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Gimli International Film Festival kicks off 23 years of cinematic art

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli International Film Festival rolled out the red carpet last Wednesday to celebrate the launch of five days of cinematic arts from Manitoba, Canada and the world.

Members of the film industry, dignitaries, residents and film buffs gathered at Johnson Hall in the Waterfront Centre to get the 23rd iconic beachside festival underway.

As it has each year since it was founded, the festival brings a striking lineup of feature films, documentaries and short films and blockbusters on Gimli Beach, as well as workshops, panels and awards. This year's festival showcased over 90 films, including Indigenous and LGBTQ+ films.

After Indigenous Elder Ruth Christie provided a blessing to open the festival, GIFF founder and retired senator Janis Johnson paid tribute to an outstanding contributor to Canada's cinematic arts.

Visual researcher and clearance specialist Elizabeth Klinck made a sig-



Elizabeth Klinck (left) received the Alda Award from GIFF founder Janis Johnson.

nificant contribution to documentary filmmaking, working for PBS, the National Film Board of Canada, the BBC

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EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

GIFF executive director and MC Alan Wong (centre) on the red carpet with MP James Bezan, GIFF founder Janis Johnson, MLA and agriculture minister Derek Johnson, MLA and Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan and Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd.



Manitoba's Lt.-Gov. Anita Neville.



Gimli residents and film buffs (from left) Isabelle Tache, Kim Perring, Susie Stevenson and Kathy Campbell.

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and History Television among others. Johnson presented her with GIFF's Alda Award for her dedication to the industry.

"People who work with Elizabeth remark upon her extraordinary gifts as a visual researcher in a wide range of subjects including Canadian and European history, politics, human rights and music. And just about everyone from directors to the audience agree that films are always better for being 'Klincked,'" said Johnson.

Klinck thanked the festival for the honour, saying Manitoba is very near and dear to her heart.

"It was at the Winnipeg Film Group 43 years ago that I received that very important first job in the film industry. The friends and colleagues I made during the years I was here in Winnipeg remained steadfast, and I count them among my closest friends to this day," said Klinck. "Over the years, I have had the great privilege of working on many excellent Manitoba productions and working with editors, directors and producers who are the very finest in Canada."

Lt.-Gov. of Manitoba Anita Neville said the films GIFF showcases have the power to entertain and challenge

film-goers, and lets them experience the world anew.

"Whether we're watching experimental short films in a small venue in Gimli or enjoying a blockbuster on Gimli Beach, the imagination and artistry of these creators brings us together for a special moment," said Neville.

Provincial Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Obby Khan cracked up attendees when he told a story about his attendance at last year's festival after he was newly elected MLA.

"[Johnson] said [to me], 'Congratulations on your election.' I say, 'Thank you very much and you are?' She says, 'I'm Janis Johnson.' [I said], 'Cool. What do you do?' And she goes, 'I'm kind of involved [with the festival] a little bit.' I said, 'That nice, see you later.' Ten minutes later she gets up to give an introduction and I have never been more red in my life," said Khan to peals of laughter.

People from far and wide come to GIFF each year, said Khan, and Manitoba's media production industry has averaged \$260 million over the past five years. Over the past decade, Manitoba has attracted over \$1.5 billion in production activity, which is "no small feat."

Other guest speakers included Sel-

kirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, who said Johnson is the inspiration behind GIFF and has created a "destination" in Gimli, and Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd, who thanked Gimli residents, businesses, volunteers and dignitaries for helping support the festival year after year.



Elder Ruth Christie provided a blessing for the opening ceremonies of the festival.



From left: volunteers Jim and Diane, who've been volunteering with GIFF since 2005 to help welcome people to the community, and Terry.



GIFF board members, festival staff and volunteers were cheered.



From left: Justin and Don Steinmetz are stars of the screen. They've been putting up the 20-by-25-foot screen on Gimli Beach since 2022. Tornados aside, the screen can withstand a bit of wind as it has tiny holes in it. Justin uses a rope to roll the screen up and down each night.

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Boardwalk Days



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It was a weekend of fun in the sun for the large crowd who took in this year's Winnipeg Beach Boardwalk Days that included free entertainment, midway rides, a parade, crafter's market and food vendors.



Gimli International Film Festival feature film review: Showing Up

By Autumn Fehr

There is something impressive about a film that follows a simple storyline and setting while keeping the viewer asking, "what is going to happen next?" Intertwined with emotion, drama and humour, these characteristics push the story forward.

The comedy-drama film *Showing Up* (2023) follows this exact formula. The film is co-written and directed by Kelly Reichardt, a critically acclaimed director making her debut film in 1994 with *River of Grass*. Her film *Old Joy* won several awards and notably was the first American film to win the Tiger Award at the Rotterdam Film Festival in 2006. Other films directed by Reichardt include *Wendy and Lucy*, *Meeek's Cutoff*, *Night Moves*, and *Certain Women*. Reichardt is currently in post-production for her new film, *First Cow*.

This is Reichardt's fourth collaboration with actress Michelle Williams, where she plays Lizzy, a sculptor and

arts administrator for her mother at the Oregon College of Art and Craft. *Showing Up* also stars prominent actress Hong Chau, who played Liz in the Academy Award-winning film *The Whale* in 2022. In this film, Chau plays Jo, Lizzy's landlord, neighbour and rival artist who often spars with her. Other actors include Maryann Plunkett, John Magaro, André Benjamin, Amanda Plummer, James Le Gros and Judd Hirsch.

Showing Up is a new take on self-reflection and creativity. This film juggles realities like troublesome relationships, change, mental illness and the stigma around it. The film follows Lizzy in the days leading up to a possibly career-changing exhibition as she navigates her relationships with family, friends and colleagues.

Throughout the film, Reichardt showcases Lizzy's clay sculptures of women in joyful or anguished movement to depict emotion, perhaps the feelings that she is grappling with

right at that moment. Numerous shots focused on Lizzy creating in her space follow her self-reflection journey. Reichardt showcases various scenes of other artists that viewers don't get to know personally, partaking in creativity with nude shoots, sculpting and painting. It seems as though Lizzy gets caught up with the work of art as a job instead of enjoying the process. Conflict in her relationships hinders her from enjoying and celebrating her work. Instead, Lizzy focuses on the situations of the people around her.

Viewers are forced to interpret the world the way Lizzy sees it. With her brother's mental illness, viewers don't know that much, and it feels like she doesn't either. As a viewer, you are forced to interact with the characters through the glimpses you see through Lizzy's eyes. She has strained relationships with all her family members.

Let's talk about the critiques of this

film.

Overall, the editing process could have tightened the movie to cut off some run time. These shots leave the audience wanting something more where something could have been left out. *Showing Up* felt more like a short film, although it was a feature-length.

A quote from Lizzy's brother, Sean, sums up the movie well. He tells her, "You have to listen to what isn't being said."

When Lizzy hears this, she is taken aback, and it turns her self-reflection process in a new direction. As someone who likes to fix things, these words make her step back and realize that it's not the solution for every situation.

We can all appreciate the power of simplicity and strong emotion within a film. It allows viewers to engage and immerse in the movie, just as moviegoers could with *Showing Up*.

World-class winter experiences for anglers and eco-adventurers expands

Popular overnight accommodations on-ice program expanding to 20 waterbodies

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is expanding a program that allows commercial tourism outfitters the opportunity to create unique overnight accommodations on ice for anglers and eco-tourists, Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt announced last week.

"Last year was the first time Manitoba resource tourism operators had the chance to offer on-ice overnight accommodations to anglers on Lake Winnipeg and it was a resounding success," said Nesbitt. "I know Manitobans are enjoying summer right now but winter will be here before we know it and our government is pleased to expand the eligibility of

this innovative program, which offers anglers and eco-adventure tourists a world-class winter experience."

This winter, commercial tourism outfitters will have the opportunity to offer overnight accommodations on ice on 20 waterbodies throughout Manitoba. The expanded program will allow both new and existing resource tourism operators to apply to offer overnight accommodations on ice.

"We have heard loud and clear from our members, their guests and Manitoba anglers that there is demand for overnight accommodations on ice in our province," said Mat Hobson, president, Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association. "We are overjoyed that the Manitoba government has worked with us to develop the safe and sustainable framework that they are rolling out across our province."

Based on a Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development review as well

as stakeholder feedback, the expanded program will include provisions that:

- restrict permits for certain lakes to existing operators to prevent oversaturation in limited markets;
- increase the buffer distance from 50 metres to 200 metres from developed areas including residences, vacation homes or businesses;
- introduce a requirement for operators to affix multi-directional safety reflectors to all four corners of each accommodation unit; and
- allow operators to include a storage structure as part of the portable camp application.

