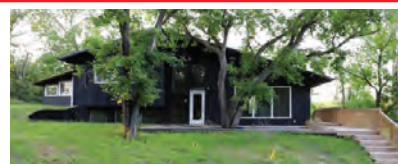


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Interlake Art Board members make way for next generation of volunteers

Joanie English, Bev Hart and Mary Thorne retire from art board executive

By Katelyn Boulanger

Three longtime members of the Interlake Art Board have decided to retire this year and have left the board in the capable hands of the next generation of volunteers.

Joanie English, Bev Hart and Mary Thorne will be moving on to other pursuits, but the community is thankful for the work they put into volunteering to make our region a more artful place.

"After 10 years of being actively involved in the arts, it's a good time to transition out. I think we've done a lot," said English.

The Interlake Art Board is an organization dedicated to supporting and strengthening communities in the Interlake region of Manitoba through art.

Joannie English and Bev Hart were original members of the Interlake Art Board which came together in 2014. In 2017, Marry Thorne joined the fun.

The original goal of the group was to support the Interlake Juried Art

Show. One of the ways that they did this was by submitting a successful grant to purchase grids, backdrops and displays.

Now, they are more well known in our community for the beautiful murals that bring colour and joy to the region.

Hart feels that it's important to have art in our communities.

"I personally need to be surrounded by art, and we had a beautiful art gallery; [the art board] originally kind of all came round from there. And what I noticed was that people noticed a few murals and then they say, 'Well, we wanted mural at our building,'" said Hart.

She says that getting everyone on board and co-ordinated to get these murals up in our community was a challenge but was also worth it.

The murals in the area were designed by various artists, but one who stands out as making many of them and also because he grew up in the area is Charlie Johnston. Johnston has



EXPRESS PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER

Joanie English, Bev Hart and Mary Thorne in front of the Interlake Art Board's Community Round Dance mural.

set the bar very high for the murals in town and has also mentored many of the artists who continue the tradition of painting murals in the area.

There are many murals in our community now thanks to the art board members and all are beautiful. One that is a first not just for Selkirk but

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South Beach roads and drains a disgrace, residents call for RM action

By Patricia Barrett

Residents in South Beach say the state of their roads and drainage infrastructure is disgraceful and that they're being treated like second-class citizens compared to residents living in Gimli proper.

Sixth Avenue resident Bill Buckels said there has been historical neglect of South Beach, a neighbourhood that's divided by Colville Drive and by what residents refer to as the "old town" of Gimli.

"My street looks like something out of the Third World or Burrows Avenue in Winnipeg. It's like the great divide between the old town and South Beach at Colville and by what we call the government ditch (which shunts water eastwards down Colville to Lake Winnipeg)," said Buckels. "We all pay the same taxes, but the RM is ignoring South Beach. We live here year-round. The RM can't only pave streets that tourists will be walking down."

Looking at Sixth on the north side of Colville, Buckels said it has blacktop and is well maintained. And the RM paved the road properly in front of the Royal Canadian Legion on the south side of Colville, probably because of events that are held there. But the RM



The RM laid down sand on Sixth a number of weeks ago, which caused a dust storm.

neglected the rest of the street.

"They gave this section of road at the legion a good road surface, which is more than the RM has ever done for us, said Buckels. "They patched some of Sixth heading towards Sigmund, but the road disintegrates and the potholes come out again and again because the RM hasn't put down a proper base for the road."

As you move farther south up Sixth, the road turns to grit, with patches of crumbling asphalt giving way to potholes, mud, gravel and sand.

Buckels said he's baffled as to why the RM threw down sand on their road earlier this month. It caused a dust storm that choked residents and

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Residents on Sixth have to pull grass, weeds and clumps of mud from a collapsed culvert to prevent possible flooding of their property.



Fifth Avenue, like Sixth, has patches of asphalt, potholes and gravel.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT South Beach resident Bill Buckels wants the RM to fix South Beach roads and drainage ditches.

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ADAMA Canada donates \$7,000 to help improve Arborg's Curling Club

Submitted by ADAMA Canada

ADAMA Canada announced today a donation of \$7,000 to the Arborg Curling Club to improve its accessibility. This donation is part of All In On Your Stomping Grounds, a new initiative to help fund community projects across the country.

The donation from ADAMA is going toward making the curling club wheelchair accessible, which includes installing an accommodating entryway, elevator and washroom. During the warmer months, the curling club converts to a pickleball club, resulting in hundreds of people entering the building year-round.

"Curling is a large part of Arborg's history and we have a lot of people who come through the club, whether they're part of a league, bonspiel, or they're supporting their loved ones," said Kyle Foster, owner of Foster's Ag Service. "This donation from ADAMA will ensure everyone can enjoy the space regardless of their ability."

The Arborg Curling Club project is one of 19 initiatives supported by ADAMA Canada's All In On Your Stomping



ing Grounds program, which issued a cross-country call for Canadians to share community space improvement projects, agricultural education projects or community food bank projects in their hometowns that needed funding earlier this year. The program donated up to \$10,000 to each recipient and a total of \$120,000 after receiving 60 applicants.

"Agriculture is built on community and we want to support the people that help to make ADAMA successful in deeper ways," said Andrew Kaminsky, area business manager for ADAMA Canada. "Initiatives like this are the reason we wanted to create All In On Your Stomping Grounds, and we're looking forward to using the fund to continue to help improve communities all over Canada."



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ADAMA area business manager Andrew Kaminsky, right, presented a \$7,000 cheque to Wes Johansson of the Arborg Curling Club.

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Music alive in the Interlake in remembrance of past artists

Third annual
ROGerKimLee Music
Festival in Eriksdale
Aug. 18 to 20

By Autumn Fehr

An annual memorial music festival is set to return to Eriksdale, with organizers preparing for a weekend of musical bliss.

"We want a festival that's going to hopefully bring money into the community and spark this community up," said Derrick McCandless, who is one of the organizers behind the ROGerKimLee Music Festival.

McCandless operates the Eriksdale Music Shop with Dawn Mills. The pair have hosted the festival three times, inspired by their friends Roger Young, Kim Russell and Lee Oreniuk — who all died in 2020.

The festival is named in their honour.

"Every year is about them. Every year it honours them. They will not be forgotten. And every year, another Manitoba musician's name is added to the Manitoba Musicians Memorial Park," said Mills. "We hope to build a solid foundation for the festival to continue to grow and expand — a sol-



Singer-songwriter Frannie Klein will be part of the lineup of Manitoba artists slated to perform.

id volunteer base, strong systems and media presence."

From Aug. 18 to 20, residents can enjoy events at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre, Railway Avenue, McEwan Memorial Park and Manitoba's Musicians Memorial Park.

The goal is to unite local and established musicians, creative makers and community members in one inclusive space. The organizers hope to drive tourism to the West Interlake region by continuing to build the festival as an annual attraction.

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end full of Manitoba-based music, activities and food.

Saturday headliners include singer songwriter Frannie Klein and The Solutions, an eight-piece funk, soul and

R&B dance band. On Sunday, country crooner Bobby Dove will take the stage.

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Jake's denture story - how he's thriving with his new smile

BY ELISHA VANDOR

I was helping a woman in her 30's at the front desk (who was on her way to get her remaining upper teeth pulled) when she yipped, "Don't say the D word!" She was of course referring to her new upper denture that I was showing her. She much preferred me to call them her new teeth rather than her new denture. As someone who's in my 30's myself, I understood where she was coming from. The word denture can come with a lot of baggage. Let me explain...

A lot of people wear dentures and everyone has their own good or bad experiences, but mostly, people like to share their bad experiences with others. Why? Because it's interesting news! Jake, had heard from his family and friends not to get dentures. Most likely because of the troubles they had experienced. Regardless, Jake decided for himself it was time to pull his remaining upper teeth and get a denture. He says, "I was petrified because I needed 10 teeth pulled. I was scared to know how much pain I was going to be

in, but zero, there was zero pain. It was amazing. I hardly felt anything. When it came to the denture, I thought I would have this giant thing in my mouth with big protruding teeth, but when I saw my smile for the first time I said, 'wow I've been missing out!'

I recall the phone conversation I had with Jake the day after he had his teeth pulled. He said he was smiling at everyone! I could hear the excitement in his voice when he talked about his new found smiling freedom. He shared with us when he came in a few days later saying "I'm definitely smiling now. I haven't smiled in the last 3 years, but I love smiling now, I can't stop. People are noticing and saying, 'wow', where did you get your smile? They want to do what I've done. It's pretty exciting."

It's been 10 days since Jake's been wearing his Immediate upper denture. We call it an immediate denture because it goes in immediately after the teeth are pulled. There are many benefits to having a denture right away. First, you get to smile! Getting

your smile back right away is a boost of confidence, especially when you look like you. Second, wearing a denture immediately after helps heal the gums faster as the denture acts like a Band-Aid over the extraction site. Finally, wearing a denture immediately after helps you eat the foods you want, faster. You get to practice and get used to wearing a denture right off the hop. Usually, the longer you wait to wear a denture, the harder it is to get used to because you've become accustomed to nothing in your mouth. Jake says, "after 10 days I don't even notice the denture is there anymore. I wear it day and night and only take it out to clean. It took me about a week to accept and get used to it. I made a decision to be positive. That's what it's all about. I can't stop smiling now and brighten up any room."

