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Keira Goodman will be playing guitar and singing with Free Ride in front of her hometown crowd in Gimli this Saturday. The show starts at 6 p.m. at the bandstand across from the Lakeview Resort. The show is part of the Gimli Harbour Concert Series.

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# On a roll: Gimli musician making name for herself on rock scene

Keira Goodman  
playing with tribute  
band Free Ride this  
Saturday in Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

A Gimli teen with a passion for classic rock is definitely on a roll after landing a number of gigs with long-time tribute band Free Ride, and she's getting set to perform with them in her hometown this Saturday.

With a love for rock 'n' roll, guitar chops and stage presence, Keira

Goodman may well be on her way to a permanent gig under the stage lights.

Goodman, who just turned 17, performed with Free Ride in 2022 for their Beatles and Rolling Stones tribute shows and again last year during their sold-out show at the Club Regent Event Centre in Winnipeg. She was invited to tour three Interlake towns — Winnipeg Beach, Stonewall and Gimli — with the band this summer.

How did the teen land a gig with one of Manitoba's premier tribute bands? She simply asked.

"I knew about them and saw their



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Gimli's Keira Goodman travelled to Vancouver this summer to see The Rolling Stones in Concert. Goodman spent the day outside the band's hotel to get photos and autographs with their backup singer Chanel Haynes and other band members.

Facebook page. Then I heard their John Lennon had retired. There were only three of them that year, so I messaged the guitarist, saying 'I'm a 14-year-old guitarist and I'm really in love with The Beatles. I was wondering if there's any chance I could play one song with you guys when you come to Gimli?'" said Goodman.

And there was. They said they could make "something work." She ended up learning all the songs in their set and played the whole show with them, along with the rest of their summer gigs.

After hearing the 1988 song "End of the Line" by the Traveling Wilburys, Goodman said she knew she wanted to be a musician. At the tender age of 13 and with a steely determination to learn, she bought a bass guitar and

taught herself to play. She also taught herself piano. Then at the age of 14, she switched to guitar.

"I was interested in the guitar. My brother had one and I tried out his. Then I decided to buy my own," said Goodman. "There are videos on YouTube so I taught myself how to play. Nine months after I started teaching myself guitar, I started performing with Free Ride."

It was her mom's classic rock playlist that got her hooked on the songs and the bands from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

"That's really all that was ever listened to in my house, and that's what I took an interest in. I have no interest in modern music. I have a real love for classic rock," said Goodman.

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A photograph of a family walking in a park. A man in a plaid shirt is holding the hand of a young girl who is jumping. A woman in a plaid shirt is walking next to them, holding a leash for a dog. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

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A photograph of Scott Dick, a man with short grey hair, wearing a red shirt, smiling. He is standing in front of a green field.

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“My mom had a playlist with all this classic rock on it and ‘End of the Line’ was on it. I fell in love with it and said, ‘OK, I want to be a musician.’”

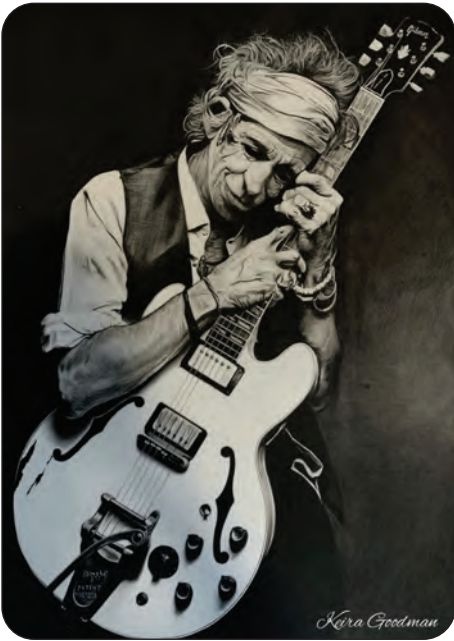
Like a true-blue rock fan, Goodman travelled to Vancouver this summer to see The Rolling Stones in concert. To raise the money to get there, she sold homemade sugar cookies at local art sales. She sold enough to “make the dream happen.”

She knew what hotel the Stones were staying at and spent all day before the concert waiting to catch a glimpse of the band, and managed to get autographs from some of the players.

“I got to meet the backup singer Chanel Haynes, their keyboard player Chuck Leavell, who has played with the Allman Brothers Band and recorded with George Harrison, and their drummer Steve Jordan,” said Goodman.

She also saw Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood coming out of the hotel parkade in a vehicle and she yelled out, “I love you, Ronnie!” to which he smiled and gave her a thumbs up, she said. The concert was “absolutely phenomenal” and “incredibly inspiring” for her.

In addition to playing with Free Ride, she has played with three other Rolling Stones tribute bands, as well as on her own.



Keira Goodman has a talent for rock 'n' roll art. She drew this stunning charcoal rendition of Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards.

And rock isn't her only passion. Goodman loves making rock 'n' roll-inspired art, which she has gifted to favourite musicians such as Jeff Neill of Streetheart and Keith Richards. The self-taught artist managed to get a friend who went to the Cleveland, Ohio, Rolling Stones show to pass on to Keith Richards a stunning portrait



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HALEY CVAR

Keira Goodman played guitar and sang with Free Ride on the Friday night free stage at Quarry Days in Stonewall last month. The band, which covers classic rock including The Beatles, invited her to play with them for three gigs this summer.

she did of him. “Drawing portraits of musicians is my big interest in art,” she said. “I’ve got an Instagram page for my art called Paint It Black Art Studio.” She’s pretty sure she’d love a career in music, including touring, and her dream would be to join a Beatles tribute band out of California. “There’s an ultimate Beatles tribute band called the Fab Four and they tour all around North America. My biggest dream is to join them some- day and be George Harrison,” she said. “I’m friends with the members of that group and I’ve been talking to them about it.” Goodman will be performing this Saturday, Sept. 7 with Free Ride in Gimli. The show starts at 6 p.m. at the bandstand across from the Lakeview Resort. The show is part of the Gimli Harbour Concert Series, which showcases some of Manitoba’s best talent. Visit Keira Goodman’s Instagram page Paint It Black Art Studio.

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# Gimli Fire Department granted emergency funding to seal well, drill new one

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Fire Department requested funds for the emergency sealing of a well that was leaking inside the hall and could have caused structural damage over time.

At its Aug. 14 meeting, council (the mayor was reported absent due to a planned vacation) approved funding of \$48,600 to have the interior well sealed and a second well drilled outside the hall.

"The work involves drilling a second well, which will be used to lower the head pressure in the aquifer in order to permit the retrieval of the existing pump and seal the well. This second well, outside of the fire hall, will then become the replacement high volume pump for the fire department," said the RM's chief administrative officer Jim Fenske.

Fenske added the inspection of the casing of the existing well will be carried out to determine if any additional work will be required.

The RM brought in Friesen Drillers from Steinbach after local service providers indicated they were unable to perform the work, he said. No tenders were posted.

"Local service providers were contacted [and] they indicated they did not have the capacity," said Fenske. "Additionally, not doing the work as soon as possible could simply permit a bad situation to get worse. To the best of my knowledge, the qualified service provider and the fire department will have finalized the plan to-

day [Aug. 26]."

Other council news:

- At its Aug. 21 meeting, council (the mayor was absent due to a planned vacation) reviewed its draft livestreaming policy but did not approve it.

The policy was first considered at council's July 17 meeting.

The policy contains clauses that will allow the chair of council meetings (typically the mayor or deputy mayor) to have the audio-visual recording terminated during the meeting by way of majority vote. It will also allow the CAO to edit out material after the meeting and before the recording gets posted on the RM's website.

"The live streaming policy was not approved," said Fenske. "It was suggested that live streaming should be included in a rewrite of the municipality's procedural bylaw, which is the approach taken by the majority of municipalities in Manitoba that I am aware of."

- The RM entered into a five-year agreement with the federal department of national defence (DND) for use of the Gimli Airport runway and the pea bowl, which is used to train military aircrew and national search and rescue operations.

The airport is owned by the provincial government, and the RM leases, operates and funds it.

Coun. Andy Damm, a retired airline pilot who took the lead last year on updating airport operations to be in compliance with Transport Canada,



EXPRESS FILE PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT.

Gimli Airport is shown in 2016. The runway in the foreground is decommissioned and used by the Winnipeg Sportscar Club for racing. The runway in the middle is the takeoff and landing strip, and Taxiway Charlie, which allows planes to get on and off the runway, is in the background. Charlie has been closed for upgrades.

said the RM and DND reached an agreement for the continued use of the airport.

"The RM and DND entered into an amicable usage agreement for the Hercules aircraft and SAR techs (search and rescue technicians)," said Damm.

In addition to search and rescue training and operations, a fleet of water bomber aircraft operated by Babcock Canada are stationed at Gimli Airport. The bombers help fight wildfires.

In his report to council for April, May and June, airport manager Brian Renaud said the main apron on the east side of the airport (the side the control tower is on) and the fuel area is undergoing surface repairs and asphalt patching. Foreign object debris or FOD is a concern where areas of the apron are crumbling and breaking apart from age and the effects of weather.

FOD can get sucked into engines or props.

Taxiway C or

"Charlie" was also closed May 1.

"Yellow closed X signs have been painted at each end of the taxiway to signify closed per Transport Canada regulations," Renaud wrote. "Applicable publications will be amended via the normal process to amend pubs with Nav Canada. A 90-day Notam was published starting May 1st to announce the closure."

Coun. Damm said Taxiway Charlie, which runs parallel to the runway, is used by aircraft to get onto the runway for takeoff and to get off the runway after landing.

"Taxiway Charlie will be closed until remedial work is done," said Damm. "There's a holding bay [paved area] at the end of the runway where planes can pull off then taxi back up the runway to the apron when it's safe to do so. The airport can operate without Taxiway C."

Perimeter security fencing along the northwest area of the airport near the raceway's parking area was moved by RM public works staff. The fencing was moved to be fully compliant with Transport Canada regulations.

