



It's that time again - the unofficial start of the new year.

Many families find it challenging to stretch the back-to-school dollars. Look in your closets for gently used items you no longer use and donate them to your local thrift store. If able, consider making a donation to your local food bank.

Your kindness can go a long way!



Ph: 204-641-8450 Email: kim@rightchoicerealty.ca Website: rightchoicerealty.ca



THE EXPRESS

www.expressweeklynews.ca

VOLUME 11 EDITION 34 THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

WEEKLY NEWS

LOCALLY OWNED HISTORY BOOK FOR THE COMMUNITY



ALL IN STOCK NOW

2024 TRX520 FOREMAN ES, RED

\$12,247⁰⁰
 INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI AND FEES

2024 RUBICON 520 DCT IRS, BLUE

\$13,300⁰⁰
 INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI AND FEES

2024 Honda CRF250F 250 cc

\$6,500⁰⁰ ALL IN PRICE

2024 Rubicon 520 DCT Deluxe Grey metallic

\$13,800⁰⁰
 INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI AND FEE

SHACHTAY SALES & SERVICE
 Arborg, MB
 204-376-5233



Girl power

NorTech Mechanical and Norseman Metals sponsored the Children's Tractor Pull, in which kids competed against each other to see who could pedal a tractor and a trailer the furthest.

PINEVIEW BUILDINGS INC.
OUR FALL FAVOURITES ARE HERE!

12X16 LOFTED GARAGE
 RETAIL PRICE \$10,875⁰⁰
SALES PRICE \$9,070⁰⁰

14X20 SIDE PORCH CABIN
 RETAIL PRICE \$18,980⁰⁰
SALES PRICE \$16,350⁰⁰

10X16 INSULATED CABIN
 RETAIL PRICE \$13,001⁰⁰
SALES PRICE \$11,718⁰⁰

Ask about our flexible rent-to-own program!
(844) 928-0699
 139092 HWY 326N, ARBORG, MB
 FREE DELIVERY TO MOST LOCATIONS

pineviewbuildings.ca
 info@pineviewsheds.ca

SERVING LUNDAR, ASHERN, ERIKSDALE, MOOSEHORN, FISHER BRANCH, RIVERTON, ARBORG, GIMLI, WINNIPEG BEACH, ARNES, MELEB, FRASERWOOD

Kawasaki
 Let the Good Times Roll

IN STOCK AT FISHER POWERSPORTS
2023 Kawasaki Elektrode
 Regular \$1,449 **NOW ONLY \$1,299**
 Thanks to the Kawasaki Mega Cash Rebate!
 2.5 hour run time/2.5 hour charge time/Three speed modes/
 Low: 8km/h/Mid: 12km/h/High: 21km/h

FISHER POWERSPORTS

63 MAIN ST, FISHER BRANCH, MB
 www.fisherpowersports.com
1-204-372-6648



Preliminary trial date set for developer suing Town of Winnipeg Beach

By Patricia Barrett

A developer alleging the Town of Winnipeg Beach stalled his 44-lot residential subdivision west of Highway 9 will be going to court in November after a judge set a preliminary trial date.

Vince Dery said his Lakewood Estates residential development at the junction of Lake Avenue and Strollway Street had been approved by council in early 2019 but was delayed over the course of about four and a half years.

Dery, who operates Arnes-based VRD Property Developments Inc., told the *Express* last year that he had been left with no option but to pursue legal action against the town in an attempt to recover what amounts to significant financial losses related to the lots, his expenses and lost income, as well as suffering damage to his reputation.

Dery had filed a statement of claim in Manitoba Court of King's Bench in 2023.

"It went before the presiding judge last month (July 2024) and it got fast-tracked for court this November," said Dery last week.

A preliminary trial has been set for Nov. 29.

Dery had said last year that some of the delay stemmed from a high turnover of chief administrative officers. He worked with eight different CAOs on his development. There was also an alleged lack of experience by town staff and council on how to do the development.

"IT WENT BEFORE THE PRESIDING JUDGE LAST MONTH (JULY 2024) AND IT GOT FAST-TRACKED FOR COURT THIS NOVEMBER."

A contractor that had been chosen by the town wanted substantially more money to build a road than the contractors Dery had obtained quotes from and who were asking for far less for the exact same work. The town had also asked Dery for different letters of credit; when the subdivision had been approved in 2019, the letter of credit was set at \$10,000,

but at one point the town had increased it to \$1 million before bumping it down to \$623,385 in 2022.

Dery retained the services of Winnipeg-based lawyer Dave Hill of Hill Sokalski Walsh LLP.

The legal process started with Dery




EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY VINCE DERY

Vince Dery's 44-lot residential subdivision on Lake Avenue and Strollway Street in Winnipeg Beach, west of Highway 9, is shown in this photo. Dery alleges the town delayed the development, causing him significant financial losses and damage to his reputation.

sending a letter of intent to the town, stating what had happened and what the town was being accused of before moving forward with Dery issuing a statement of claim. The town responded with a statement of defence. Dery then had to provide the town with an

affidavit of documents, which he said is "just shy of 3,500 pages" and represents conversations and other information between him and the town and the eight different CAOs over the

Continued on page 3



Baker Law
CORPORATION

Do you have a current will?
Protect your family by having a current will, power of attorney and health care directive. Call us or stop in for more information and find out how we can help you.

Grant D. Baker
Barrister, Solicitor and Notary

Providing full time legal service to families and small businesses in Gimli and the Interlake.

GIMLI LOCATION
72 Centre Street, Gimli, MB
Our office is open 9-5 Mon to Fri
204-642-8681 or 1-866-487-5688

RIVERTON LOCATION
33 Main St. Riverton MB
Open Mon & Wed 9:30-4:30
204-378-5427

COME DANCE WITH US!



SELKIRK & DISTRICT
UKRAINIAN
SCHOOL OF DANCE INC.

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 9
HAPPY THOUGHT SCHOOL
EAST SELKIRK
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
AGES 3 TO ADULT

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.SELKIRKDISTRICTUKRAINIANSCHOOLOFDANCE.COM

Gimli's Stefanson Hus Assisted Living nearing completion, fundraising continuing

Sigurdson Family donation climbs to \$31,500

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli's Stefanson Hus Assisted Living Facility is accepting applications for tenants and getting closer to reaching its fundraising goal of \$2.9 million.

Betel Heritage Foundation (BHF), which built the Waterfront Centre (housing) on First Avenue, is building a seven-storey facility on a lot next door at a cost of about \$20 million. It will provide housing and services to seniors to help keep them in the community.

Members of the Sigurdson Family, led by Alma and Raymond Sigurdson, made a large donation in May when BHF launched a fundraising campaign. The family made another donation this month to honour Alma and Raymond's 70th wedding anniversary and to pay tribute to their dedication to helping the community.

"We are honoured to carry on Alma and Ray's tradition of supporting the Gimli community. We don't all live in Gimli anymore, but we do share ties to the community that gave us a start in life," said Marlene Lock in a statement. "Stefanson Hus assisted living building will provide much needed support to seniors like our parents and grandparents to enable them to continue to live in the community that they helped to build."

Waterfront Centre and Betel Heritage Foundation manager Tristin Tergesen said the donation from

the Sigurdson family now stands at \$31,500, up from the \$30,750 they had contributed in May.

In addition to Alma and Raymond, the Sigurdson family are Marlene Lock, Doreen Sigurdson, Sandra Sigurdson and Don Gaudry, Lenore Kersey and Wayne Janz, Eric Zaporzan, Stefan Zaporzan, Julie Lock and Matthew Lazaruk, Evan Lock and Kaitlin Ramsay, and Ingrid and Neil Stevenson.

Barrie and Ardith Sigurdson had made a significant donation of \$100,000 in May for the facility.

The Betel Heritage Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that began in 1998 to support the Betel Personal Care Home. The foundation owns Landmark Apartments (subsidized housing) and the Waterfront Centre's 55-plus apartments. It began constructing the assisted living facility in 2024 to complete an aging-in-place campus for Gimli.

BHF receives no government funding and it launched a fundraising campaign in May for Stefanson Hus, which was named after Ernest Stefanson, who along with his partner Claire Gillis, donated \$2 million to the facility.

When completed, Stefanson Hus will consist of 40 units consisting of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. Ten of the suites will have specialized accessibility features and 25 will be designated as affordable



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY RAYME THOMSON

Major donors to the Stefanson Hus fundraising campaign from left, Ray and Alma Sigurdson, with Ardith and Barrie Sigurdson. The Sigurdson Family topped up their donation this month.

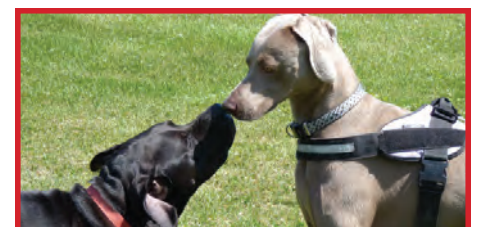
units. The facility will provide meals, housekeeping and recreational activities for residents. The seventh floor will have a dining room, a residents' lounge/multipurpose room and a balcony that will overlook Lake Winnipeg.

Tergesen said the foundation has now raised \$2.6 million. Another \$300,000 is left to raise to reach their goal of \$2.9 million. In the meantime, applications are being accepted.

"Construction is nearing completion and applications for residency are open," she said. "Interest is high and suites are filling up quickly."

For more information about Stefan-

son Hus or how to make a donation, visit www.stefansonhus.com



GIMLI COMMUNITY DOG PARTY!

Saturday, August 24, 2024

1pm - 3pm

Field facing #9 Highway Beside Solvin Road

Remember to bring collar and leash, favourite toy to throw and dog treats. We will have water and treats, too. You are welcome to bring any equipment that you think all the dogs would have fun with. Don't forget your lawn chair. Invite your friends! We will have Agility equipment and a conformation ring set up. Treats for humans, too. Fun time to play & socialize with fellow friends and dogs!

Contact information:

Alec Baldwin (Parents-Joel & Tanis) 642-9514

beagle162@hotmail.com or

tanisb.joelb@gmail.com



> TRIAL DATE, FROM PG. 2

five or so years. The town also presented Dery with its affidavit of documents.

"What happens is a judge looks at both sets of documents and determines if the case is a waste of time or if it should go to court. And it was decided that we're going to court in November. This is very good for us," said Dery. "I will now have to be interviewed by the town's lawyer in a process called discovery that will give them an idea of the costs involved. I look forward to this interview because I know these matters better than anyone."

The Express contacted the Town of Winnipeg Beach's CAO and mayor for comment.

Mayor Pam Jackson said the town is unable to comment as the matter is before the courts.

"Given that this matter is before the courts, the town will continue to not comment on the claim, except to confirm that this matter is set to proceed with a pre-trial conference before a judge of the Court of King's Bench in November 2024," said Jackson.

The Express also reached out to the town's former mayor but did not hear back.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

- Fall Supper -

Sunday, September 15, 2024
113 - 7th Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba
 LOCATED ON HIGHWAY #9

TWO SEATINGS -
12:30 PM & 4:00 PM
TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE
- 2:30PM to 4:00PM
ADULTS: \$25 | 6-12 YEARS: \$10 | 5 & UNDER: FREE

Please bring a tin for the bin to help Evergreen Basic Needs Food Hamper Program

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: Respun Threads, Tergesen's and J&J's in Fraserwood or Contact Angela Zalevich at 204-642-5315 / 204-642-2835

Unique opportunity for Indigenous artists

By Jennifer McFee

Calling all Indigenous artists! There's still time to present your ideas for a unique opportunity to paint a mural to brighten the new inpatient unit at Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern that is currently being constructed.

The expansion of the unit adds 12 new beds to the existing 14-bed unit. The new 26-bed inpatient unit with private patient rooms features new rehabilitation space, palliative care space, spiritual care space and family room space.

It's on track for targeted completion at the end of the year, and the first patients will likely be seen in the new wing in February 2025. The project also includes renovations to the existing emergency department to provide eight additional treatment spaces.

As part of this expansion project, a new room called "All My Relations"



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern is expanding, and Indigenous artists are invited to apply for an opportunity to paint a mural in a new room called "All My Relations." This image is a visual representation only that is subject to change.

evolution
dance company

**CALLING ALL BOYS!
CALLING ALL BOYS!
CALLING ALL BOYS!**

7y+

Join us in '4 The Boys'
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
Hip Hop, Breaking, Acro and more!

www.EvolutionDance.ca | Selkirk Town Plaza | 204-785-1285

will be added for patients and visitors to gather. This room will include a feature wall with a mural that will provide a welcoming environment for patients and their families.

The feature wall will be about seven feet tall by 18 feet wide. The artwork should express one of five possible themes: health, healing and wellness; nature; Indigenous culture or history; local culture or history of surrounding communities; or truth and reconcilia-

tion.

The artist will retain copyright of the artwork and will provide perpetual permission for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority to use the artwork.

The submission deadline is Aug. 30. Indigenous artists who would like to be considered to commission the mural are invited to submit an application at www.ierha.ca.

Flight Training
START YOUR CAREER AS A PILOT!

Becoming a pilot can be a rewarding career

LAKESIDE FLIGHT SCHOOL IS THE MOST AFFORDABLE IN CANADA.
RECREATIONAL, PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL LICENCE.
AUTHORIZED TRAINING FOR COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING, NIGHT RATING, PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE, RECREATIONAL PILOT PERMIT AND VFR OVER-THE-TOP RATING

Want to learn to fly?
RECREATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM is the best way to get started. Must be 16 years of age. Privileges: fly for fun in a certified airplane, a home-built aircraft or an ultralight; fly by day only in Canada with one passenger. Can easily add float rating to permit.

