. RATs have been shown to be

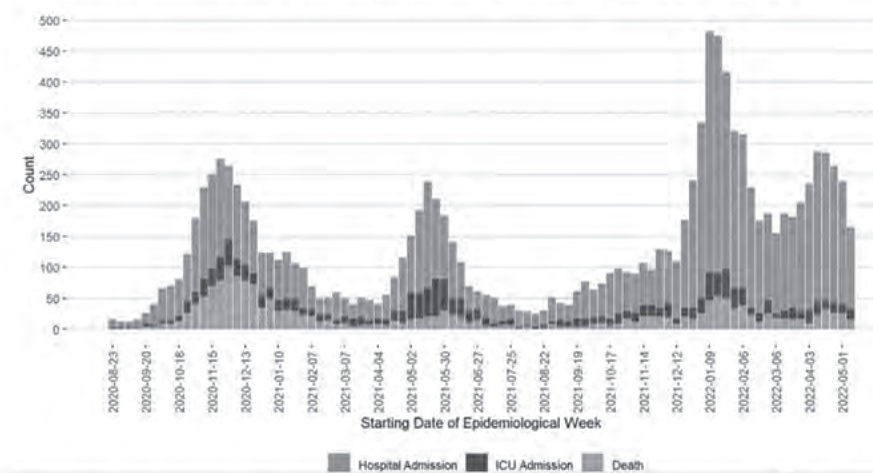


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Monkeypox is a viral pathogen that causes a rash, lesions and fluid-filled blisters on the face and body. It can lead to a range of medical complications such as sepsis, bronchopneumonia, brain swelling and loss of vision, as well as death. It spreads through respiratory particles during face-to-face contact, through contact with respiratory secretions and/or skin lesions, as well as through fomite transmission (contaminated objects).

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Figure 8. Severe Outcomes of COVID-19 by Week of Outcome Date, Manitoba, August 23, 2020 – May 14, 2022



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Manitoba hospitalizations, ICU and deaths for May 8-14, 2022.

less sensitive to omicron variants and results cannot be completely relied on.

-The World Health Organization's Weekly Epidemiological Update on

COVID (May 11 report) shows the overall number of cases declining across the world, but says the data

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The orioles, hummingbirds and warblers are loving the oranges and jelly in feeders across the province. Baltimore Orioles and hummingbirds arrive in Manitoba in May from wintering grounds in southern Mexico, Central America, northern South America, the Caribbean and Florida. Fruits and jelly should be left out for the birds until they stop eating these foods. They require additional protein while they are breeding and raising their young. Orioles can be offered dried mealworms to keep them coming to your feeders all summer. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca.

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do not reflect the true extent of COVID's spread and number of infections because countries have changed or scaled back testing.

"These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected," says the WHO.

From May 2 to 8, there were over 3.5 million new COVID infections reported and over 12,000 deaths reported, decreases of 12 and 25 per cent respectively.

Worldwide, the WHO shows 6,274,111 people having died from the virus (as of May 20). Death counts are grossly underestimated, with at least double the numbers of deaths from COVID.

- Nursing homes and some hospitals in the Interlake-Eastern Regional

Health Authority continue to deal with COVID outbreaks. The RHA declared an outbreak at the White-mouth PCH on May 20. Outbreaks at the Teulon hospital, the Fisher Branch PCH and Selkirk's Red River Place PCH continue (as of May 20).

- The Public Health Agency of Canada confirmed five cases of monkeypox in Canada on May 20, and it's investigating "dozens" of suspected cases throughout the country. The five confirmed cases are in Quebec.

"Person to person spread of monkeypox is uncommon. However, when spread does occur between people, the mode of transmission is through close contact with an infected individual, such as through direct contact with their body fluids, respiratory droplets, or monkeypox sores, or by sharing clothing, bedding or common items that have been contaminated with the infected person's fluids or sores," states PHAC.

The virus causes fever, rash, swollen lymph nodes, muscle pain, lack of energy, rash, lesions and pustules (filled with a yellowish fluid) that break out on the face and body, similar in appearance to chickenpox and smallpox. The number of lesions varies from a few to several thousand, according to the WHO. Monkeypox is commonly found in Central and West Africa.

There is no vaccine for the disease, but the smallpox vaccine is thought to offer a measure of protection as it is a related virus. Animal hosts for monkeypox include rodents (rats, mice, squirrels) and non-human primates.

As of May 21, the WHO confirmed 80 cases of monkeypox worldwide, with more cases expected to arise. In addition to Canada, the U.K., the U.S., Australia, Sweden, Portugal and Spain have reported cases of the virus.

AgrilInsurance seeding deadline for soybeans extended

Submitted by Manitoba Agriculture

Manitoba Agriculture and the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) are announcing the extension of the AgriInsurance seeding deadlines for soybeans starting in 2022.

The full coverage seeding deadlines for soybeans are now June 8 in Soybean Area 1 and June 4 in Soybean Areas 2 and 3. In addition, soybean growers in these areas will now be eligible for insurance if planting occurs in the five days following the full-coverage seeding deadline. However, coverage will be reduced by 20 per cent. The full-coverage seeding deadline for Soybean Area 4 continues to be May 30 with no extended seeding deadline coverage. These changes are permanent and will be part of the AgriInsurance contract going forward.

These changes were made in consultation with the Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers Association after a review of available data and agronomic considerations such as growing season length and the use of varieties that are more adapted to Manitoba conditions since the seeding deadlines were last considered. These changes are not expected to materially change the risk to the AgriInsurance program and therefore there is no change to premiums as a result.

MASC is not considering seeding deadline extensions for other crops at this time. The final spring seeding deadline for many major crops is June 20. AgriInsurance contract holders who are unable to seed by June 20 due to wet conditions are eligible for Excess Moisture Insurance.

MASC clients are encouraged to connect with their MASC Service Centre if they have questions about AgriInsurance or are looking for resources to assist in dealing with wet conditions. For a full list of MASC seeding deadlines, visit www.masc.mb.ca/seeding-deadlines.

Grand opening of Winnipeg's Royal Aviation Museum

By Autumn Fehr

The planes stand still in the places they have been left to retire after years of making memories and creating experiences.

These vintage aircraft are a part of Canadian history, representing the stories of pioneers and innovators who are responsible for putting Canada on the aviation map.

After years of dreaming and anticipation, the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg celebrated its grand opening from May 21 to 23.

The museum had been going through the process of planning, building and assembling for nearly 15 years.

Devin Long, from Stonewall, and a pilot for WestJet has been a witness to this lengthy process, being there to lend a hand or two along the way.

"The new museum was a good decade in the making. The capital campaign was going on for several years," said Long, a volunteer in the museum re-build.

Long grew up with airplanes, as his parents ran a small flying outfit in Northern Manitoba.

"It was my chosen career path early on," said Long.

He became involved with the museum re-build through several friends he knew were a part of it, from the annual Out of the Blue Gala — a fundraising gala held every year at the museum.

The last Out of the Blue Gala was held in 2018 at the old museum, marking the next step in their journey as they began the process of transitioning to the new museum.

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Welcome to the new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada!



The Fokker Super Universal

The old museum was the original TransCanada Airlines hangar in Winnipeg that was built in 1929.

Long heard that those planning the re-build were looking for a space to store some of the more fragile aircraft that could not be stored outside, such as the de Havilland Fox Moth.

At the gala, Long approached Joel Nelson, the vice-president of operations and facilities for the museum, and offered to store one of the planes at his shop until the museum was ready.

The property had been purchased by the Exchange Income Corporation and the old museum was being torn down.

Long returned in October 2021 to pick up the de Havilland Fox Moth.

When he went inside, he realized they were low on volunteers to help move the aircraft and artifacts out of the old museum.

Long had some holidays and volunteered his time to help move the five other planes and artifacts from the old museum into a safe place for them to rest until they were ready to be moved into the new museum.

"They had five airplanes that were in the back of the museum, and they were fully assembled, and they could not remove them from the museum unless they were either disassembled or they knocked a wall down and took them out through a hole in the wall," said Long.

Fortunately, the latter option was not a problem, as the old museum was set to be torn down anyway.

On Jan. 28, at minus 38 degrees C., one of the coldest days in Winnipeg in over a decade, Long bundled up in his winter gear and headed to the old museum one last time to move the de Havilland Beaver and the Fairchild



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Devin, Garry and Lucille Long had a pre-opening tour for the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada. The Longs are standing in front of the Fairchild 71, the aircraft they built a dolly for to arrive safely at the new museum.

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Long prepped the Vickers Vedette, the Fairchild 573 and the Stinson Reliant to be moved on the 30th of January by a tow company, as he had to work.

However, the Fairchild 71 needed a little extra help to remove it intact and undamaged.

Long and his dad Garry Long, came up with a solution to build a dolly for the aircraft to remove it safely from the museum to its resting place.

Now, after several years of struggling to raise funds, you can see all six vintage aircraft at the new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada on Wellington Crescent.

The new state-of-the-art building aims to guide visitors through the story of flight across western and northern Canada through 14 immersive galleries. Along with 22 vintage aircraft and artifacts, the museum also features a new outdoor aviation

plaza, an observation lounge, a kids' interactive play area, an archive room and an engine room that lets visitors to put the pedal to the metal and experience the sounds and feel of different types of aircraft engines.

The museum also seeks to commemorate the role women and Indigenous people played in Western Canada's aviation history. Some exhibits were developed in collaboration with Nigaaan Sinclair, a professor of native studies at the University of Manitoba. He also helped the museum fulfill calls to action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The museum has a variety of programs and events for groups and schools, open to the public shortly after the grand opening weekend.

After two years of building and \$46 million raised through fundraising and donations, the museum is ready to continue its journey in telling the historical stories of the aircraft.



Devin and Garry Long specially built a dolly for the Fairchild 71 to assist with the moving of the plane while the museum was being built.

Results In Red River Métis national general election

Submitted by Manitoba Metis Federation

The election for the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Government of the Red River Métis, has concluded. The position of president was open. In addition, there were 21 positions open for election in seven regions.

All of the positions were elected by acclamation. David Gray, chief electoral officer, confirmed that this was the first time an entire election cycle had been decided by acclamation.

Cabinet passed the resolution calling the election, and the chief electoral officer issued the notice of election on May 3, 2022. Nominations were open for 11 days and closed on May 13, 2022, at 5 p.m. Citizens then had seven days to challenge any nomination, and that period ended at 5 p.m. on May 20, 2022.

