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## Honouring heritage and healing

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Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan attended the Riverton and District Friendship Centre Orange Shirt Day event on Sept. 30 honouring residential school survivors. This year marks the first time Orange Shirt Day was a provincial statutory holiday in Manitoba.

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## Riverton celebrates Orange Shirt Day



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The Friendship Centre played a key role in fostering an atmosphere of healing and unity, guiding the community through a day dedicated

to understanding and remembrance. The event also celebrated Indigenous culture with vibrant performances by United Thunder and Jason Lepine and the Métis Spirit Band, who filled the gathering with pride through traditional music and dance.

The day concluded with a community feast featuring bison burgers and all the fixings, bringing everyone together in a shared spirit of connection and hope for the future.

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# RCMP Gimli detachment seize drugs, guns from home in Riverton

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli RCMP detachment seized drugs and guns in September from a residence in Riverton where a number of people found outside the home were taken into custody and an occupant inside the residence was arrested and charged.

The service issued a news release last Friday, saying the Gimli detachment had executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at the residence on Sept. 20 at approximately 7:45 p.m. as "part of an ongoing investigation."

"When officers arrived on scene, several people were outside the residence and taken into custody. They were all later released without charges," states the Oct. 4 news release. "Officers entered the residence and located Gary Johannesson, 58, in the washroom of the residence in possession of several baggies. The surfaces of the washroom were tested and found positive for cocaine."

Officers searched the residence and found nine firearms stored in a closet in one of the bedrooms. One of the firearms was loaded, states the release. Ammunition that included a loaded magazine was also found throughout the room.

Drug paraphernalia was found throughout the home and seized, as well as an undisclosed amount of Canadian currency.

Johannesson was arrested and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, possess firearm without a valid licence, unsafe storage of a loaded firearm and unsafe storage of firearms, states the release.

RCMP media relations officer Tara Seel responded to questions from the *Express* regarding the incident after members of the community told the paper they feel there's not enough information about what's going on in Riverton regarding these drug-related activities.

Seel said the arrest was part of an ongoing investigation and that the RCMP cannot always reveal the extent to which they're involved as it might jeopardize an investigation.

"The RCMP is well engaged in investigations surrounding the drug trade throughout Manitoba, and while we cannot always share the extent of what we are doing so as not to jeopardize any investigations, we can assure the citizens of Riverton that we are present and actively working on investigations throughout the area, as evidenced by this warrant and ar-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RCMP

The RCMP seized drug paraphernalia, firearms and ammunition from a residence in Riverton in September and charged 58-year-old Gary Johannesson with a number of offences, including trafficking and possession of a firearm without a licence.

rest," said Seel.

Seel said there is more than one individual involved in the drug trade in Riverton and that drugs are in every community in Manitoba and "often linked" to organized crime.

"The RCMP is dedicated to enforcing laws against illicit drugs to the full extent as we are well aware of how drugs can destroy lives, homes and communities," said Seel. "We ask anyone with knowledge of the drug trade in their community to contact their local police to report what they know."

With regard to the level of threat to innocent people in Riverton from drug-related activities, Seel said there can be "ramifications" to the community at large.

"I am not speaking to Riverton specifically as I have not looked at any statistics, but in general, with the drug trade comes an increase in crime that can certainly affect citizens of the community. Break-ins are one example of the type of crime that could result from drug activity within a community. Needing money to purchase illicit drugs could cause an individual to break in to a home or a business looking for items to sell to get that money," she said. "The RCMP consistently looks at crime trends within Manitoba communities to target areas where we see this type of activity occurring. We also work closely with community leadership to address any

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# Arborg schools jointly raise over \$10K for Terry Fox Foundation

## Outstanding community support brings Arborg and area total to more than \$41,000

By Patricia Barrett

Students at Arborg Early Middle School and Arborg Collegiate put heart and soul into supporting the Terry Fox Foundation last week, raising over \$10,000 for cancer research and patient services.

The generosity of Arborg and area residents contributed to the students' success.

Arborg early middle school teacher Cheryl Chwaliboga said both schools raised a grand total of \$10,192.75. The younger kids were "so pumped" for the cause and raised the lion's share of the money.

"The community here is very supportive. It was truly unbelievable," said Chwaliboga. "I honestly did not think we were going to do it."

Brad Harding, who is principal of both schools, agreed for the second time in as many years to have his head shaved if the students could raise \$10,000.

"As the Terry Fox Run approached this year, I again asked Mr. Harding if he was willing to shave his head — this time leaving a racing stripe down the middle," said Chwaliboga. "Because we had done so well last year, he set the goal for \$10,000. The high school was included in this as Mr. Harding was now the principal of both schools."

As the town had held an in-person run in September that raised a significant amount of money, Chwaliboga

said the schools were somewhat skeptical they could meet Harding's challenge.

"However, the students and community pulled through and we raised \$10,192.75," said Chwaliboga.

After holding virtual fundraising events in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic, Arborg's Terry Fox fundraising event last month saw \$31,052.99 (as of Sept. 18) donated from generous individual donors and businesses in Arborg, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and surrounding areas.

With the two schools raising over \$10,000 last week, Arborg's contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation now stands at about \$41,245.74.

In 2023 Arborg Early Middle School students on their own raised just under \$12,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation, surpassing Harding's challenge of \$7,000.

The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$800 million for cancer research through fundraising events each year. Terry Fox launched a cross-Canada run called the Marathon of Hope after he had to have his leg amputated because of bone cancer. He died in 1981 after the cancer spread.

Lung cancer is the most common form of cancer and accounts for 23.5 per cent of all cancer deaths in Canada. Breast cancer is expected to be the most common form of cancer diagnosed in women and prostate cancer



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF ARBORG EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AEMS and Arborg Collegiate principal Brad Harding agreed to have his head shaved in solidarity with cancer patients if the schools could raise \$10,000 or more.

is expected to be the most common cancer in men, according to the Canadian Cancer Society. The society reported this year that new cancer cases are expected to surpass last year's total of 239,100 cases. In 2024 an estimated 247,100 people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer with 88,100 deaths.

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concerns they are seeing or that we are identifying."

The Express was told that a Hnausa home that got burnt to the ground in July in an arson attack was mis-identified and targeted by drug dealers in Riverton.

Seel said she cannot provide specific information related to the arson.

"This is an ongoing investigation so I cannot provide information related to that incident other than to say that the type of information to which you refer certainly is something that is looked into during the course of an investigation," she said.

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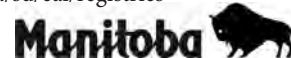
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## Real people reporting real news

### National Newspaper Week Oct. 6-12

By Lana Meier

It's no secret that thousands of news stories are published in Canada each day. From local community features to national breaking news stories, the real people reporting real news in your community work tirelessly to ensure readers have access to credible news they can trust.

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Patricia Barrett, Express Weekly News reporter/photographer

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## Providing mental health support for farmers

By Haley Cvar

Leading up to National Farmers Day, two Manitoba-based groups are highlighting the significance of mental health and well-being within farming communities. They are providing complimentary support services to

address this often-neglected matter. In small towns and rural regions, the tight-knit community dynamic may lead to feelings of disgrace, seclusion and discrimination when it comes to seeking assistance, especially since your neighbour could also be your

primary health-care provider.

In the agricultural industry, farmers often encounter a variety of challenging factors such as ever-changing weather patterns, pest infestations,

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# Gimli's revised accommodation tax bylaw passes first reading

By Patricia Barrett

Short-term rental (STR) operators in the RM of Gimli have yet to collect an accommodation tax from their guests, but the bylaw that will make it mandatory is on its way.

Council gave first reading to a revised accommodation tax bylaw at its Sept. 25 meeting after it received feedback and suggested changes from the province.

All STRs including hotels will have to charge the tax once the bylaw passes.

The STR bylaw has already been passed by council and operators now have to apply and pay for a licence if they want to rent out properties such as single-family homes, cottages, condominiums, apartments, mobile homes and secondary suites. There are a number of rules operators have to follow, including limits on the number of guests and quiet hours.

Gimli council introduced the short term rental bylaw and the accommodation tax bylaw in 2023. Rules and regulations were deemed necessary in response to residents' concerns about STRs disrupting the peace and operating as businesses.

Council had originally given the accommodation bylaw third and final reading in 2023 and it was sent it to the province in January 2024 for review; the bylaw requires provincial approval prior to implementation.

The province sent council a response in August, recommending changing



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A "for rent" sign is shown at a property in Gimli (phone number edited out).

the tax rate from five per cent to 1.25 per cent, a rate that would be closer in alignment to the provincial interest rate regulations. It also recommended penalties be limited to \$1,000.

Coun. Thora Palson said council made adjustments to the accommodation bylaw and it will need to go through the process of three readings again. It will also have to be resubmit-

ted to the province for final approval.

The accommodation tax will essentially be a tourism tax, and the revenues could be put towards enhancing the tourism experience in Gimli or helping pay for municipal services related to tourism, such as garbage collection at the beach. It could include funding an arm's-length waterfront agency made up of various stakeholders to oversee development initiatives in that area.

The previous iteration of council had hired Scatliff + Miller + Murray to produce a conceptual design and strategic plan for future waterfront development, said Palson. And council had held an open house for the public. That had all been completed the summer before the municipal election.

"I think tourism should help fund itself. And what I'm hoping is that when this accommodation tax gets approved, we can start funding some waterfront initiatives that were part of that conceptual planning," said Palson.

## Clarification



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Fred Veldink of the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg.

In the story "Concerns about plastic in Lake Winnipeg include commercial fishery" in the Sept. 26 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, we described the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg as a "grassroots environmental group based in the Gimli area."

It is, in fact, much more than that. The coalition, which was formed in 2019 to press the provincial government to take meaningful action to stop the environmental degradation of Lake Winnipeg, is made up of cottage associations from the east and west sides of the lake, individuals, the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners and municipalities. The coalition undertakes advocacy, produces a newsletter and hosts environmental groups or individual scientists to provide updates to the public on the status of the lake and the latest research.



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## Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre moving forward to consultation and design phases

By Patricia Barrett

The transformation of Gimli's former wastewater lagoon into a wetland with an interpretive centre is another step closer to becoming a reality, with the committee formed to oversee the project preparing for the consultation and design phases.

The Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre project will turn the lagoon into a tourist destination for wildlife lovers. The project is part of Manitoba's 30/30 commitment, which will conserve at least 30 per cent of land and water by the year 2030 and restore the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Council had approved removing about 8,000 tonnes of biosolids (sewage sludge) from the decommissioned lagoon this spring and had it spread on RM-owned agricultural land near the airport in May.

The 144-acre lagoon site is located



Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre chair Tim Arnason provided NDP caucus and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew with an overview of a project, that will transform Gimli's former wastewater lagoon into a wetland with an interpretive centre and boardwalk.

near the southern border of Gimli's South Beach neighbourhood.

The provincial NDP caucus and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew paid a visit to Gimli on Sept. 25 during a three-day retreat to connect with elected officials, farmers, local organizations, First Nations leadership throughout the Interlake-Gimli riding and the Red River North and Selkirk ridings.

Council and RM of Gimli staff were able to update the government on various local initiatives and projects during an informal luncheon held in Johnson Hall in the Waterfront Centre. And Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre project chair Tim Arnason presented an overview of the lagoon project. He and the project team later took members of caucus on a tour of the site.

"I was honored to present this information on behalf of the RM. This is an ambitious, legacy project for our community and broader area," said Arnason in a prepared release. "We received very positive feedback from Premier Kinew and his team and we



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

View from the beach along Lake Winnipeg into Gimli's former lagoon site.

look forward to working with the province moving forward."

The proposal to turn the lagoon into wetlands was first raised a few decades ago by then mayor Kevin Chudd, who was elected mayor again in 2022. The RM built a wastewater sewage treatment plant which replaced the lagoon in 2018. After the 2022 election, Chudd revived the idea of turning the site into a wetland, and a committee made up of local stakeholders was formed to oversee the project.

Like Oak Hammock Marsh near Stonewall, the idea is to build a wildlife sanctuary with boardwalks, viewing platforms and an interpretive centre. The centre will focus on education and promote the protection of water and aquatic ecosystems.

After the caucus visit, Arnason told the *Express Weekly News* the wetland project is moving forward, with the rezoning of the site and the sludge removal now completed. The consultation and design phases of the project

are in the works.

"A landscape architecture firm will undertake the consultation and design work," he said.

Where the interpretative centre will be located on the site has not been determined at this time.

The project is expected to take a few years and the wetland committee will be looking at grant opportunities to help fund the transformation.

"Public consultation is expected to take place throughout 2025. Conceptual designs may be ready by the end of the year, which will help attract grant funding," said Arnason. "Detailed construction drawings could potentially be completed by early 2026 and ready for tender. The construction timeline might be affected by grant opportunities."

For more information about the wetland project, contact the Gimli Waterfront Wetland Interpretive Centre project chair Tim Arnason by email at [timarnason@gmail.com](mailto:timarnason@gmail.com) or by phone at 204-899-8073.

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Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew and members of the NDP caucus paid a visit to Gimli last month during a caucus retreat. The NDP met with RM of Gimli councillors and staff, members of local organizations including the East Interlake Watershed District, the Interlake Women's Resource Centre, the New Iceland Heritage Museum, Westshore Community Foundation and the Gimli Chamber of Commerce, fishers and other community members.



# Competitive wages, better working conditions for health-care support workers

By Patricia Barrett

*Editor's note: At time of publication a tentative agreement has been reached with MGEU and CUPE and the union has agreed to suspend job action pending the outcome of a vote on the offer.*

Manitoba's health-care support workers struggle to survive on low wages and Manitoba struggles to recruit and retain them, say the unions representing thousands of workers that were set to strike this week.

The Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) held a joint news conference on Sept. 24 to announce that a formal strike notice had been served for over 25,000 health-care support workers.

Negotiations early last week with provincial Shared Health, which oversees the delivery of health-care services across the province, failed to result in better wages and working conditions and the unions advised that a strike could begin on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Fortunately, a tentative agreement was reached with MGEU and CUPE and the union has agreed to suspend job action pending the outcome of a vote on the offer.

Health-care support workers in Manitoba are paid some of the lowest wages in Canada, with hourly compensation starting at just over \$17 in some positions.

The Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU), one of the unions representing health-care support workers, said the health-care system can't be fixed unless workers are paid competitive wages.

"You can't expect to fix health care if you have the lowest paid health workers in Canada. The employers' last offer just doesn't do enough to recruit and retain the workers needed to run our health care," said MGEU president Kyle Ross in a news release dated Sept. 24. "Continuing to fill staffing gaps with private agency workers is costly and wasteful. Instead, Manitoba needs to grow its health care workforce to provide the care that patients and residents deserve."

The strike could result in disruption to community health services, notably home care, appointments in clinics and services in personal care homes and hospitals. The workers affected include health-care aides, dietary aides, ward clerks, laundry service workers, recreation coordinators and other support staff that are employed in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority and in the Winnipeg, Southern and Prairie Mountain health authorities. The Northern health region isn't part of the strike.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) said in a statement on its website that its bargaining team met with the employer in early October and expected a "meaningful proposal" at the bargaining table.

"Unfortunately, the employer came back to the table with no new offer," said the union in an Oct. 3 news release. "CUPE is fighting for a fair deal and better working conditions for health care workers, and we continue to prepare for our strike deadline of October 8th. Going on strike is a last resort, and we understand it is very stressful for all members."

CUPE said support workers can't sustain themselves on their wages and are having to rely on public charity.

One in 16 health-care support workers in Manitoba report having to rely on foodbanks or charity to get by, and one in nine have faced housing insecurity, according to a CUPE survey of 5,000 support workers employed by the Winnipeg health region, Shared Health, Southern Health and the Northern Regional Health Authority.

"The reality for front line health care support workers is that there is very little financial security in these jobs right now," said the news release quoting president Margaret Schroeder of CUPE 204, which represents support workers in the WRHA and Shared Health. "Health care support workers have worked through some extremely challenging times, and the economic situation for us continues to be dire."

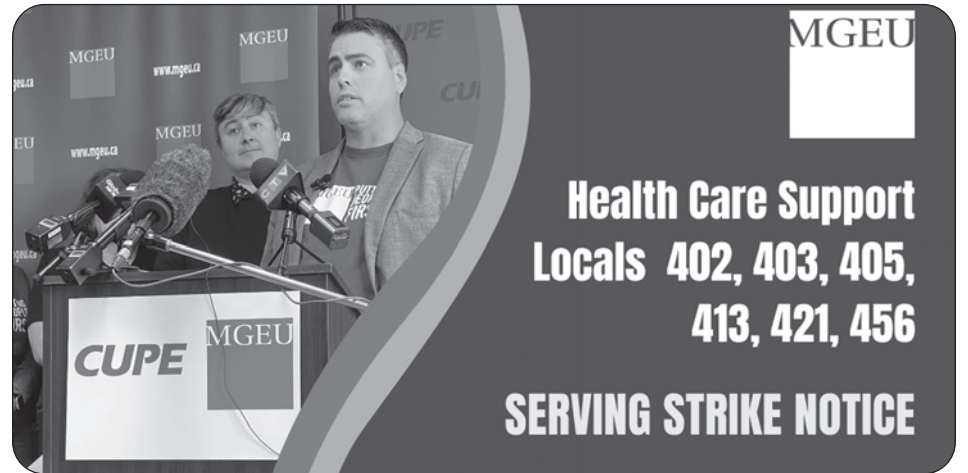
Nearly 30 per cent of health-care support workers report having two or more jobs, with 76 per cent citing "economic necessity" to having a second job, according to the March survey data. And 39 per cent of support workers said they work more than 40 hours per week.

Low wages and other working conditions are driving support workers out of health care. Almost 50 per cent of workers are looking for a new job, according to a recent CUPE report.

"When health care support workers are treated poorly, it's no surprise that they will start looking for other jobs," said CUPE president Gina McKay in the Oct. 3 news release. "Health care workers are looking for support today, and government needs to take action now before these jobs become so unsustainable that new hires won't keep up with an exodus."

In a news release dated Oct. 1, Shared Health said essential service agreements will be implemented in the event of a strike and all efforts will be made to minimize service disruptions.

"However, clients should expect



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some delays and/or changes to services — including the possibility of some cancellations," said the organization.

Shared Health is asking patients' families to take on some responsibilities of caring for their loved ones.

"For many home care clients, families and caregivers are a fundamental partner in assisting with the care clients need. While essential services will continue to be provided, some clients may benefit from additional support. Families and caregivers are asked to plan accordingly during this time as a part of their backup plan to bridge any gaps in services," said the organization.

The strike will affect health-care support workers employed by the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. An IERHA spokesperson said the region has approximately 1,400 staff represented by MGEU.

"While we remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached and a strike's impact to health services avoided, essential service agreements are being finalized and we are preparing for all contingencies in order to maintain essential health services for Manitobans," said the spokesperson.

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## Federal government's plan to sell FFMC could bring instability to Manitoba's fishing industry

By Patricia Barrett

The federal government's intention to sell the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation to a private entity continues to raise concern from a Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher about what could be in store for the future of Manitoba's fishing industry.

Robert T. Kristjanson who is 90 and still fishes, said competition is healthy but the marketing corporation — which currently competes with private fish buyers — has protected Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories' fishers for 55 years from the vagaries of unscrupulous fish dealers and lowball fish pricing, and has guaranteed them access to international fish markets.

Commercial fishers on Lake Winnipeg — a lake that supplies the highest volume of fish to FFMC than any other lake in Manitoba — could be rocked by instability should all the benefits offered by the corporation go under with its sale, he said. For example, FFMC's mandate to buy all fishers' catches and buy a variety of different fish — not just highly valued pickerel and whitefish — might change.

Kristjanson said there's no reason free enterprise can't continue to exist alongside FFMC.

"It's nice to be able to sell your fish to different companies, but you have to understand that when we lose our marketing board, we lose our protection," he said. "It's nice to have competition out there — don't get me wrong — but look at what happened to farmers when they lost the [Canadian] Wheat Board through privatization; there's no one in their corner to protect them now with good, stable prices and no one to do the marketing work for them."

The federal government announced in February this year that it intended to move forward on the "transformation" of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation through its sale to a private entity. The sale process, which is being overseen by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), has two main stages.

The first stage entailed inviting expressions of interest whereby interested parties let the government know they're interested in buying FFMC. The second entails a yet-to-come competitive process whereby the government will solicit bids from the interested parties.