If you've lost, about to lose, or are needing to replace your dentures we would love to make you smile like Jake. Consultations are free! We look forward to hearing from you.



SENIOR PRICING - supplied photo - Jake's before and after photo's show his 'WOW' transformation from broken and failing natural teeth to an immediate denture.

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Gas taxes drive up Manitoba pump prices

Submitted by Gage Haubrich, CTF Prairie Director

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the federal and provincial governments to cut gas taxes to save drivers money.

"Manitobans are now paying two carbon taxes they can't afford," said Gage Haubrich, CTF prairie director. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau needs to stop piling more costs on families and scrap both of his carbon taxes that are making life more expensive."

The CTF's Gas Tax Honesty Report shows that taxes make up 29 per cent of the pump price in Manitoba. Pro-

vincial and federal taxes cost 46 cents per litre of gasoline.

The federal carbon tax currently costs 14 cents per litre of gasoline. The federal government imposed a second carbon tax through fuel regulations that took effect on July 1. By 2030, when the fuel regulations are fully implemented, the two carbon taxes will increase the price of gasoline by about 55 cents per litre and cost the average Manitoba family more than \$2,100 annually.

The Manitoba government charges a gas tax of 14 cents per litre.

The provincial governments of Alberta, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador all cut gas taxes to save drivers money.

"Premier Heather Stefanson rightly calls out the cost of the federal carbon tax but refuses to cut her provincial gas tax like many other provinces have done," Haubrich said. "Stefanson should step up and provide relief by cutting her gas taxes."

The CTF is Canada's leading non-partisan citizens' advocacy group fighting for lower taxes, less waste and accountable government.

Omicron subvariant EG.5 rapidly spreading; little evidence about severity

By Patricia Barrett

The World Health Organization is sounding the alert on a new omicron subvariant that has spread rapidly to a large number of countries and could become dominant worldwide.

The EG.5 subvariant was first reported in February 2023. In mid-July the WHO designated it as a variant under monitoring (VUM), but the global health organization is now upgrading EG.5's status to a variant of interest (VOI) given its presence in about 51 countries since early August.

The WHO issued an Initial Risk Evaluation report Aug. 9, saying EG.5 is accelerating worldwide.

"Globally, there has been a steady increase in the proportion of EG.5 reported," states the report. "During epidemiological week 29 (17 to 23 July 2023), the global prevalence of EG.5 was 17.4%. This is a notable rise from the data reported four weeks prior (week 25, 19 to 25 June 2023), when the global prevalence of EG.5 was 7.6%."

Countries reporting a high or increasing percentage of the EG.5 COVID strain include China (30.6 per cent of its sequences), the U.S. (18.4 per cent), Republic of Korea (14.1 per cent), Japan (11.1 per cent) and Canada (5.3 per cent).

The WHO has pegged the severity of EG.5 as low based on limited data to date.

"Based on the available evidence, the public health risk posed by EG.5 is evaluated as low at the global level, aligning with the risk associated with XBB.1.16 and the other currently circulating VOIs ...," states the report. "While EG.5 has shown increased prevalence, growth advantage, and immune escape properties, there have been no reported changes in disease severity to date. However, due to its growth advantage and immune escape characteristics, EG.5 may cause a rise in case incidence and become dominant in some countries or even globally."

The WHO is encouraging its member countries to monitor and share information on EG.5 as COVID continues to be a "major threat."

"Although the public health emergency of international concern for COVID-19 was declared over on 5 May 2023, COVID-19 remains a major threat," states the WHO in its weekly epidemiological report published Aug. 10. "WHO continues to urge Member States to maintain, not dismantle, their established COVID-19 infrastructure. It is crucial to sustain early warning, surveillance and reporting, variant tracking, early clinical care provision, administration of vaccine boosters to high-risk groups, improvements in ventilation, and regular communication."

At the global level, there have been 6.9 million deaths from COVID, according to the WHO as of Aug. 9. In Canada, 53,216 people have died from the virus.

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> PAST ARTISTS, FROM PG. 5

Other musicians performing through the weekend include Daniel Jordan, DB & The Deadbeats, Twang-bomb, Had It Comin' Band, Derrick McCandless & The Handsome Wonderers, Arnott Clark, Maija Kaartinen, Thorkelson Sisters and Wild Card.

Food and beverage options will be available on-site, including treats from food trucks, the cozy Arena Café and an outdoor beer garden featuring brews from Torque Brewing.

The Show 'n Shine will display an

assortment of collector vehicles, with the audience able to vote for their favourites.

The "RAT-IT" challenge will include a design competition with custom guitars, vehicles and lawnmowers. There is a small admin fee to participate, with the proceeds supporting a youth music program.

Local artisans will showcase their handmade and designed goods at an outdoor maker's market, emphasizing the importance of shopping lo-

cally.

Kids can engage in activities like face painting, a bouncy castle, a bike-decorating challenge and music and games.

Creative workshops hosted by musicians will allow patrons to learn and engage with artists. Participants can learn drumming skills, guitar making and song writing.

Erica Lindell of Mossy Birch Homestead will host a foraging walking tour, where people can learn about

fermenting foods.

As well, 50/50 tickets will be sold all weekend.

Camping is available at McEwen Park, which offers non-powered sites, firewood, washrooms and showers.

"Wherever we are, we gather and celebrate life around music," Mills said.

For more details on the festival's events and to purchase a one-day or weekend pass, visit ROGerKimLee-MusicFest.com.

> SOUTH BEACH ROADS AND DRAINS, FROM PG. 3

caused breathing difficulties for some neighbours prone to respiratory issues.

"The RM put this sand down a number of weeks ago and we all choked on the dust," said Buckels. "I don't understand it. They haven't used sand before. They should have paved this with asphalt."

A couple who also live on Sixth Avenue said they too believe South Beach residents are being treated like second-class citizens.

The man said last summer the potholes were "really, really bad" and the RM "finally" filled them in.

"It started off with little holes and they got bigger and bigger until there were some that would take a small car," said the man who preferred that he and his wife not be identified. "Now you can see it's starting again. We're going to have two potholes becoming one big hole."

He said the difference between roads in the old town of Gimli and South Beach is that town roads have a proper road base.

"You can see that the road [on Sixth] is higher by the legion. That's because they made a base and put the road on top of it," said the man. "They dig two feet down and they build it up with rocks and different sizes of aggregate to the top so that it has a solid base."

The man said the crumbling road and potholes are made worse by big trucks driving down Sixth.

In addition to the crumbling road, the drains on Sixth need to be addressed, said the woman. A few years ago, when the region experienced heavy snowfall and rain in the spring, water crept up to their house.

"There's no drainage plan for this area," said the woman, pointing out a shallow ditch running along one side of Sixth with very small culverts. "The ditch on other side of this alleyway is plugged. We keep having to unplug it. When the water is high, it doesn't drain properly. We had water almost up to our steps a couple of years ago. They're ignoring the culverts here as well as the roads."

The woman got out her garden gloves and jabbed at a solid plug of weeds and mud blocking the culvert before pulling the mass out of the pipe.

"You can see the culvert is collapsed and broken. It needs to get dug out because it's set too high," said her husband. "I would dig a trench last year to get the water to move a little bit."

A resident on Fifth Avenue also showed the *Express* the state of his road between Colville and Sigmond, saying mud, gravel, potholes and crumbling asphalt are endangering pedestrians and the kids who play on the street.

"The RM put this down [asphalt] last fall," said the man, who did not wish to give his name. "It looks like 12 drunken neighbours got together, stole the equipment and tried to patch it themselves."

The RM's quick fixes to a road that needs to be dug up and paved only ends up wasting taxpayers' money.

"I said to the guys [public works], 'You're pouring more money into this again and not fixing it properly,'" said the man. "They came with asphalt and shovels in a half-ton truck and dumped it in the potholes. Once we get rain and the big trucks coming down here all the time — we've got the recycling

truck and the school bus — the road goes."

The resident said he feels the RM isn't treating residents in South Beach fairly.

"South Beach residents are still residents of Gimli; we pay taxes to the municipality. It doesn't matter if we're South Beach or Loni Beach."

Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd said council is modernizing its governance structure and will be creating standards to a level "everybody in Gimli expects."

He said the problems in South Beach are due to the way the RM had been previously managed, and that standards

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weren't a priority.

"Gravel was crushed last year and they had no standards. That's the problem. Without standards and goals and objectives, managers can't be effective," said the mayor. "We're working on that now. We've got a great team. We're moving away from the days of micro-managing."

Residents deserve the services they need in their respective areas, he added, and council plans to hold a meeting in the fall with residents and public works to help develop a strategic plan.

