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## Farm girls

Thirteen-month-old Icelynn Law stopped for a visit with #89 while out checking her family's Limousine herd last week in Eriksdale.

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# Bifrost-Riverton continues to pay down deficit; budget 2020 released

By Patricia Barrett

The municipality of Bifrost-Riverton presented its budget June 10, indicating it will continue to pay down deficits incurred years ago but will lower the general mill rate for 2020.

The RM is in Year 4 of its deficit recovery. Details of the deficits were not provided in its budget presentation document, only a statement that the deficits were presented in a 2014 Audited Financial Report. A plan to recover the deficits was approved by the provincial department of Municipal Affairs over a six-year period.

For this budget year, the recovery is set at \$58,435 and will appear as individual lines on tax bills.

The total budget tax levy in 2019 (actual amount) was \$3,376,858.80. For 2020, the proposed total budget tax levy is \$3,705,942.70, representing an increase of \$329,083.90. In 2021 that's proposed to increase to \$3,942,416.27, according to financial documents prepared by the RM.

Chief administrative officer Jordan Willner provided by email the RM's mill rate for this year, which is lower than last year's.

"Last year's general municipal at large mill rate was set at 17.730 mills,"

he said. "This year it is set at 17.373 mills."

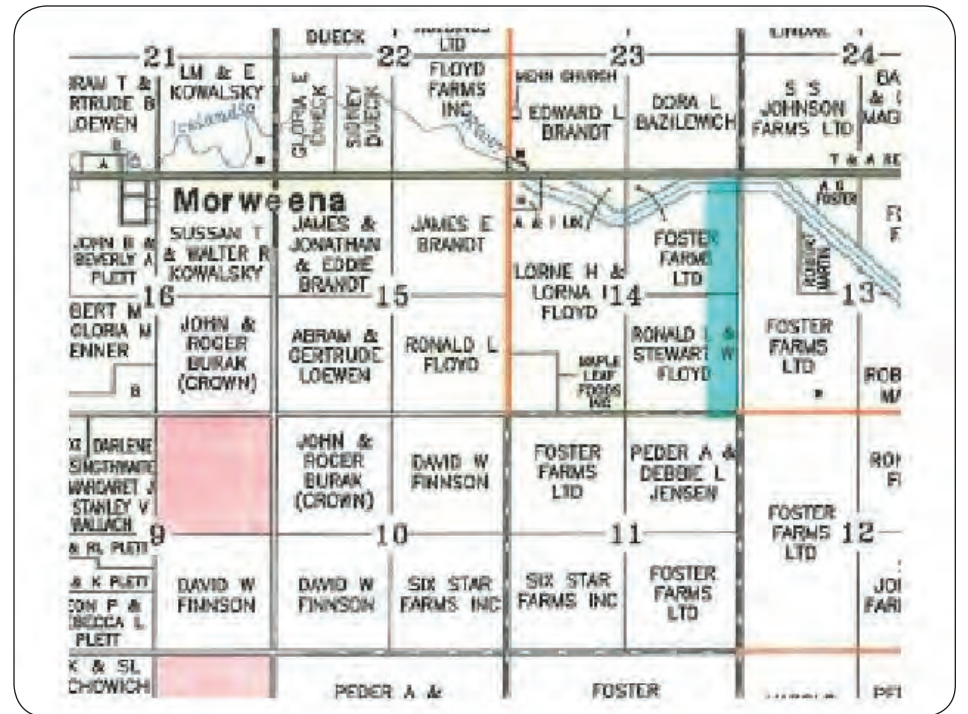
Willner, who prepared the budget, provided a formula for assessing properties based on the general mill rate rather than specific amounts that properties in the rural (farmland) and urban (Riverton) areas will actually pay in 2020.

Residential properties are portioned at 45 per cent. On a \$100,000 dwelling, for example, \$45,000 is the portioned assessment. That portioned assessment gets multiplied by the general mill rate, which for 2020 is 17.373, to give a tax bill of \$781.79.

Willner said tax bills are not that simple, however. There are "many other charges and mill rates" that go into a tax bill depending on where a residence is located in the RM.

He supplied examples of other charges and mill rates as follows:

- The Provincial Education Levy set at 8.830 mills
- Evergreen School Division #22 Levy set at 11.140 mills
- Lakeshore School Division #23 Levy set at 14.830 mills
- Riverton Garbage Collect Levy set at a per parcel rate of residential single unit, \$84.32; commercial



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The RM is expecting to embark on a number of drainage projects including near Morweena.

single unit, \$168.64; commercial 5 unit \$843.20; residential 12 unit and commercial 4 unit, \$1,686.40; residential 39 unit, \$3,288.48

- Riverton Area Natural Gas Debenture Levy set at 0.729 mills
- Riverton Area Lagoon De-

- venture Levy set at 1.028 mills
- Bifrost Area Sewer and Water Levy set at a per parcel rate of \$2,341.20
- Village of Riverton Pre-amalgamation Deficit Recovery levy set at 0.424 mills

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# Tornado in West Interlake?

By Evan Matthews

An Eriksdale family suspects a tornado caused damage to their property worse than they've ever seen.

Though neither Charlene Kaartinen nor her husband actually saw a tornado on Friday, June 19, Kaartinen said the resulting damage she woke up to definitely had some force behind it.

"Our cattle shed has stood untouched for 33 years with its heavy ash beams, but the wind peeled back the roof and took it up in the air and dropped it roughly 300 feet away in a nearby slough," said Kaartinen, suggesting a mini tornado may have come along with a west wind from Lake Manitoba. Her property is 15 miles west of Eriksdale.

"The other shed had been housing tires from the elements, but it was ripped off its floor."

Kaartinen and her husband own a cattle operation, and she said the third-generation farm had never experienced damage quite like this before.

Thankfully, Kaartinen said there was no damage to the farm's main buildings, and no there were no injuries to animals or people.

"It's pretty surprising. ... We've never had anything touch down here,

ever," said Kaartinen, admittedly adding it may not have been a tornado.

"My husband said he was in the shop and he heard the wind just kind of come up out of nowhere. ... We don't know if it was a mini tornado or a dust devil, but it had enough power to pick up a roof and throw it 300 feet. Then it picked up a smaller building and dropped it."

Regardless of whether or not a tornado actually touched down, Kaartinen said she believes the area has been experiencing more extreme weather over the last couple of years.

Two years ago, Kaartinen said a similar storm came through, and her house was struck by lightning.

"It's just weird, extreme weather," said Kaartinen.

"I can't imagine what a person can do to avoid an act of nature. ... There are an enormous number of hours involved with clean up, but you just have to go with it. You can't change any of it."

Environment Canada did not respond by press time to confirm any tornadoes in the area; however, the organization did report wind speeds as high as 115 kilometres per hour earlier in the week (on Wednesday, June 17) to media outlets.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CHARLENE KAARTINEN

The roof of the cattle shed was torn off and dropped 300 feet away in a nearby slough.



## Public Notice

### You're Invited

to share your views about the proposed rate changes from Manitoba Public Insurance

The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for an overall 10.5 per cent decrease to Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums, effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

For further details, please contact MPI at [inquiries@mpi.mb.ca](mailto:inquiries@mpi.mb.ca) or visit the Board's website at [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

An electronic-based virtual public hearing on the proposed decrease will be held beginning:

**Monday, October 19, 2020**  
at 9:00 a.m.

Please view the hearing via the Board's website ([www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca))

If you are interested in learning more about this rate decrease, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll-free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 1, 2020**.

For more information, visit [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

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## Federal Liberals earn kudos from Manitobans

By Evan Matthews

Say what you will about Justin Trudeau and the federal Liberals, but it seems they are earning some credit from Manitoban voters, at least according to one poll.

Since its win in 2015, the Liberal Party of Canada has dropped the ball in many areas: broken promises surrounding electoral reform; a perceivably botched implementation of legal cannabis; Trudeau's breach of ethics rules as they related to Quebec-based construction company SNC-Lavalin; the surfacing of Trudeau's blackface photos; "ElbowGate," an incident in which Trudeau accidentally elbowed a female MP's breast; or, most recently, a perceivable undemocratic gun ban.

How quickly people forget, it would seem.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* reported this week the federal Liberals have increased support in Winnipeg (and generally in Manitoba) since the novel COVID-19 pandemic began,

and Winnipeg is often used as a "bellwether"—an indicator or predictor of something — of perceptions across Canada.

According to this one poll, at least, the federal Liberals are doing something right.

The same poll showed NDP (eventually) surpassing the Conservative Party of Canada, according to the *Free Press*, which commissioned Probe Research to conduct the poll of 1,000 people.

Most people in Canada seem to agree that the federal Liberals, and Trudeau, have done a relatively good job in weathering the COVID-19 storm.

But is that alone enough to let both Trudeau and the Liberal Party off the hook for what many perceive to be other missteps along the way?

Charles de Gaulle, a former French president, said, "Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself. He imposes his own stamp of action,

takes responsibility for it, makes it his own."

Whether or not you personally agree with the government handouts — CERB and the like — most would agree the government has been accountable for its choices. Trudeau is in front of the press on a daily basis (trying) to back up the decision making.

How exactly our country recovers and moves forward from this pandemic and economic crisis remains to be seen.