Operators will still be required to meet all other specified environmental, safety and recreational vehicle construction standards, noted Nesbitt.

For additional information including applications to participate in the

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New regulations to improve testing for chronic wasting disease

Submitted by the Manitoba government

Ahead of the 2023 hunting season, the Manitoba government has introduced new amendments to the Wildlife Protection Regulation to simplify data collection and provide more options for hunters to engage in the mandatory sample requirements for chronic wasting disease (CWD), Natural Resources and Northern Development Minister Greg Nesbitt announced Monday.

“Our government has shown our commitment to taking action to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease,” said Nesbitt. “Budget 2023 committed \$880,000 to increase the capacity of Manitoba’s mandatory sample program and these new amendments will further improve sampling efforts for hunters. Early detection and improving our testing capacity is key to developing effective strategies to protect wildlife populations today and into the future.”

CWD is an incurable, fatal disease that affects members of the deer family (cervids) including mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou. The discovery of the first positive cases of CWD late in 2021 prompted the Manitoba government, through its Wildlife Health Program, to expand its surveillance and prevention program in 2022. The 2022-23 hunting season saw a substantial increase in biological sample submissions — up to 6,000, compared to an average of 1,000 before CWD was discovered in

Manitoba. As a result, sample processing times were lengthy.

The Manitoba government is implementing process improvements in 2023 in an effort to reduce turnaround times for test results, the minister noted. Amendments now give hunters the option to extract and submit the testable tissue samples themselves rather than submitting the animal’s entire head. In addition, mandatory sample submission periods have been extended from two days to seven days to allow hunters additional time to extract samples, the minister added.

“By encouraging hunters to extract and submit testable samples, resources can be redirected to quicker collection and processing to reduce turnaround time for test results during peak hunting season,” said Nesbitt.

As part of these changes, the Manitoba government is engaging with key stakeholders and hunters on the implementation of these new legislative requirements. The Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development anticipates the number of cases will rise as further testing is completed, the minister noted.

“Today’s announcement is welcome news to hunters and Manitoba Wildlife Federation members,” said Chris Heald, senior policy adviser, Manitoba Wildlife Federation.

“All Manitobans must work together to stop the spread of CWD.”

“We applaud the changes being

made because we know hunters in our province are committed to doing what is required to ensure the sustainability of our wildlife populations,” said Mat Hobson, president, Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association. “By making it easier to meet requirements, the Manitoba government is ensuring proper monitoring is done to control the spread of CWD within our borders.”

CWD is not known as a human health risk but Health Canada has recommended that meat from a CWD-infected animal not be consumed. In areas where CWD is a concern, it is mandatory for licensed hunters to have harvested animals tested, practise safe carcass-handling protocols and avoid consumption of any animal that has tested positive for CWD. Samples results from harvested animals will be posted, once available, at www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/fish-wildlife/wildlife/cwd-results/cwd-results.html.

The amendments also remove requirements for bovine tuberculosis testing in the Riding Mountain National Park area as Manitoba has been considered bovine tuberculosis-free for the last number of years.

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CIBC Gimli branch still in business



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

"Don't believe everything you read" is something to keep in mind when it comes to claims doing the rounds on social media. CIBC's Gimli branch on Centre Street is not closing, staff confirmed last week. Like legal tender, that's something they don't mind having circulated.

Manitoba Agriculture committed to continuous improvement for Agricultural Crown Lands Program

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is making changes to the Agricultural Crown Lands (ACL) Leases and Permits Regulation to support improving forage productivity, growing the livestock industry and advancing sustainability after receiving public feedback, Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson announced Monday.

"The Agricultural Crown Lands Program is meant to strengthen the livestock industry, enhance productivity and encourage growth," said Johnson. "At the same time, the ACL Program needs to work for leaseholders and Indigenous Peoples who use these lands for traditional purposes and to exercise treaty rights. After a 45-day public comment period that included Indigenous communities and organizations, as well as stakeholders, we are revising the ACL

Leases and Permits Regulation to improve the program for all who use it."

Agricultural Crown lands are parcels of land vested to Manitoba that the government leases to producers for agricultural use, including grazing, haying or annual cropping. Agricultural Crown lands are important public assets economically, environmentally and socially. Agriculturally, these Crown lands are essential to supporting and growing the livestock industry in Manitoba, and provide mitigation and adaptation to climate change, the minister noted.

Based on the public feedback, the revised ACL Leases and Permits Regulation will enable outgoing leaseholders to choose the value of improvements for compensation at either the value set out in the appraisal report or a lesser value they specify, the minister added.

The Manitoba government began to modernize the ACL program in 2017 to increase access for Indigenous, young and new farmers. It was updated significantly in 2019 to enable leases to be allocated by auction and to set rates at market-based rents.

The current amendments to the ACL Leases and Permits Regulation include:

- reducing forage lease rents over the next several years to help producers recover from drought and flood conditions in recent seasons;
- extending lease terms to a maximum of 20 years from 15 years when producers invest in forage productivity improvements;
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fer their agricultural Crown lands to a third party by nominating the next leaseholder, if the agricultural Crown lands are not selected under Treaty Land Entitlement and do not impact Indigenous treaty rights;

- including non-profit Indigenous organizations to be eligible to hold forage leases, in addition to the bands that are already eligible; and
- formalizing the process for assessing land productivity used to determine rent to create an incentive to manage the land and invest in its productivity.

The amendments to the ACL Leases and Permits Regulation will come into force on Jan. 1, 2024.

For more information on agricultural Crown lands, visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/land-management/crown-land/>.

Gimli RCMP investigate fatal collision

Submitted

On July 28 at approximately 11 a.m., Gimli RCMP received a report of a collision between a farm tractor and a motorcycle on Highway 8 at Siglavik Road (Road 108N) in the RM of Gimli.

When officers arrived on scene, the 61-year-old male driver of the motorcycle from Winnipeg was deceased.

Initial investigation has determined that the farm tractor pulling a discombine was travelling westbound on

Siglavik Road when it collided with the motorcycle, which was travelling northbound on Highway 8.

The driver of the tractor, a 72-year-old male from Gimli, remained on scene and is cooperating with police.

A RCMP forensic collision reconstructionist and the RCMP criminal collision investigative team are assisting with the ongoing investigation.

Home for the summer

By Jennifer McFee

A duo of nursing students has returned close to home to gain work experience over the summer.

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's Home for the Summer program is offered in conjunction with the Manitoba Healthcare Providers Network. This program offers opportunities for summer work placements for nursing, pharmacy and allied health students.

For up to 18 weeks, these students can gain hands-on experience in their field. In addition, the program offers opportunities for physician students throughout the region.

Students Hailey McGuirk and Dana Mandryk are both based out of the Stonewall community health office this summer.

Originally from Stony Mountain, McGuirk is a nursing student at Red River College Polytech, where she will be finishing her second year in the fall.

"My hope for this summer is that

I can make a difference to members in our communities throughout our health region," she said.

"As for when I finish nursing school, I am interested in the forensic nursing field, palliative care and oncology."

Mandryk, from Stonewall, is a second-year nursing student at Red River College Polytech. This is her second year with the Home for the Summer program.

"I am very happy to be back. I enjoyed my time with the Interlake last year and I am sure I will again this year," she said.

"I have an interest in public health as well as the ER, but I have not made up my mind yet where I want to work when I graduate — however, I know I want to work in the IERHA."

Throughout the region, more Home for the Summer students are honing their skills for future careers as nurses, dietitians, occupational therapists, pharmacists, speech language therapists, physicians and more.

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Nursing students Hailey McGuirk and Dana Mandryk are based out of the Stonewall community health office this summer.

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Regulatory changes to enhance building permitting processing

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is implementing legislative and regulatory changes to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of building permitting processes in Manitoba, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced last Monday.

"These changes establish an independent technical adjudicative process for building permitting disputes and performance standards for building permitting processes," said Reyes. "Changes will support the consistent application of building codes across the province and ensure that

permitting decisions are made within predictable and reasonable time frames."

Following a public engagement process, the Manitoba government is moving forward to proclaim sections of the Building and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act, the Permit Dispute Resolution Regulation and the Performance Standards Regulation.

The Permit Dispute Resolution Regulation, under the new Permit Dispute Resolution Act, establishes the appeal process for disputes related to building permitting decisions. Permit applicants will now have a formalized appeal mechanism for cases where they believe a permitting authority is wrong in withholding a permit, or issuing an order on code matters.

The Performance Standards Regulation, under the Buildings Act, specifies the time periods that permitting authorities have to respond to applicants, make decisions on applications, and conduct inspections.