LS Airways Flight Academy | 311 Anson St, Gimli, MB | 204-651-1402

Big and Colourful
PRINTING & PUBLISHING

See Us for Everything you need to promote your business

- Flyers
- Brochures
- Business cards
- Stickers
- Window decals
- Social tickets
- Door hangers
- Letterhead
- Envelopes
- Invoices
- Estimate sheets
- Posters
- Memo pads
- Post cards
- Presentation Folders

Call 204-785-1618

Province restricts cellphone use in K-12 schools

By Patricia Barrett

With ongoing concerns about disruptions to student learning, the provincial government is laying down the law on cellphone use by students in kindergarten to Grade 12.

Starting this September, the province is prohibiting younger students from using cellphones in school but allowing older students to use their phones on breaks or at lunch.

Other provinces such as B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia have already announced that they'll be banning or restricting cellphones this coming school year to reduce distractions.

The Manitoba Conservatives' education critic Grant Jackson said a few weeks ago that cellphones are a "major problem" in schools and had called on the government to implement a province-wide policy to address a "patchwork" of existing policies that some school divisions had already put in place.

The Manitoba government issued its directive late last week.

"We want young people to be able to focus in class so they can learn more and feel confident. We know cellphones can be a real distraction for students — studies show it can take up to 20 minutes for a child to refocus on what they were learning once distracted," said NDP education and early childhood learning minister Nello Altomare in an Aug. 15 news release. "These provincial guidelines will give teachers the tools they need to keep students focused and ensure class time is spent on learning. Plus, we will take safety and medical concerns into account so all risks are minimized."

The government will be requiring schools and school divisions to implement updated policies to "ensure consistency" across the province.

Students in kindergarten to Grade 8 will not be allowed to use cellphones in school, including during lunch and breaks. Students in grades 9 to 12 will not be allowed to use cellphones during class time, but they're free to use them during breaks and lunch. School staff must also be given "clear direction" for cellphone use in classrooms. There will be some exceptions to the rules in order to support students with "medical and diverse learning needs," said the minister.

Under the Public Schools Act, school divisions are required to establish use of technology policies tailored to local needs, the minister noted.

The problematic nature of cellphones and other digital devices in schools

was outlined in 2015 by the Manitoba Teachers' Society. It noted a number of challenges with cellphones, tablets and other devices including texting during lessons, sexting, bullying, taking photos and videos in places such as change rooms and bathrooms, cheating and plagiarism, theft of personal devices and inconsistent standards from one class to the next.

The Evergreen School Division and the Lakeshore School Division had already been working on reducing cellphone distractions in their respective schools through various means, including education.

The Evergreen School Division oversees schools in Arborg, Riverton, Gimli and Winnipeg Beach. Supt. Scott Hill said the province's directive serves as a reminder to the public that cellphone use among children and teens can affect learning and social behaviours.

"We welcome the provincial government's interest and direction in placing limits on cellphones in school in an effort to remove distractions and in support of safe and caring learning environments," said Hill. "We have been on a trajectory of putting our own limits in place, and this directive should provide more consistency across school divisions. It also signals to the public that smartphone use among children, adolescents and teens is a matter worth paying attention to."

When asked how much time teachers spend monitoring cellphone distractions in the classroom, Hill said it's difficult to quantify but can say it's "excessive."

"Beyond the issue of distraction, there is plenty of research — Jean Twenge and Jonathan Haidt are two researchers of note — pointing to a steady decline in adolescent mental health and well-being that corresponds with the rise in the use of smartphones and related social media apps," said Hill. "Research also shows that placing limits on cellphones at school can be a positive step in efforts to improve learning and well-being."

Technology and social media platforms are readily available to children, and they can easily take youngsters into dangerous territory.

For years, Hill said Evergreen teaching staff have been engaged in teach-

ing kids how to use technology safely in order to protect themselves and show respect for others.

"Our schools have been in the habit, for many years, of teaching kids about safe ways to use technology. This includes attention paid to the dangers of common social media apps, protecting oneself online and appropriate online behaviour," said Hill. "This takes place during regular classroom instructional time in various subjects and also with support through materials and resources from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection."

Hill said cellphones are not "critical or necessary" to Evergreen's education plan. The division's priority areas related to student achievement, Indigenous education, well-being and instructional leadership are not dependent on student use of cellphones.

The Lakeshore School Division oversees schools in Lundar, Ashern, Moosehorn, Eriksdale, Fisher Branch, Inwood, as well as the Broad Valley Colony School and Marble Ridge Colony School.

Donald Nikkel, Lakeshore's superintendent of HR, policy and alternative program director, said the division recognizes the challenges that come with and the impacts of cellphone use.

Last fall, Lakeshore's board considered cellphone usage in the classroom and had sent out a survey to gain input. It was decided at that time to continue to allow individual schools to create their own policies, he said. But under the province's directive, Lakeshore will be creating a divisional regulation and procedure to align with the requirements.

"We definitely recognize the challenges with cellphones and the impact that they can have on student focus and interactions. There's a time and a place for cellphone usage, and navigating this technology is a challenge for both adults and students alike. It's our responsibility as educators to help prepare students for their futures and to build the skills that they need to navigate the world," said Nikkel. "There's also a major dif-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
The provincial government issued a directive last week restricting cellphone use in Manitoba schools.

ference between various age groups and a need to have a gradient of increased responsibility as students

Continued on page 9

Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61
20 Hamilton Avenue, Winnipeg Beach

September 15 – Fall Supper @ 4:00 p.m.
Tickets are only \$20 ea. Cash Bar and 50/50 Draw
Tickets held at door only if paid in advance via e-transfer to rclbr61@gmail.com Tickets are non-refundable.

September 21 – Pancake Breakfast (9:30 – 12:00)
Fall Craft Sale (10:00 – 3:00)
Various Crafters, Vendors, Ukrainian Food, Baking, Canteen and more!
For info on events or to book tables call 204-389-2660 and leave message or email rclbr61@gmail.com
All events are cash only

THE Flicks CINEMA

319 First Street E., Stonewall, MB

SHOWTIMES:
Please check individual listings
Due to various picture lengths showtimes vary
204-467-8401
PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
Cash only

FRI-THURS AUG 23-29
OPEN TUESDAY
at 7:30 pm Each Night

INSIDE OUT 2
Animated **G**

FRI-THURS AUG 30-SEPT 5
CLOSED TUESDAY
at 7:30 pm Each Night

BORDERLANDS
Coarse Language; Violence **PG**

From traditional to contemporary, we provide services to match what you want. **Just ask Ken.**

kl
KEN LOEHMER
FUNERAL SERVICES

55 Main St, Teulon Call 204-886-0404 or visit www.klfuneralservices.ca



PUBLISHER
Lana Meier



SALES
Brett Mitchell



REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER
Kieran Reimer



REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER
Jennifer McFee



ADMINISTRATION
Corrie Sargent



REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER
Patricia Barrett



REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER
Ty Dilello



DISTRIBUTION
Christy Brown



PRODUCTION
Debbie Strauss



PRODUCTION
Nicole Kapusta



ADMINISTRATION
Jo-Anne Procter



ADMINISTRATION
Allana Sawatzky



PRINT
Dan Anderson

OUR SISTER PUBLICATIONS



get informed

NEWS > VIEWS > GIMLI > ARBORG > HIGHWAY 6 > SURROUNDING AREAS

Security rebate funding expanded for homeowners, renters and small businesses

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba government is increasing the Manitoba Security Rebate Program by \$1.5 million to help more Manitobans save money on cameras, security systems and other equipment, Premier Wab Kinew and Justice Minister Matt Wiebe announced Thursday.

According to Kinew, the safety of Manitobans in their homes and communities is crucial. Installing a camera or alarm can contribute to this security. The positive feedback received from families and businesses in Manitoba has prompted us to extend the rebate program. This will enable more individuals to access affordable security equipment.

Initially in June, the program provided a \$300 refund to homeowners, renters and small businesses who invested in security equipment as a component of Budget 2024. The initial allocation was \$500,000 for rebates accessible to all. The overall budget is

now being increased to \$2 million.

“After seeing such high interest from Manitobans, our government is increasing the total amount of funding for security rebates so that more homeowners, renters and small business owners can save money on security measures such as cameras, lights and other products designed to help keep properties safe,” said Wiebe. “This is one part of our plan to make communities across Manitoba safer.”

The goal of the rebate is to cover the expenses of enhancing security measures for Manitoba residents and small business proprietors. Qualified enhancements consist of installing security cameras, doorbell cameras, alarm systems, motion detectors, reinforced doors or windows, anti-graffiti film and paints, security gates, roll-down protection shutters and permanent security fencing.

Limited space is available in the program, so Manitobans planning to apply should do so as soon as possible,

the minister noted. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and the program will be closed when it reaches \$2 million in applications. Rebates for those who have already applied are beginning to roll out this week and will continue to be processed over the coming weeks.

Any purchase made after Sept. 1, 2023, is eligible to receive the rebate. It can include multiple expenses for a single property or business, as long as they are submitted together and do not exceed \$300. Manitobans with multiple homes or business locations in the province are only eligible to apply once for one location. Ongoing subscriptions or monthly fees for existing security systems are not eligible and only equipment associated with a new security system is covered by the rebate.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.manitoba.ca/justice/securityrebate.html.

Gimli RCMP respond to single-vehicle fatal rollover

By Lana Meier

Gimli RCMP received a report of a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 68, approximately four kilometres east of Arborg, at 1 p.m. on Aug. 13.

Investigators have determined that a semi-trailer, driven by a 61-year-old male from Winnipeg, was travelling eastbound on Highway 68 when it appeared to have lost control, entered

the ditch and rolled.

The driver of the semi-trailer was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Gimli RCMP continues to investigate.

> Got something you want to get off your chest? How about an act of kindness to share?

Send your letters to the editor or acts of kindness to news@expressweeklynews.ca. Please include your name, address, and phone number for confirmation purposes.

ADVERTISING OR PRINT CONTACT INFORMATION

Lana Meier 204-292-2128
ads@expressweeklynews.ca

PHONE 204-467-5836
FAX 204-467-2679

OUR EDITORIAL STAFF

Patricia Barrett - Reporter/Photographer
Cell 204-407-6099 patricia@expressweeklynews.ca

PAPER DELIVERY OR FLYER CONCERNS

Christy Brown, Distribution Mgr.: 204-467-5836

The Express Weekly News is published Thursdays and distributed through Canada Post to 11,396 homes. Republishing in whole or in part without permission is strictly prohibited. Printed in Canada by Prolific Printing.

This newspaper is supported 100% by advertising dollars. If you enjoy the paper and would like to see the newspaper grow and prosper visit any of the advertisers and businesses in our rural communities. - Keep your dollars working at home and shop local. Our commitment to you, the reader - we connect people through stories to build stronger communities.



> EMAIL US

Letters to the Editor: news@expressweeklynews.ca
Classifieds: ads@expressweeklynews.ca
News: news@expressweeklynews.ca
Print: igraphic@mymts.net

ADDRESS

74 Patterson Drive, Stonewall Industrial Park
Box 39, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0

Advertising Deadline: Monday 4:00 pm
prior to Thursday Publication

View the Express Weekly News online at
www.expressweeklynews.ca

Funded by the Government of Canada



Westshore Singers calling for younger members, holding open house

By Patricia Barrett

If you're one of those folks who loves to sing aloud to the radio while driving down the highway or who bursts spontaneously into song in the shower, now's your chance to break out of your bubble and get heard.

The Gimli-based Westshore Singers is putting out a call for younger people — teenagers, 20-, 30-, 40-some-things and so forth — to join them and help bring the joy of music to the community.

Westshore director Karen Lamb said the choir is looking to the future and would like to see new singers getting into the act, especially younger people who might be thinking of a pursuing a career in music and could benefit from a little musical direction and public performance time.

"Our choir members are getting older and we can really use an influx of younger people — and we've gotten a couple of them," said Lamb who used to teach music to kindergarten to Grade 12 students. "We've got one member who is 15 years old, another in his early twenties and a few in their thirties."

The choir has a policy requiring youth under 18 to be accompanied by a parent during rehearsals. The 15-year-old's mother happens to be a member of the choir and new parent-youth singers are welcome.

In addition to looking for younger members, the choir would welcome anyone who simply "loves to sing," said Lamb, who in addition to serving as musical director makes stunning quilts and other textiles and will be holding her 10th quilt raffle (via her personal Facebook page) this fall to help raise money for the Parkinson Canada charity.

Westshore, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next year, is made up of singers from communities such as Petersfield, Winnipeg Beach, Gimli, Riverton, Arborg and Teulon. It provides twice-yearly public performances in June and December in Gimli and communities such as Riverton and Arborg.

To help people get familiar with how a choir operates, Westshore is holding an open house for the public on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 7 to 8 p.m.

"The public or anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to come out for an hour and see what we do," said Lamb.

The ability to read music is not a prerequisite to becoming a member.

"A certain percentage of our members don't read music and you don't have to know how to read," she said. "But I think if you've sung in a choir for 10 or more years, you've devel-

oped an understanding of what's happening with the notes."

Current choir members are preparing to get their vocal cords warmed up after having the summer off. Regular rehearsal nights are on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 at the Gimli Lutheran Church.

On Saturday, Sept. 7 the choir is planning a workshop (with lunch) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so that current and newly minted members can get to know each other.

The joy of singing, building a repertoire of songs and acquiring musical knowledge are just some of the benefits of joining in a choir. There's also a social component that helps build community, said Lamb. And members are free to suggest songs they want to sing.