Will CERB fraudsters be held accountable as the Prime Minister has promised? Will small local businesses be able to bounce back from the financial extremities?

Rural communities tend to lean more conservatively when it comes to their politics, and 2020 has been a difficult year, one providing challenges but also opportunities.

Where has this unprecedented year — and our government's response — left you standing?

## Coldwell presents 2020 financials

by Evan Matthews

The RM of Coldwell has presented its 2020 financial plan with taxes decreasing for residential, farmland and commercial properties.

Six ratepayers attended the public hearing on June 19, according CAO Nicole Christensen.

Christensen said the municipal mill rate decreased from 1.02, but when factoring in the school mill rate, it decreased by 1.20 mills overall for residential and farmland property.

For a residence with a total assess-

ment of \$100,000, the total 2020 taxes will see a decrease of \$54 (rural) and \$48.60 (in the Lundar LUD) when comparing to 2019.

For a piece of farmland with a total assessment of \$100,000, the total 2020 taxes will see a decrease of \$31.20 when comparing to 2019, according to Christensen.

However, Christensen said the commercial mill rate decreased by 2.14 (rural) and 2.02 (in the Lundar LUD).

The only project listed by CAO Christensen in reference to the RM of

Coldwell's 2020 capital projects was the purchase of new radios for the fire department as part of the mandatory public sector communication system (PSCS), which will cost the RM \$15,000 from general revenue.

Other capital items listed in the budget include office renovations and upgrades (\$5,000) and fire department protective equipment (\$10,000).

The RM plans to purchase a new fire truck in 2021, according to its five-year capital expenditure program, which will cost roughly \$200,000.

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# Manitoba Public Insurance applies for largest rate decrease in 30 years

Submitted by MPI

Manitoba Public Insurance filed its general rate application with the Public Utilities Board (PUB) last week, requesting an overall rate decrease of 10.5 per cent.

If approved, this will be the largest rate decrease in three decades.

The average passenger vehicle owner will pay about \$130 less in premiums per year. This will be the second year in a row Manitobans have received a rate decrease from its public auto insurer.

"This historic rate decrease reflects the strong recent performance and financial position of our corporation," said Ben Graham, president and CEO of Manitoba Public Insurance. "While many private auto insurers across Canada are asking for double-digit

rate increases, Manitobans are receiving the benefits of a well-executed public auto insurance model.

"This decrease was made possible with our multi-pronged strategy focusing on insurance fundamentals such as fiscal prudence of managing claims and MPI expenses, changes made to our product suite, implementation of a better reinsurance strategy aimed at reducing volatility, enhanced investment management strategy and building an industry acceptable level of reserves to absorb rate shocks."

In May 2020, MPI customers benefited from a \$110 million rebate, \$58 million of which is directly attributed to fewer claims during this COVID period and \$52 million through prudent company management from year-end financial results.

This year, MPI is modernizing its products to provide greater customer choice and protection through new coverage levels for third party liability, maximum insured value, and changes to the basic Autopac deductible. Customers will have the option of reducing their premium by increasing their deductible.

"Our customers will have greater choice in selecting the coverage that best suits their needs," said Graham. "These are all things that really demonstrate the strength, adaptability and customer-centric nature of public auto insurance in Manitoba.

"MPI will continue to execute its strategy aimed at maintaining stable and predictable rates, which remain among the most affordable in Canada while providing exceptional coverage

to Manitobans."

The PUB hearings typically begin in October, concluding later in the month. The board typically issues its order in December.

The proposed rates would be effective April 1, 2021, but because renewal dates are staggered, some vehicle owners won't pay their new rates until March 31, 2022.

**Requested Rate Changes by Class**  
 Private passenger -11.0 per cent  
 Commercial -4.8 per cent  
 Public -6.1 per cent  
 Motorcycles 1.8 per cent  
 Trailers -11.4 per cent  
 Off-road vehicles 0 per cent  
 Overall (applied for) -10.5 per cent

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### Pandemic amplifies school boards' value

Since in-school learning was suspended on March 23, school boards have been meeting frequently with education department officials and other organizations.

While these meetings have been invaluable, the work of supporting students and their learning takes place at the community level, thanks to the tireless efforts of senior administrators, principals, teachers and other front-line staff, with the support of locally elected school boards.

School boards filled gaps in online learning by providing devices, establishing WiFi hotspots for access to their schools' existing high-speed infrastructure, or working with industry to provide connectivity at home.

Where online solutions weren't possible, teachers prepared thousands of learning packages and school divisions redeployed staff to ensure the materials got to students. With the province laying out what it wanted to achieve for learning at home, it has been local school boards, with their roots in the community, implementing the how.

There is shared concern with the toll on mental health the pandemic could take on Manitoba's students and families. The government quickly added mental health resources to its COVID-19 page, but in local Manitoba communities, school boards immediately ensured that existing locally funded resources were maintained.

With the support of boards, staff are reaching out to students to make sure each one knows someone is there to help. They know who those students are, they know their needs, and they have the capacity to provide the supports because their local school board is there to allocate local resources accordingly.

The pandemic has not changed the role of school boards. They continue to support students' academic, physical and emotional well-being. In responding to COVID-19, school boards are using their knowledge of local circumstances to develop and implement plans that work for their students, staff and families. That's not something that can be done from Broadway because those plans don't look the same from community to community.

Education is, after all, a community enterprise — local voices making local choices. The provincial government paints the broad outline of K-12 education in Manitoba, but school boards fill in the details that ensure schools belong to communities. This is true not just today but always, and it is something that we all need to keep in mind as we await the release of the report of the education review commission, with recommendations that may shape our K-12 system for decades to come.

- Alan Campbell

President of the Manitoba School Boards Association  
 and a trustee in the Interlake School Division

### Thank you

On behalf of the Beaver Creek Cottagers' Association, please accept our message of sincere gratitude to Bob Bomberak, Jim Fisher and Warren Toderan for the dedicated and heroic actions displayed by you and your entire staff during the recent peat and forest fire that raged

through our community from June 1 until June 4. The planning and operation by your department saved several cottages, hopes and dreams. While there were six cottages destroyed and several more damaged, many others were saved. Thanks to the efforts of the firefighting crews, no one went to the hospital or to the morgue.

Several of our members have asked us to express our collective appreciation to you and asked that you share this message with all concerned. During this emergency, your department was available to share relevant information with us on a regular basis, which reduced the stress level we were all feeling. Many family memories were shattered due to the fire, but we shall continue to assist our members in any way we can. We look forward to your attendance at our AGM on June 27.

- Barry Henry  
 President

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# Province releases final plan for third phase of restoring services safely

## Efforts of 'Team Manitoba' enable further re-opening of businesses, communities on June 21

### Submitted by Manitoba government

Following feedback from the public, the Manitoba government is releasing its plan to further ease public health restrictions and continue safely restoring services, effective June 21, Premier Brian Pallister announced last week.

"Thanks to the efforts of all Manitobans and based on advice from our public health officials, I pleased to announce that we are in a position to move forward once again in our phased approach of restarting our economy," said Pallister. "Thousands of Manitobans provided their input and feedback on numerous proposed measures for Phase 3 of Restoring Safe Services, and their support for our plan to further ease public health restrictions is reflected in the next steps of our economic recovery roadmap."

The premier noted more than 25,000 Manitobans participated in a public telephone town hall to ask questions, voice their concerns, support and feedback on the draft plan of Phase 3 of Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery. As well, the province has received nearly 5,100 online submissions to <https://EngageMB> and over 32,000 responses on the school restart survey from parents and students.

The final plan released last week is based on public health advice, consultation with key sectors and feedback from the public, the premier added.

Key changes made following public feedback include:

- removing the maximum capacity of 300 people at any site provided the gathering can be physically divided into sub-groups of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors, to a maximum 30 per cent of usual capacity;

- allowing people from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, and people living in the area of the northwestern Ontario (west of Terrace Bay) to visit Manitoba without having to self-isolate for 14 days;

- ensuring those traveling to northern Manitoba must continue to respect any restrictions that have been put in place by local communities and First Nations;

- lifting self-isolation requirements on a case-by-case basis where sectors propose and provide satisfactory plans to address public health requirements for necessary travel; and

- lifting capacity limits for restaurants, bars, beverage rooms, brew pubs, microbreweries and distilleries, as long as tables and seating are arranged so there is a temporary or physical barrier, or two metres of separation between people sitting at different tables.

Detailed information on the plan for

Phase 3, including service restoration, measures the public can take to reduce their risk of COVID-19 exposure or spreading the virus, and workplace guidance for businesses, can be found at [www.manitoba.ca/restoringsafe-services](http://www.manitoba.ca/restoringsafe-services).

"Current indicators show the risk of community transmission of the virus in Manitoba is low at this time, so we are now able to further ease restrictions while ensuring Manitobans still practice the fundamentals that got us to this stage," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer. "As businesses and communities expand the services they offer,

all Manitobans must continue to practise physical distancing with others outside their households, wash their hands often and stay home when they are sick to further reduce the risk of spreading the virus."