- Council gave first reading to a CAO bylaw at its Aug. 14 meeting.

The bylaw authorizes the CAO to administer the business affairs of the RM in accordance with the provincial Municipal Act and other provincial statutes, oversee staff and carry out other duties. The CAO will undergo an annual performance evaluation each year. The bylaw has a provi-

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# Metis Mama opens at Winnipeg Livestock Yards

By Becca Myskiw

A new restaurant is open at the Winnipeg Stock Yards and serving up all kinds of homemade goodness.

Metis Mama is officially open for business in the Winnipeg Stock Yards offering burgers, fries, chicken fingers, grilled cheese, poutines and more. Owner Jody Delorme started the business after offering takeout food from her home in St. Laurent.

"I've always loved cooking and feeding people," she said.

A few years ago, Delorme started making and selling homemade frozen pizzas. Then she added pierogies, cabbage rolls and homemade pizza pops. Before long, Delorme was selling proper takeout food this way, and the reviews she was getting were all five stars.

Through word of mouth, Delorme found out the Winnipeg Stock Yards were looking for someone to reopen the restaurant/cafeteria, and upon applying, she was offered the spot. On Aug. 7, Metis Mama officially opened for business. The restaurant is open for dine-in and takeout Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Once Delorme knows more about her customers, she'll adjust her hours accordingly.

On Metis Mama's menu is a Fatboy burger she makes herself, and it was a fan favourite when she offered takeout in St. Laurent. She also has chili fries and taco fries, which are her biggest hit. Delorme is also known for her homemade buffalo chicken burger, and once she gets into the swing of things, she'll add that to the Metis Mama menu as well.

Delorme is a self-taught cook, learning everything she knows from her elders and trial and error. Opening her own restaurant has always been her dream, and she's officially achieved that now.

"I really love feeding people and getting that positive feedback from them," she said. "It makes me happy; it makes me proud, and it's just something that I enjoy."

Comments on Facebook have been nothing but positive for the new restaurant so far, with many people still just learning about it and making plans to go. To find Metis Mama, go to the Winnipeg Stock Yards just off Highway 236 and head inside the



**EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED**

Metis Mama, a new restaurant owned by Jody Delorme, just opened in the Winnipeg Stock Yards.

front doors. Once inside, multiple signs will lead you up the stairs and to Delorme's restaurant, with enough seating for up to 40 people.

# RCMP make plea for information in Lyndon McIvor homicide

By Lana Meier

RCMP Major Crime Services are making a plea for information in the homicide of Lyndon McIvor, who was last seen a year ago.

McIvor was last seen at 5:30 a.m. on the Main Road in the Lake Manitoba community on Aug. 26, 2023, after a night out with friends.

McIvor is described as six feet tall, weighs 175 pounds, has black hair, brown eyes and a goatee. He was last seen wearing a black long-sleeve Puma shirt, khakis and white Nike shoes. Police noted that Lyndon often wears a baseball cap.

When friends and family couldn't get a hold of him, they called police and a search for him began.

His remains were found by community search and rescue on Aug. 31, 2023, in a forested area on Lake Manitoba First Nation. Investigators believe his body was dumped in this location and there are more individuals that were involved in his death.

"We know there are people out there that have crucial information on this investigation," said Sgt. James Demi-

diuk of Major Crime Services.

"We need those people to come forward and speak to police so everyone involved in this homicide can be held accountable."

"When we found out that Lyndon was gone, our hearts were torn and broken," said his mother, Cheryl Maytwayashing. "Lyndon was a son, brother, friend and father to two sons who were his pride and joy. We know there are people that have information on his death and we are asking that you do the right thing and tell police what you know."

Anyone with information is asked to Major Crime Services tip line at 431-489-8110, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a secure tip online at [www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com).



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## NDP must reverse cuts to youth jobs, community programs as unemployment rises

By Lana Meier

The Manitoba Progressive Conservatives are urging the NDP led by Wab Kinew to reinstate \$4 million in funding for community Green Teams and provide job opportunities for young Manitobans during this summer's concerning spike in unemployment.

In July, the rate of unemployment among youth was recorded at 11.2 per cent, showing a 2.3 percentage point increase from May. This is twice the overall provincial unemployment rate of 5.7 per cent, as reported by labour statistics from the province.

According to Interlake Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, "Funding for Green Team initiatives serving the Interlake area dropped from approximately \$358,000 in 2023 to \$103,000 in 2024. That represents a 71 per cent cut for Interlake-Gimli, compared to a 42 per cent cut province-wide. While the need for these programs remains, it's unclear why the funding did not continue as it has in the past. We all recognize the value of youth employment; therefore, we will continue to urge the NDP government to reverse

these substantial cuts to our youth employment programs."

"It's clear that the NDP's cuts have pushed young Manitobans out of the job market at a time when our communities need more investment, not less," said Wayne Ewasko, leader of the Official Opposition. "It's not too late for the NDP to apologize for lying about Green Team funding in Budget 2024 and restore the cuts so we can get youth employment back on track through fall and winter."

For decades, the popular Green Team program has been helping non-profit organizations and municipalities hire summer students to clean up their neighbourhoods and deliver community programs, Ewasko noted.

"Many organizations in the Interlake region have faced significant reductions in their Green Team funding. The St. Laurent Co-op Recreation Centre, the New Iceland Heritage Museum and Camp Massad are just a few examples of community-focused groups that have had to make drastic changes to their programming due to funding cuts," said Interlake Gimli MLA Derek Johnson.

At the same time, Wab Kinew was sending out rejection letters to youth camps, sports teams, museums and libraries, he was hiding legislation to double election subsidies in his \$24-billion omnibus budget bill, Ewasko added. This is something the NDP did not campaign on, and the legislation will not go before Manitobans for consultation when the legislature resumes in the fall.

Ewasko said Manitobans are struggling to comprehend the NDP's decision to use tax dollars for their political party rather than supporting community programs. Citizens would rather see their taxes aid youth development instead of funding the NDP's re-election campaign. The NDP cannot be relied upon to prioritize the well-being of our economy and Manitoba families.

Community funding has taken several casualties in the past year under the NDP, including Kinew's discontinuation of Art, Culture and Sport in Community grants, and cutting the Building Sustainable Communities fund by more than half.

## Manitoba government taking action to protect Lake Winnipeg

By Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is establishing nutrient targets to protect Manitoba's lakes and rivers for future generations, Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt announced last Wednesday.

"This a major step forward in water quality protection for Manitobans," said Schmidt. "This regulation for Lake Winnipeg and its tributaries sets the first-ever formal nutrient reduction target for improving water quality in Manitoba's history. Establishing

nutrient targets for our cherished rivers and lakes is essential in protecting those waterways for generations to come."

Through the Water Protection Act, the Nutrient Targets Regulation will include Lake Winnipeg and the Red, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Dauphin rivers. It commits Manitoba to report regularly on progress towards implementing the targets and actions underway to reduce nutrient levels in waterbodies in Manitoba. This provides a clear, measurable benchmark

with the goal of effecting real change in the protection of Manitoba's waterways, the minister said.

"Establishing and implementing nutrient targets will help Manitoba's collective water quality efforts by guiding future nutrient reduction activities and best management practices, identifying priorities and helping track progress and outcomes over time," said Schmidt.

In recent decades, nitrogen and

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Fifteen-month-old Brielle Procter and her mom Robyn MacMillan enjoyed their last blast of summer on the shores of Hecla Island last Saturday. According to Accuweather, the temperature reached a high of 21 degrees C on Aug. 31. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: [news@expressweeklynews.ca](mailto:news@expressweeklynews.ca).

phosphorous have increased in Lake Winnipeg and the Red, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Dauphin rivers, contributing to increased frequency and intensity of algal blooms. The minister noted these potentially toxic algal blooms have serious economic, health and environmental implications and contaminate beaches, reduce water quality and are detrimental to the communities and industries that depend on the lake.

"This regulation is a welcome addition to the efforts to improve water quality across the Lake Winnipeg Basin," said Ted Preister, executive director, Red River Basin Commission. The Red River Basin Commission believes these targets are an important step in bringing Manitobans together to address threats to our precious waters. Provincial leadership in setting these goals is a major driver in promoting further action throughout the basin."

"Farmers, including those in Manitoba's hog sector, are taking significant steps to help address today's environmental challenges, including the protection of our lakes and waterways across the province," said Rick Préjet, chair, Manitoba Pork. "Manitoba's hog sector is committed to being part of the solution going forward and protecting our environment, all while producing more food for consumers in Canada and around the world. Having reliable data is a key step on this path forward."

For more information on Manitoba's water and nutrient management efforts, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/lakes-beaches-rivers/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/lakes-beaches-rivers/index.html).

# RM of West Interlake hosting foraging classes this fall

By Becca Myskiw

The Rural Municipality of West Interlake is giving residents the chance to utilize the world around them.

This fall, the RM of West Interlake is hosting foraging classes, which Erica Lindell of Mossy Birch Homestead will facilitate. Mossy Birch Homestead offers all-natural products and various foraging classes. Lindell is a student of herbalism and Indigenous medicines who has dedicated her life to responsibly utilizing what the land gives us.

Christina Kallstrom, recreation coordinator with the RM, said there has been a lot of interest in these classes.

"People like to take them and learn about where they live and how they can use what's in nature to help with cooking or to make a tea or salve," she said. "It's all very interesting."

Foraging is the simple act of gathering wild food for free. While it was once a necessity of life, foraging has recently regained popularity, with more and more people wanting to consume less and less. Foraging has people gather wild food to be eaten, to make medicines with, to make teas with and to learn more about

the Earth. Kallstrom said making that connection with nature and using what we can from it is better for everyone's health and well-being.

In the classes, people will take a walk with Lindell and "learn about the abundance of wild plants and medicinal" in the area. People will learn proper picking protocol, the most common local wild foods, medicinal plants and edible flowers, and will have the chance to forage themselves and take home their findings.

