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The Gimli fire department welcomed the community, including three-year-old Mariia Yermakova of Arborg, to their open house on Oct. 5. The event was part of National Fire Prevention Week. Families and children enjoyed a free barbecue, got an inside look at the fire hall, and interacted with firefighters, all while learning vital fire safety tips.

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NIHM Amazing Race fundraiser features prime rib with no sneakers required

By Patricia Barrett

Guests who attend the New Iceland Heritage Museum's upcoming annual fundraiser won't have to bring their sneakers to the museum's take on *The Amazing Race*, but they'll definitely need to bring their appetites, sleuthing skills and strategic savvy.

The NIHM's annual fundraiser will feature a prime rib dinner, veggies, greens and dessert and a chance to earn a few prizes.

"Our volunteers have been working hard on this fundraiser and they've had so much fun organizing it and finding challenging activities for the race teams, which will be made up of the tables where our guests will be sitting. They'll have to complete activities to earn points from the judges," said NIHM executive director Julianna Roberts. "There's no running involved. We've had people ask us how much running they'll have to do; they just stay at their table. And the team/table with the most points will win a prize."

NIHM focuses on preserving the heritage and culture of the Icelandic

community. It tells the story of the New Iceland colony that was established in 1875 with the help of Indigenous peoples in the area and the Icelandic experience in North America. It also hosts travelling exhibits, showcases local artists and oversees the Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre exhibit on commercial fishing.

"WE HAVE BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS WITH THE WHOLE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS EVERY YEAR."

There's no end to NIHM's creativity when it come to its annual fundraising party. The museum has held trivia competitions, an entertaining cabaret and even enticed its guests to enter in to an avowed affair with chocolate. NIHM's take on *The Amazing Race* — a reality television show where teams race across a country or countries where they have to complete physical and mental challenges in order to win a substantial cash

prize — is bound to get pulses racing, as well as entertain dinner guests.

"We have brainstorming sessions with the whole fundraising committee to come up with new ideas every year," said Roberts. "Chris Brooks is the chair of our fundraising committee. She's so dedicated and worked

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so hard to get this all organized. She works tirelessly, walking the streets asking businesses for prizes or sponsorship."

The event's major sponsors are Access Credit Union, Sobey's, H.P. Tergesen & Sons general store and Pharmasave. The event's silent auction prizes are on display at Access.

"We received nice prizes from donors. Each prize is valued at over

\$150. We also have three grand prizes that are worth over \$300, some worth \$500, as well as prizes that people can bid on," said Roberts. "One of the grand prizes is an all-access pass to the Gimli International Film Festival and two sweatshirts. The second grand prize is tickets to a Blue Bombers' game plus branded items. And

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Local author publishes fourth book inspired by Interlake

By E Antonio

Karen Emilson has published her fourth book. The local author grew up in Ashern but now resides in Grunthal and has always yearned to be a writer.

"I got my start as a newspaper reporter," said Emilson. "While I was a reporter, I was approached by Dennis Pischke and he asked me to write a story about him and his brother's abusive childhood."

Emilson instantly accepted the request and had her first short story published in the 1995 newspaper. She later published a novel version of her short story, *Where Children Run*, in 1996.

Nearly two decades later, Emilson has now published her fourth novel, *also known as Jaime Dorn*.

The local author explained that although her writing journey began with true stories, she always had a passion for fiction.

also known as Jaime Dorn is Emilson's second fiction piece and it is a companion novel to her other fiction novel, *Be Still the Water*.

"It is not a sequel to *Be Still the Water* but there are overlapping characters. It (*also known as Jaime Dorn*) solves a mystery that is at the end of *Be Still the Water*," Emilson explained.

Despite bringing *Be Still the Water's* mystery to an end, Emilson noted that you can read either one of her fiction novels first.

"I wanted to tell so much of the story to tell without spoiling *Be Still the Water*." Ultimately, Emilson explained that it depends on what genre of books you like to read to depict which of her novels to read.

also known as Jaime Dorn follows the story of a young woman named Jaime looking to move on from her troubled past. She plans to travel via bus from southern Ontario to British Columbia, but when she is in Winnipeg, Jaime accidentally boards the wrong bus and ends up in Lundi, Man.

Lundi is a fictional city inspired by two small Manitoba towns.

"It has all the amenities of Lundar and Eriksdale, except everything is fictional," said Emilson.

The protagonist, Jaime, was named after Emilson's mom, who passed away 12 years ago.

"This is a highly exaggerated version of my mom's past. My mom would have really loved the antics this girl got herself into."

also Known As Jaime Dorn combines romance, mystery and adventure into one story.

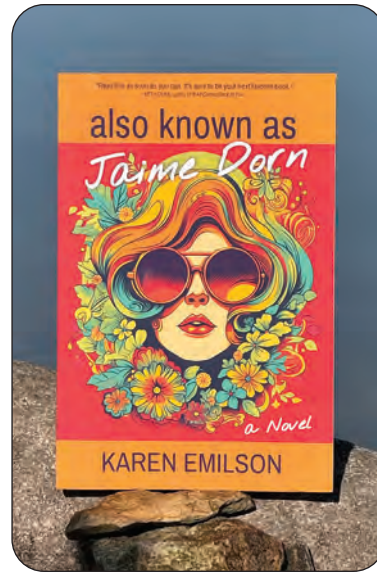
"It's a real small-town read. People who have read it have enjoyed the nostalgia and the small-town antics," Emilson said.

Although Emilson is a full-time writer, she still finds time in her day to spend with her family and friends and collect colourful rocks along Steep Rock's water's edge. She is also far from finishing her writing career.

"I am hoping in the future to be putting a book out every two years," said Emilson.

She explained that all the characters in *also known as Jaime Dorn* have been written to have continuing storylines for future novels.

The experienced author also sends a token of gratitude to her diverse reading audience.



You can currently buy *also known as Jaime Dorn* at H.P. Tergesen & Sons in Gimli, The Cozy Fox in Selkirk and on Amazon.

Because of her readers, Emilson is holding a very special Winnipeg book launch for *also known as Jaime Dorn* on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the McNally Robinson Booksellers store.

"Nov. 29 is the 28th anniversary of the launch of *Where Children Run*," she said.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Karen Emilson has published her fourth book, *also known as Jaime Dorn*. Emilson's novel is set in a fictitious small town in Manitoba. Lundi is inspired by the sites and features you can find in Lundar and Eriksdale.