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By Autumn Fehr

Need a piece of furniture that fits a smaller space but is still good quality and made from a good place? Embed Home Products will have you covered.

Canadian artisans and entrepreneurs Rob Enns and Mike Solmundson, who has roots in the Interlake, started the one-of-a-kind furniture startup from Winnipeg. Solmundson went to St. John's Cathedral boys school three miles north of Selkirk for three years. His parents owned the Woodlands Motor Hotel, just outside Warren, for 10-plus years and then bought a hotel in Arbrog. His father grew up on Hecla Island and attended high school in Gimli. Solmundson still has family in Riverton, Hecla and surrounding areas.

Embed Home Products is a Winnipeg-based furniture and mill-working company that creates quality, safe, genuinely Canadian products meant to grow with you and make the most of your space. Enns and Solmundson aim to provide space-saving designer furniture and accessories for the 21st century that can be considered among the best on the market.

"Our experience has yielded a laser-focus on strength, durability and safety," said Solmundson, co-owner, alongside Enns, and business manager of Embed Home Products.

The business partners have been in the furniture business for a long time, both getting their footing working for Palliser Furniture.

Enns and Solmundson met in 1992 at Red River College Polytechnic. Solmundson was taking a carpentry course and, after school, Enns went into furniture development for Palliser Furniture. Solmundson was in commercial construction and had no interest in doing what Enns was doing. Still, Enns kept calling him and said jobs were opening up, so Solmundson decided to try it — and he liked it.

They have been on their own since 2009, owning and operating Wood Products Unlimited. The business is known for its custom millwork and cabinetry. Their first big job was for Ducks Unlimited and, at the time, they needed a name to take a cheque from them, so their name followed suit. Wood Products Unlimited will be one of Embed's local manufacturing partners, along with Hunter Wire and Haven Sleep Co., a maker of premium mattresses.

When they first started, Enns and Solmundson were tied with DeFehr Furniture. They would sell bigger jobs and get DeFehr to manufacture the product, but it would be Enns and

Solmundson's sale. When DeFehr Furniture changed, they changed their business and focused on custom work, including kitchens.

They produced a product just before the pandemic called the hidden bed, but the rights were out of Uruguay.

"Things ended up not working out with them, and we weren't really going to make a product like that anymore," said Solmundson.

"During the pandemic, our ability to source various hardware became increasingly limited. We faced a challenge for mechanisms such as those used in manufacturing murphy beds, wall beds and hidden beds and various other space-saving furniture. It was apparent that reliance on foreign supply chains limited our ability to access and produce our line of products. However, like the nature of our business itself, every problem yields an opportunity. Why couldn't we take hold of our design, sourcing and production? In other words, bring it all home — a notion that sparked what we have today," he said.

They decided to design and patent their wall bed as a first move into a new furniture line. Their design uses high-tensile springs, making it easy for a single person to raise and lower the bed with one hand. The mechanism is built to last for generations and is backed by a lifetime warranty.

"The emotions were always positive (throughout the process) because I think we felt that we were on to something that is really good. It's kind of the opposite of disposable furniture. This stuff will last forever. Our furniture is built to last. The feeling was we know we can do this; it's just going to take some time to do it and some effort, and we were willing to put in the time," said Solmundson.

The centrepiece fixture of their lineup, the Embed, integrates easy set-up, panel choice and variation and makes space for more. The furniture is clean, with a modern esthetic and durability to last a lifetime.

The product is the first of many products tailored for small upscale spaces across Canada. It's built on Canadian ingenuity and manufacturing capabilities and overcomes the company's reliance on international supply.

"Though foreign partners have a place, we're maintaining a low-carbon and ensuring wage, safety and profits remain here in Canada," said Solmundson.

It took about two years from the time they started having meetings to figure out how to create a product to be engineered by Canadians, made



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Canadian furniture builders Rob Enns and Mike Solmundson have started Embed Home Products.



with Canadian materials and Canadian-made.

"It took some time. You build samples; you try things out, and you're not happy with them, so you make changes, and with patience and a little bit of time, you can come up with something," said Solmundson. "The overall goal was to provide what we think is the best bed on the market, and it would be the safest."

Embed fills the longstanding void for the demand for well-made furniture that fits smaller spaces, which is becoming increasingly popular in our culture of downsizing and minimalism.

"We want a safe product and something that's easy to use for the consumer, and if you have a décor change, you can actually change the panels yourself without interfering with the structure of the bed," said Solmundson.

"We wanted something that my 79-year-old mother could raise or

lower by herself," said Enns. "We think we've found an elegant solution that our customers will love. You can turn a den into a guest bedroom in minutes."

One of the partners' most significant successes was that they devised a way to assemble the bed on the wall instead of building it and moving it to the wall to attach it. Another big success was the level of safety of the bed.

The Embed wall bed started selling exclusively online on June 12. The company plans to begin marketing to Manitoba before expanding its advertising to the rest of Canada later this year.

"There's always more product we want to make, but ... we want to promote a Canadian-made product, where the material, the labour, everything is done in this country. We are trying to utilize the skills, everyone is paid properly, and they have the proper health and safety," said Solmundson.

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Manitoba Blue Cross is providing marriage and family counselling to the public at a discounted rate for a limited time.

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Capacity is limited. To reduce your wait time for quality mental health support, call the Manitoba Blue Cross intake line at 204-786-8880 or toll-free at 1-800-590-5553.

> NEXT GENERATION, FROM PG. 2

for all of Canada is the Secret Path mural. This mural is the first of its kind to be part of the Secret Path project, which is a storytelling project that uses various mediums to tell the story of Chanie Wenjack and bring light to the long-suppressed mistreatment of Indigenous children and families by the residential school system.

Another major project that Hart, Thorne and English were involved in during their time on the board was the Piping Plover mural. This mural is the first mural that is part of the International Endangered Species Mural Program to come to Canada and celebrates the piping plover, which is an endangered shorebird.

In addition to the Piping Plover mural, there is also an endangered spe-

cies mural that was done by the art board volunteers in co-ordination with an art contest, all while COVID-19 was keeping us apart.

"I really enjoyed the endangered species mural. So much came together in that one too, with the colouring

book that was designed, and just it was so what we needed at COVID," said Thorne.

The three women have a lot to be proud of doing in our community and, though they have handed over the reins, they still say that there will be a lot to look forward to from the new art board volunteers so stay

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Celebrating 134 years of Islendingadagurinn

Staff

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba wound up four fabulous days of Viking-related fun and Icelandic culture in Gimli last week with its 134th Annual Islendingadagurinn, the second oldest ethnic festival in North America. From an historic village where actors demonstrated how Vikings lived and dressed in the Middle Ages and a strongman competition to Viking battle techniques and the iconic Fris-Nok tournament, the festival kept visitors

entertained day and night.

The festival provided musical entertainment, beer gardens, a pancake breakfast, parade, running and sandcastle-building competitions, a family scavenger hunt, arts and craft vendors, a petting zoo and midway rides.

On the last day of the festival, the Fjallkona, or Maid of the Mountain who personifies Iceland, presided over the traditional program in Gimli Park where Icelandic heritage and culture was honoured.



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Fisher Branch's Chase the Ace hits whopping \$231K



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People and cars converge on Fisher Branch's recreation centre for another Chase the Ace draw. The jackpot has grown to over \$231,000.

By Patricia Barrett

After roughly two and half years of COVID-related shutdowns, organizers of Fisher Branch's Chase the Ace have re-launched the popular raffle and say the pot is the biggest they've ever seen.

With another draw scheduled for Aug. 18, the pot has reached a whopping \$231,141.

Karl Barrett, who is one of the organizers, said they've never seen a pot this size since they started the fundraising raffle a few years before the COVID pandemic. And there are only four cards left.

"It's a huge pot right now," said Barrett. "We were holding it at the Fisher Branch Hotel — they provided our group space for three years at no cost — then we moved to the recreation centre. We may have to move to the community hall at some point in time because last week we had over 1,200 people come through the door!"

Aerial footage taken on draw days shows just how popular the raffle is, with cars and throngs of people descending on the recreation centre.

Chase the Ace or Chase the Card draws are a type of 50/50 fundraising raffle in which organizers pre-select a specific card and players purchase tickets to become eligible for a draw. The winner of the draw then gets to pick a card from a deck of playing cards, and if they pull the pre-selected card, they walk away with 50 per cent of the pot.

Barrett said half the pot is divided up between 10 different local non-

profit organizations.

"We got approval from the provincial government to run a Chase the Ace for these 10 local groups and we've been going since 2018. When COVID started in March 2020 we shut down," said Barrett.

Volunteers from the non-profit groups help run the draw. Last Friday, he said they had eight people selling tickets at four stations they set up, along with five to six people ripping up tickets.

The next draw takes place Friday, Aug. 18 at the Fisher Branch Recreation Centre.