"It's a fun way to learn about our area and what can be used from nature," said Kallstrom. "It's also a great way to meet like-minded people."

Commonly foraged things are nettle, wild garlic, elderflower, blackberries, chestnuts and more.

It's important to know exactly what you're foraging when doing so as many wild foods have lookalikes that aren't human-friendly. It's also important to be mindful of where you're foraging to avoid any contaminated, wild food you may find. It's completely legal to forage in public spaces and on your property.

The RM of West Interlake's foraging classes will be on Sept. 14 in Eriks-



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The RM of West Interlake is offering foraging classes starting on Sept. 14 in Eriksdale and Ashern.

dale at 10 a.m. and in Ashern at 2 p.m. Each class will be two hours and costs \$35 to partake in. People can register

by emailing the RM at [rec@rmofwestinterlake.com](mailto:rec@rmofwestinterlake.com).



> **GIMLI FIRE, FROM PG. 4**

sion allowing the CAO to spend a maximum of \$25,000 for “all expenditures.”

Fenske said there is no “legal requirement” for the RM to have a CAO bylaw and cannot say whether the \$25,000 maximum is too high or too low as it’s “strictly a political decision” and he wasn’t involved in the “decision-making process.”

- Council considered at its Aug. 14 meeting a request from a resident named Barrett on Lake Avenue in Gimli to have a shipping container placed at the residence. The *Express* was unable to determine what the container will be used for or whether council approved it.

- Council approved a home occupation in the Loch Woods subdivision north of Gimli. Homeowner Micki Lyn Snell asked for a conditional use to offer in-person music instruction in piano, guitar, voice and music theory.

- Council reviewed a letter at its Aug. 14 meeting that was sent to mu-

nicipalities from the Manitoba Public Service Commission in July, asking that the RM consider opting into the Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA), which is provincial legislation protecting whistleblowers.

The province is asking RMs to pass a resolution to opt into PIDA then forward that resolution to the provincial department of municipal and northern relations.

Fenske said council decided to opt in and correspondence was sent to the province.

When asked why the RM would have to opt in to provincial legislation when it’s already obligated to follow Manitoba laws, Fenske said the RM is obliged to follow the law but there’s no danger to formally opting in.

“The opting-in is totally [voluntary] and there is no damage/danger for opting in. Is there an advantage to opting in? You would have to ask Manitoba [i.e., the province],” said Fenske. “I do know we are obligated and comply to the legislation and we will be establishing an administrative protocol to ensure the municipality complies.”

Coun. Richard Petrowski said he supported opting into the whistleblower legislation.

“I believe it’s a good idea. Staff should feel safe in their workplace to report incidents,” said Petrowski.

The *Express* asked the province why a municipality would have to formally opt into provincial law, and what



The view towards the Gimli Airport control tower from Taxiway C.

the reference in the letter to “extended provisions” for RM employees means; that is, if an RM fails to opt in to PIDA, are whistleblowing employees not protected to the extent that opted-in RM employees are?

A provincial spokesperson said PIDA does not automatically apply to municipalities.

“The province’s Public Interest Disclosure Act does not automatically apply to municipalities but does allow for them to opt in to the legislation. If a municipality chooses to opt in, then the legislation fully applies to all of its employees,” said the spokesperson.

Training modules for municipalities

are accessible from: [www.gov.mb.ca/csc/whistle/desigofficer.html#pida\\_train](http://www.gov.mb.ca/csc/whistle/desigofficer.html#pida_train)

- For the second time in as many months, council reviewed (at its Aug. 21 meeting) its Code of Conduct bylaw. The bylaw had originally been written and passed by a previous iteration of council under then mayor Lynn Greenberg.

When asked if any changes are being made to the bylaw, Fenske said there are no changes being made.

- The RM reconfigured the public parking lot at the north end of Gimli Beach near the red dock. Fenske said the work provided a better access and exit from the parking lot.

**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

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



**Singing to help end cancer**

**EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER**  
Thirteen-year-old Alyssa Christensen, right, and her guitar accompanist Braden Lussier, both of Lundar, took to the stage at the 14th annual Coffeehouse to End Cancer at the Grosse Isle Heritage Site last Wednesday evening. The duo performed to a crowd of approximately 250 at the outdoor fundraising concert for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. It was Christensen's first time on the Coffeehouse stage, while Lussier has graced the stage two times prior to this year. Christensen is a small-town girl with big dreams to turn her musical passion into a career someday. She finds joy in the smiles on people's faces when she sings. Along with other talented young musical artists' fundraising efforts and donations at the event, the Coffeehouse to End Cancer raised over \$25,000 to the cause.



# Boston author releases book set in 1940s Lake Winnipeg

By Becca Myskiw

Winnipeg Beach is a five-star destination in an alternate universe, and a star-studded death on Lake Winnipeg raises more questions than answers.

Boston author Steve Rhinelander recently released his second book, *Death on Lake Winnipeg*. The story is a classic “Who dunnit” set in 1940s Winnipeg Beach, but there’s a catch — in this alternate history, Louis Riel’s government became permanent in 1870, and his fictional grandson is now prime minister.

“I chose Winnipeg Beach because I think Manitoba has a very interesting history and Louis Riel and the Métis people have a very interesting history,” said Rhinelander. “I wanted to use a detective story as a way to learn more about it.”

Told through the eyes of a Quebecois private detective, *Death on Lake Winnipeg* is about finding who killed a famous airplane designer in his Winnipeg Beach mansion. Rhinelander describes Winnipeg Beach in the book as a Monte Carlo, complete with casinos, boardwalks, luxury hotels and the old amusement park. Though the police deem the crime a robbery went wrong, not everyone is so convinced, so they hire classic hard-boiled detective Samuel de Champlain Le Pelleteur to find the truth.

As readers turn the pages of Rhinelander’s second novel, they’ll learn more about the detective and the famous now-dead designer, slowly coming to understand who he was and why someone would want him dead.

“If people like the idea of alternate history, they

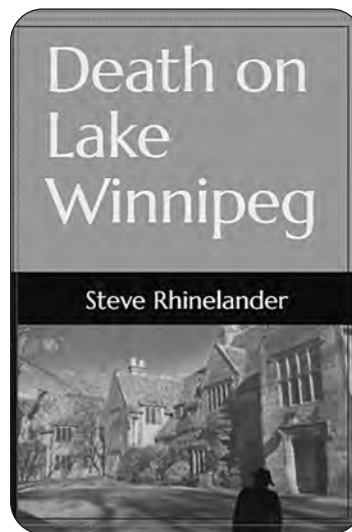
might like this book,” said Rhinelander. “It’s a picture of what Winnipeg Beach and Manitoba might be like if something in its history had turned out differently.”

Rhinelander’s fascination with Manitoba and Canadian history began when his dad took him camping in northern Ontario as a boy. His first book, *Poutine and Gin*, is also an alternate history set in Quebec. It follows a series of art thefts investigated by private detective Samuel de Champlain Le Pelleteur.

Rhinelander researched Canadian history ravenously, reading everything and anything he could on the topic. Before publishing *Poutine and Gin*, Rhinelander was already writing *Death on Lake Winnipeg*, eager to share his slice of Manitoban history.

“As I learned more about the area, I just found it more and more interesting, and I wanted to learn about it,” he said.

*Death on Lake Winnipeg* is approximately 350 pages



Steve Rhinelander is the author of *Death on Lake Winnipeg* and *Poutine and Gin*.



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*Death on Lake Winnipeg* is a murder mystery set in an alternate universe 1940s Winnipeg Beach.

long and was officially released on Aug. 23 of this year. It’s available for purchase on Amazon Canada.

## Agricultural concerns over weather, low crop prices, but no disaster in the Interlake

By Patricia Barrett

Although some farmers in the Interlake were unable to seed their crops because of wet conditions early in the season and other are suffering from low grain prices, they’re not facing what could be considered an agricultural disaster the way they had about four or so years ago under severe drought.

Despite that, some farmers have called on their municipalities to lobby the government for a disaster assistance program.

Gordon Klym, who farms in the community of Ledwyn in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, said he wouldn’t characterize the situation in his municipality as an agricultural disaster, but there have been challenges this year.

Some farmers have been unable to seed or suffered crop losses from the extraordinary moisture they had early in the season, and the high heat they experienced in July hampered seed development.

“We had an extremely wet spring that continued through the season and a lot of guys didn’t even get their fields half-seeded. Fields that did get seeded before the [insurance] dead-

line had rain again. In the second week in July in the Ledwyn area, we got almost five inches of rain, and low spots [in the fields] were drowned out,” said Klym. “Then we got the heat, which helped dry things out, but it’s not that great for a growing crop because the seed size will be really small.”

Heat above optimal conditions for some plants can suppress growth.

Klym planted wheat, canola, beans and a bit of winter wheat this year, but didn’t get everything seeded because of wet conditions. Despite that, he said he’s doing all right. It’s normal for farmers in the Interlake to “struggle almost every year” as opposed to other regions of the province.

“Even though I didn’t get everything seeded — I got 80 per cent seeded — I was probably one of the lucky ones. There were a couple of quarters I did seed but probably shouldn’t have because we were struggling with the weather and wet land. But it turned out for the most part,” said Klym.

Agricultural producers in other areas of the province, such as the RM of Dauphin, got hit badly by too much rain and were unable to seed. Crops that were seeded end up drowning.



FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Hay bales in a field southwest of Gimli are shown in 2021.

RM of Dauphin chief administrative officer Nicole Chychota said RM council passed a resolution at its July 9 meeting to declare a state of agricul-

tural disaster. Agricultural produc-

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# Carlo's Cucina announces the Oh Canada burger for Le Burger Week

By Becca Myskiw

With another September comes another Le Burger Week, another new burger from Carlo's Cucina.

Having won two of the last three competitions and being the runner-up in one of them, Carlo's Cucina owner Carlo Guzzi is eager to win another title. Last year, Guzzi claimed more than 2,500 Le Burger Week votes for The Magnifico, a first-of-its-kind Sicilian burger. This year, Guzzi's paying homage to the other side of himself with the Oh Canada burger.