If you want to get your hands on *also known as Jaime Dorn* today, you can purchase a copy of Emilson's book at H.P. Tergesen & Sons in Gimli, The Cozy Fox in Selkirk and on Amazon.




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First annual paddle: Witches, canoes and bears, oh my!

By E Antonio

The Icelandic River Paddling group hosted an eerie group of paddlers on Oct. 6.

Four witches arrived to paddle on the Icelandic River for Riverton's first witches paddle.

Kathy Wood organized the event as part of the newly formed Icelandic River Paddling group. She recently created the group because the previous Icelandic River organization shifted its focus to river photography, and Wood wanted the focus to be on paddling the river.

In October 2023, Wood asked the Riverton community if there was any interest in a Witches Paddle, and there were a lot of eager paddlers wanting to see the event come to life.

"We did a mock run last year as there were a couple of members who were really keen to give it a try," explained Wood.

After the trial paddle's popularity, she knew there had to be an official Witches Paddle this year.

Four Riverton witches haunted the waters at the Riverton Dock, where they used their magical powers to paddle down the river. Wood added that several families witnessed the witch paddlers conjure up their powers as they went down the stream.

"We stopped to pose for a lot of photos. It was an opportunity to get dressed up and have fun," said Wood.

The witches also got a little spooked when they saw a bear on the journey.

"I already saw the bear before we got in the canoe, so I knew where to look. It was fun to look for him as we paddled along," Wood uttered.

She added that many pedestrians were unaware of the bear, so she had to warn them to pay attention as they walked along the path by the river.

Outside of dressing up like a witch and paddling the river, Wood is a massage therapist. When she was visiting California for her job training in Watsu aquatic massage therapy, she visited Marro Bay.

"I am interested in learning about the places I travel, and I discovered that Marro Bay had one of the first Witches Paddles," explained Wood.

From her trip to California, she was inspired to bring a Witches' Paddle to Manitoba, as she was unaware of any events in Canada further east than Alberta.

Wood had a lot of fun participating in her first Witches Paddle.

"I really enjoyed it and the ladies who went with me had a good time, even though we ended up in



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CORRINE EINARSSON
The Icelandic River Paddling group hosted a witches paddle on Oct. 6.



the river."

Wood and her paddle partner made a splash as they were exiting the canoe.

"It was refreshing! I wish I yelled 'I am melting!' as it happened," added Woods.

If you missed this year's Witches Paddle, watch the Icelandic River Paddling Facebook page, where future paddling events will be posted. Woods invites you to join them at any paddle, with more events coming in the spring and another Witches Paddle next fall.



RM of Gimli to create master plan for trail use and development

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli announced last week that it will commission a master plan to guide the future use and development of trails in the municipality.

The RM posted a notice on its website that it will hire an independent firm to create a master plan that will align with best practice standards.

“We are committed to a planning process that involves extensive public engagement, ensuring that the diverse perspectives of our trail users are incorporated,” states the Oct. 8 notice. “An experienced and independent professional firm will lead the creation of the plan, aligning with best practice standards.”

An RFP (request for proposal) for the master plan study was posted on the RM’s website and will close on Nov. 4. The RM expects to present the study and its recommendations to the public in August 2025.

“In the interim, the trails will continue to operate as they have been,” states the notice.

Led by Community Futures, the RM had held a meeting in 2023 with several trail stakeholders, including the Interlake Offroad Club and the RM’s Active Trails Advisory Committee (ATAC), to get ideas on how to enhance municipal trails.

ATAC was formed by council through a bylaw passed in 2019 to facilitate and promote community connections through safe, sustainable and interconnected trails and natural spaces throughout the municipality and provide policies and practices for the trail system. ATAC had put together a strategic plan in 2022 outlining goals and actions to support and sustain the health and well-being of the community.

ATAC has a website and social media pages that provide information about the municipality’s trail system. There are currently 14 trails along railway lines, the sports park, in Aspen Park west of Gimli, the Autumnwood neighbourhood, along the beach, the lakefront, at Moonlight Bay south of Gimli, Camp Morton Park north of Gimli and in Siglavik. The planned



The former CPR railway line along PR 222 north of Gimli passes by a dozen or so subdivisions and will remain off limits to off-road vehicles until such time that council decides to change the designation of the trail.

conversion of the RM’s former wastewater lagoon into a wetland will add another trail.

The trails cater to walkers, wheelchair users, people with children/baby strollers, hikers, runners, cyclists, dog-walkers, rollerbladers, skiers and snowshoers. Residents and visitors alike use the trails to access nature and to enjoy rural solitude.

The Rail Trail is 36.2 kilometres long and runs from the Diageo distillery just north of Gimli to the northern boundary of the RM with the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton. Off-road vehicles (ORVs) are prohibited from the trail, but some people drive on it anyway.

ATAC is firmly opposed to ORVs on the Rail Trail, citing a number of concerns, including residents along the trail being in opposition to the vehicles; noise generated by ORVs and their impact on residents’ rights to peace and quiet; decline in property values; the disruption of wildlife; the burning of fossil fuels that contributes

to the worsening climate crisis; degraded air quality through generation of pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; the sparking of fires from the vehicle’s exhaust system;



EXPRESS FILE PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Gimli Active Trails Advisory Committee held a human-powered trail tour in May 2023 to encourage the community to get active, engage socially and enjoy the peace and quiet of nature.

the spread of invasive species; ORV damage such as ruts that make the trail impassable to some pedestrians or cyclists; damage to private property along the trail; erosion or damage to ditches that could impact residential drainage; ORVs jeopardizing the safety of pedestrians and other active users and their pets; and the displacement of pedestrians and other active users when ORVs dominate a trail.

The Interlake Offroad Club, on the other hand, wants to see the Rail Trail become a multi-use trail for pedestri-

ans, cyclists, etc., and ORVs. Through

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Temporary measures to reunite Indigenous families across the Canada-U.S. border

By Annaliese Meier

Colonial borders have had profound impacts on Indigenous Peoples. They have put stress on families, kinship, cultural ties, traditional practices, language preservation and revitalization, governance and economic opportunities. For some communities separated by the Canada-United States border, these impacts are felt on a daily basis.

To address these challenges and to further advance reconciliation, as a first step, Marc Miller, minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced temporary measures to help Indigenous people in the United States reunite with their families in Canada and reconnect them with their traditional territories. These measures will allow eligible Indigenous people whose family members live in Canada to:

- work or study in Canada with some requirements waived
- extend their stay for up to three years (for those who are already in Canada)

"First Nations, Inuit and Métis have long called upon Canada to recognize Indigenous people's mobility rights across our international borders. Through ongoing consultation and collaboration, Indigenous partners have highlighted how these borders affect their families and communities, limiting connections across their traditional territories. These new measures help us respond more quickly to the urgent needs of families separated by borders, while continuing the work to strengthen and expand Indigenous mobility rights," said Miller.