The province continues to encourage businesses to take steps to help staff, customers and visitors stay safe including:

- ensuring people are able to reasonably maintain two metres of distance;
- only conducting necessary and brief exchanges within two metres of others;
- applying enhanced cleaning protocols, especially in common areas like washrooms;

- maintaining physical distancing and food-handling protocols in workplace areas including lunch and common areas;

- ensuring staff stay home when feeling sick; and
- following personal risk reduction measures.

Since May 21, Manitobans have engaged over 124,000 times through online surveys and telephone town halls to provide feedback on the Restoring Safe Services roadmap and restarting schools.

The premier also noted the province is developing a rapid response system to guide future decisions and any additional reopening steps that may be considered. Each level will include a risk assessment and a range of measures that may be in place at that level. As work continues to monitor the spread of the virus, the province may move up or down the rapid response/'stoplight' scale as indicators change.

"While we can take pride in the progress we've made and the additional steps we are announcing today, we must remain vigilant," said Pallister. "If public health results deteriorate or guidelines are not sufficient, Phase 3 measures may be paused and previous measures may be reintroduced. I'm confident that we will continue to be successful if we keep working together as a team."

The survey for the third phase and the plan to restart Manitoba schools will be open until June 21. Manitobans are encouraged to visit <https://EngageMB> to share their views.

A comprehensive list of Manitoba government COVID-19 measures can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html>.

**"AS BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES EXPAND THE SERVICES... ALL MANITOBANS MUST CONTINUE TO PRACTISE PHYSICAL DISTANCING."**

# Quarry Physiotherapy reopens to help patients

### By Sydney Lockhart

The inMotion NETWORK Quarry Physiotherapy clinics — including Arborg, Gimli, Stonewall and Gillam — are now open with full services at 75 per cent capacity.

After being shut down for seven weeks, Quarry Physiotherapy was able to open at half capacity for Phase 2 and then 75 per cent capacity in the following weeks.

"It was difficult for some of us because not all of the massage therapists could come back to work because of childcare issues," said massage therapist Teresa Anderson.

Patients are now able to make appointments but need to be pre-

screened before the appointment and then screened upon entering the building.

Everyone is required to wear masks and stay home if feeling unwell.

"Many people did suffer from the lack of treatment," said Anderson. "We had staff working just answering phone calls when the building was closed."

All surfaces are being sanitized extra carefully, including everything from the waiting chairs to the walls after each person who touched it.

The staff social distance with the patients until they are treating them to limit physical contact as much as possible while still giving the correct

treatments.

"Even if the province said we could open full capacity, we don't have all the therapists back so we couldn't," said Anderson.

The staff was given the option to come back and it was not mandatory if they felt unsafe or couldn't access childcare.

Anderson says that her biggest worry coming back was the chance that she could pass it off to someone if a patient who came in was ill.

"You don't want to make someone sick; you want to make them get better," she said.

The staff has weekly meetings to discuss how everything is running

smoothly and any concerns that staff has.

Anderson says after seeing how they are functioning, both she and her patients feel more comfortable coming in.

Quarry Physiotherapy is seeing fewer patients than normal at the current time because of the capacity rules and because it takes more time for them to clean in between clients since they need to disinfect any surface that could have been possibly touched.

"We are doing everything we possibly can for the safety of our patients."

# Ashern gets Little Free Library

By Evan Matthews

Joining the world's largest book-sharing movement, Ashern now has a Little Free Library thanks to a local woman and her husband.

Lori Emilson, the library's steward and a teacher with the Lakeshore School Division, said she and her husband decided to install a Little Free Library on Friday, June 12 as a way of providing additional access to books in the LUD of Ashern.

"The idea started a few years ago when my husband and I installed a Little Free Library at Silver Bay Beach," said Emilson, noting the beach is west of Ashern.

"It went over so well. We wanted to do one here in Ashern as well. My husband built and installed it."

The library is located in Ashern's Railway Park, south of Dodd's Siding and east of Noordenbos Appliance.

The materials to create the Little Free Library are 100 per cent donated and maintained by the Emilsons.

But really, the Little Free Library belongs to the community, she said.

"It's take a book, leave a book," said Emilson, encouraging users to sign their names on the inside cover of each book they read or to leave a note inside to let others know if it was enjoyable.

"Or people can return a book to a different Little Free Library because they're popping up in so many different communities."

She said people should try to only fill it with books people will enjoy and to avoid religious or political literature.

Ashern's Little Free Library is registered with [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org), which Emilson hopes adds to Manitoba's access to books and will place the Ashern location on the Little Free Li-

brary's world map.

Similar to geocaching, some people like to travel around and check out the next Little Free Library, according to Emilson.

"I believe really strongly in literacy. We are lucky to have a very good library here in Ashern, but it's not open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is just another opportunity for more people to access books."

Little Free Library is a non-profit organization inspiring a love of reading, building community and sparking creativity by fostering neighbourhood book exchanges around the world, according to its website.

Through Little Free Library book exchanges, millions of books are exchanged each year, which the website suggests is increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LORI EMILSON

The Little Free Library in Ashern is expected to get its official status very soon, according to Lori Emilson, which means it will have an engraved plate soon to be installed.

## Cranberry Portage RCMP lay charges in kidnapping investigation

Submitted by RCMP

On June 16 at 6:35 p.m., Flin Flon RCMP received a report from a 63-year-old male from Sherridon that a 20-year-old male from the RM of Gimli, had been kidnapped by two males at a fishing camp on Kiskeynew Lake, located approximately eight kilometres from the Pukatawagan winter road junction (52 kilometres from the Highway 10 junction).

The 63-year-old male advised that his 36-year-old son was with two other men, aged 20 and 17, at the fishing camp when a vehicle arrived with three occupants inside. Two of the male occupants (suspects) exited the vehicle and asked the group if they had any firearms. The suspects assaulted and threatened the 36-year-old with a knife, stole one of their rifles, and then grabbed the 20-year-old male and physically forced him into his own vehicle and told him he was going to drive them to Winnipeg. Before leaving the camp, the suspects stole the cell phones from the two remaining males, thus leaving them

stranded at the camp with no vehicle and no phone.

The following day, the 63-year-old male arrived at the camp and learned what had occurred. He immediately attended to the Flin Flon detachment to report the incident.

With the information obtained from the 63-year-old male, officers issued a notice to the surrounding detachments of the suspect vehicle description.

Officers from Cranberry Portage, Flin Flon and Creighton, Sask., conducted patrols on Highway 10 and located the suspect vehicle where an attempt to conduct a traffic stop was initiated; however, the suspect vehicle refused to stop. Officers pursued the vehicle and deployed a spike belt on two occasions in an attempt to disable it. After being damaged by the two spike belts, the vehicle continued on Highway 10 and then into a residential area of Flin Flon, where it eventually came to a stop (the vehicle travelled several blocks in the city after exiting the perimeter). Once the suspect

vehicle came to a stop, the occupants attempted to flee but were quickly apprehended without incident by the officers on scene. The 20-year-old male victim was located in the pickup truck unharmed but quite shaken up and was extremely appreciative of the officers for stopping the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a loaded firearm as well as a large filleting knife.

RCMP have charged the following individuals for which the two males were remanded into custody;

- 32-year-old Joseph Gunville from Denare Beach, Sask., is facing 19 charges including kidnapping with firearm, robbery with weapon, robbery to steal firearm, theft of a vehicle, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police, assault, uttering threats and 11 additional Criminal Code charges.

- 23-year-old Jeremy Dumas from Flin Flon is facing 17 charges including kidnapping with firearm, robbery with weapon, robbery to steal firearm, theft of a vehicle, dangerous opera-

tion of a motor vehicle, flight from police, assault, uttering threats and nine additional Criminal Code charges.

- 28-year-old Rozalynn Custer from Denare Beach, Sask., has been charged with kidnapping with firearm, theft of a vehicle, possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose and unsafe storage of a firearm. She was later released on court imposed conditions for court scheduled July 14 in Flin Flon.

"This was an intense and dynamic situation where our police officers risked their own safety by engaging in a pursuit with armed individuals," said Supt. Kevin Lewis, district commander for Manitoba North District. "The professionalism and teamwork of our detachment members resulted in the victim being brought to safety and the suspects being taken into custody without anyone being harmed. I am proud of the actions of our members in bringing this event to a successful conclusion."

Cranberry Portage RCMP continue to investigate.

## Manitoba extends provisions to protect tenants during COVID

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba's Residential Tenancies Branch advises that two measures put in place to help protect tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic will be extended until Sept. 30.

The current freeze on rent increases for residential tenants will continue.

Landlords can continue to give notice of their intention to increase rent, but the higher rate cannot be charged until after Sept. 30. Tenants are expected to continue paying rent in full and on time. If this is not possible, tenants and landlords should work together to develop a payment schedule and

agree on any other necessary terms. Late fees continue to be prohibited for failure to pay rent during this time.

Non-urgent eviction hearings will continue to be postponed and will not be scheduled until after Sept. 30. In the interim, residential landlords may only evict tenants for urgent health

and safety reasons. Tenants cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent.

Both of these provisions were put in place on March 24 in response to COVID-19. For more information, landlords and tenants should visit [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19) or [www.gov.mb.ca/rtb](http://www.gov.mb.ca/rtb).