The Oh Canada is a five-ounce certified Angus beef patty topped with Wojapi, a Dakota berry sauce, maple chili Japanese pork belly by Big Smoke BBQ, Bothwell old white cheddar cheese and spring mix, drizzled with a wild cherry Pepsi aioli, all on a blueberry and strawberry-infused bun made by the Arborg bakery. Each Oh Canada burger comes with a side of fries, also topped with the wild cherry Pepsi aioli.

Guzzi initially got the idea for this burger when his sister called him after seeing Wojapi featured on a cooking show.

"I saw that, and I was like, 'Oh boy. I know how I can pair berries with fruit

and meat,'" he said. "I didn't know what it'd taste like, but I knew it'd be good."

So, trusting himself and his expertise, Guzzi started pairing the Dakota berry sauce with meats and cheeses, eventually creating the Oh Canada burger.

"I grew up in a household where all my friends were Indigenous," said Guzzi. "It's always been a little bit more for me. Growing up having fry bread or bannock, one side of the bread having butter and the other side a jam of some sort ... when it came to the bun, I knew I didn't want to do fry bread: it's too heavy. I'll make a bun that is buttery and gives that jam feel."

He named the burger after the country to express his gratitude to the people who have supported him year after year.

"We need to always remember that we are one, instead of dividing the country," he said. "So, I thought, 'let's put together a burger that's going to bring the country together.'"

Le Burger Week runs from Sept. 1 to 8, with the winner announced later in the month. People can vote for their



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Carlo's Cucina is entering the Oh Canada burger for Burger Week 2024.

favourite burger at [www.leburger-week.com](http://www.leburger-week.com).

Guzzi is hoping to keep his streak alive and bring home another Le Burger Week title. He said that while

he's at the top of his game, he'll continue to think outside the box and offer his customers the best.

## NIHM seeking 1960s and 1970s Icelandic, Viking memorabilia

By Patricia Barrett

The New Iceland Heritage Museum has put out a call for photos of Viking-themed memorabilia and Icelandic souvenirs from the 1960s and 1970s for an upcoming exhibit.

The temporary exhibit, which is titled *Samkoma: Coming Together in the 1960s and 70s*, will explore the "valuable impact of 1960s and '70s centennial celebrations, trips and heritage campaigns on the community," according to the NIHM.

The museum is looking for the following 1960s and 1970s memorabilia:

- Items related to the unveiling of the Gimli Viking statue or major Manitoba Icelandic celebrations
- Viking or Icelandic local T-shirts, hats and buttons
- Viking or Icelandic local commemorative plates, tea-towels, statues and other souvenir items
- Souvenirs such as lava pottery, textiles, commemorative plates, etc. from family trips to Iceland
- Icelandair or other Icelandic travel memorabilia such as airline tickets, bags, airplane ephemera, etc.

Anyone who's willing to lend the objects to the exhibit can take a photo of the item and send it via direct message to one of the museum's social media sites. Staff will review the photos to see if the items can be included in the display.

For more information about the exhibit, contact the NIHM at 204-642-4001.



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Young Vikings sail their ship down Gimli's Centre Street in 2018. The NIHM is currently looking for Icelandic and Viking-themed memorabilia from the 1960s and 1970s for an upcoming exhibit. Anyone with items they're willing to lend can forward a photo of what they've got to the museum.

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# Gimli & District Health Auxiliary selling tickets for fall concert

By Becca Myskiw

It's time again to be serenaded in support of the Gimli & District Health Auxiliary.

Gimli & District Health Auxiliary members run the Lakeshore Hospital gift shop all year long, and all funds raised go back into the group. They also hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, one of which is coming up soon.

This year's annual fundraising concert will feature River City Sound, a Winnipeg a cappella choir of men and women with voices in every register. River City Sound performs mainly barbershop quartet-like songs, getting everyone moving and grooving as they sing.

Last year, the health auxiliary brought Sisters of the Holy Rock to perform for the fall concert, and the event was a huge success. This year's concert will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Gimli Theatre. Tickets are \$25 when purchased in advance and \$30 at the door.

Gimli & District Health Auxiliary president Elaine Thompson encourages everyone to buy their tickets in advance since they only have 240 available and it's first come, first served. People can purchase tickets at H.P. Tergeson & Sons, Taylor Pharmacy, the Lakeshore Hospital gift shop or from auxiliary members.

"All the money that we make is donated back to the community," said Thompson, referencing the auxiliary's annual Christmas wish list endeavour.

Every year, the auxiliary asks all hospital departments what they would ideally purchase if they had extra money. Then, using the funds they've generated throughout the year, they purchase the wish list items they can. Since 2008, the Gimli & District Health Auxiliary has donated more than \$200,000 in equipment and resources to the Gimli medical community, purchasing special stretchers, bed lifts and so much more. They've also worked with the Westshore Community Foundation (WCF) to collaborate on projects over the years.

"If anyone's ever had anything done in the hospital, chances are they've had something from us," said Thompson.

The Gimli & District Health Auxiliary has existed since 1968. Right now, there are 30 members, 20 of whom are active. They all work in the gift shop throughout the week

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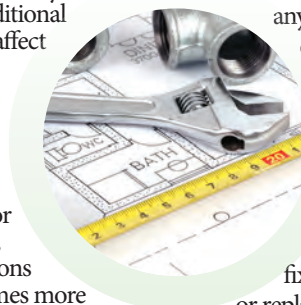
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The Gimli & District Health Auxiliary is bringing River City Sound for the fall concert and tickets are on sale now.

## Renovations that help sell homes

The adage "there's a lid for every pot" suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there's bound to be a buyer for every home on the market. Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily. And these renovations need not cost a fortune. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.



**A fresh coat of paint:** Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it's not a task relished by many. Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression.

Choose a neutral colour and get painting.

**Minor bathroom remodel:** Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom. If there's more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures.

**Redone kitchen:** The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it's a great place to focus your remodeling attention. Trending features iHeating, cooling and ventilation components are vital to maintain. You don't want buyers to be taken aback by an older system, and many millennial buyers are not willing to overlook old mechanical systems.

**Fresh landscaping:** A home's exterior is the first thing buyers will see. If they pull up to a home with eye-catching landscaping and outdoor areas that are attractive yet functional, they're more likely to be intrigued. Often buyers will equate a home that features an impressive exterior with upkeep inside as well.

Improving a home's chances to sell quickly and at a higher price often comes down to making smart improvements that catch the eyes of buyers.



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# Gimli dog party unites people and dogs, raises funds for humane society

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli residents and their dogs were in for a real treat a few weekends ago when they attended this year's Dog Party in the Vesturland neighbourhood.

Alec Baldwin, who is well known for his love of dogs and dog artwork that's been featured at top American dog shows, has been hosting the outdoor party for 17 years to bring the community together and promote new friendships, human and canine.

"Amazing. The best part was I looked after Krypto, my American foxhound puppy from Callaway, Maryland," said Alec, who has autism and who has trained and competed with one of his dogs at shows. "I liked to handle the dogs in agility and conformation."

This year's party, held on Aug. 24, attracted 33 people and 21 dogs to the large playing field just off Highway 9 and Solvin Road.

The party featured plenty of stimulating and high energy games for dogs that included weave poles, a tunnel, hoops and a seesaw. In addition to



Krypto tries out the dog tunnel.

agility games, there was a group walk around the field and a dog show with prizes for dogs with the longest ears (Krypto), the longest legs (Jake), the goofiest dog (Linus), the fastest dog (Sassy and Penny), the funniest dog (Riley), the biggest dog (Major and Lucy) and the calmest dog (Charlie), among other categories. Children got to try out the agility equipment after they took their dogs through the course.



Kids got a stuffie at the end of the party.



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The party attracted 33 people and 21 dogs. Some of the party-goers gathered for a group photo.

There were several marquees and tents set up on site to provide much-needed relief from the heat, and small wading pools were also set up for the dogs and for the kids.

"I had a rest in the shade talking to the people how they are doing," said Alec. "The people donate the money

to the Gimli Humane Society."

Party-goers donated \$57 to the animal shelter.

Alec and his family provided complimentary human and dogs treats, and children got to select a new stuffie to take home.

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Do want to sign up for an activity or class? If you don't know what to choose but are set on trying something new, here's an overview of activities that may interest you.

### Creative arts

Cooking, sewing, painting, taking pictures, writing, sculpting and other creative activities can help you improve your concentration and develop your self-confidence. These activities allow you to live in the moment and connect with your innermost self.

### Team and individual sports

There are many sports you can try. Both team sports, like basketball, hockey, soccer and volleyball, and in-

dividual sports, like skating, cycling and swimming, are great for letting off steam and staying fit.

### Performing arts

Performing arts like singing, dancing and acting are excellent for fostering openness and a sense of accomplishment. These activities can also help you learn how to manage your stress and deal with the pressure to perform.

To find courses in your area, contact your local municipal office and nearby schools.



## Six courses to build your creativity

Did you know that creative practices boost your sense of identity and self-esteem? They can also help you develop initiative, problem-solving skills and imagination. Here are a few ideas for courses you can take to enhance your creativity.

**1. Photography.** Self-renewal requires experimentation, whether it be in subject matter or technique. Among its many benefits, photography enables you to anchor yourself in the present moment, explore your surroundings, and experience relaxation.

**2. Writing.** Writing workshops, whether for poetry, humour, short stories or some other genre, can awaken your intellectual curiosity and stimulate your inventiveness.

**3. Rhythmic gymnastics.** In addition to flexibility and dexterity, this practice helps you develop your creativity as you explore unique movements with an object like a ball, hoop or ribbon combined with

choreography.

**4. Music.** Like all art forms, music enhances creativity and encourages self-expression, whether through piano, violin or singing. It also teaches discipline and perseverance and can help improve your memory and concentration.