These temporary measures were implemented to relieve hardship on families while the federal government continues to work toward long-term solutions to address Indigenous border mobility challenges. This work is part of efforts to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) in Canada.

"For generations, our Ktunaxa peo-

ple lived and moved freely across what is now the U.S.-Canada border. We commend the Government of Canada for collaborating in a joint process with our Tribal leaders and taking action to address our inherent rights. These interim measures are a positive first step, but more work remains to fully restore them," said chairwoman Jennifer Porter of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and United States co-chair of the Jay Treaty Border Alliance.

Indigenous people eligible for these measures can apply as of Oct. 10, 2024. Applicants must apply in advance before they travel to Canada. Those who are already in Canada can also apply from inside Canada. Applications can't be made at the border (port of entry). Please visit the dedicated webpage for details on how the measures work, who is eligible for them and how to apply.

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Flu and COVID shots coming to Interlake starting Oct. 15

Public Health to host many immunization clinics in our region this year

By Katelyn Boulanger

The fall time is here, and in addition to pumpkin spice and changing foliage, it's time to book your seasonal flu and COVID shots.

Public health will host more than 70 immunization clinics in 42 different communities across the region this year. This year's seasonal influenza campaign will start on Oct. 15 and continue through to Nov. 30.

"This is a time of the year where respiratory and non-respiratory viruses start impacting our health and the health of our family. Immunizations remain the cornerstone of infectious disease control and prevention in our province," said Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority regional medical officer of health Dr. Tim Hildermand in a statement from the IERHA.

All Manitobans six months of age and older are encouraged to get their free immunizations.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are especially recommended for those at higher risk of infection or severe disease, along with their caregivers and close contacts.

Those at increased risk of severe disease include:

- people 65 years of age and older;
- residents of personal care homes or long-term care facilities;
- pregnant people;
- children from six months of age until they turn five years old;
- Indigenous people; and
- individuals with chronic health conditions.

Even those not in the higher-risk category can benefit from getting a jab. In addition to lessening your risk of getting sick, fewer people in our community getting sick means it's less

likely that these illnesses can spread to others.

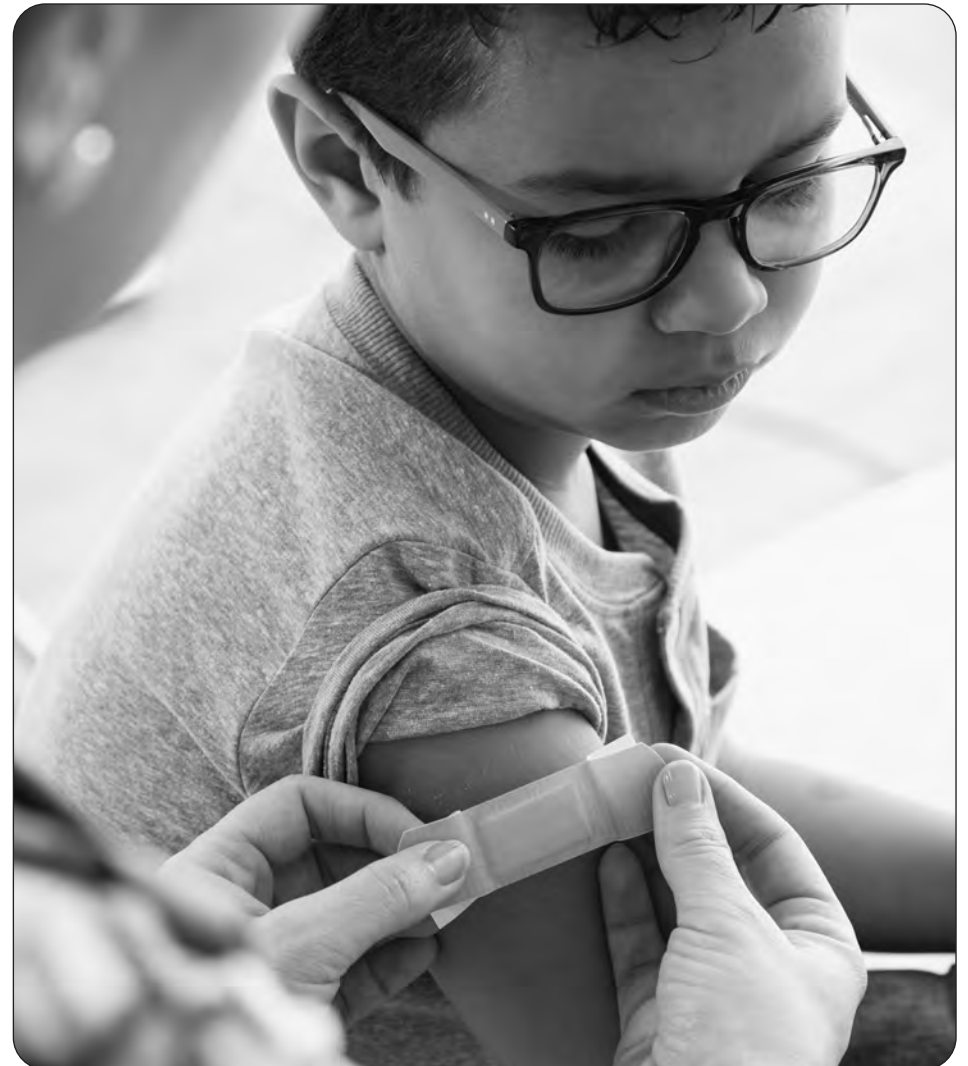
The flu and COVID-19 can cause infections of the nose, throat, airways and lungs. These infections are spread through the air when someone who is sick talks, coughs or sneezes. They can also be spread through direct contact with secretions such as saliva or if a person touches an object that can carry and spread disease, including doorknobs or toys, and then touches their mouth, nose or eyes before washing their hands.

Residents can book a flu or COVID shot appointment by calling 1-844-626-8222 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday or by using the online booking system found at www.ierha.ca "Programs and Services" and "Annual Immunization Clinics."

Please note residents are advised to:

- Bring your Manitoba Health Card and wear a short-sleeved shirt.
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the third grand prize was donated from Kast King consisting of a cooler and a variety of fishing gear."