# You can be a Manitoba tourist; Gimli Art Club throws open its gallery

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Art Club has plans to throw open its popular harbourside gallery to welcome back visitors and give them a chance to eyeball the club's diverse artwork.

Olive Hnatiuk, the club's former secretary and now an executive member-at-large, said the artists were feeling really antsy after having been cooped up at home while COVID-19 infections spread. Now they're ready to take visitors on a journey through art.

"We want our visitors to return. Tourism is all about interacting with people," said Hnatiuk. "We've always had a lot of international tourists, especially from Iceland. But you can also be a Manitoba tourist."

The Gimli Art Club is a teaching and mentoring club with over 20 artists. It welcomes all artistic media and encourages the exploration and development of new techniques. Media include watercolour and acrylic paint, stained glass, pottery, sculpture and pencil. The club is composed of former art teachers, self-taught artists and even artists who are also immersed in theatre and music. Members are as spry as 12 and as mature as 80.

The club recently held meetings to



Gimli Art Club welcome visitors on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

discuss how it could open (June 19 was its grand re-opening day) and keep both its staff and visitors safe.

"We had lengthy discussions about that and we decided we'd be open only on Fridays and the weekends," said Hnatiuk, who undertakes back-up duties for the club when necessary and is also a painter with work on display. "We'll see how things develop.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY AINSLIE DAVIS

The club installed a glass barrier to keep staff and patrons safe.

We may open additional days."

Hnatiuk said the club is considering opening on Canada Day (Wednesday, July 1) as that's a major holiday and visitors to Gimli are expected.

The club is following provincial public health guidelines to the letter, ensuring patrons can safely browse or purchase artwork in the gallery.

"Our president Ainslie Davis got hold of the government's protocols and we put all that in place," said Hnatiuk. "We put in a large glass partition for the protection of visitors. Visitors can wear a mask or not, but they'll have to follow the directional markings on the floor. And there's now a wider area to move through in the gallery."

When visitors walk in, they can spritz sanitizer on their hands. The club will have sanitizing stations at the doors.

The club is not expecting huge crowds, Hnatiuk said, but it wants to provide an opportunity to people who are expected to "get out the house this summer and travel a little bit in the province" now that our COVID-19 infection rate has diminished quite substantially.

In addition to the gallery, visitors can

wander down to the nearby Gimli seawall and view a series of wall murals that were painted by club members. The murals provide a visual snapshot of Gimli's storied past, including the landing of the famous Gimli Glider.

Artists will be working on the seawall this summer, weather permitting, to either create new stories or retouch the murals that had faded over the winter. They'll have pylons up to ensure six-foot physical distancing is maintained while they work.

"We've got really enthusiastic members who like to work on the seawall," said Hnatiuk. "They're willing to chat about their work."


The club has had several new artists come on board lately to contribute to the rich artistic diversity in the Gimli area. They'll have their art on display in the gallery.

"They're absolutely fabulous. We've got a photographer who does really interesting things and a couple of new potters," said Hnatiuk. "We've even got a 12-year-old girl that comes with her mother to do pottery and she's absolutely fantastic."

The club is currently working on a depiction of Manitoba to celebrate the province's 150th year (celebrations were cancelled and will be held next year).

"It's a map that will have small paintings, about three-inch by three-inch squares, that will represent things from the whole of the province, the different terrain we have, the lakes and the rivers and other scenes," said Hnatiuk. "It's not finished yet. I don't know when we're going to unveil it."

Visit the Gimli Art Club at [www.gimliartclub.com](http://www.gimliartclub.com) for artist profiles and events or call 204-642-8217. The gallery is located at 3 Centre St., close to Gimli harbour. For now, it's open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.



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# Porteous to commemorate Sandy Hook Golf Club's 100th-year anniversary

By Brian Bowman

Any birthday or anniversary is a reason to celebrate.

But a Centennial anniversary is something to really cherish.

The Sandy Hook Golf Club is nearing that milestone as it will celebrate its 100th year on July 1, 2022.

To commemorate that occasion, longtime local golfer Ken Porteous is currently working on a history project for the popular course.

"At this time I'm still not sure what form it will take, perhaps a photo book, wall calendar, brochure, signage, display or a combination of all," he said in an email. "I would like to commemorate the special achievements at the course over the last 100 such as hole-in-ones, albatrosses, a tournament or club championship won.

"In particular, I would like to get stories from past members of the course or anyone that has a good story to tell," he added.

Purchased by Moe Doyle shortly after the Second World War (in the fall of 1946), the course started with nine holes but was transformed into an 18-hole challenge by his son Jimmy in the late 1980s and clubhouse construction was completed in 1984.

The course is currently owned by Jim's sons Byron and Pat.

Photographs, newspaper clippings, trophies, certificates, etc., would be most welcome, said Porteous. Photographs and mementos prior to 1970 would be most desirable.

All materials will be returned and given credit, he said.

"I just want to tell the story of a great little rural golf course that has been around a long time," Porteous said, noting there are no sand traps on the course. "It's a beautiful little course. Probably the highlight of the course is the condition of its greens. Byron Doyle is the course superintendent and, in my book, he's a magician. He's able to have these greens in such good shape so early in the season."

Porteous has already come across some very interesting stories and expects to come across even more as he continues to do his research.

The course has a long history of producing great golfers, including the likes of Jimmy Doyle, a former Canadian Amateur champion who defeated Gary Cowan, the No. 1 ranked player in the world by *Golf Magazine*, in a match play final, and the late Dan Halldorson, a former PGA Tour member.

As well, Matt Johnston, a Canadian Tour player, started his golfing career at Sandy Hook.

"I would like to talk to some of the old timers that may be out there that know the course pre-1970, pre-1960," Porteous said. "(The course) has a rich, rich history of champions."

Anyone with a great story to tell or photograph to share can reach Ken Porteous via email at [kcporteous@me.com](mailto:kcporteous@me.com) or by phone at 204-898-2654.



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The Sandy Hook Golf Course will celebrate its Centennial on July 1, 2022.



A view of the 9th hole at the Sandy Hook Golf Club.

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# EIWD plants eco-buffer at Riverton Campground



The East Interlake Watershed District rounded up local volunteers last Friday to help plant an eco-buffer at Riverton's Campground. Eco-buffers consist of multiple species of trees or shrubs and are designed to mimic a natural wooded area. They help reduce soil erosion, sequester carbon and provide habitat to insects and animals. Volunteers brought their shovels and planted approximately 400 native trees and shrubs that the EIWD supplied.

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## > BUDGET, FROM PG. 2

- RM of Bifrost Pre-amalgamation Deficit Recovery levy set at 0.267 mills

The RM has two school mill rates. This year, the Evergreen School Division mill rate increases by 0.09 mills and the Lakeshore School Division is decreasing by 0.18 mills.

The 2019 levy and 2020 proposed mill rates were outlined in the presentation as follows:

Evergreen School Division: 11.050 in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 11.140

Lakeshore School Division 15.010 in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 14.830

Provincial Education Support: 9.770

in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 8.830

General Municipal 17.730 in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 17.373

Lagoon Debt Charges (Urban) 1.098 in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 1.028

Natural Gas (Urban) 0.790 in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 0.729

Deficit Recovery (Riverton) N/A in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 0.424

Deficit Recovery (Bifrost) N/A in 2019; proposed mill rate for 2020 is 0.267

Transportation services account for the RM's highest budget line at \$2,328,268 followed by fiscal services at \$1,106,182.07. Public health and welfare services at \$32,209 and environmental development services at \$24,921 are the lowest budget lines.

Budgeted expenditures for the chief administrative officer and staff for 2020 are budgeted at \$249,180. In 2019 the actual expenditure was \$222,127.49. In 2021, that expenditure is expected to increase to \$256,665.40.

The proposed total municipal revenue for 2020 is \$5,257,531.26 for a decrease of \$80,657 over 2019, which was \$5,338,188.26.

The budget document included proposed projects (without amounts) for the urban area, including the continued installation of more street lights, financial support for the Centennial Park revitalization project, and financial support for the proposed Riverton Transportation & Heritage Centre expansion.

Under the RM's transportation services, proposed projects include:

- Ditches and Drainage Program. Last year's budget was \$481,220 with actual expenses of \$226,666. For 2020, the budget is \$507,520 which includes completing work deferred from 2019.

- Gravel Program. Last year's budget was \$500,000 with actual expenses of \$411,505; For 2020 the budget is \$445,500 and \$165,000 for road rehabilitation.

- Increased gravel program to include some road rehabilitation

- Increased dust control

- Contracting roadside grass cutting

The RM is continuing its drainage projects but completion of certain projects will depend on "numerous factors," according to the budget document.

Some of those factors include obtaining water rights licences from the provincial department of Conservation and Climate, getting landowners' permission to have RM equipment come onto their private properties and deposit "matter," favourable weather conditions, location of utility lines and budget constraints.

For more information about the budget, contact the RM office at 204-376-2391.

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# Sandy Bar was pretty knotty last month

By Patricia Barrett

A female red knot with a flag on her leg was rooting around piles of zebra mussels on the shore of Sandy Bar last month, taking birders by surprise and re-affirming the importance of continuing to preserve the Bar's unique habitat.