The chief electoral officer has declared elected by acclamation the following:

For president, re-elected:

David N. Chartrand of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the St. Norbert Local.

In the Southeast Region:

Vice-president: Denise Thomas of Grand Marais, Man., and a member of the Grand Marais Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Shawn Nault of Lorette, Man., and a member of the Woodridge Local (re-elected) and

Marielle Gauthier, of St. Malo, Man., and a member of the St. Malo Local (re-elected).

In the Southwest Region:

Vice-president: Leah LaPlante of Brandon, Man., and a member of the Turtle Mountain Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: John Fleury of Minnedosa, Man., and a member of the Les Métis Local (re-elected) and

William Goodon of Brandon, Man., and a member of the Cherry Creek Local (re-elected).

In The Pas Region:

Vice-president: Judith Mayer of The Pas, Man., and a member of The Pas

Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Joan Ledoux of Flin Flon, Man., and a member of the Flin Flon Local (re-elected) and

Darrell Ferland of Barrows, Man., and a member of the Red Deer Lake Local (re-elected).

In the Thompson Region:

Vice-president: Julyda Lagimodiere of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Mildred Dorion of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected) and

Mark Parenteau of Thompson, Man., and a member of the Thompson Local (re-elected).

In the Northwest Region:

Vice-president: Frances Chartrand of Dauphin, Man., and a member of the Dauphin Amisk Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: Richard Genaille of Duck Bay, Man., and a member of the Duck Bay Local (re-

elected) and

Peter Fleming of Minitonas, Man., and a member of the Minitonas Local (newly elected).

In the Interlake Region:

Vice-president: Alfred Anderson of Selkirk, Man., and a member of the Selkirk Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: John Park of Selkirk, Man., and a member of the Selkirk Local (re-elected) and

Mona Buors of Stonewall, Man., and a member of the Stonewall Local (re-elected).

In the Winnipeg Region:

Vice-president: Andrew Carrier of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Conseil Elzéar Goulet Local (re-elected).

Regional executive officers: JoAnne Remillard of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Seven Oaks Local (re-elected) and

David Beaudin of Winnipeg, Man., and a member of the Kinew Local (re-elected).

Local, emerging filmmakers return to the stage for pitch competition

Submitted by GIFF

RBC and Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) have launched the 11th RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition, which will take place at GIFF on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

This year, the competition will return to in-person programming, allowing local up-and-coming filmmakers to step into the spotlight once more.

With the support of On Screen Manitoba, William F. White International Inc., and the National Screen Institute – Canada, the competition will see

five emerging filmmakers pitch their short film ideas to a live audience and a jury of industry professionals.

The filmmaker with the winning pitch will receive \$10,000 to make their film courtesy of RBC, a \$5,000 William F. White Equipment Rental Grant Certificate, a story-editing and directing mentorship from the National Screen Institute – Canada, a \$500 equipment rental credit and a one-year membership to the Winnipeg Film Group, and a premiere screening of their film at GIFF 2023. All five finalists will receive a one-year membership to

On Screen Manitoba, a pass to GIFF 2022, and a one-day pass to All Access 2023. Last year's recipient, Elena Sturk-Lussier, will premiere her winning short film, *Stay*, at the festival on Saturday, July 23.

"The Gimli International Film Festival is proud to present another edition of the RBC \$10,000 Pitch Competition for emerging filmmakers this summer in Gimli. The competition has become a staple event of the annual festival," says GIFF executive director Alan Wong. "The experience of pitching your short film concept to

a live audience is exciting and a valuable skill for any filmmaker looking to communicate their vision effectively. As always, our panel of industry professionals will provide feedback to our finalists and decide who will take home the grand prize."

GIFF is accepting applications for the competition until June 6, 2022. Filmmakers can learn more by visiting the GIFF website and reading the Call for Applications.

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Manitoba regarding not having safe drinking water.

For over 15 years, the community has not had safe drinking water and experiences 10 to 15 boil-water advisories a year.

"We wanted to raise awareness about that specific issue and tell people about how it's not really right considering Canada has so much clean water," said Moore.

The podcast's goal was to learn more about human rights issues and have a hand in educating others by releasing the podcast to Spotify later.

Moore has completed this specific youth forum with Experiences Canada and won't be able to participate next year as she will be graduating

from high school.

"The program exposed me to lots of different ideas, which isn't really talked to you in school like Islamophobia and all those things, which isn't as common around here. So, I thought it would be really neat to get some knowledge about that before I head off to university," said Moore.

Moore wants to apply as a volunteer or youth leader for next year's forum to continue to be a part of the change and learning experience that Experiences Canada offers.

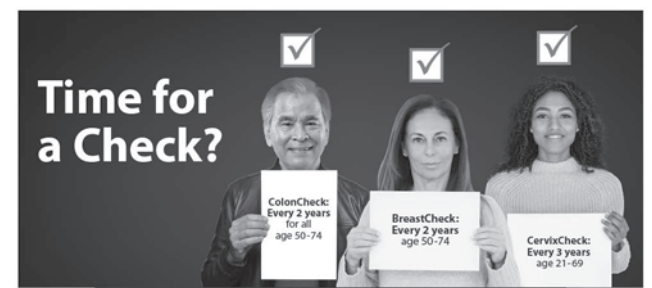
"It really inspired me to continue to look at topics like environmental racism and further explore how we can change and make an impact on these issues. It really inspired me to continue to be involved in groups like these and organizations," said Moore.

Moore said the experience was eye-opening

and a valuable opportunity.

She encourages others to also participate in the program, either as participants in the forum or as volunteers or youth leaders.

"I really took away the importance of community and how working together can really help drive change," said Moore.



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Armstrong ratepayer raises concerns about 2022 budget spending

By Patricia Barrett

A ratepayer in the Municipality of Armstrong is concerned about where money is being allocated after council held a meeting a few weeks ago to present its budget and vote on its adoption.

Kate Basford, a former reeve and councillor in a Parkland municipality and former executive director for the Manitoba Sheep Association, said she attended the budget hearing on May 12 and has concerns about a lack of funding for flood mitigation, why a privately owned park is receiving thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money and why no money has been budgeted for recreation and cultural services.

"Everybody at the meeting was not happy with this budget and they [council and chief administrative officer] could not provide us with answers because the answers would not be something you could talk about publicly," said Basford last week.

One of her concerns is flood mitigation for which the RM's budget shows no funding set aside.

"This RM has done virtually no ditch and culverts clean-outs. Yes, we did have overland flooding this year, but had this municipality over the last four years — and through the dry period we just had — done a comprehensive drainage plan, which I understand they did have, we could have avoided [some damages]," said Basford, who has lived in Armstrong for two years.

The spending on snow removal for fewer than three months this year was astronomical and the RM has no wiggle room. She requested from the RM the 2022 snow-clearing invoices it received from its private contractor, Armstrong Construction, after examining the RM's draft budget, she said.

An invoice dated Jan. 31 (for Jan 5-30) shows the RM was billed \$144,710.02. An invoice dated March 1 (for February) shows the RM was billed \$139,484.16. An invoice dated April 4 (for snow clearing up to March 18) shows the RM was billed \$211,785.00. In total, the three invoices show the RM was billed \$495,979.18 between Jan. 5 and March 18.

"This municipality will be in serious financial difficulty. They've spent almost \$500,000 in snow removal according to the invoices I asked for. For January, February and half of March, we're already at \$500,000. And they're taking \$200,800 out of the flood mitigation capital projects reserve for snow removal, which I believe is maintenance, not a capital project. If we have snow coming in October, what is this municipality going to

do?" said Basford. "Going forward, the CAO said I can no longer get information unless I do a FIPPA [freedom of information] request. It seems they don't like the questions I've been asking."

Basford's also questioning the allocation of funding to Meleb Park (the MPC Reunion Park or Meleb Park-Cumming Park), which isn't a municipally owned asset.

"Meleb Park is private; it's not owned by the municipality, but the RM plans to give them thousands of dollars. Supposedly, the owners approached the RM for playground equipment and the response was, 'We might as well give it to them because we've got nothing for our own people,'" said Basford. "So here's a private individual or group that might be receiving more funding than what the RM provided for ditch clean-outs. It is absolutely ridiculous where this money is going."

Under capital expenditures, the budget shows \$30,000 has been set aside for park improvements. For ditch cleanouts, ditches, road drainage and culvert installations, the RM budgeted \$20,000.

The giant mushroom monument in Meleb Park was painted in 2021 with funding the owners received from the municipality, the province and the Westshore Community Foundation (see Oct. 14, 2021 edition of the *Express* online). The Meleb Park committee did not provide the cost of the restoration work.

Basford said Armstrong should be focusing on providing more services to ratepayers, who, from what she has heard, are paying "an awful lot of taxes for what we're getting."

"The municipality I came from had a rural component and a town. The town had sewer and water, a lagoon, a skating rink and a curling rink, a Handivan and curbside recycling pickup. And we had public works staff," said Basford. "My question is, 'What are they [Armstrong municipality] doing with they're spending?'"

At the budget meeting, Basford said she also questioned council and the CAO about why administration costs have risen (CAO salary and staff wages increased by almost \$15,000 over last year) and couldn't get a straight answer.

She also noted that reserves are down and the net operating surplus of \$29,641 won't take the RM very far. Her former municipality, which underwent amalgamation, had depleted most of the reserves and suffered a deficit. The province makes ratepayers pay back a deficit. They

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE				
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG				
For the Year 2022				
	Last Year Budgeted	Last Year Actual	This Year Budgeted	Next Year Budgeted
Transportation Services Sub-Total Forward from Page 3	948,000	959,154	1,070,500	1,170,000
32330 Sidewalks and Boulevards	0	36		
32340 Ditches and Road Drainage Ditch Cleanout/Culvert Installation	30,000	10,140	20,000	20,000
	25,000	37,312	25,000	25,000
	13,000	6,598	10,000	10,000
	12,000	4,831	10,000	10,000
32371 Snow and Ice Removal				
32372 - Labour				
32373 - Materials				
	160,000	191,139	500,000	200,000

RM OF ARMSTRONG

In budget line 32371, under "snow and ice removal – rentals," the RM budgeted \$500,000. Last year it spent \$191,139. Contractor invoices that a resident requested from the RM show the RM was billed over \$495,000 for snow clearing between Jan. 5 and March 18, 2022.

were subjected to a "substantial mill rate increase and, let me tell you, they were upset and rightly so," said Basford. Ratepayers in Armstrong might not be able to find out for while which way the RM is headed, financially speaking.