In addition to the silent auction prizes and Amazing Race prizes, there will be door prizes for dinner guests.

The museum relies on its annual fall fundraiser to help it with operating expenses, Roberts said.

Tickets for the event are \$80 (people will receive a \$50 tax receipt)

and available until Oct. 18. Call the museum at 204-642-4001. People with dietary restrictions are asked to let staff know what they are at the time of ticket purchase.

The dinner and NIHM's version of the Amazing Race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Johnson Hall at the Waterfront Centre, 94 First Ave. Cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

RM of Gimli takes over management of dormitory housing from defunct CDC

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli announced last week it had taken over the management of the dormitory that houses Ukrainian newcomers who fled to Canada in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and newcomers from other countries.

The dormitory, which is also referred to as the training centre where cadets would stay during training exercises in Gimli, was being managed by the Gimli Community Development Corporation (CDC).

With the publicly unannounced resignation of the majority of CDC board members (see Sept. 26 online edition of the *Express Weekly News*), the corporation can no longer operate.

To the best of the *Express'* knowledge — the CDC's website is not up to date and confirmation of board members was not forthcoming — the

CDC's board of directors were Melanie Specula (vice-chair), Larry Dewar, Kurt Reichert, Kevin Chudd (chair), Randy Swanson (secretary-treasurer) and Dean Thorkelson.

The *Express* asked the RM and council last week whether it had made a decision about dissolving the corporation, a formal process under Manitoba's Corporations Act requiring articles of dissolution and the filing of documents with the Companies Office.

Interim CAO DJ Sigmundson said council had not made a decision "at this time" about the corporation's dissolution, but oversight of the dormitory has now been transferred to the RM, the sole shareholder of the CDC.

"There will be no noticeable change for the residents or employees that have been working for the CDC. The RM has owned the dormitory for many years. The CDC acted as the property manager. That relationship has now ended. The service remains," said Sigmundson.

The RM shared a statement with the *Express* last Friday with additional information about the change in management of the dormitory, which currently houses 75 residents.

"While the municipality has owned the building for many years, the CDC has acted as the property manager. Over the years, the CDC has achieved many successes, particularly in managing the annual cadet contract," the statement says. "This new reporting structure aims to ensure that municipal goals are achieved in an efficient manner. To date, the CDC's program to assist displaced persons has been highly successful, bringing 155 new employees and over 250 new residents to our community. This effort has significantly contributed to our strategic plan goal of increasing the percentage of the working-age population."

Council expressed its appreciation for everyone who contributed to the success of bringing newcomers to Gimli, including current and past "dedicated" CDC volunteers, according to the statement. The newcomers will continue to live in the dormitory,



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The dormitory (a.k.a. training centre) in the Gimli Industrial Park currently houses 75 newcomers from Ukraine and other countries. The RM of Gimli took over the management of the dormitory from its now defunct Community Development Corporation.

and current paid staff persons will be transferred from the oversight of the CDC to the RM.

Melanie Specula, who was involved in chamber of commerce and community efforts to bring Ukrainians to Gimli after Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and who later served on the CDC board, will continue as a volunteer "helping newcomers transition into our community," says the statement. "Gimli welcomes all the newcomers and are pleased they chose Gimli to begin a new life."

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- Council had scheduled an open house for the public on Oct. 12, but cancelled it four days ahead of time, posting a notice on the RM's website.

"We are excited to announce that it [open house] has been rescheduled for the upcoming spring season," states the notice dated Oct. 8. "This will be a significant occasion for our community as we will introduce our new chief administrative officer and communication staff. Additionally, we will share important information about our plans for the year 2025. We promise it will be worth the wait, with more details to come."

The open house would have provided a face-to-face opportunity for residents to tell council members what their concerns are regarding various municipal matters.

"We simply did not have enough staff to properly conduct an open house at this time," said Sigmundson in response to a question about why the open house was cancelled.

- Council passed second and third reading of its Accommodation Tax

Bylaw No. 24-0012 that will require short-term rental operators — including hotels — to collect tax from guests that will be submitted back to the RM.

In a statement posted on its website, council said the accommodation tax is an initiative to ensure a "fair and sustainable tourism industry."

The province has to give final approval to the bylaw before it can go into effect. It had sent council a response in August recommending lowering the bylaw's tax rate from five per cent to 1.25 per cent and suggesting that the fine for non-compliance not exceed \$1,000, a reduction from the \$5,000 council originally proposed. Council had to repeal its original accommodation tax bylaw introduced in 2023 to make the suggested changes.

"We are now at a pivotal stage where the province has reviewed our proposed by-law and recommended minor edits for our consideration," says the statement dated Oct. 11. "The council is dedicated to addressing these suggestions promptly and efficiently. The by-law, integrating the proposed changes, has now passed 3rd [reading] and been resubmitted to the province. Our goal is to secure final approval by the new year, aligning with our strategic plan and timelines."

Clear communication and support will be provided throughout the process, says the statement, as council recognizes that there will be a period of adjustment to the tax, which the RM will use to enhance services and infrastructure for tourism.

"The revenue generated from this tax will be reinvested into our com-

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- Interim approval of a 4.5% general revenue increase effective November 1, 2024, to be finalized at the conclusion of the Application review process; and
- Approval of adjustments to rates that include costs to transport natural gas to Manitoba for distribution to customers' homes and businesses, and the costs to store natural gas in the summer months for use in the winter.

The proposed general revenue increases are needed to ensure Centra has the revenue to run the natural gas system and perform maintenance as needed to continue to provide reliable, safe and effective service to customers.

For an average residential household, the proposed November 1, 2024 rates result in an annual bill increase of \$24. Residential bills would increase approximately 3.9%, while bills for Large General Service customers would increase between 0.2% and 3.3%, depending on consumption. The bill impacts for High Volume Firm, Mainline and Interruptible customers will be communicated directly to those customers.

Further details of Manitoba Hydro's Application are available at: www.pubmanitoba.ca

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	October 29	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 MB-325
	November 7	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 MB-325
Eriksdale	October 30	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Eriksdale Rec Centre, Second 1 st Ave
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munity, enhancing services and infrastructure that benefit both residents and visitors alike," says the statement.

- The bylaw officer's report to council for September notes a number of warnings issued for long grass and noise complaints involving loud music blasting for several hours, necessitating warnings and RCMP involvement.