In 2017 DFO had engaged commercial fishers and other stakeholders on the future of FFMC after some fishers raised concerns about the way the corporation was being managed and Manitoba's then Conservative



FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Commercial fisher Robert T. Kristjanson has been working on Lake Winnipeg for over 75 years. He was around before the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation was formed in 1969 to stabilize prices for fishers. The federal government intends to sell off its Crown corporation to a private buyer.

government opted out of the federal Freshwater Fish Marketing Act to create an open market in the province. DFO had established a panel to examine new governance and ownership models for FFMC and stated it wanted to promote reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Kristjanson has fished long enough to remember what it was like for fishers before the federal government created FFMC in 1969 to protect them from unstable pricing, he said. The privatization of FFMC may see a return to some of the more unsavoury aspects of the fishing industry as a whole, notably private buyers ripping off fishers and perhaps FFMC refusing to buy less valued fish from Lake Winnipeg's fishers as well as other commercial fishers. Some private fish buyers currently only buy one or two species of fish. That can stress the "natural balance" of any waterbody, especially Lake Winnipeg where anglers love to target pickerel.

"Commercial fishers have done very well with our marketing board. I'm not saying other fish buyers haven't gone a few cents one way or another, but by having the government own FFMC, we've got the ear of the government, we got a powerful representative for our industry. This is something very important that we could be losing in Manitoba," he said. "It's always the little fishermen that will be kicked in the shins. They're going to have to run from place [fish buyer] to place because they think they'll be getting so much more money. But I've lived through those times before the marketing board and I see that we're now going around in a circle again, right back to that time when it was so hard for fishermen to make a living."

Depending on how the sale of FFMC unfolds and how the company will operate in the future, Kristjanson said consumers could feel a pinch at the cash register when they buy Manitoba-caught fish.

"If we lose the marketing board and we lose our only fish-processing plant in Manitoba (in Winnipeg), we could possibly see our fish being sent to Ontario for processing then shipped back to Manitoba to sell in the supermarkets. People will see a price difference then."

In order to get an estimate of how reliant commercial fishers are on FFMC, the *Express* asked the provincial department of fisheries — which keeps statistics on the fishing industry — for a breakdown of how much Manitoba-caught fish (in pounds or kilograms) goes to institutional buyers (e.g., FFMC, which is a licensed fish dealer) and how much goes to private fish-buying companies. The paper asked for numbers from the commercial 2023 fall and winter season and the spring 2024 season.

The department didn't provide that information.

A spokesperson for the department said: "Total commercial net fishing production in Manitoba was 10.5 million kilograms in 2022-23 and 10.1 million kilograms in 2023-24. Approximately 95 per cent of Manitoba's commercial fish is purchased by licensed fish dealers, and approximately five per cent is sold locally through private sales."

The *Express* reached out to the federal government for an update in mid-September on the sale of FFMC.

DFO's media relations spokesperson Craig Macartney said that the expressions of interest (EOI) part of the process opened on Feb. 19 and closed April 5, but parties that did not participate in the EOI can still submit their interest to DFO.

Submitting an EOI does not require any interested party to subsequently submit a bid.

DFO cannot release to the public the names of parties that have already submitted an EOI.

"DFO received 11 expressions of interest through the solicitation. Parties who submitted an expression of interest were asked for consent to share their names with others who participated in the solicitation of interest process, with the intent to facilitate potential future partnerships," said Macartney. "Consent was not provided to share their names with the public."

The government has yet to issue a call for proposals (bids). When it does, a deadline to submit that information will be provided.

Interested parties who did not participate in the expressions of interest can still do so by contacting the department by email: [DFO.freshwater-eaudouce.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:DFO.freshwater-eaudouce.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

# Selkirk RCMP arrest male for personating a police officer

By Lana Meier

Selkirk RCMP received a report that a female driver was stopped on Highway 9 in Petersfield by a male identifying himself as an off-duty RCMP officer on Sept. 30 at approximately 9:05 p.m.

He was driving a pickup truck with emergency lights when he pulled the female over. He accused the female of speeding but soon left the scene when asked to present identifying information.

Officers did patrols to attempt to locate the described vehicle, but the vehicle was not located.

The next morning, Oct. 1 at approximately 11:35 p.m., Selkirk RCMP received another report of the same type of incident occurring the previous evening on Highway 9 near Clandeboye at approximately 8 p.m. The male personating an RCMP officer advised the female driver she had been speeding and using her bright lights. Again, when asked for identification, the male left the scene.

Investigators were able to determine an address for the suspect and attended to that residence on Highway 9 in the RM of St. Andrews at 1:10 p.m. on Oct. 1. After speaking with the suspect, a search warrant was prepared. It was executed by Selkirk RCMP, the RCMP Emergency Response Team and the RCMP East District Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team on Oct. 3.

A 32-year-old male was arrested for personating a peace officer, and numerous items were seized from his residence, including lighting equipment for a vehicle, pepper spray, portable radios and firearms. He was released on an undertaking with a court date.

“While this is a rare occurrence, we take this type of incident very seriously,” said Selkirk RCMP detachment commander inspector Chris Lambert. “Thanks to the victims reporting the incidents, we had the information we needed and were able to identify the suspect quickly and arrest him shortly thereafter.”



## Notice of Public Hearing

### To Review Maximum Allowable Charges And Fees For Payday Loans and The Government Cheque Cashing Fee Tariff

PURSUANT to subsection 164.1(1) of The Consumer Protection Act (Act) (C.C.S.M. c. C200) (the Act), the minister of finance may, at any time, seek the advice and recommendations of the board with respect to any matter relating to the regulation of payday lenders or payday loans.

In accordance with the request of the minister, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing to review charges and fees for payday loans and consider the impacts of possibly reducing the maximum allowable rate from \$17 per \$100 borrowed to \$14 per \$100 borrowed. On Dec. 23, 2023, the federal government released draft regulations to cap the maximum cost of borrowing for payday loans at 14 per cent of the loan value. The Board will also consider the impacts of reducing the proportion of a borrower's net pay, which is used to determine the maximum loan amount, from 30 per cent to 25 per cent.

In addition to the review of payday loans, the Board will review and make recommendations to the minister regarding the maximum fee any person may charge in Manitoba to cash a government-issued cheque. The current maximum fee is \$3 plus two per cent of the face value of the cheque.

These considerations, and other related matters, will be included in the Board's recommendations report to the minister.

#### HEARING DATES AND LOCATION:

A public hearing will be held on the following days:

**Date:** Fri., Dec. 6, 2024,  
Mon., Dec. 9, 2024, and  
Dec. 11, 12 and 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Board's Hearing Room – 4th floor,  
330 Portage Ave. Winnipeg

#### PARTICIPATION AND SCOPE OF HEARING:

##### Public Participation as an Intervener

The public may participate in this review as Interveners. Interveners provide evidence to the board and are subject to cross-examination. Those seeking Intervener status should file their applications with the board by October 15, 2024. Intervener application forms are available on the board's website [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

Interveners must identify their reasons for intervention and be prepared to cooperate with other interveners to avoid duplication of information.

The board may determine whether an intervener is entitled to costs for participating in the hearing and may set the amount of those costs. Criteria defining the award of costs are described in the board's Rules of Practice and Procedures, which are also available on the website.

##### Public Participation as a Presenter

The public is welcome to provide written submissions to the board. Written submissions should be received by Nov. 1, 2024.

Members of the public may also present their views orally to the board during the hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the PUB should contact the board secretary by Oct. 15, 2024

Persons wishing to address the hearing in French are required to notify the board secretary on or before Oct. 15, 2024.

##### Scope of Review

Interveners may also wish to make written submissions regarding the scope of the review and to address any specific issues, beyond the mandatory review requirements that they seek to have the board consider.

##### Filing of Information

All material filed by approved Interveners, as well as public presentations, will be provided on the board's website.

##### Procedure

The board's Rules of Practice and Procedure will apply to the conduct of these hearings. All Interveners must familiarize themselves with the board's requirements. This document is available on the board's website or upon request to the board secretary at 400 – 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4, or by calling 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, or via email at [publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca).

The Manitoba Ombudsman has issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions regarding the application being considered will adhere to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary. However, the board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that, as a result, personal information protections are reduced. The proceedings before the board are transcribed and the transcript is posted on the board's website. Names of presenters and their written or oral presentations are included in the publicly available transcripts.

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# WCF celebrates community generosity, scholarship recipients

By Patricia Barrett

The Westshore Community Foundation recognized community donors and student scholarship recipients last Friday evening with a celebratory evening in their honour.

The foundation awards scholarships each year to students entering or already enrolled in post-secondary studies, as well as to mature students, and highlights the donors who support projects undertaken by the communities in Westshore's catchment area.

Scholarship committee chair Darlene Devlin said Westshore awarded 26 scholarships worth \$40,310 to students this year, plus another \$5,400 yet to be awarded, and had new scholarships set up by donors wanting to support the educational endeavours of area youth.

"This year we had new scholarships set up by three families and their generosity gave us an extra six awards for students. There were additional scholarships for high school students and a scholarship for a mature student," said Devlin. "It was a really good year with these families setting up scholarships, which are well needed by the



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROMANNA KLYMKIIV

Westshore awarded scholarships to a total of 26 students in 2024 to help support their educational endeavours. Shown are 20 students (in no particular order) who attended Westshore's recognition evening last Friday: Mitchell Baker, Sofiya Balaban, Ryan Crave, Keira Erlendson, Alyssa Gard, Ian Gray, May Lin Howelko, Indiana Humniski, Heather Iriks, Keenan Karish, Evan LaRocque, Blake Magnusson, Zack Meadows, Brady Michaluk, Maggie Michaluk, Karis Park, Leif Robak, Kennedy Toderan, Nathan Vigfusson and Autumn Witt.

kids. One was specific to students going into trades and technology rather than the post-secondary studies at university."

Westshore Community Foundation is a premier philanthropic organization that was incorporated in 1998. It supports the ongoing needs of communities in its catchment area of Riverton, Gimli, Fraserwood, Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar. It also supports students from the Evergreen School Division in furthering their goals of obtaining post-secondary education, as well as mature students. The foundation has accumulated assets in excess of \$5 million.

Student recipients attending the evening were as follows: Mitchell Baker, Sofiya Balaban, Ryan

Crave, Keira Erlendson, Alyssa Gard, Ian Gray, May Lin Howelko, Indiana Humniski, Heather Iriks, Keenan Karish, Evan LaRocque, Blake Magnusson, Zack Meadows, Brady Michaluk, Maggie Michaluk, Karis Park, Leif Robak, Kennedy Toderan, Nathan Vigfusson and Autumn Witt.