The Lake Winnipeg spit, about five kilometres east of Riverton, is a go-to destination for breeding shorebirds and is a vital re-fuelling station for migratory bird species, such as the red knot, in the spring and fall.

The red knot was foot-deep in water beside piles of zebra mussels — which it eats — when birders and first-time Bar visitors Ian Ward and Donna Danyluk from Winnipeg spotted it on the spit on May 25, said Joanne Smith, who's the caretaker of Sandy Bar, a designated Important Bird Area (IBA). The same red knot was spotted and photographed again on May 30 by Peter Slusarenko, another birder who reported it.

"Christian Artuso [Canadian Wildlife Service biologist] pointed out to me how big of a deal this was," said Smith, referring to the bird's presence on the spit for at least six days, possibly more. "I wrote on my Facebook page that this area is very important as a food source for migrating shorebirds. To think that our very own Manitoba IBA plays such a big part in the survival of such shorebirds is very special."

Red knots continue north to the Arctic where they nest and hopefully raise young, said Smith.

The flag (some people call it a band, but banding is actually the name of the process) indicated the bird had been captured, fitted with the flag then released for scientific study.

Smith found out the flag was placed on the red knot's left tibia on March 7, 2017, on Chiloe Island, Chile. Juan Navedo, director of the Quempillen Experimental Field Station, Universidad Austral de Chile, and his team had banded the bird.

With much levity, Smith said the bird managed to dodge COVID-19 border restrictions despite having travelled 10,800 kilometres from Chiloe Island to Sandy Bar. And it took precisely 1,174 days before anyone reported her to authorities.

In addition to its IBA status, Sandy Bar is a provincially designated Special Conservation Area. Because it's vital to both breeding and migrating birds that fly several thousand kilometres each year, the province prohibits vehicular traffic, including pickup trucks and ATVs. Foot traffic is discouraged during breeding season.

The area needs all the birds it can get as North America has suffered a decline in bird numbers.

Scientists found significant and alarming population losses in Canada and the United States over a 48-year period, according to a 2019 study titled "Decline of the North American Avifauna" in the Oct. 4, 2019, issue of the journal *Science*. Scientists undertook a survey of more than 500



EXPRESS PHOTO BY IAN WARD

This female red knot with a flag on her left tibia was banded by researchers in 2017 in Chile. She showed up on Sandy Bar in May.

bird species and found a net loss of about 3 billion birds (or 29 per cent) since 1970.

The decline, scientists noted, was not restricted to rare and threatened species but to common and widespread species. Habitat loss and pesticides are major bird killers.

When the world loses birds, ecosystems suffer. Birds are not only important for the cheery songs that give us a boost, but they also eat insects we don't like such as mosquitoes and grasshoppers and invasive species such as zebra mussels. They pollinate plants and distribute tree seeds that make forests flourish.

Red knots, along with ruddy turnstones and rusty blackbirds (both of which inhabit the Bar), eat zebra mussels, said Smith.

Birders do more than watch birds. They count them during seasonal surveys and submit their data to scientists to help them monitor bird populations, which in turn indicate how healthy a particular ecosystem is.

As caretaker of Sandy Bar, Smith leads a cohort of bird lovers each year to the spit to pull up clover that grows, well, like a weed. Weeds are inhospitable to some birds

who like open sand.

The annual Sandy Bar weed pull has seemingly paid off in terms of increasing red knot numbers, based on Smith's personal observation.

"It seems that in the last few years, the numbers of red knots have increased. In my view it has. I've checked the dates I've been out there and in the last couple of years. I've had at least 10 or 11 at one particular point. Before we started the weed pulls, there were two or three red knots."

Smith cautioned that's just her observation and other factors such as an increase in zebra mussels and the square footage of the spit (because of low lake levels) may have made the area more attractive to red knots.

But she's not alone in thinking weed pulling has made a difference.

"Weed pulling works", said Dr. Artuso to Smith by text, which he agreed to share with the *Express*.

"That bird is probably a rufa red knot as it is migrating through Manitoba. People have suspected that some rufa overwinter on Chiloe Island and this seems to confirm it," he wrote. "Also the 6 day stopover is significant plus the resighting of this individual."

## Correction

The June 18 edition of the *Express Weekly News* included an article titled "Arborg graduates looking to the future."

In the article, it was stated the cost for the banner project totalled \$1,400; however, that number was an early estimate.

Melanie Pearce, the project's organizer, contacted the *Express* to say the total for the project ended up being \$3,260.32.

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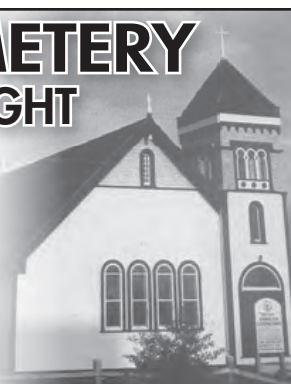
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# Hundreds of dead fish wash up on Lake Winnipeg shores

By Becca Myskiw

Thousands of dead carp started washing up on the shores of Lake Winnipeg in early May — and the reason is still unknown.

University of Winnipeg ecologist Scott Forbes said scientists are currently testing for Spring Viremia of Carp and Koi herpesvirus.

Spring Viremia of Carp is a viral disease in carp, but Forbes said he hasn't yet seen it in Manitoba. Koi herpesvirus is another infectious disease in fish, and it has already been found in Ontario and Manitoba.

Forbes said he's personally ruled out Koi herpesvirus as the cause of the fish kill because the water temperature in May would have been too cold for it to manifest. For Koi herpesvirus to exist, the water has to be at least 18 degrees C.

But there is a cause for the large number of dead fish, he said. This time of year, dead fish typically wash up on shore often due to the stressful spawning season, but not in numbers this great.

"If you see hundreds of dead or dy-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY GERALDINE HORBAS

Dead fish have been washing up on the shores around Lake Winnipeg.

ing carp, you know something's going on," he said.

If he had to put money on the reason for the thousands of dead fish on the shoreline, Forbes said he'd guess it's due to a lack of oxygen.

He said he's heard from people he knows that when the ice on the lake started to break up this year, there was a lot of ice movement on shore. This essentially would have trapped the carp in shallow water with a short

supply of oxygen.

"The carp are pretty hardy fish," said Forbes. "But they can't survive water without oxygen."

He said anoxia (the absence of oxygen related to algal blooms) is often a cause for fish kills too, but he also ruled that out because it's too early in the season for it.

This fish kill, Forbes said, will likely have no lasting effects on Lake Winnipeg as it's only a fraction of the carp population that has died.

"Fewer carp is probably better," he said. "They're a destructive species."

Carp were introduced to Manitoba deliberately in the early 20th century and they took off. Now, they're a nuisance and tear up the lake's rock bottom by uprooting vegetation. They degrade water quality through feeding habits, and they stir up the sediment.

Forbes said getting rid of carp would be a good thing, but it's too late now as the species are prolific breeders.

The last fish kill Forbes recalled was in 2013 when all species of fish in the lake were dying due to boiling water temperatures.

## Grahamdale presents decrease to 2020 financials

By Evan Matthews

The RM of Grahamdale has presented its 2020 financial plan, with taxes decreasing for residential, farmland and commercial properties.

Two residents attended the public hearing on May 13 at the Moosehorn Community Hall. Video conferencing for the hearing was also available, but no ratepayers took advantage of the option.

Property owners will see a minimal tax reduction as a result of a 1.0 decrease in the municipal levy as well as a slight decrease to the school division levy, according to the 2020 financial plan.

Justin Shannon, an administrative assistant with the RM explained that the municipal mill rate decreased by 1 mill — from 23.945 to 22.945 — while the school levy also decreased from 15.010 to 14.830; meaning the overall mill rate for residential and farm property decreased from 38.955 to 37.775.

For a residence with a total assessment of \$100,000, the total 2020 taxes will be \$1,699.88, a decrease of \$53.10 from 2019. For a piece of farmland with a total assessment of \$100,000, the total 2020 taxes will be \$982.15, a decrease of \$30.68 from 2019.

In addition to the municipal and

school levy, Shannon said commercial properties also pay a foundation levy, which decreased from 9.770 to 8.828, meaning the total mill rate for commercial properties also decreased from 48.725 to 46.603.

For a commercial property with a total assessment of \$100,000, the total 2020 taxes will be \$3,029.19, a decrease of \$137.94 from 2019.

The RM of Grahamdale's 2020 capital projects include:

- An addition to the municipal office to create a larger council chamber, while the previous council chamber will be converted into office space, according to Shannon. The renovation

is budgeted at \$210,000, all of which will come from reserves.

- The Moosehorn Fire Department's pumper truck has reached the end of its service life, according to Shannon, and has been replaced. The replacement was budgeted at \$90,000 with funds coming from reserves.

- Phase 3 of road construction on Government Road in Moosehorn will be completed in 2020, Shannon said. The project includes widening the shoulders along the length of the road, and repairing and resurfacing parts of the road. The project is budgeted at \$212,000, with funds coming from reserves.

## Gypsumville RCMP respond to multiple shots fired

Submitted by RCMP

On June 13 at 7:15 p.m., Gypsumville RCMP received a complaint of shots being fired between multiple people on the Pinaymootang First Nation.