"Long grass and noise were the main issues this month, after invoices went out for grass cutting, complaints started to come in about costs. We still have multiple files open that needs to be cut but struggling with finding a contractor," states the report. "Will need to find new procedure next year for grass cutting. One noise issue that seems to be happening every few weeks that will need to go to next level on next complaint [sic]."

When asked if the bylaw officer is referring to a procedure for residents who fail to cut grass on their property or referring to the RM cutting grass, Sigmundson said nothing (i.e., no procedure) has been discussed with RM administration or council.

"At this time the officer is merely flagging an issue. This would require a change of a bylaw, and that is not on the radar in the near future," said Sigmundson.

The bylaw officer also noted that they re-inspected unsightly properties but that was "put on hold by admin."

- The *Express* was alerted to drinking water service being cut off last month and asked the RM whether it was related to construction on Gimli residential streets east of Highway 9.

"We've only one concern on service tracker for the past month," said Sigmundson. "I expect there would be the occasional break in service due to the replacement of the water line."

Correction

Staff

In the "Gimli honours National Truth and Reconciliation Day" article published in the Oct. 10 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, there was incorrect information published for the entertainers.

Herman Hope and Darren Flett of the Red Shadow Singers shared teachings and a beautiful drum song. Kelly Pruden Milne shared teachings about the songs played by her students in the Winnipeg Beach Drum Group.

The *Express* staff apologizes for the error.

Manitoba ombudsman says environment department broke law, allowed wetland development

By Patricia Barrett

The Manitoba ombudsman says the provincial environment department essentially broke the law when it allowed non-residents of Canada to build a home and other amenities on significant coastal wetland south of Gimli, and also failed to enforce the law when the non-residents and/or their developer showed a pattern of behaviour whereby they carried out repeated unauthorized works to develop more acres than those originally agreed upon by the province and excavated a channel in the wetlands for boat access to Lake Winnipeg.

The non-residents and/or their developer filled in a total of 2.25 acres of wetland and dug up an estimated 100-metre-long channel, according to the ombudsman.

The ombudsman released a report titled "Ombudsman Act Investigation Report, Manitoba Environment and Climate Change, [Case] MO-01516" in September, referencing a period of about six years that began in 2014 when the filling in of the coastal wetland on Lake Winnipeg was noticed by area residents.

A non-profit group called The People for the Preservation of the Willow Island Coastal Wetland (P4P) had been established pre-pandemic in response to the destruction of the wetland, and it documented development activities on the property (NW 33-18-4E), which is adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Siglavik subdivision and at the east end of Sunrise Drive.

At that time, the property was owned by a Swiss national, Ruth Rutz and/or her family, whom the ombudsman refers to as "Y" and as "non-residents of Canada." The *Express* asked the Rural Municipality of Gimli to verify the current ownership of the property, but it said it was "not permitted."

P4P had raised several concerns

with the province, the municipality and other organizations regarding the development. The group then submitted its concerns to the ombudsman after the province failed to stop the filling in and the digging up of the wetland.

A spokesperson for P4P said the group is troubled by the ombudsman's conclusion that Manitoba Environment and Climate Change — formerly known as Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship then as Sustainable Development — failed to follow provincial legislation, was administratively unfair and failed to take enforcement measures against repeated unauthorized works by the property owner and/or their developer.

"[This is] deeply concerning, particularly as the problem stems from the bureaucrats who either don't understand the law(s) or choose to ignore it for any number of reasons, [such as] incompetence, political interference or simple corruption," said Jeff Smith, who lives in Siglavik. "The fact this report took five-plus years to investigate and report is a good indication of the seriousness of the matter."

Under the Ombudsman Act, the Manitoba ombudsman investigates the actions and decisions made by government departments and agencies, municipalities, and their officers and employees. This can include Crown corporations, boards and commissions, local government planning districts, watershed districts and regional health authorities. The ombudsman is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and is not part of any government department or agency.

The ombudsman investigated two major areas of concern, according to the 23-page report on the wetland development. The first issue pertains to whether the provincial department's



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The Willow Island coastal wetland off Siglavik are shown in 2019, looking west towards the residential subdivision.

decision to approve the development complied with legislation, process and policy. The second issue pertains to whether the department met oversight and enforcement requirements regarding the development, which is part of the Willow Island-Netley Marsh complex that has been identified as a provincially significant coastal wetland.

As the property was deemed to have been low-lying at 715 feet above sea level, development of the property for a single-family dwelling required fill material (717 feet is required). That commenced in summer of 2014 without a "building permit or water rights licence" and the department sent Y [Rutz] a stop work order in June, says the report.

Y's developer applied for a water rights licence in July 2014 to fill in the property, and the department denied the request in September (verbally) and again in November (letter) of that year. As part of its review, the depart-

ment noted the property was a flood risk, a "designated provincially significant wetland" that could not be replaced or replicated should it be destroyed, and that filling it in went against "all recommendations in the Willow Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan."

Y [Rutz] then submitted a letter to the department and the Manitoba Municipal Board in December 2014 asking for an appeal extension, but did not pursue it. Following that letter, the ombudsman says there were a "series of communications between Y's legal counsel and the director for the department. Communications included eight emails which reference several phone calls as well as a meeting on July 16, 2015. This meeting was held in-person at the offices of Y's lawyer. It is unclear who attended as there are no notes or minutes."

The department then reversed its decision in 2016, giving Rutz the green light to develop the property. The province did not, however, issue a water rights licence — only an "approval letter" that was contrary to proper process.

"On January 12, 2016, after a number of conversations between the department and the property owners' lawyer throughout 2015, the department reversed its 2014 decision," said the ombudsman. "The approval letter states that the department's primary position is to deny development of any sort at this location given the ecological importance of the area, as well as the flood prone nature of the property. This being said, it is willing to consider a single one time development of a portion of the property



Infill material added to the wetland is shown in April 2019.

provided the development is limited to the single lot in question.”

The department had written at that time that the general area (Siglavik, Miklavik) had been used for dyke construction in 2005 and that there was a “possibility” and “probability” that diking activity had affected the elevation of the [Rutz] property. The ombudsman states, however, that it’s “not clear how the department arrived at this conclusion or specifically what kind of investigation was done or how it was carried out. No records or reports were provided to our office.”

The ombudsman goes on to say it’s “unclear” how the development was permitted to be built closer to the water than both the Provincial Planning Regulation and the Watershed Management Plan stipulate, that the approval letter served as a “substitute” for a water rights licence, and that parties who were informed of the department’s denial in 2014 were not informed of its reversed decision in 2016.

