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Hundreds came out Sunday afternoon to celebrate Collection Car Appreciation Day on Gimli's Main Street. The car show featured the usual classics. Ford Mustangs, Chevrolet Corvettes and Chevelles, Pontiac Firebirds and Dodge Challengers from the '50s and '60s were all well represented. The cars weren't the only throwbacks either — music from Billy Joel, Chuck Berry, Bruce Springsteen and David Bowie echoed around the event from carefully placed speakers.

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# Gimli's Country Boy restaurant revives a cool pre-pandemic tradition

By Patricia Barrett

The owner of the Country Boy restaurant in Gimli revived a very cool pre-pandemic tradition this year that saw no arguments from students at Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School.

Kiki, who runs the downtown restaurant, helped celebrate the end of the students' academic year by treating them to free ice cream cones.

A restaurant patron said Kiki told her earlier this year that she'd love to treat the youngsters again, and she reached out to SSES to see if it was possible to organize.

"Kiki has been offering free ice cream to our elementary school for several years," said Chantale Yaremkiewich. "Of course, when COVID struck, this all got put on hold."

With COVID numbers holding steady and provincial health restrictions lifted, the students swung by Country Boy a few weeks ago and were treated to a wide variety of ice cream flavours.

"I like to give ice cream to the kids because they come here and they're so happy," said Kiki. "It was my husband's idea. We did this for almost 30 years."

Kiki said she kept up the tradition after her husband Paul passed away, and she missed treating the early



Country Boy has a wide variety of hard ice cream flavours, including strawberry, rainbow, and rum and raisin, as well as soft ice cream and sundaes.

years school kids during the COVID pandemic.

"It has been two years since I can give the kids ice cream," she said. "I love the kids — that's why I do this and they're so happy."

Country Boy is located at 78 First Ave., across from the Lakeview Resort. It offers lunch, supper and ice cream treats.

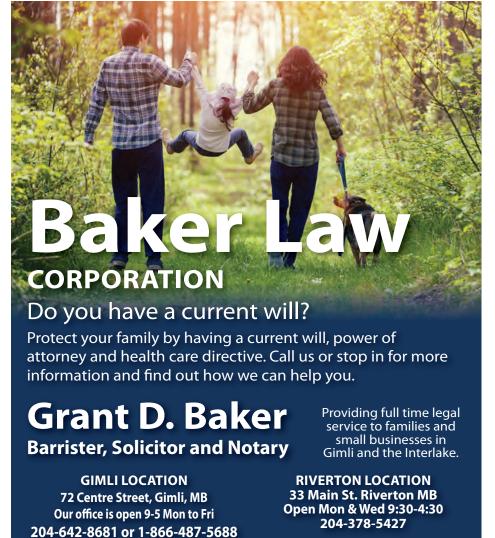


Country Boy owner, Kiki, with two SSES students.



**EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHANTALE YAREMKIEWICH** 

Country Boy restaurant owner Kiki (back, right) with students from Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School. Kiki treats the youngsters to free ice cream at the end of the school year.





# A summer of music in the Interlake

#### By Autumn Fehr

With summer in session, it's time to kickstart summer programs and activities, like festivals and concerts.

For the Eriksdale Music and Picture Frame Shop, this means providing a summer filled with music for everyone in the Interlake.

In July, Eriksdale Music and Picture Frame Shop will host two-week summer music camps for guitar and ukulele: July 11 to 15 and July 18 to 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Beginning or experienced players or anyone in between are welcome to register. The classes will be taught by Derrick McCandless, an experienced musician and co-owner of the shop alongside Dawn Mills.

"I love music and love playing music. I would like young people to experience it and start their musical journey and have fun as well. It's not about making anyone a star or anything. I think everyone should have music in their life," said McCandless.

Although McCandless has been doing lessons since they moved to Eriksdale a year and a half ago, he said the camp would be four hours of intense training every day to help build the skill set of players.

"It's kind of like a music boot camp where you get a huge amount of information in the week that you should be able to play guitar or ukulele by the time you are done," said McCandless.

The camps are also a follow-up to the school program that McCandless started this year with the Eriksdale elementary school that he did once a week for half an hour.

At the end of it, they had a big show at the shop on June 16 to showcase what they had learned.

"For many of those kids, it was the beginning of their music, so we wanted to continue that," said Mills.

The camp is also a fundraiser for the ROGerKimLee Eriksdale music festival, which will take place from Aug. 19 to 21.

Private lessons taught by McCandless will resume in the fall.

The music lessons are an opportunity for family and friends to join together in music while also learning something new or improving an existing skillset.

Registration for music camp can be done at www.eriksdalemusicshop.ca

or by contacting Derrick McCandless at 431-334-7558. The camp fee is \$150.

To wrap up the first week of music camp, the shop will host an evening concert on July 15 at 7:30 p.m.

"It's to give people in the music camp an inspiration or incentive," said McCandless.

Bobby Dove, Americana country singer and songwriter, will perform songs from her 2021 album, Hopeless Romantic, co-produced with Bazil Donovan of Blue Rodeo.

Dove was in the Winnipeg Folk Festival lineup this year and has recently relocated to Sandy Hook.

The concert will take place on the new outdoor stage at the Eriksdale Music Shop at 58 Vimy Rd., where Dove will perform two 45-minute

McCandless has always hosted onthe-road musicians wherever he has

"It's just something that we do. We plan to have quite a few more special people that travel through. We are supporters and members of the arts," said McCandless.

On the evening of the concert, the music camp group will also put on a small concert for everyone to showcase what they've learned.

Tickets are \$15, and they can be bought at www.eriksdalemusicshop. ca or by contacting Derrick McCandless at 431-334-7558.



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# Province's Kilkenny Drain continues to flood RM of Fisher landowner

Replacement culverts sitting in a meadow for over a decade

#### By Patricia Barrett

A landowner and beekeeper in the Rural Municipality of Fisher is calling for upgrades to the Kilkenny Drain, a major provincial drain, after years of periodic flooding.

Garry Tanchak, whose land runs parallel to the drain, said a few weeks ago he and his family experienced fairly significant overland flooding not the first time their land has flooded — after the Kilkenny Drain rose to maximum capacity for "no reason he could see" and overflowed a day later when the area received about four inches of rain June 21.

"The drain has been an ongoing issue in this area. My yard site is under

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water right now. All the buildings have water in them," said Tanchak on June 24. "I have stuff floating in my shop, and I have to keep the doors closed to keep it from floating away. The grain bins are, fortunately, emp-

He had to scramble to save his bees from drowning after the water rose.

"I never thought I'd be pulling beehives at 1:30 a.m. after the water came up. I had to get in the tractor and drive through the water to higher ground. It got to the point, 'Where can I even move them?' Where we used to feed cattle, it's a little higher, so I moved the bees there. But the water is creeping up to them and it's questionable. It has been a little bit stressful for me and it's heartbreaking when you're pulling bees out of the water. To me, they're like small animals."

Bees across the board didn't do well over the winter, he said, and he worries about whether he can build up his



**EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GARRY TANCHAK** 

Carry Tanchak's yard was completely flooded late last month after the Kilkenny Drain rose.



Tanchak's property was turned into a lagoon, and the farmer who rents his land hasn't been able to seed.

hives with all the flooding the region is now experiencing. At a bee auction in Brandon in May, there were very few nucleus colonies — colonies created from larger colonies — available and they were going for as high

as \$700 when they were about \$200 a few years ago.

He said the Kilkenny Drain, whose upkeep is the responsibility of the

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# Collector Car Appreciation Day celebrated in Gimli July 10

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# Manitoba COVID cases this week; other provinces enter new waves of infection

**By Patricia Barrett** 

As some Canadian provinces head into new waves of COVID-19 infections and rising hospitalizations, Manitoba continues to chart a steady course, according to the provincial government's restricted testing regime.

For the period June 26 to July 2, the province's COVID surveillance report shows 125 new cases of the virus based on another decrease in the volume of restricted PCR lab tests. The province doesn't track rapid antigen test results. Its data is an undercount of the true number of infections.

The province also reported 46 new hospital admissions, of which seven people required intensive care treatment, and one death.

Manitoba's COVID death toll now stands at 2,047, an increase of four deaths from the previous week's death toll report of 2,043.

Omicron subvariants BA4 and BA5, which have been confirmed in Winnipeg's wastewater, are able to sidestep immunity generated from previous infections. They can re-infect people several times.

Ontario confirmed last week it's in

Figure 2. Sex and Age Distribution of COVID-19 Cases, Manitoba, March 1, 2020 – July 2, 2022

All Cases

Cases This Week

80+

70-7960-6950-5950-5950-5910-1920-2910-194=9Number of Cases

Male

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Provincial data show all cases by age and sex since March 2020, as well as cases between June 26 and July 2, 2022, which include infections in children nine years of age and younger.

its seventh COVID wave, with infections spiking in long-term care facilities and some doctors asking for the return of mandatory vaccination of health-care staff. British Columbia entered its third omicron wave last week, with hospitalizations increasing by 35 per cent over the previous

Other health news:

The Public Health Agency of Canada reported 97 additional cases of monkeypox. There were 375 cases reported, with 248 in Quebec, 101 in Ontario, 18 in British Columbia and eight in Alberta as of July 8. There were 278 cases as of June 29.

# letter to the editor

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# Golf carts not allowed on provincial and municipal roads

Driving golf carts on provincial and municipal roads is not permitted under The Highways Traffic Act. Yet the RCMP detachment in Gimli and the RM of Gimli are each absolving themselves of any responsibility for enforcing the law and consequently allowing many people to drive their golf carts all over the communities south of Arnes.

I am a property owner in Bayshore Heights in the RM of Gimli. I have had several encounters with golf carts being driven by children and teenagers who should not be driving any motorized vehicles on our roads. Adults, too, "cruise" through our neighbourhood on carts unabashedly.