"People suggest songs all the time, and sometimes I use the songs and sometimes I don't," said Lamb. "Sometimes it's a piece they heard a choir sing and they want to try it."

The choir is already looking forward to its winter concert and will be performing three shows on Friday, Dec. 6 in Riverton at the Lutheran Church, on Sunday, Dec. 8 in Gimli at the Lutheran Church, and on Monday, Dec.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Westshore Singers are shown performing at the Gimli Lutheran Church.

9 in Gimli at the Lutheran Church.

"We've singing a real variety of different music for our winter show, which is titled Winter Song," said Lamb.

"We've got some pieces that are just for winter, some classic Christmas pieces such as Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and Jingle Bell Rock and some sacred pieces."

For more information about West-

shore Singers, visit westshoresingers.ca

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and time at the 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:

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON ZONING BY-LAW NO. 04-2024
Being a By-law to regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings within the Municipal limits of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

HEARING LOCATION: Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Municipal Office
329 River Road, Arborg MB R0C 0A0

DATE & TIME: Thursday, September 12th, 2024 at 8:30AM

GENERAL INTENT: To adopt Zoning By-law No. 04-2024 replacing the Rural Municipality of Bifrost Zoning By-law No. 4-2011 (as amended) and the Village of Riverton Zoning By-law No. 76/80 (as amended), in accordance with *The Planning Act*.

AFFECTED AREA: By-law No. 04-2024 will apply to all lands within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT: Tanis Wyant, ACAO
329 River Road
P.O. Box 70
Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
204-376-2391 ext. 103 / bifrostriverton@mymts.net

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

Note: Property owners are responsible for notifying lessee



Community Support Service

A.A Meeting in Ashern is postponed for August 9th

Next A.A Meeting is
August 23rd at 6pm.
Location: #11 2nd Ave North
- Pioneer Manor
(beside the main door entrance
of Pioneer Manor)
Contact Jackiem.lwrc@gmail.com

AA Eriksdale

Eriksdale United Church building
#7 Main Street, Eriksdale (side door)
Meetings are Mondays
at 6:30 p.m.

AA Winnipeg Beach

Lady of the Lake RC Church
Corner of Hwy. 9 and Lake Ave.,
Winnipeg Beach
Meetings are Saturdays
between 7 and 8 p.m.
Contact Ann J 204-389-3417

Gimli Group AA

Bldg 18 Municipal Rd
Industrial Park
Fri & Sun Mtgs at 7:30 pm

Al-Anon Gimli and Winnipeg Beach

Join us at 17B Loni Beach Road, next to New Horizon building... Gimli at 7:00 pm Wednesday evenings for an hour of support, strength, guidance and Hope. Contact 204-389-4777.
All ages welcome.

AA Riverton Group

12 Main St. at the
Riverton Senior Centre
Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Ashern safe opened after decades of being locked

By Becca Myskiw

For over five decades, a mysterious 55-year-old safe sat quietly in the Ashern Pioneer Museum, its secrets locked away and forgotten.

Since 1969, no one could open it—not because of a lack of effort but due to an elusive lost key. This enigma captured the curiosity of many who visited the museum, their imaginations running wild with what treasures might lie inside.

Fast forward to today: that mystery has finally been unraveled thanks to Rick Ammazzini, a safe-cracking expert known for his unique ability to unlock safes without leaving a trace.

To open a safe, you typically have to take a saw and cut through its walls or call a locksmith to use a drill. A Sandy Hook local, however, has made a name for himself with a very particular skill: he can open any safe without damaging it.

Rick Ammazzini has travelled across the continent, opening safes from Las Vegas to Calgary, Baltimore, Toronto and beyond. Though any locksmith can get into any safe, his method leaves no trace and allows the safe to be used again.

“No one likes a drilled safe, right?” he said.

When the Ashern Pioneer Museum heard about Ammazzini, they contacted him to see if he could open their two safes. After finding a time that worked for them both, it turned out Ammazzini could come on the same day as the mini thresherman’s reunion, so he had an audience to

watch the fun.

To start, he takes various measurements of the safe’s lock, getting every single number he can.

Then, using a few tools, Ammazzini does what’s called “exploiting the defects in manufacturing.”

“No manufacturing process is 100 per cent perfect,” he said. “So, if you know what to do, you can exploit those defects and use it to your advantage.”

That’s not to say anyone off the street could open any safe, though. Ammazzini’s process can take up to four hours and doesn’t include alarms, deadlines or panic, making it easy for him to get the job done but not for someone trying to be quick. Throughout the years, he’s honed his skills, and Ammazzini can now open a safe in 30 minutes, compared to the typical four hours.

Some safes, though, prove more difficult than others, and Ammazzini can’t open them — that’s why he says he has a 99 per cent success rate instead of 100 per cent.

That’s what happened at the Ashern Pioneer Museum. They had two safes for Ammazzini to open, but one had a lock that was damaged over the years and he couldn’t open it. The other safe took him just 25 minutes to open, and inside was a look into the financial history of Ashern.

Behind the thick safe door were the blueprints for Ashern and the original land plots, along with receipts for buildings and building materials, cost



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Inside the cracked Ashern Pioneer Museum’s safe were financial documents dated from the 1910s.

breakdowns, dog licences that were never issued and financial records from 1919 that showed a surplus of \$7,000 that year.

“When’s the last time you heard of any town having a surplus?” said Ammazzini, noting that \$7,000 then is equal to more than \$125,000 today.

Ammazzini likes the challenge of opening safes, calling each one a new puzzle for him to piece together. He hates seeing old safes get damaged, especially when they’re empty inside,

making the damage all for nothing. That’s why he does what he does — so safes across the continent can continue to be reused for years.

He said anyone can use a drill to open a safe, but when people find out he can do it without harming the safe’s integrity 99 per cent of the time, they become more interested in his services.

This year, Ammazzini has opened 22 safes. Altogether, he guesses he’s opened more than 200.

Fisher Branch Chase the Ace gives away \$178,800

By E Antonio

In total, 470 people attended Fisher Branch’s weekly Chase the Ace game last Friday, hoping to win the grand prize.

Winnipeg resident Holly Cromarty walked away \$178,800 richer after this week’s Chase the Ace draw.

Cromarty found the lucky Ace of Spades in the remaining 11-card pile.

Fisher Branch Chase the Ace fundraises for 12 different non-profit organizations.

Each organization shares 35 per cent of the funds raised.

“It will be about \$12,500 to each organization,” said Fisher Branch Chase the Ace Board Inc. president Karl Barret.

Since the ace was found, the Fisher Branch Chase the Ace Inc. has decided to take a brief break from the weekly draw.

“[We will] be starting back in the beginning of October,” said Barret.

Be sure to watch Fisher Branch’s Chase the Ace Facebook page for any updates regarding the weekly draw.

Once the weekly game returns, Fisher Branch sells their Chase the Ace tickets every Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Fisher Branch Recreation Centre, with the live draw at 9:30 p.m. sharp.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Fisher Branch Chase the Ace Inc. president Karl Barret presenting the \$178,800 cheque to winner Holly Cromarty. Cromarty found the Ace of Spades on the Aug. 16 Chase the Ace draw.



**ARBORG & DISTRICT
MULTICULTURAL
HERITAGE
VILLAGE**
CAMPGROUND

**ARBORG HERITAGE
VILLAGE**

FARMERS MARKET
WEDNESDAYS 10 - 3
BEGINNING JULY 3RD.

DAILY TOURS 10 - 4;
SUNDAYS 12 - 4

**CAMPING - HYDRO, WATER,
WASHROOMS & SHOWERS**

Arborg's Stansell sisters sizzle with Riverdance-inspired Irish dancing

By Patricia Barrett

Two dancers from Arborg showcased their flare for Irish jigs and reels during performances at the Celtic Ireland Pavilion at Folklorama.

Eliza and Molly Stansell were part of a contingent of dancers from the Winnipeg-based Brady Academy of Irish Dance, which entertained the crowds at the cultural festival. The girls danced every show at the pavilion.

Eliza, 11, started dancing in the fall of 2017 and her younger sister, Molly, 8, followed suit in 2018, said their mom, Jenna Stansell. They're seasoned performers with prior performances at Folklorama.

The girls were inspired to learn how to dance after seeing a television show that featured an Irish dancer.

"They got into Irish dancing after watching a show called *The Wiggles* when they were little. One of the girls on the show was an Irish dancer and they just loved it," said Stansell. "We found the Brady Academy in Winnipeg and they've been loving Irish dancing ever since."

Stansell said they make the trip to Winnipeg two or sometimes three times a week for practices.

Not only do the girls perform at events such as Folklorama, but they also take part in Irish dance competitions, called a feis (pronounced fesh).

"They dance at competitions but

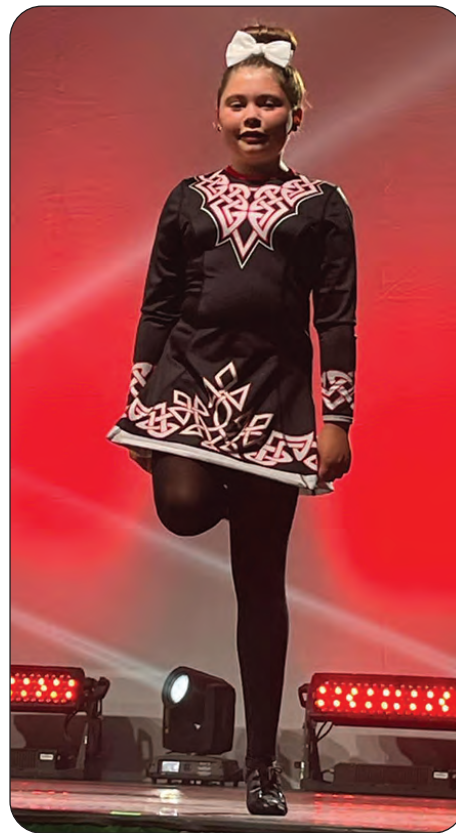
none of them are in Manitoba. So we have to do a lot of long-distance travelling for competitions that are held in Saskatchewan, Edmonton and Minneapolis," she said. "This fall they're going to Calgary to compete."

The Brady Academy of Irish Dance was established in 1983 to teach students traditional reels, jigs and other dances and to provide them with an opportunity to showcase their skills at community events and take part in Irish dance competitions across western Canada. In addition to Winnipeg, the school has locations in Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Calgary. It's the largest Irish dance school in Canada, according to its website.

Irish dance requires athleticism, precision and discipline to perform the intricate steps and jumps. Footwork is emphasized as Irish dancers don't move their arms and hands.

Brady Academy — along with volunteers and dancers' parents — hosts the Celtic Ireland Pavilion at Folklorama with the school's dancers showcasing award-winning Riverdance-style footwork and choreography. Riverdance is a theatrical troupe that performs a blend of traditional Irish and modern dance. It rose to prominence in the 1990s and still tours around the world.

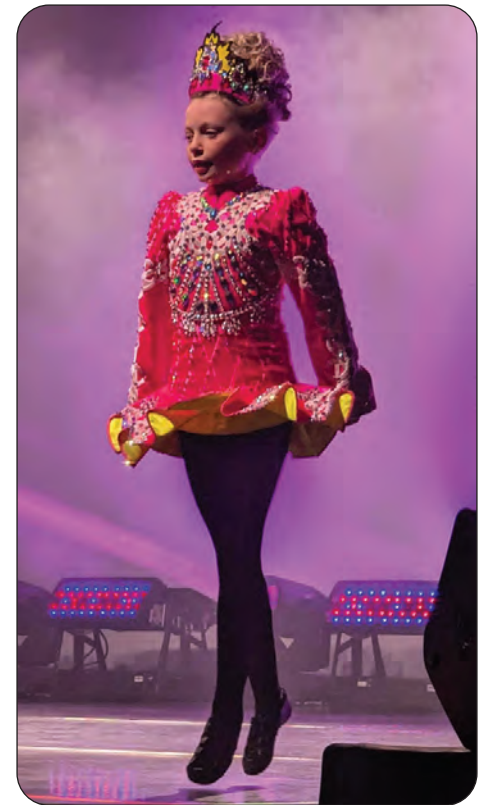
The two-week cultural festival wound up last Saturday after a two-week run.



Eliza Stansell, 11, started Irish dancing in 2017 and performed at the Celtic Ireland Pavilion last week during Folklorama. She and her sister Molly dance competitively.

"The Celtic Ireland Pavilion is pretty amazing, and it's one of the pavilions that has the most sold-out shows," said Stansell.

If Eliza and Molly are not competing



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Molly Stansell, 8, started Irish dance lessons in 2018. She performed at the Celtic Ireland Pavilion last week as part of the Folklorama last week, which is hosted by the Brady Academy.

at a major feis this fall, they'll likely be performing at Arborg's Culturama, which, like Folklorama, showcases different cultures and their food and entertainment.

> CELLPHONE BAN, FROM PG. 5

move through the education system. While cellphone-free schools might be positive for certain age groups, consideration should be given to how educators can help mentor appropriate usage as students enter higher grade levels."

Lakeshore schools and teachers currently have a variety of guidelines and strategies in place to limit cellphone use and to ensure they're not distracting students; those measures are "largely" successful. As to how much time teachers spend instructing or advising students on inappropriate or dangerous sites, as well as harmful social media messaging, Nikkel said it depends on the grade level.

"The amount of time a teacher spends on appropriate technology usage would depend on the grade level and subject area. A significant amount of time in high school ELA classes would likely be spent on navigating online information while younger grades would spend less time," said Nikkel. "Our schools

have also facilitated a number of sessions as the need has arisen."