With the 2016 approval letter, the Rutz property was raised with infill material, and in 2019 the RM of Gimli approved a lot grade application, a storage garage variance and a minor variance for a storage garage. In 2020 the municipality approved a permit for a new residence and attached garage.

In summing up the department’s decision to approve the development, the ombudsman states the department was “inconsistent” with the law and that standard process had been replaced by “private discussions.”

“There is little in the way of an explanation as to why the normal process was not followed, particularly given the sensitivity of the development. The director who signed off on the approval letter is retired and no longer with the department. Current staff acknowledged to our office that the process followed in this case was unusual. They indicated that typically a party whose application is denied would either file an appeal to the Municipal Board or submit a revised application. Instead that process was replaced with a series of private discussions between the department’s director and the developer,” states the ombudsman. “... As such our review finds that [the] department’s change of decision did not follow the standard process and was inconsistent with law and policy and thus, administratively unfair.”

With regard to meeting its oversight and enforcement requirements when alerted by “a number of citizen complaints” to unauthorized works being carried out by the owner and/or de-

veloper at the site, the ombudsman says the department acted appropriately in 2014 when it stopped the unauthorized infill of the wetland.

But after that the department failed to take action even when its staff “determined the project was well beyond the scope of the original plan” that had been approved in January 2016.

“While the initial ‘approval’ had been for 0.5 acres, an additional area of approximately 1 acre of coastal wetland had been filled without approval and ‘the proponent was attempting to further landscape the area by conducting channel excavation within the coastal wetland [and] ... appeared to be in the initial stages of developing a marina,’” states the ombudsman. “We note the development of a marina requires approvals under the Environment Act.”

Y’s developer also told the department that the plans “had always included” a pond south of the building site, a boat dock and a boat channel connecting to the main Siglavik channel.

In June 2018 a departmental visit to the Rutz property resulted in no enforcement action and “verbal” permission to continue development activities.

“With respect to this incident, department staff determined that unauthorized works had occurred in that the development had exceeded the prior approval by filling additional coastal wetland and excavation of a coastal wetland,” said the ombudsman. “However, it is unclear as to why no enforcement measures were applied in response to the unauthorized works.”

The ombudsman added that it was “unable to determine how the department made its decisions” in 2018 and why it “did not provide” written enforcement directives or any “written confirmation” that the work could continue.

It was determined that by March 2019, Y and/or the developer had carried out additional unauthorized works, including adding fill to another 0.75 acres and digging a channel “approximately 100 meters long, 8 meters wide and 4 meters deep.”

“This is an addition to the previous unauthorized attempt to excavate a channel connecting a pond to the Siglavik channel and developing a marina/boat dock,” said the ombudsman. Although the department issued an enforcement notice to stop the work “until further written approval,” it’s unclear whether the department “ensured that the other requirements were met: address unauthorized excavation of substantial channel through coastal wetland.”

“Four years later [since the 2016 approval], 2.25 acres had been filled and landscaped and a channel approximately 100 meters long by 8 meters wide excavated to allow for docking and boating access to the Siglavik channel,” said the ombudsman. “The department, over the course of five years, repeatedly communicated verbally and in writing with the developer and Y about the limits and expectations for the development. In spite of this, the developer continued to disregard these expectations. The department responded with revised directives, not always in writing. It is unclear why, despite the variety of enforcement measures available, the department did not apply these tools in response to these behaviour patterns.”

The ombudsman makes three recommendations: the department adhere to defined legislation and have a framework for “discretionary actions or decisions,” ensure future wetland development is “consistent with watershed management plans,” and that it develop “guidance for its staff” regarding data, documentation and records.

The *Express* asked Environment and Climate Change how it explains this failure to follow process, whether there was interference at the political level regarding the Rutz development, why the department failed to enforce the law and issue fines to the owner/developer, and how the department will ensure it follows Manitoba law in future.

A spokesperson for the department said that other than this particular wetland development, no other instance has been identified where approval was provided in the way it was.

“The modernization of The Water Rights Act and Regulation, as well as related policies, and the move to the online Water Licensing Portal has enhanced the province’s ability to ensure drainage decisions are properly documented while enhancing protection for Manitoba’s wetlands,” said the spokesperson. “The province reviewed the ombudsman’s findings and has acknowledged proper process was not followed in the case of this development. The department has taken action to address the gaps that led to this incident, and no other instance has been identified where approval was provided in this fashion.”

Smith said they have “no faith” that the ombudsman’s verdict will protect Manitobans in future from government that’s willing to break rules, and that the people who allowed this development to happen should be taken to task.

“There should be repercussions for

the individuals that allowed this and similar projects to proceed — and I don’t mean at the lower clerical levels. We know that deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers were involved with this particular project and either chose to look the other way or felt that the law was not important enough to enforce. We know this because we met with an assistant deputy minister (Cordella Friesen) on Jan. 7, 2020, and she did nothing,” said Smith. “Tracy Schmidt [current provincial NDP environment minister] is the first minister who has actually engaged with us on a face-to-face basis ... and we did impress on the minister that she was responsible for the actions of the bureaucracy working for her and that we expected her to act accordingly.”

Smith said the 100-metre channel dug out of the wetlands has been extended by an additional 65 feet or so into the Siglavik channel with — as far as P4P is aware — no licence or permits having been issued, and that a floating dock has been added to the channel.

“My question is what [Premier] Wab Kinew is going to do to support the [ombudsman’s] findings and recommendations. At the very least there needs to be a process implemented that ensures all stakeholders are able to review plans that will impact on the environment (key stakeholders for the Rutz project were excluded from the development process),” said Smith. “There’s also a need to coordinate and integrate the legal provisions of all affected legislation when considering projects that require government approval/licensing. Finally, Watershed Management Plans must be given teeth. Currently, at best they’re guidelines [and] at worst they’re a ‘feel-good document’ that allows politicians to say ‘they’re doing something’ for the environment even though that something is quite meaningless.”

Their big push now is to have the government “abide by and enforce the legislation and regulations” that exist to protect the lake, he said.

To that end, he said P4P is keeping an eye on a proposed Hutterite colony development in the RM of Armstrong, just across the Armstrong-Gimli municipal border. The development is situated at the head of Willow Creek, which will have human effluent and animal slaughter byproducts emptied into it annually from a two-cell wastewater lagoon on the site. That material will flow east to Lake Winnipeg.

“We have opposed this development but have heard nothing in a year,” said Smith.