Student recipients who couldn't attend are as follows: Brady Barkman, Sawyer Cherniak, Caelan Cormack, Parker Johnson, Ryan Litwin and Ben Thompson.

Westshore also provided funding of \$73,588 for 25 community projects in its catchment area in 2024.

"We've had such great community support

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and partnerships," said Devlin. "We announced all the grants last night and showed some of the completed projects to thank the donors and celebrate all the people who are doing the work on these projects."

The evening included Westshore's president David Douglas paying tribute to the foundation's former president, Tim Arnason, and to Al Palmer, the first person to set up an endowment fund with the foundation.

"David recognized Tim Arnason's 10 years of service on the board during which the foundation really grew and expanded and built some really great partnerships," said Devlin. "And David also recognized Al Palmer, who attended the evening, as the first person to set up an endowment fund called the Verna Palmer Memorial Endowment Fund. That was 20 years ago this month."

Westshore board member Romanna Klymkiw thanked the donors for supporting the community and the its children.

"We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our donors, whose generosity makes all of what we do possible," said Klymkiw.

The 25 community recipients of 2024 are as follows:

Betel Heritage Foundation, Gimli

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Riverton Memorial Arena, arena upgrades, \$7,050

Djorfung Ladies Aid, pergola, \$5,000

Madeline's Closet, protecting our women and children, \$5,000

Camp Massad of Manitoba, outdoor shade structure for community use, \$4,000

Camp Veselka (Ukrainian Orthodox Summer Camp), roof shingle replacement, \$4,000

Our Lady of the Lake Church and Hall, facility improvement, \$3,500

Riverton Cemetery, purchase of urn vault (columbarium), \$3,500

Gimli Red River Métis, entertainment for 2nd Annual Gimli Red River Métis Day, \$3,100

Winnipeg Beach Arena, ice plant updates, \$3,000

Riverton Daycare, kitchen renovation, \$3,000

Gimli Children's Centre, outdoor safety enhancement for play space, \$2,500

Icelandic River Heritage Sites, Engmyri House repairs and accessibility, \$2,500

Gimli Lutheran Church, solar electrical system conversion, \$2,400

Gimli International Film Festival, beach screen replacement, \$2,400



Westshore's board of directors, from left: Tristen Tergeson, Teri Nicholson, Donna Roed, Doug Anderson, Eric Stefanson, Trevor Stevens, Darlene Devlin, Romanna Klymkiw, Don Matthewson and David Douglas. Missing Randy Baldwin and Patti McIntyre.

Riverton & District Friendship Centre, new tool shed purchase and installation, \$2,000

Aspen Park Condo Corporation, floor curling rock replacement, \$1,650

Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society Inc., 2025 INLNA Convention hosted by GICS, \$1,600

Gimli International Film Festival, Environmental Day project, \$1,588

Rotary Towers Residents' Association, purchase of chairs, \$1,100

Matlock Recreation Club, renewal of front deck, stairs and railings, \$1,000

Icelandic Festival of Manitoba, computer purchase for staffing support expansion, \$1,000

Bifrost Riverton Seniors Resource Council, AED replacement, \$1,000

Betel Home Foundation, orientation boards, \$900

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# Manitoba Beef Producers looking for producer input on major topics

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) is asking for producer input on a major topic this fall: livestock inspection.

As the organization's fall district meetings begin this October, MBP hopes many producers will attend to give their input on livestock inspection. Manitoba is the only province in Canada without livestock inspections.

Livestock inspection is the process that ensures proof of ownership. At drop-off sites like auction marts, an inspector reviews paperwork or visual aspects like brands or ID tags to confirm that the animal being dropped off is legitimate and not stolen or under improper ownership.

MBP general manager Carson Callum said the province has seen a few major fraud cases with livestock in recent years, making the topic of livestock inspection hotter than ever. He said MBP has been getting recommendations from the sector to investigate its viability more.

So they're looking to their beef producers for their input.

"With the price of animals increasing, we just really want to get feedback from our producers on do we



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Manitoba Beef Producers are looking for input from livestock producers regarding inspections.

want this like our western neighbours?" said Callum. "We'd just really like to hear from producers on issues and opportunities they've seen. It's great to get an update from them too."

The district meetings will also give producers an update on business risk management programs. This year, they will largely focus on predation

management issues and discuss federal Bill C-282, which MBP opposes.

Bill C-282 takes supply management off the table in any future negotiations. Supply management is "the act of identifying, acquiring, and managing the resources and suppliers that are essential to the operations of an organization." Canada's current supply management system sets produc-

tion quotas to balance supply and demand. It also controls imports and reflects production costs, supporting and protecting Canadian producers.

This year's district meetings are in the odd-numbered districts. Each meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. and is in-person:

- Oct. 21: District 13 at the Grandview Legion
- Oct. 22: District 7 at the Minnota Community Centre
- Oct. 28: District 3 at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall
- Oct. 29: District 5 at the Austin Community Hall
- Oct. 30: District 1 at the Mountview Centre in Deloraine
- Nov. 4: District 11 at the Ashern Legion
- Nov. 5: District 9 at the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society in Stonewall

There is also a virtual meeting for all districts at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

All in-person meetings have a beef-on-a-bun meal provided for attendees. Meetings are free to attend, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Producers can register at <https://mbbeef.ca/events/district-meetings-manitoba-beef-producers/>.

## Members needed for National Advisory Council for Canada's Volunteer Awards

By Jennifer McFee

The federal government is recruiting members to join the National Advisory Council for Canada's Volunteer Awards.

Canada's Volunteer Awards honour the outstanding achievements of volunteers across the country while also

highlighting the significant impact of volunteerism in Canada. The awards recognize volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises and businesses through five award categories for a total of 21 awards.

The National Advisory Committee is made up of 15 members who serve

a three-year term with the possibility of extension by one-year increments for a maximum term of six years. The committee plays a key role in selecting award recipients and promoting volunteerism.

Members are external to government, represent diverse communities and have knowledge of the voluntary, not-for-profit and social enterprise sectors. Ideal candidates have experience volunteering or working with an organization that supports community development and understand the value of volunteerism.

They advise and assist the minister of Families, Children and Social Development on the selection of Canada's Volunteer Award recipients.

Balmoral resident Brenda Martinussen is a member of the National Advisory Council. Through her role, she is responsible for reviewing and scoring the screened submissions for the Canada's Volunteer Awards.

"I review all the awards for the Prairie region as well as the Thérèse Casgrain Lifetime Achievement award, which is national. Each year, I have also volunteered to review awards in other regions when they are low in NAC members in that area," she said.

"This year, I am the co-chair of the

National Advisory Council as well. I am the only representative from Manitoba on the National Advisory Council at this time."

Martinussen encourages others to get involved, and she can see the benefits of her own involvement.

"I get inspired when I read of all of the great work that people are doing across our country. Across the country, Canadians volunteer around 2.5 billion hours each year. That is valued at approximately \$55 billion," she said.

"Our society could not function as it does without volunteers. I get to play a small part in recognizing some of these great people. With my fellow National Advisory Council members, I also get to engage with a wonderful group of people from across the country."

The deadline to apply for Canada's Volunteer Awards' National Advisory Committee is Oct. 23. Anyone aged 18 and older can apply. For more information or to submit an application, visit <https://cva-pbc.service.canada.ca>. You can also request a form in an alternate format by emailing [info-cva-pbc-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:info-cva-pbc-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca).

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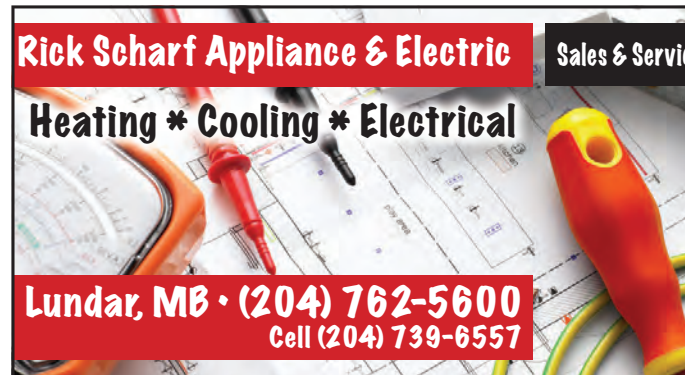
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12 gauge shotguns are the largest gun allowed. There is no limit to the number of shells. Each team is to supply their own shells, decoys, and calls. Hunting areas will be drawn from preselected fields rented from farmers.

A hunter will not be eligible to hunt in the All Canada Goose Shoot 2 years in a row. Hunters and their geese must report to weigh in station no later than 2pm on Saturday October 7, 2023. Every team member along with their checkers must report to the weigh in station regardless of the number of geese. All geese are to be left at the weigh in station until all teams have reported in. The above rules are to be read in conjunction with the rules for checkers and teams at the time of registration. Any team who is not drawn and decides to stay in for the following year, is only allowed to do so once. We will not be holding teams for more than one year going forward.

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# Province launches virtual access to substance use treatment via RAAM clinics

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government expanded access to addictions treatment through a digital program called Digital Front Door.

People with cellphones or computers can now connect with Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine (RAAM) clinics without an appointment to receive treatment or follow-up substance use care.

Bernadette Smith, housing, addictions and homelessness minister and minister responsible for mental health, announced the service last week.

"Manitobans struggling with addictions need access to timely supports from trained professionals who can help," said Smith in an Oct. 2 news release. "The new Digital Front Door platform is an innovative approach to increasing access to RAAM clinics that offers another option for those who may face barriers to attending in person for any reason."

RAAM clinics provide help to people with substance use disorders and who want to try medical treatments to reduce or stop their use. People can attend the clinic on a walk-in basis without having to make an appointment. Winnipeg has three RAAM clinics and Selkirk, Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Thompson each have one clinic. RAAM clinics also treat substance-related health issues such as hepatitis, pancreatitis or infections. Harm reduction supplies such as Naloxone are available at all clinics.

"The Manitoba government provided more than \$450,000 to support the development of the Digital Front Door health services platform, which

enables existing RAAM clinics to offer virtual drop-in clinics led by nurses," states the news release. "Using the platform, individuals can virtually walk in to RAAM clinics without an appointment using any device including smartphones, tablets or computers."

Dr. Erin Knight, the medical lead for RAAM from provincial Shared Health, said offering virtual care reduces barriers people may face in accessing addiction services.

