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## Web-slinging

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# Looking for household donations for family left homeless by fire

By Patricia Barrett

A fire that broke out at an apartment building on Quail Ridge Road in Winnipeg on the May long weekend left 180 people homeless, including the granddaughter of Lundar business owner Randy Gudmundson and his wife Tannis.

The Gudmundson family, which owns Randy's Tire & Sport, is collecting donations of clothing and household goods for their five-year-old granddaughter, Charlee Fuller Gudmundson, and her mother, Pax Fuller, who lived in the four-storey Quail Ridge Apartment Homes, north of Portage Avenue and the Grace Hospital in the St. James neighbourhood.

Tannis said she and her son were at the apartment on the evening of May 19 with Pax and Charlee when the fire broke out. All four were outside when they noticed that a balcony on the fourth floor was on fire.

"I was at the building with my son to drop off some stuff. The four of us were in the parking lot," said Tannis. "We said goodbye and we turned around and saw a barbecue on fire on a fourth floor balcony. I didn't see anybody on the balcony. We called 911 and my son went into the build-



Pax and her five-year-old daughter Charlee are in desperate need of living accommodations and day-to-day living necessities.

ing [to Pax's apartment on another floor] to alert her friend."

Tannis said the fire advanced as fast as a wildfire, burning the balcony of the apartment and jumping to the roof where it spread along the wood-framed building. Fire trucks poured water over it for about two hours.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TANIS GUDMUNDSON

One hundred and eighty people have been left homeless following a fire at Quail Ridge Road in Winnipeg on May 19.

The Red Cross arrived on the scene, providing support to residents, and social services brought buses to take people to a shelter. A canopy was also set up where food such as pizza and sandwiches were provided to residents.

The building's owner, Weidner Apartment Homes, told city media the complex is unsafe and uninhab-

itable because of the damages from fire, water and smoke. And media reported last week that after the fire was extinguished, several suites had been broken into and personal items stolen.

The *Express* reached out to Pax for comment but was unable to speak with her by deadline.

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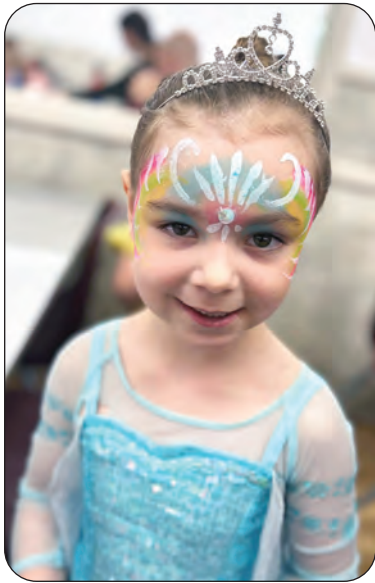
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# Children met their favourite superheroes and princesses in Matlock



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CRYSTAL THORDARSON

Children of all ages met their favourite princesses and superheroes at the Matlock Rec Club party last Saturday. There was lots of excitement in the air, and children also enjoyed carnival games, prizes, photos at the photo booth, and indulged in cake pops.

## RCMP execute search warrants and seize cannabis, tobacco and liquor

**Staff**

The Fisher Branch RCMP executed search warrants at two residences in Fisher River Cree Nation on May 19 as part of an ongoing investigation.

In total the officers seized 152 grams of cannabis, over \$2,200 in cash, 25 packs of unstamped cigarettes, five

bottles of liquor and over 60 cans of beer.

A 46-year-old male and a 36-year-old female are facing charges under the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba.

Fisher Branch RCMP continue to investigate.

The Manitoba RCMP is committed to working with First Nation communities that have enacted bylaws to prohibit the sale and possession of alcohol and have asked to make en-

forcement a priority. These enforcement actions will continue as per the expressed wishes of community leadership.



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# Gimli Rotary and youth clubs turning Gimli Park green

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Rotary Club and one of the local student youth clubs affiliated with it are helping transform Gimli Park in the town's north end into a shady oasis.

Rotary club members and high school students who are part of the Interact Youth Club got out their spades, dug holes and planted 20 six-foot-tall trees around the border of the park on the May long weekend.

"There are hardly any trees providing shade in the park," said youth club director Anders Kuusselka, who is also a member of the Rotary club. "We planted trees in the park bordering North Fifth Avenue, Third Avenue, Amisk and along the pavilion. We essentially planted in a square around the park. We want people to be able to sit in the shade and encourage families to gather and enjoy the park."

Some of the evergreen trees in the park are in bad shape, having been bashed around by the wind, he said. When they drop their needles, they destroy the grass.

In addition to providing humans with shade and absorbing pollutants like carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, the new trees will provide habitat for birds, small mammals and insects.

Kuusselka said the Rotary club recently took two youth clubs — the Interact club and the Wave Youth Club (made up of middle years students) — under its wing. Rotary is providing the kids with opportunities to take part in activities that will develop and strengthen their leadership skills and get them involved in projects that will benefit the whole community.

For the tree-planting project, Rotary had about six students with the Interact club spend the morning at the park planting trees.

The Rotary club provided the youth groups with funding last year so that they could operate the popular Snack Shack on Gimli Beach, which is typically packed with tourists on hot summer weekends. The kids learn how to cook, take food orders and payments.

Rotary is also providing funding for some of the youth clubs' members to attend a leadership camp in Clear Lake.

"The Rotary club is sending four students from Gimli High School and two students from Dr. George Johnson Middle Years School to the RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly] Camp in



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ANDERS KUUSSELKA

An Interact youth club member (left) had some helping digging a hole for one of the trees near the Gimli Pavilion.

Clear Lake," said Kuusselka. "Rotary is paying for these kids to go to camp. It costs \$600 per kid. We want to help them build their leadership skills."

Despite not having a dedicated youth centre in Gimli — Kuusselka is part of a local committee working on getting funding to build a youth centre near the recreation centre — the popularity of taking part in youth clubs is evident by the overwhelming number of students who are part of the Interact club and the Wave club.

"We have over 200 kids signed up for our youth drop-in program. That's a lot of kids. They don't come every day to our programs. Usually, we'll have 30-50 kids at a time," said Kuusselka.

The older students in the Interact club help the youth program's adult volunteers supervise the younger Wave kids and they'll play soccer and other games with them to keep them engaged.

"The high school kids in the Interact club are building good relationships with the younger Wave kids and are leadership role models. They are really making an impact and getting the kids to participate in activities," said Kuusselka. "It's really nice to see."

The youth clubs are currently operating out of the Lutheran Church and the Bayview Church in Gimli. Kuusselka said both churches have been "very kind to us" by providing space for their programming and activities, including musical performance practices.

"On Sunday we have a fun event day where we

organize games and we'll feed the kids pizza, fries and drinks. It's lots of fun," said Kuusselka. "Lots of kids come on Sunday."

Funding assistance for the tree-planting project came from the Rural Municipality of Gimli and the Westshore Community Foundation.

Gimli's deputy mayor Kurt Reichert said the RM was happy to provide funding to support the tree-planting initiative.

"We donated \$1,000 to the Rotary club for this tree project," said Reichert.

And another community group also showed its appreciation for the students' volunteer labour, said Kuusselka.

"Evergreen Basic Needs was very kind. They donated tickets for a Goldeyes baseball game that same evening in Winnipeg. The kids got to go to the game," he said.

The youth clubs have a number of projects coming up this summer. In addition to running the Snack Shack, they'll be putting a second coat of paint on five donated storage sheds they received last year and are tentatively scheduled to perform (music) on the Red Dock on the beach for a few hours on Friday nights.

Kuusselka said the Rotary club is waiting to hear whether they'll be able to get more trees to plant in Gimli Park. They'd have to be planted either in the fall or next spring as newly planted trees find it difficult to grow in hot weather.



# Fire and travel restrictions due to high fire danger

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba Wildfire Service advises Level 1 Fire and Travel restrictions have been implemented due to high fire danger in the southeast portion of the province.

The boundary of the restricted area is from east of Provincial Road 302, south of the Trans-Canada Highway, west of the Ontario border and north of the U.S. border. The restricted area includes Moose Lake, Birch Point, Marchand and Woodridge provincial parks. Refer to Zone 1 of the Fire and Travel Restriction map found at [www.manitoba.ca/wildfire](http://www.manitoba.ca/wildfire) for more information.

Level 1 Fire and Travel restrictions include the following:

- motorized backcountry travel including ATVs and other off-road vehicles is prohibited from noon to 7

p.m.;

- motorized backcountry travel to access a remote cottage via forestry road, private road or trail between noon and 7 p.m. requires a travel permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development;

- industry and outfitters should contact a Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development office for more information; and

- wayside parks remain open.

As a further wildfire prevention measure, provincial burn permits issued under the Wildfires Act in the restricted area are cancelled and will not be issued until fire danger conditions improve. Burn permits for essential agricultural, municipal or industrial operations may be considered with the approval of a conservation of-

ficer and will include a site inspection with strict conditions. Contact a Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development office for more information.

Many municipalities have proactively implemented burning restrictions this spring, so refer to local municipal offices or view the interactive Current Municipal Burning Restrictions map at [https://www.manitoba.ca/wildfire/burn\\_conditions.html](https://www.manitoba.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html) for more information. The province will not issue any burning permits within or in areas bordering any municipality where burning restrictions are already in place.

In areas where ATV use is allowed, riders are reminded to protect against wildfires. Anyone using an ATV is asked to stay on developed trails, ensure the ATV has a working spark ar-

restor, check areas around the engine and exhaust frequently, and carefully remove and extinguish any debris from these areas. Operators are also reminded to be prepared by carrying a fire extinguisher, axe and shovel.

Sparks from trailer chains, lawnmowers and other outdoor equipment contacting hard surfaces can cause dry cured grasses to ignite. Take precautions, maintain equipment and be aware of hazards in work areas.

For further information on Manitoba Wildfire Service, situation updates, restrictions and other important wildfire links go to [www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/) or follow the Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/mbgovnews>.