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All are welcome to forest art walk this weekend just outside Winnipeg Beach

By Katelyn Boulanger

Artist Rosemary Miguez has teamed up with other local artists to put together re-forest-action: A Contemplative Forrest Art Walk.

This art installation includes pieces brought together as a discussion point for the environmental importance of well-managed forests and uses a beautiful wooded trail in Winnipeg Beach as an inspirational backdrop. Residents are welcome to visit Aug. 19 and 20 from 1 to 5 p.m.

"It is a walk through a forest path at Runs with Scissors Studio and [the story the pieces create deals with] my concern about clear cutting," said Miguez.

The forest art walk takes place just outside Winnipeg Beach at 3044 Prout Rd. 17E. Residents will likely recognize this location as the studio of artist Heidi Hunter.

The exhibit has three loops that residents are invited to explore. The loops each deal with different topics with regards to forest management, which includes discussing what is happen-



wisdom about forests, including information from First Nations people.

Miguez's inspiration to put together this forest art walk came by way of childhood wonder and then shock when she learned more about environmentally negative forest management practices.



FILE PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER AND PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ROSEMARY MIGUEZ Above: Miguez at a previous exhibit. Left: one of the pieces that Miguez will have in the Forest Art Walk this weekend.

"I've always grown up near trees and forests. When I was growing up, we had three trees in our front yard. And the four of us, myself and the trees, would always have these nice little conversations as a little kid, and I sat under them and chatted to the trees. Then, the first time I saw clear cutting, it absolutely shocked me. It was like an emotional hit," said Miguez.

She knew this was something that she wanted to discuss through art.

After seeing Hunter's forest space, Miguez approached her with the idea for an exhibit and Hunter welcomed the concept with open arms.

"We're talking about the forest. What better place to have it than right

there, right in the forest? You can look around and see the trees and look around and really appreciate what this is. You can appreciate a forest," said Miguez.

Miguez herself will be exhibiting 15 pieces. Some will have been augmented with glass, mirrors and other mixed-media and others are sculptures. Many include found wood and there are also some pottery pieces.

In addition to her own work, Miguez has recruited many artists including Gayle Halliwell, Heather Dawson, Heidi Hunter, Rose Flaig, Gary Foidart, Moray McVey, Angus Braid and more to contribute work to

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Dunnottar Community Club opens new playground, greenspace

By John Zajic

The Dunnottar Community Club celebrated the completion of its inclusive and accessible playground and green space with a grand opening event on Aug. 12.

The playground was officially opened with children from the community participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The revitalized playground builds on the existing asset to provide a recreational space that is open and accessible to all throughout the year,” said John Zajic, playground committee chair.

The playground and green space revitalization committee — composed of Zajic, Penny Berntt, Marry Kraigsley, Christine Gawlick, Glenda Knoll,



Mayor Rick Gamble



Children from the community, Mayor Rick Gamble, MLA Derek Johnson and committee chair and cottager John Zajic cut the official ribbon to celebrate the completion the Dunnottar Community Club playground.



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The new playground and green space features numerous amenities and will be accessible year-round.

Bob Campbell and Brett Duncan — secured over \$304,000 for the project.

A total of 128 individuals, families and businesses contributed through a fundraising raffle and a capital campaign.

Additional financial support was provided from the community club, the Village of Dunnottar and the provincial government.

The new green space includes an

accessible 5,500-square-foot playground, disc golf stations, a ball pit, outdoor gazebo, new club signage and a new accessible front deck for the club.

The community club was established in 1942 and provides summer recreational programming to children and families of Dunnottar. It is located in Matlock, at the corner of Park Avenue and Community Road.

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Your FARM



Gimli ranch introducing Valais Blacknose sheep to Canada

By Becca Myskiw

A Gimli couple is introducing a rare breed of sheep to Canada one lamb at a time.

Joachim De Smedt and Idris Dheedene moved to Manitoba from Belgium in 2014. Just over a year ago, they started breeding Valais Blacknose sheep, an adorable farm animal originating in Switzerland.

This hardy sheep is from the mountains in the Valais region of the country. They have a completely black nose with their white wool coming over their eyes, making for one of the cutest animals known. They're typically bred for both their wool and meat, but De Smedt and Dheedene breed them for pets on Tribble Ranch.

"They're super cute," said De Smedt. "We sort of fell in love when we saw the pictures of them online."

The breed is also known for being extremely friendly — that's the main reason De Smedt and Dheedene decided to add them to their farm. He said that fact has rung true. Tribble Ranch's sheep are curious towards people and will

run up to the fence when they see them, waiting to be loved.

Their sheep were recently at the Carman Country Fair petting zoo. De Smedt said the entire time, they stood by the edge of the fence so they'd get ample petting time.

The Valais Blacknose sheep is not commonly found in Canada, likely because you can't import the animal here. Instead, breeders have to import the breed's embryos or semen samples and start their own bloodline — that's exactly what De Smedt and Dheedene are doing.

"INBREEDING IS ALWAYS A CONCERN WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH SOMETHING NEW."

Right now, the couple has four pure-bred Valais Blacknose Sheep and seven crossbreeds. As they breed up, they're making crosses of Valais and Shropshire. The crosses will have a larger percentage of Valais in them each time, eventually leading to their own pure-breds of the breed.

"We figured the Shropshire would make a nice match," said De Smedt. "They have a lot of the same characteristics as the Valais, like black in



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Joachim De Smedt and Idris Dheedene have started breeding Valais Blacknose sheep with the hopes of establishing the breed in Canada.

their legs and face."

De Smedt and Dheedene are importing high quality embryos and semen samples from different countries and

bloodlines to keep their herd's genetics diverse.

"Inbreeding is always a concern when you're trying to establish something new," said De Smedt.

So they're working hard to ensure that doesn't happen.

Valais Blacknose sheep are known in Switzerland for having a different textured meat. De Smedt and Dheedene can't attest to that themselves, but they can say the sheep's wool is unique. It's a different kind of fibre, very curled and light. As the Valais Blacknose sheep has to be sheared twice a year, they've already seen twice the quality of this wool.

"They grow very fluffy," said De Smedt. "When they come running to you, you can see their coat coming up and down."

Since the sheep isn't widely known in Canada, the market for their wool is quite small. The couple has, however, managed to find people who want it to make beautiful creations. Their goal is to keep breeding and growing



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Your FARM



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their herd, getting big enough to sell lambs as pets for more and more Canadians.

Taking care of the sheep is not a hard task. In fact, they might be one of the easier farm animals to have as they're built for tough mountain conditions. De Smedt said almost immediately after a newborn lamb is up, they can go play in the snow and be absolutely fine. While they're nursing, De Smedt and Dheedene give the ewes a sheep feed mixture to give them the extra nutrients needed, but otherwise the Valais Blacknose sheep just graze off the land and drink water.

"If you're into sheep, I think it's the best sheep you can get," he said.

Right now, Tribble Ranch is a hobby for De Smedt and Dheedene but they're hoping it will get big and busy enough to become a full-time job. They're already selling lambs from their herd — seven are still available from this year. To see which lambs are up for grabs (and to see just how cute this breed of sheep is), go to www.tribbleranch.ca.



The Valais Blacknose sheep are used for both wool and meat.

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CPS's alteration to silica sand mine raises concern from fishers, Indigenous group

By Patricia Barrett

A Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher and analyst says mining promotes pollution and he's raising concerns about an Alberta-based company's plan to alter its silica sand mine project on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg across from Hecla Island.

Bill Buckels, who lives in Gimli and fishes in the lake's narrows region along with hundreds of other fishers, said Canadian Premium Sand Inc. issued a notice of alteration document for its mine. And with a limited window for feedback, now is the time for commercial fishers to make themselves heard.

He wants fishers to "unite" for the greater good of Lake Winnipeg and contact the provincial government with their concerns about mining on the shore of an already heavily polluted lake. Hazardous byproducts from mining could affect not only the commercial fishery and the small communities that rely on it for their livelihoods but also the recreational fishery on which the government relies for tourism revenue.

"Fishers need to speak out. But they're not so this will get worse,"



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL BUCKELS

Commercial fisher Bill Buckels, standing on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, says mining promotes pollution and is opposed to the provincial government giving Alberta-based Canadian Premium Sand Inc. a licence to extract silica sand on the east shore of the lake.

said Buckels. "Things like this mine on the shore of Lake Winnipeg will become normalized if we don't say something to our political leaders."

Scientists, environmental NGOs and Camp Morning Star, an Indigenous

group that set up a peaceful protest camp near CPS's mine site, have been raising concerns for the past six or so years about the risks to the land, to surface and ground water and to Lake Winnipeg from heavy metals and acid runoff, which occurred at an abandoned silica sand mine on Black Island about three kilometres offshore. They also contend that airborne silica dust, which can cause silicosis, will be generated by mining operations. The mine is near the communities of Seymourville, Hollow Water First Nation, Manigotagan and a cottage development.

CPS needs approval from the Manitoba government to alter its mine project. Its report titled "Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project, Notice of Alteration" is dated November 2022 and was posted on the provincial government's website on July 28. The report states that it was prepared "to describe proposed alterations to the project, and to assess the environmental and human health effects resulting from the alterations."