- Irwin Corobow

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# Manitoba government ensuring free private well water testing

#### **Submitted by Manitoba government**

In response to widespread flooding, the Manitoba government is providing additional support to private well and cistern owners by fully subsidizing costs associated with water supply testing, Environment, Climate and Parks Minister Jeff Wharton announced Friday.

"Our government recognizes that spring flooding has caused many challenges for Manitoba homeowners and we are here to offer our support," said Wharton. "All Manitobans with a private water system affected by flooding should test their water once floodwaters recede to help keep their loved ones safe."

Free water testing for private well and cistern owners will be available at Horizon Lab Ltd. Costs will be waived for private well and cistern owners for drinking water tested between April 1 and Aug. 31. Individuals who previously paid for their water tests at Horizon Lab in Winnipeg are eligible for reimbursement.

"We encourage everyone with a private water system that may have been affected by flooding, to test their water once flood waters recede, to ensure their drinking water is safe during a season of elevated risk," said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. "Preventing the risk of waterborne disease is important, and

we want well and cistern owners to take steps to protect themselves."

Manitobans are reminded to test their private water supply at least once a year and after flooding, noted the minister. Homeowners who suspect their well or cistern might be compromised by flooding should have their water tested for bacteria once floodwaters recede and boil their drinking water until testing confirms it is safe to use.

Indicators that a water well may have been affected by flooding in-

- a change in the taste, odour or appearance of the well water;
- laboratory tests show bacteria in

the well water or other wells nearby; and

- water lying around the well head or collecting in the well pit or around other wells nearby.

In order to be eligible for this subsidy, samples must be sent to Horizon Lab Ltd. at 4055 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3K 2E8. For information on reimbursement of prior testing, as well as sample collection, shipping and test results, contact the laboratory directly at 204-488-2035.

A Flooding and Well Water Safety fact sheet and other flood-related information, is available at: www.gov. mb.ca/asset library/en/spring outlook/wellwater\_safety\_factsheet.pdf.

# letter to the editor

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## Night hunting; a dangerous practice in built-up areas

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF), of which I am a member, recently announced that they are intervening in the court case (Queen's Bench file number CI22-01-34450) regarding Peguis First Nation challenging the Government of Manitoba to overturn the provincial rules prohibiting night hunting. The MWF press release notes "The Peguis First Nation is challenging the province's authority under the Wildlife Act to limit and regulate the extremely dangerous practice of spotlighting on both Crown and private lands."

Early in the term of the Progressive Conservative government, Premier Pallister and his government became determined to control the dangerous

and unethical practice of night hunting. It must be noted that night hunting had been a serious issue for years but the previous NDP government, for reasons known only to them, refused to deal with this dire public safety issue.

While we all acknowledge that rights-based hunters have special rights to harvest game, efforts to curtail the practice of night hunting has one objective — to ensure public safety. This issue has nothing to do with Treaty rights. Period. In 2016, when night hunting issues was at its zenith, MWF called for an outright ban on night hunting in populated areas of Manitoba after receiving multiple examples of terrified rural residents hearing shots at night near their homes and farms. There was even an incident where a bullet pierced a living room wall of a rural residence while the homeowner was home. And let me make one thing perfectly clear: no one knows who is responsible for this incident or any

other; it could have been anyone. But no matter who pulls the trigger, night hunting is inherently dangerous.

After the MWF press release regarding their intention to intervene was circulated, a rural resident in the northern Interlake noted:

"I received an email stating you folks were looking to get involved in this Peguis issue. My husband and I live near Peguis. It makes me uncomfortable knowing that if I want to walk on my property at night, I could encounter either hunters not respecting my no trespassing signs or catching a stray bullet. The highways in this area are busy as well. I'd hate to see someone hurt due to carelessness. Thank you for championing for the little guys.

Sincerely,

A grateful farmer and hunter."

Many Indigenous hunters are strongly opposed to night hunting and view the practice as both unethical and unsafe. One Indigenous hunter noted in a Facebook post:

"As an Indigenous hunter myself, I

still don't think night hunting is an ethical and safe practice. Maybe if it was bows only, it would be different, but even in daytime there are a lot of people who should not have rifles."

Since the Province of Manitoba placed a greater emphasis on the enforcement of the prohibition on night hunting, there has been a marked decline in dangerous night hunting activities reported by rural residents. As a passionate deer hunter myself, with a family that lives in rural Manitoba and basically eats only wild game, I value my time in the field and all opportunities to safely and effectively harvest game.

My fondest wish would be that ALL hunters co-operate to deliver effective wildlife management and participate in safe hunting practices by eliminating night hunting. Abundant wildlife and the elimination of night hunting will mean wild game and safety for all, now and into the future.

- Robert D. Sopuck

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# Arborg trap shooter goes full bore in the 2022 Canadian Trapshooting Championships

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg's Katie Jones brought home the hardware after excelling in a number of events in the Canadian Trapshooting Championships a few weeks ago.

Jones had been chosen to shoot as part of a five-person Manitoba team at the event, which was held in Calgary from June 29 to July 3.

"Patrick Lamont [trap shooter from Brandon] put together the team before the championships. The team was composed of him, his dad, me, and shooters from Arborg and Winnipeg. It was super exciting. I'm still stoked about it. It's the first year I ever got picked to be on the provincial team and we won as the provincial team," said Jones last week. "It has been an amazing year for me. I've had so much success in competitions."

Shooting in Class AA for the Christos Tsementzis Singles event on July 1, Jones hit 100 clay targets, earning a perfect score of 100, despite nursing a sinus and head cold.

"I won the Singles. I broke all 100 targets, ending up with a perfect score," said Jones. "Incredible concentration, that's what it took. And every competitor has their day. The weather was nice that day and it just felt like it was working; me and the gun aimed together."

The win in the Singles event bumped Jones up from Class AA (double A) to Class AAA (triple A), which is "as high as you can go, so I'm super pumped," she said.

In addition to shooting in a class, Jones also shoots in a category called "Lady" and said there are some "really good" women competitors out there

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Katie Jones won the Canadian championship for women's singles for a second year in a row.

"During the main shooting events on the weekend, which is called the

Canadian Singles Championships, I shot a 196, which won my Lady category," she said. "I had won that the year before last — there was no competition last year because of COVID — so I'm super pumped about that, too."

She said she didn't shoot very well on Sun-

day during the Doubles Championship — shooting two clay targets released simultaneously — but still "somehow won my Lady category with a 91," she said. "I was very disappointed with that score because it was below my normal scoring."



**EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATIE JONES** 

Katie Jones was part of a five-person provincial team that won the Canadian Trapshooting Championships in Calgary a few weeks ago.

Overall, she said she placed sixth in the competition.

Jones says she gets to travel a lot to different cities, including those in the U.S., to take part in competitions. She'll be competing in Wisconsin this week

Jones runs Katie's Firearm Safety & Shooting Lessons near Arborg. She teaches people how to shoot, how

to handle a gun safely and helps people earn the right to own a gun licence. She said she and her dad built a clubhouse, a trapshooting field and machines that launch the targets.

"I teach full bore in the fall because I compete all summer and I don't have a lot of

time," she said. "I teach PAL [possession and acquisition licence or gun licence] courses and how to safely use a firearm."

The Canadian Firearm Safety Course is a federally required course that typically takes a day to complete.



Katie Jones' medals.

People wanting to apply for a PAL for a restricted or non-restricted firearm must complete the safety course and test.

Jones also offers a shooting course specifically for women that is taught by her and her sister.

"These courses really do well. Women don't have to feel pressured to perform. Everyone is here to learn," she said.

Jones will be offering upcoming firearm safety courses in Teulon (restricted PAL) on July 20 and in Arborg (non-restricted PAL) on Aug. 21.

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# Gimli grad receives prestigious Queen's University scholarship

By Autumn Fehr

Queen's University has always been one of Elisee Moore's dream schools.

Coming from a small town and not having as many opportunities for academics, Moore wasn't expecting much to change when she applied for the Chernoff Family Award from Queen's University.

To her surprise, on Feb. 24, Moore came out as one of the nine recipients of the award.

"I didn't expect to be the winner of the award coming from a small town and not having too many options for advanced classes to take," said Moore, a recent graduate from Gimli High School.

Ever since she was young, Moore has wanted to follow a career path that would allow her to work with

This four-year program will prepare Moore for entering medical school, where she aspires to be a pediatrician.

It wasn't until about two years ago that Moore started to consider following the path of a pediatrician as she started to get interested in the medical field.

"We hear about it a lot in our school." They have people come in and talk about becoming a nurse," said Moore. She later decided that becoming a pediatrician would be the perfect

way to check all the boxes — being a part of the medical field and, most importantly, staying connected with children in her career path.

The Chernoff Family Award is one of the most prestigious awards Queen's University offers and is valued at

"I felt honoured to be able to accept it," said Moore.

Since Moore has always dreamed of going to Queen's University, she stumbled upon the award while looking at the list of major scholarships offered by the university on their web-

To apply for the award, she had to submit an application, write two essays and answer some personal questions about her community involve-

The criteria for the award is a student who demonstrates superior academic capability, proven leadership qualities and creative thinking — her application had to reflect these quali-

After the Dec. 8, 2021, deadline, it was a waiting game, until she found out a few months later that she would get to pursue her aspirations by attending her dream university, with tuition paid for.

"At first I wasn't sure if I was going to accept my Queen's offer, but I ended up taking it," said Moore.

Moore's \$48,000 award will be distributed over the four years, which means she will receive \$12,000 each year, covering her yearly tuition of almost \$7,300 and contributing to the costs of living away from home.

The Moores were told by the university that the acceptance rate for this program is around 3.25 per cent of all applications received.

According to Moore, this year, over 6,000 applications were received for the program, with only 170 seats available.

Queen's University is located in Ontario, which means Moore will be moving away from home for the first time.

Moore will be living in residence with a roommate from Ontario for the duration of her four-year Queens University honours bachelor of health science program.