When asked if cellphones are critical to Lakeshore's curricular objectives,

Nikkel said while cellphone usage is not a specific part of the curriculum, "every teacher is aware of how important it is to equip our students with

the skills they need to navigate this challenging technology."

Louisiana Tour 15 Days
OCTOBER 5 - 19

Included 14 tours and 19 meals
4 nights New Orleans, 3 nights Baton Rouge, 3 nights Memphis
Avery Island tour, Mardi Gras Float tour, Natchez Steamboat Brunch Cruise, Oak Ally Plantation, Swamp Tour, Tour of several highlights of Memphis.
Transportation by luxury coach. *Plus much more!*
This is a guaranteed amazing trip! **\$3,895** per person double
\$5,475 solo
Call for full details

Jackpot Junction 3 Nights 4 Days
Casino and Resort
SEPTEMBER 23-26

Enjoy \$70 in FREE play (no points required) plus food comps, Bingo, Golf, Indoor pool & Shopping
Beautiful large resort to enjoy all the amenities!
\$299 **\$420** per person double solo

Anytyme Travel and Tours
204-415-4500
www.anytymetravel.com
office@anytymetravel.com

Where Adventures Begin

SELKIRK & DISTRICT
UKRAINIAN
SCHOOL OF DANCE INC.
DANCING SINCE 1971

Fialka
AUDITIONS

are being held
ON AUGUST 28, 2024
6pm - 7pm
East Selkirk Hall
711 Old Henderson Hwy

Open to all dancers ages 14+

To register contact:
sdukrainiandance@gmail.com

Lakeside Lions host Amazing Race challenge

By E Antonio

A total of 142 racers hit the streets for the second annual Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Amazing Race Challenge.

Thirty-three teams participated, with registration nearly doubling from their premier event in 2023.

On Aug. 11, teams of two to seven people raced across Winnipeg Beach, Matlock, Sandy Hook, Ponemah and Whyteworld to accumulate the most points. This year's event was a huge success.

"We sent out a survey to the racers and challenge hosts and received such positive feedback," said Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions vice-president Lisa Boyer.

Boyer wants this event to occur in the community because she wants to promote the unique attractions the community has to offer.

"We have such a great little community with so many hidden gems, and offering the race lets people get to see everything in the area that they might not know about," explained Boyer.

During the Lakeside Lions Amazing Race, participants were required to complete various unique tasks and challenges to earn points.

In 2023, there were various challenges to overcome, such as eating a burger without using hands, completing obstacle courses and a beloved fire hall activity.

"The firefighters were our No. 1 challenge host," said Boyer.

Participants had the opportunity to use a fire hose and knock down targets.

The Lakeside Lions Amazing Race Challenge kicked off at 11 a.m. at the Winnipeg Beach Municipal Recreation Centre. Racers then travelled across the surrounding communities and finished their race by 3 p.m. at the Winnipeg Beach Bandstand.

After the race, prizes were awarded to the teams who completed the most challenges and those by random draw.

The 2024 race day featured 26 different challenges for team members

to try. Many hosts from the previous year also made a comeback, adding to the already thrilling atmosphere.

The Matlock Fire Department returned providing just as much excitement as last year.

Race contestants had to complete three tasks in gear: unroll and roll a firehose, knock down four targets and drag Ruth to safety.

"There were lots of smiles and fun to be had," Boyer added.

Some other popular events included the Kernstead Road Challenge, which required participants to complete three different tasks: reversing a small trailer with a quad, participating in a water balloon toss, and working collaboratively to walk as one unit while wearing planks on their feet.

Zumba with Jan Keryluk at the Bandstand was also a huge hit. To receive their points for the challenge, competitors completed a 10-minute Zumba workout.

"It was great fun for everybody," noted Boyer.

The weather was perfect for the day of adventure, with clear skies and 20 degrees C; it was ideal racing weather.

"We could not have asked for better weather," said Boyer.

Racers of all ages from around the province rallied to see if they could be the top team at Lakeside Lions Amazing Race.

"There were lots of locals who attended, but a lot of people from Winnipeg came too."

The Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions are honoured to be able to host the Amazing Race.

"We want to serve our community however we can," explained Boyer.

Additionally, the Lakeside Lions make an effort to support and assist the local community in any way they can.

Boyer extends her sincere gratitude to the members of Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Club and the volunteers who donated their time to host the Amazing Race Challenge.

It is the volunteers who help make



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Competitors had to work as a team to walk across a field with planks attached to their feet.



The Matlock Fire Department brought back the 2023 favourite task of using a fire hose to knock down targets.



Jan Keryluk hosted a 10-minute Zumba workout challenge at the Winnipeg Beach Bandstand.

the Lakeside Lions Amazing Race possible.

"My Lions do an amazing job, and I like to give them credit where credit is due."

The top five winners were Beach Bums on the Run, Houligans, Poplar Paws, Team Sharpe and Goat.

If you missed out on Lakeside Lions 2024 Amazing Race, be sure to block off Aug. 10, 2025, for next year's event.

"Everybody says we got to do it again," said Boyer.

She elaborated on the race's recent success in garnering positive feedback through a post participant and host survey.

Visit the Lakeside Lions Amazing Race Challenge Facebook page to stay informed about upcoming events and view pictures from previous races.

Backpacks. Purses. Planners. Pencil Cases. Notebooks

OPEN DURING STREET CONSTRUCTION

439 MAIN ST., SELKIRK
North of Manitoba Ave.

HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 10-6
FRIDAY 10-8
SATURDAY 9-6 SUNDAY 12-5

BIG DOLLAR

Icelandic Open hosts 24th annual charity golf tournament

By Kieran Reimer

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba has included a charity golf tournament for the past two decades before the Icelandic Festival kicks off.

On Friday Aug. 2, the Icelandic Open returned to Links at the Lake in Gimli for the 24th annual rendition with 118 golfers primarily of Icelandic heritage participating in the tournament that helps raise funds for the Icelandic newspaper, *Lögberg-Heimskringla*.

This year they raised over \$25,000.

"It was excellent, everybody had a wonderful time," said Lenore Good, co-chair of the tournament. "The feedback from the golfers was really positive."

Every year the Icelandic Open has a legacy sponsor that supports the event. This year's was the Arborg Chapter of Icelandic National League who became the legacy sponsor to honour Dave Gislason, a frequent participant at the Icelandic Open and a prominent individual in the Icelandic community, who passed away in 2023.

Gislason was also a pioneer for using bees in horticulture and he is an inductee in the Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Good said Gislason's daughters Shelly and Kathy and grandchildren participated in this year's tournament.

"What we've been doing is highlighting the legacy of someone who has made a major contribution to the community as part of the golf tournament," said Good. "He was the son of an Icelandic immigrant who was very prominent in the Icelandic community in Arborg. He was an exceptional individual in many respects.



David Gislason's daughters, Shelly Gislason and Kathy Palsson.

He spoke fluent Icelandic and passed on the culture to younger people in the community."

Local celebrities also came out to golf and show support at this year's event.

Curling superstars Kerri and Kyle Einarson of Gimli competed and won the event alongside teammates Nathan Krulicki and Trevor Skopata.

The foursome shot a total score of 60 through 18 holes of best-ball play to win.

"It's really fantastic to have local celebrities," said Good. "She's a world champion curler, Kerri, and they have been coming to our tournament for years so we really appreciate their participation."

This year's tournament also had one of its youngest fields of competitors in recent years as it continues to go



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE EINARSSON

Team Einarson, including Kerri and Kyle Einarson along with Nathan Krulicki and Trevor Skopata, won this year's Icelandic Open.

strong.

Good said there were golfers ranging from 30 to 80 years old competing with many coming from the 30 to 50 range.

The tournament also featured live and silent auctions, prizes, music and supper following the round.

"It's been a tradition in the Icelandic community to have the major fundraiser for the newspaper, which is the charity," said Good. "The Lög-

berg-Heimskringla serves the Icelandic community in the Interlake but also across Canada and the United States. There are even subscribers in Iceland. We have the tournament every year to supplement our funds. We're a charity."

Good, along with fellow co-chair Joanne Gudmundson, is expecting another big turnout for 25th annual Icelandic Open in 2025.



QUARRY PHYSIOTHERAPY

AN *inMotion* CLINIC



Gimli
204-642-5353

Arborg
204-376-2406



LEARN MORE ABOUT
ORTHOTICS HERE

Custom Orthotics
are ideal for patients
experiencing pain with:

- Walking
- Running
- Sporting activities
- Prolonged standing

• ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE • CONVENIENTLY OPEN MON-SAT

• DIRECT BILLING TO MOST INSURERS • EXPERIENCED, FRIENDLY STAFF

Keeping the Interlake inMotion since 1994

inmotionnetwork.ca

FARM
-to-
FORK

It's **Barbeque**
SEASON!



Your full-service meat shop, offering an extensive selection of fresh, premium elk and bison products for unparalleled taste and nutrition

- Bison burgers
- Elk burgers
- Yellowstone burgers (combo)
- Elk & cheese smokies
- Elk garlic sausage



STONEWOOD ELK RANCH LTD.

STEAKS • ROASTS • GROUND • STEWING & STIR FRY MEAT
LIVER • SOUP BONES • GARLIC SAUSAGE

CALL OR TEXT 204-791-9856
(by appointment only)

@StonewoodElkRanch.com
✉ stonewoodelkranch@gmail.com



DIRECTIONS FROM BALMORAL: 1 MILE SOUTH ON HWY 236 & 1.75 MILES EAST ON ROAD 84N OR 1 MILE SOUTH ON HWY 7 AND 1.25 MILES WEST ON ROAD 84N (Watch for Stonewood Elk Ranch sign)



Fun times on the streets of Arborg



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE EINARSSON

By E Antonio

The streets in Arborg came alive Aug. 9 to 11 for the 11th Annual Arborg Street Festival. Thousands filled the streets Friday night for the parade, which kicked off the weekend of family fun.

Arborg Street Festival committee member Jordan Cook labelled the 2024 event as a huge success.

"We had great weather for the weekend and many people were in attendance," he explained.

The sun shone and a gentle breeze blew as friends and families gathered along Main Street, eager to participate in the celebrations.

The festivities began on Friday evening with a parade featuring lively floats from locals.

"We had a lot of compliments on how nice the parade was from people in the community," said Cook.

Friday's events continued well into the night. The legion hosted a scrumptious perogy dinner, followed by opening speeches from dignitaries, the fan-favourite Pluck-a-Duck, the touch-a-truck event and live music, keeping festival-goers entertained all night long.

Nick Burdy was the lucky winner of the Pluck-a-Duck contest, sharing 50

per cent of the \$2,900 raised for the Arborg Street Festival.

Friday's party ended with a shimmering fireworks display.

They festival continued on Saturday, starting with a delicious pancake breakfast at the legion.

The annual community-wide garage sale made its return.

"There were a lot of yard sale signs throughout town, which was nice to see," said Cook.

Saturday's lineup boasted a variety of talented artists. Angie led a vibrant session of Colour Zumba, while Flame Syndicate lit up the stage with their fiery performance. Attendees were also kept entertained by several dancing groups, a magician's performance and other live-music acts.

"The CWE Wrestling brought lots of cheers, chants and crowd interactions," Cook added.

There were also a lot of competition that Arborg Street Festival Fans could participate in and try their luck at winning a prize.

The Amazing Race featured nine teams racing through Arborg, completing various challenges.

Parka Abuda of Oasis Plumbing

Continued on page 13



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Parka Abuda of Oasis Plumbing and Caleb Kanteluk of CKR Repair claimed victory in this year's race.



> FUN TIMES, FROM PG. 12

and Caleb Kanteluk of CKR Repair claimed victory in this year's race. Abuda and Kanteluk donated their \$200 prize to the Terry Fox Foundation, and each of their companies donated an additional \$400 in support of the Terry Fox Run for a total of \$1,000.

The youngest participants got to compete in a competition of their own at the Arborg Street Festival.

NorTech Mechanical and Norseman Metals sponsored the Children's Tractor Pull, in which kids competed against each other to see who could pedal a tractor and a trailer the furthest.

Cook noted that the tractor pull was extremely successful.

"The kids had the biggest smiles on their faces," he added.

Cook thanks Mike, Holly and Chelsea Lupky, who pioneered the Children's Tractor Pull.

They custom-built the tractors and hosted the event, which was "very well received by all in attendance," said Cook.

During the day, various other activities were also available, including 3-on-3 basketball, axe throwing, henna art, video games, multiple food

and trade vendors, and a petting zoo for families to enjoy.

"Many people also took their turn on the dunk tank," Cook noted.

The Arborg Street Festival committee extends their gratitude to all the businesses and organizations who donated their time and products to help make the festival free for the community.

A special shout-out goes to Keegan Sfefanson, who assisted with the music and sound equipment for the stage performances, and to master of ceremonies Jay Ewert.

Cook said, "It takes the support of local businesses and organizations to make this possible."

He thanked the dedicated volunteers of the Arborg Street Festival, who generously contributed their time towards organizing the event and explained that planning for the Arborg Street Festival is a year-long event with many meetings and fundraising events being held.

The planning committee is always looking for more locals to join their crew. If you are interested in volunteering for Arborg's 2025 Street Festival, please email arborgstreetfestival@gmail.com.



Another year of the Moosehorn Community Celebration in the books

By Autumn Fehr

Everyone had a good time at this year's Moosehorn Community Celebration, which took place from Aug. 9 to 11. Approximately 750 to 800 people attended the three-day celebration.

Most of the weekend events were free of charge, with no pre-registration required, and included a pancake breakfast, a parade, entertainment and so much more.

Friday night bingo kicked off the celebrations.

The Moosehorn Fire Department was in charge of breakfast Saturday morning and served 200 delicious pancake breakfasts.