To report a wildfire, call 911 or the TIP line (toll-free) at 1-800-782-0076.

## Government marks Menstrual Hygiene Day with update on access in school

Submitted by Manitoba government

Sunday, May 28 was Menstrual Hygiene Day, which aims to break the silence, raise awareness and change negative social norms around menstrual health and hygiene, as well as engage decision-makers to take action around menstrual health and period poverty.

The Manitoba government is proud to support this work in schools through the Access to Menstrual Products Initiative, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko and Families Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for gender equity.

"On Menstrual Hygiene Day, I'm pleased to provide an update on this project and affirm our government's commitment to providing menstruation products with the aim of ending period poverty in schools," said Ewasko. "Reducing the impacts of period poverty will give students who menstruate the opportunity to better participate in all school-related activities and achieve better health and educational outcomes."

Announced in fall 2022, the Manito-

ba government partnered with Shoppers Drug Mart to provide free menstrual products to schools and other agencies to improve accessibility and reduce period poverty. Through this agreement, schools, domestic violence shelters, resource centres and second-stage and specialized programs are receiving menstrual products to administer to those most in need.

"Access to menstrual products is a basic necessity, not a luxury. Menstruation is part of healthy, normal human development — not something to be stigmatized," said Squires. "This innovative partnership works towards addressing myths, taboos and stigma around menstruation health and changes the conversation towards supporting health and well-being for those who menstruate."

The initiative is on track to distribute 3.3 million menstrual products in its first year throughout participating schools, school divisions and domestic violence sector agencies across Manitoba. Since October 2022, over 2 million products have been distributed. Of the 2.2 million, 1.9 million were distributed to school divisions and

293,000 were distributed to domestic violence sector agencies. All 37 school divisions across Manitoba have engaged in the initiative to date, in addition to many independent schools and First Nations schools.

Ewasko noted providing free menstrual products to students delivers on the government's commitment to building a fair and equitable public education system, supporting the student engagement and well-being pillar of Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan. As noted in the plan, the Manitoba government continues to work with education stakeholders, parents and caregivers to ensure holistic supports are available to address student needs, including mental health and wellness.

A resource guide for teachers has been developed to increase awareness of the initiative as well as to highlight the physical education/health education curricular connections with menstrual health and hygiene, the minister added.

More information on the Access to Menstrual Products Initiative in Manitoba schools is available at <https://>

[edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physhlth/menstrual\\_products/index.html](http://edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physhlth/menstrual_products/index.html).

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## How to reduce risk of Lyme disease through prevention, treatment

### May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Submitted by Manitoba Health

Manitoba Health is encouraging Manitobans to take steps to help protect against tick bites and Lyme disease.

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month, and Lyme disease is becoming more common in southern Manitoba.

Lyme disease can be prevented if antibiotics are given quickly after a high-risk tick bite. Manitoba Health recommends people visit a health-care provider within 72 hours to receive antibiotics if:

- the bite was from a reliably identified blacklegged tick;
- the tick was attached for 36 hours or more, or the tick was engorged; and
- the bite occurred in southern Manitoba (south of the 53rd parallel) or another known risk area for Lyme disease outside the province.

All Manitobans can help protect against tick bites and exposure to Lyme disease by:

- applying an appropriate tick repellent on exposed skin and clothing, following label directions;
- wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts;
- staying to the centre of walking trails;
- inspecting themselves, children and pets after spending time outdoors;

- removing ticks as soon as possible from people and pets; and

- keeping grass and shrubs around homes cut short to create drier environments that are less suitable for blacklegged tick survival.



Blacklegged ticks have a 2- to 3-year life cycle.

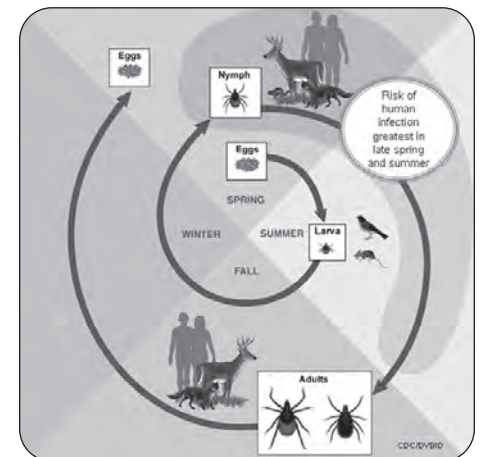


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It is also important for people to be aware of the signs and symptoms of tick-borne diseases including anaplasmosis, babesiosis or Lyme disease. A list of symptoms for these tick-borne diseases can be found at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/index.html). People should contact a health-care provider if they think they may have a tick-borne disease. For more information, individuals can also contact Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or (toll-free) 1-888 315-9257.

Blacklegged ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and babesiosis, are most commonly found in and along the edge of forests and in areas with thick, woody shrubs or other vegetation. However, they can also be found in urban areas including household yards. These ticks are typically found from snowmelt to snowfall, with peaks in activity in spring and fall.

Manitoba Health's partnership with the eTick program, which is devel-

In most cases, a tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted. If you remove a tick quickly (within 24 hours), you can greatly reduce your chances of getting Lyme disease.

oped and operated by Bishop's University, helps monitor and assess the continued expansion of blacklegged tick populations. Manitobans who find ticks on animals, humans or in various habitats can submit a picture to have it identified by experts, which will confirm if the tick belongs to a species capable of transmitting diseases. For more information or to submit a picture of a tick, visit [www.etick.ca](http://www.etick.ca).

To learn more about blacklegged ticks, tick-borne diseases and prevention, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/tickborne/).

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Goslings enjoying a morning swim at Goose Bay, one of the man-made lakes in Siglavik south of Gimli. Goslings are self-sufficient as they self-feed, walk and swim within days after hatching. However, they do follow their parents around and are able to fly in about ten weeks. 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](mailto:weather@expressweeklynews.ca).

## > FIRE, FROM PG. 2

A friend of Pax's set up a GoFundMe page to raise \$20,000 for her and Charlee. Pax and her family wrote on the page that the fire dramatically changed their lives and left them with a profound sense of loss and disorientation.

"The fire ravaged most of the building, leaving it condemned," they wrote. "We were left with nothing more than the clothes on our backs. Yet, the most painful loss wasn't our material possessions, but the irreplaceable pieces of our past – old family pictures, heartfelt letters and writings from loved ones, cherished gifts that held an inestimable place in our hearts. All of these vanished into the smoke and embers."

Pax and Charlee need to replace furniture, beds, kitchen supplies, toys and food and water.

Unfortunately, Pax did not have apartment insurance and the building management did not provide any, they wrote. They are in the process of reaching out to local charities and relief organizations to see whether they can receive some aid to get them back on their feet.

"To those who choose to stand with us on this difficult journey, we cannot express our gratitude enough," they wrote. "Your compassion and generosity are the silver lining in this dark cloud, a testament to the power of community and shared humanity. We thank you from the depths of our hearts and promise to keep you updated about our progress."

People can drop off clothing, household items and toys at Randy's Tire & Sport, which is located on Highway 6 in Lundar. For more information about donating items, call the dealership toll-free at 877-762-5815.



## letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor:  
[letters@expressweeklynews.ca](mailto:letters@expressweeklynews.ca)

### A nod to the Express news team

Dear Editor,

I want to express my congratulations to your extensive and colourful reporting on the arts in our area and culture. Bravo. Kudos.

I thoroughly enjoyed the coverage of the WAVE Interlake Artists Studio Tour the previous week. Ah, but I can't really just single out one report. I must praise the cultural dance performances, as well sports events reporting. But most of all want to say that your coverages of every facet of our community life is informative, interesting, well written with plenty of coloured pictures, which are finally "picture perfect."

Kudos also go to the people who did the litter clean-up. What a generous volunteering to do a job like that. Thanks.

I am looking forward to every new issue. Your reporting brings a positive and sweet human touch to your paper. Thank you.

- Sincerely,  
Helma Rogge Rehders, Artist  
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# Selkirk Regional Hospital to get two new CT Scanners

By Katelyn Boulanger

Last Friday local dignitaries congregated at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre in order to celebrate the announcement of two new CT scanners that will be going to the medical facility. One CT scanner will replace an older scanner and the other will be an expansion for the hospital.

"The Selkirk Regional Hospital plays an important role in our health-care system, serving as a central hub for hospitals and health centres throughout the Interlake-Eastern health region. This is why I'm pleased to announce that our government is healing health care and investing over \$15 million to purchase and install two new CT scanners for the Selkirk Regional Health Centre," said Minister of Mental Health and Community Wellness Janice Morley-Lecomte.

She said that this investment would mean residents will have faster access to integral diagnostic services closer to home, reducing the need to travel out of the region.

"This new equipment aligns with the ongoing efforts of the diagnostic

and surgical recovery task force, who continue to find innovative solutions to reduce waitlists by building capacity to reduce waitlists in the health-care system and to ensure Manitobans have timely access to the care they need," said Morley-Lecomte.

CT scanners combine X-ray images from several angles to create detailed three-dimensional models of structures inside the body. They perform critical diagnostic procedures that support the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of injuries and diseases, and the new equipment will be able to complete these important scans faster and with sharper and clearer images.

Mohammed Bhabha, executive director of diagnostic imaging operations of Shared Health, next said that these CT scanners would be available to patients that are accessing the emergency department, those that are admitted to the hospital, as well as those in an ambulatory and community setting.

"One scanner will replace aging equipment and provide safer more reliable services and less waiting, while the other will be entirely new to this facility. This will allow CT scans performed by Selkirk to double from the current about 17,000 to 34,000 per year," he said.

The CT scanners will serve to support expected increases in endoscopy



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Minister of Mental Health and Community Wellness Janice Morley-Lecomte making the CT scanner announcement last Friday. Below: Mohammed Bhabha, Debbie Fiebelkorn, Larry Johannson, Alan Lagimodiere, Michele Polinuk, Marion (Mary Anne) Ellis, Janice Morley-Lecomte, Jeff Wharton, Carla Devlin, Joy Sul and Derek Johnson.



diagnoses and surgeries at the hospital.