"It's a very competitive program and has good pre-med, so I was driven to go there as they also have a strong med school. I thought it would be appropriate to start my pre-med over there and hopefully move up into their med school," said Moore.

Moore said that she was drawn to the school's spirit, how communitydriven it is and that it has a lot of extracurriculars she can take.



**EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED** 

Gimli high school grad Elisee Moore will pursue a career in the medical field, with hopes to become a pediatrician.

Back in September 2021, Moore visited the campus along with her dad and his friend.

Moore liked how the campus was off the water and how it's close to the downtown central Kingston area.

She wants to thank her teacher Lisa Pidwinski for writing her the reference letter for the scholarship and for encouraging her to apply.

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provincial government, handled the snowmelt and the subsequent spring rainfalls this year before it mysteriously rose to capacity then flooded his land, which is about seven miles west of Fisher Branch.

The province had announced it would improve the Kilkenny Drain in 2006, and Tanchak said he was "more than willing" to sell some land to the province so that it could upgrade the drain. But the project didn't proceed. Replacement culverts had been brought to a field about three miles south of Tanchak's property and they've been sitting there ever since.

"Those culverts have been sitting in that meadow prior to the 2011 flooding. The infrastructure upgrades were supposed to have been made prior to 2011, but they weren't and we went through that [2011] flood. Nothing's been done since. And 11 years later we're dealing with the same issue again."

The municipality brought a tractor and a pump to his property to help stabilize the water level in his yard, but a "lack of resources and equipment is hindering them from doing more."

"The water hasn't dropped significantly," he said. "From what I've heard, there may have been something opened up somewhere along the line to relieve the volume of water, and that's keeping the water levels at my place where they are right now. It's just bottlenecking to the north and we're like a lagoon here."

Tanchak said he rents out his cultivated land, but the person farming it hasn't been able to seed, and that will only add to food production woes in the waterlogged northern Interlake.

"He wasn't able to get on the land because of the drain spilling over. There are natural runs in the quarter, and the water level even prior to the rain was high enough that it was spilling onto the property and travelling through those runs," said Tanchak. "There was no chance he could even spray it, let alone plant it. It probably would have been a good cash crop in a year like this, after the drought we had and especially with the global issues we're having in Ukraine and Russia and the shortage of wheat."

In addition to the flooding of his property, Tanchak said a road to the north and south of his farm is washing out and could potentially "cut off seven-plus households in this area."

He said he contacted agriculture minister and Interlake-MLA Derek Johnson's office about the drain and the flooding it's causing but got passed around."

"We really need to improve this drain here. I'm all for infrastructure improvement; I've got no beef against that," he said. "We were upset then, before 2011, that those infrastructure improvements hadn't been made. After 2011 we figured for sure something would be done, but it just fell by the wayside or was ignored. When I'm dealing with this on an ongoing basis, you question whether investment in the farm is worthwhile."

The Express reached out to the chief administrative officer and the Reeve of the RM of Fisher, as well as Tanchak's municipal councillor, but no response was received by

A spokesperson for the department of agriculture said the Kilkenny Drain upgrade had been planned for 2010 but was "reconsidered" because of downstream concerns along the Fisher River.

"The nature and scope of such a project can be reassessed when Manitoba works collaboratively with the federal government in its flood mitigation measures in Peguis First Nation," said the spokesperson. "As always, the complexity of regional, upstream and downstream implications need to be worked through when developing flood mitigation projects, and the timeline of such developments may be impacted by the intensity and amount of flooding recently experienced."



#### **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI OPEN HOUSE Arnes Lutheran Pioneer Memorial Church**

The Municipality is hosting a community meeting for public consultation prior to rendering a final decision on the application from the Arnes Lutheran Church Board regarding relocation of the Arnes Lutheran Pioneer Memorial Church to the Heritage Village in Arborg.

Date: July 17th, 2022 Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Arnes Community Hall, 20005 Arnes Rd. (Rd 122N)

# Winnipeg Folk Festival sees huge crowds after two years absent

After a two-year hiatus, one of Manitoba's most beloved outdoor music festivals was back and jam-packed with music, food and people.

The Winnipeg Folk Festival was held July 7 to 10 at Birds Hill Provincial Park. The smell of sunscreen, bug spray and wet grass was in the air after the Thursday rain. However, the rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Lawn chairs were spread in front of stages, people were carefree and smiling, and food and the sound of music was all around.

Bands worldwide came to play their music for people, including Japanese Breakfast, Boy Golden, the Blind Boys of Alabama, The Strumbellas, and Portugal. The Man.

The festival kicked off Thursday evening with performances from Sweet Alibi, Allison Russell, Weyes Blood. The party continued Friday at 11 a.m. and went late into the night as The Strumbellas serenaded thousands. Saturday ended with Portugal. The Man and Tash Sultana closed off the festival Sunday with an 8:50 p.m. performance.

Festival-goers had their choice of 10 stages to visit, almost all of which



Ifriqiyya Electrique performed on the Snowberry Field stage Friday.

were going at the same time — the main stage, Big Blue @ Night, Big Bluestem Stage, Bur Oak Stage, Green Ash Stage, Little Stage in the Forest, Shady Grove Stage, Snowberry Field Stage, Spruce Hollow Stage, Main Stage — Tweener and the Chickadee Big Top. There was also Folk School, which had continuous workshops for aspiring musicians. The main stage was where the main attractions per-



**EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BECCA MYSKIW** 

A total of 75,000 festival-goers attended the Winnipeg Folk Festival this past weekend.

This year, the Winnipeg Folk Festival partnered with Little Brown Jug, a local brewing company that supplied the beer to the fully licensed park. This was the first year that allowed adults to take their drinks with them to the various stages.

The festival saw an astronomical number of people, with 75,000 tickets sold in total. The Folk Festival was one of the first music festivals since the COVID pandemic shut everything down. Seventy performing artists had a chance to take to the stage and perform live again, while making money and crowd connections, two things that keep them going. People could buy camping tickets, weekend passes, single-day tickets or just donate to the festival if they couldn't go. On Friday of the festival, all full weekend passes, including the camping ones, were sold out.

Festival-goers did not have to show proof of vaccination to enter the event this year, but all volunteers, festival workers, artists, media, backstage guests and vendors did.

# **Minerva Ladies Aid holding its 100th** anniversary celebration this Saturday

By Patricia Barrett

Minerva Ladies Aid is celebrating its postponed 100th birthday this Saturday afternoon with a look back in time, entertainment and food, and is inviting anyone in the community associated with the Minerva Hall to join them.

President Charlotte Douglas said the organization turned 100 years old on May 9, 2020, but COVID-19 prevented them from holding a celebration. With a temporary reprieve in the virus' advance in Manitoba, the organization is set to celebrate its storied history.

"We're inviting anybody who had or has an association with Minerva Hall to join our get-together at Minerva Hall on July 16," said Douglas.

In 1914, the Young People's Society of Minerva was formed, and club members decided to build a hall to host community events such as dances, plays and parties. Carpenters Simbi Josephson and Mundi Narfason, with help from club members, completed the hall two years later. In

1972, a new hall was built when the original building began to deteriorate, according to a history Douglas wrote in 2020.

The Minerva Ladies Aid organization originally started out as the United Farm Women of Gimli in 1920. The Farm Women's mandate was to offer programs of common interest to the community, help educate the community through libraries and education programs, take part in social programs and services in the community, support political parties that backed the welfare of farmers, support youth and establish good relations in the community.

In 1939 the organization's name was changed to Minerva Ladies Aid with their guiding principles similar to the original group's. The organization supports many causes in the community through donations and provides volunteer support.

This Saturday's event includes traditional Ladies Aid fare, a welcom-



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# Life isn't about 'the small stuff,' celebrate the important things

It was the first time the Fisher Branch graduates were able to celebrate with family and friends in two years.

The 2022 graduates entered the high school gym to Thomas Rhett's "Remember You Young," marching towards a stage with nine chairs. One chair was symbolically placed — at centre stage — with a graduation cap hanging from the top while the other eight were for the grads.

Donna Gislason, vice-principal and teacher, acted as the emcee for the ceremonies. Before the graduates entered the gym, Gislason gave a Treaty acknowledgement and then introduced each one. She then drew the guest's attention to the empty chair in the middle of the class.

"You will notice there is an empty chair on the stage with a graduation hat," said Gislason, her voice quivering with emotion. "This hat and chair holds a place and special memory for Ben Grocholski, who passed away last year. Ben was a member of this class and he would've graduated today with his friends. Ben is a hero to us all. Please let us give a standing ovation that Ben deserves."

The audience and graduates rose to their feet, applauding Grocholski an actor, model and avid volunteer.

Gislason was followed by a fellow teacher Amanda Bouchard, chosen by the grads as their guest speaker.

Bouchard said she had "worked with all the grads at one time or another," and she addressed each graduate individually, mentioning their personalities and strengths. Finally, she spoke about the graduating class as a group.

"As a whole, you are probably known as one of our quieter groups, yet always kind and generous to other people around you."

Bouchard demonstrated life with rocks, pebbles and sand, making a jar of life. A jar of rocks sat on a table representing the "important stuff," such as "your family, your faith, your physical and mental health, your faith and passion. Pebbles — jobs, food, shelter, vehicles — were added to the jar. Bouchard asked the grads if the jar was full, and they said, "No." She filled the rest of the space with sand, but a full jar doesn't mean "a full life."

"The sand is the small stuff and our material possessions," said Bouchard. "Far too often, graduates, we let the small stuff fill our jars to the max without even realizing it. When we allow that to happen, we have no room for the big stuff. The really important stuff. Spend your energy on the big rocks; they matter the most. The reality is the rest is just pebbles and sand,

and it will always find a spot around what really matters."

Bouchard called these the "jar of life" and she made one for each of the graduates.

A PowerPoint presentation documented the graduates' journey through high school on trips and at the school. Then principal Joel Matheson presented the awards and diplomas to the graduates. Matheson forgot to flip the first graduate's tassel, and a voice could be heard off stage reminding him — drawing laughter from the audience.