The RCMP led the parade following breakfast, with Laurel and Halle Meisner on horseback and 17 entries.

"The communities supported our parade by coming out in carloads, and they were rewarded. We saw bags and bags of goodies handed out to the attendees, as well as 100 free soft ice cream cones given in memory of past president of the community club Alf Nachtigall," said Dawn Tober, one of the event organizers.

MLA Derek Johnson made an appearance at the community event for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to recognize the Moosehorn Community Sports Grounds Revitalization project.

"Many volunteers have contributed to this project, but special mention is given to Brian Kiesman and Glen Bittner for the hours of labour they dedicated," said Tober.

"The grounds, skating rink and buildings look amazing," she added.

Throughout the day, event-goers could visit the arts and crafts sale at the curling rink, where there were 11 vendors present to showcase their

creations to purchase.

To celebrate 50 years strong and present in the community, the Moosehorn Museum shared cupcakes and free coffee with all who visited the buildings. Outside the museum, the executive held their annual media sale, which was welcomed by donors and customers alike.

Wayside Park had a steady lineup of talent on Saturday and Sunday, with various performances by Tim Cameron, the Chuck Whittier Duo, Ashern Holubka Dancers and others.

Children's activities kept the youngsters busy throughout the weekend. Lloyd Nickel operated a rebuilt John Deere tractor and trailer that provided tractor and wagon rides.

Saturday evening, the Peace Lutheran Church, in partnership with the Moosehorn Baptist Church, put on a steak supper with all the fixing for \$25

The celebration ended with a bang, with fireworks sponsored by the Moosehorn Co-op and displayed by Wayne Jackson. The New Covenant Quartet closed the event with entertainment.

This event has rotated through the surrounding communities for over 20 years, from Faulkner/Steep Rock to St. Martin/Gypsumville to Moosehorn. A few disruptions have occurred throughout the decades, such as the 2011 flood and COVID-19, but the community event has continued strong.

"Times are changing. Let's hope our communities can continue this energy and share the heart of our small towns," said Tober.

Tober said putting the initial executive team together and rounding up volunteers was difficult. Still, once Pastor Rick took the lead, secretary Dianne Bittner kept them on sched-



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Community members gathered for the Sports Grounds ribbon-cutting for Moosehorn's Community Sports Grounds Revitalization Project 2023-2024.

ule, treasurer Vera Loewen managed the funds, and 16 other committee members followed.

The committee met once a month

starting in February, and 50-plus volunteers, including many community youth and teens, came on board to

Continued on page 15



Moosehorn Baptist Church members handed treats out along the parade route.



Moosehorn Heritage Museum with their float.



Sandra and Doug were one of the 11 arts and crafts vendors selling items made of Diamond Willow.

> CELEBRATION,
FROM PG. 14

make the event possible.

“On Saturday, Aug. 10, you want to know where our youth and teens were? They were in Moosehorn volunteering alongside all of us older bodies — working the canteen, running the children’s games, handing out treats manning the barricades at the parade and anything else they were assigned to do,” said Tober.

But above all, Tober’s favourite part of the three-day event was the unbelievable community spirit.

The event was indeed a community effort.

As with many community events, it is only possible with the hard work and dedication of sponsors, the executive, committee members, volunteers and vendors.

“There were so many behind the scenes that were completed by our



Pastor Rick at Sunday Multi-Denominational Service.

committee, who took each task on with gusto. Yes, some of us may have grumbled, but we completed, so we had a run-well event,” said Tober.

Tober said that thanks to the community, there are already great sug-

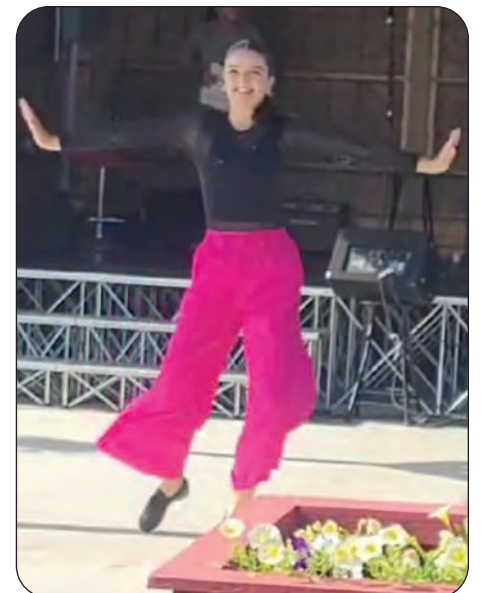


Moosehorn Fire Department prepared a pancake breakfast everyone enjoyed.

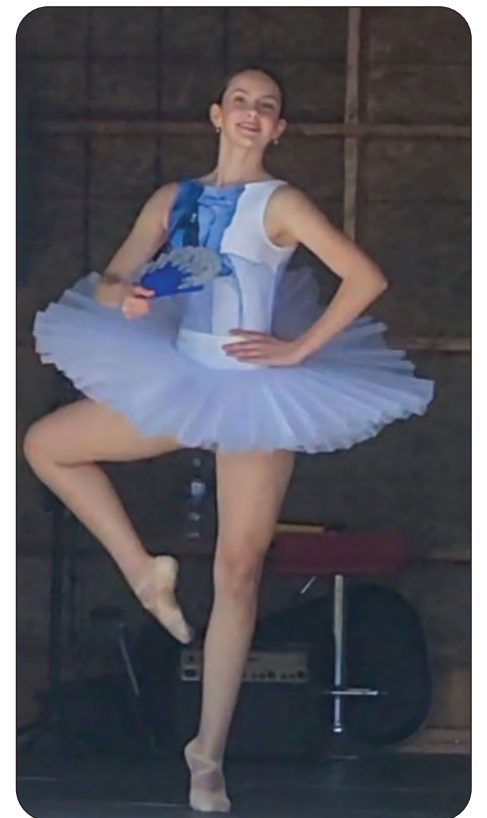


The King (Dave Greene), one of the entertainers, invites resident Shane Bauch on stage.

gestions on how to improve the event for next time.



Madison Cooley performed her tap dance routine.



Ava Cooley performed on the free stage.



Centre stage at the Wayside Park Pavilion with Chuck Wittier Duo on stage.

sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Team East 17U basketball hang with the best at 2024 Manitoba Games

By Kieran Reimer

The Team East Region 17U boys basketball team surpassed even their expectations at the 2024 Manitoba Games in Dauphin.

After months of training, Team East finally took to the court for the preliminary round of Pool B last Monday and won the pool after defeating both Team South and Team North.

Though they then dropped both a semi-final and bronze medal game to finish fourth, Team East feels they proved many people wrong about how their tournament played out.

"Nobody there expected us to play that good," said Team East's Jake Bourcier, who is from Stony Mountain. "Obviously not playing the best in the bronze and semi-final but our round robin, nobody expected us to go out there and play how did and get to where we did. It felt awesome."

Bourcier played locally this past season with the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association's Stonewall Swarm, who he helped to an undefeated championship season.

Bourcier made Team East as a 16-year-old and described the level of play as three times more difficult than what he had seen this season in the WMBA.

"It was a crazy experience just how some of those guys could do almost everything," said Bourcier. "Everybody was so talented there and it was a sight to see. Every player is like a weapon."

Bourcier and Team East played their strongest games on opening day.

Their opening win against Team South was their most significant victory of the Games, winning 86-59.

Continued on page 17



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Sea Bears court/floor was transported to Dauphin for the Summer Games. Team East Region's players gather for a photo at the 2024 Manitoba Games in Dauphin.

Ice Dawgs, Falcons release 2024 training camp schedule

By Kieran Reimer

The Arborg Ice Dawgs announced their training camp schedule on Saturday, ahead of the 2024-25 Capital

Region Junior Hockey League season.

The Ice Dawgs will open camp at the Warren Arena on Sunday, Sept. 15, for the first tryout skate.

There will be two more tryout skates in Warren before playing two exhi-

bition games at Lundar Arena on Friday, Sept. 20 and at Gimli Arena on Wednesday, Sept. 25 to conclude training camp.

The CRJHL has also announced the 2024-25 regular season schedule.

The Ice Dawgs will play their home opener at Arborg & District Arena on Friday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. against the reigning champion St. Malo Warriors.

Tryout registration is \$75 and payments can be sent via Etransfer to arborgdawgs@gmail.com

For more information you visit @arborg_icedawgs on Instagram or contact head coach Derric Gulay at 204-641-3982.

TRY OUTS for Interlake Phillies AAA Softball 2025 SEASON

Phillies

Please go to www.interlakephillies.com to pre-register

U13 (born 2012, 2013 or later)

- Tuesday, August 27 (6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.) ~ pitchers and catchers only
- Tuesday, August 27 (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, August 28 (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

U15 (born 2011/2010)

- Monday, August 26 (6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.) ~ pitchers and catchers only
- Monday, August 26 (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, August 28 (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

U17 (born 2009/2008)

- Monday, August 26 (6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.) ~ pitchers and catchers only
- Monday, August 26 (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, August 27 (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

U19 (born 2007/2006)

- No tryout dates set, just gauging interest

Tryouts will be held at Stonewall Quarry Park at Fines Fields. If necessary, rain dates/extra evaluations will be Thursday, August 29 - time TBD. Any questions, contact interlakephilliescomms@gmail.com.

BEST GIFT EVER!

Scenic Flight Tour

Show them the world from 5000ft!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

\$149 3 PASSENGERS AND THE PILOT ALL FOR ONE LOW COST

Book Today!

LS AIRWAYS FLIGHT ACADEMY

LS Airways Flight Academy | 311 Anson St, Gimli, MB | 204-651-1402

LUNDAR FALCONS TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

The Lundar Falcons also announced their training camp last week.

The Falcons will open camp on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Lundar Memorial Arena for the first skate, with players born between 2004-2008 eligible to try out.

They will have three more skates in Lundar before announcing their final roster.

The Falcons' home opener is Friday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. against the Arborg Ice Dawgs.

To register for tryouts, you can email LundarFalconsHockey@gmail.com

Peewee Thunder changing their approach after 0-2 start

By Kieran Reimer

It's been a rocky start to the season for the Peewee Interlake Thunder.

The club is 0-2 and have been out-scored 66-6 in their losses to the East Side Eagles last Monday and the Fort Garry Lions last Saturday in the home opener at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

Now as they get ready to go again on Saturday, Aug. 24 against the Eastman Raiders, they are taking the time to re-evaluate their game plan.

"Defensively it will be a lot of skills, as far as structure goes defensively, we're in a pretty good spot," said head coach Jared Boville on Monday afternoon. "For offence, right now it's a bit more equal opportunity. Whoever is open or is in a certain position, that's where we are looking to get the ball to, but the reality is we're going to have to focus on getting the ball into our playmaker's hands."

With only six points to show for in the two games, Boville said they will need to make tweaks to their current offensive plays.

Thunder QB Weston Preun has been Boville's go-to ace so far this season.

Preun is in his second season with the Thunder and is one of their leaders on and off the field.

Though he is still looking for a breakout game this season, Boville said he's liked his game early on and with a little help from his defensive line, the big plays will start to come.

"He's been playing really well, I wouldn't put the offensive struggles on him," said Boville. "The offensive line struggled to protect last game which is funny because in the first game the offensive line was very dominant. It was just we weren't catching the ball or running the ball, the skilled position players. Even on Saturday there was probably six drops where Weston put it right on the money and they couldn't haul it



Cimli's Damion Johnson (3) moves the ball up field against the Lions last Saturday.

in so our offence, and I've told the kids, it's going to live and die by how well the offensive line plays. If they can give Weston time he's going to find guys."

Aside from the offensive inconsistencies, it's been getting down in games early that has really been the Thunder's downfall early on.

In both games the Thunder gave up multiple touchdowns in the opening quarter, some coming from fumbles and interceptions, which has prevented their offence from being able to get comfortable early in games.

Boville said a strong start will be part of the game plan against the Raiders.

"You can't get down. In the Lions game we were down 12-0 in the first five minutes and that was similar to what happened in the Eagles game.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Thunder's offensive line look to block the Fort Garry Lions in Peewee football action last Saturday. The Thunder lost 30-0.

Getting a few stops to start and maybe putting some points on the board early is definitely going to be good. They do a good job at making adjustments but we need to do that from the start so we don't dig ourselves a hole."

The Thunder will head to Steinbach for Saturday's game against the Raiders.

The Raiders are 1-0 this season after winning their season opener 30-0 last Saturday against the Sunrise Coyotes in Springfield.

Kick-off will go at noon at A.D. Penner Park.



Stonewall's Cooper Dickey (34) and Gimli's Easton Wozlowski (22) take down a Lion.

> BASKETBALL, FROM PG. 16

After the round-robin finale victory over Team North, Team East held the best points differential at the time, plus 31, ahead of the eventual undefeated champs in Team West #2.

Bourcier credited the success to the team's comfort playing together since head coach Alex Barra and staff announced the roster in early May.

"What stuck out was actually getting chemistry with the team," said Bourcier. "As a team we all felt closer

from the start to the end. Just going out and watching games together, going over plays, watching games and just trying to figure out how to break teams down. It's a really good bonding experience."

Though it didn't end the way they wanted, Team East is still happy with how they came together and came one win short of medalling in Manitoba's toughest tournament.

As Bourcier and Team East join the rest of Manitoba basketball players in the midst of their off-season,

Bourcier is getting excited for another big campaign in 2024-25.

He said his goal is to play club basketball in Winnipeg and high school in the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association.

The Team East Region 17U girls basketball team had some very exciting games and made it to the bronze medal game last Saturday.

After going 1-1 in group play, Team East's point differential was the deciding stat that earned them a berth

in the semi-final round.