Marion (Mary Anne) Ellis, CEO of Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, thanked the provincial government for funding the new CT scanners and replacing the older one, which she said was very well used.

"It really is what our physicians and care team have wanted and they feel so grateful that their ask was heard. It makes it easy for our staff and our patients to have timely access to this resource," she said.

Ellis noted that this will have a positive impact throughout the region

as many of the over 26,000 patients that the Selkirk Hospital's emergency room helps every year require CT scans, as well as scans being used for diagnostic purposes.

MLA Jeff Wharton closed the event by thanking health-care workers.

"We appreciate each and every day the work you do on the front lines and thank you so much. We know that our government, as the minister alluded to, is working hard to provide care closer to home, and just under \$50 million has been invested over the last year and a half in the Selkirk hospital to do just that," said Wharton.

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# Riverton-born author takes readers on an historical boating journey

## Photographic history book, *Boats and Life on Manitoba Waterways*, launched

By Patricia Barrett

A Stonewall-based author who grew up in Riverton recently launched a collection of historical photographs of well known and not so well known vessels that used to ply the waters of lakes and rivers throughout the province and help support local economies.

Ben W. Holyk's book *Boats and Life on Manitoba Waterways* will take readers on a journey along different waterways in Manitoba including Lake Winnipeg and the Red and Assiniboine rivers and through communities that relied on boats to make a living, transport freight and cross rivers that had no bridges.

The book contains almost 300 black and white photos and information on steam-powered vessels, dredges, ferries and commercial fishing boats, plus photos of fish camps on Lake Winnipeg and harbours in communities such as Riverton, Selkirk, Gimli, Winnipeg Beach, Pine Dock and the city of Winnipeg.

Having grown up along the lake and having family with a history of working in the commercial fishery (including his parents and his wife's father), Holyk wanted to memorialize Manitoba's boat industry.

"I did as much research as I could online about the boats, and I tried to find people who knew something about them," said Holyk, who is a photographer and has published six other books, including *Wild Flowers of Manitoba*. "Because I grew up in Riverton, I knew some of the history of the boats that were built there. For example, I have a picture of the Beatrice L. (p. 245) and the information I had about her said she was in Hecla. But I come from Riverton and I recognized the boat at the government dock there."

He said he gathered information from local people who remembered the history of some of the boats and industries relying on them.

"Robert Kristjanson in Gimli [commercial fisher] gave me some information that his dad wrote about boats," said Holyk. "And the grandson of the Riverton Boat Works owner also shared information with me."

Holyk delves into Riverton's unique maritime history through the Riverton Boat Works' 50-year boat-build-



ing run and includes a partial list of the boats — such as the Namao, the M.S. Kenora and the Lady Selkirk — that were built there, as well as a story about how the company transported the Nonsuch, a 17th-century replica Hudson's Bay Company ketch, across Canada to its present home in the Manitoba Museum.

Holyk also covers Selkirk's Purvis brothers' boat-building shop, which built iconic passenger vessels such as the Paddlewheel Queen, the Paddlewheel Princess, the River Rouge and the Lord Selkirk II.

The photos in the book came from an array of sources, including Holyk's own collection, archival collections, the Manitoba Historical Society and private collections. His parents, who came from Ledwyn in Bifrost, also left him with hundreds of pictures.

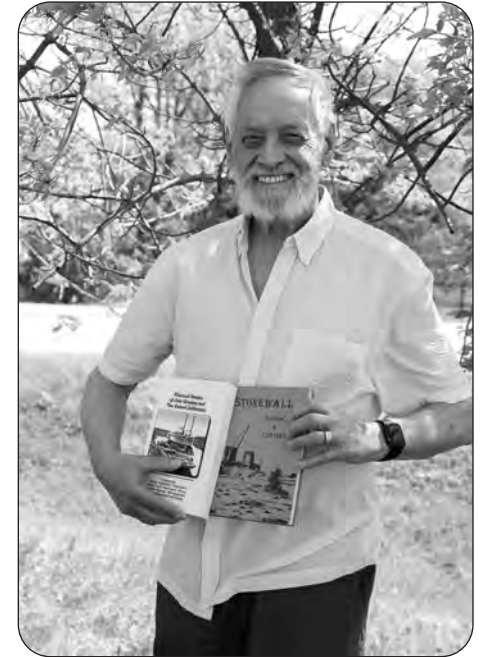
His dad was a fisher's helper and his mother was a cook at a fish camp at Kinnow Bay on Lake Winnipeg, and some of the photos depict what it was like to live and fish there.

Because fishing is so intertwined with boats, Holyk provides a brief history of commercial fishing on Lake Winnipeg, Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis. On Lake Manitoba, for instance, boat transport that supported the lake's commercial fishery took a hit after the Canadian National Railway built a line along Highway 6.

"Lake Manitoba had a rail line up to Gypsumville and freighting wasn't necessary anymore by boat. That rail line killed off the boat traffic on Lake Manitoba," said Holyk. "But if you go north of Hecla Island on Lake Winnipeg, there's nothing there. You need to have boat transportation."

Holyk said he plans to exhibit prints of some of the book's photos at the Marine Museum in Selkirk and at the New Iceland Heritage Museum. The dates are to be announced.

The book is available for purchase at H. P. Tergesen & Sons general store and the New Iceland Heritage Museum in Gimli and McNally Robinson Booksellers.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER  
Ben Holyk recently published his seventh history book.



*Boats and Life on Manitoba Waterways* published by Ben Holyk depicts the history in photographs of the vessels that have travelled the lakes and rivers of Manitoba.

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# Interlake Eastern Health Foundation introduces new executive director

Submitted by Interlake Eastern Health Foundation

The Interlake Eastern Health Foundation board of directors is pleased to announce Averill Stephenson as the foundation's new executive director.

Stephenson replaces Pam McCallum, who led the foundation for many years. Stephenson brings a range of experience, having spent her whole career in the not-for-profit sector. She is a passionate leader and fundraiser, with a proven track record of advancing initiatives, building partnerships and achieving results.

"I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation," says Ste-

phenson. "Health and community are my passions. I am excited to build on the exceptional foundation that exists and advance the organization to increase the support for the communities we serve."

A born-and-raised Manitoban and mother of two, Stephenson joins the foundation after spending the past 10 years in senior community fundraising roles for various health charities. Prior to that, she worked for 10 years in the recreation and medical fitness sectors, developing programs and services to improve the health of diverse communities.

"Averill is an accomplished leader with a strong background in com-

munity fundraising and relationship development," says Brent Wynnyk, chair of the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation board of directors.

"She is known for her collaborative approach and strong work ethic. We are thrilled to have her join the foundation and excited to see what we will accomplish under her leadership in the years to come."

Interlake Eastern Health Foundation's mission is to raise funds that support health care in the Interlake-Eastern health region. Through the generous support of our community, we are able to re-invest funds into the communities we serve.



Averill Stephenson

# Manitoba small business optimism falls slightly this month

Submitted by CFIB

Manitoba's small business optimism index was on the rise for six months in a row but is now beginning to slow down according to the latest Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) Business Barometer®. The province's long-term (12-month) optimism index is sitting at 63.5 in May.

P.E.I. (75.0) and Newfoundland and Labrador (68.0) have the most "up-beat" entrepreneurs due to the beginning of the summer tourism season. Manitoba sits at the top with the two eastern provinces, only seeing a drop

of one point from last month. Health and education services (67.6) topped the sector rankings, while agriculture (45.6) and finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (45.7) were virtually tied for last place.

"Small business optimism in Manitoba has remained quite steady over the past few months," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB provincial affairs director. "However, challenges such as lower sales, record-high business costs and a historically difficult labour market are making it difficult for businesses to fully recover, and that is why we are beginning to see opti-

mism levels plateau."

While some headwinds have eased, labour shortages and their side effects are still one of the biggest headaches for small businesses. Manitoba's top limitation on business development and growth in May continues to be labour shortages — with 46 per cent of Manitoba small business owners reporting a shortage of skilled workers and 28 per cent reporting a shortage of semi-skilled or unskilled workers.

One CFIB member commented that labour shortages have forced their business to reduce their service offerings. Another reported a productivity

hit after having to train technicians in-house due to a lack of qualified work-

ers, while a third mentioned having to automate and swap domestic manufacturing with imported goods to cope with higher labour costs.

Full-time staffing plans have been on a steady upward trend in Manitoba since March, with 26 per cent of businesses looking to hire in the next three months.

"Usually, businesses are looking to hire more people ahead of the busy summer season. At only 26 per cent, the moderate indicator this month suggests employers are struggling to find qualified staff, or are looking for alternatives, in a cooling labour market," said Andreea Bourgeois, director of economics at CFIB. "The good news, though, is that fewer employers (10%) were planning to lay off in the next three months."



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# Gimli RCMP respond to fatal collision

Staff

The Gimli RCMP responded to a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 9 at the intersection of 9th Avenue in the community of Sandy Hook on May 28 at approximately 6 a.m.

Officers arrived on scene and observed that a vehicle with two female occupants had been travelling southbound when it left the roadway, entered the ditch and rolled.

The 20-year-old driver from Winnipeg received minor physical injuries. The 23-year-old passenger from Winnipeg was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased on scene.

Gimli RCMP, along with a RCMP forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

# Arborg Ladies Auxiliary host stylish evening

By Annaliese Meier

Arborg's Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 161 ladies auxiliary hosted a community tea party and fashion show on May 18 that was entertaining and contributed to worthy causes in their community. The fashion show served as a means of raising funds and included volunteer models, delicious treats and stunning clothing from Johnson's Fashion & Footwear in Gimli.



Susan Bauernhuber shows off one of the outfits.

Marlene Taylor, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary said, "Many attendees were overwhelmed by Johnson's outfits as they brought 60 outfits to this year's event."