Former Fisher Branch Collegiate principal Shaun Lindal awarded the Lakeshore School Division proficiency trophy and award to Shelby-Lynn Prus-Olson. Within the division, a student is chosen by their classmates. For the proficiency competition, Prus-Olson delivered a five-minute speech then answered five impromptu questions from Lakeshore trustees. The answers and speeches are given points, and Prus-Olson was first overall in the division. For this achievement, Prus-Olson will have her name engraved on a large trophy — which she held for a moment at the ceremony — plus a plaque and \$500 from the Lakeshore Division.

The majority of the awards belonged to valedictorian Myx Miranda. After he accepted his diploma from Matheson, vice-principal Gislason — who was announcing the awards — said, "We're going to be awhile here." Among Miranda's list of awards included the Ben Grocholski Memorial award and the Governor General's award.

"It's never too late to do what you love and what you desire," said Miranda in his valedictorian speech.

"Grades 9 and 10 were years we were supposed to try and figure things out for the future," said Miranda. "Some



**EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY DONNA GISLASON** 

All dressed up with somewhere to go. The graduates of Fisher Branch Collegiate left to right, Gracie Abas, Shelby-Lynn Prus-Olson, Keanna Walashek-Nealt, Isiah Purcell, Howard Beaudette, Myx Miranda, Landen Sutherland and Teagan Mann.



Ready to approach the stage. Eight graduates graduated this year from Fisher Branch Collegiate. Left to right: Keanna Walashek-Nealt, Gracie Abas, Shelby-Lynn Prus-Olson, Isiah Purcell, Howard Beaudette, Landen Sutherland, Myx Miranda and Teagan Mann.

of us may have. Some of us, not so much. They might have been a lot of pressure put onto us by ourselves, family or friends to figure something out. But I'm here to tell you none of it matters. It's not too late to change. You might find yourself wanting to do something and completely change that in a couple of years."

Miranda urged the graduates to

'stay true to themselves."

"And to the uncertain future ahead," he said in closing, "I'm sure whatever you throw at us, we will break right through it."

Once proclaimed official graduates, they left the stage to "Life is a Highway" by Rascal Flatts to travel down their next path in life.

#### > LADIES AID, FROM PG. 10

ing speech and introduction of members, items from a display that was exhibited at the New Iceland Heritage Museum and entertainment.

"One of the relatives of a member plays guitar and sings, so we'll be having about 20 minutes of entertainment," said Douglas.

She said they're hoping former members of Minerva Hall and the Minerva 4-H Club will attend the event, which will be held at the hall.

The 100th anniversary celebration takes place Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. Minerva Hall is located at the junction of Minerva Road (Road 109N) and Highway 8 (west side) in the RM of Gimli.

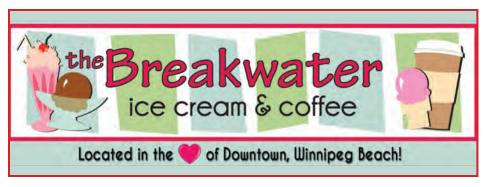
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The founding members of Minerva Ladies Aid, which started out in 1920 as the United Farm Women of Gimli. Front row, left to right: Petra Arnason, Anna Josephson; second row, Sigridur Einarson, Mrs. Christie, Oddfridur Johannson; back row, Lina Anderson, Rikka Johnson, Anna Johannson, Bina Fjelsted and Bina Einarson.



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# **2022 Sail West Regional Championships at Gimli**

#### **Submitted by Sail Manitoba**

Sailors from across Western Canada and the U.S. will gather at Gimli Yacht Club (GYC) on July 15-17 for the Sail Canada Regional Championships and Masters Titles.

Sail Canada's Regional Championships allow sailors to train and compete with high-level sailors in their region. They also assist in developing competitive youth sailors through valuable training and racing experiences.

GYC is no stranger when it comes to hosting big events. As GYC has hosted many regattas since its inception in 1969, most recently the Canada Summer Games sailing in 2017. In 1994, the World Board Sailing championships and two Pan Apt Games sailing competitions were also held at Gimli as were many other regional and national events.

Competitors at Sail West will primarily sail the ILCA (International Laser Class Association) 4.7, Radial, and Standard rigs, the 29er, a two-

person skiff, and the Optimist dinghy, a boat sailed mostly by younger sailors. Since Sail West is an open regatta, other boats like the two-person Club 420, and other dinghies compete as well. The No Coast and Western Canadian Masters Championships are sailed in the ILCA 6 & 7 dinghies.

The ILCA No Coast Masters and Western Canadian ILCA Masters Championships will also be decided. Competitors in those classes are 30 years of age or older.

"Hosting Sail West and the Masters events is a great opportunity to show-case everything we have to offer in this region," said Sail Manitoba executive director Sheila Bellido. Adam Reeder, commodore of Gimli Yacht Club, said, "We were supposed to host Sail West in 2020 and 2021, but the pandemic had other ideas. We're thrilled to be able to host it this year, along with the Masters regattas."

To date, there are entries from all four western provinces as well from the United States.

"HOSTING SAIL WEST AND THE MASTERS EVENTS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY."



# Interlake artist rekindles her craft and love of nature

By Autumn Fehr

Art has been a passion and a part of Megan Parkes' life for as long as she can remember, but it hasn't always been a passion she's been able to pursue seriously.

It wasn't until Grade 8 or 9 when Parkes was 13 or 14 that she started to take art more seriously and considered pursuing it deeper.

However, it wasn't until 2018 that she started commission pieces with the creation of her business, M.lee Art & Design.

In high school, when Parkes was 15 or 16, she entered an Interlake art show in her town of Eriksdale.

A few of the pieces from that show were featured in the Pavilion Art Galleries at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

This was her first entry into the art scene.

Her great-grandmother Margaret did quite a bit of art, and her mom did some crafty projects and painting growing up, which drew her into the art scene.

"Landscape painting was sort of

**EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED** 

Megan Parkes of Eriksdale has 10 pieces on display at Woodlands Gallery in Winnipeg. Left photo, acrylic on canvas; right photo, Winter Tracks was the painting that really made Megan Parkes fall in love with painting landscapes.

something I discovered on my own as well as the graphite work I do," said Parkes.

Her landscape focus comes from her love for Manitoba and growing up in a rural area where those were her sur-



roundings.

"That series is so important because of my love for nature and the land, and I have a lot of agricultural links in my family," said Parkes.

Primarily, she paints with acrylic, creating acrylic landscapes. She also does graphite sketches and custom sketches from time to time, which is where she started the focus of her business.

"I don't like to limit myself to one subject, I like to expand that and ex-

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- Merchant Mall 11:00 am
- Horse Gymkana 11:30 am
- Huge Kids Zone 12:00 pm
- Beer Garden 12:00 pm
- Food Trucks 12:00 pm
- Fire Truck Display 12:00 pm
- Antique Tractor Pull 1:00 pm
- Heartland Rodeo 5:00 pm
- Patio Planter Contest



- Photography Contest
- Coffee & Dainties 12:00 pm
- Western Themed Photo Booth
- Agricultural Display















# SUNDAY, JULY 17

## **Silver Community Centre**

Hwy 7 and Rd 125 N. 4 miles south of Arborg off Hwy 7

### Gates open for breakfast & church at 8:30 am

- Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am
- Cowboy Church 11:00 am
- Merchant Mall 11:00 am
- Kids Zone 12:00 pm
- Beer Garden 12:00 pm
- Food Trucks 12:00 pm
- Tractor Pull 12:00 pm
- Heartland Rodeo 1:00 pm
- Photography Display
- Patio Planter Display
- Agricultural Display
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#### **DISCOVER THE NORTHERN JEWEL**

Make your way north on Highway 10 to **The Pas** and Opaskwayak Cree Nation, neighbours across the Saskatchewan River. Start your exploration in the heart of The Pas—the former courthouse and current Sam Waller Museum. The oldest brick building in Manitoba now houses artifacts detailing the Indigenous history of the area along with Sam Waller's amazingly eclectic collection. See dressed fleas, a Cree syllabic typewriter and a two-headed calf.

The jewel of the North is Clearwater Lake, the dazzling focal point of **Clearwater** Lake Provincial Park, less than 30 minutes from The Pas. The spring-fed lake is crystal clear and its beautiful turquoise colour is beyond impressive. The giant lake takes up almost half of the park with access from sandy beaches as well as public boat launches. Fishing excursions—either on your own or guided with an operator—will likely set you up

near an underwater shelf where large lake trout like to gather. Clearwater Lake is a top choice for fishing year-round.

Another of the park's unique features is a collection of deep crevices, where rocks split from the cliffs along the shoreline, known as the "caves". Follow a short self-guided hiking trail on the lake's south shore and explore the caves from the trail, viewing platforms and stairways.

There are hotels in The Pas as well as the Kikiwak Inn in Opaskwayak Cree Nation. Rent accommodations at one of the lodges in Clearwater Lake Provincial Park, stay in one of the park's campgrounds or opt for one of the yurts (wheelchair accessible options are available). Thirty minutes north from The Pas on Highway 10 is Rocky **Lake**, another favourite destination for water recreation with two resorts offering a range of options, from cabins to seasonal and transient campsites.

## FALL FOR WEKUSKO FALLS

About two hours northeast of The Pas is the town of **Snow** Lake. The town is surrounded by many more beautiful lakes like Herb, Kormans, Tramping and Osborn Lakes.

Learn about the history of this town at the **Snow Lake** Mining Museum. See exhibits of authentic mining equipment. including mock-ups of mining drifts and a mine rescue centre. Relax in the cutest community space, the Ladybug Garden, before checking out Sweet Nothings, where exhibits and creations from local artists

are on display. The town has two hotels as well as bed and breakfast options.