In the semi-finals Team East took the eventual champion Team Winnipeg Blue down to the final seconds of the game, falling 51-48 in the end.

With the loss, Team East played Team Winnipeg Gold for the bronze medal on Saturday morning at Parkland Recreation Complex.

Team East unfortunately finished fourth and lost 59-42 to Winnipeg Gold who had only lost one game all tournament.

Team East No. 2 give undefeated Team South No. 2 biggest scare of tournament

By Kieran Reimer

A berth in the gold medal game at the 2024 Manitoba Games baseball semi-finals came down to one swing of the bat in Dauphin last Wednesday.

After turning a four-run deficit into one with the bases loaded against an undefeated Team South No. 1, Team East Region No. 2 fell a single run short of the tournament's biggest upset.

Team East, coached by Rhys Morris, went on to then lose a 16-14 heart-breaker to Team Winnipeg Blue in the bronze medal game, falling just short of a medal.

"That's just how baseball goes," said Morris following the Games. "Match-ups go one way or the other and we ended up coming out on the short end of the stick."

When the tournament began, Team East didn't expect to be in medal contention. They got off to a 0-2 start in group play and saved their playoff hopes in the final round-robin game

after coming back from being down 11-0 against Team South #2 to win 13-12.

Though they lost both the semi-final and bronze medal games, they demonstrated their resilience in both.

They trailed by over seven runs both times, yet they came on late for thrilling finishes.

As they fell short of a medal, Morris said he was proud that his team didn't give up in the toughest moments.

"Our team battled really well and scored a lot of runs offensively, but I felt at times our defence was kind of our weak spot. But the way we battled in that semi-final game, I was very proud of what we did on the field that day. To take them to the limit that we did was pretty impressive to watch them compete that way."

Morris also coaches the Team Manitoba U15 baseball team along with the U18AAA North Winnipeg Pirates.

Morris and fellow coach Tyler Wood originally got their first look at some

of Team East's members in November during off-season development camps.

They held tryouts in June and made the final roster, though finding time for practices and exhibition games was difficult due to club schedules for the players and themselves with their teams.

Morris said when the Games began, it was the first time the club got to know each other by staying in Dauphin in an Olympic-like athlete's village.

As the team spent more time together, so grew the team chemistry. They turned their tough start in the round robin into an exciting run through the playoff round, with a team that felt like it had been together for much longer than a couple of weeks.

"It brought teams closer together and helped them build a lot of camaraderie because you spent so much time together there, and that might be different than other teams and tour-

naments I've gone to," said Morris.

"The way they would come around the field and smile, they were always having a good time. A lot of the things that me and Tyler talked about on the ride home from the games was a lot of the funny experiences we had away from the diamond. Just talking to them in the lunch room or anything that we were doing, it was a lot of the conversations we had with the kids. Those were the things that stuck out at the end of the day for us."

East Team No. 2 included Dylan Zubert (Oakbank), Aiden McConnell (East Selkirk), Maverick McFarlane (Oak Bluff), Cohen Linsenmeier (St. Andrews), Jensen Freiter (St. Andrews), Decalan Fisher (Narol), Thoren Corbett (Rosser), Gemma Strutynski (Oakbank), Mason Jensen (Winnipeg), Chase Murray (Stonewall), Jayke Witzke (Beausejour) and Luke Janzen (Beausejour).

Softball more than just a competition at 2024 Manitoba Games

By Kieran Reimer

It wasn't the result they had hoped for, yet the 2024 Manitoba Games was still a great opportunity to make new friends and represent the area for Team East Region's softball team.

Though the club may have gone 0-4 in Dauphin, for players like Teulon's Kara Powroznik, it was a tournament she won't soon forget.

"What I'll take from this experience is the new friendships I've made from my team and from others," said Powroznik. "As well, I was lucky enough along with my team that our seasons didn't end after AA provincials in

July and we got to keep playing ball which allowed me to keep working at sport I really enjoy playing."

Powroznik and other members on Team East have been playing softball nonstop all spring and summer.

Her along with other players on the team like locals Emma Hennessey (Stonewall), Dani Park (Stony Mountain), Easla Isfjord (Stonewall) and Veronica Varnes (Warren) wrapped up their club seasons only three weeks ago at Softball Manitoba Provincials with some playing right up to the tournament at Western Canada Championships.

As for Powroznik, her summer was one of the busiest. The 14-year-old outfielder/infielder played for both the Teulon Cardinals and the U15 AA Interlake Maroons on top of the Manitoba Games.

She said her season dates even further back into 2023 when head coach Nikki Mathews and the Team East staff originally began assembling the roster for Dauphin, one that Powroznik knew she wanted to be on.

"It was exciting to be chosen and to be one of the girls representing Team East," said Powroznik. "This process started close to a year ago and there

were quite a few girls who tried out for this team last fall."

At the Games, Team East's closest game came last Friday morning in their third game of competition.

The club lost a close 7-5 game to Team Winnipeg Blue where they showed they could handle the stiff competition of a team like Winnipeg Blue who went on to win the bronze medal over Team Winnipeg Gold.

With the Games at a close, Powroznik looks forward to another busy season which will begin at tryouts with the AAA Interlake Phillies.

Team East athletics combine for half of region's medals at Games

By Kieran Reimer

Team East Region's athletics competitors found themselves on the podium many times at the 2024 Manitoba Games last week.

Team East won a total of 34 medals in track and field in Dauphin, along with 12 gold medals.

At the top of the list were triple gold medalists Daniel Melnick of Lac Du Bonnet and Quinn Lavoie of West St. Paul in the long-distance runs.

Melnick's golds came in the U16 male 800m, 1200m and cross-country 3km run while Lavoie's came in the U14 female 800m, 1200m and cross country 2km.

Also winning multiple gold was

Pinawa's Mckinnley Boer who won double gold in the U16 male discus and high jump.

Rounding out the gold medals were Oakbank's Mayra Luft in the U14 female standing long jump, Winnipeg Beach's Brayden Zahariuk in the U14 male pentathlon, Team East's U14 female 4x100 relay A-team, and Team East's U14 female medley relay A-team.

Other athletes who made significant contributions to Team East's medal count were Beausejour's Rorie McDonald winning triple silver in the U16 male discus, javelin and shotput, and Beausejour's Alina Wiens also winning triple silver in the U16 fe-

male 800m, 1200m and cross-country 3km run.

Rounding out Team East's medalists were East Selkirk's Daniella Paulic, silver in U16 female javelin and bronze in discus; Oakbank's Juliana Reid, bronze in U14 female 1200m and cross-country 2km; Stonewall's Ava Favreau, silver in U16 female high jump; East St. Paul's Anika Ploegman, silver in U14 female standing long jump; St. Andrews' Olivia Sousa, silver in U14 female pentathlon; Arborg's Peyton Zubriski, bronze in U14 female discus; East St. Paul's Violet Kramps, bronze in U16 female javelin; Oakbank's Crew Peters, bronze in U14 female shotput; Beausejour's

Scarlett Hyde, bronze in U16 female high jump; Beausejour's Abby Harris, bronze in U14 female 800m; and Winnipeg Beach's Lena Zahariuk, bronze in U16 female pentathlon.

Team East's U16 male medley relay A-team also took silver while the U14 female 4x100 B-team and U16 female medley relay A-team (Adison Kennedy, Alina Wiens, Scarlett Hyde, Anabel Pelletier) both took bronze in their races.

Team East's 12 gold and 34 total medals won in athletics provided half of their medals won at the 2024 Manitoba Games.

Team East finished the Games with 24 gold medals and 68 total medals.

Classifieds



Book Your Classified Ad Today - Call 467-5836 or Email ads@expressweeklynews.ca

SCRAP METAL

Buyer for all farm-yard scrap, machinery and autos. No item too large! Best prices paid, cash in hand. Phone Alf at 204-461-1649.

BUYING SCRAP METAL, CARS, TRACTORS, COMBINES, FARM SCRAP, ANY METAL MATERIAL, ANY FARM MACHINERY. PH LONNIE AT 204-886-3407 LVE. MESSAGE OR CELL AT 204-861-2031.

HAY FOR SALE

Round hardcore bales, 1st & 2nd cut, alfalfa & brome grass. Call 204-461-0722.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Tollak Place has 1 & 2 bedroom suites, located at 40 Eveline Street. Spacious suites, with F/S, A/C, storage areas and large balconies; utilities are included, parking is extra. Tollak 2 is a 55 plus bldg., river view apts. with central air, F/S, DW & microwave; large storage area off the kitchen and a balcony; utilities and parking extra. Call the onsite office 204-482-2751 for AVAILABILITY.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Seasonal business for sale - owner retiring: land, building, equipment and inventory. Grand Marais, Manitoba, available immediately, over 10 years in business. Call or text for more details 204-792 4151.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

For sale - All Electric Sales & Service, 311 Main Street, Arborg. Includes property & building. Call 204-376-5003 or email allelec@mts.net for more information.

News Tips? call the Express 204-467-5836

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Three Positions Available
Full Time Resource Coordinator**

To coordinate support services for Seniors in order to assist individuals to maintain the independent living status

Full Time Meal Coordinator

To provide nutritious meals and social support to seniors and persons living with disabilities, in a congregate dining setting, to assist them in maintaining their independence.

Casual Cook

To support the Meal Coordinator in providing meal services in a congregate dining setting.

All wages start at \$16/hr. and negotiable depending on experience.

Closing date for applications: Thursday, September 5 @ 10 a.m.

Phone 204-378-3103 or 204-378-5251 for details
Email resumes to: brseniorsresource@gmail.com
By mail: BRSRC Inc Box 206 Riverton, Mb R0C 2R0
Drop off: Riverton Community Health Centre during regular hours.



**MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON
PUBLIC NOTICE**

BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, MB and is open for public inspection during office hours.

The Board of Revision will sit on September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in 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, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

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

43(1) An application for revision must:

- a) be made in writing;
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the municipal office on or before August 27, 2024.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2024

Tanis Wyant, ACAO, Board of Revision Secretary
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
Box 70, 329 River Road, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
bifrostriverton@mymts.net



*** JOB POSTING ***

**CLOSING DATE:
August 28, 2024 (3:30 p.m.)**

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION

invites applications for the following term positions, effective ASAP to July 31, 2025.

These positions have the potential to become regular positions.

Administrative Assistant to Maintenance

Operations Centre (234 Tudor Lane, Gimli, MB)

Administrative Assistant to Transportation

Operations Centre (234 Tudor Lane, Gimli, MB)

Administrative Assistant – Sub-Booking Clerk

Education Support Centre (140 Centre Ave. West, Gimli, MB)

Please see the Evergreen School Division website (www.esd.ca) for full position descriptions, requirements and application process.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Location Blue Crescent Hotels – Arborg, MB
Position Hotel General Manager
Status Full Time

Our brand new 30 room hotel is seeking a qualified “hands on” revenue driving Manager, who can set and manage a high standard for quality small town hospitality, opening a brand new, modern Hotel. As the leader of this hotel, the Manager will be responsible for all day-to-day operations and team management. It is expected that the successful candidate will build their team and culture to create outstanding guest service and show visitors to our community what small town hospitality is all about.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY:

- Setting and achieving occupancy and profit targets;
- Recruiting, training and monitoring staff;
- Building a hospitality culture;
- Planning work schedules for individuals and teams;
- Performing Front Desk Duties as well while in the office;
- Training in all departments;
- Ensuring security and safety of all guests, guest information and staff;
- Controlling costs and managing for Profit;
- Monthly reporting to ownership group;
- Managing Policies, Procedures and Maintenance of the pools and waterslide;

SKILLS:

- Friendly, service orientated personality
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Organized and ability to multi-task
- Analytical problem solver
- Ability to mentor staff

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum of 2 - 3 years of experience in an Assistant GM or GM role within a hotel, resort or similar field is preferred.
- Demonstrates an ability to anticipate and identify issues and exercise initiative to investigate, interpret and weigh alternatives to reach logical conclusions to make sound business decisions.
- Maintains a consistent professional and positive attitude when communicating with guests and associates.
- The ability to effectively and efficiently schedule, manage and delegate work.
- Possess excellent listening, verbal and written communication skills with professionalism, diplomacy and confidentiality.
- Computer proficiency in Word, Excel, Bookkeeping and Hotel Reservation systems is an asset.

Respond to: trevor.rempel@steelcreekdevelopers.ca

Resume Submissions close August 31, 2024 - Start Date Flexible targeting mid October 2024

Ashern Auction Mart
Interlake Cattlemen's Coop
ATTENTION: FARMERS AND RANCHERS FIRST FALL CATTLE SALE
Will be held Wednesday August 28, 2024
Then every Wednesday commencing on September 11, 2024
Please call to book your cattle 204-768-2360
icca@mymts.net
License #1128

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Make a Difference
Help People with Disabilities
Live the Life They Want, Be a**

Direct Support Worker

**We offer a competitive salary,
flexible working conditions,
full pension & benefits**

**This work is creative and
rewarding and will bring out
the best in you!**

**Casual, part-time or full-time
positions available**

**With ongoing training and
opportunities to learn**

Riverdale Place Homes Inc.
Box 968, Arborg MB R0C 0A0
332 Ingolfs St.
Phone: 204-376-2940 (ext.2)
kfinnson@riverdaleplacehomes.com

Classifieds



Book Your Classified Ad Today - Call 467-5836 or Email ads@expressweeklynews.ca

Heavy Truck and Trailer Sales & Service

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Body Shop Manager

We are currently looking for a dedicated, detail-oriented and self-motivated individual for the position of Body Shop Manager that has experience and knowledge of body repair and painting of transportation equipment.