**5. Figure skating.** Focusing on creativity and interpretation, this sport appeals to the artistic sense and allows for emotional expression with the body. Skating is also ideal for improving balance, coordination and muscular strength.

**6. Theatre.** Embodying another character can awaken the artist within you and enable you to discover different aspects of your personality. Drama is also an excellent practice for overcoming shyness and building self-confidence.

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# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

Recipe courtesy of Parker's Plate on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 2 hours

Servings: 8 (1 slice each)

Crust:

2 cups pretzels

1 1/2 cups vanilla-flavored wafer-style cookies

1/2 cup peanuts

12 tablespoons unsalted butter

nonstick cooking spray

Filling:

1/2 cup cottage cheese

1 cup heavy whipping cream

3 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

1/2 cup roughly

chopped dark chocolate

1/2 cup roughly

chopped peanuts

1 pinch sea salt

To make crust: In food processor, pulse pretzels, wafer-style cookies and peanuts until chopped but not powdery.

In skillet, melt butter. Add pretzel mixture until combined with butter.

Spray pie pan with nonstick cooking spray and spread mixture on bottom of pan and slightly up sides; press down until even.

To make filling: In bowl using hand mixer, whip cottage cheese until lumps are smoother, 3-4 minutes.

In separate bowl, use hand mixer to whip heavy cream and sugar until stiff peaks form.

Add cottage cheese and peanut butter to heavy cream mixture; whip until combined, about 1 minute.

Top pie with chopped chocolate and peanuts and freeze 2 hours. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before ready to serve.

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# The Flag of Humanity becomes registered charity

By Patricia Barrett

A Gimli-based commercial fisher who's on a mission to connect humanity and raise awareness of environmental issues has turned his passion into a registered charity that will help youth in poor countries pay for education.

Bruce Benson created the Flag of Humanity almost two decades ago as a symbol of unity and peace and to help break down the barriers that divide humankind. He has taken the flag to various countries around the world to raise awareness of our commonalities and our shared responsibility for protecting the environment.

Benson said one of his friends broached the idea of turning the Flag of Humanity into a charitable foundation from which to disperse funds for education. With approval from the Government of Canada — after all the boxes were ticked — The Flag of Humanity Foundation is now up and running and accepting donations.

Benson said he'll continue visiting different countries where he spends a considerable amount of time picking up trash and speaking with locals about his flag and what it represents.

"I have been going to different countries for 40 days and picking up trash and promoting the Flag of Humanity and the concept behind the flag," said Benson. "I introduce myself to people by picking up trash. If you spend 40 days picking up trash — rather than just talking about the flag — people see there's a certain sincerity behind the flag's message."

The flag's mantra states: "No matter a person's religion, or lack thereof; no

matter a person's skin colour, nationality or politics, these differences are nothing compared to what we have in common ... we are human."

The Rural Municipality of Gimli flies the flag on Gimli Beach and the Government of Manitoba has flown it at the legislature. Benson has taken the flag and his message to countries such as Egypt, where he picked up trash at the Great Pyramid of Giza and was detained by police, Israel, China and the United States (Washington, D.C.).

"The Chinese people were very receptive to the flag's message when I went there," said Benson. "People generally are receptive to the concept. Every other flag on earth celebrates a difference ... but this flag doesn't: it's a flag for all of us."

Benson said he plans to continue his mission to different countries, including Guatemala. But now that the flag is a charity, he'll try to connect with local educators or civic leaders to encourage local youth to take an active role in keeping their environment free of garbage.

"In exchange for them picking up trash with us, they would get a small scholarship for their education. That's the plan. In some countries a little bit of money goes a long way," said Benson. "They'll get some money for their education. They'll learn about environmentalism. And they'll get a sense of the commonality of being human. We need to work together because we're all part of the global community and our planet can use a bit of cleaning up."

In addition to Benson serving as one of the directors of The Flag of Human-



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Bruce Benson (right) and his son Tiberius carry the Flag of Humanity during a parade in Gimli in 2018.

ity Foundation, Kurt Gottfried, who grew up in Gimli and now lives on Vancouver Island, and Martin Denny, who lives in Vancouver, serve as directors.

Denny, who went to school with Benson and used to live south of Gim-

li, is an international award-winning Vancouver-based filmmaker who runs Focal Point Communications and has won over a dozen awards for his work. He said he interviewed and put together a film featuring Benson

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# Flooding wipes out crops, inundates home of Grahamdale farm family

By Patricia Barrett

A farm family in the RM of Grahamdale that was hit badly by overland flooding starting on the weekend of Aug. 24 said they felt abandoned by their municipality and fire department when they put out a call for help after floodwaters advanced towards their home overnight.

Natascha Kitchur, who lives near St. Martin, said her family's mobile home was surrounded by water and it flooded their yard and garage. And their grain and hay crops were essentially drowned, leaving them with little or no winter feed for their 200 cattle.

"We got hit by the storm on Saturday [Aug. 24]. There was a torrential downpour with tornado-like winds. We went to bed Saturday while there were only puddles in our yard — we're used to spring flooding so this wasn't new to us," said Kitchur on Wednesday while still dealing with the flooding that forced her and her husband and kids to move in with relatives. "But the amount of water we woke up to on Sunday morning at 6 a.m. was definitely new to us. It was far past where spring runoff normally sits in the yard; it was up to my [kids'] playhouse and the rain was still coming down."

Kitchur sent out a plea for help and photos of the rising water to their RM councillor Dollard Gould on Sunday morning at about 9:30, but the family received no practical help (no sandbags, sand, pumps, volunteers) that day, she said. It wasn't until late afternoon on Monday that staff from the local [provincial] conservation office and the family's relatives and friends — some of whom drove for four hours to get to their home — were able to start sandbagging the residence.

Conservation also brought its own pumps to remove water from inside the dyke that was built around their home, said Kitchur, as she thinks the municipality might not have any. Her



husband said the fire department doesn't have pumps.

"They [the RM] didn't help us on Sunday. The only help we got was from the septic to pump out my tank because it was coming up into my toilet," she said. "At 5:45 p.m. or so we got a text message from Dollard, our councillor, saying that [RM public works] had come by our yard and there's nothing that can be done for us until the water recedes."

With that, the family was left to deal with the situation themselves. On Monday morning, the water had advanced to the home's deck steps.

"We continued to ask for help. We finally got [empty] sandbags at about 11 a.m. on Monday. But our sand didn't arrive until 3 p.m. that day. We had to fill the bags ourselves. By that time, we were sandbagging in near knee-deep water," she said. "We had the Gypsumville conservation team sitting in my yard waiting for the sand to be delivered. They had come to help us sandbag. While we were waiting, the four gentlemen actually helped me load up all my belongings into my vehicle. They were the only help offered to us at the time."

The Kitchurs' home sits about a foot and half to two feet off the ground and is saturated underneath, she said. They're not sure if the home will start to sink. Her garage and its contents were flooded.

"My garage is under water and ev-



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATASCHA KITCHUR

Flood waters surround the Kitchur residence in the RM of Grahamdale. The family, who live on the east side of Highway 6, have 200 head of cattle. They lost their grain and hay (winter feed) to overland flooding on the weekend of Aug. 24.

everything in my garage, including our lawnmower, my kids' toys, my husband's tools. Whatever didn't get lifted in time is under water," she said. "Had we got help when we first asked for it on Sunday morning, we could have protected my garage and my house from being in the water."

The response they got from their RM really upset them, she said. They also had no emergency services such as police or Hydro come to their property to provide advice or assess possible dangers, and no one told them how the floodwaters were moving.

To add insult to injury, Kitchur said both she and her husband serve as volunteer firefighters on the local fire department, and their councillor Dollard Gould is their fire chief. Her husband has served for two years and she joined in the spring.

"That lack of respect or concern for us is beyond me," she said. "I bawled my eyes out so bad the last couple of days. Dollard as of today [Aug. 28] has not stopped in to make sure we're OK."

In addition to having their home hit



by water, Kitchur said they're sure they won't be able to salvage any of their hay and grain.

"All our hay in our fields and our grain is gone. It's underwater. The bales are floating. That's how deep the water is," she said. "We won't be able to harvest the grain because the water is taller than our grain. Once this is all done, the bales are going to be so wet and mouldy that we won't be able to use them. We have 200 head of cattle. [Neighbouring farmers] have 600 head and all their fields are affected by this water, too."

Reeve Craig Howse did call the

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## > FLOODING, FROM PG. 18

Kitchurs on Monday evening to ask for details of the flooding, she said, and she told him they were “hurt that we were left alone by the RM and that no one really cared that we needed help on Sunday and no one helped.”

She said the family has also been in touch with the provincial Emergency Management Organization (EMO), and that a senior staff person attended their residence.

“The one thing I learned from this is the resilience and strength that my kids and my husband and I have to have, knowing it’s literally just going to be the four of us having to fend for ourselves,” said Kitchur.

The *Express* reached out to the RM of Grahamdale with questions for the reeve and councillor/fire chief Dollard Gould regarding flooding in the area and the RM’s response. The questions included why there was a delay in getting help to the Kitchurs after they reached out on Sunday morning, how was it determined by public works on Sunday that there was nothing the RM and/or the fire department could do to help them, why sandbags and sand were not delivered to the family on Sunday as a precautionary measure, and whether the RM has pumps and/or sandbagging machines.

Chief administrative officer Shelly Schwitek said they’re “still in the midst of the state of local emergency dealing with the affected areas of Gypsumville, St. Martin areas,” and that “once we have had a chance to meet and debrief, we can certainly get back to you.”

Although some farmers in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton were unable to seed their crops because of wet conditions earlier this season and are suffering from low grain prices, they’re not facing what could be considered an agricultural disaster.

Gordon Klym, who farms in the community of Ledwyn, said he wouldn’t characterize the situation in his municipality as an agricultural disaster, but there certainly have been challenges this year with too much water then high temperatures that have hampered seed development.