"There's no oversight and accountability with this council. Armstrong came in with a \$29,000 surplus; there's no room here. They can't afford their budget," said Basford.

Armstrong CAO Corlie Larsen said the RM didn't spend \$500,000 this year for snow-clearing but had budgeted that amount.

"The amount of snow received this year has been record-breaking and extreme. We have budgeted to cover these costs for snow clearing in our operating snow budget \$500,000, as well have a snow clearing reserve of \$122,000 if required. From Jan to March 2022, we have spent \$342,647.22 in snow clearing. The number you are referring to, the \$500,000, is the budgeted amount, not what was spent to March," said Larsen by email. "The RM spent \$200,800 so far in mitigation to come from the flood mitigation reserve. Council has also increased the budget for graveling, grading, snow clearing and road repair to cover costs for repairing roads from the floodwater."

The budgeted amount for snow removed includes snow and ice removal from ditches and culverts, which mitigate flooding, she said. And council will be looking at the province's recently announced disaster financial assistance (DFA) program and "claiming what we can do to recover funds."

The RM doesn't use the "Recreation and Cultural Services" fields in the budget template document, she said, and that's why no funding appears there.

"The items listed [under Recreation and Cultural Services] are for recreation commission administration, community centers and halls, swimming pools and beaches, golf courses, skating rinks and arenas, parks and playgrounds, museums, libraries – items that really don't pertain to this RM because we don't have a Rec Commission or own these type of facilities or run these types of facilities," said Larsen. "We do however give many grants to our community groups and halls, but that's reflected under the grants section in General Government Services as well as Economic Development Services."

Larsen said the RM approved two grants to the Meleb Park Cumming School District Reunion Committee Inc.

One grant is worth \$3,545 and will go towards the "renewal and painting of the mushroom statue," the model schools, Highway 7 signage and the re-leveling of the pioneer map and other signage at the park.

"The second grant council approved to [Meleb] park is \$22,000 towards a new play structure upon approval of a 50/50 grant applied for to the Building Sustainable Communities Grant," said Larsen.

When asked if community groups that receive money from the RM have to provide financial statements, and if those statements get audited, Larsen said "they are to be following as required in the application and have available to the public financial statements."

According to council minutes posted online, Armstrong Reeve Susan Smerchanski and Coun. Allen Evanchyshin voted against the 2022 budget, while councillors Ralph Hazelton, Paul Humeny, Ted Sumka and Adam Krochenski voted for it. A majority vote passed the budget.

Celebrating the Marine Museum of Manitoba and the S.S. Keenora

The Marine Museum of Manitoba gears up for a season full of special events



By Autumn Fehr

On the 15th of August 1972, a passenger and freight vessel, the S.S. Keenora, was sitting in water, rotting away, risking losing its history.

A week later, 20 citizens from Selkirk purchased the S.S. Keenora through a bank loan, and it became incorporated as the flagship of the museum.

This August, the Marine Museum of Manitoba celebrates 50 years since its incorporation as a business and 125 years of the ship that started it all, the S.S. Keenora.

Since the initial purchase of the S. S. Keenora, the museum has taken in five other ship donations: the C. G. S. Bradbury, the Chickama II, the Lady Canadian, the Peguis II and Joe Simpson.

Museum manager Shaylene Nordal has been a part of the museum, seeing its changes and telling the stories of the ships for almost three decades.

"All of them had different duties on the lake, which adds to the story," said Nordal.



Nordal started as a tour guide with the museum out of high school 28 years ago.

"This year, to be part of two big anniversaries, it's crazy," said Nordal.

This season, the museum has planned a series of special events to celebrate this milestone with the City of Selkirk.

Their main anniversary event is a 50/50 draw, which will kick off on the grand opening day of the museum, the 21st of May.

The museum hopes to raise \$50,000, and half of the proceeds will go towards restoring the S.S. Keenora for its 125th anniversary.

The draw will be held at the beginning of November this year.

"We call it the 50/50/50 because it's our 50th anniversary 50/50," said Nordal.

Restoration is a part of the upkeep of the ships and is a process that is ongoing to keep them in good condition while keeping their integrity.



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Shaylene Nordal on the S.S. Keenora, the flagship of the Marine Museum of Manitoba, founded the museum almost 50 years ago.

Other daily upkeep for the ships would involve projects such as replacing deck boards and restoring exterior ship doors.

Larger projects, such as the funds raised from the 50/50 for the restoration and painting of the exterior of the S.S. Keenora, are done on rotation as it is more costly and time-consuming.

Nordal says that the museum follows strict guidelines in the restoration process to ensure everything stays the same as the original ship that once sailed on the waters of Lake Winnipeg.

"You want to keep the history there; seeing it is so important to Selkirk,

and you want the visitors to see those details," said Nordal.

The museum is a big part of Selkirk's history and the people that live there, as the city was founded and built around the water.

Nordal says that the Marine Museum of Manitoba is a key draw to the city because the communities surrounding the lake all had their connections to Selkirk, as goods were sent from the city to go up North.

"Many of the residents have a tie to marine life on Lake Winnipeg, whether it be you had a family member who

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Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton 2022 budget highlights

By Patricia Barrett

Taxation in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton will be increasing to deal with an unprecedented rise in inflation that will take a toll on the cost of providing municipal services.

Bifrost-Riverton chief administrative officer Jordan Willner presented the budget May 12.

The general municipal at-large mill rate will be increasing to 18.159 from 17.373.

Reeve Brian Johnson said the municipality will see an increase of over five per cent in revenue through taxation.

"Through deliberations and good debates held by council, we intend to approve a tax revenue increase of 5.26%. This is trying to staying relative with the Consumer Price Index, that after the first two months of 2022 is at 5.8% in Manitoba and 5.7% across all of Canada," said Johnson in

a statement. "A consequence of growing inflation is that it hits our transportation services budget the hardest. The department accounts for 55% of our municipal operating budget annually and our projections this year has the department seeing more than a 9% increase in expenditures to sustain the current level of service."

In April, Canadian consumer prices for shelter (housing and rent), food and gas rose 6.8 per cent, up from 6.7 per cent in March, according to the latest Statistics Canada data.

The overall Bifrost-Riverton budget is set at \$5,180,172.10. Last year the municipality saw revenues of \$6,063,457.55 and spent \$5,554,730.57, resulting in a net operating surplus of \$508,726.98.

The municipality set aside \$2,481,375 this year for transportation services, up by over \$593,000 from last year's

expenditure of \$1,888,237.13. Transportation includes expenses such as equipment fuel, wages and benefits, equipment repairs, insurance, road labour, materials, sidewalks, ditches and road drainage, street lighting and snow and ice removal.

For equipment fuel, the municipality budgeted \$257,500. Last year it paid \$148,796. For road construction materials, the municipality budgeted \$645,750. Last year it spent \$559,610. For road construction contracts, the municipality budgeted \$448,000. It paid \$329,999 in 2021. It set aside \$5,000 for sidewalks this year, after spending \$231 last year. For snow and ice removal on contract, the municipality budgeted \$250,000 for 2022. The budget was zero in 2021.

For ditches and drainage this year, the municipality set aside \$95,100. It spent \$126,648 in 2021.

"After sustained investment, council will be cutting some expenditures for 2022, in order to fund other initiatives and sustain other programs during this time of unprecedented inflation uncertainty," states the budget presentation with regard to ditches and drainage.

The municipality declared a state of local emergency on May 1 after three consecutive weekends of Colorado Lows that caused overland flooding. It listed on its website over 115 damaged sections of road or roads that were experiencing flowing water. The municipality has over 300 miles of road to maintain.

For recreation and culture, the municipality budgeted \$512,275. Last year it spent \$454,663. For the Riverton-Bifrost Parks and Recreation commission, the municipality budgeted

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Municipality of Armstrong budget highlights

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Armstrong presented its 2022 budget last week, expecting to spend more this year on road repairs, gravel, and ditches and culverts after extreme weather events over the winter and spring.

The RM set a budget of \$3,603,013 this year. Last year it spent \$3,244,208.

Reeve Susan Smerchanski said the budget meeting on May 12 was well-attended by ratepayers, who asked questions, brought forward concerns and provided council with suggestions and ideas after chief administrative officer Corlie Larsen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

"Discussions included an overview of and questions about the operating budget, the capital budget, revenue and expenditures and the five-year capital expenditure plan. Specific topics included the extreme weather, unprecedented winter and snowfall and the present flooding situation, and the State of Local Emergency that was declared on May 1 for 30 days," said Smerchanski. "There was also discussion on the Emergency Measures Organization, the municipal alert ready system, protective services and the May 9 provincial disaster assistance funding announcement for municipalities and the public."

Ratepayers also made requests for better communication and transparency, said the reeve, including requests to change the time of council and special meetings to better accommodate those who work and have to take time off to attend.

The RM's budget for transportation services — which include road and street construction and repair, materials, fuel for equipment, roadside cutting, dust control, road signs, beaver control, culverts, ditches and road drainage — accounts for almost half (\$1,656,500) of the total budget. Last year the RM spent \$1,227,007, according to the draft 2022 budget that's posted on the RM's website.

For general road construction and maintenance, the RM set aside

\$462,000 for gravel this year, up from \$405,688 it spent last year, \$380,000 for grading, up from \$320,656 last year, and \$80,000 for road repair, up from \$55,656 last year. It set aside zero dollars for brushing (vegetation removal); last year it spent \$1,000 on brushing.

For ditches, road drainage and culvert installation, the RM budgeted \$20,000, up from the \$10,140 it spent last year, and \$10,000 for surveys and water licences, up from \$4,831 last year.

The RM budgeted more money for its chief administrative officer and staff this year at \$174,000, up by \$14,634 over last's year expenditure of \$159,366.

As it had last year, the RM set aside zero funding for environmental development services, which include activities such as urban renewal, urban area weed control, and beautification and land rehabilitation. The RM also provided zero funding for recreation and cultural services, which include community centres, halls, golf courses, playgrounds, arenas and museums. It provided no budget for cemeteries.

Smerchanski said the RM is vast in size, with a number of small towns and hamlets (e.g., Inwood, Narcisse, Fraserwood, Komarno, Meleb, Silver and Rembrandt) spread out across the region. Activities specific to one area are financially supported by the RM as are some programs. She cited the library program by way of example, whereby residents living near Silver will use the Arborg library and those near Fraserwood will use the Gimli library. The municipality helps support the cost of residents' library use.