The Body Shop Manager will be responsible for managing and applying paint to truck and trailers that come through the shop that require this type of service. Other duties will include and are not limited to:

- Ordering paint and other products,
- Repairing and body damage,
- Sanding and masking,
- Ensuring all equipment is cleaned and prepped prior to painting,
- Performing routine maintenance on painting equipment, and assist in other shop duties.

Please send cover letter and resume outlining your skills and experience to sales@jbrandtent.com

News Tips? Story Ideas?
call the Express
204-467-5836



Join Our Team!
We are currently seeking experienced, goal-oriented individuals for employment in the following positions:

- Class 1 & 3 Drivers
- Foremen
- Skilled Laborers
- Sewer & Water Personnel
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Hydro Vac Operators

What We Offer:

- Competitive wages
- Comprehensive benefits plan
- Safety training
- A safe work environment

Requirements:

- Minimum Class 5 driver's license
- Positive work attitude
- Ability to work well with others or independently
- Safety-oriented
- Willingness to work extensive hours, including some weekends

If you are interested in joining a well-established and growing company with room for advancement, please email your resume to jackiep@efmoon.ca

GARAGE SALE

Sat. & Sun. Aug 24/25, 2024 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tools etc., household, craft, too much to list. 78116 Two Mile Rd. East Selkirk.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Private mortgage lender. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. Toll free 1-866-405-1228 www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca

HELP WANTED

ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT IS HIRING: Parts Technicians, Sales Consultant, Agriculture & Heavy Equipment Techs - Journeyman, Apprentices and Sales roles. View Open Roles www.rockymtn.com/careers. Possible relocation and signing bonus offered.

MISCELLANEOUS

10' x 10' insulated steel garage door. \$1200. Call 204-642-8985.

FLIGHT ACADEMY

Want to learn how to fly? LS Airways Flight Academy is the most affordable in Canada. Recreational, private and commercial certificates. We offer flight training and ground school (air law, navigation, meteorology, aeronautics general knowledge). Call 204-651-1402.

WANTED

Firearms wanted. Looking for all unwanted firearms. Fully licensed for both non-restricted and restricted. Anywhere from individual items to estates. Cash buyer, paying top dollar. Please call or text Adam at 204-795-2850.

NOTICES

URGENT PRESS RELEASES - Have a newsworthy item to announce? An exciting change in operations? Though we cannot guarantee publication, MCNA will get the information into the right hands for ONLY \$35 + GST/HST. Call MCNA 204-947-1691 for more information. See www.mcna.com under the "Types of Advertising" tab for more details.

WANT TO ADVERTISE FALL ENROLLMENT or CONFERENCES? NOW is the time to get your information published! Book your ads now to boost enrolment! SELLING SOMETHING? Have your blanket classified ads seen in the 31 Member Newspapers which are seen in over 368,000+ homes in Manitoba. Now booking advertising for the remainder of 2024. Plan your success! Please Call 204-467-5836 or MCNA at 204-947-1691 for more details or to book ads. MCNA - Manitoba Community Newspapers Association. www.mcna.com

HEALTH

Are you suffering from joint or arthritic pain? If so, you owe it to yourself to try elk velvet antler capsules. Hundreds have found relief. Benefits humans and pets. EVA is composed of proteins, amino acids, minerals, lipids and water. Key compounds that work to stimulate red blood cell production & cartilage cell regeneration & development. Stonewood Elk Ranch Ltd., 204-467-8884 or e-mail stonewoodelkranch@mymts.net



Rural Municipality of **FISHER**

REQUEST FOR TENDER

The RM of Fisher is currently accepting tenders for compaction of waste located at the Poplarfield Disposal Site. The successful candidate will compact and push up garbage at a minimum of once every 3 weeks, year-round. More visits may be required in the busier months. The waste will be compacted and covered with a layer of earth compacted to a thickness of at least 15 cm once each month. Compaction to be performed when disposal site is closed. Please quote price per compaction and type of equipment used. Call office for enquiries. Tender Submission closes September 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Mail tenders to: The RM of Fisher, Box 280 Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0, email fishercao@mymts.net or drop off in person

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. 24-0007
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 11, 2024
6:20 pm

APPLICATION: RMG-24-02R

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. 8-19-4EPM, being Lot 1, Plan 26092 and Lot 7, Plan 19469 WLTO
Roll No. 111607 & 111700

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from Pt. "RS" Residential Single-Family Zone and Pt. "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "CH" Commercial Highway Zone, to accommodate the expansion of an existing business.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District
62 2nd Ave, Box 1758 Gimli MB R0C 1B0 - Ph: 204-642-5478 Fax: 204-642-4061
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 mentioned above.
Please note, if you are within a 100 m radius you will receive this notice in the mail that will include the proposal and supporting material.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GRAYMONT Graymont's Faulkner

Graymont's Faulkner, Manitoba plant is hiring, and we want you on our team! Graymont's Faulkner lime plant is located near Moosehorn, Manitoba, within two miles of the shore of Lake Manitoba.

We offer top-notch pay, unbeatable benefits, and a safe, collaborative environment where you can grow your career.

We're currently seeking:

- Laboratory Technician
- Purchase/Inventory Specialists
- Industrial Electrician
- Laborer

Ready to take the next step in your career?
Explore these opportunities and apply today at

www.graymont.com/

About Graymont

Graymont is a global leader in the production and marketing of lime and limestone products. We have operations across North America and in the Asia Pacific region. Graymont's growing business focuses on technology and application innovation. Employees at Graymont receive competitive compensation and health care benefits and may also qualify for financial support for ongoing learning and development to help them reach their full potential.

Classifieds Announcements

Book Your Classified Ad Today - Call 467-5836 or Email ads@expressweeklynews.ca

ANNIVERSARY



On September 8, 1947, the W.S. Newton freighter and the Luana III collided on Lake Winnipeg. Mike Didychuk was aboard the Newton and Lenore Johnson the Luana. The Newton sank. The crew of the Newton lost all their personal belongings but all survived. The Newton was eventually towed to the Selkirk dock for repairs. That accident was the beginning of a long, loving, lasting relationship. Mike and Lenore were married on August 27, 1949, in the Catholic Church in Rorketon, Manitoba.

Happy 75th Anniversary Dad and Mom.
-All our Love,
Blair and Arlene and family
Candy and Don and family

BIRTHDAY IN MEMORIAM



Jason Larry Thorsteinson
August 23, 1979 - January 30, 2024
Forever 44

As you spend your birthday in Heaven Son
Just want you to know,
Nothing broke our hearts more than losing you.
-Love and miss you Forever
Mom and Dad,
and family

Online McSherry Auctions

Estate & Moving
August 28th @ 7:00PM

Estate & Moving
September 4th @ 7:00PM

12 Patterson Dr.
Stonewall, MB
204-467-1858 or
204-886-7027
McSherryAuction.com

Online McSherry Auction

JJ Riverside Mfg. Tractor & Equip. Auction
September 5th @ 7:00PM
JD 1050 Dsl, 51 Merc Stepside P/U, 59 Ford 541 Workmaster, 53 Ford Jubilee, Cockshutt 540, 58 Oliver, 61 Ford Workmaster, Ford Ferguson 8N, Case 410B, Ferguson TA, Hough 120C Loader, 59 Oliver, Ford 851 Powermaster, MF 135, Ferguson TEA 2080, Oliver Super 55, Ford 600, MF 1100 Dsl, Case VA, Int Farmall A, Case 300, Case 310, (6) Ford 8N, MF TE20, (2) Cockshutt 30, MH 555, Case 610B, Ford 2N, Case 510B, Ford 9N, Oliver 1800 Cab, Int. Vibrashank Hyd. 9ft Box Trailer, Farm Implements, 5 FELs, 3PTH Snowblower, 3PTH Cultivators
McSherryAuction.com

WANTED

Coins,
Coin Collection,
Old Jewelry,



Cash paid for silver coins, gold coins, rare coins, old coins & paper \$, Olympic coins, Royal Canadian Mint Coins, Franklin Mint, US Mint etc, unwanted jewelry, old Rolex & Omega watches, nuggets, sterling silver, Bullion, all Gold & Silver!

Wanted:
USA, Canada, World Coin Sets & Coin Collections.

Will buy entire collections & accumulations!

Todd
306-774-2420

Remember Your Loved Ones

with an Announcement in the EXPRESS WEEKLY NEWS
Call 204-467-5836

McSherry Auction Service Ltd

Online McSherry Auction
JJ Riverside Mfg. Tractor & Equip. Auction
September 5th @ 7:00PM
6524 Henderson Highway,
Lockport, MB
Contact: Gerald 204-757-9176,
204-481-3655
40 Tractors, 51 Merc Stepside 1/2 Ton, Equip.
McSherryAuction.com



Interlake Graphics Call Today!
467-5836
For all your printing and publishing needs

Online McSherry Auction
Balmoral Hvac Metal Fabricators
September 10th @ 7:00PM
Balmoral, MB
Directions: 1 1/4 Mile West on Road 85 #4123E
Contact: 204-513-0344
Kubota M95 S Cab MFWA 3PH FEL 2886 Hours, Sokal 16' 5th Wheel Stock Trailer, Blue Giant 3000lbs Forklift, Lincoln Ranger 305G Gas Welder, Upright Air Compressor, Drill Press, King Ind. Band Saw, Ten Smith Former, Maximart 5016 Slip Roller, Miller Spot Welder, Brown Bogg 16 Lock Former Slitter, Maximart H52 14 Shearing Machine, Tensmith 48-16 Metal Brake, Brown Bogg 96" Metal Brake & More
McSherryAuction.com

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Rural Municipality of Armstrong is accepting applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Found in the heart of the Interlake region of Manitoba, northwest of Teulon on Hwy #17, the RM of Armstrong is home to a number of small hamlets offering a mix of urban and quiet country lifestyles.

Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality including: administration, supervision of staff, policies and planning and financial management.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Recommend new initiatives, programs, policies, and plans for Council to consider.
- Advising Council as to current and future policies, programs and budgets.
- Acting as the coordinator and team leader of the administration in areas of staff, personnel, policies, plans and programs.
- Develops and implements a process for preparation of annual capital and operating budgets.
- Assisting Council in determining the future vision of the Municipality.
- Working closely with all levels of government

Skills & Qualifications

- Ability to produce and understand Municipal Financial Statements and manage a budget.
- Ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders.
- Ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws.
- A graduate of the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators (CMMA), or equivalent education.
- A background in Accounting is considered an asset.
- A minimum of three years direct experience in municipal administration.
- Computer experience with a municipal software program, preferably Asyst, and demonstrated abilities with Windows, Microsoft Office 365: including Work, Excel, Power Point.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The RM of Armstrong provides an excellent group benefits and pension program. A detailed job description is available upon request.

Please submit your resume and three reference to:

RM of Armstrong
Box 69, Inwood, MB R0C 1P0
Fax (204) 278-3437
Email: cao@rmofarmstrong.com

Deadline to apply for the position is Friday, September 6, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. If a candidate is not found by the deadline date the position will remain open until filled. We thank all that apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

LOST

Set of keys on a yellow/orange coil bracelet.

Lost Aug 16 on 1st Avenue in Gimli.
Call Pat 204.641.5112

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Arborg School Age Childcare Coop requires an ECE II for a split shift.

Starting Sept 5th-June 28th (closed for summer) Opening shift 7-9 am and 3-6 pm. Wage depending on experience, paid inclement weather days, MCCA membership, possible future benefits.

Looking for an energetic, reliable ECE II for a busy childcare before and after school program located in the AEMYS. Required to share in daily responsibilities preparing light snack, cleaning, program planning, playing games activities in the gym and outside with various ages of children 5-12. As well as one on one with children with additional support needs.

Requirements:

Early Childhood Educator Diploma
Currant first aid
criminal record/child abuse/ vulnerable sector checks.

Email resumes to: arborgschoolage@yahoo.ca

BATTERIES FOR EVERYTHING!

50,000 BATTERIES IN STOCK
*Auto *Farm *Truck
*Construction *ATV
*Motorcycle *Golf Carts
*Rechargeables *Tools
*Computers *Medical
*All phones *Chargers
*Marine *RV & more
Shipping/Delivery avail.

THE BATTERY MAN
1390 St. James St.
Winnipeg
TF 1-877-775-8271
www.batteryman.ca

Danny's

MOVING AND DISPOSAL

- Local & Long Distance
- Household Packing
- Estate Clear Out, Clean up, Buyout
- Storage Clear Out

Small Jobs & Free Estimates

Seniors Discounts

Professional & Courteous
204-298-7578

FUNDRAISER

August 24, 2024 at 11:00 am

Ukrainian Orthodox Church, St. Stephen Pleasant Home

Tenderloins Famous Kubi Kart

will be selling Hot Dogs, Smokies, Kubi Dogs, Rings of Tenderloins famous sausage and refreshments.



This event is cash only.

50/50 Tickets, Raffle Tickets



Classifieds Announcements



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Carolyn Adamko

Carolyn Adamko, a beloved wife, mom, sister and friend, passed away on Sunday June 9th, 2024

at Health Sciences Centre encompassed in love and peace. She was 72 years young.

A kind and caring soul, Carolyn was born Carolyn Anne Brading in 1952 in Bowsman, Manitoba

to parents Annie and Bill Brading. Her earliest memories were of life on the family farm, having

fun with her brother Willard, working together to ensure the farm thrived and attending Wild Rose, a one room schoolhouse.

Following the completion of high school in Swan River, she moved to Winnipeg and took a key punching course at Success Business College. In 1972 she met Don, her love of her life, and in 1975

they married, and she became a military wife, following him to

numerous locations in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, and Germany before settling on their acreage in Manitoba.