"These important changes will enhance opportunities for economic growth within the province by providing builders and developers with reasonable timeframes for permitting decisions. Builders and developers will be able to plan and schedule their development activities based on provincewide mandated timelines," said Reyes.

Performance standards will be phased in over two years to allow permitting authorities sufficient time to make any required operational changes, added Reyes.

The minister noted the changes will come into force on March 1, 2024.

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Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to support crime prevention, investigations and supports victims

By the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$519,000 from the proceeds of the Criminal Property Forfeiture (CPF) Fund to the Manitoba RCMP to fund a wide variety of crime prevention measures and victim supports including funding to support specialized technology in interview rooms at the Toba Centre for Children & Youth and cryptocurrency-tracing software, Justice Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week.

“Our government is proud to support the RCMP at the Toba Centre and the essential work they do to support victims and their families in the healing process,” said Goertzen. “Using proceeds of crime to support the important work happening at the Toba Centre allows our government to continue our ongoing commitment to protect children and families, and ensure perpetrators are held to ac-

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count for their actions.”

Toba Centre for Children & Youth was established in 2013 and provides services for child-abuse survivors with an initial focus on forensic interviewing to minimize trauma and ensure best practices. A total of \$145,000 from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund will be used by the RCMP to purchase specialized audio and video recording systems to equip interview rooms at the Toba Centre. This technology will help investigators interview child victims appropriately with a trauma-informed approach to document their disclosures and assist in investigations and the prosecution of abusers.

“We are so pleased and grateful to see this investment that will help ensure the best quality approach to forensic interviewing,” said Christy Dzikowicz, executive director, Toba Centre for Children & Youth. “When children/youth have been hurt, it is so important that they only have to share their story once and they deserve nothing less than our best possible response.”

“Interviewing anyone in relation to a traumatic incident is a stressful situation, and for children it is especially so,” said Insp. Tim Arseneault, Major Crime Services, Manitoba RCMP. “This funding from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund will ensure that Toba Centre has the best equipment so that children don’t have to keep reliving their trauma, but can start on the road to healing. We are also receiving funding that will purchase cryptocurrency-tracing software. This will assist police in a variety of investigations. We are grateful we are getting the tools we need to continue to keep Manitobans safe.”

The RCMP will also receive \$27,000 to combat cybercrime through the purchase of cryptocurrency-tracing software in order to trace illegal financial cyberspace activities, locate

offenders and facilitate recovery of stolen victim assets. The cryptocurrency-tracing software will allow the Manitoba RCMP to quickly and accurately identify and prosecute offenders engaged in crypto-enabled crime. By tracing the transactions, and working with domestic and international law enforcement partners, effective action can be taken to promote safer communities and to reduce and prevent crime.

Since its inception in 2009, the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund has distributed more than \$26 million back to communities throughout Manitoba. The program seizes and liquidates criminal assets, and redirects funding to projects and initiatives designed to protect Manitobans and enhance public safety. The funds are provided to organizations across Manitoba whose important initiatives build community, prevent crime, invest in youth and support victims of crime.

For more information about criminal property forfeiture, visit: <https://gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf/index.html>.

Economic growth action plan will create more jobs and build economy

By the Manitoba government

To build an economy that addresses today’s challenges and seizes the opportunities ahead, Premier Heather Stefanson and Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Jeff Wharton announced last week a new, long-term economic action plan for Manitoba, with targeted initiatives already underway to meet a shared vision for sustained growth, increased trade, a skilled workforce with good paying jobs, and continued progress toward economic reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

The Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan capitalizes on Manitoba’s competitive advantage as the geographic centre of North America, as well as the province’s abundant clean energy, excellent transportation connections, renowned research networks, competitive business supports, and a young and skilled workforce.

The plan aligns government department initiatives to support Manitoba industries in filling more than 114,000 job openings over the next five years. It will focus on four key pillars of the economy: workforce skills and supply, critical business and trade infra-

structure, emerging sector growth opportunities, and quality of life investments.

The blueprint for economic growth is the result of extensive engagement with over 65 economic development partners and stakeholders including the business and industry community, sector councils, post-secondary educational institutions, Indigenous-led organizations, and training and employment organizations.

It is a data-informed examination of private-sector performance, emerging growth areas and workforce needs that provided new insights into current challenges and future opportunities. Stakeholder advice, experiences and insights shaped the plan and emphasized the need for action to create the conditions for economic prosperity.

“Manitoba has one of the most diverse and balanced economies in Canada,” said Wharton. “It is an economy built by an enterprising and innovative private sector and supported by a network of partners that, together, are essential to the continued growth of our economy and workforce.”

In support of the plan, the Manitoba government has already made

several targeted investments as part of Budget 2023 to benefit and support industry and community growth throughout the province. These investments will:

- attract international talent, recruit workers, retain employees and bring back students from other jurisdictions after graduation;
- enhance the education system by developing career pathways for in-demand apprenticeship trades and early childhood educators starting in high school;
- expand markets for Manitoba goods and services, and strengthen the infrastructure to get those goods and services to market;
- incentivize employers to upskill their workforce and help certify internationally educated professionals in their profession;
- improve Manitoba’s tax system to make the personal income and business tax environment more competitive with neighbouring jurisdictions, and allow businesses and workers to keep more of their income;
- revitalize downtown Winnipeg through development and heritage preservation, and address homelessness through safe housing; and

- support the growth and vibrancy of Manitoba arts, culture, sport and tourism.

“Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure’s mission is to ensure safe, reliable and sustainable infrastructure for Manitobans,” said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk. “Our government’s vision and strategy is to build on our multimodal transportation hub and trade gateways, to create opportunities toward a more prosperous future for all those residing in Manitoba.”

Supporting the pillars of the Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan and investments to date is a commitment to maintaining Manitoba’s prudent financial planning, strong governance and management, and improved forward planning, as recently affirmed by global credit rating agency Moody’s Investor Services.

The plan will evolve and adapt to changing economic conditions and priorities. An interactive website has been developed so Manitobans can learn more about each of the actions and monitor the plan’s progress.

Manitoba government and doctors Manitoba reach landmark tentative agreement

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has reached a comprehensive tentative agreement with Doctors Manitoba for a new Physician Services Agreement, which features record overall funding increases of \$268 million for physician services over four years, Premier Heather Stefanson announced.

"Our government is making historic additional investments to retain and recruit more doctors in the middle of a global physician shortage," said Stefanson. "By working together on a common vision with Doctors Manitoba, these unprecedented investments recognize the critical importance of our physicians and will maintain Manitoba's competitiveness with other jurisdictions while improving access to the vital medical services physicians provide for all Manitobans."

In addition to competitive general increases for physician services, the government and Doctors Manitoba targeted new funding to shared priority areas for improving patient care. These include:

- increased funding for specialty and hospital services to help attract more physician coverage for inpatient and emergency department care, and more resources to address surgical and diagnostic backlogs.

- an innovative new funding model for longitudinal family medicine that blends existing volume-based payments with funding for patient panels and time-based stipends. This blend-

ed model will offer more predictable funding to stabilize family medicine clinic operations, which will connect more Manitobans with a family doctor. For patients, it will mean more time with their doctor for complicated medical concerns.

- new rural and northern retention and recruitment incentives and additional funding to help stabilize physician coverage in rural hospitals and remote First Nations communities.

- creating a new visit type for family physicians and pediatricians for patients with more than one medical concern.

- permanent funding model for virtual visits, ensuring Manitobans will continue to be able to receive appropriate care by phone or video, if they wish.

"The Doctors Manitoba board of directors is pleased with this tentative agreement and we have recommended it to physicians for their approval," said Dr. Michael Boroditsky, president, Doctors Manitoba. "The significant funding increases offered by the government is an essential part of retaining and recruiting more doctors to our province, which will help to turn around the physician shortage. For Manitobans, this should mean improved access to physician care, whether it's seeing a family doctor or visiting an ER, accessing surgical or diagnostic procedures, and accessing care in Winnipeg or in rural and northern communities."

The agreement helps to advance reconciliation with a new-shared recognition of the Treaty and traditional Indigenous lands on which physicians deliver care and a joint commitment to adopt, and work towards the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Additional increased funding will improve physician coverage in remote First Nations communities.

Health Minister Audrey Gordon recognized important developments that complement the historic funding increases, to support improved physician engagement and well-being.

"The new Physician Services Agreement focuses on improving access to health services across the province by recognizing the devotion and professionalism of Manitoba physicians, while ensuring they are trusted and respected partners in health system improvements," said Gordon. "Whether it's continuing our work on reducing administrative burdens, ensuring physicians are consulted during health system change,

or continuing our investment into physician health and wellness, this agreement reflects our government's commitment to listening to doctors and supporting them through the essential care they provide to all Manitobans."