"The RM of Armstrong encompasses a huge geographical area with many small communities and volunteer groups, which the municipality financially supports," said Smerchanski. "Residents are very interested in becoming more involved in their communities and volunteering in park enhancement and recreation, in-



The RM budgeted no money in 2022 for recreation facilities. The Inwood community centre is shown here.



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Last year in August, the RM of Armstrong was suffering from drought, with many pastures, such as this one near Inwood, in a very dry condition. This year, the RM was hit badly by flooding.

cluding the municipality's purchase of the old CP railbed to develop a trail that extends from Komarno to Silver. Our volunteers are the 'heart and soul' of our communities and the municipality."

For 2022 capital expenditures, the RM budgeted \$80,000 for a public works truck, \$10,000 for an enclosed trailer for a steamer (to steam open ice-jammed culverts) and set aside \$30,000 in federal gas tax funding for park improvements. It also budgeted \$63,500 for an asset management plan.

Funding for drainage projects in the RMs five wards was not provided.

On the revenue side, the RM expects to bring in \$250,000 for Crown and RM grass and forage rentals.

The RM's five-year capital expenditure program, which starts in 2023, lists projects such as parks beautification and accessible washrooms, signs to welcome people to the RM, fire department protective gear replacement, expansion of the Fraserwood Fire Hall, the purchase of a 4X4 truck for the Fraserwood Fire Department

and unspecified work on a public works building.

The reeve said the RM requires the establishment of a public works department for "continuity and vision of the municipality."

Public works activities such as snow clearing and grading are given to a contractor(s) and councillors attend to public works matters.

"As elected officials, councillors are elected under the ward system (Wards 1 to 5) with a separate ballot for the reeve. At the end of the day, under the Municipal Act, all council members are public servants, not public works [staff]," said Smerchanski. "Council is elected to represent all ratepayers, conduct the business of the municipality, review, update and create policy and bylaws, make informed decisions and treat everyone fairly and equally in a professional manner with public safety being the utmost priority. Clear, open communication, transparency and accountability are foremost and necessary for the success of any municipality."

> MARINE MUSEUM, FROM PG. 11

worked on the ships or who fished on the lake. It all ties in. That is a big part of Selkirk's history," said Nordal.

Since the S.S. Keenora is responsible for the start-up of the museum, this summer, there will be a special limited ticket event to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

In July, the museum will host an evening of live entertainment with

an authentic Keenora meal reflecting the food on a day excursion or weekend trip on the lake.

Nordal says it will be an experience that takes you back in history.

"It is history that we have to keep alive to let our future generations know where it all started," said Nordal.

ABPRC getting hockey back on its feet with golf tournament fundraiser and special guest

By Patricia Barrett

With hockey programs across the province having been hit hard by COVID-19, the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and

Recreation Commission will be hosting a fundraising golf tournament in July to help get players back on the ice.

Recreation director Tom Chwaliboga said proceeds from the tournament will be going to Arborg Minor Hockey, the Arborg Ice Dawgs Junior B team and maintenance costs at the Arborg arena.

For two years, COVID and provincial public health restrictions sidelined hockey across the Interlake or forced the closure of arenas.

"COVID has dramatically impacted hockey programs in the province," said Chwaliboga, "from lost seasons and low enrolment to reduced revenues."

The 18-hole golf game offers a number of prizes including 18 closest-to-the-hole prizes and a chance for a team to win back their entry fee. There's also a \$900 door prize and prizes for first (\$1,000), second (\$600) and third (\$400). To round off the prize offerings, the commission is offering a silent auction, a 50-50 draw and a putting contest.

People can enter as an individual, a pair or a group of four. The entry fee is \$225 per person.

Businesses are welcome to sponsor the tournament by offering merchandise in one of four hockey-themed sponsorship levels: hat trick, goal, assist and save.

Arborg's Jermaine Loewen will be signing autographs at the tournament. Loewen played minor hockey for the Falcons, became captain of the Kamloops Blazers (Western Hockey League) and currently plays for the Henderson Silver Knights (American Hockey League).

The tournament takes place on Tuesday, July 12 at the Teulon Golf & Country Club. For more information, call Tom Chwaliboga at 204-376-5576 or 204-641-0512 or email him at tom.abprc@mymts.net.

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> BUDGET, FROM PG. 11

\$118,000. Last year's expenditure was \$104,500. For the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission, the municipality budgeted \$200,000. Last year's expenditure was \$140,887.

It budgeted more for skating rinks, arenas and halls this year at \$15,450. It spent \$8,000 in 2021. For parks and playgrounds, the municipality budgeted \$32,150. It spent \$18,359 in 2021. For libraries, the municipality budgeted \$34,624.50, the same as last year.

The municipality is in Year 6 of paying off a deficit. The payment schedule was approved by provincial Municipal Affairs. The payment for 2022 is \$58,435.

"This is the last year they will appear as individual lines on the tax bills," states the presentation.

The chief administrative officer and staff budget is rising by over \$41,000 from \$259,719 spent last year to \$301,600 budgeted for this year.

Capital expenditures for 2022 include a lot development in Hnausa (\$100,000), the Riverton-Bifrost Fire Hall (\$535,000), a trailer replacement (\$6,500), sidewalk renewal (\$80,000) and a mower (\$15,000). The cost of road rehabilitation projects is to be announced.

The municipality's five-year capital expenditure program, starting in 2023, includes an aging in place campus (\$2,500,000), a fire truck for the Arborg-Bifrost Fire Department (\$290,000), an excavator (\$200,000), graders (\$900,000), industrial park water and sewer (\$3,000,000), North Riverton dike (\$2,500,000), Riverton fire rescue vehicle (\$100,000), Riverton fire rescue boat (\$60,000), Riverton fire truck (\$700,000) and two diversion projects, the South Arborg Diversion #2 (\$2,100,000) and the South Riverton Diversion #1 (\$3,000,000).

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Local photographer connecting through the lens

By Iris Dyck

When Michelle Westman takes a portrait, she's looking for a feeling.

She carefully frames her subject, balancing them with the background and props. Sometimes she adds colourful lighting to change the mood. But just before she presses the shutter, she takes note of where her subject is looking.

"I'm looking and making sure the eyes are connecting," she said. "The whole face matters, but the most important thing is eyes, and the way someone's eyes can show so much emotion."

Westman has been capturing that emotion since she was 15. She started photography as a hobby, taking photos of herself and friends in her backyard in Stony Mountain.

"Then it became a little bit more than that," she said, "and I was like, you know, I can do this as an actual job."

Westman took the Professional Photography course at Red River College Polytechnic in Winnipeg, graduating in 2019. She learned different photography styles and techniques, but por-



Westman tries to "go the extra mile" with her styled shoots and is hoping to expand into editorial and fashion photography.



Michelle Westman's camera has become a part of her since she started her photography career.

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Businesses, residents spring into action for Gimli town clean-up

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Chamber of Commerce hosted its first-ever town clean-up last week to encourage businesses and residents to do a little spring cleaning around town.

Business owner Kim Giesbrecht, who is a chamber member and owner of Right Choice Realty and the boutique hotel Inn on Centre, said the chamber wanted to encourage its members to take ownership of their areas as the municipality deals with the fallout of overland flooding and damaged roads.

“With the incredibly long winter, and especially with all the challenges the RM has been facing as they work to keep properties safe from flooding, we thought it would be good to encourage members to take ownership of their areas, and to encourage staff to take that to their residential and public spaces,” said Giesbrecht, who pitched in to help clean up other areas of town.

Gimli resident Michelle Belanger



Some of the litter the Belangers cleared from town streets and the beach, including blue plastic zip ties, fast-food wrappers and a pharmaceutical bottle.

and her son Oscar rolled up their sleeves and got down to work on May 19, filling bags with litter that included facemasks and food wrappers. They collected trash from a residential street and along the Lake Winnipeg harbour wall path, south of downtown.



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELLE BELANGER

Michelle Belanger and her son Oscar heeded the call of the Gimli Chamber of Commerce to help clean up litter around town.

“We picked up 22 masks and lots of blue sticks from the sidewalk sweeper,” said Belanger. “We went up Third Avenue and then along the wall path almost up to Viking Park.”

Stefan Tergesen, who runs HP Tergesen & Sons general store, was among

those exercising their civic duty; he regularly partakes in street clean-up while out with his dog.

“I do clean up litter regularly when I walk my dog,” said Tergesen.

The chamber offered a prize draw for those who gathered litter.

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Lundar Fair makes its return this year after COVID hiatus

Agricultural society shares new events, changes and old traditional favourites

By Emma Honeybun

The Lundar Fair is coming back on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. This will be the first time the fair has

occurred since June 2019, marking its 68th year.

The year's program, also available to download on the official website at lundaragsociety.com, will be published in the June 2 edition of the *Express Weekly News*. The fair is stocked full of returning shows and activities and some new ones.

For the older kids, there will be free archery tag and a gladiator jousting ring. Both will be located by the midway of the fairgrounds.

There is also a brand new R/C (remote-controlled) plane display through the Lundar Sports Flyers Club. It will take place in the area on Friday.

The Third Chins, a local musical group, will be playing at the fair's Beer Gardens at 8:30 p.m. Friday. A fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. will follow.

Funds from the beer gardens will be going towards the Lundar Sports Riders Club.

The beef dinner on Saturday is a fundraiser as well; it will be gathering money in support of the



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY GABRIELLE PICHE

The Lundar Agricultural Society Fair parade will make its return this month at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 11.

Lundar Gymnastics Club.

The 4-H Club will also be having their annual beef auction this year, though it will be online. Cattle — general cattle, not only steers in the auction — will be judged based on type throughout the weekend.

However, different from previous years, this year's Lundar Fair will not see the return of the Interlake Pageant. The traditional event ended its 53 year spanning run in 2019.

"The Ag Society had decided that 2019 would be the final year for that because it was getting harder and harder to get youth to run in that," said Arlene Darknell.

The parade, a long-time tradition, will be making its return on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Horses presented in the

parade will be featured in a 15-minute long horse hitch demonstration at 1 p.m..

Planning for this year's event went fast, according to Darknell. The Lundar Agricultural Society began to put the fair together at the end of March, right as COVID-19 restrictions started to lift.

"So it's been very busy for myself especially and the directors to get everything together. ... And we're one of the first fairs of the season in this area," Darknell said.

Updates on the Lundar Fair and the activities will be posted regularly on the official Lundar Agricultural Society website and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lundarag>.

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The force of nature in slow motion on Lake Winnipeg



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY SHARON STADNEK

The strong south winds on Lake Winnipeg on May 13 created 20-foot ice shoves at Sandy Bay Beach.