“We had an extremely wet spring that continued through the season and a lot of guys didn’t even get their fields half-seeded. Fields that did get seeded before the [insurance] deadline had rain again. In the second week in July in the Ledwyn area, we got almost five inches of rain, and low spots [in the fields] were drowned out,” said Klym. “Then we got the heat, which helped dry things out, but it’s not that great for a growing crop because the seed size will be really small.”



Heat above optimal conditions for some plants can suppress growth.

He planted wheat, canola, beans and a bit of winter wheat this year, but didn’t get everything seeded because of wet conditions. Despite that, he said he’s doing all right. And it’s normal for farmers in the Interlake to “struggle almost every year” as opposed to other regions of the province.

“Even though I didn’t get everything seeded — I got 80 per cent seeded — I was probably one of the lucky ones. There were a couple of quarters I did seed but probably shouldn’t have because we were struggling with the weather and wet land. But it turned out for the most part,” said Klym.

The municipality dodged the storm that hit Grahamdale on the weekend of Aug. 24, he said, but heard that it may have hit further north in the Matheson Island region.

Agricultural producers in other areas of the province, such as the RM of Dauphin, got hit badly by too much rain and were unable to seed earlier this season. Crops that were seeded end up drowning.

RM of Dauphin chief administrative officer Nicole Chychota said RM council passed a resolution at its July 9 meeting to declare a state of agricultural disaster. Agricultural production is the most prevalent part of the RM’s economy and the resolution requested that the province initiate a financial assistance program for all those affected.

“It was an unfortunately wet spring, she said. “I know that farmers didn’t get to seed everything as a result of the rain.”

Chychota said that such a declaration does not make the municipality — or any municipality — eligible for disaster financial assistance, but it does ensure the provincial government is made “aware” of the situation.

At its Aug. 14 meeting, RM of Gimli council agreed to send a letter to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, asking the organization to lobby the government for an Agriculture Disaster Assistance Program. Council had been asked by some resident farmers to make the request.

“The letter was sent on immediately after the meeting and we have received a reply that it will go before



the AMM board at their next meeting,” said Gimli CAO Jim Fenske.

He added that, to date, the RM of Gimli has not declared an agricultural disaster, and that property owners impacted by water/rain “do not require the municipality to declare a disaster in order to make application for a Disaster Assistance Program created by Canada.”

In addition to farming, Klym is a Bifrost-Riverton councillor. He said there are a number of farmers on council and nobody has yet stepped forward to suggest that there’s a need for the municipality to approach AMM or the government to offer an assistance program this year. And programs that are out there already to help farmers have not really been improved despite promises to do so.

A number of years ago when the province was suffering extreme drought, cattle producers were desperate for feed and they had to import it, he said. They did get compensated to some extent under a government program, but he isn’t sure how well that program worked out overall as sellers with feed jacked up prices. And there was no help for grain farmers.

“A couple of years ago [2021] municipalities in the Interlake declared a state of agricultural disaster because of drought but nothing really happened, and I can’t remember any time that declaring a state of disaster helped me out,” he said.

In addition to climate-related losses, Klym said crop prices have tanked to an “extreme low,” and that will affect him.

“Everything impacts us farmers. Some will have a reduction in crop [yield] and overall prices are at an extreme low,” he said. “Taxes haven’t come down. Fuel hasn’t come down. Nothing has come down except crop prices.”

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The *Express* asked the provincial department of agriculture a few weeks ago — prior to the flooding in Grahamdale — whether it had received any concerns from Interlake municipalities regarding an agricultural disaster and whether it plans to introduce a disaster financial assistance program for 2024.

A spokesperson said only that a disaster financial assistance program would be “announced through the appropriate channels.”

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## > FLAG, FROM PG. 17

and his Flag of Humanity.

After seeing the “tremendous positive impact” Benson has on people wherever he goes to spread the word about the flag, Denny said he asked Benson what he envisaged happening in the future.

“While we were making the video, we were having a chat and I said, ‘Bruce, we’re all getting a bit long in the tooth now, so what are your expectations when you can’t spend 40 days in foreign lands picking up garbage?’” said Denny. “I think what you might want to do is create a lasting legacy that survives your mortal coil, and that could be a charitable foundation to build on the good work you’re doing with the Flag of Humanity. Bruce had said he’s trying to plant seeds when he hands out flags to kids.”

“Micro-scholarships” worth \$500 or another amount that the foundation will disburse will go a long way in countries where the cost of education is beyond the reach of many kids, he added.

After considering federal rules and requirements for charitable status and the amount of work involved in applying for it, Denny said they decided to get a lawyer to handle the application.

“The government wants to make sure you have a viable plan, and they hold you on a tight financial leash to ensure the books are rigorously done,” said Denny. “There’s only so much money that can go into overhead versus charitable giving; almost all that you raise will go to the charity.”

Having acquired the expertise to run his own production company and handle substantial budgets, Denny said his role as director of the Flag of Humanity Foundation will be to raise money and awareness and ensure they follow the federal government’s guidelines for fiscally accurate books. Benson will serve as the face of the foundation.



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF BRUCE BENSON

Bruce Benson took the Flag of Humanity to China, where he picked up trash and spoke to locals about his mission to unite humanity.

Having been granted charitable status only three months ago, Denny said they’re just started to roll their little snowball down the hill. Within a year’s time, he’s sure it will have grown.

“We have great hopes, aspirations and dreams for the foundation in the coming years,” said Denny.

Benson said he’s already had someone donate \$300 to the foundation.

The Flag of Humanity Foundation’s website has a link for donors wishing to support the mission, as well as contact information for further inquiries.

For more information on how to make a donation to the charity, visit [www.theflagofhumanity.com](http://www.theflagofhumanity.com)

## > DISASTER, FROM PG. 9

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At its Aug. 14 meeting, RM of Gimli council voted to send a resolution to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities with regard to an Agriculture Disaster Assistance Program. Council had been asked by some farmers to make the request.

The RM of Fisher was asked last Friday whether its council had passed a resolution to declare a state of agricultural disaster. Jerry Flett, who works in administration, said there was no resolution to do so and that

such a declaration would be a “serious move” and have to be “driven by ratepayers.”

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A recent joint Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Kansas City rail strike that could have tied up grain shipments and fertilizer was averted after the Canada Industrial Relations Board — at the prompting of the federal labour minister — issued a decision to have rail workers remain on the job.

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# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Gimli Lawn Bowlers hold second annual tournament

By Becca Myskiw

The Gimli & District Lawn Bowling Club recently held the second annual Marcel Cherlet Memorial Tournament to honour one of the club's founding members.

The Gimli Lawn Bowlers officially started in 1996 when Stonewall's Lawn Bowling Club shut down. Cherlet and a few other Gimli lawn bowlers began with that club's old equipment. Twenty-eight years later, they decided to start a club at home, and it has more members than ever before.

The club plays on a lawn owned by the rural municipality, but members maintain it. Cherlet was instrumental in securing the land the club still uses today, building the greens and the clubhouse, installing the irrigation system, applying for grants and writing donation letter requests. Gimli Lawn Bowler Elaine Thompson said Cherlet would follow up on every single letter he wrote, letting no opportunity for the club pass him by.

When Thompson and her husband moved to Gimli in 2003, Cherlet was one of the first locals they met. He welcomed them to town — and to the lawn bowling club — with open arms.

Cherlet passed away two years ago but kept lawn bowling until the very end, showing up to every match with his grandson until he couldn't anymore. Last year, the club held the first annual Marcel Cherlet Memorial tournament, with family members from across Canada attending. This year marked the second annual event, and Thompson said they have no plans to stop it in the future.

Along with lawn bowling, the tournament included a pulled pork lunch with salad and dessert and a lot of reminiscing, visiting and camaraderie.

Twenty-four people participated in



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Twenty-four players participated in the second annual Marcel Cherlet memorial lawn bowling tournament.

the tournament on Aug. 24, playing in six teams of four. Lawn bowling can be played in several ways — one-on-one, in pairs, three-on-three or four-on-four. The Gimli & District Lawn Bowling Club meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, playing cut-throat on Mondays (four people playing for themselves against each other), four on four on Tuesdays and open pickup on Thursdays. Right now, the club has 40 members, more than twice as many as before COVID-19. Members are as young as eight and as old as 89. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the club. Membership is \$75 a person, which goes back into the upkeep of the greens, or people can pay \$5 to play with the club once a week.



Winners of the tournament, left to right: Chris Watkinson, George Silvani, Elaine Thompson and John Hildebrandt.

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# Bennett wins Sandy Hook Junior Golf Tournament after early blunder

By Kieran Reimer

Sandy Hook Golf Club crowned Erik Bennett as champion of their Junior Tournament last Wednesday.

Bennett's 76 in the lone round proved enough as he edged out the 12 other (12- to 16-year-old) golfers competing.

But Bennett's victory didn't come without its share of turbulence. On a par three, in the third hole, Bennett dug himself a hole as he carded an eight to set him back.

As the round progressed, Bennett recovered from the third hole blunder and carded four birdies while shooting a one-under 35 on the back nine to close the round on top of the leaderboard.

"I'm predicting a bright future in golf for this young man," said tournament organizer Ken Porteous. "Yes, he can hit it a ton. Yes, he has a great swing, but it was his demeanour on the course that caught my attention. He was not too high when he made birdies, and he was not too low when he made a quad 8 on the third hole. He accepted it and moved on. You can't teach that kind of stuff. In the golfing world, Erik Bennett is a name you'll want to remember."

Aside from Bennett's victory, other golfers were able to keep the competition close right to the end.



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Erik Bennett celebrates winning the Sandy Hook Golf Club Junior Tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Bennett shot a 76 including four birdies on route to victory.

Porteous highlighted Tyler Michaluk's par on hole seven, Emma Flasha's birdie on 12, Nathan Ortynski's birdie on 17, and Tanner Humniski driving the

green on the par four hole 10 as the only ones who accomplished those individual feats on Wednesday.