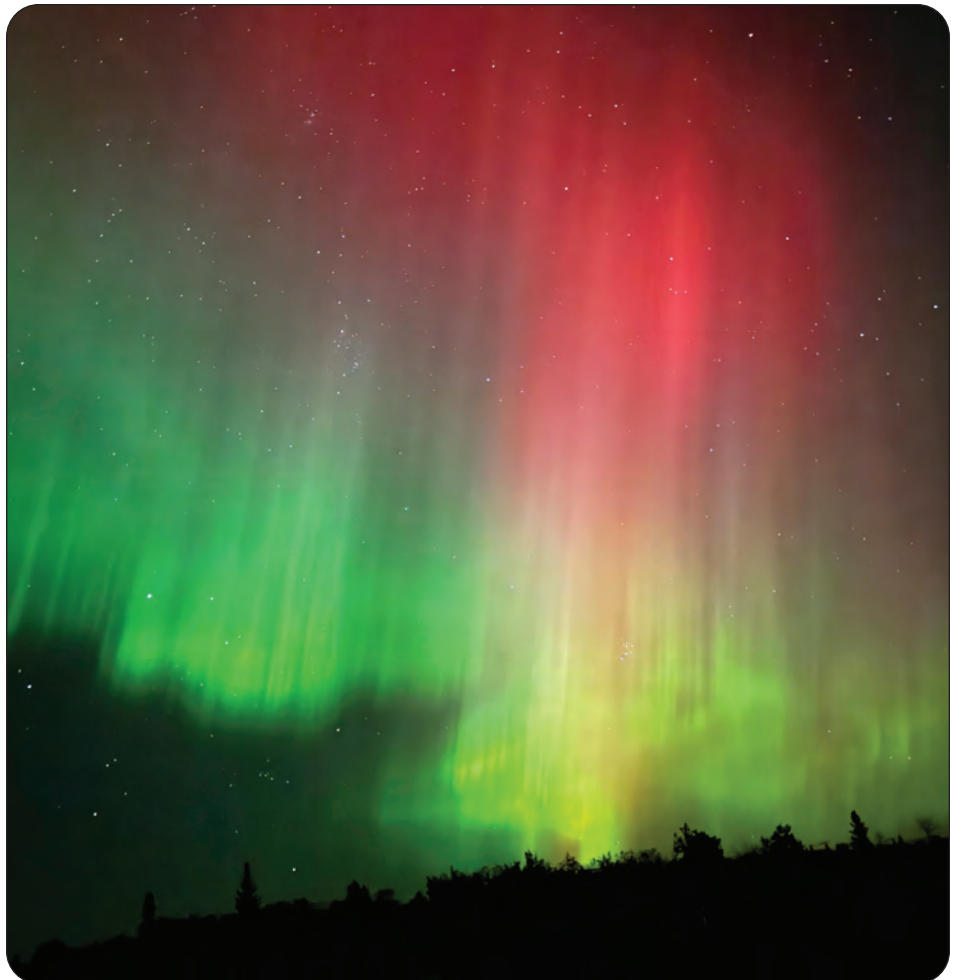
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Manitoba treated to vivid northern lights show



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The dazzling northern lights or aurora borealis were very visible last week across Manitoba. The lights have been coloured red and green primarily, due to the makeup of gases in our atmosphere. The red colour primarily comes from nitrogen, while the green comes from oxygen. Temperatures varied from a low of 1 degree upwards to 20 degrees C. with lots of wind and a bit of rain throughout the week. Help the Express record the temperature of the week and send in photos of friends and families enjoying the outdoors. Email: news@expressweeklynews.ca

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CJ Tennant Jewellery Designs shares her hobby at the WAVE



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CJ Tennant of CJ Tennant Jewellery Designs has been making jewelry with gemstones, freshwater pearls and sterling silver chains for 15 years. She recently attended the WAVE Studio Tour, one of the many makers markets where she sells her designs.

By E Antonio

For over 25 years, CJ Tennant has expressed her jewelry-making hobby with the world. It was in 2009 when she ultimately decided to turn her hobby into a career.

"I got started because I have always liked making things and I have always loved fashion and style," said the Winnipeg-based entrepreneur.

She reminisced dressing up in her grandmother's vintage clothes when she was younger. "I just loved the quality and sparkle of it all," she said.

Tennant owns and operates a gemstone jewelry shop, CJ Tennant Jewellery Design and recently attended the WAVE Interlake Artist's Studio Tour.

The WAVE is a biannual makers market that has featured over 80 artists in the last 20 years.

Tennant has now participated in 26 WAVE tours and discovered the tour when she came to visit her ancestors in Winnipeg Beach.

"There are all kinds of arts and artisans," said Tennant. She explained that you will be able to find every art medium in the tour.

The WAVE is an artist-led initiative, meaning all aspects of the tour are organized by the participating artists.

"You have an opportunity to learn about all other aspects and perspectives, such as marketing or ads," Tennant explained.

Tennant is a self-taught jewelry maker who was inspired by her aunt.

"My aunt showed me the basics and from there I am mostly self-taught through trial and error."

She expressed that "Sometimes you don't know the right way and end up with a more original design. I am always trying to play with colour and shape trying to create something that is new."

Tennant using shimmering gemstones, freshwater pearls and sterling silver chains to make her jewelry. She uses these materials since they are affordable, a good quality and can easily hold up to everyday wear-and-tear.

"We are all busy. It should last and be something we love."

Tennant describes her work as fresh modern designs with a touch of vintage inspiration.

She uses a cold-joining technique to mould her jewelry. This includes using wire chains and pliers to build the frame for her pearls and gems. Tennant added that sometimes she has an idea in her head of what to create, and others she may ponder for a while.

"It is not uncommon that I will have gemstones for a



number of years before I use them," explained Tennant.

Finding the perfect gemstone can be a challenge. Tennant gets her gems from gem markets, wholesalers and



from a friend who collects gems from all over the world.

"I like unusual stones with unique cuts and colours. Like stone that have lines and stripes in them," said Tennant.

She continued to explain that the more unique a stone is, the more natural gem you have.

Tennant selects her gems very carefully as she wants to make sure you are buying the

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Eriksdale's Crossfire Bull Riding hosts Canadian qualifier

By E Antonio

Twenty-five bull riding competitors from across the globe visited the Eriksdale Recreation Centre on Oct. 4 for the Crossfire Bull Riding's 10th Bull Riding Canada event of the year.

Crossfire Bull Riding, a local bull riding organization, hosted the Boneyard General Repair Boyz & Bullz, presented by Westrans, and welcomed competitors worldwide, including those from Australia and Brazil.