"By introducing the Digital Front Door, we are further reducing barriers to care that people may experience in accessing addiction services, including physical distance from clinics, and providing more options for making the initial contact with RAAM," said Knight in the news release. "While there may still be a need for an in-person assessment, many aspects of RAAM services including history, overview of treatment options, harm reduction education and connection to counseling are well suited to virtual care."

As a retired nurse with years of experience treating clients with substance use disorders and who helped set up and run a substance use disorder clinic at the Percy E. Moore Hospital in Hodgson, Darcy Truthwaite said expanding access to addictions services through virtual service could potentially help more people.

"Anything is better than nothing. I think this virtual initiative will be a bonus. Whatever services the province can offer will improve on what we have at present," said Truthwaite, who is raising awareness of the opioid crisis in the Interlake through



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A brick of cocaine seized by the RCMP.

educational presentations in various communities.

Truthwaite said not everyone with a substance use disorder has access to or can afford a phone or a computer with internet, so the digital service may not be viable for that subset of people wanting treatment.

A spokesperson for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority said Selkirk's RAAM clinic opened in November 2018 offering opiate agonist treatment (OAT) service one day a week on a walk-in basis. And

in 2022, Manitoba Health provided additional funding for more staff in order to expand the clinic's hours to five days a week. The virtual service went live in February with a new intake in April.

"This increased funding aligned Selkirk's RAAM clinic with provincial goals of providing addictions/mental health treatment and support systems that are accessible, competent, safe and non-stigmatizing," said the spokesperson. "The provincial initiative Digital Front Door went live at the Selkirk RAAM clinic on Feb. 1, 2024, for follow-up appointments, and opened for intake/new clients on April 1, 2024."

The virtual service removes "barrier to access" for clients who can't attend onsite appointments for reasons that include lack of access to transportation, child care demands and work schedules. Some clients also prefer to attend from home, she added.

Use of the virtual service will be monitored to assess demand and successes.

"As with all programs, particularly new funding and program increases, usage is monitored, reported and evaluated to determine if expected outcomes and deliverables are being met," said the spokesperson.

Visit <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/services/mental-health/raam-clinic/> for more information on RAAM clinics, including the digital services.



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# Gimli RCMP respond to vehicle on fire, find two impaired drivers

By Lana Meier

Gimli RCMP received a report of a vehicle that had rolled on its side in the ditch and was on fire on Highway 222 near Road 127 North in the RM of Bifrost on Oct. 1. It was unclear whether anyone was still inside the vehicle.

Officers attended immediately and located a burning pickup truck in the ditch on the east side of the road. The truck was engulfed and firefighters were battling the fire. A female had arrived at the scene in a car. She approached the truck screaming a name, believing that individual to be inside the vehicle.

After confirming that the vehicle was empty, it was discovered that a man had been seen walking away from the scene and was about a half kilometre north of the truck location. An ambulance and an

officer went to attend to the individual. The male would not permit anyone to look at his injuries and was found to be impaired.

Officers arrested the 30-year-old male from the area for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of a collision. The male actively resisted arrested and was then charged for that offence.

At this point, the female from the original scene drove up to where officers had the male in custody. She was believed to be impaired as well. When a test was administered, she registered a warning level of blood alcohol content. Officers drove her home.

Officers continue to investigate to determine the cause of the vehicle fire, since it is not believed to be caused by a collision.



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Gimli RCMP were called out to a burning pickup truck on Oct. 1 and found two impaired drivers.

# Fisher River Cree Nation acquires peat harvest licence

Efforts underway to extinguish licence to protect areas for nature and culture

By Lana Meier

Fisher River Cree Nation (FRCN) announced a significant milestone in their conservation efforts with the acquisition of a peat harvest licence from Sun Gro Horticulture.

This achievement marks a crucial step towards sustainable resource use and environmental stewardship within Manitoba's southeastern inter-lake region.

The aim of acquiring the harvesting licence is to secure the six regions, totalling 2,222 hectares, as protected areas for good. FRCN is eager to collaborate with nearby Indigenous Nations and other groups in identifying the most appropriate forms of safeguarding these areas.

FRCN Chief David Crate expressed satisfaction in attaining the peat harvest licence, a vital measure to aid local culture and recreation, combat climate change, support wildlife populations and revive the health of Lake Winnipeg. He conveyed certainty that this endeavour will establish a model for safeguarding peatlands for the benefit of current and future generations of local residents and all Manitobans.

With support from the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Manitoba Chapter (CPAWS-MB), the peat harvest licence highlights FRCN's dedication to balancing economic

growth and conservation efforts. Preserving peatlands is crucial in reaching worldwide climate objectives and safeguarding biodiversity.

In July of this year the federal government announced over \$11 million for major greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects funded through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. FRCN applied to the program and was a recipient of funding to stop the conversion of land through peat harvesting.

"We are excited to put this funding to work and to demonstrate how Indigenous-led conservation efforts can create a more sustainable and equitable future for all," said Crate.

CPAWS-MB is a key partner of FRCN's efforts to secure the harvest licence along with broader conservation efforts in the region.

Ron Thiessen, executive director of CPAWS-MB, offered congratulations to Fisher River Cree Nation for their remarkable accomplishment. This successful collaboration serves as a prime example of the impact that community-driven conservation efforts can have and serves as an admirable model for other communities working towards preserving ample natural spaces for the flourishing of both nature and culture.

Peatlands hold great value as moose habitat, for traditional medicine harvesting and for many cultural uses and regional land-based activities.

Peatlands, also referred to as peat bogs or muskeg, are essential in both carbon storage and biodiversity con-

servation due to their distinct features and ecological roles. In their healthy state, they aid in climate change mitigation by sequestering carbon and averting the emission of CO2 into the atmosphere that would result from drainage or disturbance.

Preserving the peatlands surrounding Lake Winnipeg is crucial, as they serve as natural filters for excess nutrients and also play a role in controlling the water flow into the lake. Disrupting these peatlands would result in losing their ability to fulfill these functions, ultimately hindering efforts aimed at rehabilitating Lake

Winnipeg.

The acquisition of the peat harvest licence is part of the FRCN Conservation Areas Initiative, a comprehensive approach to safeguarding natural habitats, cultural and regional lifestyles, wildlife and sustainable economic uses.

"We encourage peat harvesting companies to connect with Indigenous Nations and others to discuss opportunities for extinguishing peat harvesting licences," added Crate.

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# Gimli honours National Truth and Reconciliation Day

By Haley Cvar

Sept. 30, a significant day across Canada, marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The RM of Gimli hosted a gathering at Pavilion Park attended by over 300 individuals, highlighting the importance of this occasion for Truth and Reconciliation.

The event's opening began with a prayer led by Gimli Red River Métis Local chairperson Susan Champagne Shapiro. Gimli Red River Métis vice-chair Gloria Thomas then delivered a land acknowledgment, setting the tone for the day.

Under the direction of Kelly Pruden, the Red Shadow Singers and Winnipeg Beach Children's Drum Group performed traditional Indigenous pieces to a packed audience. Talented 10-year-old fiddle player Dean Riley also had the crowd enthusiastically joining in on the music.

RM of Gimli Mayor Kevin Chudd and several council members, including Thora Palson, Andy Damm and Deputy Mayor Kurt Reichert, gave a heartfelt speech addressing the need for reconciliation and unity.

Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan and former minister of Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Eric Robinson also attended.

Robinson bravely shared his insights into his time in residential schools, which started at the age of five. He was joined by Thomas, who discussed the history of

residential schools and the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation.

"The Riverton Rifle" Reggie Leach and his wife Dawn Madahbee-Leach were present. John Ramsay's great-granddaughter Ruth Christie, whom Mayor Chudd accompanied to the gathering from Selkirk, was a special guest.

The Kinew Métis Jiggers dazzled the audience with their extraordinary footwork, while Jason Lepine and the Métis Spirit Band, joined by special guest Lionel Dejarlais, sang for a room full of music-loving Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals.

The event's success was a testament to the community's unity and strength, a result of the tireless efforts of Allan Sulyma, head of tourism for the RM of Gimli, The Gimli Red River Métis Local and the many volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time and energy to make the day possible.

Special thanks to the Riverton and District Friendship Centre for their outstanding food service accompanied by friendly smiles.



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# Ashern Central School students run for Terry Fox

By E Antonio

Ashern Central Grade 9 students collaborated, planned and led the annual Terry Fox fundraiser on Sept. 25. This year, the school raised \$1,280 in donations for the Terry Fox Foundation, setting a new fundraising record.

Ashern Central's Bostyn Winter and Logan Rawluk organized the run this year with help from their teacher, Lindsay Clow.

The Grade 9 class organized a barbecue fundraiser for Terry Fox and advertised the sale to other students earlier in the day.

"We went around to all the period two classes and told them that we were doing a barbecue and (Terry Fox) run," said Winter and Rawluk. "We also made sure to invite the community and make sure that they could come and get lunch from us."

The students grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and sold them with a side of chips. The Grade 9 class also hosted a bake sale to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, satisfying the sweet tooth of staff, students and community members.

Before the barbecue, the school hosted its Terry Fox Run, where community members and students from other schools participated.

Students from Ashern Early Years School also pre-ordered several barbecue lunches. The Grade 9 students prepared the hot meals for the younger students, and the meals were delivered in time for lunch.

Although Winter and Rawluk were first-time event planners, they noted that they enjoyed planning it.

"It felt cool to run Terry Fox this year because we have watched the Grade 9s run it each year."

While the Grade 9 students were in charge for the day, many other Ashern Central staff and students helped with the event.

These extra volunteers included the many Grade 12s who gave out water at water stations along their Terry Fox Run course and the Grade 12s who delivered barbecued lunches to the Ashern Early Years School.

"We were also very fortunate to receive donations from the Ashern Hospital Guild (three dozen hot dogs and buns), the Ashern Hornets/Hornets Adult Recreational Hockey Team (75 bags of chips) and a discount on all our buns from the Ashern Co-op," said Clow.

Clow facilitated planning meetings and ensured the student's plans were headed in the right direction.



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Ashern Central School hosted a community-wide Terry Fox Run on Sept. 25. Grade 9 students worked together to plan the event. The students worked together host a barbecue, bake sale and a run for Terry Fox.



Students grilled up fresh hot dogs and hamburgers for students, staff and other members in the Ashern community. Pictured left to right: Michael Bear-Perreault, Mrs. Allen, Izabella Watts, Decklen Meisner, Gerard Gunther and Bentlyn Malcolm.