Those alterations include adding water and wastewater management components to the site, modifying how sand is transported from the

quarry to the wet sand processing facility via water and slurry lines, using water sprayers and tarps for dust control, modifying the wet plant design to focus wet sand processing on reducing iron content in the silica sand, and reducing the overall scope of extraction activities and sand transport traffic.

CPS will mitigate acid rock drainage and metal leaching from the mine through a "management plan," and that an annual operating plan will be submitted to government 60 days prior to commencing operation, the report says.

"Therefore, potential adverse effects of the altered project on environmental and human health components are predicted to be adequately mitigated," it states (p. 31).

But Buckels says that in no way means that environmental damage and human health risks will be averted.

"In the conclusion of this report, they use the word potential. That's the same as saying they don't know what the effects are going to be. They're saying that maybe there won't be any adverse effects on the environment and human health through mitigation. But we don't actually know," said Buckels. "I'm saying maybe there will be adverse effects; in fact, I'm predicting there will be. If they can predict that harms will be adequately mitigated, I can predict they won't. Unless we can prove they're killing us, they're just going to go ahead and kill us."

Sand quarrying will take place 10 hours a day, seven days a week for about seven months each year except during extreme weather events, states the report. The extracted sand will be used for CPS's solar glass plant in Selkirk. The plant itself will require a separate Environment Act Licence from the government.

The report states there'll be no impact on fish habitat "due to the absence of fish habitat within the project site."

"They're saying they've cleaned up their act and there'll be no impact on fish habitat, and that it must be fine to carry out mining on the shores of Lake Winnipeg," said Buckels. "And praise the province for not doing any public consultation."

Lake Winnipeg is a highly polluted waterbody. It receives wastewater — and raw sewage — from the City of Winnipeg and municipalities around the lake, as well as runoff that carries agricultural chemicals and animal waste. It's further stressed by fre-

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BIG DOLLAR

> CPS, FROM PG. 16

quent algal blooms that create dead zones where organisms can't live and by aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels.

"There's only about half the feed for fish in the lake than there was in 2002, according research carried out by the Namao [Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium vessel]," said Buckels. "Combine that with the fantastic pollution coming from the U.S.A. and other points and our health and fish habitat are at greater risk each year. We can't hit reverse on things like zebra mussels that give pickerel sunburn [zebra mussels clear the water column letting sunlight burn the fish], not to mention the climate crisis that's heating up the water."

He attends water conferences held by oversight bodies such as the Red River Basin Commission and the International Joint Commission and said he doesn't hear about "how the lake is getting worse" or about clean-up initiatives that will actually generate effective solutions.

"Last winter we fishers — my father-in-law and I — stood alone against the International Joint Commission and Manitoba bureaucrats. The Americans in Washington tell our provincial Conservative government what to do

and they do it," said Buckels. "Nutrient targets for Lake Winnipeg are set at double what they should be."

A spokesperson for Camp Morning Star said in a statement that Manitobans need to weigh in on the provincial government's new "open-door policy to mining" that was signalled by the recent release of the Critical Mineral Strategy.

"The new Notice of Alteration Report introduces acid rock drainage and metal leaching with no opportunity for public meetings, no Clean Environment Commission, no Section 35 [Indigenous] consultations and only a 30-day deadline to comment on a mine that sends harmful silica into the air and water," said the spokesperson. "Why anyone would want to add toxic metals to an already at-risk lake is perplexing."

Four communities were promised there'd be 150 jobs created by the mine and that's now reduced to 17 jobs, "meaning little benefit and all the destruction," said the spokesperson. "Rural and northern communities are vulnerable to the whims of government. Stronger oversight is needed."

Camp Morning Star and the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition will be holding a "day of action" on Saturday, Aug. 19 in south basin communities. For more information about

the event, email campmorningstar@outlook.com

Fishers and the public are encouraged to email their MLA to provide feedback on CPS's latest proposal.

CPS's notice of alteration is posted

under the Manitoba department of Environment and Climate's website (Permits, Licences & Approvals, Environmental Assessment and Licensing, Public Registry File: 5991.00).

> FOREST ART WALK, FROM PG. 12

this exhibit.

Together, their work creates a story and people can experience it in greater detail by reaching along with QR codes that go with the pieces.

"It's just opening up our minds to consider the forest and how do we protect it and look after it," said Miguez.

As people walk through these paths, they are also going to be invited to share their experiences by composing poems and putting them under a "Poet-Tree." Paper and pencils will be supplied.

For those wanting to discuss this topic further, there is a welcoming

event each day at 1 p.m. At the end of the day, those in attendance will be welcome to come together in conversation.

Miguez encourages residents to attend this event and discuss forest preservation from a different angle.

"It's a nice, pleasant forest walk. And it's nice to contemplate where we are. We're part of the boreal forest, so it's a nice way of focusing on what needs to happen if you care about the forest, if you care about the land. It's from an artistic perspective and I think that it's a beautiful little pathway," she said.



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Arborg hosts sheer fun during annual Street Festival

By Patricia Barrett

People from across the Interlake hit the streets of Arborg last weekend for free non-stop entertainment, family-friendly sporting competitions and pro wrestling demonstrations during the town's annual Street Festival celebration.

The festival kicked off Friday night with a large colourful parade down Main Street, speeches from local politicians, a Pluck-A-Duck draw, entertainment on the library stage and a dazzling fireworks show.

Cindy Stansell, whose day job is chief administrative officer for the Town of Arborg, was one of the coordinators who helped the festival's lead organizer and business owner, Susan Bauernhuber, bring a diverse selection of entertainers and events to town.

"We had 75 floats on Friday night and the fireworks were absolutely fantastic," said Stansell. "Some people even made the comment that they were the best they've seen yet."

To feed the throng of hungry fun-seekers from across the region, the Arborg Royal Canadian Legion hosted a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. Then kids and adults grabbed their sneakers and hockey sticks and headed to the two rinks set up in the middle of Main Street for some friendly competition.

Haulin Axe brought its mobile axe-throwing unit to the event and gave festival-goers a few pointers on how to hurl axes properly at a wooden target about 20 or so feet away.

The superbly talented and buff wrestlers with Canadian Wrestling's Elite, a Winnipeg-based professional organization that takes its shows on tour, drew hundreds of spectators to the ring on Main Street. The wrestlers whipped up the crowd as they threw each other around the ring — and out of it. Arborg's Chicken Chef restaurant offered a massive spread consisting of chicken, ribs, corn on the cob, coleslaw and potatoes, and sweetened the deal with treats made by a local cupcake and cake-maker. The Arborg Bakery was buzzing with patrons grabbing a slice of spicy pizza or other delectable snack. Food trucks set up along Main Street offered cotton candy, lemonade and smokies.



Mike Shachtay of Shachtay Sales & Service enjoyed the festival with his daughter and her friends.



Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck walked in the parade Friday night.



Cindy Stansell (left), the Town of Arborg's CAO, and Susan Bauernhuber, of the Watering Whole, helped organize the street festival.

One of the food trucks offered a taste of Ethiopian cuisine.

To round out the fun, the festival offered musical entertainment on the library stage that included Patsy Cline tribute artist Laurie Sutherland from Selkirk, Zumba with Des, a fun zone with bouncy castles, face painting and a petting zoo for the kids, and a community yard sale with almost 20 homeowners taking part.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT, CINDY STANSELL AND RONAK JANI
The Undrafted has players from Arborg, north of Arborg and Lorette. They played so well they should be drafted.



CWE's Scott Ripley (green shorts) gets Chad Daniels (junior heavyweight champ) in a nasty arm lock.



Fans cheer for their favourite wrestler.



Chad Daniels gets a little fan support.



Marlene Bodnarus and her husband Don (far right) get some axe-throwing tips.



Ciara and her son Jaxson from Fisher Branch visit the petting zoo.



The festival hosted several street hockey tournaments..



Gimli photographer finds his niche in the wild

By Autumn Fehr

For local Manitobans, finding beauty in the little things may be challenging, but for some, it's as easy as snapping a picture with their camera.

Ben Hewson has always had an itch for photography, but it wasn't until he retired that he dove headfirst and found his niche.

"It's my passion. I enjoy the scenery that goes with the wildlife, but I'd be more interested in a lake if there was a pelican on it," said Hewson.

He and his wife, Janet May Hewson, retired in Winnipeg in 2008. In the summer of 2016, they moved out to Siglavik, just outside of Gimli. This is where Hewson's curiosity and passion for photography started sprouting.

They both had experiences at the lake growing up, so moving out to Siglavik was like returning to old roots. Janet's experiences were at Rush Bay in Lake of the Woods, and Ben's were at Katepwa Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan. He also grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan, with wildlife surrounding him.

With more time on his hands now



Pelicans at Gimli Harbour.



A Trumpeter swan with cygnets.

EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BEN HEWSON

that he was retired, Hewson started exploring his new home. He went across the Interlake, from Selkirk up to Hecla and sometimes the other way past Fraserwood, seeing what wildlife he could find along the way.

"We found all the different options around here with everything from weasels, otters and fox, bald eagles ... all these things were out in front of the property at various times or when we were fishing," said Hewson.

Hewson gave his passion a name and called his photography "Goose Bay Photography" because Goose Bay is the lake that they are on in Siglavik.



Great grey owl, Hecla Provincial Park.



Bald eagle with two eaglets north of Gimli.



Bald eagles just south of Gimli.



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> GIMLI PHOTOGRAPHER, FROM PG. 19

Since he's lived at his current property, he's had the opportunity to witness and photograph some outstanding natural processes of the animals that live there, including the eagle migration.

Hewson said he followed the eagle migration both in spring and fall.

"They go up and down the lake here and, at various years, they are concentrated in different places. We get, literally, at times, 50 to 100 eagles in one spot. That's pretty fascinating to me," he said.

Hewson has always liked white-tailed deer, so he spent a lot of time watching them too.

"I'm not a hunter, but I love being out there watching them, from fawns to does and the big mature bucks in

the fall," he said.

Pelicans are also a sighting he often sees far out on the lake.

Every year, at least once, the Hewsons go to Riding Mountain National Park to see the black bears.

"It's fascinating to see a fully black bear with three cinnamon-coloured cubs," said Hewson.

Over time, Hewson has upgraded his camera to a different range to capture his wildlife shots better. His current camera is a Nikon P1000, known as the "moon" camera because it takes incredible pictures of the full moon since you can zoom right in on it and get all of its features. With this camera, capturing the moon has become another passion of his when he isn't shooting wildlife.

Before Hewson landed on the camera he uses now, he went through several cameras as he experimented to see what worked best to shoot different wildlife scenes.

"It was a way to record what I saw in a day. Initially, it was more myself, but then I started posting quite a bit of stuff on social media," said Hewson.

The most fascinating thing he captured on film was a gyrfalcon because it is so unique.

Hewson said that when he saw one, he didn't know it was one at first, and he had to look it up to confirm his suspicions.

He has also spotted lynx up in Hecla Provincial Park.

Some items Hewson has on his bucket to photograph are grizzly bears in British Columbia and polar bears in Churchill.

Lately, he has been trying several different mediums and putting them on canvas.

Hewson sells photographs at the Interlake Handmade Boutique in Gimli. He also takes custom orders. To order custom por-

traits, Ben contact Ben at 204-960-5408.

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- Civil rights organization
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Monetary unit of Burma
- Twyla __, US dancer
- Everything included
- "Antman" actor Rudd
- Italian city
- Nowhere to be found
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Turkish officer
- Perform on stage
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Canadian coastal provinces
- Furnishes anew
- Edible mollusk
- No seats available
- Garden figurine
- Two-legged support
- Rest here please (abbr.)
- In a silly way
- One from the Golden State
- Photographers
- Native religion in parts of China
- Dickens character
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Undivided
- Daniel __, French composer
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Rusty
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- Tall, slender plant

CLUES DOWN

- Defunct US energy company
- Fellow
- It's issued from volcanoes
- Type of acid

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- Winged nut
- Arouses
- Things are served on it
- San Diego ballplayer
- Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- __ mater, one's school
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Hairstyle
- Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- They __
- Connecting line on a map
- Mock
- One point north of due east
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Type of tree
- Persuade to do something

- A place for travelers to rest
- National Gallery of Art designer
- Panamaniaan province
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Whalers' tool
- Simply
- Nigerian City
- Not one
- Obstruct
- Political plot
- Manila hemp plant
- Dough made from corn flour
- Fishes by letting the bob fly
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

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INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Stonewall Jets' training camp begins Sept. 5

Staff

Another hockey season is right around the corner for the Stonewall Jets.

The Jets' training camp will begin Sept. 5 at the Veterans Memorial Arena.

All players must complete online registration that can be found at www.stonewalljets.com. Cost is \$150. Preferred payment option is an e-transfer

to jetstreasure@stonewalljets.com. Password should be "Stonewall."

Any new players must bring a photocopy of their driver's licence as proof of residency.

All players must wear a CSA certified, full-face shield for the entire season. New players that haven't previously been signed to a junior team must wear a neck guard during the tryout process.

Players will be required to check in on Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stonewall Veterans Memorial Arena.

Players are guaranteed a minimum of three ice sessions and two pre-season games.

The camp format is subject to change.

Stonewall will participate in a Transcona pre-season tournament. The Jets will play the Transcona Railer Express

on Sept. 8 (6 p.m.), the Pembina Valley Twisters Sept. 9 (3:15 p.m.), and the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins Sept. 10 (noon).

Any questions, please feel free to email or call GM Liam Wheddon at 204-513-1011 or liamwheddon@mymts.net.

Stonewall Blue Jays set for WSBL playoffs

Staff

The good news about lengthy winning streaks is that they are a ton of fun.

The bad news is that they don't last forever.

The Stonewall Blue Jays had a very impressive 10-game winning streak snapped with a 16-6 loss to the first-place West Winnipeg A's in Winnipeg Senior Baseball League action at Charleswood Park on Aug. 8.

Stonewall's game against the Elmwood Giants was rained out on Thursday.

The two teams played each other last Wednesday with Elmwood squeaking out a slim 2-1 win.

The Blue Jays finished the regular season with a 12-9 record and was fourth out of nine teams.

Stonewall will now face West Winnipeg in the WSBL "A" playoffs.

Game 1 of their best-of-three semifinal playoff series will take place Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) at Charleswood Park. Game 2 is set for Thursday

(7:30 p.m.) at Fines Field. Game 3, if necessary, was played this past Tuesday at Charleswood Park.

Impact defeated by United Weston FC

Staff

The Interlake Impact was defeated 6-2 by United Weston in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Friday at Memorial Park.

Kris Mueller and Samuel Voth scored for Interlake while Colton Lemieux (three), Nick Krush

(two) and Lyndi Olivier-Job replied for United Weston FC.

Interlake, now 3-7-2 and in seventh place in the 10-team division with 11 points, will take on Argentinos F.C. this Thursday at the Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex. Game time is 10 p.m.

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BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular office hours.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to hear applications for revisions made in accordance with section 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

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:

- liability to taxation;
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43(1) An application for revision must:

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- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
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Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter(s):
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 23-0003
Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

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

DATE & TIME: September 13, 2023
5:05 pm

APPLICATION: RMG-23-02R

AFFECTED AREA:
Frac. Section 28-19-04 EPM being Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 21039 and Pt. Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 21039 WLTO Roll No. 197602 and Pt. Roll No. 197648



GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "SRR" Residential Resort Zone, for the expansion of King's Park Estates by creating 23 new residential lots.

FOR INFORMATION Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
62 2nd Ave, Box 1758 Gimli MB ROC 1B0 - Ph: 204-642-5478 Fax: 204-642-4061

CONTACT: Email: eipd@mymts.net
website: www.interlakeplanning.com

A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be provided upon request to the contact person as mentioned above.

Please Note: E.I.P.D. recommends that property owner's notify lessee/renter if applicable.

FULL TIME HELP WANTED

at **TEULON**

Email resume to:
7service@mymts.net
or in person
Attn: Dave

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of **DONALD WALTER FRED DZIADOW**, late of Arborg, Manitoba, Deceased.

All claims against the above estate, supported by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the attention of: Morgan Supleve, Estates Officer, at 155 Carlton St Suite 500, Winnipeg MB, R3C 5R9 on or before the 13th day of October, 2023. Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 8th day of August, 2023.

JANA TAYLOR
Deputy Public Guardian
and Trustee of Manitoba

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AUGUST 24, 2023

You can email, mail or fax your objection. Please include your contact information.

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Monuments to perpetuate the original locations have been found or planted by Dwayne Denchuk, Manitoba Land Surveyor, on July 31, 2023. Any person wishing particulars about the re-establishment of these monuments is advised to contact the following:

Dwayne Denchuk
Manitoba Land Surveyor
Isaac & Denchuk Manitoba Land Surveyors Ltd.
200 Clandeboye Avenue
Selkirk, Manitoba R1A 0X1
Phone No. 204-785-2924
ddenchuk@idsurveys.com

Examiner of Surveys
Teranet Manitoba
PO Box 50030
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Brandon, Manitoba R7A 7E4
Phone No. 204-726-6854
Tim.Cassan@teranet.ca

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Registrar-General
Office of the Registrar General
1203-155 Carlton Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3H8

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Doug Hill would like to thank everyone for the many calls, cards and words of condolences on the recent passing of their dad.

Thank you to the Selkirk Regional Hospital staff and paramedics for their care and compassion, as well as the many friends who called and stopped by regularly to visit and check on Dad. Your caring is greatly appreciated. Also a special thank you to Al, Norm, and Bruce for sharing their personal memories of Dad with all of us.