Boroditsky noted that while the board has reviewed and recommended this tentative agreement, it is subject to ratification by physicians in Manitoba. The ratification process is now underway and is anticipated to conclude by Aug. 14, he added.

The Physician Services Agreement covers physician remuneration and funding to operate medical practices, including costs for staff, equipment, supplies, clinic space, and other expenses. The tentative agreement also includes increased funding with market adjustments and a special retention payment in the first year, followed by compounding two per cent annual general increases in the three remaining years of this agreement, which will expire on March 31, 2027. The current agreement expired on March 31.

"OUR GOVERNMENT IS MAKING HISTORIC ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT MORE DOCTORS IN THE MIDDLE OF A GLOBAL PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE," SAID STEFANSON.

Manitoba to invest \$6 million in Bifrost-Riverton commerce route

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is supporting economic development in the Interlake by upgrading 3.2 kilometres of a key local route in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to accommodate heavy weight vehicles, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced last week.

"This \$6-million investment will support a key commerce route in the RM of Bifrost-Riverton that will benefit community and local business accessibility," said Piwniuk. "Our government's continued com-

mitment to upgrade roadways for commercial transport vehicles will enable economic development, community growth and safety across Manitoba."

The Manitoba government will undertake a bituminous reconstruction project on former Municipal Road 11E at the Provincial Road (PR) 326 intersection for 3.2 kilometres northward. The project will bring the road up to Manitoba's heaviest-allowable weight standard, which accommodates trucks and loads often used in industry, including manufacturing plants. Pre-

viously, heavy loads were required to be transported on alternative routes during periods of reduced vehicle weight limits during spring road restrictions.

"Industry and the community have been strong advocates for this project, and I thank them for representing their local businesses so well and working with our government to have this project come to fruition," said Piwniuk.

The Manitoba government and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton have signed a memorandum of understanding to exchange the maintenance

responsibility for Municipal Road 11E with maintenance responsibility for PR 329 from east of Riverton to Lake Winnipeg and an additional 1.6-kilometre gravel road west of Okno. The Manitoba government is also providing a one-time grant to the municipality to support maintenance of former provincial roads now under the municipality's jurisdiction.

Resurfacing work is expected to be complete in late 2026, the minister noted.

Serving up sweetness and hope ... together

By Annaliese Meier

Thursday, July 20 was a day of sisterly solidarity and lemonade magic as 10-year-old twin sisters Rory and Eliza Stansell, along with their seven-year-old sister Molly, took the streets of Arborg by storm.

Their mission? To raise funds for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation through Lemonade

Stands for Hope — a provincial cancer fundraiser sponsored by CancerCare Manitoba.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., these determined young ladies set up their stand. In just four short hours, they managed to raise an awe-inspiring \$400. This was their very first solo fundraising venture.

Thanks to the Manitoba Cancer Care Founda-

tion's user-friendly website and its handy fundraiser kits, these girls were able to turn their heartfelt desire into reality. Inspired by the staggering impact cancer has on countless lives around them, Rory, Eliza and Molly jumped at the opportunity to contribute in any way they could. Their mother Jenna Stansell couldn't help but express her astonishment at their incredible achievement.

"They were so shocked that they were able to raise \$400 when their initial goal was only \$100."



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Rory, Eliza and Molly Stansell raised \$400 for CancerCare Manitoba at their Lemonade Stands for Hope fundraiser last Thursday.

Province advises rent guideline set at three per cent for 2024

Submitted by the Manitoba government

Manitoba Consumer Protection and Government Services advises the 2024 rent guideline has been set at three per cent, effective Jan. 1, 2024.

The guideline is determined annually based on the Manitoba Consumer Price Index and applies to most residential rental properties including apartments, single rooms, houses and duplexes. Despite inflation being higher than three per cent, the rent increase guideline is limited by the Bank of Canada's target inflation range of one per cent to three per cent. This is the first increase since 2021, as the rate was held at zero per cent in 2022 and 2023.

The guideline does not apply to the following:

- rental units renting for \$1,615 or more per month;
- various types of social housing;
- rental units owned and operated by, or for, provincial, municipal or federal governments;

- rental units in buildings first occupied after March 2005;
- not-for-profit life lease units;
- co-operative units; and
- approved rehabilitated rental units.

Landlords may apply for an increase above the guideline if they can show the guideline will not cover cost increases they have incurred.

Tenants must receive written notice of a rent increase at least three months before the increase takes effect. For example, for a rent increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2024, tenants must receive notice by Sept. 30, 2023. With few exceptions, rent can only be increased once a year.

Landlords and tenants are encouraged to contact the Residential Tenancies Branch at 204-945-2476 in Winnipeg or 1-800-782-8403 (toll-free in Manitoba) to learn more about rent increases and other rights and responsibilities.

More information is also available at www.manitoba.ca/rtb.

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Gimli International Film Festival receives record-breaking short film submissions

Indigenous and local filmmakers championed and celebrated

By Autumn Fehr

For 23 years, the Gimli International Film Festival (GIFF) has been a staple in the community; locals and non-locals travel far and wide to see outstanding cinematography.

Last year, things were more serious for the festival with their re-brand, and the branding reflected that.

This year, the iconic rural film festival was back for its 23rd annual year with spunk in its step, a pop of colour and a funky feel.

“Because we are no longer in the pandemic, we really wanted to celebrate and make things fun and colourful,” said Alan Wong, the director of GIFF for the second year running.

As a moviegoer and spectator, it felt



The Betty Schwartz Memorial Volunteer Achievement Award was presented to Don Steinmetz, right, who has been volunteering at GIFF for the past 23 years.

like the festival had come back to life in a new way.

Filmmakers and actors were ready to return, and the numbers showed.

This year, a record-breaking number of short films were submitted to GIFF.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY DEVON FEHR
Phyllis Laing received GIFF's Living the Dream award.



Zorya Arrow was one of two recipients to receive GIFF's Best Acting Performance award for her role in Arutinae.



Erin Buelow received GIFF's award for Best Manitoba Director for his outstanding film, Arutinae.

Phyllis Laing received GIFF's Living the Dream award, a signature award

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FRIDAY AUGUST 4, 2023

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12:30-5:00 PM	Viking Village.....	Harbour Park
2:30-3:00 PM	Viking Kiddie Shield.....	Harbour Park
3:00-11:00 PM	Food Vendors.....	First Avenue
3:30-4:00 PM	Viking Battle.....	Harbour Park
4:00-11:00 PM	Vingólf Beverage Gardens.....	Gimli Harbour
5:00-11:00 PM	Wonder Shows Midway and Rides.....	Gimli Park
7:00-8:00 PM	Volunteer Meeting-Get Involved!.....	Vingólf Beverage Gardens
7:00 PM-12:00 AM	Friday Night at the Harbour-Live Music.....	Gimli Harbour

SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2023

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast.....	New Horizons Centre
8:30 AM	Beach Volleyball Tournament Registration.....	Gimli Beach North
9:00 AM	Beach Volleyball Tournament.....	Gimli Beach North
9:30 AM	Sandcastle Contest Registration.....	Gimli Beach North
10:00 AM	Sandcastle Contest.....	Gimli Beach North
10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Craft, Commercial, Not-Profit Vendors.....	Gimli Harbour
10:00 AM-11:00 PM	Food Vendors.....	Gimli Harbour
10:00 AM-8:00 PM	Art Show.....	Lakeview Resort-Darren Hall
11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Luckystone Acres Petting Zoo and Tours.....	90 N Colonization Rd
11:00 AM-5:30 PM	Viking Village.....	Harbour Park
12:00-6:00 PM	Children's Entertainment - BIG GAMES.....	Gimli Harbour
12:00-5:00 PM	Magnús Ver Magnússon Strongman Competition.....	Viking Statue
12:00-11:00 PM	Wonder Shows Midway and Rides.....	Gimli Park
1:00-11:00 PM	Vingólf Beverage Gardens.....	Gimli Harbour
2:00 PM	Islandingadunk.....	Gimli Harbour
2:30-3:00 PM	Viking Kiddie Shield.....	Harbour Park
3:00 PM	Get Dinged! Become an Honourary Viking!.....	Vingólf Beverage Gardens
3:30-4:00 PM	Viking Battle.....	Harbour Park
8:00 PM	Music on the Rooftop-Live Music.....	Waterfront Centre, Johnson Hall
7:30 PM-10:30 PM	Saturday Night at the Harbour-Live Music.....	Gimli Harbour Stage
10:30 PM	Fireworks.....	Gimli Harbour