The event was a huge success, with a full house of attendees eager to support their cause. This fundraiser was unique because all the models who showed off the clothing were volunteers from the community and ranged in age from 18 into their 80s. They did an incredible job strutting confidently down the runway, showcasing the beautiful clothing. Everyone at the event could buy any clothing they liked (if sizing permitted). And even if someone missed out on buying something, they could always head over to Johnson's store for more options.

"It's important that everyone enjoys themselves while contributing towards charity," said Taylor.

Her passion for organizing events like these is evident as she enjoys seeing people come together in one place.

All proceeds go back into supporting local initiatives such as Christmas cheer boards, assisted living communities, personal care homes and many other causes that benefit those around them.

Johnson's Fashion & Footwear clothing store in Gimli played a significant role in the success of the fashion show. All of the outfits showcased on that day were from their store, and even some of the models bought their attire to model them on stage.

The silent auction at the tea and fashion show was an exciting addition to the event. All of the prizes were generously donated by businesses and individuals from within the community. The proceeds from the silent auction went directly towards supporting organizations in need within the community. It's always heartwarming to see everyone coming together for a good cause like this.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion is an active group comprising only 14 members. They manage to raise funds for various community organizations by hosting regular events. One of their events is the meat draw, where participants get a chance to win different cuts of meat. This event has become a staple in the community, drawing in many locals monthly. Aside from that, they also host raffles throughout the year where people can buy tickets for a chance to



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Community volunteer models showcased stunning clothing from Johnson's Fashion & Footwear in Gimli.

win prizes. These raffles are always highly anticipated as many exciting items are up for grabs.

Moreover, the ladies also offer catering services for events within the community. Their delicious food and excellent service have made them quite popular among locals who hire them for special occasions.

Taylor said the Ladies Auxiliary is always looking

for more members to join their group. They meet once a month at 2:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month at the legion.

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# Gimli's new assisted living project receives a major boost

Submitted by Tim Arnason

The original members of the Betel Heritage Foundation Inc. board of directors had the vision to build an assisted living project as they designed the Waterfront Centre, a 55+ independent living project. They even purchased the land north of the Waterfront Centre to be ready when the time was right.

The current board members are pleased to bring their vision to reality with the construction of an assisted living residence. This project will consist of 40 suites of various designs, accommodate accessibility issues and provide the necessary features to address the needs of those seeking varying degrees of assistance.

This project recently received a significant \$150,000 donation from Oli and Marj Narfason. The gift will flow to Betel Heritage through the Westshore Community Foundation, which is proud to facilitate the financial support from Oli and Marj.

Susie Erickson-Jakobson, president of the Betel Heritage Inc. board of directors, "extends our deepest appreci-

ation to Oli and Marj for this incredibly generous donation" and adds that it has been particularly special for her to have had several discussions with Oli about the project.

"Just after we received conditional use and a variance approval from the RM of Gimli council and the assisted living project concept became public information, I received a call from Oli. He was very interested in what we were doing and asked about our vision for the project. Our conversations continued for almost two years, and during that time, our budget increased as we moved from being in a pandemic to rising inflation and interest rates and supply chain issues, all of which made our conversations very interesting. The generous donation that we received from Oli and Marj eases the budgetary constraints we have been working under as we bring the assisted living project to life," said Erickson-Jakobson.

Westshore Community Foundation, and the community at large, lost a dear friend with the recent passing of Oli Narfason. Oli, and other commu-



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Dave Douglas, president of the Westshore Community Foundation board of directors, and Susie Erickson-Jakobson, president of the Betel Heritage Inc. board of directors, at the site of Gimli's new assisted living project.

nity members, founded the foundation and served as the first president. Nobody has contributed more to the growth of Westshore than Oli, both through his unequalled financial support and unwavering commitment to the development and success of the board itself.

Oli very much believed in the importance of doing the right thing and doing so with modesty and humility. He was not a man who sought the limelight. His lifetime of service and philanthropy was never done to seek personal recognition. It was done for all the right reasons.

"Oli and Marj's support of this particular project is just another example of the direct and significant support to so many initiatives throughout our area," said Dave Douglas, president of the Westshore Community Foundation board of directors. "Oli recog-

nized the need for assisted living in our community. As was always his style, he took tremendous interest in projects that he considered of value, but what separated Oli and Marj was that they would convert that interest into tangible support."

This donation was finalized only days before Oli's passing and speaks very directly to his lifelong commitment to community service and belief in placing the needs of others ahead of his own. However, his legacy does not end with his passing. It will continue to benefit generations in the areas of arts, environment, education and heritage through the four endowment funds created by Oli and Marj and the numerous flow-through grants and support that have been a regular component of their lives.

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<b>Marinade</b>		
1/4 cup   65 ml	fresh lemon juice	
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# Steep Rock cottage owners create positive change

By Annaliese Meier

Community clean-up efforts can make a significant impact in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of neighbourhoods. On May 20, volunteers gathered at Steep Rock Cottage development to take part in an annual community clean-up project. The subdivision was divided into 13 sections, and with the help of 20 dedicated volunteers, garbage was collected throughout each section. This yearly effort serves as a kick-off for the summer season and provides cottage owners with a fresh start to enjoy their surroundings. Although initially overcast, the weather quickly warmed up once the sun broke through the clouds. These volunteers demonstrated how much people care about their community by taking time out of their busy schedules to improve its appearance and functionality. Their work is not only appreciated but essential in keeping Steep Rock Cottage development looking beautiful year after year.



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Steep Rock Cottage Owners Association hosted a community clean-up on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with 20 volunteers helping. Pictured, left to right: Sandy Smith, Sundancer and Calaya, Fran Argue, Sheryl Taylor, Renada Vandall, Kathy Shabaga and Arla Beachell.

## Manitoba government's construction on Selkirk Regional Health Centre underway

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing roughly \$45.7 million to expand and renovate the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, and three construction projects are currently underway at the facility to significantly expand acute care inpatient capacity and its surgical program, Health Minister Audrey Gordon recently announced.

"We are healing the health-care system by expanding and renovating Selkirk Regional Health Centre to provide more services and increase patient capacity," said Gordon. "These strategic investments improve the quality of patient care for residents in the region and improve access to timely care for all Manitobans, closer to home."

The projects include the addition of 30 acute care inpatient beds and three emergency department treatment spaces to enhance the health centre's ability to treat and monitor patients.

Construction on the 30-bed acute care inpatient addition is now underway and the steel structure of the new building can be seen emerging from the 28,147-square-foot site, the minister noted. The new beds will allow for an increased number of inpatients and a higher volume of surgical and endoscopy services to be delivered locally. The inpatient addition is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024, the minister added.

Renovations to the emergency department have just begun and will include the expansion of the existing waiting room and the addition of three new treatment spaces. The emergency department will remain open to patients during construction. Renovations are expected to be completed by March 2024, the minister said.

The project expansion will support an increase in surgeries performed at the site, such as general procedures,

gynecology, urology and endoscopy. The project will include minor design changes to improve patient flow and expand treatment capacity within the emergency department.

The facility's outpatient centre is also undergoing minor renovations to accommodate the use of a C-arm fluoroscopic X-ray system for the new pain care clinic, opening this fall, which is an expansion of the Manitoba Pain Care Program.

"Selkirk Regional Health Centre cares for more than 2,500 inpatients and over 26,550 patients who attend the emergency department from all across the Interlake-Eastern region annually," said Marion Ellis, chief executive officer, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. "By expanding the health centre and renovating to accommodate new services, we're improving people's ability to access the right care they need in a timely way in our region."

The Manitoba government is providing a total multi-year capital investment of \$1.3 billion to support the building, expanding and renovating of health-care facilities across the province. This includes Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan, led by clinicians to establish a geographic network of care that improves access for Manitobans.

The plan is comprised of 39 projects including:

- construction of new hospitals in Neepawa and Portage la Prairie;
- renovations at Dauphin Regional Health Centre; and
- expansions at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Morden-Winkler and Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern.

For more information on Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan visit [https://sharedhealthmb.ca/wp-content/uploads/CPSP\\_Overview\\_NL.pdf](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/wp-content/uploads/CPSP_Overview_NL.pdf).

## Manitoba RCMP celebrates RCMP 150 milestone with contest giveaway for youth

Submitted by RCMP

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Please also include your name, mailing address and phone number.

Note: we cannot accept any attachments; therefore, the message must be written within the body of the email.

The contest closes June 30, 2023, so get those emails sent in.

Good luck to everyone that enters. Due to the number of entries anticipated, we can only reply to those that are selected for a prize pack.

# Gimli spray pad closure has parents steamed

By Patricia Barrett

When the humidex hit 34 Celsius last Friday in Gimli and Environment Canada issued a heat warning, local parents went looking for a little relief at the spray pad in Gimli Park but found they were out of water and out of luck.

Gimli parent Derek McRae said he was baffled as to why the municipality did not have the water features up and running on an extremely hot day. He lives near the park and it should be teeming with kids.

"It's hot today. I don't understand why the RM can't turn on the water at the spray pad. They told me they need to test the water. But isn't it the same water that comes into our houses that we drink?" said McRae after going in search of cool drinks for his kids.

He had called the RM and spoken with staff at the recreation department to inquire about the closed spray pad, he said. In Winnipeg — which has about 22 free spray pads — all are open except one.

"Normally, at this time of the year the water has been turned on. It's hot and summer is coming," said McRae.

"Low-income families depend on the spray pad to stay cool. A lot of people in Gimli can't afford to have air conditioning."

The park looks like it just emerged from winter and is "pretty derelict-looking." The grass is overgrown all around the park and gravel hasn't even been swept off the spray pad, said McRae. It looks as though the municipality "is not prepared to do anything" about getting the water turned on at the park.

"I know there are lots of other parents that are in the same boat as I am," he said. "Everything is really, really expensive and as a community we depend on services like this. There's no excuse."

Taxes in Gimli "aren't cheap" and the municipality is "just not taking care of the town the way they used to," he added.