Grade 12 students set up water stations along their running route. Pictured: Jasmine Mcrae, Riley Oswald and Breanna Taylor.



Gina Briscoe, Nevaeh Gould, Raket Sigfusson and Lily DeFoort were selling drinks.



The Grade 9 Students hosted a bake sale to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. Pictured is Karah Lindell.

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## Thunder Report: Fourth quarter surge leads varsity to victory

By Kieran Reimer

The Cruncher Thunder season ended after an 18-6 loss to the Fort Garry Lions Gold in their regular season finale on Sunday.

The Lions took an early 12-0 lead after connecting for touchdowns on their opening two drives. The Thunder responded with an offensive march of their own but failed to connect for a touchdown, trailing 18-0 at the half.

The second half was a much different story, as the Thunder were able to shut the Lion's offence down.

After the Thunder's 65-yard rushing touchdown was called back, they quickly responded with another touchdown that counted, but that was as close as they would get, as they fell 18-6 in the final.

"The boys showed a ton of grit and held in there until the end," said head coach Kyle Kauk.

The Thunder finish the season 1-6 and will not move on to the Manitoba Minor Football Association playoffs. Their lone win came two weeks ago and was the team's first win in two years.

### VARSITY

The Varsity Thunder got back in the win column this week and in a much closer game than head coach Christoff Hasselfield had hoped for.

Playing the Falcons Football Club on Sunday, the Thunder struggled to replicate the offensive output they had the last time they played the Falcons three weeks ago.

The Thunder's offensive surge came in the fourth quarter when they took over the game to win 16-8.

Though they move to 2-1, Hasselfield said they will be reviewing their game film this week to prepare for an undefeated St. Vital Mustangs club up next.

"The defence played great and kept us in the game," said Hasselfield. "Quinton Favel was a standout in his first game at middle linebacker. We have film review tonight we'll use this experience to learn and grow as a team."

The Thunder will practice twice this week before Sunday when they take on the St. Vital Mustangs (3-0) at 2 p.m. at Stonewall Collegiate Field.

They enter the game second in the



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Thunder's Quinton Favel had a fantastic game against the Falcons in his team's 16-8 win last Sunday.

Rural Manitoba Football League's Urban Division with a chance to move into a share of first place.

## Falcons lead CRJHL after win over Satelites

By Kieran Reimer

After the weekend, the Lundar Falcons stand alone on top of the Capital Region Junior Hockey League standings.

On Sunday night, the Falcons defeated the North Winnipeg Satelites 3-1 at Lundar Arena to continue their three-game win streak to open the season.

Daniel Masters opened the scoring on the power play in the second period to put the Falcons ahead.

Later in the second, the Falcons' power play got a bit sloppy as they gave up a shorthanded goal to Satelites' Evan Dmytrow, who nodded things up.

After a late second-period onslaught of shots by the Falcons, the game remained tied at one heading into the final frame.

Early in the third, the Falcons finally got another one past Scott Mailloux off the stick of Riley Zdan.

Dylan Vitelli provided some insurance midway through the period, and the rest was smooth sailing as the Falcons went on to win 3-1.

Their 3-0 record puts them three points ahead of the Beausejour Comets for first in the CRJHL.

They play again next Sunday against the La Broquerie Habs at 3 p.m. from the Hylife Centre.

## Barylski's hat trick leads Ice Dawgs to win

By Kieran Reimer

The Arborg Ice Dawgs went 1-1 in Week 2 of the Capital Region Junior Hockey League's (CRJHL) regular season.

The Ice Dawgs got the help of a Tyson Barylski hat trick to lead them to a 6-4 win last Tuesday at Billy Mosienko Arena against the North Winnipeg Satelites.

In net, rookie goaltender Nathan Meisner stopped 54 of 58 shots to collect his first CRJHL win and the Ice Dawgs' first win of the season.

Then, on Friday night, the Ice Dawgs played their home opener against the reigning champion St. Malo Warriors.

Harris Dankochik got the Ice

Dawgs on the board early, but four unanswered goals by the Warriors put them behind 4-1 after the first period.

Dankochik cut the lead early in the second period, but the Warriors added another six goals over the final 40 minutes, and the Warriors handed the Ice Dawgs a 10-2 loss.

The Ice Dawgs now sit sixth in the CRJHL with a 1-2 record.

Upcoming games:

Friday, Oct. 11 vs Selkirk Fishermen at 7:30 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex

Saturday, Oct. 12 vs Beausejour Comets at 7:30 p.m. at the Arborg & District Arena

# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Productive weekend puts Lightning a point back of first place

By Kieran Reimer

It was a successful end to the week for the U18 AAA Interlake Lightning.

After losing 4-3 to the Eastman Selects on Wednesday, the Lightning responded by going 2-0-1 in their next three games.

Interlake started by splitting a pair with the Pembina Valley Hawks, losing 5-4 in overtime on Thursday and winning 4-3 on Saturday.

Then, on Sunday, the Lightning picked up their second straight win, defeating the Southwest Cougars 4-1.

In the loss to the Selects, a late collapse led to the Lightning's defeat.

Selects' Calyb Moore and Jimmy Wilcox scored in the game's final six minutes to erase the Lightning's one-goal lead and steal a victory.

The overtime loss to the Hawks was another late blunder as Hawks' Gavin Rondeau scored in the final minute to tie the game at four before Cole Secord ended it in overtime for the Hawks.

In Saturday's rematch, the Lightning and Hawks were tied again late in the third period.

This time, it was the Lightning's turn to hand the Hawks a devastating defeat. Lucas Spencer scored with a minute left to give the Lightning the win.

Mathias Sibilleau, Cole Swanson, Will Van Norman and Tytan Johnson all scored in Sunday's win over the Cougars, while Dylan McFayden stopped 31 of 32 shots.

The Lightning now sit third in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League with a 3-1-1 record, only a point back of the Brandon Wheat Kings and Parkland Rangers, who are in first place.

Interlake plays twice next week: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against the Central Plains Capitals at Stride Place in Portage la Prairie and Sunday at 2 p.m. against the Parkland Rangers at Teulon-Rockwood Arena.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

The Interlake Lightning went 2-1-1 in Week 2 of the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League season splitting two games with the Pembina Valley Hawks. The Lightning now sit third in the league with a 3-1-1 record. Lightning players, left to right: Talon Hogg, Kyler Zulyniak, Ben Chapman and Mason Bernier battle the Hawks.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Lightning's Mathias Sibilleau opened the scoring in Interlake's 4-1 win over the Southwest Cougars last Sunday.

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# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Crab and Shrimp Sushi Burrito

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/2 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
- 4 sushi nori sheets
- 1/2 carrot, ribboned, divided
- 1/2 cucumber, ribboned, divided
- 6 crab sticks, shredded, divided
- 6 large shrimp, cooked, deveined, tails removed and butterflied, divided

Rinse rice bag under cold water to remove starch. Prepare rice according to package directions.

In small saucepan over medium-low heat, heat rice vinegar, sugar and salt

until sugar and salt have dissolved, about 1 minute. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, Sriracha sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.

Transfer cooked rice onto large baking sheet. Drizzle half the vinegar mixture over rice, turning until all rice is fully coated. Taste and add more vinegar mixture, if desired. Spread rice into thin layer and cool to room temperature. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top.

Lay down one sushi nori sheet. Spread layer of rice on it. Place half the carrots and cucumbers on rice. Place crab and shrimp on top.

Place another sushi nori sheet just under first one and roll. Repeat with remaining sushi nori sheets, rice, carrots, cucumbers, crab and shrimp. Wrap both burritos in plastic wrap. Let rest 10 minutes.

Slice burritos in half and serve with spicy mayo.



## Thai Red Curry Chicken and Rice Soup

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 6

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 bags Success Basmati Rice
- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 pound chicken breast tenders
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced

In pressure cooker on saute setting over high heat, bring broth and rice bags to boil. Boil, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bags with fork and set aside.

Add coconut milk, curry paste, soy sauce and brown sugar to pressure cooker. Turn off saute setting. Add chicken. Cover and lock to seal. Set to pressure cook setting over high heat about 10 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Carefully, manually or natural-

ly, release pressure according to manufacturer's instructions before removing lid.

Set pressure cooker to saute setting over medium heat. Remove chicken and shred with two forks; add to soup along with lime juice and green onions. Remove rice from bags and stir into soup. Simmer until rice is heated through.



## Bison Barbecue Meatloaf

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 1 pound ground bison
- 1/3 pound hamburger (optional)
- 2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning or barbecue seasoning
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Glaze:

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, mix bison; hamburger, if using; seasoning; egg; and barbecue sauce. Place in loaf pan.

To make glaze, mix barbecue sauce and brown sugar. Spread over meatloaf.

Bake 45 minutes.

# Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,

*I am doing up a new Will and want to change my executor because I want someone in my family instead of a friend. I am on my own and in my 70's now. I have two daughters that live near me. Should I pick one daughter or can I have both. Thanks Gerald.*

Thanks Gerald for your question – you should choose both girls.

By having both daughters as your executors, this will allow them to manage the duties together and if they're your sole beneficiaries, it makes sense to have them together. When you draw up your Will, just make sure that the lawyer uses the wording as "jointly and severally" meaning that one or the other can make a decision about your estate. If it is not done this way, and instead written as "jointly," they will both need to agree, sign or transact on all duties together in person, without exception.

Let's look at the basic duties bestowed on an executor today.

First they will need to arrange your funeral, cremation or burial, so it's always a good idea to pre-plan to make it easier on the executor(s) since the decisions have already been made by you. Once that's done they'll need to get all the ID and credit cards of the deceased and the most recent Will. All credit cards, memberships and services will need to be cancelled. All bank accounts and any safety deposit boxes should be closed, and a new bank account opened specifically for the estate. The bank most likely will want to see the Probated Will in order to do this. If the deceased had private insurance, the executor is to advise the company of the death and arrange payment of any amounts owing under the policies.

Next the executor needs to collect all debts or payments owed to the deceased, and this will include promissory notes, corporate ac-



Christine Ibbotson

counts, or any accounts receivables. If the deceased was a business owner, they will need to obtain a copy of the partnership or shareholders agreement to determine the estate's rights, responsibilities, entitlements and liabilities. All real estate assets and investments will need to be transferred to the ownership of the estate account and it will be up to the executor as to whether the assets should be sold or liquidated.