Officers attended to a residence in the area and located a 24-year-old male who was in possession of a firearm.

It is believed the altercation involved two rival gangs and that shots were fired from each group before they fled the scene on foot and in a vehicle.

A 37-year-old male was reported to have been

injured in the incident and transported with non-life-threatening injuries to hospital, where he was treated and released.

The investigation identified five additional suspects involved in these shootings. Three have now been arrested, with police continuing to search for the other two.

Canaan Anderson, a 24-year-old male, and Madison Traverse, a 24-year-old female, have been charged and remanded into custody. A 23-year-old male and an 18-year-old male remain in police cus-

tody.

Police continue to search for an 18-year-old male and a 24-year-old female.

Charges for the six suspects include discharge firearm with intent, careless use of a firearm, possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, possession of a firearm as well as other Criminal Code charges.

Gypsumville RCMP continue to investigate.

# Danny's Whole Hog turning up the heat on 'buy local' movement

By Patricia Barrett

A popular Stonewall-area catering and food service company that's famous for its pulled meat products is putting some extra muscle into the "buy locally" movement in the Interlake as COVID-19 continues to flatten markets and restrict large gatherings.

Danny Kleinsasser of Danny's Whole Hog BBQ & Smokehouse said it's not only local businesses that are buying from other businesses during these uncertain economic times, but also consumers who are shopping locally after realizing the virus could result in long-term economic consequences for their communities.

"People support the local products. They're supporting me. And not only me as a local family, they're supporting the families that work for me," said Kleinsasser as he took the *Express* on a tour last week of his Highway 67 facility. "People from the local community are coming here and the city people have been wonderful."

That support is going a long way to helping his company stay afloat and keeping 10 of his staff (he had two layoffs) on the job. To help ease consumers' financial pressures, Kleinsasser said he's created new products, such as family-sized Meals for 4, offered free delivery and lowered some prices as "people have less money to spend."

His never-give-up philosophy and openness to change has helped the business survive in the face of COVID's challenges.

"I'm a positive thinker. I will not put my head in the sand," said Kleinsasser. "I've got employees with families and they've got mortgages to pay. I've got mortgages to pay. I've never been a quitter."

Kleinsasser started Danny's Whole Hog 20 years ago and is guided by the values he grew up with, including integrity, treating others with respect, charitable giving to food banks and Siloam Mission, and showing that a "little love can go a long, long way."

His industrial-sized stainless steel kitchen and packaging facility, situated on his family farm, has meat smokers that can do "1,000 pounds of pork a night," sausage-making machines, a huge walk-in freezer and cooler and a public store that he said saw an increase in walk-in traffic during the COVID shutdown as people were "afraid" of crowds in large stores.

Kleinsasser is a stalwart believer in supporting local and Manitoba businesses. He buys dinner rolls and buns from Upper Crust Bakery in Selkirk, pork from Manitoba producers, beef from Canadian producers, saskatoon berries for his wife's homemade pies and crumbles from a Warren farmer



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

From left: Isaiah Kleinsasser, Danny Kleinsasser and Sharon Skinner.

and ice cream from Prairie West Ice Cream in Stonewall.

"We're all helping each other. It's great what Manitoba is doing to support local small businesses. I try to buy from a lot of small businesses to support them," said Kleinsasser. "If they don't have it, then I reach out a little bit farther."

Kleinsasser's catering service took a massive hit when COVID began to rapidly spread in the province and public health orders meant gatherings such as weddings and business functions had to be cancelled. He would cater 15 to 25 events each weekend, including about 12 weddings. He also had food kiosks at Blue Bomber and Goldeyes' games and supplied the Jets with pulled meat products.

"We do a lot of catering for businesses and people all over Manitoba. All the families that work for me depend on that," said Kleinsasser. "Within two weeks, we had a couple hundred thousand dollars' worth of business cancelled."

He said he and his wife and kids and his staff went back to the drawing board to figure out how to compensate for that loss. They came up with new products and services.

"It was remarkable how quickly we could turn it around and start another cash flow," said Kleinsasser. "Since COVID, we've doubled our product offerings."

Kleinsasser created several new products during the pandemic to add to his popular product line, which includes pulled pork, beef and turkey products, gourmet barbecue sauces (the majority gluten free) and smokehouse favourites such as garlic sausage, pepperoni sticks and slab or sliced bacon.

People are destined to eat well with a new summer sausage, homestyle beef stew with life-sized vegetables that's ready to cook in a bag, meat pies

(pork, beef, turkey-vegetable), a do-it-yourself marinated whole hog, marinated roasts "for a great experience," marinated meats for smaller gatherings, saskatoon pies made with (he quipped) "local hand-rolled dough" and Meals for 4.

He's also offering free delivery within a 30-mile radius (orders of \$50 or more). That includes Stonewall, Selkirk and Teulon as well as Winnipeg.

"We established Meals for 4 and we began delivering literally right to people's driveways in Winnipeg. I started that because I don't want to lay off my employees. I went from no cash flow because of catering cancellations to delivering a lot of meals to the city," said Kleinsasser.

Then Lundar called, Eriksdale called, Ashern called: could he possibly deliver up Highway 6? Yes, he could.

"On Mother's Day, we loaded the van with 200 Meals for 4. That's 800 people. We started in Ashern and delivered all the way down the highway, Oak Point and St. Laurent," said Kleinsasser. "I went along just to say thank you to the people. I was so overwhelmed. I said, 'Thank you for the local support' and every person that came to get a meal, I gave them a free saskatoon pie."

The new products and services are helping the company weather COVID's impact, which may have long-term consequences should a second wave hit, as health experts are predicting. They're also catching the eye of new customers that may be looking at changing the way they shop as the pandemic continues.

"We want to provide good service to the customer and make them happy because they're dealing with their own set of issues during COVID," said Mark Skinner, who oversees the company's delivery service. "We want to provide something consistent and reliable."

Kleinsasser earned a niche in retail stores, including Red River Co-op stores, Safeway/Sobeys and Save-On-Foods, plus mom and pop shops, after becoming certified for retail. But he took it to a new level when he teamed up with De Luca's Specialty Food Store in Winnipeg. De Luca acts as a distributor, getting locally made products into outlets across the province.

"In one year, De Luca grew my [presence in] 25 stores to 90 stores in Manitoba," he said. "That's amazing retail growth."

Kleinsasser launched an online store from his website. Customers can now place orders for frozen and ready-to-eat meats and meals, desserts and other items, and receive free delivery.

He said he continues to work closely with area businesses such as Harvester Outdoors and World of Water, both in Selkirk, holding combined sales-food truck lunch events to support each other. They talk on a regular basis and encourage each other to stay strong.

Kleinsasser said he's always considering adding new product lines to his business.

"I'm working with a local pheasant grower to smoke pheasants. I may have them available in the store. It would be an addition to my smoked meats," said Kleinsasser, who showed the *Express* the birds hanging in one of the meat smokers.

The most important thing businesses and consumers can do as we move through the pandemic, he said, is to continue to buy locally.

"I tell you the Interlake should be proud. Winnipeg and Manitoba should be proud of how they've supported local businesses like myself. The communities here supported us through all this. There's many a day," Kleinsasser paused, tears welling up in his eyes, "I think how the community came together to help us with the new ideas we had."

"I believe 100 per cent Manitobans have got to shop local. I've got to see where I can buy from local stores. This is about business owners' survival. When I support them, they support me back."

Visit Danny's Whole Hog at [dannyswholehog.com](http://dannyswholehog.com). To access the online store directly, visit [dannyswholehog.ca/shop](http://dannyswholehog.ca/shop). Danny's is also on Facebook and Instagram. Customers can call the store at 204-344-5675 or text 431-997-BBQS (2277). The store is located on Highway 67 (south side), three miles east of Highway 7. Look for the Danny's Whole Hog sign on the verge.

# sports & recreation

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## Golf Canada cancels all amateur championships in 2020

From Golf Canada's website

Due to continued health concerns, as well as government restrictions on travel and group gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, Golf Canada has cancelled all of its amateur golf competitions for the duration of the 2020 season.

The National Sport Federation had previously announced the cancellation or postponement of a number of its junior and amateur competitions scheduled through mid-June.

"National amateur competitions have been a proud focus throughout our 125-year history and while we share in the disappointment of competitors, our host clubs and event volunteers, the most important consideration is the health and safety of the people who come together at our championships," said Golf Canada CEO Laurence Applebaum. "Ongoing travel restrictions — both international and across some provincial borders — in addition to continued

restrictions on larger group gatherings and limitations on player training were significant contributors to this decision. We are also sensitive to the needs of our host clubs to ensure a safe and healthy environment for their staff and members."

The 107th Canadian Women's Amateur Championship, one of the top-ranked women's amateur events in the world that attracts many international athletes, was scheduled to begin in five weeks at The Royal Montreal Golf Club from July 21 to 24.

In addition, the 116th Canadian Men's Amateur, which features a 264-player field, was scheduled to take place at The Glencoe Golf & Country Club in Calgary, Alta., from Aug. 3 to 6 — marking the 125th anniversary of this storied championship. The cancellations will mark the first time since the Second World War when these two national championships will not be conducted.