-Warren and Vern Hill and families

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks for the cards, flowers and other kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of our brother and uncle, John McIntyre. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern during this difficult time.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

PUBLIC NOTICE
Prevention of the spread of Dutch Elm Disease

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

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TAKE NOTICE THAT starting September 5, 2023 all elm trees in these areas on both public and private property will be treated by basal spraying to assist in the prevention of the spread of Dutch Elm Disease.

Any residents not requiring treatment of their trees are to advise the Municipality before August 31, 2023 at 9:00am (204) 642-6650.

Dated at Gimli this 14th day of August, 2023.

Kelly Cosgrove
CAO
Rural Municipality of Gimli



TOWN OF ARBORG
PUBLIC NOTICE -
BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2024 Assessment Roll** for the Town of Arborg has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 337 River Road, Arborg, 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 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:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 43(1)

An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in Subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
 - delivering it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications on **Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 at 10:00 AM** in the Town of Arborg Council Chamber, 337 River Road.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, August 28th, 2023**.

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 1st day of August, 2023.

Cindy Stansell, Secretary
Board of Revision
Town of Arborg
Box 159 – 337 River Road
Arborg, MB R0C 0A0

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- be in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong at Inwood, Manitoba, or
 - delivering 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
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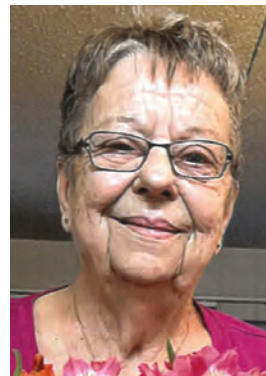
IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of
Steve Wevursky

My dear husband, our beloved father, grandfather, brother and friend. Steve passed away December 14, 2003, almost 20 years has passed. We miss you in our lives. You are lovingly remembered by your wife Lil, children Juanita (Brian) Stanley, Laurie (Ron†) Clark, Gordie (Tracy) Wevursky, sisters Nancy and Lovey, grandchildren Beth, John, Owen, and Luke, and many friends.

OBITUARY



Yvonne Carter

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Yvonne Carter on August 8, 2023 after a brief battle with leukaemia. She passed peacefully in her sleep.

She is predeceased by her husband Peter Frisch and her daughter Valerie Bertrand.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Yvonne was born March 30, 1942 in Selkirk where she lived most of her life. She was well known for her cooking and baking. She loved to garden and always had a successful crop of fresh veggies to cook with. She loved visiting and talking with friends and family.

We would like to thank the staff at the Selkirk General Hospital for their caring compassion on her short stay there. Thank you to Gilbert's Funeral Home for their compassion in this difficult time.

We would also like to thank Home Care staff for their daily check ins and care they have provided over the years. Thank you to all who helped to make her final hours peaceful.

Thank you for sharing our life and we will cherish your memory.

She requested not to have a service, so we will respect her wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cancer Care.

Rest in peace Yvonne.

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

Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Pearl Worona (nee Muir)

Our beloved Pearl Worona (nee Muir) went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 7, 2023 in Gimli, Manitoba. She was born on November 14, 1937 in Oxbow, Saskatchewan. She passed peacefully with her husband and daughter by her side. Pearl battled with cancer, diabetes, hearing, sight, mobility and cognitive loss over the last years. She bravely fought with grace, humility and laughter.

Pearl will be forever missed by her family that includes her husband of 49 years Lawrence, daughter Lorey (Sheldon), son Andy, grandchildren Cody (Karina), Dylan, Kennedy and Mason and step grandchildren Shane and Shawn, her brother and sisters Cyril (Ruth), Sarah Evaline, Kathy (Ed), Sheila (Alois) and Sharon (John), sisters-in-law Doris, Valerie (Mike), brothers-in-law Harold, Jim and Richard (Mary Lou) and her newfound half sisters Janet and Jean (Peter) along with numerous cousins. Her nieces, nephews and their families will miss having Auntie Pearl at family gatherings as she brought a lot of joy.

She was predeceased by her mother and father Andrina and Gilbert, brothers Ken and Ron, sisters Lillian and Grace, mother and father-in-law Mary and Nicholas, brother-in-law Norman, sisters-in-law Violet and Gwen, and half brothers David and Colin.

Pearl grew up with her family on their farm in Oxbow, Saskatchewan and later in life moved to Manitoba to live in both Winnipeg and Gimli. She worked as a teacher and bank teller in Saskatchewan and as an accountant with the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. She loved reading, singing, listening to music, crossword puzzles, curling, watching TV and family road trips. During their years in Gimli, Pearl and Lawrence attended Bayview Church, joined New Horizons, hosted many garage sales and Pearl sang in the Westshore Singers choir. Pearl loved people and making others laugh was the highlight of her day. She had countless jokes to tell everyone she'd meet. And even when her memory failed her, her witty humor still made everyone laugh and smile.

While she loved her family and friends dearly, her faith was the foundation of her life. Pearl's favorite Bible verse was John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A special thank you to everyone at Gimli Hospital where she spent her last two months and to Home Care prior to her hospital stay. The nurses, health care aides, housekeeping, cafeteria, doctors and support staff were so kind and loving to Pearl and family.

In memory of Pearl, you are welcome to donate to any charity of your choice (the family suggestions would include CancerCare Manitoba and Gimli Hospital).

To help spread Pearl's joy of jokes and laughter, we are collecting joke books (kid/senior friendly) to be donated to hospitals, care homes and other places. The books will be labelled with information about Pearl's life and her belief that laughter is so important, after all what's the point of life without it. Joke books will be gratefully received at her Celebration of Life or arrangements can be made directly with family.

Pearl's Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bayview Evangelical Free Church in Gimli, Manitoba (8 South Colonization Road, Gimli). Directly after will be a light luncheon at New Horizons 55+ Club (17 N Colonization Road, Gimli).

Please visit www.gilbartfuneralhome.com to view the full obituary and share a memory.

Thank you to Pastor Richard and wife Judy Gilbert and Gilbert Funeral Home for your support in making the arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Gilbert Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Mary Schurko (nee Mryglod)

September 22, 1930 - August 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce Mary's passing August 7, 2023, at age 92.

Mary Schurko; a beautiful, loving and caring lady, mother, Baba and Great Baba. Always putting others before herself, she nurtured and raised her world of influence, leaving others for the better because they knew her.

Born in 1930, at the family home in Sylvan, MB, of Ukrainian immigrants to Canada, when life on the farm mirrored the great depression. Mary, a woman of strength, learnt early of transcending struggle and making a good life anyways. Mary spoke dearly of her parents and the love that they shared, learning what true love is and demonstrated it back into the world. A kindhearted lady, who loved everyone she met, and everyone loved her in return. A wise woman who gave of her time, attention and presence. Her door, always open for anyone to drop in.

Mary's family was blessed with an experience rich in the Ukrainian culture as she continued to speak Ukrainian in the home and share Ukrainian traditions especially at Easter and Christmas time. She was a very good cook, producing food a plenty for these feasts, feeding up to 30 people at a time! The prior two-month cooking labor of love was what Mary thrived on. Many are going to miss those pyrohy, holubtsi, studenetz, borsch and kutia.

Mary was an exemplary mother and patient teacher, raising four children into successful adults. The home was a place for children to come by after school to enjoy warm cookies and cold milk as stories of the day's happenings were shared. Mary was always there with a tissue for the tears and a listening ear for the worries. Her counsel and advice were current and knowledgeable, as she loved to read and learn to be the best mother and woman she could be. Mary found strength in her Christian faith and the power of prayer.

Mary instilled in others the power of loving kindness through compassion and family, the strength to work through the storms and make time for fun on the other side. She instilled a passion for lifelong learning and a belief in something greater than our selves. She created, even in a place of adversity, a nurturing foundation for her children to grow and become the wonderful adults they are.

Leaving many lovely memories in the hearts of those who love her, her children (Malchuk): Tim (Michelle), Donna (Anton), Kevin (Vanessa), Darcy (Sandra), her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Bohdan Schurko (October 2021). Survived by twin sisters Julia Henry and Milly Manitowich (Walter), and many nieces and nephews, stepchildren and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday August 26, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ukrainian Catholic Church, 332 Ardal Street, Arborg, MB. Interment following at Sylvan Community Cemetery.

Thank you to the staff at Brandon's Rideau Park Personal Care Home for Mary's last years of life as a dementia patient.

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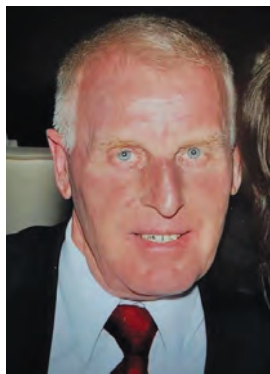


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OBITUARY



Regis Laurence Joseph Gauthier
April 25, 1948 – July 17, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of our beloved husband, Dad and Pèpère on July 17, 2023, at the age of 75 years.