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SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2023

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM	10 Mile Road Race.....	Winnipeg Beach Park
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast.....	New Horizons Centre
8:05 AM	5 Kilometre Road Race.....	Gimli Park
8:30 AM	Jan's One Mile Fun Run.....	Gimli Park Pavilion
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Icelandic Culture and Heritage Pavilion.....	Gimli Park Pavilion
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Amma's Kitchen.....	Gimli Park Pavilion
10:00 AM-5:00 PM	Art Show.....	Lakeview Resort-Darren Hall
10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Craft, Commercial, Not-Profit Vendors.....	Gimli Harbour
10:00 AM-9:00 PM	Food Vendors.....	Gimli Harbour
11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Luckystone Acres Petting Zoo and Tours.....	90 N Colonization Rd
11:00 AM-5:30 PM	Viking Village.....	Harbour Park
12:00-11:00 PM	Wonder Shows Midway and Rides.....	Gimli Park
1:00-9:00 PM	Vingólf Beverage Gardens.....	Gimli Harbour
1:00 PM	Fris-Nok Tournament.....	Gimli Park
1:30 PM	Icelandic Fashion Show.....	Gimli Theatre
3:00 PM	Music and Poetry in the Park.....	Gimli Park, Main Stage
2:30-3:00 PM	Viking Kiddie Shield.....	Harbour Park
3:30-4:00 PM	Viking Battle.....	Harbour Park
7:00 PM-12:00 AM	Alternative Folk Festival-Live Music.....	Gimli Park, Main Stage



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Community Paramedics Service cites cancelled appointments, care delays in IERHA

By Patricia Barrett

A Selkirk-based transportation service that takes patients in wheelchairs to and from medical appointments in the Interlake and beyond says it has been asked to stop offering its service between hospitals, leaving patients struggling to find alternative transport.

John MacKay, owner of Community Paramedics Service (CPS), says that among other wheelchair transport companies operating in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, his company has been unfairly singled out.

This comes after a successful pilot project CPS undertook with the provincial government and IERHA during the pandemic to get patients moved between hospitals and care homes in various regions of the province, he said. After the pilot ended, IERHA continued to use CPS for non-stretcher transport. In the last year and a half, CPS completed about 6,000 transfers, helping “solve transportation problems” in the region.

CPS’ hospital transfers came to an end this May, he said, a few months after the province launched a dedicat-

ed stretcher service for Selkirk, Brandon and Morden-Winkler.

“I think it’s because we [CPS] were so successful with the model we created in this region, that I guess we weren’t allowing the stretcher service to be successful,” said MacKay.

He was told by government authorities that Manitoba legislation pertaining to stretcher services was applicable to the service he was providing, he said. But there’s nothing in the Emergency Medical Response and Stretcher Transportation Act that pertains to wheelchairs.

He said he thinks the government is “over-extending their reach” to prove they’ve been “effective” in contracting a stretcher service [for rural areas] and “excluding one business out of all the other wheelchair transportation services.”

The *Express* checked with a Handi-van service (wheelchair service) in the Interlake and was told they’re allowed to transport patients between hospitals.

The *Express* obtained a memo dated July 14, 2023, on IERHA letterhead that states acute care staff are not to use CPS for interfacility transfers, not to speak with CPS staff and direct media inquiries to IERHA communications.

MacKay, a retired paramedic, said he started CPS in 2019. He hired off-duty and retired paramedics to escort stable patients in wheelchairs to their medical appointments. Despite his and his staff’s health-care credentials, he said he is not an ambulance service.

“We’re not giving medication or doing the job that we do as paramedics,” said MacKay. “We’re just escorts.”

Should someone suffer a medical emergency en route, MacKay said CPS staff call 911 like other wheelchair services.

MacKay said the directive to stop operating between hospitals has cost him 80 per cent of his business. It’s also “directly translated into people not getting to their appointments.”

MacKay said he’s been told by medical staff and patients that the government’s contracted stretcher service



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CPS takes patients in wheelchairs to and from medical appointments in the Interlake and beyond.

isn’t available when it’s needed or that it’s “too expensive,” and medical and diagnostic appointments are being missed.

“[Families] have taken [their loved ones] out of the hospital in order to get them to their appointments,” said MacKay.

Michelle Kalma and her husband, who live in Beausejour, are one of the families who experienced delayed medical care because of a lack of transportation. They took matters into their own hands to get a loved one access to the cancer treatment she desperately needed after being faced with “multiple” delays.

Michelle Kalma said her mother-in-law had a significant fall about a month or so ago and was admitted to Beausejour hospital, where it was decided she needed to have a CT scan of her head.

“Her CT appointment was cancelled I think three times because the hospital couldn’t get transportation,” said Kalma. “She was supposed to go on a Monday but couldn’t get there until Thursday. They finally got her an ambulance, and when [she had her scan], they found she had a brain tumour.”

The following week, her mother-in-law was booked for an appointment with CancerCare in Winnipeg for radiation treatment, but it had to be cancelled because Beausejour hospital couldn’t get transport.

“[Beausejour] was planning on sending her by Handi-van but decided she would have to go by ambulance because she had a seizure the night before. So we had to wait for an [available] ambulance,” said Kalma. “They cancelled two or three times throughout the day, saying, ‘No can’t do it now, can’t do it now.’”

Her mother-in-law was very upset and didn’t think she’d get her treatment.

“She was devastated when she missed that appointment. She was in tears. She said, ‘I don’t think this is going to happen, I’m not going to get this treatment,’” said Kalma. “It was heart-wrenching.”

The radiation appointment was rescheduled the following week, and Kalma and her family decided to check her mother-in-law out of the hospital and hire MacKay’s service to drive her to Winnipeg as they just “couldn’t rely on the region,” she said.

Kalma’s husband contacted IERHA to discuss transportation issues and the resulting delay in patient care.

“If she would have had her CT the day she was supposed to, that would have got things going quicker with CancerCare and she might have had her treatments sooner. During the wait, she ended up having seizures. She might have been able to avoid

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Investment in retention, training and recruitment of health-care providers increased

Submitted by the Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is significantly expanding its Health Human Resource Action Plan, nearly doubling its total investment to approximately \$400 million with a number of new incentives and initiatives as part of ongoing efforts to hire 2,000 health-care providers and improve care for patients across the province, Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced last week.

“The Health Human Resource Action Plan has significantly aided our government’s efforts to address global staffing challenges being felt here in Manitoba, making it easier to retain, train and recruit health-care professionals,” said Gordon. “We are building on that momentum with new and expanded incentives to further strengthen our health-care system workforce and enhance patient care for all Manitobans.”

The action plan, initially announced in November 2022, is being expanded to include a number of new incentives and supports for physicians, nurses and allied health staff. Developed in consultation and collaboration with labour unions, Doctors Manitoba, system leaders and front-line staff, these new incentives continue to focus on the three pillars of the action plan: retention, training and recruitment.

These new initiatives include:

- more opportunities for paramedics in rural and northern Manitoba to grow in their careers;

- practice-ready assessments for physicians;
- supports for internationally educated nurses; and
- a renewed focus on system and staff wellness including recruitment of a chief wellness officer.

“These new incentives and increased opportunities for members of our allied health workforce strengthen our efforts to retain, recruit and train highly skilled health-care workers right here in Manitoba,” said Helen Clark, chief operating officer of emergency response services and chief allied health officer, Shared Health. “They also ensure that Manitoba is — and will remain — an attractive and competitive location for health-care workers from across Canada.”

New incentives will be rolled out in the coming months and follow the successful implementation of a number of similar initiatives announced over the past nine months for Manitoba’s nursing workforce, as well as efforts to position Manitoba as a destination of choice for health-care workers from across the country and around the world, the minister noted. More than 300 internationally educated nurses from the Philippines have now accepted offers of employment to work at various sites throughout Manitoba and are beginning to work through immigration and licensing processes.

The action plan supplements incentives and initiatives contained within

various health-care system collective agreements.

“Our government remains committed to improving the health-care system for those working in it and for Manitobans who rely on it,” said Gordon. “We will continue to work with physicians and staff from all levels of the health-care system towards a shared goal of a stronger workforce that provides safe patient, client, and resident care closer to home for all Manitobans.”

The Manitoba government is also providing more than \$3.6 million through a new \$10-million Labour Market Fund to add health-care training seats at three post-secondary institutions.

“Our government is committed to healing health care, and these additional seats will help us to meet the labour needs of our health-care system to ensure more Manitobans have access to the care they need, when they need it,” said Advanced Education and Training Minister Sarah Guillemard. “This investment complements other recent initiatives to increase the number of health-care professionals working in our province in support of our Health Human Resource Action Plan including recruiting more than 300 internationally educated nurses to practise in Manitoba and increasing nursing education in Manitoba by adding 400 seats across multiple institutions.”