Golf Canada has also announced

that the National Orders of Merit will not be awarded in 2020. The purpose of the points-based rankings is to identify and give recognition to top-performing male and female amateur and junior golfers across Canada who have achieved success in the golf season. The decision to not award the Orders of Merit was made recognizing the varying access Canadian golfers will have to domestic and international competitions, and the resulting difficulty in running an equitable ranking system. Golf Canada will look to resume the Orders of Merit on Sept. 1, 2020, for the 2021 rankings.

Golf Canada and Golf Ontario previously announced the cancellation of the seventh annual World Junior Girls Championship, scheduled for Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, 2020, at Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, Ont.

Golf Canada annually conducts more than 20 championships nationwide, which play host to more than 3,000 domestic and international ath-

letes from all corners of the world. In partnership with our host clubs, thousands of volunteers, provincial golf associations and our proud sponsors, Golf Canada is dedicated to supporting player development through world-class competition since our inception in 1895.

Officiated by certified Canadian Rules of Golf referees, Golf Canada's amateur competitions are fully compliant with golf's international governing bodies and include marquee events such as the Canadian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships as well as the Canadian Junior Girls and Junior Boys Championships. Golf Canada's amateur championships are proudly supported by RBC, Canadian Pacific, Sport Canada, Levelwear, Titleist and FootJoy.

For more information and scheduling, visit [www.golfcanada.ca/competitions](http://www.golfcanada.ca/competitions).

## Match Play Golf Championships decided on Sunday

Staff

Brandon's Austin Dobrescu won his second straight men's Match Play Golf Championship on Sunday.

Dobrescu, a 23-year-old who plays out of Shilo, defeated Elmhurst's Jack Werhun 4 and 2 in the final.

On Saturday, Dobrescu beat Sel-

kirk's Wesley Hoydalo 4 and 3 while Werhun knocked off Breezy Bend's Justin MacDonald 5 and 4 in a pair of semifinal matchups.

On the senior side, Elmhurst's Carl Lechman, who beat top-ranked Garth Collings of Matlock in Saturday's semifinal 3 and 1, then downed

Southwood's Gordon Hudson 6 and 5 on Sunday.

In the other semifinal, Hudson defeated Quarry Oaks' Al Kehler 5 and 4.

The women's championship was won by Shilo's Bobbi Uhl, who beat St. Charles' Hannah Diamond 5 and 4

on Sunday.

Uhl earned a bye into the final after Pine Ridge's Marissa Naylor withdrew from their semifinal match.

In the other semifinal, Diamond defeated former Selkirk Royals' golf star Mikyla Albert 2 up.

## Manitoba Major Soccer League set to start season in July

Staff

The Manitoba Major Soccer League has announced a target date for their season to begin July 6.

Teams have been asked to prepare for this date to be the tentative season opener.

If the league is not yet approved to play on July 6, the start date will then become July 13.

Last Wednesday was the first day that groups of 10 people — coaches and players — could return to the pitch while using physical distancing measures.

The MMSL outdoor registration opened on June 12. An email went out to managers to register their team with the Manitoba Soccer Association.

The league expects to play a full MMSL outdoor season schedule of 16 to 18 games based on the number of teams in each division. The two divisions with 10 teams will play an 18-game season.

The MMSL will, once again, have promotion/relegation if a full season of games is completed. There will not, however, be any league playoffs or Bison Cup this summer.

"Please be advised that if there is a second wave of COVID-19, both the province and MSA can stop/cancel the season mid-season," read a statement on the MMSL website. "This is a change from what the league was communicating earlier."

New to the league this year is a

safety protocol officer. Each team will have a designated person — player or team official — who will be in charge of adhering to new health and safety rules.

For example, the individual would be responsible for wiping benches before and after the game, cleaning up all trash on the playing field, sanitizing game balls and ensuring physical distancing on the bench. This person cannot be the coach.

As well, teams should arrive ready to play and proceed through the designated entry points to the fields. At the conclusion of the game, players must leave the field and bench areas immediately and depart through the designated exit gates.

The disinfecting of benches will take place between games and washrooms will be cleaned frequently. Hand sanitizers will also be available at points around the facility, including at the washrooms, but players should also bring their own for personal use.

The league said it is important to move people through the facilities quickly to decrease clustering and close contact while continuing to physical distance as much as possible.

Fans, meanwhile, will be permitted and are encouraged to attend but they must abide by the same physical distancing guidelines for each facility/pitch.

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### Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

## Employment Opportunity

**Position:** Facility Manager  
Permanent year round position  
**Closing date:** July 15, 2020  
**Commencement date:** To be determined, no later than September 1, 2020  
**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

The Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission is a municipal organization servicing the Town of Arborg, Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, and central portion of the Interlake. The Recreation Commission offers diverse programming and activities throughout the year and operates the following facilities in Arborg: arena, outdoor aquatic centre, curling rink, community centre, parks, baseball and soccer fields.

#### Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate will possess a valid Power Engineers Certificate / Arena Operators Certificate. Consideration may be given to a suitable candidate willing to obtain the above qualifications.
- Outdoor pool maintenance certificate (or similar) or willingness and ability to obtain same.
- Diverse knowledge and experience in maintenance including but not limited to carpentry, electrical, plumbing and mechanical.
- Experience in operating and maintaining equipment such as ice resurfer, curling ice scraper, lawn mowers, tractor, trimmers, power and hand tools.
- Knowledge and experience in the making and maintenance of arena and curling ice.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with the proven ability to effectively communicate in dealings with the general public and co-workers.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Desired: Proven experience in working in arena, pool, and other recreational facility environments.  
First Aid and CPR training.

#### Conditions of Employment:

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Must possess and maintain a valid Manitoba drivers' licence.
- Must be physically fit and capable of performing duties as assigned including heavy lifting of 50 pounds.
- Must be willing and able to work days, evenings, weekends and statutory holidays as required in order to allow maximum use of facilities.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and in an arena environment.
- Must consent to and provide a satisfactory criminal records and child abuse registry check.

#### Duties:

Under the direction of the Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission, the Facility Manager will report directly to the Manager of Recreational Services. The candidate will ensure the safe and efficient operation of all recreation facilities (arena, aquatic centre, curling rink, community centre, baseball and soccer fields, and community parks, and ensure that all equipment is maintained and inspected for effective and efficient operation. Effective and respectful communication skills with spectators, coaches, players, staff and the general public is paramount.

Monthly reporting of facility operations and conditions to the Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission Board of Directors shall be required.

A probationary period of 6 months shall be established for this position. Apply to: Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission Box 555, Arborg Manitoba, ROC 0A0  
Attention: Selection Committee

For further information, contact Tom Chwaliboga – Manager of Recreational Services at 204-376-5576 or by email at [tom.abprc@mymts.net](mailto:tom.abprc@mymts.net).

When applying, please include a cover letter, resume detailing educational and prior job experience, along with three (3) relevant references, along with their contact information, as well as salary expectations. ABPRC thanks all who apply, and advises that only those selected for personal interviews will be contacted.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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#### Qualifications:

- Complete Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Check
- Establish and maintain a positive rapport with potential clients, staff and supervisor
- Knowledge and understanding of Canada's Food Guide
- Experience in safe food preparation
- Punctual and reliable
- Effective communication skills
- Ability to work independently as well as with a group
- Able to organize volunteers, create supply orders and maintain records of various information
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Interested applicants are invited to submit a written application to:

Bifrost Riverton Seniors Resource Council Inc.  
Attn. Jennifer Kehler  
P.O. Box 206 Riverton MB R0C 2R0  
[brseniorsresource@gmail.com](mailto:brseniorsresource@gmail.com)  
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5. Helping with community involvement.

#### Qualifications

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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

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The Interlake Women's Resource Centre is seeking a contract cleaner for our office space located at 87-5th Avenue Gimli on a bi-weekly basis. Cleaning must take place after 4:00pm. References required. Please submit your interest by emailing: [iwrc2@mymts.net](mailto:iwrc2@mymts.net) or by calling 204-642-8264. **Deadline for consideration is 4:00pm Friday July 10th, 2020**



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> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

# X CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Protects from weather
- Superhigh frequency
- Southern constellation
- Swines
- Self-righteously moralistic person
- United Arab Emirates city
- Surinam toad
- Sign language
- Tattoo (slang)
- Makes level
- Sun up in New York
- It must be scratched
- Where people live
- Swiss river
- Buddy
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- Mandela's party
- Adult female chicken
- U. of Miami's mascot
- Southeastern Chinese people
- Casino game
- Amos Alonzo \_\_, US football coach
- Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
- Will Ferrell film
- River in NE Scotland

### CLUES DOWN

1	2	3				4	5	6	
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- Show up
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- Makeshift
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- Worked the soil
- Alias
- Plant cultivated in Peru
- Side-blotched lizards genus
- Wild dog
- Immoral act
- Pound
- Manning and Lilly are two
- Put on the shelf for now
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- Cuddle
- Dashes
- Related on the mother's side
- Witch
- Kilogram force (abbr.)