The strong south winds on Lake Winnipeg on May 13 created 20-foot ice shoves at Sandy Bay Beach.

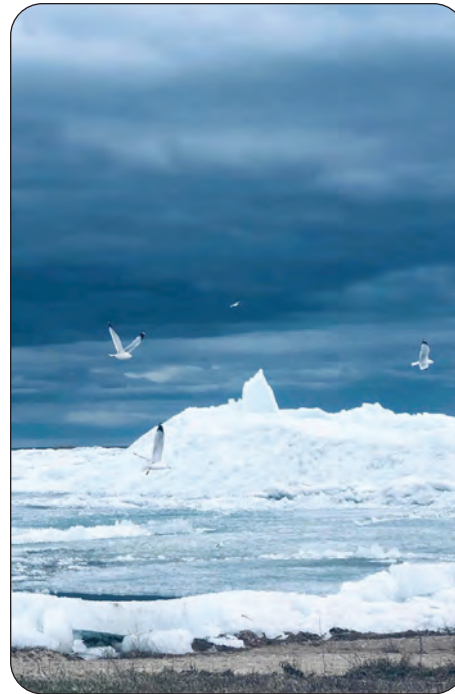
An ice shove is defined as a surge of ice that piles up on the shore of a body of water, typically an inland lake. The movement of the ice is modulated by strong winds and currents as well as temperature changes.

When the break-up and melting of the ice is underway in the spring, the large mass of ice covering the body of water is subject to movement from strong winds. Sustained periods of strong winds down the long axis, or fetch, of the lake can begin to slowly move the ice sheet toward the down-wind shoreline.

Since the ice sheet can cover hundreds of square miles on a lake, there is plenty of force behind that wind-driven mass of ice.

Jay Doering, a University of Manitoba civil engineer, notes, "It's a little bit like thinking of a train hitting a solid barrier. It has momentum and the cars just keep coming in behind and continuing to add to the wreckage."

In what seems to be a slow-motion version of a frozen tsunami, the leading edge of the ice sheet beings to pile up on shore. It's almost like the slow movement of a glacier, except the glacier moves by gravity whereas the ice shove is moved by the wind and water currents.



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RCMP reminds motorists to drive safe



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TY DILELLO

Members of the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service met at the site of a fatal car accident last week to discuss road safety. Left to right: Sgt. Ken Pinsent (RCMP), Insp. Doug Roxburgh (WPS), Insp. Joe Telus (RCMP).

By Ty Dilello

The RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service met with the media last Tuesday on a service road just south of the Perimeter Highway to talk about road safety at the scene of a fatal collision earlier this year that took four lives.

The RCMP responded to 71 fatal collisions in 2021 across the province. Already this year, there are 26 people who have died on Manitoba road-

ways in RCMP jurisdiction.

To mark Canada Road Safety Week, the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service wanted to have an open conversation about what police are seeing on the roads in Manitoba.

However, this is not just about education anymore.

"People know to avoid high-risk driving behaviours," said Insp. Joe

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Backyard composting

By Nancy McGowan, REACT

There are as many ways to compost as there are people composting. Even donating your kitchen and yard scraps to your composting neighbour is doing your part for the environment. You just have to find out what will work for you.

Composting is the natural process of organic material decomposing to form a rich natural fertilizer. You can use a pile, one box, three boxes, or purchase a ready made one such as a tumbling composter. Just start with something that you think will work for you with the space, time and budget that you have available.

There are two main types of organics that can be put into your backyard compost bin, "greens" and "browns". The greens are the wet materials high in nitrogen that include your food scraps such as fruit, vegetable, used coffee grounds (and filters), garden waste, and fresh cut grass. Browns are the dry materials high in carbon and include dry leaves, straw, hay, twigs, and shredded paper. The two are layered with the browns always on the top to filter any odours. Generally, add 2-3 times as much browns as you do greens. Do not add meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, oily foods, pet waste, bones or weed seeds to your backyard compost.

Combining greens and browns, while providing moisture and aeration will support the health of the stars of composting, the micro-or-

ganisms. To create an active composting system that will heat up and decompose faster, you will need to ensure that the materials in the compost are moist. Moisture comes from the breakdown of the greens but you may also have to water it. Drainage is critical though to ensure the excess moisture is able to drain away. Aeration to the pile in the form of flipping, fluffing or using an aeration tool is necessary to introduce oxygen to the pile. An active compost pile will heat up as the micro-organism do their work. The compost is ready for use when it smells earthy and has no visible food items left.

The type of composting strategy you use will determine how quickly your compost is available for use. Fast or slow, there is a compost strategy for everyone. Don't be afraid to try, and embrace the adventure. The environment will thank you. If you would like to gather more information on backyard composting, the South Interlake Garden Club in Stonewall is hosting a composting information session on June 14 at the community gardens. Contact Tanya Daher at 204-467-2235 to register.

Information for this article was taken from the 'Composting. Its Worth It!' pamphlet from Green Action Centre in Winnipeg. compost@greenactioncentre.ca. Toll free compost info line 1-866-394-8880.



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A tumbling composter helps to break down organic material.

> DRIVE SAFE, FROM PG. 18

Telus, officer in charge of RCMP Traffic Services. "They know to slow down, buckle up, pay attention to the road and drive sober. At this point, it is time to realize this is about people making choices, and some of those choices have cost people their lives."

The Winnipeg Police Service is also very concerned about the same high-risk driving behaviours on its city streets that has led to six motor vehicle fatalities already in 2022 (in comparison, there were nine in all of 2021).

"Some of that has to do with in-

creased traffic volumes, but it also reflects some of those seemingly small decisions motorists make that have a big impact on our roadways," said Insp. Doug Roxburgh, commander of the Winnipeg Police Service Traffic Division. "The decisions drivers make don't just affect them. They can affect their passengers, other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians."

The police forces are using increased enforcement, and more enforcement tools are being used to combat high-risk driving behaviours. Mandatory alcohol screening, automated licence plate readers and continued work by

front-line traffic enforcement officers are some of the ways they are doing that.

"It is so important to have the message of making safe choices get through to people," said Sgt. Ken Pinsent, a forensic collision reconstructionist with the RCMP and the officer who investigated the fatal Perimeter collision last August. "It is my job to go to the worst collision scenes, and I have been to many. What I saw that day will stay with me forever. The amount of tragedy on that little stretch of roadway is haunting. I can't help think, if only."



RCMP Insp. Joe Telus

Home & yard

How to start a vegetable garden

Do you want to build a garden to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables in your backyard? Whether you're starting from scratch or have some experience, here are a few tips to help make your project a success.

CHOOSE A SUITABLE LOCATION Choose a spot in your yard that receives direct sunlight all day. Ensure the area is far away from the

roots of mature trees, so your plants have plenty of space to thrive. If you want to protect your plants from the wind, choose an area against a hedge or fence.

DETERMINE THE SIZE Your garden must be large enough to grow all the fruits and veggies you and your family love. Therefore, consider how many people will be enjoying the



freshly harvested goods. Additionally, determine whether you want to rely solely on your garden for vegetables or supplement your harvest with produce from the grocery store.

If you have an in-ground garden, allow for enough space to move between rows. If you have a raised bed, make sure you can reach each plant from the outside.

USE THE RIGHT PRODUCTS If you plan on starting an in-ground garden, add compost to the soil to provide adequate nutrients for your plants. If you prefer a raised bed, make sure to construct it from materials that won't rot, such as wood com-

posite, stone or steel. Then, fill the bed with high-quality potting soil and add fertilizer as necessary.

PLANT THE RIGHT CROPS Start with easy-to-grow plants like Swiss chard, kale, lettuce, beets, peas and beans. If this is your first garden, these plants are great because they produce good yields and require minimal attention. Ensure each crop has enough room to grow and is located next to a companion plant to improve growth.

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Arborg's Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club leaps into spring

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg's Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club leapt into spring a few weeks ago with an energetic performance of traditional dances showcasing Ukraine's diversity and cultural vibrancy.

The May 13 performance opened with the charismatic Pryvit, or welcome dance, in which the audience is treated to a variety of colourful costumes from different regions of Ukraine and is offered wheat, bread and salt, which symbolizes health and prosperity. The dancers then performed a selection of folk dances, including the Hutzul, the Poltava, a Transcarpathian dance for two and the Hopak.

The dancers are taught by instructor Garrett Gottfried along with instructors/dancers Courtney Johannesson and Carissa Stefanson and instructors' helper Kara Lucier. Dancers' parents and members of the community help support the club.

The talented club has won numerous awards, including gold, at vari-



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ous Ukrainian dance competitions, performs at venues throughout the Interlake and has hosted high-energy Malanka celebrations in January to ring in New Year's for the community.



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Neufeld inducted into Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame

By Brian Bowman

The class of 2020 and the class of 2022 were inducted into the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame on May 14 in Winnipeg.

Gimli's Chris Neufeld was part of that 2020 class.

"I had been inducted in 2005 as part of our team but this is an individual induction," said Neufeld last week. "I guess this was a little bit more of an honour because they're thinking of you as an individual as opposed to part of a team."

The wait to finally get into the hall due to COVID was certainly unusual.

"We just had to wait," Neufeld said. "It was scheduled and cancelled on a couple of occasions before we got to enjoy the actual celebration and induction."

The 2020 inductees also included Jeff Stoughton's 2011 World Men's championship team, Darcy Kirkness' 1984 Canadian Junior Women's championship team, curlers Vic Peters and Karen Purday along with past CurlManitoba and Curling Canada president Resby Coutts.

Peters and Neufeld combined to win three Manitoba provincial titles in 1992, '93, and '97 and a Brier Championship in 1992. They were also provincial runners-up on two other occa-

sions and capped off their memorable run of success with a Manitoba Senior Men's Championship in 2008.

"We played for 31 years ... and I played for a couple of other guys but at the real competitive level (Vic) was the guy I played with for 31 seasons and that's when we had most of our success," Neufeld said. "It was special (getting inducted at the same time as Vic) but there were obviously mixed feelings because he's not around any longer so that part of it was kind of sad."

Winning the Brier was a definite highlight for Neufeld.

"That's the best competition in the world and, of course, the field was very tough that year," Neufeld recalled. "At that point it was probably the toughest field to make. Without a doubt, that was a highlight, for sure."

Neufeld is very proud of his two sons — Denni and B.J. — and what they have accomplished in the sport.

"I coached them for quite a few years so I was close to what they were doing and how they were progressing," he said. "I'm really proud of them, for sure."