Snow Lake is also just 15 minutes away from **Wekusko** Falls Provincial Park. The park has camping, beaches, hiking, fishing and scenic views from the suspension bridges over the Grass River as it tumbles down 12 metresthe impressive Wekusko Falls. Across the highway is a fullservice lodge, a perfect spot in summer and winter for a fishing trip to catch monster northern pike, walleye and lake trout.





#### **FOLLOW THE GRASS RIVER**

Head back east along Highway 39, this time stopping at **Grass** River Provincial Park. A top paddling destination, the Grass River connects First, Second and Third Cranberry Lakes with the park's large Reed Lake. There are designated backcountry campsites along the routes, but the park also has three camparounds and lodge options. Check out the 3.2-kilometre Karst Spring Trail, a lovely loop that features a spring gushing from the sedimentary rock cliff.

Then continue west toward **Cranberry Portage.** Going

back 2,000 years, this was an important portage route connecting the Grass and Saskatchewan River systems. Learn about the area's history at the carefully restored rail station, home to the **Cranberry** Portage Museum. Stop

by the **Irvin Head Gallery** showcasing Indigenous carvings and paintings by local artists.

In addition to the campgrounds at Grass River Provincial Park, there are a handful of fishing lodges in the area or you can continue on to Bakers Narrow Provincial Park or to a hotel in Flin Flon.



#### THE WATER AND **THE WILD**

#### **Bakers Narrows Provincial**

**↑ Flin Flon** 

**Park** is centred around Lake Athapapuskow, Cree for "rocks all around", this clear blue lake is known for giant lake trout and walleye all yearround. A boat launch in the park provides easy access to the lake or you can opt for a guided trip. The lodge here also offers canoe and kayak rentals. While in the park, keep an eye out for wildlife, like moose, beaver or great blue herons. The park offers camping, including the option to stay in a waterfront yurt.

Next, head to Flin Flon. a charming city built atop volcanic rocks on the Saskatchewan border. Begin your exploration at the statue of Flin Flon's namesakethe fictional Flintabbatev Flonatin from the science fiction novel The Sunless City. Follow Flinty's Boardwalk along Ross Lake, an accessible 2.2-kilometre path. Flinty's Trail begins where the boardwalk

ends—adding another two kilometres along with some amazing views of the city.

Stop into the Flin Flon Station Museum, a former CN Rail station that features artifacts from the city's mining and pioneering history. Visit the **NorVA Centre**—an artist-run studio and gallery cooperative. See local and travelling exhibits and purchase some original art. Check out what's playing at the Big Island Drive In for a retro night under the stars.

In addition to accommodation options at Bakers Narrows Provincial Park and lodges nearby, there is a campground just off Highway 10 as you enter town. Flin Flon also has a number of hotel and motel options.



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#### Wednesday, July 20

#### **Opening Night Film - Band**

Wednesday, July 20, 7 - 10 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### **RBC Sunset Screening: Cast Away**

Wednesday, July 20, 10 PM - Thursday, July 21, 12:45 AM @ RBC Sunset Screening

#### Thursday, July 21

#### **Small Body**

Thursday, July 21, 12 - 2 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **This House (Cette Maison)**

Thursday, July 21, 12:30 - 2:30 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### Flee

Thursday, July 21, 1 - 3 PM @ Gimli Theatre

#### **Young Filmmakers**

Thursday, July 21, 3:15 - 5:15 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### Retrograde

Thursday, July 21, 3:45 - 5:45 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### Still Working 9 to 5

Thursday, July 21, 4:15 - 6:15 PM @ Gimli Theatre

#### **Freeland**

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **Donkeyhead**

Thursday, July 21, 7 - 9 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### **Cliff: Portrait of an Artist**

Thursday, July 21, 7 - 8:30 PM @ Lady of the Lake Theatre

#### Quake (Skjálfti)

Thursday, July 21, 9:45 - 11:45 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **RBC Sunset Screening: Lilo & Stitch**

Thursday, July 21, 10 PM - Friday, July 22, 12:45 AM @ RBC Sunset Screening **Friday, July 22** 

#### **Band**

Friday, July 22, 12 - 2 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### **Geographies of Solitude**

Friday, July 22, 12:30 - 2:30 PM @ Gimli Theatre

#### **Returning Home**

Friday, July 22, 1 - 3 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **WIFC Shorts**

Friday, July 22, 3:15 - 5:15 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### **Girl Picture**

Friday, July 22, 3:45 - 5:45 PM @ Gimli Theatre

#### Shorts 1 - Both Sides Now

Friday, July 22, 4:15 - 6:15 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **Anything Can Happen**

Friday, July 22, 6 - 8 PM @ Lady of the Lake Theatre

#### Wildhood

Friday, July 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

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Friday, July 22, 7 - 9 PM @ Gimli Theatre



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#### Islands

Friday, July 22, 7:30 - 9:30 PM @ Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### Slash/Back

Friday, July 22, 9:45 - 11:45 PM @ Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

#### **RBC Sunset Screening: Mamma Mia!**

Friday, July 22, 10 PM - Saturday, July 23, 12:45 AM @ RBC Sunset Screening

#### Saturday, July 23

#### **RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition**

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#### Rojek

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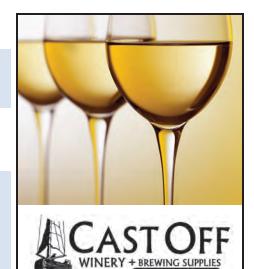
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### Lifesaving Society Manitoba encourages people to 'Be Water Smart'

By Tammy Karatchuk

It's a sombre fact.

Manitoba has the highest rate of children under five drowning per capita per year, making our province the child drowning capital of Canada. The Lifesaving Society Manitoba is working to change this statistic.

National Drowning Prevention Week, running from July 17 to 23, is a countrywide awareness campaign bringing attention to water safety.

"(It's) to highlight drowning prevention," said Dr. Christopher Love, water smart and safety manager co-ordinator for Lifesaving Society Manitoba.

"It's when many people are on vacation, to really emphasize the need for people to think about water safety and doing things that are water-smart when they're boating, swimming, whatever they're doing as their leisure activity during that summer period."

According to Love, the highest fatalities occur near the end of July and the beginning of August in Canada.

"It tends to be the hottest time of the year, so lots of people going in, on or near the water. And it also tends to be when there is a higher level of vacation being taken," said Love, citing reasons for the importance surrounding drowning prevention.

Love said there are several contributing factors for Manitoba's high number of young children drowning.

"Manitoba has so much water," said Love. "We have so many communities in this province that abut right on the water and, therefore, there's easy access."

A lack of adult supervision is another factor.

"Either adults are not present or they are present but are distracted. So those would be two big factors"

While Love couldn't say for sure, "the other thing that has been shown in some other jurisdictions, but we don't have a good handle on it for Canada ... is socioeconomic status of drowning individuals. The lower socioeconomic you are ... generally speaking, there are higher death rates from drowning."

When a fatality occurs in Canada, "we don't get

data on what their income was, what their socioeconomic status was," said Love. "So we can't definitively prove it, but we do know there is a large amount of poverty in Manitoba ... so it's correlation, not causation potentially, so that's a third factor that someone fits in as well ... they're financially stressed. They don't have access to swimming instruction or they don't have access to good quality childcare and those can combine together to mean children are unsupervised around water."

Another factor is improper usage of approved transport Canada life-jackets or personal flotation devices. Life-jackets, the standard orange vests, are puffier than a PFD and they're generally used when fishing or on slower boats. A child shouldn't wear an adult life-jacket because it can slip off. A PFD is tighter on the body and designed for outdoor sports and recreation, such as waterskiing, kayaking and speed boating. However, a life-jacket will turn a person over in the water, even should they're unconscious, something a PFD doesn't offer.

However, neither offers 100 per cent protection.

"Life-jackets or personal floatation devices ... those are great," said Love, "but they never take away from the need for adult supervision; people can still drown in a life-jacket or PFD. It's a layer of protection, but what we want to see is multilayers of protection for people who are in, on or around the water. Adult supervision, active ongoing adult supervision is one layer of protection, wearing an approved floating device is another layer of protection. Taking swimming lessons is a third layer of protection."

Water wings are not recommended because a child's arms can slide out, plus the wings can inhibit their ability to swim. Love stated swimming where a lifeguard is present acts as a "fourth layer of protection."

Another issue is drinking and boating, the equivalent to drinking and driving.

"If you think about the River Rogue or the Paddle-wheel Princess ... those are actually registered commercial craft," said Love. "They can have a licensed bar onboard. But anything that's pleasure craft, even if it's a big 40-foot, 15-, 18-metre yacht on Lake



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A reminder sign in Hecla, stating the importance of life-jackets and PFDs / Submitted by Lifesaving Society Manitoba.

Winnipeg or Lake of the Woods, even if you have someone captaining that for you, it's still a pleasure craft. You can't have open liquor onboard. The only time that open liquor is allowed onboard on a pleasure craft in Canada, by law, is if that craft is anchored or docked, and it also has kitchen (galley) and toilet facilities onboard."

Even when someone who isn't partaking is steering the boat, "there still can be a charge involved."

It's the same a vehicle, stated Love. "I may not be drinking, but if someone is drinking in my car, I'm getting in trouble with the cops. Many people don't understand that your motorboat is considered a motor craft or a motorized vehicle. So, it's a charge that would usually rank with the operation of a motorized vehicle."

If you've had previous DUIs, this could be the last time you're behind a the helm for awhile.

"If you're on a third strike ... potentially if you were caught again and you're in a powerboat, your third strike happened in the powerboat."

The penalties could include losing your driver's licence or impounding your boat or vehicle.

"Besides the fact that it's unsafe (drinking and boating), potentially people can get hurt or die doing it, which is what our big focus is on," said Love.

"We want everyone to be safe. ... I'm not saying don't have a party; just save the party when you're back on dry land at the end of the day."

#### > LOVE OF NATURE, FROM PG. 14

plore. Right now, my focus is landscapes, but in a year, I might be diving into a whole other thing," said Parkes.