Gimli's deputy mayor Kurt Reichert said he contacted municipal staff to find out about the spray pad.

"The spray pad is going to be open on June 10," said Reichert on Friday. "And if we get it going before that, we'll put out an announcement."



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Gimli Park spray pad seen in August 2020.

Typically, the spray pad doesn't open until June because the weather in May can be unpredictable, he said.

"A couple of days ago we were all wearing jackets, and today we get a hot day," he said.

The RM has been busy around town cleaning up in preparation for the busy summer season, he said. It had done a lot of cleaning before the May long weekend. The RM brought out a piece of equipment that can remove debris and cigarette butts from beach sand.

"We got the beach cleaned up pretty good before the May long weekend. We had a piece of equipment that was rarely used in the past. But now that we now have staff properly trained on it, it will make our beach one of the nicest beaches in all of the region," said Reichert. "And we pressure washed all the sidewalks downtown and cleaned up the streets. Going forward, we're going to keep doing what we're doing to make the town look nice."



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# Stop kochia from setting seed

By Shawn Senko

Kochia that survived pre-seed burn-off needs to be taken out before it drops seed later in the season. The big weeds can produce at least 15,000 seeds per plant — often many more — so letting them set seed and then spreading that seed with the combine can move a herbicide-resistant population across a field very quickly.

Kochia with resistance to both Group-2 and Group - herbicides is found all across the Prairies in big numbers. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada weed scientists have also confirmed kochia populations with resistance to Group-4 and Group-14 herbicides.

The best practice is to control small kochia plants in the pre-seed window with a tank mix of effective herbicides. If kochia is still alive after crop emergence, growers have fewer options in canola fields.

The only in-crop herbicide option that works on Group-2 and Group-9 resistant kochia is an early application of Liberty on Liberty Link canola cultivars. Group-10 glufosinate in Liberty will control all resistant kochia populations as long as plants are not too large to kill at the time of spraying.

Roundup Ready, TruFlex and Clearfield systems based on Group-9 and Group-2 weed control are no longer effective on most kochia across the Prairies.

In all cases, scout after spraying. If kochia plants survived pre-seed burn-off and the first in-crop spray, use these other measures to stop them:

## Physically remove kochia plants

Options include mowing areas where kochia is the dominant species and crop yield expectations are low. Hand weeding could be worthwhile in areas where individual resistant (or likely resistant) plants are present.

## Use combine seed destroyers

Combine weed seed destroyers, the mechanical hammer mills that pulverize all seeds in the chaff, can effectively destroy at least 90 per cent of kochia seeds — as long as harvest is not delayed to the point where major seed drop has begun.

## Apply Edge in the fall

This won't stop seed set this year but could be part of the solution in fields with a lot of resistant kochia. Group-3 ethalfluralin (Edge) applied in the fall on fields planned for canola the following year can help manage kochia resistant to glyphosate and other herbicides.

Canola growers with herbicide-resistant kochia may want to look at other long-term management strategies.

They could seed kochia-infested areas to salt-tolerant perennial forage rather than continue to throw inputs at acres with no hope of profitability.

They could diversify the crop rotation with early- and late-seeded crops, including winter cereals and forages that provide early season competition.

If poor drainage is at the root of salinity problems, localized tile drain-



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There are steps producers can take to prevent kochia from running rampant in their fields.

age may remediate low productivity areas where kochia tends to thrive.

Farms that prefer Roundup Ready or TruFlex canola may want to consider cultivars with stacked systems — TruFlex and Liberty Link — to give them flexibility to manage herbicide-resistant kochia.

For more on this topic, please read

“How to contain herbicide-resistant kochia” and “Integrated weed management: Best practices” in the Weeds section at [canolawatch.org/fundamentals](http://canolawatch.org/fundamentals).

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## Budding composer honorable mention

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Congratulations to budding Gimli composer Josephine Borkowsky, four years of age, who received an honorable mention for her composition she completed in a recent Composition Festival in the Western Canadian Division of the Music for Young Children Program. There were over 1,200 compositions overall in this Division. Josephine is a student of Brenda's Music Studio in Arborg.



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# Manitobans encouraged to host Lemonade Stands for Hope

Submitted by CancerCare Manitoba

It's the season for lemonade stands, and this summer CancerCare Manitoba Foundation is asking Manitobans to host a stand for a good cause.

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Upon registering, stand-holders will receive supplies to host their stand, including a free starter kit, online donation page and tools to help them promote their stand.

"My daughters and nephew hold their lemonade stand on our driveway each year, and seeing all of our family, friends and neighbours coming together to support the kids is so special," said Nikki Phaneuf. "A

couple of years ago, a young girl we know was diagnosed with leukemia and the kids wanted to do something to help, so we held a lemonade stand and have been doing it every year since."

Getting started is easy. Register your stand online at [LemonadeForHope.ca](http://LemonadeForHope.ca).

Pick up your free starter kit from the foundation at 825 Sherbrook St., Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Host your Lemonade Stand for Hope anytime over the weekend of July 14-16 or anytime this summer.

Manitobans are encouraged to rally their community to support their lemonade stand while they raise funds for crucial research, patient care and support services at CancerCare Manitoba. All funds raised from Lemonade Stands for Hope stay in Manitoba and help cancer patients and their families.



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Jayden and Graeme Slatcher took part in the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Lemonade Stand for Hope in 2019 in memory of their grandfather.

# Gimli International Film Festival looking for volunteers

Submitted by GIFF

The highly anticipated Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) is back, bringing the magic of cinema to the picturesque shores of Lake Winnipeg.

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Early bird tickets for this year's festival will go on sale on June 1, offering an exclusive opportunity to secure your spot at discounted rates. Regular tickets will be available for purchase

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GIFF is also calling for volunteers to be a part of the festival. Engage with industry professionals as you contribute to the success of this renowned event—not to mention receive your complementary GIFF Volunteer Film Pass, merchandise and other exclusive invitations to events as a token of appreciation.

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By joining the GIFF volunteer team, you'll gain valuable experience, connect with talented individuals and

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# Gwen Fox Gallery hosts all members show this June

Your chance to see a variety of art from the many talented artists that call our area home

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Gwen Fox Gallery is hosting its all members show this June. These shows only happen a few times a year and give residents a unique opportunity to see art from many different members of the Gwen Fox Gallery.

"The all members show only happens three times a year: June, September and December. Each member is allowed to have two pieces of artwork and the all members shows are the best shows because they have a lot of different mediums, all different paintings, photography, carving, acrylics and poured medium — you name it, it's here," said Patricia Johnson, Gwen Fox Gallery exhibit coordinator.

There will be over 40 artists featured in this month's exhibit and artists will be volunteering throughout the month, so depending on when you go, you may be able to chat with some of the artists in the show.

"Everybody should come in. It's food for the soul. When you come in here, when you leave, you're happy. The volunteers are wonderful. We have a beautiful gift shop of our members' artwork. The work will lift your spirits," said Johnson.

There are too many artists to feature them all but three newer gallery members who have their work in this month's exhibit are Sandra Robertson, Olive Hnatiuk and Stan Born.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Gimli's Olive Hnatiuk has three different monoprints on display this month at the Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk.

### Sandra Robertson

Sandra Robertson has two pieces in the show this month — an acrylic piece featuring a snowy owl and an oil painting, which is of a waterfall on the Canadian Shield.

She started painting six years ago. "When my husband passed away, I didn't know what to do with myself. I didn't know I could even paint. So, I just signed up for a painting class and

ever since I love it," said Robertson.

She is attracted to nature scenes from her experiences of being outside in nature and has a particular preference for birds and animals.

She is from Winnipeg but decided that she wanted to join the Gwen Fox Gallery recently after some encouragement.

"Family and friends have been encouraging me to show my art instead of having it in a box at home. My cousin, I call her my manager, she said, 'Oh, you should try this.' So, we drove down here one day from Winnipeg and checked out the gallery. I liked it and I thought I'd try it," said Robertson.

She wanted to be part of this exhibit to see what people thought about her art and be part of the artist community.

Robertson welcomes anyone who wants to check out the show.

"They have a lot

of different art and people are drawn to different things. And I think it's an awesome place," she said.

### Olive Hnatiuk

Olive Hnatiuk is a Gimli resident who describes her art as eclectic.

"I started off a number of years ago when I was working corporate type of jobs in photography. I taught a little photography, and then sort of thought painting is more hands-on

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# Lakeside Quilters prepare for annual two-day show: June 9-10

By Annaliese Meier

Lakeside Quilters is a vibrant and supportive community that shares a passion for quilting and the group responsible for organizing an annual quilt show in Winnipeg Beach.

This event brings together quilters from all over Manitoba to showcase their incredible creations, learn new techniques and connect with like-minded individuals. The 2023 quilt show is on Friday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gimli Recreation Centre.

Nancy Stillinger, a co-chair for the Lakeside Quilters Quilt Show, is an experienced quilting enthusiast who finds joy in every aspect of creating a quilt. From selecting the perfect pattern to choosing a complimentary colour palette and fabric, Stillinger enjoys each step of the process.

For Stillinger, quilting isn't just about creating beautiful pieces but forming close friendships with like-minded individuals who share her passion for stitching. Being part of Lakeside Quilters has allowed her to teach others, work on community projects together and support each other as they complete their masterpieces. It's clear that Stillinger's enthusiasm for quilting extends beyond just making beautiful creations; it's also about being part of a creative community where everyone can learn from each other and grow in their craft.

"Attending a local quilt show is an excellent way to get inspired and motivated to take your quilting projects to the next level," said Stillinger. "You'll find new techniques, patterns and colour combinations that you may not have considered before. The creativity on display at these shows is truly awe-inspiring."