Every executor must keep impeccable notes and run everything through the new estate bank account. They will also need to advise CPP and OAS and fill out the application for the survivors' benefit for any eligible dependants. Capital gains, losses or any tax obligations will need to be determined in order to file that final tax return with the CRA.

I am pleased that your daughters live near you. There are so many tax implications that arise when your executor(s) is out of province, or even worse, not a permanent resident of Canada.

*Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
Money Lady*

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### BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2025

Public notice is hereby given that the 2025 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale has been delivered to the Municipal Office and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 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 the following matters:

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

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43(1) An application for revision must

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

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale Municipal Office to hear applications.

**The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The Applications must be sent to the address printed below:**

Dated at Moosehorn, Manitoba, this 6th day of September, 2024.

Shelly Schwitek, Secretary  
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The auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction.

In order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Keith A. Senden at either (204) 957-8382 or auctions@fillmoreriley.com

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a 2 storey seasonal cottage approximately 945 square feet, with living room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, on a lot approximately 90 feet x 200 feet. The property is serviced by a well and holding tank, particulars unknown. The property is located at the corner of Lakeshore and Aileen. Take Hwy. 9, which turns into Hwy. 222, for approximately 10.5 miles North of Gimli to Rudy's Road, East on Rudy's Road to Lakeshore Drive, South on Lakeshore Drive to Aileen Avenue.

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# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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M	T	R	A	V	M	G	E	G

Crossword Answer

# CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Unsheared sheep
- Rock TV channel
- Streetcar
- Concerning
- Exclamation
- Greek goddess of youth
- Popular type of device
- Alcoholic beverage
- Ancient Olympic Site
- Sharpshoots
- Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
- Pointed ends of pens
- Measuring instruments
- Midsection body part
- Made a mistake
- Adjusted
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- Yell
- Civil rights city in Alabama
- Young boy
- Type of sea bass
- To call (archaic)
- Unfortunate
- Separate oneself from others
- Hero sandwiches
- Spy group
- Florida is famous for them
- Irritating individuals
- Luck
- Hunting expedition
- WWII diarist Frank
- Peyton's younger brother
- Type of wrap
- Type of overseas tax or levy
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Wake up

### CLUES DOWN

- Works of body art
- Israeli politician Abba
- Renowned desert
- Eat greedily

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- She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
- Beat
- Bloodsucker
- From a place already noted
- Counted on
- Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
- Something one can make
- One who abstains
- Wild ox
- Type of student
- Bacterial infection of the skin
- Expresses surprise
- What engaged couples ultimately say
- Crony

- Where one begins (abbr.)
- Architectural designation
- "Matt Houston" actor
- Horsley
- More (Spanish)
- Autonomic nervous system
- Indigenous peoples
- Deflections
- Circulating life force
- Executes with a rope
- Natives of an island nation
- Girls
- Logician and philosopher
- Nocturnal hoofed animal
- Relaxing spaces
- From a distance
- Form of Persian language
- Amounts of time
- Mathematical designation

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**Hours of work:**

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**Salary:**

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Please submit letter of application, resume and three references to:

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Email: applications@esd.ca

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION  
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI**

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 Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **30th day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **02:00 PM**, at Rural Municipality of Gimli, 62 - 2nd Avenue, Gimli, MB, 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
224474	LOT 11 BLOCK 3 PLAN 20394 WLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS IN FRAC NW 1/4 21-20-4 EPM - 50 LAKE FOREST DR	L -\$33,400	\$9,522.84
233600	LOT 11 BLOCK 2 PLAN 51596 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SW 1/4 33-20-4 EPM - 26 LINDEN LANE	L -\$27,200	\$2,906.01
233601	LOT 12 BLOCK 2 PLAN 51596 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SW 1/4 33-20-4 EPM - 20 LINDEN LANE	L -\$27,200	\$2,906.01
233602	LOT 13 BLOCK 2 PLAN 51596 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SW 1/4 33-20-4 EPM - 12 LINDEN LANE	L -\$27,200	\$2,096.01
259900	SP LOT 2 PLAN 19479 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SE 1/4 17-21-4 EPM - 19160 ARNES RD	L -\$16,700 B -\$135,300	\$26,763.13

**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 Municipality 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 Municipality 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 RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI 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.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Managed by:



Kelly Cosgrove  
Chief Administrative Officer  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI  
Phone: (204) 642-6650  
Fax: (204) 642-6660



**MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Seasonal Part-Time Arena Attendant**

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is recruiting for seasonal part-time Arena Attendants for the Riverton Memorial Arena and Curling Rink.

**Responsibilities**

- Assisting with ice maintenance
- Janitorial duties
- Gate attendance
- May be trained to operate the Zamboni

**Other Information:**

- Part-time hours: approximately 10-20 hours per week until the end of the hockey season
- Evenings and weekends
- Hours may vary to accommodate ice rental schedules
- Some heavy lifting involved up to 50 lbs
- Expected start date: Immediately

Interested candidates are requested to submit a resume (via-fax, email or mail) to the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton as soon as possible. Please indicate "Arena Attendant".

**Due date will be Oct 17th, 2024**

**Only those considered for employment will be contacted.**

**Apply to:**

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton  
Attention Larissa Love, CAO  
Box 70, 329 River Road  
Arborg, MB, R0C 0A0

Email: cao@bifriv.ca  
FAX: 204 376-2742



Rural Municipality of  
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www.Grahamdale.ca

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**Karpaty Drain Request for Proposal**

Contact: Danny Granberg (204) 768-0076 or the RM Office (204)768-2858

**Site Visit: Friday, October 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the PR 513/Charlie Moar Rd. Intersection.**

**Scope of Work:**

- 4.5 mile vegetation cleanout to a depth not exceeding 6 inches following the existing drain profile.
  - Culvert installation at Kolomaya Rd. (RM to supply culvert)
  - The ditch must maintain 3:1 or greater side slopes where possible to reduce erosion and increase stability of the drain.
  - Waste material to be placed on backslope of ditch and property levelled.
  - All works shall be constructed and operated in accordance with the terms and conditions as described in the Water Rights License once approved by the Province of Manitoba's Department of Environment and Climate.
  - **Completion Date: November 18, 2024.**
- Contractor Agreement:**
- Contractor to supply all required equipment, tools, material and labour to perform the work.
  - Contractor must not assign or subcontract any or all the work without RM of Grahamdale consent.
  - Bidder to be Prime Contractor for this Project.
  - Project Bid as a lump sum.

Sealed tender marked "Karpaty Drain RFP" must be delivered in person to the RM of Grahamdale Office, 23 Government Rd., by **12:00 NOON on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION  
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES  
VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR**

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 Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **28th day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **9:00 AM**, at Village of Dunnottar, 44 Whytewold Road, Matlock, 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
121200	FIRSTLY: N 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLOCK 'B' PLAN 791 WLTO EXC OUT OF SAID FIRSTLY SLY 10 FEET IN E 1/2 22-17-4 EPM SECONDLY: NLY 90 FEET OF E 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLOCK 'B' PLAN 791 IN SAID E 1/2 22-17-4 EPM - 272 GIMLI RD	L - \$30,900 B - \$89,500	\$7,738.71

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 Municipality 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 Municipality 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 Village of Dunnottar as follows:
  - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - 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
  - 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.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Managed by:



Sarah Palson  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Dunnottar  
Phone: (204) 389-4962  
Fax: (204) 389-4966



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION  
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE**

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 Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **7th day of November, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Rural Municipality of Grahamdale, 23 Government Road, Moosehorn, MB, 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
173600	LOT 14 PLAN 5008 WLTO IN SE 1/4 31-26-7 WPM - 14-5008, 18 FIRST AVE., MOOSEHORN	L - \$1,700	\$3,370.34
430400	ALL THAT PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 16-32-9 WPM CONTAINED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LIMITS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE SAID QUARTER SECTION DISTANT WLY THEREON 450 FEET FROM THE EASTERN LIMIT OF THE SAID QUARTER SECTION THENCE NLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EASTERN LIMIT 525 FEET THENCE ELY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT TO THE SAID EASTERN LIMIT THENCE SLY ALONG SAID EASTERN LIMIT TO THE SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT THENCE WLY THEREON IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT EXC PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 9771 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - 51095 ROAD 188 N	L - \$7,200 B - \$22,100	\$3,937.40

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 Municipality 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 Municipality 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 RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE as follows:
  - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - 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
  - 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.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Managed by:



Shelly Schwitek  
Chief Administrative Officer  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Vac Truck Operator

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*Benefits are offered after 3 months worked.*

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**gimliseptic@gmail.com**



## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

### BOARD OF REVISION 2025 & ADJUSTED ASSESSMENTS 2024

#### 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 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 RM of Gimli in the RM of Gimli, Manitoba, or
  - servicing it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting of the Board of Revision.
- provide a daytime contact telephone number**

The Board of Revision will sit on **November 14th, 2024** in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Gimli, 62 2nd Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba.

**ADJUSTED 2023 PROPERTY TAXES** must be appealed **within 30 days after mailing.**

The final date on which all other applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, October 29th, 2024 no later than 4:30PM.**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Dated at RM of Gimli Office, in Manitoba, this 23rd Day of July, 2024.

Cindy Makowsky  
Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Gimli  
Box 1246  
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0  
Telephone (204) 642-6666  
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## MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Arena Facility Operator

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is recruiting for a Facility Operator for the Riverton Memorial Arena and Riverton Curling Rink.

Under the general direction of the Public Works Manager, the Facility Operator is responsible for performing duties related to the operation and maintenance of the Riverton Memorial Arena Facility.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Prepares ice surface and maintains arena equipment
- Responsible for the maintenance and operation of overall facility equipment
- Operate and monitor refrigeration plant, following all regulations and safety procedures. Training will be provided to the right candidate.
- Maintains a clean and organized work area and ensures overall cleanliness of facilities, both interior and exterior including parking lots
- Ensure that all safety procedures and standards are followed
- Working with all user groups of the facility
- Other duties as assigned

**Skills and Competencies:**

- Knowledge of basic machinery, equipment and vehicle operation and repair.
- Ability to express themselves clearly and respectfully in conversations and interactions with public and staff
- Ability to multitask and work independently
- Demonstrates sound work ethic
- Ability to work under physically strenuous conditions that include lifting, pulling and managing heavy equipment and objects and must handle these activities with the proper health and safety measures.
- Willingness to work under cold weather conditions
- Ensures that all decisions and actions comply with the relevant legislation, by-laws, policies and procedures.