Left to mourn his passing is his wife, of nearly 51 years, Jacqueline; their children Darcy (Heidi), Tyson (Bonnie), Jennifer (Jon) and Crystal (Cary); grandchildren Aiden, Bronwyn, Kylee, Alanis, Morgan and Finley; step-grandchildren Sarah and Zachary. He is also survived by his siblings Solange Fontaine, Roland, Phillip (Simone), Annette Bisaillon, Robert (Susan), Lorraine (Denis) Saucier, Aurele, Lea (Jeff) Parsons, Claude (Bonnie), Ronald (Adele), Claudette (Randy) Gagnon, Gisele (Eduardo) Badescu; sisters-in-law Anita and Megan; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their families. He will also be remembered by his

mother-in-law Simonne Meilleur and our mother's brothers, sisters, their spouses and families.

He is predeceased by his parents Joseph and Yvonne (née Chevretil); his brothers Zephyre, Roger, Eldege and Joseph; sisters Jeannette Rennie and Delia Chouinard; brothers-in-law Rosaire Bisaillon, Léo Chouinard and Emile Fontaine; sisters-in-law Lonia and Isabel; nephew, Codin (Eddie) Badescu; father-in-law, Auray Meilleur and brother-in-law, Robert Wedensky.

Dad was born in Teulon and lived his entire life in Fisher Branch on the family homestead. He attended the one-room North Meridian School in his younger years, moving to the Fisher Branch Collegiate as a teenager. His early years were spent working on the family farm, whether it was milking cows before heading to school or harvesting crops in the fields.

He married the love of his life, Jacqueline, on July 29, 1972 and started their family. In 1982, after helping to renovate the house he grew up in, they settled into their new home. He purchased a septic tank cleaning business from his father-in-law and continued to service Fisher Branch and the surrounding communities for 37 years. Dad's work ethic was beyond reproach and he never fully retired. For the last 24 years, he worked at Johnson Seeds, a job he truly enjoyed. His passion, however, was anything that had to be done outdoors and in particular, cutting and splitting wood in the yard and bush out back. Dad was a member of the Knights of Columbus and attended Mass every Sunday with Mom, his faith being a very important part of his life. A true sports enthusiast, Dad was a pitcher with the Meridian Orioles and acted as assistant coach for one of his son's minor hockey teams. He was an avid fan of the Montreal Canadiens, New York Yankees, Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Our family is eternally grateful to Ron Dandeneau and the Fisher Branch R.C.M.P. for their assistance in our time of need.

The Funeral Mass was held on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Fisher Branch, followed by interment at the parish cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dad's memory to the Immaculate Conception Parish, PO Box 364, Fisher Branch, MB, R0C 0Z0.

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OBITUARY



Kevin Solmundson

On May 6, 2023, we lost a remarkable man. Kevin Solmundson, who touched the lives of all who knew him. After a lengthy battle with cancer, Kevin, age 58, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Gimli, Kevin had a deep love of woodworking, fishing, motorcycles, and cooking. Whether it was crafting a box guitar, restoring old motorcycles, cooking his unrivaled meals, or casting a line for the perfect catch. His commitment to perfection knew no boundaries.

Kevin was predeceased by his nephew in-law Mike, and his faithful dog Seamus.

He is survived by his spouse Cindy; daughters Erin and Maureen (Matt), his stepdaughters Alex (Matt), Jessie (Richard); his parents Roy and Joan and his sisters Noreen (Russell), and Jennifer (Wes).

He also leaves behind three nieces Alexe, Lauren, and Lindsay, all whom he loved very dearly.

A celebration of life will be held on August 19 (Saturday) at the Gimli Park Pavilion from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. to share memories of the love and kindness he showed towards everyone and the impact that he had on our lives.

The family would like to invite all who knew Kevin to come and help us say our final goodbyes to a loving soul who fought so hard but lost the battle.

Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Kevin's name.
Goda Nott Elskan

OBITUARY



Leslie Reid Anderson
1941 – 2023

Peacefully, with family at his side, Leslie Reid Anderson passed away at the Lakeshore General Hospital, Ashern, MB on August 8, 2023.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 61 years, Margaret; his sons Curtis (Karin) of Winnipeg and Trevor (Sarah) of Thompson; daughters Karen (Norman) of Thompson and Dianne (Steve) of Headingley; his beloved grandchildren Brittany, Scott, Nicole, Amanda, Samuel, Daniela, Todd, Hannah, Danielle, Dominique, Erica and Carter; his six great-grandchildren Christian, Brayden, Denn, Kale, Maven and Emily; his brothers Ron (Pat) and Randy (Donna); sister Lynne (Jake); sisters-in-law Anne (Ron) and Gladys (John, predeceased) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to list.

Reid was predeceased by his father and mother Frank and Olga, parents-in-law Henry and Susan, and brothers-in-law

Bill (Betty) and John.

Reid was born in Selkirk but lived in Ashern all his young life, where he also attended school. He never did like school very much so only completed Grade 8. He was always a businessman at heart though – at the tender age of 4 he tried to sell a handful of straw to local farmers who were at the feed store, asking them "Hey you's want to buy some hay?"

Family matters. Reid had a close bond with all his siblings Ron, Lynne, Randy plus their families, and quickly extended that bond to his brothers and sisters-in-law and their spouses. He had many close friendships, making new ones wherever he went, and treasured every one of them.

At 16 he took a job working as a butcher at the Hudson Bay Store in Thompson. He made good money but was homesick so came back to Ashern to work in his dad's grocery store. Some time later, Reid's dad offered Reid and his older brother Ron the opportunity to run a Clover Farm store in Morris, MB so he travelled south. Working closely together created a strong bond between these brothers, and that bond has lasted a long lifetime.

While in Morris, he met a young woman named Margaret. He always maintained she was sitting on the church steps eating sunflower seeds but Margaret begs to differ. Regardless, it was love at first sight and they began dating.

The Morris Clover Farm venture did not work out so Reid went to Winnipeg where he landed a job at Loblaws as a butcher. He got a tiny but cheap room at a boarding house, which he shared with Margaret's younger brother Jake while Jake was job hunting. They became not only brothers-in-law but also best friends.

Reid and Margaret were married in 1962 and lived in Winnipeg, where Karen and Curtis were born. Needing to make a better wage, he took a job with Burns Meats which necessitated a move to Dauphin, where Dianne and Trevor were born.

Reid's dad in Ashern was retiring, so the family came back to Ashern and went into business with Ron and Randy, co-partnering the Tomboy Store. F. Anderson and Sons Ltd. was created and flourished. Additions they made to the business were the Ashern Creamery, Texaco, a sandwich and coffee shop, restaurant and convenience store, and the Tire Shop.

In 1986 he started RA Distributing in Thompson so he and Margaret moved and lived there for a few years. RA Distributing continues to be a successful business, which is now being run by son Trevor and son-in-law Norman. They then moved back to Ashern to run the Shop Easy store, which Reid retired from in 1995 after he had three heart attacks. They sold the store in 1998. Reid knew how to make money and was never afraid to take risks. He also made a very comfortable life with the love of his life.

Reid loved to travel with his family so he and Margaret planned a trip to Disney World. Loading up a station wagon with a mattress for the kids to read on and a TV that plugged into the car lighter socket, plus a suitcase with dishes so they could eat in the hotel rooms, they headed out on a road trip to Florida. Reid style travel, indeed! The travel bug was real. Reid would scour the papers for the next trip idea and they wound up travelling to almost every continent in the world. China was one of his favorites, but Puerto Vallarta holds a special place in Reid's heart and they travelled there for 10+ vacations.

He also LOVED cars, and would often be outfitting the kids with motorcycles, boats and cars. He had over 50 cars in his lifetime and his favorites were the luxury models with all the bells and whistles, as long as they were also powerful and fast. Reid also built a 1931 Alfa Romeo kit car that continues to be featured in the Nickel Days Parade in Thompson.

Reid was not much of a sports guy but he still coached Dianne's ringette team and played a year of rec hockey until he broke his arm. Reid always wanted to please and he was never afraid of trying new things. He started a book club with his two daughters Karen and Dianne – he named it "No time for Sandwiches Book Club" – no books were read but there were plenty of laughs. His love of laughter has been passed onto his kids and grandkids. He always had a joke and a ride on his lawnmower for the grandkids. He fashioned play guns and slingshots out of wood for the grandkids and would laugh at their antics as they played with them!

Reid believed in God, he was an active member in the Lutheran Church and also served on the council. Being a community minded man, he donated his time and money and served on town council to help guide the township in the best direction.

Reid was immensely proud of his family and his greatest happiness was when they were all together. He taught us many life lessons with his great capacity for Love, Forgiveness, Generosity, and to never to take yourself too seriously. He will be greatly missed, always remembered and forever loved.

Rest In Peace.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Ashern Centennial Hall with Dawn Tober officiating. Interment will be held in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made payable to the Lakeshore School Division, c/o Ashern Central & Early Years School Breakfast Program, Box 1200, Ashern, MB R0C 0E0 or a charity of one's choice.

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