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## IN MEMORIAM

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January 27, 1930 to June 26, 2005

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A special person we all loved and can't  
replace  
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These are the memories you left behind.  
-Lovingly remembered and sadly missed  
by wife Ollie and all the family

## IN MEMORIAM

**Terry Dubchak**

February 14, 1957 to June 18, 1987

Without farewell you left us all  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
-Lovingly remembered and sadly missed  
by mom and family

## OBITUARY



**Erika Agnes Barteaux**  
(nee Emmerich)

June 15, 1942 - June 13, 2020

With heavy hearts, the family of Erika announces her peaceful passing on Saturday, June 13, 2020, after a brief illness.

Erika was born in Germany and came to Gimli with her parents, Joseph and Eva Emmerich, in 1954. She took great honour in being appointed the 1960 Gimli Ice Carnival Queen.

She met and married her beloved husband in 1961 and they recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.

Erika is survived by her husband, Millard (Bart); daughter, Beverley Philp (Dave); and sons, Kevin (Brenda), Robert and William. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brenna, Nicole (Simon), Graham, Melissa and Damon; great-grandchildren Mason and Finn; and dear friends Kathy, Evelyn and Gloria.

Erika worked many jobs in Gimli, most notably Tom Boy Grocery, Johnson Memorial Hospital and their family restaurant "Chesters Chicken". She made many lasting friendships with her co-workers and loved to get together for regular lunches with her "Tom Boy Girls".

She was a member of the Gimli Lutheran Church, Gimli Royal Canadian Legion 182, and New Horizons Club. Erika enjoyed cooking, playing cribbage, darts, riding her bike and especially enjoyed her garden and backyard full of flowers.

The light of her life was her family. Erika, also known as Dodo or Amma, loved nothing more than planning and cooking her family dinners. There was always a pot of chicken soup on the stove, an apple pie waiting to be baked, or a freezer full of family-favourites to be pulled out on any occasion. Erika especially enjoyed the time she had with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing made her happier than watching them play in her backyard. And

what fun they had.

We have been so blessed to hear all the tributes from loved ones that have described her perfectly. She is remembered as amazing, kind, beautiful, radiating happiness, wonderful, a sweet lady, caring, most-giving, friendly, considerate, devoted to her family and special friends. She will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

Erika recently said that "she had a wonderful life with her family and friends". She was fascinated by the pictures in the clouds and we will always think of her as we watch them. We hope she was able to pass through and touch the clouds on her way to Heaven.

A private family ceremony will be held and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date, when restrictions allow.

We would like to thank the staff at Gimli Johnson Memorial Hospital, Cancer Care Manitoba, and the staff at the MICU - Health Sciences Centre, for their dedicated and kind service to Erika.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice in Erika's honour

**To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me**  
When I am gone, release me. Let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy, we had so many years.  
I gave you my love and you can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I traveled alone.  
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless those memories in your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me  
I'll be near, and if you listen  
With your heart, you'll hear,  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come  
this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
"Welcome Home".

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



## OBITUARY

**Helen Danielson**

August 5, 1933 - June 16, 2020

Peacefully, with her family by her side, Helen Danielson passed away at the age of 86, on June 16, 2020, after a lengthy and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She leaves to mourn her beloved husband of almost 52 years, Gordon; her children Norman and Julie, and son-in-law Jim Kopnitski. She also leaves to mourn her sister June Marchant (Joseph Marchant, deceased) of Winnipeg, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom was predeceased by her parents William and Janet Orr.

Born in Hong Kong, China on August 5, 1933, Mom was the youngest daughter of William and Janet. William was stationed in Hong Kong as chief engineer of the S.S. Shuntien in the Royal Merchant Navy. Shortly before the invasion of Hong Kong by the Japanese, William arranged for the family's safe passage back to Scotland. William joined the war effort and was on duty in the Mediterranean Sea when his ship was sunk off the coast of Tobruk, Libya on December 23, 1941.

Helen was educated at Kowloon Junior School in Hong Kong, and then attended Glasgow High School for girls before enrolling in the Glasgow School of Art. After school Mom was employed as a commercial artist at the Electricity board in Glasgow. She immigrated to Canada in 1964 where she lived and worked in Winnipeg for Baker & Sons Printers, as a proofreader, before taking a position as secretary for Doctors Pearson and Beighton at their Winnipeg clinic.

Mom married Dad in 1968, setting up a home on the family farm.

Mom loved life, fun and music. She was endlessly creative. Family births and celebrations saw posters, ceramics and various hand-made decorations. Mom spent hours painting, drawing, knitting, crafting and baking, but her biggest love was her family. Her loss after almost 10 years at the Arborg Personal Care Home was tremendous but we are certain she's now at peace.

The family wish to thank the nurses, doctors, aides, cleaning and kitchen staff at the PCH who made Mom one of their "family".

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

"Speed bonny boat like a bird on the wing... over the sea to Skye"

Love you always, darling.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

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## OBITUARY

**Sigvaldason, Adalsteinn**

1921 - 2020

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of our beloved father and Afi, Adalsteinn (Steini) Octavius Sigvaldason, at the age of 98, on June 12, 2020 at Citadel Care Home in St. Albert, AB.

Steini is survived by his wife, Margaret; 3 daughters, Beverly (Raymond), Connie (Perry), and Ardis (Michael) and granddaughters, Ashley and Jessica.

Steini was born in Geysir, MB to Gudmundur and Steinunn. He married Margaret Eastman in 1963. In 1946, Steini went to Edmonton to earn Diesel and Auto Mechanics certificates. He also worked for several years on Lake Winnipeg, sometimes freighting fish and logs, and one time he was an engineer on a lake freighter. A self starter, he bought his own bulldozer and cleared land for

nearby farmers, as well.

Steini took over our family farm, Fogruvellir. He was a cattle and grain farmer until he retired and sold the farm when he was 72 in 1992. After that, he and Margaret moved to West St. Paul. He enjoyed a couple of acres of land with 4 garages so he could keep doing his favourite hobby, which was woodworking. In 2003, Steini and Margaret moved to Alberta to be nearer to us and our families.

Steini started making furniture when we were growing up. He equipped us with beautiful desks, dressers and more. In the winter, we could hear the saw going in the basement and we were always excited to discover who would receive the next project when it was complete. Over the years he also began to build purple martin bird houses. He was so proud when someone would drive by and stop to ask where they could purchase one of the bird houses he had on his lawn. He never had to advertise.

Steini also loved wrestling. When wrestling was on TV, we had two choices, we could join in or we could leave the room. Steini went to many wrestling matches in Winnipeg and he knew all the wrestling stars by name.

Young at heart and never afraid to try something new, Steini rode the rollercoaster at West Edmonton Mall when he was in his late 70's. He even tried out water-skiing. When he was 92, he rode on a Sea-doo for the first time. He always liked to be busy and productive, so he always enjoyed helping us and our families in many practical ways. Steini mowed the lawn at Connie's acreage even into his early 90's.

Steini spent the last few years of his life at the Citadel Long Term Care Home in St. Albert. He made many friends there and he was well liked. His daily ritual always included a bag of Lays chips and a bottle of pop. Everyone knew of his fondness for sweets. Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Citadel for all the kindness and compassion shown to Steini over the years.

We are grateful for all the moments and memories. We are deeply saddened by his passing and we wish him peace. Góða nótt.

In respect to COVID-19, Funeral Services were held privately on June 22, 2020. Family and friends can watch the service online anytime at: <https://www.connelly-mckinley.com/obituaries/adalsteinn-sigvaldason/>

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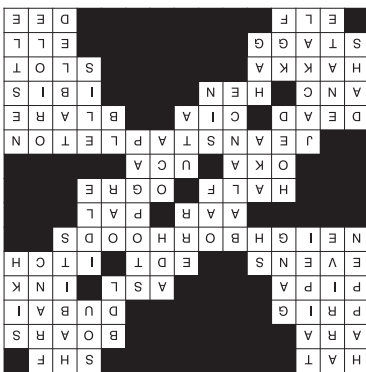
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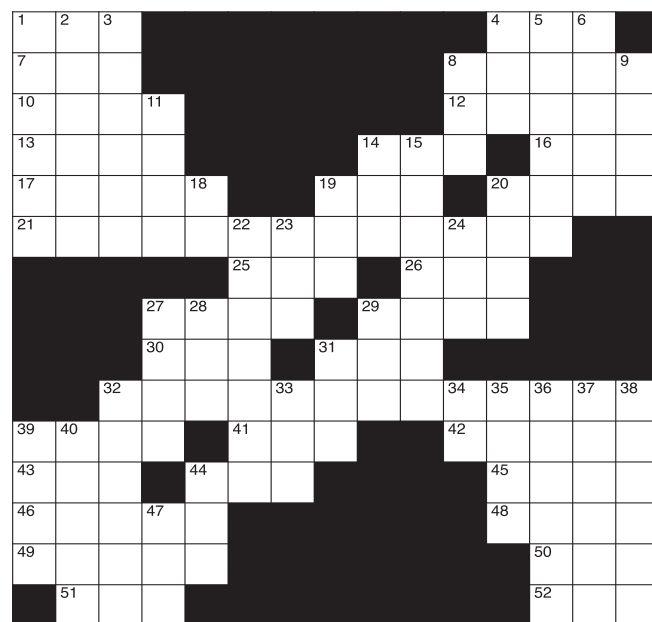
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