For the past year and a half, her focus has been on landscapes and teaching herself how to paint and improving her skills, as she is a self-taught painter.

She started picking away at a few painting pieces she had started a while back, finished them up and grew from there.

Parkes is currently focused on landscapes right now because it is where she is at in her journey as an artist.

Parkes attended Red River College Polytechnic for its graphic design program and graduated in 2015. She said having a background in graphic design and advertising has been helpful in managing her Instagram and website.

"I manage all of my marketing, which is good. It's a nice skill to have because I can market my work a bit better," said Parkes.

After design school, she took a break from art for a few years to go work at Direct Focus Marketing Communications, an ad agency in Winnipeg. Parkes worked in the communications industry for five years before she had her daughter.

"Some things changed, and priorities shifted after having a baby, so I took a long break from art after design school," said Parkes

After stepping away from art when going into design school, Parkes jumped back into the industry with custom portraits and sketches as it was something she was familiar with and skilled at.

On June 25, Parkes had her first solo exhibit at Woodlands Gallery on Academy Road in Winnipeg.

"I had a collection, but I didn't know what to do. I wanted to sell it, but I'm still a new artist and hadn't broken into the art scene yet in Winnipeg," said Parkes.

When Parkes put her collection of paintings together, she started to reach out to different galleries, and Woodlands Gallery got back to her quickly.

So far, four out of her 10 pieces have been sold through the gallery.

"If all goes well, I can potentially end up on their roster of artists and continue to sell my work through the gallery," said Parkes.

Her debut collection of landscape paintings will

be held at the gallery until July 16.

To view her collection, visit the Woodlands Gallery website at woodlandsgallery.com.

Parkes said she continues to do art because it is ingrained in her.

"I just can't stop. I have the itch to create, and I just need to be creative. It's a fundamental piece of who I am," said Parkes.

In the future, Parkes wants to continue to paint, but she also wants to get more into illustration and digital animation.

Some of Parkes's passion projects include creating an ABC book for kids, a cookbook with her sister with some local recipes and a heritage building book of all the heritage buildings in the Interlake.

Parkes appreciates the love and support from her partner, child, family and friends as an upcoming artist.

To check out what Parkes is up to and to support a local artist in your community, visit her website at www.mleeartdesigndesign.com or her Instagram at m.lee\_artdesign.

# SDOPTS&recreation INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

# Lundar's Ward headed to Finland for football

By Brian Bowman

When Canadian athletes play sports in Finland it's usually hockey or rin-

But Lundar's Breanne Ward will be going over there later this month for a different reason. Football.

Ward, along with Grosse Isle's Julie Sprague, will be on Team Canada that will compete at the eight-team 2022 International Federation of American Football.

That's a long way to go to play football.

"In 2017 we had the championships in Langley so we had a short plane trip and I think we have a 10hour flight (to Finland)," said Ward from Dallas, Texas, last week. "But it will be exciting and nice to see a new country."

This will be the second time that Ward will face international competi-

"It was a difficult adjustment (in 2017) because we were so used to playing Canadian rules so for that competition we had to change to NCAA rules. Especially being on the line, that one yard really makes a difference," said Ward, a defensive lineman and long snapper. "Playing the Americans was a very humbling experience but it was really good."

Canada earned a silver at those 2017



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Lundar's Breanne Ward recently won a league championship with the Texas Elite Spartans.

championships, losing to the United States in the final.

The Canadians will be fielding another strong team this year.

"We have a lot of (veterans) on the team but we also have a lot of really young, fast athletes," Ward said. "They're fresh and are all really smart. The football IQ on this team is amazing."

Ward recently had the surreal experience of winning a championship after her Texas Elite Spartans defeated the Utah Falcons 48-12 in the IX Cup Championship in Frisco, Texas, at the Dallas Cowboys' practice stadium.

The Spartans finished the season undefeated. Ward said the league is a very good one and she wishes that every Canadian female football player could enjoy the same experience that she had.

"It was the most amazing experience," Ward said. I've been playing



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for 11 years and we got the silver medal at worlds and that was the closest I have ever been to winning a championship. To finally win one was amazing."

# Stonewall to host 2022 Women's Invitational Tournament

#### Submitted by Patti Hacault

In the 21st century, when athleticism of all types is lauded and encouraged, it has become accepted and more common to see girls on the baseball diamond, playing a man's game. Women are as capable and talented as men playing baseball. They are tough.

Manitobans will have an opportunity to see some of Canada's talented female baseball players in action as Manitoba Girls Baseball Committee in partnership with Manitoba Baseball will host the 2022 Women's Invitational Baseball Tournament at Quarry Park in Stonewall.

This facility, complete with bleacher seating, food concession and sound booth, and Class A diamonds, has been the site for several national tournaments. They have previously hosted the Baseball Canada Cup on three occasions in the late '90s while recently putting on successful editions of the 21U Women's Invitational in both 2017 and

Nine participating teams from Alberta, British Colum-

bia, Nova Scotia, Ontario 1, Ontario 2, Quebec 1, Quebec 2, Saskatchewan and host Team Manitoba will compete from July 21 to 24. These games will be live streamed through Manitoba Baseball's website.

The calibre of baseball is excellent, and it would be an experience for fans across Manitoba to come out and enjoy a weekend of exceptional baseball.

"We look forward to hosting these athletes who will be competing in the Canadian Nationals here in Manitoba," said Gail Langlais, cochairperson of the Women's Invitational Championship committee.



# Spotside > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

# Four Interlake athletes to compete at Tri-Province Challenge

#### By Brian Bowman

The Interlake will be well represented at the Tri-Province Track and Field Challenge in Edmonton later this month.

Four Interlake athletes — Arborg's Kylee Emms-Finnsson and Sydney Burak and Gimli's Ivy Alexander and Jencie Henry — are part of Team Manitoba that will compete against athletes from Alberta and Saskatchewan at the three-day event, which begins July 22.

Henry is excited to compete at the elite event. She joined the Predators Athletic Club in Beausejour this year and has been practising three times a week since April. She won the shot put event at divisionals in Arborg and at the AM age class championships in Winnipeg. Henry will be competing in the U16 shot put and discus at the Tri-Province Challenge.

Burak, meanwhile, is also excited to compete in a different province. This will be her first time going to such an event.

"It's going to be in front of people that you don't know," she said. "It's not your parents or anyone so it's going to be different."

The 15-year-old excels in the high jump and triple jump. The high jump is clearly her favourite, she said.

"I'm going to be in U18 so there

definitely will be girls older than me," Burak said, adding it's pretty special that Interlake had four girls representing Manitoba. "But I surprised myself with how (well) I did this year. I didn't think that I would do that well so that was a surprise. I'm hoping that the experience (in Edmonton) will allow me to take that learning so I can accomplish more next year and in my Grade 12 year as well."

Emms-Finnsson expects to be busy at the meet. She will compete in discus and is going to attempt the javelin, shot put and maybe the hammer throw. She practised throwing the javelin for the very first time last Sunday.

Going to Edmonton will be her first time competing in track and field outside of Manitoba.

"I'm really excited to experience this ... so I think it will be really good to go and see what it's like competing against other provinces," she said.

Emms-Finnsson enjoyed competing at the high school provincials at the University of Manitoba last month.

"It was good," she said. "A lot of the girls were really nice. Overall, it was very good."

Ivy Alexander has made an impressive return to track and field after taking time off due to COVID.

"The track season started and I originally started as a distance runner





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Sydney Burak, left, and Kylee Emms-Finnsson are two of four Interlake athletes competing at the Tri-Province Track and Field Challenge in Edmonton later this month.

and about two practices before provincials I switched to throwing and I just happened to be really good at it and won gold at provincials in discus and placed top eight for shot put and javelin," she said. "I surprised myself for not having any practice and jumping right in with something new and excelling at it."

Alexander will be competing in the

shot put and discus, for sure, and possibly other events.

She is looking forward to competing against elite competition.

"Being around people that are a lot better than you makes you perform at your highest capabilities. So if I'm around people much better than me then I'm going to push myself a lot more"

# Interlake rugby club looking for players

#### By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Defenders Rugby Club is looking for a few good men.

The club has started a U19 program (but allowing U23 players) that is looking to attract athletes from all over the Interlake.

Brad Hirst is a co-coach along with Dave Simpson and Gord Dehn. The team plays games at the Maple Grove Rugby Park in Winnipeg and the Selkirk Recreation Centre. The team practices every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Selkirk high school and played their first actual game last Wednesday.

"We'll take as many people that want to come out," said Hirst last week. "Basically, all of our guys have been coming from the Selkirk high school program."

They are really lucky that the Selkirk Royals have fielded a high school rugby team for many years.

Currently, the Interlake program has about 15 players but they would prefer to have 25 or more because of the possibility of injuries.

Hirst said there have been a lot of talented players that have come out to play so far.

"Considering we had 90 per cent or more of rookies for the first season back since COVID, they have done very well and picked things up very quickly," Hirst said. "They have been very receptive to the sport, especially since rugby is not a common sport in Canada right now. People are still unsure how to play and what the sport is. But once these kids understood the basics of (the sport), they really ran with it."

Hirst said they are hoping to attract young athletes to the sport.

"We're looking to grow this club beyond just one team," he said. "Maybe

have multiple teams and spread it out where maybe Gimli has its own team or Lundar or wherever. Right now this is year one of a multi-year program."

Anyone interested in joining the program can simply show up at practice. The program wraps up in the middle of August.

# **U18 Orioles swept in a doubleheader**

#### Staff

The Interlake Orioles were swept by the North Winnipeg Pirates in U18 AAA baseball action on July 5 in Stonewall.

North Winnipeg won games by scores of 11-4 and 3-2.

In U15 action, the Orioles were defeated 16-2 by the Bonivital Black Sox last Wednesday.

Interlake will play the North Winnipeg Pirates on Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at the West St. Paul Sunova Complex.