Neufeld said it is a lot tougher to coach rather than play the sport.

"Coaching is way harder," he said. "When I was coaching two Olympic



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trials and three Briers, I guess it was, it's sun up to sun down in terms of making sure that you're getting the right information and you're watching other players to see how they perform on that particular sheet of ice to see if the ice had any kinds of intricacies that you need to know. It's way more work, way harder, and less rewarding."

Meanwhile, Ernie Oliver was inducted into the Hall of Fame during the Manitoba Stick Curling annual

meeting last September. The 2022 Manitoba Hall of Fame inductees included Garry Ross' 2001 Canadian Senior Men's Championship team, Carl German's 2002 Canadian Senior Men's Championship team, Barry Fry's 2001 Canadian Masters Championship team, Ken Grove's 2002 Canadian Masters Championship team, Olympians Ryan Fry and Caroline Darbyshire, 1995 World champions Keith Fenton and Jeff Ryan along with former MLCA president Judy Brown.

CRJHL welcomes new Beausejour team

Staff

The Capital Region Junior Hockey League has approved an application for a new franchise in Beausejour for the 2022-23 season.

The Beausejour franchise will join the Selkirk Fishermen, Lundar Falcons, Arborg Ice Dawgs, St. Malo War-

riors and North Winnipeg Satellites to form a six-team league.

The CRJHL is a premier Junior "B" league within Manitoba. The league provides athletes 16 to 21 years old the opportunity to play within a competitive environment, while being able to attend school or work. It allows a

wide range of players to compete and play in front of their home communities, and also provide entertainment to a wider range of fans throughout Manitoba.

The Beausejour franchise will be on probation for its inaugural season.

"The league expects you to partici-

pate fully, and in accordance with all expectations of good conduct as representative of the CRJHL," said Cliff Malzensky, president and commissioner of the CRJHL, in a letter welcoming Beausejour to the league. "All the best in the upcoming season."

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> **CONNECTING THROUGH THE LENS, FROM PG. 14**

traits are still her favourite.

"I like to capture how unique everybody is, because everyone has their own personality and their own style," she said.

After graduation, Westman worked for Lifetouch, a company headquartered in Winnipeg focusing on school headshots. She has since photographed families and couples, and is starting to "dip her toes" into wedding photography. She also likes to experiment with different themes, using costumes and makeup for styled sessions.

One of the photos she is most proud of comes from a Halloween-themed shoot. Purple and red tones in the background make the model's spooky clown makeup pop as she stares into the camera. But Westman has a hard

time choosing any one photo as her all-time favourite.

"The newest photo I've taken is always my favourite because it shows my growth," she said.

Westman has run into some roadblocks along the way. Her application to register her photography business, Visions by Michelle Westman, was delayed because of the pandemic. She also says finding clients can be difficult coming from a small town.

"It's really hard to branch myself out into Winnipeg," she said. "That's been a big challenge, just finding my people that want my work, but I'm getting there."

And her perseverance is starting to pay off. Some of her former Lifetouch colleagues sent her their clients when they stepped away from photogra-

phy. She's met clients through friends and family. And recently, she travelled to Los Angeles with Winnipeg band Encore to take photos for their album.

"As a photographer, going to L.A. has been my dream ever since I was in college, and I finally got to do that. So that was a really big step for me," she said.

Westman is also participating in her first large showcase on May 27. The event is put on by RAW, a group that hosts multi-disciplinary art showcases around the world. Westman will share the Exchange Event Centre in Winnipeg with other local photographers, musicians, designers and artists.

"It's my first time actually getting to sell my physical prints, and I'm just really excited to meet the other artists and get to showcase my work," she

said.

For Westman, photography is all about connection. She loves helping the people on the other side of her lens feel comfortable, showing them they don't need to be camera shy.

"It feels really nice after knowing that someone likes my work and that they finally have photos that they feel confident in," she said.

"Time is limited, and with photography, you get to capture that time in a photo, and it's quite beautiful."

To contact Michelle for a photoshoot and to see her work, visit visionsbymichellewestman.squarespace.com. To buy tickets to the RAW artist showcase, visit rawartists.com/visionsbymich.

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> GAMES

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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R	A	D	C	T	A	S	P	E	S	E	R

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English river
- 5. Particular part of something
- 11. Cool!
- 14. Welsh for John
- 15. Given name meaning "great spirit"
- 16. Wrath
- 17. Social occasion
- 19. Mechanical belt
- 20. ___ de la ___
- 21. Commands
- 22. Body part
- 23. Caught sight of
- 25. Funeral car
- 27. Skin infection
- 31. Sometimes they "burn"
- 34. Russian river
- 35. Famed soap opera character Kane
- 38. Pie ___ mode
- 39. Endangered
- 41. Socially inept person
- 42. Romanian river
- 44. Swerve
- 45. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 46. A type of approach to please
- 49. Form of Hebrew name for God
- 51. "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
- 55. A team's best pitcher
- 56. A woody climbing plant
- 60. Long, edible marine fish
- 61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
- 62. Data
- 64. Corporate bigwig
- 65. Climbs
- 66. Relating to the ear
- 67. Commercials
- 68. You need it to eat
- 69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

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- 2. Asserts to be the case
- 3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
- 4. Foes
- 5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
- 6. Ruler of Iran
- 7. The top of the head
- 8. Lilly and Manning are two
- 9. Purchase attire for
- 10. Glittering with gold or silver
- 11. The bank of a body of water
- 12. Regions
- 13. Makes tractors
- 18. Adult beverage
- 24. Force unit
- 26. Swiss river
- 28. Cater to
- 29. Woody climbing plants
- 30. Seems less impressive
- 31. Consume
- 32. Boxing's GOAT

- 33. Southwestern farmers
- 36. Beverage holder
- 37. A way to deteriorate
- 39. Judge
- 40. Norse explorer ___ the Red
- 43. Farm resident
- 45. One who helps to govern
- 47. Plant-eating ground bug
- 48. History Finnish county
- 49. Conifer native to Jamaica
- 50. Longed
- 52. Small Japanese city
- 53. Arum family plant
- 54. Puts together in time
- 57. From a distance
- 58. ___ contendere: no contest plea
- 59. Region
- 63. Mountain Standard Time

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NOTICE OF *AMENDED PUBLIC HEARING

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON BY-LAW NO. 4-2022
Being an amendment to the RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law No. 04-2011, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Council Chambers
329 River Road, Arborg, MB

DATE & TIME: April 14, 2022
5:00 pm *cancelled

*NEW DATE & TIME: June 9, 2022
9:00 am

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. SW 11-24-02 EPM
Being Lot 2, Plan 58695 WLTO Roll 195605

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton from "AR" Agricultural Restricted Zone to "GD" General Development Zone

PURPOSE: For a multi-lot residential subdivision.

FOR INFO CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
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Email: eipd@mymts.net Website: www.interlakeplanning.com



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* PLEASE REFER TO THE ORIGINAL CIRCULATION PACKAGE FOR THE PROPOSAL/SUPPORTING MATERIAL. Copies may be provided upon request to the contact person mentioned above.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 22-0005
Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: RM of Gimli Council Chambers
62 - 2nd Avenue
Gimli, MB

DATE & TIME: June 8, 2022
6:35 pm

APPLICATION: RMG-22-02R

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. NW 16-18-04 EPM
Pt. #11 Railway Street
Pt. Roll No. 80300

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "SRR" Residential Resort Zone, for the creation of 8 residential lots as part of a subdivision application.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 22-0006
Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

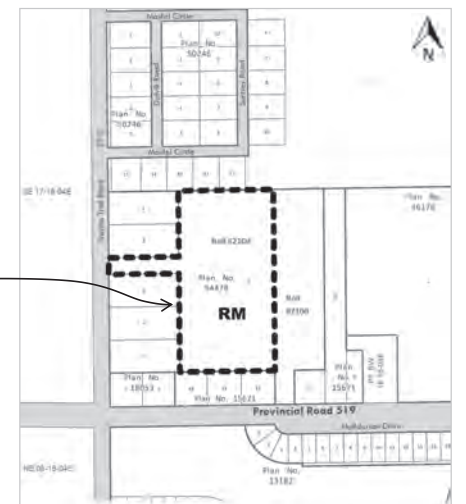
HEARING LOCATION: RM of Gimli Council Chambers
62 - 2nd Avenue
Gimli, MB

DATE & TIME: June 8, 2022
6:35 pm

APPLICATION: RMG-22-03R

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. SW 16-18-04 EPM
being Pt. Lot 6, Plan 54478 WLTO
Pt. Roll No. 82100

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from Pt. "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone and Pt. "SRR" Residential Resort Zone to "RM" Residential Multiple Family Zone, for the creation of a Multi-lot Condominium subdivision.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
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Updating of the Voters List including:

- (a) adding names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- (c) Making such other corrections of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Subsection 21(1)
A person is eligible to have their name added to the Voters List if they are:

- 1) a Canadian Citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day; or
- 3) A registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to Election Day.

VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER: Subsection 22(1)
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A voter's name must not appear on the voters list more than once.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION: Subsection 34(3)
A voter may apply in writing to the senior election official (at the address or e-mail below) no later than June 16, 2022, to have their name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application must include the voter's name, address and include proof of identity (an official document issued by a federal, provincial or municipal government that includes the voter's name, address and photograph). Any photocopies must be legible.
All changes to the voters list are to be completed by the close of business (16:30) on June 16, 2022, in preparation for municipal election to be held on Friday, July 22, 2022.
David Lobban, Senior Election Official for the Village of Dunnottar
Address: Box 285, Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0
e-mail: dunnvoting2@gmail.com
Telephone: 204-389-4980 cell: 204-918-7563

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON TENDERS

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton invites tenders for each of the following:

Sidewalk & Curb Repair

- Removal and Construction of "Concrete" or "Asphalt" Sidewalks with concrete curbs (app. 94m)
- Removal and Construction of Concrete Curbs & Gutters (app. 179m, 21 sections)

Tender documents are available from the Municipal Office. Sealed and clearly marked submissions will be accepted by the undersigned until 12:00 p.m. on June 8, 2022. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive irregularities and informalities therein, and award the tender in the best interest of the Municipality in its sole discretion.

All inquiries related to the above tenders should be directed to Jason Comeau at 204.641.2167.

VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days, Friday, June 10, 2022 to Thursday, June 16, 2022, during regular office hours, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **by appointment** at the Village Office, 44 Whytewold Road, Matlock, Manitoba, I will receive nominations for the offices of:

1 Mayor and 4 Councillors of the aforesaid Local Authority

The nomination deadline is Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day and time.