**Qualifications:**

- Valid Manitoba Class 5 Drivers License
- High school diploma is preferred but not required
- First Aid / CPR (preferred)
- Criminal Record Check
- Child Abuse Registry Check

**Other Information:**

- Seasonal from October to April (approximately 30-40 hours/week)
- Afternoons evenings and weekends
- Hours may vary to accommodate ice rental schedules
- Some heavy lifting involved up to 50 lbs
- Expected start date: Immediately

Interested candidates are requested to submit a resume (via-fax, email or mail) to the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton as soon as possible. Please indicate "Arena Facility Operator".

**Due date will be Oct 17th, 2024**

Only those considered for employment will be contacted.

**Apply to:**

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton  
Attention Larissa Love, CAO  
Box 70, 329 River Road  
Arborg, MB, R0C 0A0

Email: cao@bifriv.ca  
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The Rural Municipality of Coldwell

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF COLDWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2025 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Coldwell has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 35 Main Street, Lundar, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours.

Applications for revision must be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment act:

**APPLICATION FOR REVISION**

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 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 the following matters:

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

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

43(1) An application for revision must

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

The Board of Revision will sit on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 10:00 am. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Coldwell, 35 Main Street, Lundar, Manitoba to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is 4:30p.m. October 28, 2024.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2024.

Nicole Christensen - Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Coldwell  
Box 90, Lundar, Manitoba R0C 1Y0



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**OBITUARY**



**Rodney Douglas Gluck**  
April 1, 1941 – September 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Opa, on September 27, 2024 at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family.

Rodney was born in Morris, MB. on April 1, 1941, the youngest son of Gustav and Theresa Gluck. As a young boy he lived in Ste. Elizabeth and moved to West Kildonan with the family in 1946. He met his wife, Geraldine Weidl, in 1961 and knew that she was the one and wasted no time in asking her to marry him. They were married on August 25, 1962. They were blessed with the birth of their only son, Kerry, on December 7, 1963.

Rod is survived by his wife of 62 years, Geraldine, son Kerry, daughter-in-law Cheryl, granddaughter Steffany (Jeffrey), grandson Brian and his great-granddaughters, Jordyn and Emma.

He is also survived by brothers-in-law Arnold, Roy (Janice) and Randy (Doris), and sister-in-law Rhoda, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents Gustav and Theresa, brothers, Wilfred and Ralph, sisters Alma (Jack) Beitz and Joyce (Warren) Breyfogle and sister-in-law, Sandra Weidl.

Rod spent many years in the construction industry firstly being a crane operator and then supervisor for Subterranean, Baldry Construction and Preset Piling. When we look towards downtown Winnipeg at the buildings jutting up to the sky, we know that he had an integral part in their construction. He retired in 2005 and spent his remaining years at the cottage in Sandy Hook, golfing and continuing his morning coffee "meetings" with friends.

Rodney was a hockey guy. He coached the Seven Oaks Raiders as they won their first championship. He then went on to coach the North Winnipeg Satellites Junior B team. After his coaching years ended, Rod served as the Junior B Commissioner for Hockey Manitoba. Upon his retirement as Commissioner, he was humbled and honored to be presented with the Traditional Diamond Star Blanket by the then Chief of Peguis First Nations and the Executive and Players of the Peguis Junior B hockey team.

Rodney and Geraldine travelled the country with excursions covering each province and venturing as far south as Mexico. Their first overseas trip was to Germany, where Rod was united and met for the first time his nephew, Winni, the son of his brother Wilfred. Winni, Irene, Andy, Sven, Soren and Svenja were much welcomed new family members with many trips, phone calls, texts and letters throughout the years.

When his granddaughter, Steffany (aka 'Stenny') was born, it brought new life to his world. There was no doubt that she was grandpa's girl. His world was complete with the birth of his grandson, Brian. He wanted to bring hockey skates as a gift to his new grandson and then thought he would wait till he was a wee bit older. Grandpa could often be found at the rink, shedding his tough exterior and instead having tears run down his cheeks as he watched Steffany skate to his favorite song, or Brian playing hockey and putting up the wall as all great goaltenders do. He was extremely proud of both his grandchildren and loved them deeply.

Just when he thought things couldn't get better, he was blessed with his great-granddaughters, Jordyn and Emma. Those two girls could put a smile on his face like no other. Grandpa always made sure he had Scooby Doo snacks for his girls when they visited.

We would like to thank all the nurses and caregivers at Gimli Betel for their care and compassion. It did not go unnoticed and was very much appreciated.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 291 Churchill Rd., Winnipeg Beach, with Rev. Robin Mather officiating. Interment will follow in the Winnipeg Beach Community Cemetery with a reception at Winnipeg Beach Legion, 20 Hamilton Ave.

God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
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and lifted you to rest,  
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**OBITUARY**



**William Melnychuk**  
October 25, 1940 - September 24, 2024

It is with sadness we announce his passing at the Arborg Personal Care Home. William was born on the family homestead in Silver, Manitoba.

He was predeceased by his parents Michael and Pearl (Klym) Melnychuk; brothers: John, Paul

Peter, Nick; sisters: Lena Romance, Ann Rige, Teenie Buchko, Nettie Melnychuk and two siblings in infancy.

He is survived by sisters: Val Symynshen, Sophie Gierys, Mary Mozol, Eva Podolsky, brother Steve (Sharon) and numerous nephews and nieces.

William worked alongside his brother Steve as a Caterpillar operator, helping build roads and

clear brush all over Manitoba for many years. However, being on

the crawler with a brushcutter was definitely what he liked best.

One of his proudest accomplishments was working at Oak Hammock Marsh, a symbol of his contribution to Manitoba's development. He volunteered in his local community and helped with the site preparation of the Silver Community Hall spending endless hours digging out stones and levelling the ground. Later he helped prepare the site where the Arborg Ag Society rodeo is held in Silver. He was always willing to help a neighbour.

Known for his warm, friendly nature William made friends with everyone he met along the way. Whether it was at auction sales, Arborg Chicken Chef or at social functions.

When not working in construction, William worked tirelessly on the family farm, raising cattle, cultivating the land and growing grain with Steve. He enjoyed his trips to the Ashern Auction Mart especially when our cattle were being sold in January. He took pleasure in watching the sales and having Buddy Bergner calling out his name over the speaker when sales were complete. He may not have been a good speller but he never needed a calculator when it came to adding the expected total of sales in his head. The kitchen table had many papers with calculations of some sort on it at all times.

William spent most of his life on the farm established by his father in 1909 and was immensely proud to be part of the century farm celebration in 2009, a testament to his deep connection to the land and his family's legacy. He was proud to show visitors the plaque he received designating it as Century Farm.

William always looked forward to the fall, when the American hunters would arrive to hunt geese. The first visitors arrived in 1980 until COVID stopped travelling. He would drive them around scouting possible hunting lands and introducing them to the local farmers. He enjoyed the camaraderie and exchanging of stories. He continued to communicate with them and they became part of our extended family till today. His friendships extended far beyond Manitoba into other provinces and the USA. He would phone them keeping them informed on what was happening on the farm and in the Interlake.

William had the opportunity to travel to Maui, Hawaii where he captured countless memories through the many photos he took. He also travelled to visit his former neighbours in British Columbia, Bud and Anna Kuzenko. He treasured their friendship and called them often with updates of happenings in Silver.

With a jolly personality, big smile and infectious laugh (he was always laughing), his home on the farm became a welcoming place for friends. His kitchen was a gathering spot where everyone who drove into the yard was invited in for coffee, a sandwich and especially cookies. Later in life he was diagnosed with stage 2 diabetes and his lifestyle had to change. He was no longer able to eat the cookies and pastries he so enjoyed. This was extremely hard and a constant struggle. He did keep pastry on hand for guests.

In September 2021 he moved to Sunrise Lodge in Arborg as he required assistance and diabetic monitoring. It was a hard adjustment leaving his homestead. Once he needed more care he was then admitted to the Arborg Personal Care Home in February 2023 until his passing.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to Dr. Donnelly for his care over the years while in the community, along with the home care staff and nurses, also the Arborg Personal Care Home staff.

In lieu of flowers, treat a friend, neighbour, stranger to a cup of coffee and a cookie or make a donation to Silver Community Centre or the Silver Hall in his memory.

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## OBITUARY



**Brian Ted Dowhaniuk**  
May 28, 1961 - October 2, 2024

Peacefully, with his family and friends by his side, after a short battle with ALS, Brian Ted Dowhaniuk passed away at his home in St. Martin on October 2, 2024 at the age of 63 years.

In keeping with Brian's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private service will take place in the spring.

The family would like to thank Brian's friends and family for all the love, support and frequent visits and also to the Anderson Family Funeral Home. Thank you all.

There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.

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**Irene Demchuk**

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Irene Demchuk on October 2, 2024 with her family by her side.

Irene was born on June 26, 1931 in Gimli, Manitoba where she spent the next 93 years finding the love of her life and creating wonderful memories with her family.

Irene leaves to cherish her memory, her children Dennis (Pat), Darlene (Orie), Bernie (Keli), and Sharon; her grandchildren Derek (Siobhaun), Chad, Brad (Nancy), Jeffrey (Carly), Brent (Kristen), Ashley (Johan), Kristi (Darcy), Stacey (Todd), Chantal (Paul); and her 13 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her brother Victor (Christine) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene was predeceased by her husband Ben; parents Joe and Frances Dann; father and mother-in-law Nicholas and Margaret Demchuk; and son-in-law Brad.

Irene's quick wit would keep you on your toes whether it was calling you out in a card game or just setting you straight. She would never hesitate to say what was on her mind. Irene spent hours gathered around the table with friends and family playing cards and boy, was she a feisty competitor.

Irene had a love for sports, but nothing compared to her love for her grandchildren as she was their biggest fan in everything they did and all their accomplishments.

Irene enjoyed spending time with friends and family on many trips with her most recent and cherished trip to Newfoundland with her brother, sister-in-law and niece Heather.

Our mom and dad meant the world to us all, they taught us how to love and she has now found her way back to the love of her life.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A private service will be held for immediate family. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

To the doctors, nurses, and staff at Gimli Community Health Centre, we are forever grateful for the love and care that you showed to our mom.

We would also like to thank Gilbert Funeral Home for their compassionate care at this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

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