More than \$2 million is being pro-

vided to Assiniboine Community College to support training of an additional 70 licensed practical nurses in Brandon and Winnipeg, Guillemard noted. Licensed practical nurses are regulated health-care professionals who receive two years of training to provide care in a variety of health-care settings.

The University of Manitoba will receive \$1.2 million to support a 20-seat expansion in the 2024-25 bachelor of respiratory therapy program. The addition of 20 seats will bring the total seat capacity in the program to 40 seats. Ten seats will be reserved for Indigenous and northern applicants, Guillemard said.

In addition, the Manitoba government is providing more than \$226,000 to Red River College Polytechnic to support the expansion of the medical radiologic technologists and magnetic resonance imaging technologists programs, and \$94,000 to support the expansion of the advanced care paramedic program.

“Our government is committed to investing in people,” said Gordon. “These new training seats will ensure there is an ongoing stream of highly skilled and dedicated health-care providers who can work in our system for years to come.”

For more information on the Health Human Resource Action Plan, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/hhrap/index.html.

> SHORT FILMS, FROM PG. 12

in memory of Jack Clements. Norma Bailey, Canadian film writer, producer, director and member of the GIFF board, was presented with the honourable award.

“The reason why this award was presented is because when Jack was ill in 2006, the community rallied,” she said in her speech as she received the award.

Laing has contributed significantly to the Manitoba film industry over her career. In 1994, she started Buffalo Gal Pictures, an independent TV and film production company that has produced 20 feature films, 10 television dramas, eight documentaries, and over 50 hours of television series.

“Producing isn’t always living the dream; it’s usually living the nightmare,” she said.

“It’s like gardening. Every year, there are new plants, new things to admire.”

As she held her well-deserved

award, she left the crowd with some final, inspiring words.

“Carry on, Manitoba. Live the dream,” Laing said.

A film shot almost entirely in the Interlake area, *Arutinae* is a melding of dream-logic and wry mystery following the up-and-coming indie musician Billie Christie on a pilgrimage to the former home of her musical idol, Inge Shielke.

This feature film, exploring big, abstract ideas, did not go unnoticed. *Arutinae* took home Best Acting Performance for Zorya Arrow’s role and the Best Manitoba Director award for Erin Buelow’s phenomenal film.

Twice Colonized received the Grand Jury Prize award, the major prize of the festival given to the top doc or feature film selected by an independent jury.

The project began with a coffee date between director Lin Alluna and screenwriter Aaju Peter eight years

ago. The film ended up being a seven-year project of filming and collaboration. It follows renowned Inuit layer Aaju Peter on her journey to reclaim her language and culture.

Alluna wasn’t able to attend in person to accept her award, but she sent in a video call that was played for attendees.

“Your experience is your power, and you can use that to make a difference,” she said over the video.

Out of all the awards that were given out that evening, the Betty Schwartz Memorial Volunteer Achievement Award had a special place in the hearts of long-time attendees, supporters and all those that have made the film festival possible over the past 23 years.

Before GIFF founder Janis Johnson presented the award, she passed on the torch to the younger generations, asking the young people in the room to carry on the film festival.

The award was presented to Don Steinmetz, the only person besides Johnson working on the festival since

the start.

“It’s been a family even with them,” said Johnson, about the Steinmetz family, Don’s wife Sue and their kids Justin and Rochelle, who took on the festival like their own.

“It’s been a journey. The early years of the festival, at the time, it was very challenging. With the help and support of my friends, family and volunteering, it’s always worked out,” said Steinmetz.

People from all over Canada attend the festival.

“There were some small changes this year, but we really wanted to just bring people back to have a big celebration and make people feel at home. It’s great that the filmmakers came back and the guests came back, so it’s been a big success,” said Wong.

GIFF has contributed to playing a role in this fight toward amplifying marginalized voices and showcasing films that tell unheard stories that the world needs to hear.

> DELAYS, FROM PG. 18

those if she got treatment sooner," said Kalma. "This is a delay of care. This has caused undue hardship, pain and stress for our family. And stress for her."

IERHA referred the *Express*' questions to the province's Shared Health organization.

Helen Clark, Shared Health's chief operating officer of emergency response services and chief allied health officer, spoke with the *Express* regarding MacKay's claims.

Clark said Shared Health is not a "regulator" but it does define what patients are appropriate for specific modes of transportation (i.e., ambulance, stretcher, wheelchair) based on their health status. Regulatory authorities such as the College of Paramedics "come into play" regarding what it means when someone holds themselves out as a "health corporation."

"What appears to be part of the problem is the way [MacKay] holds himself out in the description of his business and the types of patients he accepts. He's representing himself as a medical transport service, which he is not," said Clark. "He calls himself a community paramedic service, but what the industry typically recognizes as a community paramedic

service is a service model within the health-care system. He's not a community paramedic service."

If MacKay advertised his business as a wheelchair service, it would be less problematic, said Clark. But because the business is also associating itself with paramedic service, it can be misleading.

"You set up an expectation by the public and potentially by some of our facilities who may not be familiar with all the requirements. They might think, 'This is a paramedic; therefore, I am safe to have my patient transported by this individual,' and when there's no governing authority ensuring a vehicle is properly inspected according to the requirements of the vehicles-for-hire bylaws," said Clark.

Some of the requirements include ensuring a wheelchair is appropriately secured inside a transport vehicle and that the finish on the inside of the vehicle is appropriate to ensure infection prevention and control guidelines, she said.

"How is it cleaned out? Does it have carpeting on the interior where it probably shouldn't? All of those kinds of things are required from a medical perspective. Those same kinds of requirements aren't necessarily applied to a wheelchair service,

other than safely securing the wheelchair," said Clark. "But the minute you start advertising yourself as some kind of medical service, it introduces a different layer of expectation for the public. It can confuse the public as to what exactly the service they're purchasing provides versus being very clear that you're essentially a taxi service for people who are unable to self-ambulate."

Wheelchair services, provincewide, used to be regulated by the Taxi Board until The Municipal Act was changed to give municipalities responsibility to exercise power over vehicles for hire, which include wheelchair services and taxis, she said, and it's not clear whether CPS holds a business licence to operate as a vehicle for hire.

The *Express* reached out to the City of Selkirk for information about licensing.

If wheelchair and stretcher services are asked to transport patients with health-care needs that don't fit that model of transportation, Clark said they're expected to decline those patients by saying, "You're asking me to transport a patient beyond my capability; I cannot accept them."

With regard to patient transport data since the start of the province's rural stretcher service, Clark said Shared Health has to analyze the first three

months' worth of data.

"We've got a lot of further work to do before we can say definitively here's what we're observing," she said. "But the service is absolutely picking up volume that otherwise would've tied up our ambulance services. We know that's the case."

The stretcher service model, which is licensed and inspected by the province, transfers low acuity patients on stretchers, sometimes with accompanying medical staff if required.

This transport model is something Shared Health wants to expand in rural areas as a successful stretcher model already operates in Winnipeg, easing pressure on Winnipeg's Fire Paramedic Service.

"In an ideal world, we would be expanding stretcher service capability across most communities in Manitoba because we know there are patients who don't require an ambulance," said Clark.

She added there's still a need for wheelchair services in rural areas, and the new stretcher service is not competing with them as it's a "different kind of service."

Trish Bergal, executive director and registrar of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba, told the *Express* that because of confidentiality, she cannot discuss MacKay's claims.

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Gimli's Benedictson places 3rd in long, triple jump at NAIG

International competition showcases Indigenous talent

By Becca Myskiw

A Gimli teen recently won big at the North American Indigenous Games.

Blaze Benedictson, 17, placed third in the U19 long jump and triple jump events, beating out competitors from across Canada and the United States.

The games, which were held in Halifax last week, showcased the talent of Indigenous athletes.

"On the runway, I zoned in, locked in and ran as fast as I could," Benedictson said of his performance.

"The key is to stay calm and focus and just do what you're able to do. ... It's all about a mentality."

In the long jump event, the teen jumped a distance of 5.9m — one inch off second place and one foot away from first.

In triple jump, he recorded a 11.45m jump. The second-place athlete jumped 11.65m and first-place managed 12.17m.

Benedictson also ran the 100m sprint, but the result wasn't his best, he said.

On competition day, Benedictson woke up sore from head to toe. He could barely get out of his hotel bed and was working off three hours of sleep. Of his six jumps, only two were with his dominant foot, and those pushed him to the top.