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
Village of Dunnottar
204-389-4980 Cell: 204-918-7563
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RM of Fisher Office yard Pumphouse yard

Please state price per cut in the tender.

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

Submit sealed envelope marked "Tender Grass Cutting" to:

Rural Municipality of Fisher
Box 280
Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0
Email: fishercao@mymts.net

Deadline for tenders is **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

For further information, call the RM of Fisher office at 204-372-6393.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is seeking a permanent full-time Financial Administrator to be responsible for all aspects of financial and administrative duties for the WIWD. Under the supervision of the Manager, the Financial Administrator will report to the Manager and Board. Office located in Lundar, Manitoba.

Duties include:

- Developing detailed accounting in accordance with acceptable procedures and financial audit purposes
- Payroll, invoicing, project coding, preparation of tenders, inventory, reception, maintaining public relations, recording meeting minutes, and preparing financial reports
- Various duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Experience preparing and monitoring budgets, and financial reporting
- Excellent computer skills with ability to use various Microsoft office packages
- Strong time-management and organizational skills
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Strong communication (verbal & written) and interpersonal skills
- Experience using Sage

Assets:

- Knowledge and experience in agricultural practices
- Experience working with/in; non-profit organizations, municipal governments, and provincial governments
- Experience working for or being a part of a board of directors
- Knowledge of beneficial management practices and general resource management planning would be an asset.

Salary dependent on skills and qualifications

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume describing how you meet the specified qualifications by 4:00 p.m., June 1st, 2022, to the:

West Interlake Watershed District
Box 732, 9 Main Street
Lundar, Manitoba R0C 1Y0
Fax: 204-762-5862
Email: manager@wiwd.ca
Phone: 204-762-5850

The West Interlake Watershed District would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Town of Winnipeg Beach NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a municipal election will be held on **Friday, July 22, 2022.**

Prospective 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, by appointment only, I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of **Mayor**.

Between February 1 and June 16, 2022

For the office of **Councillor**:

Between March 31 and June 16, 2022

At the Town of Winnipeg Beach office, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach during regular office hours.

To schedule an appointment to receive a registration form, please contact me at the telephone number below or by e-mail at: seo@winnipegbeach.ca

Pat Green, Senior Election Official (SEO), 204-641-0732



Town of Winnipeg Beach NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST / VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER / PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Board Election Act*, notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be reviewed, by appointment with the SEO, at the Town of Winnipeg Beach Office, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach. Updates to the Voters List can be made until June 16, 2022.

Updating of the Voters List including:

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

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have their name added to the Voters List if they are:

- 1) a Canadian Citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day; or a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to Election Day.

VOTING AS A NON-RESIDENT VOTER:

A maximum of two non-resident property owners per property are permitted to vote in a municipal election, Subsection 22(2). Where there are more than two non-resident property owners, each of the two votes must receive written consent from the majority of the registered property owners and this is to be filed with the SEO prior to June 16, 2022 for inclusion to the voters list.

Note: When voting, you may be required to provide proof of ownership to the voting official. When voting, proof of identity may be requested by the voting official.

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All changes to the voters list are to be completed by the close of business (16:30) on Thursday June 16, 2022, in preparation for the municipal election to be held on **Friday, July 22, 2022**

Pat Green, Senior Election Official (SEO) for the Town of Winnipeg Beach.
Box 160, Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0,
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E-mail: seo@winnipegbeach.ca

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NOTICE

Riverton Bifrost Holdings Inc. (RBH)

Sponsor Manager for the Icelandic River Lodge and the RBH Family Housing Units in Riverton, MB invites all interested Residents of Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 5, and Ward 6 to submit a "Membership Application" to RBH.

"Membership Application" can be requested by emailing rbh.inc@outlook.com OR picked up at the RBH Office, 64 Main Street North, Riverton, MB 204-378-2937.

RBH AGM date will be announced at a later date.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MANAGER

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is seeking a permanent full-time Manager to develop and deliver environmental incentive programs to improve the soil, water, and general environment in the west Interlake region, under the direction of the Board. Office is located in Lundar, Manitoba.

Duties include:

- Development, promotion, and delivery of local watershed programs, projects, and initiatives within the provision of the Watershed Districts Act
- Preparation of external grant funding proposals and annual program budgets
- Provide technical and professional advice to the Board, participating municipalities and landowners on soil and watershed programming
- Develop and maintain cooperative relations with the public, stakeholder organizations and all levels of government.
- Coordination, development, and implementation of surface water management plans.
- Development and implementation of surface water management planning initiatives and projects.

Qualifications:

- Graduation from a recognized program with a degree/diploma in natural resource management, agriculture, environmental studies/science, environmental engineering, and/or experience in land and watershed programming
- Strong communication (verbal & written) and interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills with ability to use various Microsoft office packages
- Experience working with/in; non-profit organizations, municipal governments, and provincial governments
- Strong time-management and organizational skills

Assets:

- Knowledge and experience in agricultural practices
- Experience using GIS software
- Knowledge of beneficial management practices and general resource management planning would be an asset

Salary dependent on skills and qualifications

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume describing how you meet the specified qualifications by 4:00 p.m., June 1st, 2022, to the:

West Interlake Watershed District
Box 732, 9 Main Street
Lundar, Manitoba ROC 1Y0
Fax: 204-762-5862
Email: manager@wiwd.ca
Phone: 204-762-5850

The West Interlake Watershed District would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Summer 2022 Employment Opportunity with Evergreen School Division Urban/Hometown Green Team

General Helpers for the Maintenance Department

Position Description

This full-time summer employment opportunity will be based out of the Gimli ESD Maintenance Shop, located adjacent to Gimli High School. Students must have access to transportation so they can report to work in Gimli at this location at 7:30 am, Monday to Friday.

The General Helpers will be required to assist the regular maintenance staff in all aspects of their duties including but not limited to:

- repairs and improvements to grounds and facilities
- moving furniture and other items
- painting

Requirements:

- Strong work ethic
- Physically able to move furniture, do yard work, paint and do other similar tasks
- Steel toed boots required. All other safety wear will be provided.
- Availability Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:00 pm, July 4th to August 31st, 2022
- A strong eagerness to learn new skills
- Able to follow directions and work safely

Preference will be given to students and graduates of ESD who have interests in trades.

Rate of pay: \$12.35 per hour

Interested students may submit their resume and names of 3 references by May 31st, 2022 (4:00 pm) to:

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS

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Qualifications:

- Valid Class 5 Manitoba Drivers' license
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- Ability to do physical labour
- Available from July to August
- Must be 16-to 29 years old

Salary as per the agreement between The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987 and the Rural Municipality of Woodlands.

All applications must be in writing and may be sent to the attention of the Finance Manager, Rural Municipality of Woodlands, Box 10, Woodlands, MB. R0C 3H0, emailed to finance@rmwoodlands.ca or delivered to 57 Railway Avenue, Woodlands, MB. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

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

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

APPROVAL OF A REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE - BY-LAW NO. 1055-2022 and REPEAL OF RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE DEVELOPMENT PLAN- BY-LAW NO. 936-2005

LOCATION: R.M. of Grahamdale Council Chambers
23 Government Road,
Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT: To adopt a new Development Plan for the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale to manage land use and development as per Section 45 of The Planning Act.

AREA AFFECTED: The Development Plan applies to all lands within the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale.

DOCUMENTS: The Development Plan and all associated maps are available on the R.M. of Grahamdale's website at www.grahamdale.ca. Copies can be made at the R.M. of Grahamdale Municipal Office and extracts taken by request during normal office hours.

FOR INFORMATION

CONTACT: Shelly Schwitek, Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Grahamdale
Box 160, 23 Government Road,
Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0
Phone: 204-768-2858
Email: rm606@grahamdale.ca

Due to COVID-19, all applicable Manitoba Public Orders must be complied with.

To participate via phone or videoconferencing, please contact the R.M. of Grahamdale Municipal Office at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the hearing.



Town of Arborg PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Borrowing By-law 8-2022

The Council of the Town of Arborg at its regular meeting at the Town of Arborg Council Chambers located at 337 River Road, Arborg on the 8th day of June, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. will consider the following general borrowing proposal:

General Intent: to provide for the expenditure and borrowing of funds for the expansion of the Waste Disposal Grounds under the management of B.A.R. Waste Authority Co-operative Inc.

Details: The estimated total cost of the expansion of the BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. Waste Disposal Grounds is \$534,432.71, of which the Town of Arborg's share is \$178,144.24 and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's share is \$356,288.47. \$65,000 of the Town of Arborg's portion is to be borne by the General Operating Fund and the remainder, \$113,144.24, is to be borrowed. The general borrowing is included in the 2022 Financial Plan under Section 162 of *The Municipal Act*. The maximum anticipated fixed interest rate is 6% on a 15-year term (2023-2037). The maximum annual payments of \$11,649.76 will be raised annually by a special mill rate on all rateable property within the Town of Arborg. According to the last revised assessment roll of 2022, the estimated rate of taxation will be 0.180 Mills.

At this time, Council will consider this by-law for First reading.

Further information/inquiries/copies of the proposal are available at the Town of Arborg office located at 337 River Road in Arborg, MB.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2022, and issued pursuant to Section 174.1(1) of *The Municipal Act*.

Cindy Stansell, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Arborg



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI NOTICE TO CONTROL WEEDS

ATTENTION: all Pelican Beach Property owners in Blocks 1, 2, and 3, Plan 29103 and Block 1, Plan 27513

Under the terms of the **Noxious Weeds Act** of Manitoba and the **Development Agreement** for the Pelican Beach property owners, notice is hereby given by the Interlake Weed Control Board and the RM of Gimli, that it is the property owner, agent, or occupant's responsibility to control or destroy all noxious weeds growing on the land and control the growth of long grass as often as necessary to prevent the growth, ripening, and scattering of weeds or weed seeds and maintain the property in accordance with the standards set out in the Development Agreement.

In order to control the weeds and grass, the property owner must perform regular mowing. A representative of the Weed Control Board will make an inspection of these properties on the following dates:

**JUNE 6, 2022
JUNE 27, 2022
JULY 18, 2022
AUGUST 15, 2022**

LOTS MUST BE MOWED PRIOR TO THESE INSPECTION DATES. It is recommended that cutting occur as close to the inspection date as possible to ensure a favourable inspection report. A representative of the Weed Board will begin mowing offending lots immediately after each inspection. The cost of mowing, in addition to a \$40 administration fee, will be charged to the landowner. The administration fee will only be charged to offending lots once per season, regardless of how many mowing operations are performed by the Weed District. Failure to pay the bill will result in the costs being added to the owner's tax bill.