# Storm FC jousting for position late in MMSL season

By Kieran Reimer

Storm FC have begun making some noise in the last few weeks of the regular season.

The Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 5 club won its second straight match on Monday, 3-1, against HG Tulones FC at Buhler Recreation Park.

It's also the third straight game they have picked up at least a point in as they are starting to make a

late move up the standings.

Now 5-7-3, Storm has moved into a share of sixth place with Hanover United, who have played one less game.

They have also created a two-point lead on eighth-place Benchwarmers United, with whom they have been trading the seventh and eighth positions for most of the second half of the season.

With only three games remaining, Storm will look to lock up sixth place in Div. 5, which will set them up for a slightly easier playoff matchup than they would have had.

Their next match was on Monday, Sept. 2, against Akal FC (10-2-2). Due to the press schedule, the score in the match was unavailable.

# Arborg Terry Fox Run kicks off with BBQ on Sept. 6

By Lana Meier

The Terry Fox committee in Arborg is excited to hold a community run for the first time since COVID.

They have a great committee of nine people this year, including various ages and backgrounds. But they all have one thing in common: dedication to this vital cause.

"Terry Fox was near and dear to my mom's heart. She was on the committee for several years and was always willing to volunteer at the run when she wasn't," said committee member Shawna Adair. "When she lost her battle with cancer, it felt like the right time for me to get involved."

Cheryl Chwaliboga joined the committee this year.

"Losing my dad to cancer 29 years ago was a life-altering moment. I feel for all those who have had to endure that suffering and fear when getting a cancer diagnosis. There are far too many people that have to go through that," she said.

"I have always been passionate about the Terry Fox Run since my dad's passing and decided to get

more involved with the Terry Fox Run. Last year, I led our school Terry Fox fundraiser, and this year, I am joining our community committee. Terry's story of resilience and hope inspired me, and I take part to help prevent others from experiencing the pain of losing a loved one to cancer."

Plans are underway for an exciting day. The run will be held at the fire hall in Arborg on Sunday, Sept. 15. Registration starts at noon, and the run will commence promptly at 1 p.m. Again, the Arborg-Bifrost Fire Department is hosting and leading the run. There will be a silent auction, silent bid, raffle, head shaves, barbecue food for purchase, children's corner and a guest speaker.

In advance of the run, a fundraiser barbecue will be held on Friday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. just outside the Co-op in Arborg. Access Credit Union and Interlake Consumers Co-op jointly sponsor the barbecue. Terry Fox T-shirts will be available for purchase (adults \$25 and youth \$20), along with raffle tickets that day.

All proceeds of the day will be going to the Terry Fox Foundation.



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Terry Fox T-shirts will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6.



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### BOARD OF REVISION for 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2024 Supplemental Taxes** for the Rural Municipality of Armstrong has been delivered to the Municipal Office at Inwood, Manitoba. The Board of Revision will sit on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications for revision made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- be in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- Set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the ground for each of those matters; and
- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated below, or serving it upon the secretary, on or before **Tuesday October 3, 2024**

Nancy Howell, Secretary Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Armstrong  
Box 69, 1094 Hwy #17  
Inwood, Manitoba R0C 1P0  
Phone: (204)-278-3377  
Fax: (204)-278-3437  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Fisher has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act*:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, 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:

- Liability to taxation;
- Amount of an assessed value;
- Classification of property; or
- A refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under sub-section 13(2).

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- Be made in writing;
- Set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- State the grounds on which the application is based; and
- Be filed by
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of the Rural Municipality of Fisher, 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, Manitoba or
  - serving it upon the secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated below.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. in the RM of Fisher Council Chambers, 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, Manitoba to hear applications to revise the 2025 Assessment roll and to revise 2024 assessment changes relating to Sections 300(6) and 326 of *The Municipal Act*.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, September 23, 2024**.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2024

Kelly Marykuca - Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Fisher  
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SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES  
TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Town prior to the commencement of the auction, the Town will on the **3rd day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Town of Winnipeg Beach, 29 Robinson Avenue, Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:


Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
42800	THE S 1/2 OF LOT 7 BLOCK 9 PLAN 2831 WLTO IN E 1/2 OF SECTION 33-17-4 EPM EXC: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN - 140 NO. 9 HWY, WINNIPEG BEACH	L - \$38,100 B - \$100,500	\$7,181.82
92500	ELY 25 FEET OF LOT 21 AND WLY 25 FEET OF LOT 22 BLOCK 10 PLAN 2226 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN NE 1/4 33-17-4 EPM - 435 SPRUCE AVE., WINNIPEG BEACH	L - \$24,400 B - \$69,300	\$3,994.38
171850	ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF CENTRAL AVENUE, MCPHERSON AVENUE, MURRAY AVENUE AND STITT STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNIPEG BEACH, IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, SHEWN COLOURED PINK, ACCORDING TO A PLAN FILED IN THE WINNIPEG LAND TITLES OFFICE AS NO. 1884 EXCEPTING PLAN 5521., LOT SEVENTEEN IN BLOCK ONE, SHEWN ON A PLAN OF SURVEY OF PART OF WINNIPEG BEACH IN MANITOBA, REGISTERED IN THE WINNIPEG LAND TITLES OFFICE, AS NO. 2357. - 1.01 MILES/ STN GRDS PL	L - \$27,700	\$5,153.60

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Town **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Town makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Town of Winnipeg Beach as follows:
  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
  - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
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Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.

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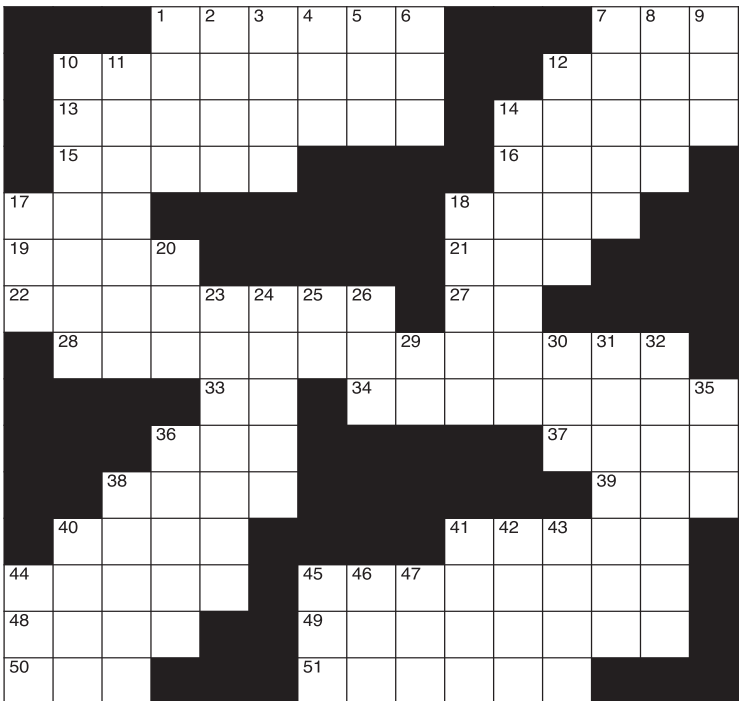


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- Former Dodgers MVP
- Title for women
- Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- Copycat
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- Part of (abbr.)
- Hateful
- Collide
- European football heavyweight
- One who works for you



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- Continent
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- There's a lot in a bowling

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49. Ancient marvels

50. Bridge building degree

51. Delivery boys

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## Peanut Butter Cottage Cheese Cheesecake

3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter  
1/2 cup roughly chopped dark chocolate

1/2 cup roughly chopped peanuts  
1 pinch sea salt

To make crust: In food processor, pulse pretzels, wafer-style cookies and peanuts until chopped but not powdery.

In skillet, melt butter. Add pretzel mixture until combined with butter.

Spray pie pan with nonstick cooking spray and spread mixture on bottom of pan and slightly up sides; press down until even.

To make filling: In bowl using hand mixer, whip cottage cheese until lumps are smoother, 3-4 minutes.

In separate bowl, use hand mixer to whip heavy cream and sugar until stiff peaks form.

Add cottage cheese and peanut butter to heavy cream mixture; whip until combined, about 1 minute.

Top pie with chopped chocolate and peanuts and freeze 2 hours. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before ready to serve.

Before serving, sprinkle with sea salt.

Recipe courtesy of Parker's Plate on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 2 hours

Servings: 8 (1 slice each)

Crust:

2 cups pretzels

1 1/2 cups vanilla-flavored wafer-style cookies

1/2 cup peanuts

12 tablespoons unsalted butter

nonstick cooking spray

Filling:

1/2 cup cottage cheese

1 cup heavy whipping cream

3 tablespoons sugar



## Creamy Truffle Caesar Pork Sandwiches

chops. Cook pork chops, turning halfway through, until they reach minimum internal temperature of 145 F, 6-8 minutes per side (depending on thickness).

Once pork chops are cooked through, remove from pan and let rest a few minutes.

Peel and slice onion. After resting, slice pork into strips; set aside.

In same pan, saute onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

In separate pan, toast buns until golden brown; set aside.

To build sandwiches, place sliced pork on bottom halves of toasted buns. Top with prepared salad mixture and sauteed onions. Finish with top halves of buns.

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

2 pounds boneless skinless pork chops

4 tablespoons Italian seasoning

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 red onion

1 bag (9.3 ounces) Fresh Express Twisted Caesar Creamy Truffle Caesar Chopped Salad Kit

4 long sandwich rolls

Preheat pan on stove over medium-high heat. Season pork chops with Italian seasoning.

When pan is hot, add oil and pork

## Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Today, I aim to convince you that building a strong relationship with your doctor is worth the effort. Let's see if I'm any good at this, yes?

When I moved to the U.K. from Stonewall, I had to start from scratch with my medical team. Of course, the priority was a new General Practitioner (G.P.), as they are the 'in' to every other specialty.