One of the best things about attending a quilt show is discussing all aspects of quilting with like-minded individuals. You can learn so much just by talking with other quilters. Stillinger's love for sewing and quilting began at a young age. Even though her mother didn't sew, she instilled in Stillinger an appreciation for art, colour, texture and creativity. As a result, they spent many hours crafting together. Now with over 30 years of experience in quilting, Stillinger has honed her skills and developed a keen interest in the use of colour to create light and shadow on any quilt. To her, a successful quilt is one where the viewer is drawn from one block to the next.

At the show, visitors can shop some of Manitoba's finest fabric vendors, enjoy food and drinks in The Fat Quarter Cafe. There will be presentations by quilting experts and fabric artists for all, along with a silent auction and door prize. With admission for \$8, it is the perfect weekend event.

Lakeside Quilters has humble beginnings that date back to 2011. It all started with a simple idea from Shelly, the owner of Keeper's Quilts in Winnipeg Beach: why not bring together quilters from all over the region to plan a quilt show? Quilters from as far north as Arborg and south as Matlock are invited. The goal wasn't necessarily to make money — just enough to cover the costs of putting on the show. Instead, it provided a platform for local quilters to display their work and inspire others in their community. And it worked! After their first successful event, they had some leftover funds, which they used for future events or donated to charity.

Fast forward several years later, and Lakeside

Quilters' annual event is now highly anticipated by quilting enthusiasts throughout Manitoba. Thanks to Shelly's vision and dedication, this group has grown into an incredible community that supports each other.

Giving back to the community is a crucial part of their mission. They believe quilting is not just an art form; it's also a way to spread warmth and comfort throughout our communities. They don't just donate money — they donate handmade quilts as well.

In 2019, they proudly presented 50 baby quilts to the Thelma Wynn Foundation at their annual quilt show. This organization assembles layettes for babies all over Manitoba, providing essential items for needy families.

Over the years, the Quilters have donated thousands of dollars. Past recipients include Camp Stepping Stones, the Evergreen School Division meal program for its eight schools, the Nova House women's shelter in Selkirk, Winnipeg Beach School's new playground, the Gimli Recreation Centre's after school program, Arborg Collegiate's outdoor track, Arborg Personal Care Home for a blanket warmer and the Gimli & District Health Auxiliary for a power stretcher.

The event is a fantastic opportunity for quilters to showcase their work in a welcoming and supportive environment. What makes this event even more special is that it's completely run by volunteers from the quilt groups in the Interlake, which shows just how much passion and dedication goes into making it happen. Organizing and running a two-day quilt show requires an enormous amount of planning and energy, but the volunteers always rise to the challenge, said Stillinger. They work tirelessly to create an unforgettable experience for attendees, while also providing a platform for local quilters to share their creations with each other.

This year has been particularly challenging due to COVID-19 restrictions preventing group gatherings. However, many of the quilts displayed at this year's event will have been created during lockdown when individuals were unable to meet up with their usual quilting groups. This adds an extra layer of excitement as attendees will get to see brand new quilts that they may not have seen before. Stillinger said most quilters will agree that their weekly quilt group meetings are something they look forward to every week.

"It's not only an opportunity for them to work on their projects but also to share experiences and learn from each other."



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Lakeside Quilters co-chair Nancy Stillinger, left, and Elaine Lezubski at Show and Tell at Winnipeg Beach Fibre Arts. Stillinger is one of the many who will have quilts on display for the quilt show June 9 and 10.



Nancy Stillinger working with another quilter at Winnipeg Beach Fibre Arts group.

The members of Lakeside Quilters have created a community where everyone feels welcome regardless of skill level or experience. From beginners to experts, all members come together with the common goal of creating beautiful quilts. For those who are new to quilting, there is no need to feel intimidated. The group provides support and guidance throughout the process. Whether you prefer hand stitching or using a sewing machine, there is always someone willing to help you learn new techniques.

If you're new to the Interlake region or looking for more information about local quilting groups, visiting a local quilt show is an excellent place to start. Not only will you be able to gather valuable information about different groups in the area, but you'll also get to see some beautiful examples of their work firsthand.

# Paramedic vacancy rate and increased call volumes: a growing concern

By Patricia Barrett

People living in the Interlake could be facing longer wait times for an ambulance as the region continues to bleed paramedics.

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority currently has a 25 per cent paramedic vacancy rate and it's expected to get worse, according to the Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals (MAHCP), the union representing 7,000 allied health-care professionals including rural paramedics. There are very real fears rural communities will see a further exodus of paramedics to higher paying jobs in the city.

MAHCP president Jason Linklater said the provincial government is creating 20 additional paramedic positions and providing two more ambulances for Winnipeg but has offered nothing to rural Manitoba.

The upcoming jobs in the city will hand rural paramedics an incentive to leave. City paramedics get paid more than their rural counterparts for roughly the same job. They have opportunities to move up a career ladder that rural paramedics don't have. And they have a better work-life balance because there are more of them to fill shifts, says MAHCP.

"In the Interlake area in particular, we've got paramedics leaving to come to work in Winnipeg for a significant increase in pay. And many of the paramedics who already work in the Interlake live in Winnipeg and surrounding areas and commute to work. When positions open up in Winnipeg, they leave the rural areas," said Linklater. "The government's announcement yesterday [May 24] is fantastic for Winnipeg, but it harms rural EMS access because those paramedics will be leaving to fill those city positions."

The government announced last Wednesday it's providing funding over five years to the City of Winnipeg for two additional ambulances that will be staffed 24-7 in order to address an increase in patient volumes.

Linklater said the overall rural paramedic vacancy rate in Manitoba has reached alarming proportions, and the worst hit regional health authorities are Prairie Mountain and Interlake-Eastern.

"In Manitoba the paramedic vacancy rate has more than tripled in two years. That's a serious exodus out of EMS," said Linklater. "We have a 30 per cent vacancy rate (average vacancy rate, excluding Winnipeg) with 218 open positions across rural Manitoba."

The IERHA's paramedic vacancy

rate in December 2020 was three per cent, he said. That shot up to a 25 per cent paramedic vacancy rate by January 2023.

"We have fewer paramedics trying to respond to a significant increase in calls. Call volumes are up 50 per cent since the end of 2018," said Linklater.

There are a number of plausible reasons for an increase in ambulance call volumes, including an aging population, significant reductions in the operating hours of hospital ERs [e.g., Arborg and Eriksdale hospitals], escalating health conditions because of a lack of access to primary care physicians and ER departments, and increased drug and alcohol use, he said.

"And we're heading into the summer season with a concerning paramedic vacancy rate. When you have call volumes up and a 25

per cent vacancy rate in the IERHA, there will be calls from people who will have wait far longer for EMS than they should," said Linklater. "Right now, every effort must be made to prevent us losing 20 more paramedic positions to Winnipeg."

Paramedics in rural Manitoba have been working without a contract for over five years and that's made it difficult to retain and recruit them, he said. The first thing the provincial government needs to do is offer them a "competitive deal." The government promised incentives, including ending mandated overtime and paying weekend premiums, to some health-care professionals in November 2022 but didn't extend those incentives to rural paramedics.

"In our opinion, everything possible should be done to retain rural paramedics. The government needs to ... improve their working conditions and work-life balance," said Linklater. "We have huge problems right now due to the crisis in staffing and work conditions that are putting rural paramedics in an impossible situation. Burnout and stress are higher than ever. At times when people need to have a break, they don't get one."

The government promised last November to create 35 new rural paramedic positions, but since that time there has been a "net loss of 35 paramedics" and rural areas are "continuously bleeding paramedics," he said.

MAHCP has spoken with rural municipalities across the province and

knows that "wait times can go up to an hour" for an ambulance, he added. Municipalities have a vested interest in having access to EMS service for their residents. A number of them expressed concern about the government's announcement for the city because "everyone knows where those paramedics are coming from."

MAHCP's membership recently voted overwhelmingly (99.3 per cent) in favour of a strike, leaving no question as to what the "will of our membership is," he said. The union hasn't set a date as a strike is a "last resort" and the union is still negotiating with the government with the assistance of a mediator.

"Right now, the government's plan is to ask fewer paramedics to work more overtime and pick up more shifts. That's not a plan," said Linklater.

A spokesperson for the government said the *Express* should ask the regional health authority about paramedic staffing and hours, and that there is "no rural element to announce" regarding paramedics because the government was negotiating specifically with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service for more ambulances and paramedics.

The Manitoba NDP obtained government documents through freedom of information requests on the loss of paramedics from rural Manitoba.

Since Heather Stefanson was sworn in as premier, there are 87 fewer paramedics working in rural Manitoba and rural communities are waiting longer for ambulances, said the NDP in a May 24 statement.

"Rural paramedics are leaving their jobs at an alarming rate and it's not hard to see why," said health-care critic Uzoma Asagwara. "The level of stress and burnout these dedicated frontline workers face is staggering. As Premier Stefanson continues to close rural hospitals and ambulance stations, rural paramedics are forced to do more with less. This critical staffing shortage is dangerous and will continue to get worse the longer the PCs are in power."

The documents the NDP obtained show 704 rural paramedics in 2020-21. There were 617 in 2022-23. They've been without a contract and have had their wages frozen since 2017.

NDP leader Wab Kinew said his par-



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An ambulance makes its way down Highway 68 towards Arborg.

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## Thunder varsity girls' football team continues to improve

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder varsity girls' football team continues to improve each week.

Despite seeing their record drop to 0-2 after a 42-12 loss to the North Winnipeg Nomads last Thursday in Stonewall, the Thunder are showing vast improvement in all areas of the game.

"The reality is we drastically improved from our first game," said Thunder head coach Joel McDonald. "It's a team full of rookies. We've only got one player with any playing experience and the rest are all brand new football players. Overall, we're pretty pleased with the progress that we've made. The teams that we've been up against are basically all veteran teams."

Interlake's offence gained plenty of first downs against North Winnipeg and the defence forced many three and outs, said McDonald.

"We stayed with them for most of the first half and then they started to slip away from us in the second half of the half," he said. "But, overall, the girls accounted for themselves very, very well."

The Thunder held two practices this past week which are extremely im-

portant in the team's development. McDonald said Interlake has a great, young coaching staff that is doing a fantastic job working with the girls.