Carolyn raised three beautiful children, Heidi, Hadria and Sean, and sponsored three exchange students from Austria, Norway and Costa Rica. She spent countless hours supporting her children in their activities, and with their schooling. The kid's friends all knew Mrs. Adamko and wouldn't hesitate to ask her for help. Her greatest joy and passion was watching her seven grandchildren grow up, enjoying their laughter and being with them as much as possible.

Her nurturing nature showed up in all her hobbies. She loved gardening, growing house plants and making her flower beds beautiful. She loved sewing, knitting and crocheting, in the early years sewing matching outfits for Don and her to wear, sewing clothes and costumes for her children and then making baby blankets for her grandchildren. She was an active supporter of all fundraisers but was particularly involved with Project New Hope – a non-profit supporting Veterans with PTSD. Carolyn loved music, playing the piano for her family when she was young and later on dancing with Don and her friends at the Old Tyme dances.

Her warm open-hearted spirit had a lasting impact on all of us and she will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, family will be collecting donations for Project New Hope of Canada.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10 a.m. in Meadow Lea Hall at junction of Highway 227 with 248 (approximately 3 miles North of Marquette). A lunch will be held after the service followed by an Old Tyme Dance from 1-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. No charge for Celebration/Dance. A donation box will be available.

For those planning on attending, please reply by Text or Phone to Don 204-461-1615 for food planning purposes.

OBITUARY



Ronald Kristjion Johannson

September 25, 1943 – August 10, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ronald Johannson.

Ron leaves to mourn his children, Verne (Bonnie), Bruce and Christine (Kelly); his grandchildren, Ryder, Colton (Haley), Breeze (Alex), Sabryna, Madison (Glen) and Ashley (Brett); his great-grandchildren, Jayden, Braylon, Benjamin, and Callie; his siblings, Wally (Sandra), Lawrence (Carol), Barbara (Bernest) and Neil (Denise), brother-in-law Peter and sister-in-law Shirley (Gordon).

Ron was predeceased by his loving wife Norma, his parents Gudrun and Thorkell, his sister Eleanor and sister-in-law Suzanne.

Ron was born in Arborg on September 25, 1943. Growing up he gained his strong work ethic helping on the family farm and in his dad's garage. He was a gifted athlete who loved sports,

especially hockey and baseball. Ron and Norma were married on December 24, 1963. Ron was just beginning his career with Manitoba Hydro, which brought the family to many communities throughout Manitoba. Wherever the job took them they were always involved in the community and always felt welcomed. During this time Ron achieved his dream of obtaining his pilot's license and purchasing a plane. Ron and Norma eventually moved to Great Falls, Manitoba where they made many lifelong friends. They then purchased the family farm where they built their forever home. Ron was very proud of the fact that they built it themselves with the help of their family and friends. Ron started a second career with Abitibi Paper Mill where he worked until his retirement. Following retirement, Ron and Norma enjoyed many winters spent in Arizona, and later in Texas. Ron was very mechanically inclined and was always fixing farm machinery or inventing something to make the work more efficient. He loved farming, especially with his son Bruce.

Ultimately, Ron's greatest love was his family. Nothing made him happier than when his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids were home for a visit. He was proud of each and every one of them and they will all cherish their time spent with him.

"Dad your guiding hand on our shoulders will remain with us forever."

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Pine Falls ambulance, the Powerview RCMP and the Pine Falls Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at the Arborg Community Cemetery on September 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or CancerCare Manitoba.

Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of William Carlyle Eyolfson

April 22, 1943 - August 15, 2024

It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of William (Bill) Eyolfson of Lundar, MB, on August 15, 2024, at the age of 81.

Bill is survived by his children, Mark (Lisa), Corey (Dana-Jo) and Christa (Robert); grandchildren, Tyler (Zarah), Riley (Joanna) and Amber; along with nieces, nephews, and many other family, friends, and loved ones too numerous to list, but you know who you are.

Bill has been welcomed into heaven by his wife, Evelyn Eyolfson (Schultz), who will have Dad's spot at the table ready; his parents, Oscar and Paulina Eyolfson; brothers, Lorne, David, and Fred; and his sister Shirley.

Bill was born on April 22, 1943 at the E.M. Crowe Memorial Hospital in Eriksdale. He attended school in Lundar then worked at G&E Cash Store which was co-owned by his father. Bill's involvement with the family store, combined with his warm smile and outgoing personality, made him a well-known person in the community. Bill and Evelyn were married on December 29, 1965 and started their family in 1969, moving from Winnipeg to Deerhorn, in 1972, where they raised their three children and ran the store in Deerhorn. In 1973 Bill took a carpentry course in Lundar and it proved to be a pivotal moment, leading him to establish his own company and later embark on a new journey which took him into Canada's arctic working for Public Works Canada and the Hudson Bay Company, yielding a lifetime of experiences and adventures, with exciting stories that he loved to share. Later in life, Bill and Evelyn opened their home to many children in need of care, sharing their generosity with open arms. Many of these connections remained strong and will not be forgotten. Some of Bill's passions included hockey, fishing, and hunting. He was especially fond of birdwatching. In Bill's younger years he was a very talented sign painter in Winnipeg. He loved to create and could effortlessly add his own artistic twist to the many projects he undertook. Bill also loved to fire up his lawnmower and zip around town at top speed, generously cutting the lawns of friends and family along the way.

The memories of Bill will be cherished in the hearts of those who knew him for the rest of their lives, and he will be forever missed. There will be a private service for immediate family. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the E. M. Crowe Memorial Hospital Guild, c/o Irene Sigurdson, Box 474, Eriksdale, MB R0C 0W0.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the E.M. Crowe Memorial Hospital for their exceptional care and compassion which made Bill's final days as comfortable as possible. We would also like to thank Arnason Funeral Home for their compassionate care and professional services during this difficult time.

Arrangements by:
ARNASON FUNERAL HOME
Ashern - Lundar
1.204.768.2072
1.866.323.3593

OBITUARY



Leslie John Edward Mowatt (Dub)

April 12th, 1978 - July 14th, 2024

Age 46

It is with broken hearts that we announce the sudden tragic passing of Leslie John Mowatt on July 14th, 2024 in Winnipeg, Manitoba surrounded by friends and family.

Leslie John leaves to mourn his parents Leslie and Donna Mowatt; his children Beatrice, Bradley, Jillyan, Daggur and Chane; brother James (Meagan), nieces and nephew who he had a very special bond with and loved to tease Payton, Kanyen and Rylee; his grandmothers Dorothy Mowatt and Deanna Monkman as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his grandpa Harvey Mowatt and grampa Edward Monkman, auntie Debbie Monkman and auntie Marilyn McDonald.

Leslie John was born on April 12th, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He grew up in Pine Dock, Manitoba where he had a happy childhood growing up with all his cousins and friends. He found his love for hockey at age 11 where he played on many teams throughout the years, making lifelong friends along the way. When his brother was learning to talk, he gave Leslie John the nickname 'Dub' which stuck with him until the end.

He was a hard worker his whole life. He started commercial fishing at a young age with his dad which led to his lifelong career. In between seasons he would work away across western Canada as a heavy equipment operator including dozer operator, backhoe operator specifically amphibious excavator operator, obtaining multiple certificates throughout his career.

Leslie John loved to spend time outdoors whenever he could with his family and friends. Many trips to the eastside of Lake Winnipeg stopping at his favorite spots including his uncle Kenny's cabin, rock paintings, Loon River and stopping at the family cabin in Loon Straits collecting eagle feathers and beach combing along the way.

Fly high with the eagle's Dad/Dub

You are gone from our sights but in our hearts forever

We will love you always and miss you every day until we meet again.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

We couldn't save him, but through organ donation Leslie John helped save four lives. Please sign up at <https://signupforlife.ca/intent/registration>

In lieu of flowers/donations please consider donating to Addiction's Foundation of Manitoba.

Classifieds Announcements



Book Your Classified Ad Today - Call 467-5836 or Email ads@expressweeklynews.ca

OBITUARY

Kyle Spalding
July 22, 1978 – August 8, 2024

The family mourns the sudden and tragic loss of Kyle on August 8, 2024. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 in the Eriksdale Recreation Centre with Dawn Tober officiating. Service will conclude at the hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kyle's memory payable to Manitoba Hydro Employee Fund c/o of Chairperson Hal Turner, Vice President, Manitoba Hydro, 360 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8.

Arrangements by:
ARNASON FUNERAL HOME
Ashern – Lundar
1-204-768-2072
1-866-323-3593

OBITUARY



Kenneth Gregory O'Brien
Suddenly, on Friday, August 9, 2024, Ken O'Brien, aged 84 years of Whytefold, Manitoba, passed away. He is survived by his wife Lois; his children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and loving siblings, extended family and friends. We love you forever and always.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the RCMP, the first responders and the staff at the hospital for their care and compassion. Tributes: www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home,
Gimli in care of arrangements.



GOETZ SIDING
• 5" Eavestrough • Soffit/Fascia
• Custom Cladding
(204)223-7740 goetzsidings@gmail.com

R.S. SATELLITE SYSTEMS
Sales - Installations - Service
Help With Bell TV and Internet &
Shaw Direct Satellite Systems.
Russell 204-376-2757
Arborg, MB

KINGS AUTOAIR
AUTOMOTIVE AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALIST
* Car * Light & Heavy Truck * RV *
Red Seal Technician 204-390-2790
www.kingsautoair.com kingsautoair@gmail.com

GRASS-FINISHED BEEF
Scott and Jenny Beaton Balmoral, MB
JACKFISH CREEK FARM
Jackfishcreekfarm.com
204-467-8510 jackfishcreekfarm@gmail.com

SHERLOCK TREE REMOVAL
Pruning • Stump Grinding • Chipper
Licensed Arborists
Fully Insured – Claim Free
30 years Experience
Vince 861-0487
Darren 861-0028

Get The Job Done!
Biz Cards
To Book A Biz Card
Call 204-467-5836

"From rust to riches, your scrap could be treasure with our unbeatable prices!"
Purchasers of ferrous/non-ferrous materials
Call Today
Unit 5, 325 Parkdale Rd, St. Andrews MB
info@eco-metallics.ca
Office: (204) 404-4747
ECO-METALLIC INDUSTRIES

J TECH AUTOMOTIVE
INTERLAKE'S USED CAR DEALER
Cars, SUV and Trucks for sale Financing Available!
Priced from \$5,000 and up
120B Center Ave W. 204-641-2526
Gimli

WHEATHILL TRANSPORT
Grain & Fertilizer Hauling
Hauling Available for Manitoba & Saskatchewan
Harley @ 204-494-0824
Jerry @ 204-280-6261
wheathilltransport@gmail.com

M DRIEDGER HANDYMAN
• Decks • Railings • Sheds
• Painting • Cabinets • Blinds
• Home Repairs
204-641-4679 mdriedg@gmail.com
Serving Gimli and Area

CONVENIENCE
Grocery • Drinks • Snacks
• Coffee to Go • Ice • Firewood
• Fireworks • ATM • Greeting Cards
• Newspapers • Books • Pet Food
• Toys & more
SNAXS • LOTTO
20088 First Ave, Sandy Hook
FIRST AVENUE
OPEN YEAR ROUND 10AM - 6PM
7 DAYS A WEEK

PharmaChoice LUNDAR
You have QUESTIONS, We have ANSWERS!
• Prescriptions • Liquor Store
• Home Health Care Aids
• Snacks and more!
Advice for Life
LUNDAR PHARMACY 204-762-5431
18 Main St., Lundar

Innovative Electric
Ph: 204-641-5266
Url: www.innovativeelectric-mb.ca
Email: matthew@innovativeelectric-mb.ca

BNS EXCAVATING
• Design Services • Soil Analysis • Well & Septic Repairs
• Frozen Lines • Driveways • Culverts • Trenching
• Auger Drilling • Ice Dam Steaming • Septic Fields
Residential, Commercial & Industrial
Member of Manitoba Onsite Wastewater Management Assoc
BNSexcavating@hotmail.com (204)461-2856

ALICEROOFING LTD.
Complete Roofing Service
• Residential
• Agricultural
Licensed & Insured
www.aliceroofing.ca 204-757-9092

NEW VALLEY ROOFING & RENOVATIONS
Serving The Interlake
Henry Reimer 204-642-2551
BP & IKO Certified Roofer henry.reimer@newvalleyroofing.com
newvalleyroofing.com

NEXLEVEL DRILLING BY KBL
Cast in Place • Foundation Repairs
Underpinning • Screw Piling
204.641.1477
"Building Manitoba from the Ground Up!" • kbl@gokbl.com

12/12 ROOFING
We've got you covered!
15 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Call: (204) 641-0385
Mike email: md12_12roofing@hotmail.com
• New Roofs
• Re-Roofs
• Cedar Shakes
• Any Roofing Repairs
• FREE ESTIMATES

KNUTSON BUILDERS
FROM THE GROUND UP
KBL LTD.
EST. 2008
gokbl.com
Commercial / Industrial Construction
Foundations & Concrete
Flatworks
Shops & Custom Builds
Insurance Claims
204.642.8839
kbl@gokbl.com
204.641.1477
Proudly Metis Owned

POWER UP WITH Honda



SAVE
\$100*
ON MODEL EU2200i

HONDA

  Honda Outdoors  @HondaOutdoors

SAVE UP TO
\$500*
ON SELECT MODELS



HONDA

*While supplies last. Contact your local Honda dealer for availability.

SHACHTAY
SALES & SERVICE LTD.
www.shachtay.com

204-376-5233
Servicing the
Interlake for 58 Years!
Arborg, Manitoba
Family Owned