# Interlake Blue Jays split pair of doubleheaders

#### Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays played .500 ball last weekend.

Interlake defeated the St. James A's 6-5 in Game 1 of a doubleheader in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action on Sunday. In Game 2, St. James won 11-2.

Last Saturday, Interlake split a doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans. Carillon won the first game 9-8 but Interlake won the second one 11-9.

The Blue Jays are now 4-19 in the regular season.

In Winnipeg Senior Baseball League action, the Stonewall Blue Jays lost 6-1 to the Elmwood Giants last Thursday.

The Blue Jays, now 7-2, played the Springfield Sr. Braves this past Monday but no score was available.

Stonewall will host the Bonivital Brewers this Thursday. First pitch is

# **Lundar teams struggle at** baseball provincials

#### Staff

Lundar had a rough time at the 15U A (Zone 2) baseball provincials last weekend in Swan Valley.

Lundar started action on Friday, losing to Miniota (23-2) and La Broquerie (11-4).

On Saturday, Lundar was defeated

by Swan River (13-4) and Winkler (16-

At the 13U A (Zone 2) provincials in Winkler, Lundar finished with an 0-3 record. They were defeated by the Winkler Rangers (18-6), Steinbach (22-3) and Brandon (17-14).

# Impact loses first game of the season

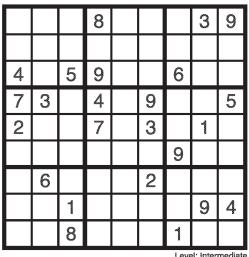
The Interlake Impact was edged 2-1 by Central Plains FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Wednesday in Portage la Prairie.

Joseph Barkman scored for Interlake while Brandon Weir and David Sattler replied for the winners.

With the loss, the Impact now has a 4-1-1 record. Interlake sits in fourth place in the 10-team division with 13

The Impact will play Elmwood FC on Wednesday (8 p.m.) at the Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex.

# take a break > GAMES



#### Fun By The Numbers

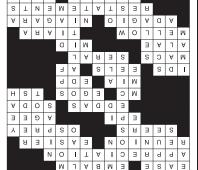
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Sudoku Answer



**Crossword Answer** 

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic books
- 28. Pop
- 30. Sense of self-importance
- 33. Can't be found
- 36. Passports and licenses are two
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- **56. Slow**
- **58. Famous Falls**
- 62. Periods of time
- 63. Hyphen

- varieties

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- 18. Visionaries

- 29. Hammer is one
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 39. Snake-like fishes

- 44. Intermediate ecological

- 49. Laid back

- 60. Reassertions

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct

- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Famous Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Menace to yards
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Robert are two
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. It shows who you are
- 25. The First State (abbr.)
- 26. Get older 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew 36. Leader
- 37. Plants in the legume

- family 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the  $\_$  degree
- 59. Residue of something burned
- 61. It cools your home



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#### **Supplying, Crushing, Loading** & Hauling Traffic Material

The Rural Municipality of Fisher invites proposals for the supplying, crushing, loading or stockpiling, hauling and depositing approximately 14,000 cubic meters of traffic material onto municipal roads during the period ending September 4,

Proposal forms may be obtained at the Rural Municipality of Fisher Office, Friday, July 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. July 22, 2022 at which time they will be considered by Council at a Special Meeting, July 25, 2022.

Envelope must be sealed and marked "Gravel Proposal".

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Open until suitable candidate is found.

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- Safety Boots and reflective wear

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **GRAVEL CHECKER**

The Rural Municipality of Fisher invites applications for the position of Part-Time Gravel Checker for the 2022 Gravelling

Applications will be received by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m., July 22, 2022.

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For further information regarding this position, please contact the Municipal Office at (204) 372-6393

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#### **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** AP/PAYROLL CLERK

The Accounts Payable / Payroll Clerk reports to the Chief Administrative Officer and is responsible for providing financial, administrative and clerical services. This includes processing and monitoring payments /expenditures as well as preparing and completing all aspects of the payroll system. Providing these services in an effective and efficient manner will ensure that municipal finances are accurate and up to date, that staff is paid in a timely and appropriate manner, and that vendors and suppliers are paid within established time limits.

#### JOB BRIEF

The ideal candidate should be proficient in payroll, accounts payable, audits, and managing accounting activities including bank reconciliation.

#### **Main Activities:**

- · Perform all payroll functions including monthly remittances, WCB, T4's, TD1's, R0E's etc.
- Perform all accounts payable functions
- · Perform bank reconciliations
- · Assist with journal entries as necessary
- · Respond to auditor inquiries, as required • Track Tangible Capital Assets as required under PSAB
- Complete monthly bank reconciliations inclusive of the journal entries
- and consolidating the cash accounts at year end.
- · Bring forward yearly budget template making wage adjustments as per Collective Agreement & input of known expenses
- Administer Municipal Insurance program
- Provide back-up receptionist and clerical support to ensure effective and efficient office operations when directed
- · Other duties as required

**SKILLS & QUALIFICATION:** Applicants should have completed a recognized Post-Secondary accounting/bookkeeping Program and have a minimum of two years practical experience. Excellent communication skills, organizational skills, and a demonstrated ability to work independently are required. Applicants shall have excellent interpersonal skills including an ability to work closely with others, to listen & provide input and feedback, and to relate positively with a wide variety of clients and the general public. The incumbent must maintain strict confidentiality in performing the duties of the Accounts Payable / Payroll Clerk.

Preference will be given to applicants who have previous experience working with a board or Council. Demonstrated proficiency with the Asyst Municipal Computer Program, Windows, and Microsoft Office including Outlook, Word, Excel and Access is preferred. Experience in Administration would be an asset.

This position falls within the Collective Bargaining Unit of Local 987 and is subject to all terms and conditions of the collective agreement or subsequent amending agreements.

Salary Range: \$22.45 to \$25.48 per hour as per Union Agreement and dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Applications will be received by the undersigned until 4:00 pm July

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Kelly Cosgrove Chief Administrative Officer RM of Gimli, Box 1246 Gimli, MB, ROC 1B0

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#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Province of Manitoba Sustainable Development Certification in
  - Class 1 Water Treatment & Distribution
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- Possess basic electrical, plumbing and mechanical knowledge
- · Ability to operate and maintain various heavy equipment
- · Ability to attend necessary training in variety of topics, eg: Confined Spaces, CPR, WHIMIS, etc.,
- Familiarity with Manitoba Workplace Health & Safety requirements and procedures
- Minimum Grade 12 Education, or equivalent
- Valid Drivers License
- Physically capable of performing all work tasks
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- · Ability to work independently or in a team environment
- Previous employee supervision would be considered an asset

This position requires standby and on call duties with responses after hours when necessary.

The Town of Arborg will be offering competitive salary compensation with experience and qualifications as well as a comprehensive benefits package.

Qualified candidates are asked to submit a resume marked Public Works Supervisor, with salary expectations, by Thursday, July 28th, 2022 to:

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#### ANNIVERSARY



Happy 50th Anniversary to Mike and Natalie Sucharyna July 22, 1972 - 2022 Love and Congratulations from Terry, Darlene, and family Mnohaya Lita

#### ANNIVERSARY



**Happy 60th Anniversary** Ruth and Paul Barylski -With love from your family

#### SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Dan Trachuk July 14,1950-November 1, 2020

A funeral service will be held for anyone wishing to attend on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Fisher Branch, MB.

A lunch will follow at the Ukrainian National Home Burial of ashes will be a private family event.

#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE** Lilia Arnason

A Celebration of Life will be held for Lilia Arnason who passed away on May 7th 2020. The family invites you to join them at Johnson Hall in the Waterfront Centre on July 29th at 11:00 a.m.

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#### **OBITUARY**



Richard (Rick) Allen Kishka of Komarno, MB passed away peacefully at the Selkirk Regional Health Center on July 4, 2022 at the age of 61.

Rick is lovingly remembered by his beloved wife Ann; son Steven (Rebecca); granddaughter Olivia; brother David (Stephanie) and their children Vanessa (Travis), Bridget and Brittney as well as numerous other family members.

Rick was predeceased by his parents Peter and Anne Kishka and grandparents John and Pauline Rogodzinski and Michael and Rose Kishka.

Born July 21, 1960, Rick was raised on the family farm near Komarno and graduated from high school in Teulon. Before starting to farm with his parents and brother, Rick spent one year at Red River College getting a certificate in mechanics.

From an early age, Rick was interested in all things mechanical and spent many hours building homemade go-carts. Combined with his formal training, there was never a machine Rick couldn't fix on the farm. These skills were invaluable to Rick when he worked for the Manitoba Government for the Highways Department in Teulon and Gimli. Rick retired in 2021 after 22 years with the department.

Rick met the love of his life Ann in 1984 and married in 1987. Over the years Rick and Ann enjoyed many holiday adventures on their own and with family. With the help of family members Rick built the house that became their family's home.

In 1990 Rick and Ann's son Steven was born. A proud father, Rick was involved in every aspect of Steven's life to ensure he had every opportunity to learn and grow. This quality time led to many enjoyable evenings and weekends volunteering with Ann at the local Scout troop and church youth group. Rick also spent many hours supporting organizations that were important to his family, particularly Evergreen Basic Needs in Gimli and the Fraserwood Hall Committee.

A farmer his entire life, Rick helped manage the family farm from an early age due to his father's untimely death. Rick later established his own cattle farm with the help and support of Ann and Steven. Rick's love of the land was passed onto Steven, who continues his family's farming tradition today.

Family meant everything to Rick. His fun loving attitude and good humour brightened every family gathering and he laughed with his whole heart. Rick cherished his granddaughter Olivia and she adored her Gido. Sled rides in the winter and wagon rides in the summer were enjoyed equally by both of them.

In his spare time, Rick loved hunting. He spent many days every fall hunting waterfowl and big game with friends and family. Hunting during white-tailed deer season was essential, as he competed with Steven to get the biggest buck every year. Summer family fishing trips and ice fishing on Lake Winnipeg in the winter were important events every year.