"Practices are huge. During a game you get the playing experience but you don't get the chance to coach them up after every rep," McDonald said. "We've really been focusing on fundamentals in practice and taking them aside. We have an awesome coaching staff that have been able to work with the girls individually on their skills."

Interlake will host the St. Vital Mustangs this Thursday at 7:45 p.m. in Stonewall in front of what should be another good crowd.

"Home crowd is a big deal. The girls are really excited," McDonald said. "We had a really good turnout on Thursday, the sidelines were full and the girls do feed off of that. They like playing in front of their friends and family."

The Mustangs defeated the Thunder 36-6 on May 18. Interlake is hoping for a better result this time around.

"We're really excited about (this upcoming game)," McDonald said. "It will help give us a measuring stick as to how far our development is at. It's our second game against them and



EXPRESS PHOTO JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Interlake Thunder's Brooke Bardason of Gimli carries the ball against the North Winnipeg Nomads in varsity girls' action last Thursday in Stonewall.

they knocked us pretty good in the first half but once the girls got their bearings about them, we had some

(good) drives and we had some success."

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and you can create, like from your imagination, and it's just not recording of an event. But there is so much creativity in art that you pick up one thing, it leads you to something else," she said.

This month she has three different monoprints in the gallery that are all part of the same set. One of the prints is done completely in oils while the other two are oil and watercolour.

Hnatiuk says that the main inspirations for her artwork are faces and flowers.

"Flowers are just fascinating. They don't last for very long. So, if you're working with them live, you've got to try and get it down as quickly as possible. And with faces, faces are totally fascinating. Twins even look different from each other if you look," she said.

Hnatiuk joined the Gwen Fox Gallery two years ago. She liked the idea of an all members show because it's

a great opportunity to show off your work at a smaller scale than having to set up an entire show.

She also says that she enjoys the community aspect of the group.

"I love looking at other people's work. Other people's work is just so fascinating. There's so much talent out here in this area of the province," said Hnatiuk.

As someone who has taught art classes in the past, Hnatiuk encourages potential artists in our community to give creating art a try. She says you don't need fancy supplies; pencil crayons and cheap watercolour paints will do. She also recommends that younger artists who want to get their hands into their art give pottery a shot.

Hnatiuk invited anyone who would like to check out this month's exhibit to stop by.

"Just drop in and see if you like any-

thing, I'm sure you're going to love everything. There are so many things. You'll find something that'll fascinate you," she said.

#### Stan Born

Stan Born is a woodturner who tries to bring the grain out in the pieces that he creates and enjoys working with challenging pieces of wood to see what can be made from them.

This month he has a bowl and a hollow form on display.

He began his artistic journey over 40 years ago by taking a carving class.

"After a while, I took two or three courses on the same guy, and after a while, it occurred to me that this takes way too long. So I decided that I would find something else that I could get done in an hour or two," said Born.

He was initially inspired by a magazine that he found, and from there more people were starting to take up woodturning so he found that a com-

munity of artists were coming together.

Born was a member of the Gwen Fox Gallery previously and recently returned, wanting to get back in touch with the community.

"I come here every once in a while and I thought, 'Well, it's a good time.' I need inspiration," he said.

He encourages residents to come by the gallery.

"It's a nice place. People are friendly. For the most part, the art is pretty good. I enjoy coming in here just to look around and see what's out there," said Born.

Residents are invited to come to the art gallery this month and for future exhibits. There is no entry fee and residents are very welcome to stop to look at the pieces on display.

The Gwen Fox Gallery is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more about the gallery on at <https://www.gwenfoxgallery.com/>.

# Interlake splits doubleheader with Pembina Valley

**Staff**

The Interlake Blue Jays split a doubleheader with the Pembina Valley Orioles in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action on Sunday in Winkler.

Interlake won the first game 6-4 but lost the second one 3-1.

The Blue Jays' record is now 4-2 and they sit in second place in the eight-team league with eight points. The St. James A's lead the league with a 5-2 record and 10 points.

On May 22, Interlake defeated the Carillon Sultans 10-8 at Quarry Park.

The Blue Jays will host the St. Boniface Legionaires on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and then will play St. Boniface at Whittier Park Friday (7 p.m.).

On Sunday, Interlake will battle the St. James A's in a doubleheader at Optimist Park. Games will start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The Stonewall Blue Jays, meanwhile, were shut out 10-0 by the Elmwood Giants on Thursday at Koskie Field.

Last Wednesday, Stonewall dropped

a 13-3 decision to the West Winnipeg A's at Charleswood Park.

The Blue Jays played the North Winnipeg Pirates this past Tuesday and will visit the Springfield Sr. Braves on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In U18 AAA action, the Interlake Orioles were scheduled to play the Carillon Sultans on Sunday in La Broquerie but no score was posted on the league website at press time.

On Saturday, Interlake lost a doubleheader to the Brandon Marlins. The Orioles were defeated by scores of 9-4 and 12-1.

Last Thursday, Interlake suffered an 11-5 home loss to the Winnipeg South Wolves.

On May 22, Interlake dropped a doubleheader to Carillon, losing 11-5 and 19-1.

The Orioles took on the Wolves on Tuesday and then will play a twinbill with Midwest at Rivers Viterra Field. First pitch is 1 p.m.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Above, the Interlake Blue Jays' Chris Fines puts the tag on a Pembina Valley Orioles' player while Liam Proven slides into a base during Manitoba Junior Baseball League action on Sunday.



# Impact's record drops to 0-2

**Staff**

The Interlake Impact's record is now 0-2 after a 5-3 loss to Pescara in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Wednesday in Winnipeg.

Dalen Penner scored twice for Interlake while Brett Richardson also tallied.

Pescara goals were scored by Musho Mono (two), Kairus Lima (two) and Alexandre Sferelli.

On May 19, the Impact were shut out 1-0 by Elmwood FC.

Interlake's next game is Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) against Weston United at Buhler Recreation Park.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Impact's Chris Cho, middle, battles for the ball against a pair of Pescara players during MMSL action last Wednesday in Winnipeg. Interlake lost the game 5-3.

# Phillies' teams in action

**Staff**

The U17 AAA Interlake Phillies dropped a doubleheader to Central Energy on Sunday.

Interlake lost games by scores of 9-2 and 12-10.

Saturday saw Interlake blast the Manitoba Thunder 10-0 and 16-0.

The Phillies are now 3-8 and 5.5 games back of the first-place Eastman Wildcats (8-2) heading into this week's action.

Interlake's U15 AAA team, meanwhile, pounded the Mani-

toba Thunder 18-7 and 8-0 on Sunday.

On Saturday, Interlake was edged 2-1 by the Winnipeg Lightning and then won 6-3.

The Phillies currently sit in second place with an impressive 6-2 record. Interlake is just a game back of Central Energy (9-3).

The Phillies' U13 AAA squad is now 5-5 after splitting a doubleheader with Central Energy last Sunday. Interlake won 11-4 and lost 8-7.

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**Monday, June 19, 2023**  
**AT 8:00 PM**

**Auditors Financial Report**

**Election of Directors**

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All claims against the above estate, supported by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the attention of: Marlene Klimchuck, Estate Administration, at 155 Carlton St Suite 500, Winnipeg MB, R3C 5R9 on or before the 5th day of July, 2023.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 24th day of May, 2023.

**KERI RANSON**  
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**Deadline for applications: June 15, 2023**



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**Town of Winnipeg Beach**

## NOTICE

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The approved rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	April 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Quarterly Service Charge	\$10.80	\$16.75	\$17.26
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$7.59	\$14.85	\$19.32
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$2.90	\$5.56	\$7.23
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$42.27	\$77.98	\$96.91
Annual Service Charge - Wastewater Only Customers	\$10.80	\$16.75	17.26
Unmetered Wastewater Only Customers (per REU)**	\$84.02	\$163.81	\$213.02
Total Annual Unmetered Wastewater Only	\$94.82	\$180.56	\$230.28
Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00

\*Based on 3,000 gallons  
\*\*Based on one Residential Equivalency Unit (REU).  
Note - There is no minimum charge for metered wastewater only customers. The quarterly charge is based on metered wastewater volume at the approved wastewater rate plus the quarterly service charge.

Quarterly billed users will see the rate increase on the next utility bill (2nd Quarter). All other users will see the rate increase on their 2024 tax bill.

To view the full PUB Order No. 58/23 visit [winnipegbeach.ca](http://winnipegbeach.ca)

Sharon Desiatnyk, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer

**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 person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT BY-LAW NO 6/23**  
**Being an AMENDMENT TO THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT BY-LAW NO 5/05, and AMENDMENTS THERETO:**

**HEARING LOCATION:** RM of St. Laurent Council Chambers, Recreation Centre #16 Veterans Memorial Rd, St. Laurent, MB

**DATE & TIME:** June 21st, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**GENERAL INTENT:** *To amend bylaw 6/23 to add the following changes:*

- To add provisions to allow Travel trailer/RV to be used during construction of the main building in the Commercial Highway zone
- To limit the maximum number of Travel trailers/RV on a site with a main dwelling building to two (2) in all zones except for the "AG" & "AR" zones
- To limit the number of Travel trailer/RV on a vacant site to two (2) in all zones
- To remove ".3" In all other zones, Council will determine how many Travel trailers will be allowed to be occupied prior to the construction and occupation of the main dwelling building in accordance with section 3.32.4 below.
- To restrict Travel trailer/RV to be used as a storage building

**AREA AFFECTED:** All zones in the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cherie Millar, Office Administrator, Western Interlake Planning District, Box 269, St. Laurent, MB R0C 2S0, (204) 646-2615, Fax: (204) 646-4150, Email: [wipd@mymts.net](mailto:wipd@mymts.net)

A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from upon request.