For more information contact the Weed Supervisor, Fred Paulson, at 204 376 3313.

RECYCLING NOTICE FOR JUNE/2022

Riverdale Place Workshop Inc. will not be picking up recycling on the below mentioned dates due to the small group of workers available.

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Tues. June 7 Arborg curbside pickup
Weds. June 8 at Arborg business places
Thurs. June 9 at Riverton curbside pickup

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Rural Municipality of **FISHER**

Fisher Branch is requesting Quotations for the Drilling and Installation of a Tank Loading Facility in the Hamlet of Hodgson, Manitoba.

If you have any questions, please call the RM of Fisher office at 204-372-6393.

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Closing date June 3, 2022

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NORTHWEST INTERLAKE INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES WANTED

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) is seeking a few more volunteer representatives to be on the Project Management



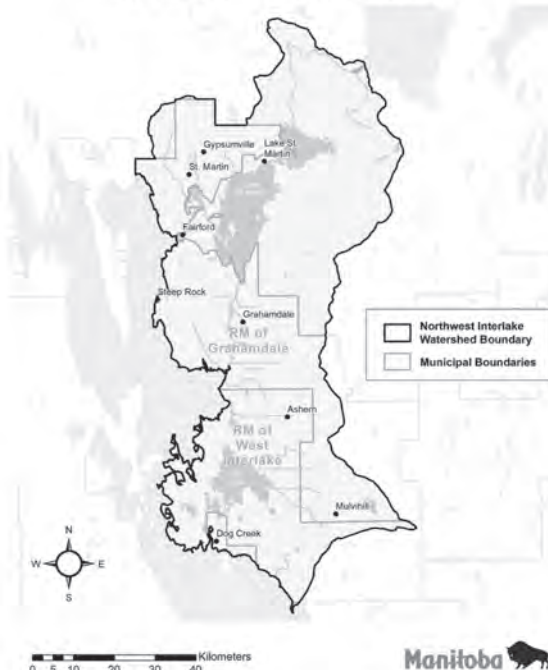
Team for the Northwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. If you are a resident within the RM of Grahamdale, RM of West Interlake, Dauphin River First Nation, Little Saskatchewan First Nation, Lake St. Martin First Nation, Pinaymootang First Nation, or the Lake Manitoba First Nation this may be of interest to you.

An Integrated Watershed Management Plan or "IWMP" is a long-term action plan to manage land, water and related resources on a watershed basis. IWMPs are developed cooperatively by watershed residents with input from government and stakeholders. Watershed Districts lead the IWMP planning process in Manitoba. Currently there is no IWMP for the Northwest Interlake area.

Completion of the Northwest Interlake IWMP will allow the WIWD to target conservation programming for this area of our district based on the goals and actions set by residents of the watershed. The overall intent is the protection, management, conservation and restoration of water, land and aquatic ecosystems through local action.

Please consider whether you would like to participate in this initiative. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the WIWD office at 204-762-5850 or email manager@wiwd.ca.

Northwest Interlake Watershed



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2022 BUDGET HEARING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.

RM OF FISHER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
30 TACHE ST, FISHER BRANCH

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

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

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



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> MEAL IDEAS



Apple Berry Salsa

2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
tortilla chips, pita chips, apple chips or graham crackers, for serving

In medium bowl, combine apples, strawberries, blueberries and salt.

In small bowl, whisk honey and lime juice. Pour honey and lime juice over fruit mixture. Stir together to combine.

Serve immediately with tortilla chips, pita chips, apple chips or graham crackers, or refrigerate until ready to serve.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4-6
2 Envy Apples, cored and chopped
1 pound strawberries, hulled and chopped
1 pint blueberries
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt



Apple Blondie Cupcakes

cooled
1 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg, at room temperature
2 Envy Apples, peeled, cored and 1/4-inch diced
Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 12-count muffin pan with cupcake liners and set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg.

In large bowl, whisk butter and brown sugar 2 minutes, or until well combined. Add vanilla and egg; whisk until incorporated.

Add flour mixture to large bowl of wet ingredients. Stir until just combined; be careful to not overmix.

Fold in diced apples.
Spoon batter evenly into cupcake liners.

Bake 18-22 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center of cupcake comes out clean. Let cool and serve.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 12
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick), melted and



Apple Cinnamon Waffles

4 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick), melted
1 Envy Apple, peeled and cored
nonstick cooking spray
4 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick), at room temperature
maple syrup, to taste

In large bowl, whisk flour, salt, cinnamon, baking powder and brown sugar.

In smaller bowl, whisk eggs, milk and melted butter.

Make well in dry ingredients then mix in wet ingredient mixture until just combined.

Using cheese grater, grate apple. Fold grated apple into batter.

Prepare waffle iron with nonstick cooking spray. Ladle 1/4 of batter mixture into waffle iron and cook according to manufacturer's instructions. Repeat with remaining batter.

Top each waffle with 1 tablespoon room temperature butter and maple syrup, to taste.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
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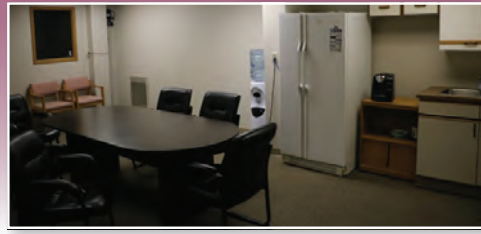
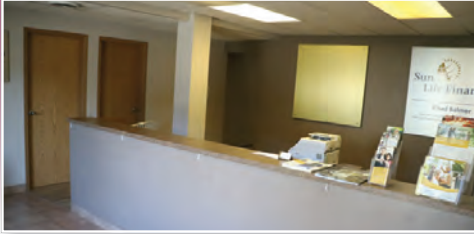
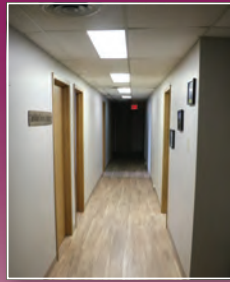
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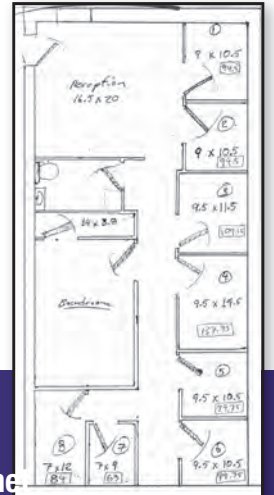
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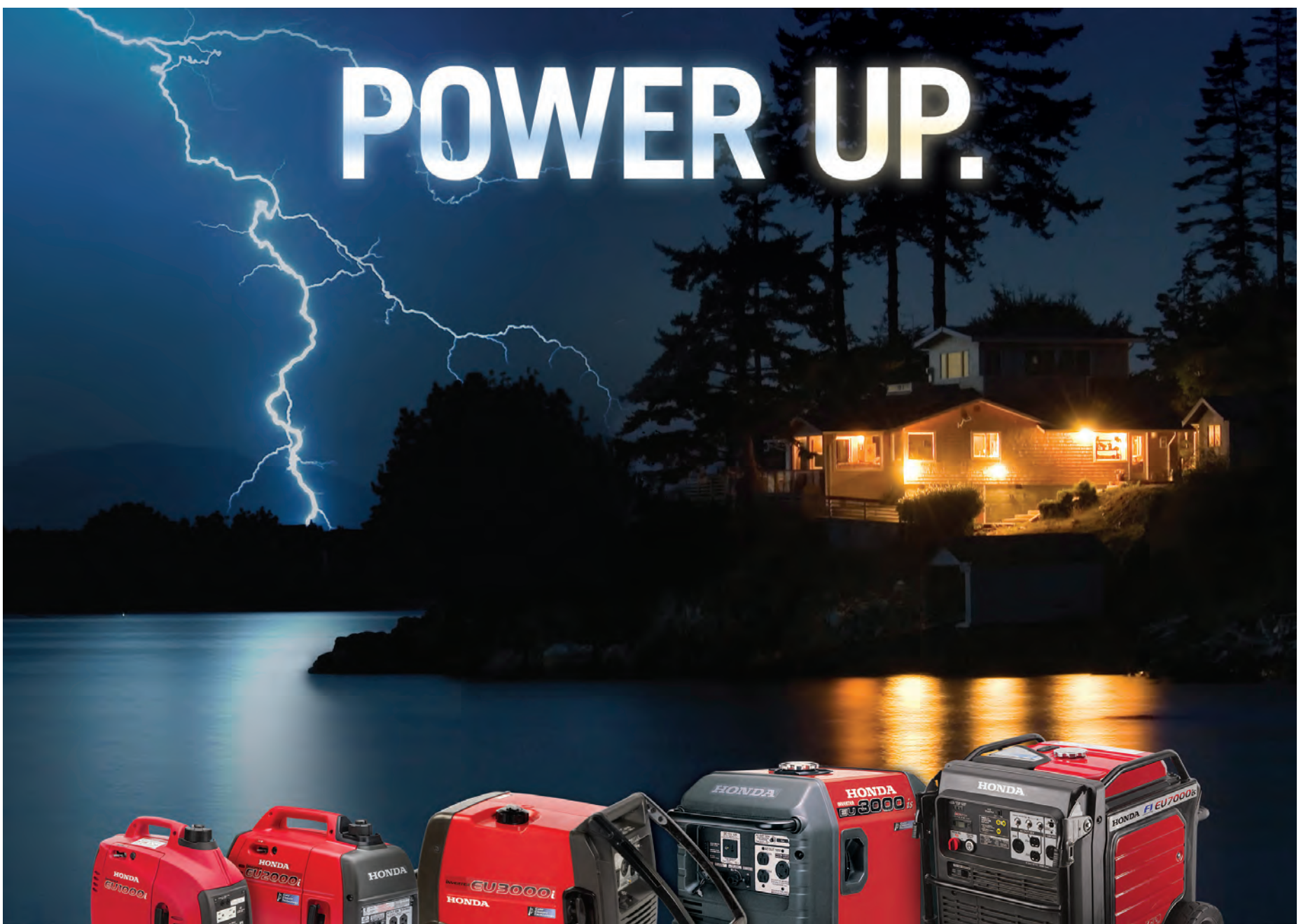
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