Every moment with Rick was a true blessing to all those around him and he will be cherished and remembered by many.

A funeral mass for Rick was held Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Gimli, MB, with interment at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Orthodox cemetery.

Thank you to Dr. Louden and the medical teams at the Teulon Medical Clinic, Selkirk Regional Health Center and Selkirk CancerCare for their tremendous support. We are very thankful for all the prayers and support from many family and friends.

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#### **OBITUARY**



Michael Edward Hawrysh June 18, 1953 to July 2, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Michael (Mike) Hawrysh passed away peacefully on July 2, 2022 at the Gimli Hospital.

Michael leaves to mourn his loving wife Rachael, mother Margaret Hawrysh, father-in-law Ron Gilkes, sons Kelvin Ramsey and Greg Gilkes (Issis), daughters Lori-Lynn Rochon and Tiffany Taylor (Kyle), brothers Ron Hawrysh (Jeane) and Barry Hawrysh, sisters Elaine Hawkins (Steve) and Susan Duff (Keith). Beloved grandchildren Natasha, Kenneth, Derick, Joseph, Verona, Maya, Lennon and Cohen. Special cousin Alice Ellison, and so many friends and relatives.

Mike was predeceased by his first wife Joan Hawrysh, father Edward Hawrysh, infant brother Hawrysh and mother-in-law Anne Gilkes.

Mike grew up in Winnipeg Beach on the family farm. He moved to Selkirk where he met and married Joan. Joan had two children (Kelvin and Lori-Lynn) whom they raised together. They moved to Winnipeg Beach and lived there until her passing in 1997.

Mike met Rachael in 1998, and they were married in 2009 until his passing. Rachael had two children (Tiffany and Greg) whom he helped raise from teens.

Mike was an incredible father to all four children, and loved them unconditionally.

Mike worked at Selkirk Lumber and then at the Selkirk Rolling Mills for 30 years before he retired in 2010. Incredibly talented, Mike was the go to for anything. Always good advice and always a helping hand.

Mike loved being a grandfather (papa). There was nothing more special to him than spending time with his grandkids. Animals loved Mike and he was always the go to for treats, cuddles, and play. The coffee pot was always on for visitors.

Special thanks to Mike's very good buddies Uncle Andy and Wayne for help with snow removal this past winter. Thank you to all of the family for providing any assistance Mike or Rachael required. There at the drop of a hat, as he was for them. It takes a village and that's what they are. Thank you to Dr. Ade, and staff at Gimli Hospital for their great care. Thank you to palliative care nurse Melanie for being an advocate and sharing knowledge with us for the months when Mike was at home.

As per Mike's wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral service will be held.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

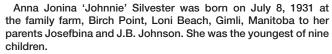
Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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#### OBITUARY





Johnnie loved growing up on Lake Winnipeg, which was steps from her home. She swam in the summer and skated when the lake froze over in the winter.

As a young woman, Johnnie worked at the Gimli fish packing building. She followed her sisters and brother to Winnipeg, where she loved her job at Eaton's.

She met her husband Bill at a dance on the Gimli Air Force Base. After meeting Bill, but before getting married, Johnnie worked for her brother John and his wife Charlotte at a veterinarian clinic in lowa.

Johnnie and Bill lived in Gimli and Greenwood, Nova Scotia at the Royal Canadian Air Force bases. They moved to Crystal Lake, Illinois for Bill's job as a pilot with United Airlines. Johnnie made friends everywhere she went with her easy-going banter, bright smile, and infectious laugh with little snorts that made her laugh even more.

She loved her children, Maureen and Brad, and always took an interest in their school work and friends. Johnnie proudly wrung her cowbell from the stands while cheering on Brad's hockey team.

In Crystal Lake, Johnnie helped her husband with the hockey club and enjoyed daily coffee with her good friend Loretta. She bowled weekly with her friend Ellie at Metro Bowl for 40+ years. Everyone loved receiving afghans knitted by Johnnie. She also loved being an Amma to her five grandchildren.

She enjoyed her visits to Hawaii, Florida, California, Arizona, Spain, and especially to Winnipeg and Gimli, Manitoba and to Thunder Bay, Ontario to visit family. Johnnie moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 2015 to be close to her children and grandchildren. She resided in Michigan until she passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, William (Bill) Silvester; her son-in-law Gerald Knight; parents J.B. and Bina Johnson; brothers Julius Bjorn, Sigmundur (Florence), Johann (Charlotte), and Helgi (Shirley); and sisters Gudrun Stevens (Lawrence), Pauline Morse (Gerry), Laura McCarthy (Denny) and Josephine Cleghorn (Gordon).

Johnnie is survived by her daughter Maureen Knight, son Brad (Laurie), and by grandchildren Zachary, Marcus (Hanna), Jessica, Ryan, and Jordan; her sister-in-law Pat Abraham (Gene), brothers-in-law Robert and Ken, and many nieces and nephews.

#### **OBITUARY**

#### Alice (Alexandra) Marie Ellison May 2, 1939 - July 8, 2022 on the family farm May 2, 1939 to



Alice was born on the family farm May 2, 1939 to Alex and Nellie Hawrysh (nee Chic). She attended school in Melnice until she went to high school in Teulon. This is where she met Merlyn, the love of her life. Upon completing high school, she went to Normal School. She then got a job teaching at Union Prairie School in Inwood. The following fall, she and Merle were married and they moved to Winnipeg where she got a job working at The Royal Bank downtown. Not long after, when her dad became ill, they returned to the family farm in Melnice where she remained until her passing. Here they started their family and she worked for many years at McGregors Drugs in Winnipeg Beach as well as Say it with Ceramics and as a bartender at the Waterfront Centre. She was also secretary treasurer for the St. William's Cemetery.

She taught Ukrainian singing lessons through the Winnipeg Beach school. Her Singing Kittens even preformed in many talent shows, on the radio and even television.

Her house was known for baking, pickles, treats, endless laughter and the phone ringing off the hook. She loved playing cards, watching her stories, good music, polka parties and spending time with her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband of 46 years Merle in 2003; son Blair; parents Alex and Nellie; brother Bert Hawrysh; in- laws Roy and Anne, brother-in-law Bob (Audrey).

She is survived by daughter Maureen (Bob); grandchildren Chelsey McColl (Roman), Ashley Michaluk (Nick), Saveja Ellison (Geoff), Tyler Trautwein (Abby) and Monique Ellison (Ryan) as well as her precious great-grandchildren Brandt, Violet and Emilee; sister-in-law Eileen Hawrysh as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins and special friends as well as her two spoiled fur babies KJ and Khloe.

Service will be held Sunday, July 17th at the Teulon Rockwood Centennial Centre at 2 p.m. and a private burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or St William's Cemetery.

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#### **OBITUARY**

# Phillip Daniel Bottrell August 6, 1927 – June 11, 2022 sadness that we announce the p



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Danny passed away at the age of 94 at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, MB.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Hal (Lil), Brian (Diane), Merle and Heather; grandchildren, Tristan (Nicole), Chelsea (Elliott), Michelle (Denis), Samantha (Jared), David (Ashlee), Jessica (Dennis) and Cassidy (Christopher); great-grandchildren Logan, Bentley, Tessa, Emily, Ethan, Austin, Luke and Esme, as well as his ninth great-grandchild to arrive in August; step grandchildren, Scott (Cherrie), Shannon (Harold) and step great-grandson Jacob. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Kay Watson as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Danny was predeceased by his wife Margaret of 63 years; son Edward; parents Margaret and Godfrey; mother and father-in-law, Harry and Ivy Bennett; sisters Helen (Victor) Goertzen and Marion (Roy) Gering; brothers and sisters-in-law Harold (Doris), Cal (Dorothy) Bennett and Doug Watson.

Danny was born on August 6, 1927 in Treherne, MB and attended school in Roseisle, MB but left before graduation to go to work. He farmed with his father and worked in southern MB farming and trucking. He moved with his parents to Eriksdale in April 1946. He then started his career with Manitoba Telephone System in 1948 until 1960.

Danny married Margaret Bennett on August 6, 1955. After their marriage, Danny took over his father's dairy farm but continued to work for MTS. Together they worked and raised five children on the family dairy operation.

Danny began supplying milk to the Eriksdale Creamery and then purchased bottling equipment and supplied milk to the stores in Eriksdale. He also delivered milk house-to-house in Lundar for a year before purchasing a milk quota in December 1965 and began shipping fluid milk to Winnipeg. Dan retired in 1992 when the dairy farm was purchased by Brian and Edward. Danny had a long involvement in the dairy business as he delivered milk in a hand wagon as a child in Roseisle.

Danny was always actively involved in the community. He was a councillor for the RM of Eriksdale from 1964 to 1970. He served on the Eriksdale Co-op board of directors for 14 years. He was a 4-H leader for five years, a director of the Lundar Ag. Society, a volunteer driver for the Handi-Van, as well as the president of the Eriksdale New Horizons.

In 94 years Danny never lost his love for horses. After retiring from the dairy farm Danny and Margaret spent many weekends attending harness racing events. He also spent many hours working on his new hobby of doing scroll work. When he wasn't working on his new hobby or attending harness races or horse shows he spent countless hours reading.

Dad loved dancing and listening to music. He enjoyed many Sundays attending old time dances with Margaret, and they would usually be joined by a couple of grandchildren!

Family gatherings were always very special for Dad, especially seeing the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were his pride and joy and he cherished each of them.

As per Danny's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022 at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre with Reverend Melanie Kauppila officiating. Interment will take place at the Eriksdale Municipal Cemetery, with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Danny's memory to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of the Grace Hospital. Also special thanks to John and Karen Gray for their care and compassion.

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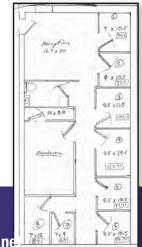




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