The first GP I saw had to decipher the 600+ page manual that is my medical history. I packed it as precious cargo on the plane. I liked Dr. D, but I found him a bit hot and cold, rushing some days and relaxing others. At least I had his fascination with Canada going for me. Then, he got ill and left.

I switched to Dr. Jones, whom I still see eight years later. I won't lie; she seemed a bit guarded at first, and I had come from a G.P. in Canada who comforted me with hugs. I realize now that Dr. Jones needed to grow

to trust me, trust that my file was not a manuscript of hypochondria and that I took my health seriously.

Slowly, as I always attended appointments, showed up on time, went in prepared, and proved I was in tune with my body and symptoms, I earned her trust. (The positive bad test results helped her belief, too.)

Here's where the proof in the sugar-free pudding comes in. At my last appointment, I had a list of four minor talking points – blood results, etc., and we celebrated my great diabetes results and much-improved cholesterol together as she gave a cheer. Then, as I stood to go, she said, "But how is your gastroparesis doing?"

I hadn't needed to burden her with more of the same bad news as the last time I saw her since, with drastic measures, I was managing. She looked sad and asked if my gastroenterologist had been replaced yet since he moved to the U.S., and I said, "No, not yet."

"Well, maybe it will help if I send a letter saying you need attention." We then went on to discuss a few possible improvements to my regime.

So yeah, the time it took to build our relationship is worth it. I have a doctor willing to run over my schedule and go the extra mile to get me the care I need.

So how'd I do? Do you believe me yet?

*Less health stress, yes?* A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on Instagram @medicallmiss\_stress, and at [www.lesshealthstress.com](http://www.lesshealthstress.com). (Email: [info@lesshealthstress.com](mailto:info@lesshealthstress.com)) If you like her writing, find more on her Substack page: *The Quest For Less Health Stress*



## Chicken Caesar Tacos

inch thickness.

In medium saute pan, heat oil over medium heat.

Season chicken breasts with remaining taco seasoning.

Coat chicken in flour mixture, dip into beaten eggs then coat chicken in flour mixture again, pressing firmly to adhere.

In pan with hot oil, cook battered chicken until golden brown, flipping halfway through, until chicken reaches minimum internal temperature of 165 F, 4-5 minutes per side (depending on thickness). Fry in batches to avoid overcrowding pan, if necessary.

Once fully cooked, fold chicken over to create taco shell-shape. Place sheet pan on top to hold shape, 3-4 minutes.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

Once chicken taco shells set, carefully remove sheet pan. Fill each taco shell with prepared salad mixture.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

3 eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 packet taco seasoning

2 chicken breasts, sliced in half horizontally

3 cups neutral oil

1 bag (9.4 ounces) Fresh Express Caesar Chopped Salad Kit

In shallow bowl, beat eggs. In separate bowl, combine flour and half packet of taco seasoning.

Place chicken in resealable bag and, using meat tenderizer, pound to 1/4-



# Classifieds Announcements



## CARD OF THANKS

The Interlake Girl Guides would like to thank all the Interlake communities for all the support given to our group of 13 youth and three leaders who travelled to Churchill, MB. July 22 – 30, 2024. This trip was in the planning and fundraising mode for over three years. Without the communities support in buying Girl Guide cookies, to supporting the extra fundraisers over the three years, some of the girls would not have been able to go on a trip of this magnitude. We finally made it to Churchill, MB. We thank you all for the awesome support we received. This was a trip of a lifetime and will be remembered for years to come.

Thanks again.

-Leaders

Lynn Nolden of Clandeboye,  
Kyra Thiele of Warren and  
Danelle Hanchar of Stony Mountain

## ANNIVERSARY



Happy 65th Anniversary  
on September 5th

Edward and Rose Piotrowski (Petrowski)

-Best wishes from our children:

Edward and (Cindy), Brent and (Patty),  
Kim and (Ken), and Melissa and (Jeff);

3 grandchildren: Anita and (Ken),  
Darren and (Amber)

and Christine;

10 great-grandchildren: Landan, Mason,  
Emerson,

Bria and Ruby, Oaklyn and Wren

## BIRTHDAY



Happy 55th Birthday  
Buzz

-Love your family

## IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Karish  
September 8, 2016

We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new;

We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.

We think of you in silence,  
And often speak your name;

All we have are memories,  
And a picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake,  
With which we'll never part;

God has you in His keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.

Miss and love you always.

-Alex, Kelly, Julie, Braden,

Rocky, Nancy, Sarah and Madison

*Your memory will live forever  
Engraved within our hearts*

## OBITUARY

Mary Kapitan

Born in England in 1928, she was predeceased by husband Zdzislaw (George), both parents, nine siblings and son-in-law Blake Ball. She is survived by daughter Georgina Ball, grandson Alexander Ball (Jessica), great-grandchildren, Olivia Ball, Eric and Emily Taylor.

She did not have a happy childhood, and her teenage years were fraught with danger after the commencement of the Second World War. She remembered vividly, the deprivations and fear of that time. She enlisted in the W.A.A.F. where she served as a telephonist. During this time, she met and fell in love with my father, a young and handsome Polish soldier who found himself in England with his unit from the Free Polish Army at the end of the war. They married on November 5th, 1949, I was born five years later.

As soon as they were able to afford it, they purchased a beautiful stone cottage in a rural area of Shropshire. I was lucky enough to grow up there, in idyllic surroundings. It was there that Mum discovered her love of gardening among three hundred rose bushes, herbaceous borders and kitchen gardens. The strawberries were always ripe by July 2nd, Mum's birthday, and we would pick pounds of them. Then she would throw a party, where she served only strawberries and cream. It became a family tradition. She even tried her hand at raising chickens for eggs and a pig for the table, but when the pig was grown, Mum was so upset at the thought of butchering it, our neighbour (a farmer) had to arrange for the pig to go to market. We did not eat pork, bacon or ham for almost a year after! Mum was so soft hearted.

Both my parents worked very hard. Mum always had a full time job and worked mostly in retail until my husband and I decided to emigrate to Canada. Without hesitation they sold everything they owned and generously helped us purchase our farm west of Arborg. My Mum being very gregarious soon made friends, most of whom became like family to us and remain so to this day. She helped on the farm and struggled to grow "English gardens" in this harsh prairie climate. She succeeded too.

Mum loved her grandchildren, Alex and David. She enjoyed spending time with them and inventing games which not only stimulated their imaginations, but were informative too. Not having enough strawberries to throw an annual party, she would pack a picnic, collect the boys and all her "adopted" grandchildren and take them to the beach for the day to celebrate her birthday. So much fun.

When my father died, Mum was devastated. We were living in BC then. Mum had never been alone at any time in her life and was extremely apprehensive, so she continued to live with us. Shortly after the death of my Dad, we all came back to Manitoba on a holiday to visit all our friends. It was then that we realized just how much we missed everyone and our "home" Arborg. We sold our house in BC and returned. The new house we built had an attached garage, so we enlarged it and had it made into a self contained suite for Mum.

Mum applied successfully for a job as cook and housekeeper at the Kinsman Day Care in town. She loved being around the children and took delight in them. Many of Arborg's residents have fond memories of the games Mum played with them and her insistence on the correct use of manners at the lunch table. She worked at the day care until she retired.

Retirement did not slow her down one bit. She joined the Aspire Theatre Company in Gimli and performed in many plays, all over Manitoba. As she grew older and had difficulty remembering lines, she started writing plays. One in particular was performed in Gimli. It was the result of a trip she took to Cuba where she stayed for six weeks at the university to learn Spanish. She and her friend Gail planned a road trip every year and managed to visit many parts of Canada. Mum would return with stories of their adventures and the fascinating people they had met on their travels. She really enjoyed this time of her life.

Mum loved to read. She visited the library regularly, always coming home with a bagful of books. Sadly, as she grew older, her eyesight began to fail and despite treatment she was all but blind. When she lost her sight, we resorted to audio books until the library ran out! Mum was very resilient and adapted well to her disability, trying to be positive as always. Her biggest thrill was the birth of great-granddaughter, Olivia. She loved spending time with her. Mum touched the lives of many people during her long lifetime. She will be missed.

Mum, we are sorry to say goodbye, but rejoice that you and Dad are together again, still in love after all this time.

Our sincere thanks to Arborg Home Care staff, Francis Lindal, the staff at the Arborg Hospital, Dr. Donnelly, and the staff of the Fisher Branch Personal Care Home for their excellent care.

In accordance with Mum's wishes, cremation and a private interment have taken place.

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Ev McIvor

November 29, 1938-August 18, 2024

Mom passed peacefully on August 18th in Gimli. She packed a lot of life into those years. Born in Cartwright, MB the second of seven children to Ron and Jessie Richards. Married to Al McIvor (d. April 5, 2016) in 1958. Moving to Winnipeg where she was working as a nurse's aide briefly before getting on with TD Bank where she was for 29 years before retiring to Sandy Hook.

Mom was very active in 4H at an early age and continued with those skills for the rest of her life sewing, crafting, knitting, and decorating. Golfing became a summer activity that encouraged them to build a home at Sandy Hook Golf Course. She was a very active member of the Charleswood Kinettes where she nurtured many lifetime friendships. She also joined the Red Hat Ladies and played Bridge. She loved curling whether playing or watching.

She leaves many loved ones behind especially her children Shelley (Kevin), Greg, granddaughters Robyn (Jeff) and Kerri (Matt), great-grandchildren Maddox and Onan.

Love you to the moon and beyond, miss you everyday Mom.

No service by request.

Tributes can be shared at [www.neilbardalfuneralhome.com](http://www.neilbardalfuneralhome.com)



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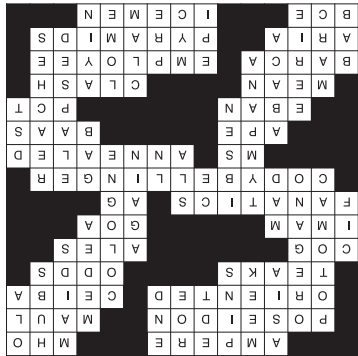
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