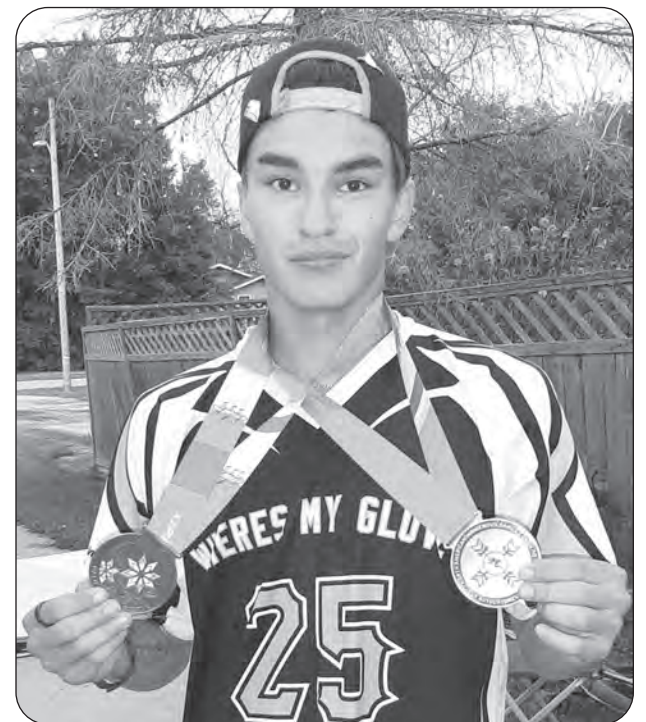
"I was happy I got a medal, but I definitely felt like I could've done better and got a foot further if I trained more and was more in shape," he said. "It's a challenge to stay in your prime competition form."

The young athlete is the first to admit he hasn't trained much for his events — they come naturally. He stays in shape by riding his bike, running with friends, or working out in the school gym.

He got into track and field after a coach introduced him to the sport in junior high. He won several ribbons at his first meet, and has been hooked ever since, he said.

Benedictson was set to perform at the Indigenous games for Team Manitoba in 2020, but the meet was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year, he got the chance to try out again, and after making the team for a second time, he was finally off to compete.

Now, he is focused on preparing for next year. He knows he can break 6m in long jump — he's done it before — he just has to do it in competition, he said.



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Blaze Benedictson, 17, of Gimli participated in NAIG in Halifax and brought home two bronze medals in long jump and triple jump.

Interlake teens to showcase track and field talents on national stage

By Joshua Frey-Sam

Sydney Burak wants to put a bow on her breakout season in track and field.

The Arborg teen, who trains out of Winnipeg Optimist Athletics for the high jump and triple jump, will travel to Sherbrooke, Que., for the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships, Aug. 11-13.

Burak, 16, has never been to Quebec nor competed on the national stage, both compounding her nerves heading into the biggest meet of her young career.

"Of course, I'm a little bit nervous," said Burak, who ranks among the country's top 60 junior high jumpers. "I'm also very excited to have the opportunity to go to Quebec; that's really exciting for me. It's a great next step to take for myself, I think, and I'm really excited to see how I'll do, and also to see the competition — it'll be a great experience to push myself a little bit harder and work really hard to get to my goals."

"Personally, I would just like to do my best — maybe set a new personal best."

Like many young athletes, Burak started out competing in numerous track and field events. With her parents (both track athletes in high school) steering her toward athletics, Burak stuck with it, and as she grew older, high jumping captured her heart.

This year, Burak further declared her intent to excel in the discipline, joining the Winnipeg Optimist Athletics. Not only has it taken her game to the next level, but it's heightened her love for the sport.

"I joined a club track team this fall because I felt like track — doing it from Grade 5 to now — I've just found a new love for it," she said. "It's been something that I discovered that I really like now. I really love the physical aspect of it, the hard work that goes into it, but also — I know we do individual events — a team aspect, as well."

"Like your training partners or when you go with a team, the support, the cheering when you're doing events, the feeling when you get a new personal best, that's what I love most about it — it's just an amazing feeling."

Burak said she plans on continuing her track and field career at the university level in a couple of years. For now, she'll look to continue her stellar season.

"I think this year has just been a really exciting year for me, I started club track this year, and it's really opened my eyes to a lot of new opportunities and furthering my journey with track,



Burak, 16, ranks among the top 60 junior high jumpers in the country and has two golds and a silver medal in competition this season.

for sure.

"I feel like it's been a really great year, a year of consistency for me and new personal bests, so I'm excited to see where that'll take me and what next season brings and, hopefully, Quebec goes great and ends the season on a high note."

Joining Burak on the flight to Quebec is fellow Manitoba junior Jencie Henry.

Henry, 14, is enjoying a solid year in the field that has seen her personal bests in shot put and discus skyrocket up the national ranks, standing second (12.30 metres) and ninth (29.58m), respectively, among U16 female athletes.

"It's weird because last year, I was barely throwing anything," said Henry. "In shot put, I was throwing around eight (metres) ... and this year I just got super strong."

Not only will the Gimli teen travel to Quebec for the first time in her life, but she'll step foot on a plane for the first time, too.

It's possible those nerves have propelled Henry's success in the early goings of her throwing career, which began just two years ago.

"Going on a plane for the first time but also competing against a lot of really good people, I feel like that builds up that nervous feeling," she said.

"Sometimes, I get super nervous (but) then I build that up, and it helps me throw far, but other times I'm just super excited."

Henry's aspirations are grand, with



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Arborg's Sydney Burak will compete on the national stage for the first time at the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships in Sherbrooke, Que.



Gimli's Jencie Henry, 14, has seen her personal bests in shot put and discus skyrocket up the national ranks, standing second (12.30 metres) and ninth (29.58m), respectively, among U16 female athletes. Henry won a gold medal in shot put and a silver medal in discus at the Athletics Manitoba Age Class Provincials (Legion trials) in Selkirk.

sights on going pro in shot put. She hopes her nerves can fuel her again this week to another solid finish.

"I want to try and make top three,



if that's even possible. I want to try throwing over 12 (metres) and just be happy with what I throw," she said.

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Carlson, Miller commit to Freeze for 2023-24 season



Interlake Lightning forward has committed to play for the MJHL's Winnipeg Freeze for the upcoming season.



Interlake Lightning defenceman Aiden Miller of Gunton has committed to the MJHL's Winnipeg Freeze for the 2023-23 season. EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Manitoba finishes 3-2 at 2023 Women's Baseball Championship

Staff

Team Manitoba finished with a 3-2 record at the 2023 Women's Baseball Championship in Halifax and Upper Sackville, N.S., last weekend.

Manitoba's Senior Women's roster included Stonewall's Ella Holm and Arborg's Jamie Johnson.

Manitoba started the tournament with a dominating 16-9 victory over Ontario 2 on Thursday. After trailing 3-0 after the first inning and then 9-3 going into the bottom of the fourth, Manitoba stormed back to score two in the fourth, eight in the fifth and three in the sixth.

On Friday morning, Manitoba edged Quebec 7-6.

Trailing 5-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Manitoba pulled off a huge comeback with five runs.

Later that evening, Team Manitoba was defeated 6-5 by Nova Scotia. Manitoba trailed 4-1 and 6-2 before

scoring three runs in the top of the sixth inning to make the game interesting.

Saturday saw Manitoba lose 17-7 to Saskatchewan despite taking a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Later that afternoon, Manitoba crushed Quebec 2 by a 9-1 score.

Stonewall hosting 22U men's national baseball championship

Staff

For the first time in over 30 years, Canada's Junior Men's Baseball Championship will be coming back to Manitoba.

Stonewall is set to host the nationals, which begin this Thursday and wraps up Sunday at Quarry Park.

This event is the biggest 22U Baseball Championship in Canada and will feature eight provincial all-star teams from across the country.

The tournament will feature 22 games over

four days.

Team Manitoba (Elmwood Giants) and the host Interlake Blue Jays will have rosters consisting of players from the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

Team Manitoba has won the tournament three times with gold medals in 2010, 1982 and 1967.

Pool A will consist of Ontario 1, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island.

Pool B teams include Ontario 2, Quebec, the

host (Stonewall) and Saskatchewan.

For the complete schedule and results, please visit baseball.ca.

Impact ties with Elmwood FC

Staff

The Interlake Impact played to a 1-1 draw with Elmwood FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Thursday at the Buhler Recreation Park in Winnipeg.

Nathan Poppe scored for Interlake while Ryan

Cox replied for Elmwood FC.