*Note: Property owners are responsible for notifying lessee.*

## Summer Employment Opportunity

**Maintenance Assistants in various facilities for various locations within the IERHA:**

Locations: Arborg, Ashern, Eriksdale, Fisher Branch, Lundar, Teulon, Selkirk & Stonewall

Competition number: IERHA 628/23

Please refer to complete job posting at: <https://selfservice.ierha.ca> and search under "View All" and scroll to : Student Maintenance Assistants.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 11:59 pm.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Utility Operator Weekend Part-time

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This is a Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holiday relief position.

Duties include taking readings at water plant and completing daily reports. This position requires successful applicant to be on-call each day of scheduled work. Compensation includes on-call and vehicle allowance.

**Applications to be received by: 4:00 p.m. June 6, 2023.**

For further information regarding this position, please contact the Rural Municipality of Fisher at 204-372-6393.

Kelly Marykuca, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Fisher  
Box 280 Fisher Branch, Manitoba R0C 0Z0  
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She is survived by her children Dennis, Audry (Hugh Letain, who was like a son to her), Warren (Lisa) and "chosen daughter" Therese. She also leaves special grandchildren Kelsey (Kris), Laurel (Howard) and Carter Persowich and Robyn Graham and Bradley Letain, and five step-great-grandchildren. Mom has four remaining siblings, Kay Husak, Olga Malkowich, Nellie (Bob Smith) and Joseph (Marilyn), sister-in-law Mildred Hnatiuk, cousins and numerous nieces and nephews whom she adored.

Mom was also predeceased by her siblings Anne, Mary (Peter Genyk), Peter, John (Joyce) and Steve Hnatiuk.

At the young age of 14, Mom and her sister Mary became responsible for the upbringing of their siblings due to the untimely passing of their mother. With the guidance of a special Auntie, and what their mother had already taught them, they cooked and cleaned, did laundry, farm chores, gardened, picked and canned wild fruit, sewed and knit garments for the family. Mom did this with the greatest love, for her greatest love was family. Never complaining, she relished in her duties which prepared her to be the best Mom to her children. She was an amazing cook, baker, seamstress, knitter, crocheter and needle worker. Her chicken soup, bread, doughnuts and cinnamon buns were legendary. She was the original recycler and could repurpose anything.

She married the love of her life, our dad, William in 1949. Their early years were full of challenges and hard work on the farm in Fisher Branch, but their fortunes improved and they led a comfortable life and, following Dad's retirement from the Post Office, they moved to Winnipeg to be closer to their children. After Dad's passing, Mom blossomed into an independent, self-sufficient woman.

Her last eight years were spent in the company of Audry and Hugh (and their four cats, who were the best company and therapy for her). As she became too weak and afflicted with dementia, she became a resident of Betel Personal Care Home in Gimli. Here she was treated like the royalty she was. The staff loved her and she loved them. We are so thankful for the nurses and health care aides on the second floor, as well as her sweet dining companions Kay, Anne and Julia who always tried to allay her anxiety.

Mom has been cremated and a private family interment at Fisherton Cemetery will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation in Mom's memory to the Gimli Humane Society, c/o Box 1999, Gimli, Mb. R0C 1B0.

Rest in Peace Mom, until we meet again.

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## OBITUARY



**Halldora Thordise Smith (nee Palson)**  
July 30, 1934 – May 24, 2023

Peacefully, surrounded by the LOVE of her family, we regretfully announce the passing of our Mom, Grandma and Granny 'D', Dora. She is gone, but will never be forgotten.

Left to cherish her memory is her son Lorne (Susan), daughter Janice, grandson Raymond (Jenny), granddaughter Tabby (Brian), and great-grandchildren Mackenzie, Raymond, Myla, Tori and Will; along with her brother John (Kathy) and sister Fay (Richard); sister and brother-in-laws Sandy, Donna, Francine (Doug), Louise (Mike), Alan (Betty), Don (Martha); as well as many nieces, nephews and good friends.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Raymond; her parents, Gunnar and Anna; brothers, Wallace, Fred, Gunnar (Lorraine), Victor and Vincent; sisters Lillian (Fred), Gay (Norman)

and Joy.

Dora grew up in Arnes, MB. She worked on the family farm and helped care for her brothers and sisters. She married the love of her life, Raymond, in April, 1955. She spent many seasons as a cook at the fish stations and later managed the Eaton's Catalogue Store in Gimli. Dora was devoted to her family fishing business where she worked many long, countless hours alongside her family. Her favourite pastime was to take meticulous care of her flowers. She loved family trips to Redditt, Ontario to visit and spend time with family. Annual summer trips to the Morris Stampede with her grandchildren were always a highlight of the summer. She was very proud to be named Granny 'D,' by her great-grandchildren. Her eyes always lit up when she was surrounded by them. Family was her treasure.

Heartfelt thanks to the staff at Gimli Betel, Gimli Hospital and HSC.

At Dora's request, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY



**Helen Ann Yanke (nee Kolodka)**  
March 12, 1925 - May 27, 2023

Peacefully on May 27, 2023 at the age of 98 years, Helen Ann Yanke passed away at the Ashern Personal Care Home in Ashern, MB.

Helen leaves to mourn her sons Ronald (Marie), Robert (Donna) and Jeffery (Cindy); brother Ben (Mary) Kolodka; sisters-in-law Josie Kolodka, Joyce Yanke and Elsie Rawluk; grandchildren Kelly (Kevin), Alex (Len), Tim (Sayumi), Kevin (Jennifer), Dale (Trisha), Erin (Michael), Heather (Greg), Derek (Sara), Ashley (Graham) and Nicole (Ethán); daughter-in-law Barb Yanke along with numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband Arthur, parents Bronaslav and Anna Kolodka, daughter Eleanor and son-in-law Ausi Freeman, son Barry, and other family members.

Helen was born in Poland. At the age of four, her family came to Canada where they made Faulkner, MB their first home. She was raised and schooled in Faulkner. Helen worked in the doctor's office in Ashern and it there where she met Art. They were married on July 1, 1944. They farmed and lived west of town and were blessed with five children. After Art's untimely passing, Helen continued farming for a few years then moved to town in Ashern. Helen worked for many years at the Ashern Hospital as a cook in the dietary department. She built a home in Ashern and loved to tend to her vegetable and flower gardens. Helen always had a quiet strength about her. She enjoyed the casino trips, card playing with friends, playing bingo and attending community events. Helen was a social butterfly, thoroughly enjoying the company of others. She hosted numerous lively family gatherings. Helen moved to the Ashern Personal Care Home where she resided for the last four years until her passing. Our family wish to thank the staff for the wonderful care provided to her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023 in the Ashern Legion Hall with Dawn Tober officiating. A luncheon will be held with an interment to follow in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Ashern.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's memory to the Ashern Personal Care Home, Recreational Use, c/o Darlene Hargot, PO Box 110, Ashern, Manitoba R0C 0E0.

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## OBITUARY



**Ernest (Ernie) Michael Springer**

On March 9, 2023, at the Lakeshore General Hospital with his treasured wife and family members by his side, Ernest (Ernie) Springer, aged 99 years of Moosehorn, MB passed away.

Remaining to cherish his memory are his dear wife of over 70 years Elsa; his five children David (Ardith), Douglas (Gail), Dwayne, Krystal (Woody) Widdifield and Kelynda; five grandchildren Darren, Melissa (Trevor) Atchison, Vicky (Geoff) Moen, Trent (Carly) and Brandy; seven great-grandchildren Reese and Wyatt Atchison, Riley, Cole and Lily Springer, Remi and Brynn Moen. Ernie is also survived by his brother Herb (Marilyn), sister-in-law Karen, the Sander brothers and sisters-in law, numerous nieces and nephews including great and great great nieces and nephews, as well as godchildren Cheryl McFadyen and Kelly Decker.

Ernie was predeceased by his parents Adolf and Natalia (Tillie Holtz) Springer; sister Alvina (Winnie) Baker; brothers Art, Bill, Eddie, Harold; his dear cousin Elsie and her husband Ed Schoen; good friend and brother-in-law Art Sander and his godchild Freddie Gering.

Ernie was born June 11, 1923 in the Aston Villa District of Faulkner, MB. In his younger years, in addition to working on the family farm, he worked in various jobs in the Faulkner/Fairford Trail area using his truck for anything that was needed, including hauling grain or moving people around in the bush camps. He ventured to Madsen, ON. to drive trucks at the gold mines and then returned to the Faulkner area. He and Elsa married on July 18, 1952 and farmed the land he purchased close to his parent's farm site. As their family grew, they bought a home with more acreage in the New Home District in the Moosehorn area to farm and raise cattle. Together, they worked side by side and worked hard all the years. Ernie was still working at the age of 93 operating the haybine. He came a long way, from the days of running a simple Cockshutt 20 tractor to understanding and using a computer borne haybine.

Ernie's life wasn't just all hard work as he always enjoyed fiddle music and he loved to old time dance. He and Elsa decided to add to their repertoire of waltz, foxtrot and polka dances and got involved in pattern dancing which led to traveling all over Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Many fun times and life long friendships were made including the talented members of their favourite musical group the Tiger Hills Band.

Ernie usually had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. His family teased him that he was a cookie monster as that was his favourite dessert. He loved children, and when any kids would come to visit, he would ask if they would like to share some cookies with him. If there weren't any homemade cookies, he put packaged cookies onto a plate and told the kids he must have known they were coming to see him as he got up at 5:00 a.m. that morning to bake cookies. And they happily shared the cookies with him.

Ernie was a social person and enjoyed visiting with friends and family. The isolation of the pandemic was difficult for him, but he told us he was pushing on to reach 100 years of age, like his good friend Edith Gering had accomplished. Just three months shy of turning 100, he left us and we all will miss his smile, his laugh and his banter, but know that he has found peace with our heavenly father.

A Memorial Service will be held in his honour at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2023 (date of his 100th birthday) at the Faulkner Community Hall. Service will conclude at the hall and a luncheon will immediately follow.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and health care aides who provided great care to Dad in his last days in the hospital and to John and Karen of Arnason Funeral Home for their professionalism and support.

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