Interlake, now 3-6-1 and tied for fifth place with Argentinos F.C. in the 10-team division with 10 points, will take on Pescara on Wednesday at the University of Manitoba. Game time is 7:15 p.m.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION for 2023

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong has been delivered to the Municipal Office at Inwood, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property; or
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- (c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- (d) be filed by
 - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong at Inwood, Manitoba, or
 - (ii) serving it upon the Secretary, in person, by mail, email or fax

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting of the Board of Revision.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** in the Council Chambers in Inwood, Manitoba in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Tuesday, August 28, 2023 at 4:30 PM.**

Dated at Inwood, in Manitoba this 20th day of July, 2023.

Hilda Zotter, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Armstrong
Box 69, 1094 Hwy #17
Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0
Phone: (204)-278-3377
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Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

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- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
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- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

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Lana Meier
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VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for the Village of Dunnottar has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 44 Whytefold Road, Dunnottar, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act*:

Application for revision

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- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property; or
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

Application requirements

43(1) An application for revision must

- a) be made in writing;
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- d) be filed by
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 - (ii) serving it upon the secretary, at 44 Whytefold Road at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **September 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** in the council chamber of the Village of Dunnottar at 44 Whytefold Road to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is August 21, 2023.

Dated at Dunnottar, Manitoba this 21th day of July 2023.

Sarah Palson
Secretary to the Board of Revision
Village of Dunnottar
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Matlock, Manitoba R0C 2B0

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 - A demonstrated understanding of all federal aviation legislation, regulations, service standards and directives.
 - Demonstrated knowledge and experience with Transport Canada's Safety Management System
 - Highly developed interpersonal, presentation, written and oral communication skills, with experience in working with staff, committees, Municipal Council, the public and various agencies.
 - Demonstrated experience in managing staff and contractors involved in airport operations and maintenance
 - Ability to prepare reports, articles, policies, specifications and standards. Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office products.
 - Demonstrated technical and technological proficiency with aviation related technologies such as weather collecting sensors and airport lighting systems.
 - Ability to undertake both management and, as required, operational duties.
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The position will remain open until filled. Applicants will be considered starting August 14, 2023.

Resume and cover letter to be sent to:

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DATED at Ashern, Manitoba, this 21st day of July, 2023.

**PAUL D. GEISLER J.D.
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Fun By The Numbers

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

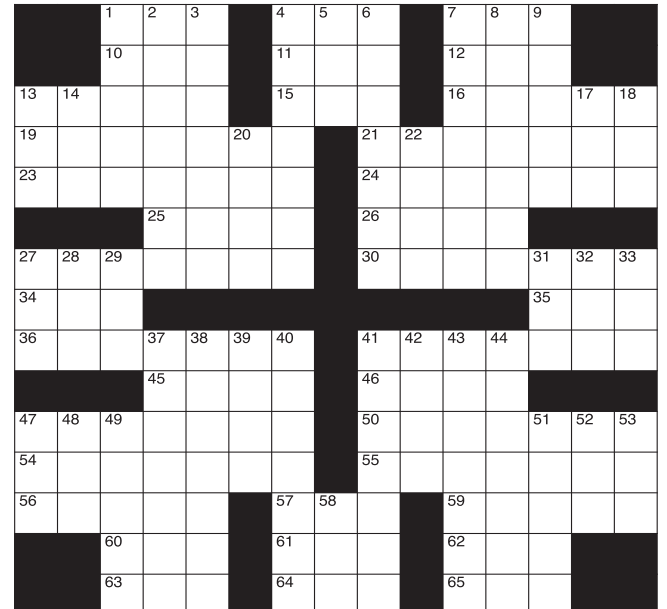
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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Indicates tire pressure
- Request
- Clairvoyance
- 007's creator
- Adult male
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Cloths spread on a coffin
- Breeze through
- Ladyfish genus
- It's good to take them
- Noble-governed territory
- Members of U.S. Navy
- Card game resembling rummy
- Affected by injury
- Member of a Semitic people
- Left
- Woman's cloak
- S. American plant
- Prohibit
- Offense
- Dish soap brand
- Ottoman military commanders
- Ancient Greek City
- Makes unhappy
- Discuss again
- Medical instrument
- Promote
- A beloved carb
- Tag the base runner to get him out
- Prehistoric people
- Large African antelope
- Vehicle
- Georgia rockers
- Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- A major division of geological time
- Attempt



CLUES DOWN

- Plant of the nettle family
- Fit to be sold
- Rather
- Collected
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patella
- Ageless
- Lists of course requirements
- Pokes at
- TV network
- They ___
- Cooking hardware
- U.S. Army title
- Iron-containing compound
- Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- Former French coin
- Electronic countermeasures
- Taxi
- Helps little firms
- Woeful
- Midway between northeast and east
- Glowing
- Tasks which should be done
- An informal body of friends
- Intrinsic nature
- Neural structures
- Brews
- Where ships unload cargo
- Singer
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Southwest Scotland town
- Most worthless parts
- Viscous
- Put to work
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Barb Sowa
Celebration of Life

Please join us in celebration of Barb at the Gimli Pavillion on August 12, 2023. Barb is arriving at 3 p.m. via motorcycle escort. Speeches and refreshments to follow from 3-5 p.m. Those wishing to stay and continue sharing memories, please join us the evening of August 12th at the Pavillion where there will be a cash bar beginning at 5 p.m. with proceeds to CancerCare and live music.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

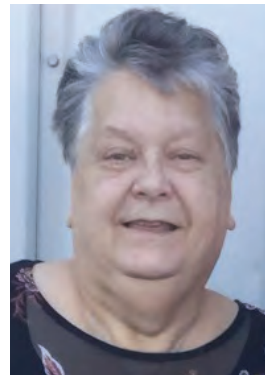
Darlene King
August 26, 1942 - March 1, 2023

A Celebration of Life will be held for Darlene on Tuesday, August 8th at 2:30 p.m. at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue.

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit www.chapellawn.ca
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OBITUARY

Linda Zazulinski
August 2, 1952 – July 23, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Linda Zazulinski at her home in Gimli, Manitoba on July 23, 2023 at the age of 70.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter Sheri (Kevin Pemkowski) and grandchildren, Ryan (Chantal) and Emily. She is survived by sisters, Mary Gzegotski, Nancy (Ed Ratz) and brother Mike Olyarnick; sisters-in-law, Anne Senga, Connie (Roman Szczerba), Debbie (Jerry Hayduk) and Elise Zazulinski, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Linda was predeceased by her husband Peter, parents Nick and Teenie Olyarnick, in-laws John and Pauline Zazulinski, sisters-in-law, Irene Zazulinski, Mary Siatecki and Dolores Olyarnick; and brothers-in-law, Philip Gzegotski, Gordie and Mike Zazulinski,

John Siatecki, and Mike Senga.

Linda was born on August 2, 1952, in Gimli. She was the youngest of four children, Mary and Mike were quite a bit older, so she basically grew up with her sister Nancy. Whenever together, they loved to tell stories (and blame each other) for their adventures growing up on the farm. Linda went to Willow Creek School for several years, which was almost a two-mile walk – and of course it was “uphill both ways!” She spent the rest of her education at Gimli Public School and Gimli High School where she met the Harley riding, love of her life, Peter. They were married on May 8, 1971.

Her only child, Sheri was born soon after and Linda was a stay-at-home mom for many years. She sold Avon and dragged Sheri, as a toddler, around to her customers’ homes to deliver orders. She worked for a few years as a clerk at Gimli IGA and then at Shorepointe Village as the office manager. Linda was involved in the running of the Dennis Lake Wildlife Association and was treasurer of the St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church for many years. Linda had many hobbies over the years including reading, ceramics, cross-stitching, bowling, baking delicious cheesecakes, fishing, gardening, as well as returning to selling Avon for the last 20 years.

Linda’s biggest joy was her beloved grandchildren, Ryan and Emily, and she spent lots of time babysitting them when they were younger. She was extremely proud of them and their accomplishments as they grew up, and she cherished their visits so she could hear what they were up to. She was very grateful to her son-in-law, Kevin, for doing many jobs around the house and renovations, which allowed her to stay in her home until her passing.

Cremation has taken place and service will be held on August 3, at 11:00 a.m. at Fraserwood Hall. Burial to follow at St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery.

We would like to thank Mom’s neighbour, Lori for calling 911 and the paramedics for trying so hard to save Mom.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, Box 2083, Gimli, MB, ROC 1B0, or Diabetes Canada.

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

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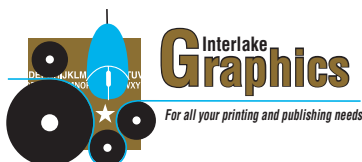
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