Riders tried to stay on their bucking bull for at least eight seconds to be awarded points based on their ride. The rider and the bull are awarded a maximum of 50 points from each of the judges.

"Good rides are 75 points and up, with elite rides being 85 to 90 plus points," explained Crossfire Bull Riding president Ben Kinkead.

This was a regular season event sanctioned by Bull Riders Canada to qualify riders for its season finals that will be held in Sylvan Lake, Alta., on Nov. 15 and 16.

Kinkead was once a rider himself. He was born into a family of bull riders, and his dad and uncle introduced him to the action when he was young.

"It is a long family tradition, I suppose," he said.

Since March, the event has seen competitors vying for one of the top 20 spots in the final competition. Twenty riders competed as they tried to rack up enough points to secure a position in the finals.



Westran's representative Juin Avila with event winner Lucas Ozirney.

"It is a diverse group of riders coming from all over the world to compete for the national title," said Kinkead.

"There were also five novice bull riders. This was the season finals for our novice riders," Kinkead added. "It (the novice category) is to help develop the next generation of bull riders."

In the novice division, Jett Lockie from Waskada claimed victory scoring 77 points.

For the open category, Lucas Ozirney, Trinity Bear and Aaron Roy, all of Saskatchewan, are currently clenching onto the top spots as they head into the final two qualifying events in Saskatchewan and Alberta later this



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CAREY LEE

Bull rider Lucas Ozirney of Saskatchewan won the Crossfire Bull Riding event hosted by Eriksdale's Boneyard General Repair Boyz & Bullz, presented by Westrans, on Oct. 4. The event acted as one of the several Canada-wide qualifiers for Bull Riders Canada and as the season finale for Crossfire Bull Riding's novice division.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HAYLEE RUSSELL

Odinn Darknell with bull rider Eric O'Flynn from Quesnell, B.C.





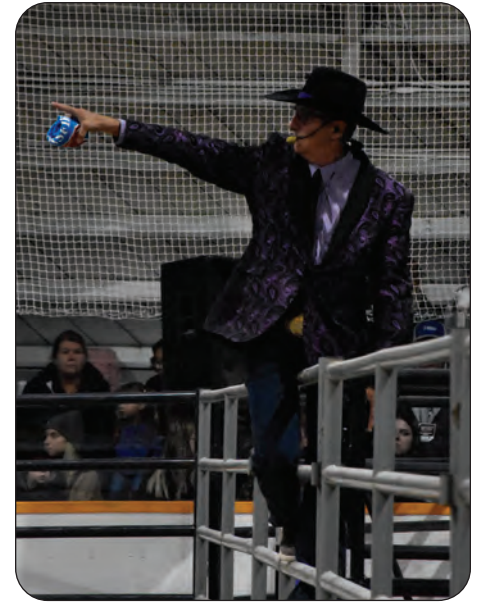
month.
 The Boneyard General Repair Boyz & Bullz competition raises funds for the Eriksdale Recreation Centre, specifically to assist with operation and management costs.

“The Eriksdale Community Club works together to put the Boyz & Bulz together. We want to help keep it (the recreation centre) running for community use,” Kinkead explained.

Crossfire Bull Riding has hosted the fundraiser for over 25 years, and the most recent events have raised approximately \$20,000 each for the recreation centre.

“We had another capacity crowd this year,” said Kinkead, who helped welcome fans from varying Canadian communities.

More than just bull riding took place; guests were greeted with a mouthwatering rib dinner made deliciously by Tortuga’s Smokehouse, and there was a bull riding pre-show featuring sheep riding from local musters.



Crossfire Bull Riding hosted an afterparty for the riders and fans to end the exhilarating event.

Attendees danced, sang and made new memories while celebrating the competition’s end.

If you missed out on Crossfire Bull Riding’s excitement, you can visit Crossfire Bull Riding and Bull Riders Canada’s Facebook pages for more images and videos of the event.



'Whiskey Train to Gimli' a song of hometown

By Becca Myskiw

A local musician has released a song about all things Gimli.

Wanda Sparkes, a long-time singer and Gimli local, has shared her latest work with the community — Whiskey Train to Gimli. The soft, melodic tune tells of taking the train to Gimli, humbly dubbed the "whiskey train," to pay homage to the home of Crown Royal.

"It just made me nostalgic for the train because Arborg would have a train come into town when I was a little girl," said Sparkes. "I think everybody loves trains."

Sparkes grew up singing with her sisters. As she got older, she tried to learn guitar and started writing her own music, but she didn't share anything she created. She then became a teacher and put aside her music for years until her nephew became a music producer and opened his own studio in Winnipeg.

Sparkes started recording a few songs for fun, posting them to her YouTube channel and sharing them within the local Facebook groups but never singing herself on the tracks. Over the winter, she decided she



Wanda Sparkes recently released a song titled "Whiskey Train to Gimli."

wanted to record two of her songs herself, and after finishing the scratch tracks in the studio, she recorded one more on a whim.

"It's a bucket list thing," said Sparkes. "And my grandkids can listen to them one day."

That last song she recorded was



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Sparkes releases music often through her YouTube channel.

Whiskey Train to Gimli. Sparkes was at Maximillian Dupas's home studio and after showing him the song on ukulele, he played it on his guitar for the recording, accompanying Sparkes' vocals beautifully.

Using videos other locals had taken of the trains in Gimli, Sparkes created

a compilation video to go with the song on YouTube. As she sings about putting on her purple robes and donning her crown, images of trains rolling through town flash on the screen.

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Harvesting hope

By Lori Penner

About 25 local growers participated in the Common Ground grow project on Sept. 10, and with the help of nine combines and four grain carts, they managed to harvest 300 acres of wheat within one afternoon for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Project spokesperson Kevin Nickel has been part of the project since it began in 2010 when the Penner family reached out, looking to have their land four miles east of Rosenfeld used for this purpose.

"They give us a good rate on rent, and they're very committed to the cause. They rent their land to the CHUM group out of Plum Coulee as well," Nickel says, adding that it's often a challenge for groups like theirs to find land for this purpose.

It's a labour of love, but it comes with a few challenges.

"There's a lot of support needed for this. Getting it seeded and sprayed is not that big of a deal. But the harvest is always nerve-racking, trying to

find a time that suits everybody to come out, when some of these people still have crops in their own fields. But it always happens. It's always had a way of working out over the years."

The Common Ground group follows a rotation of wheat, canola and soybeans.

"It was wheat's turn this year. All Manitoba Food Grains projects were able to access free seed from Seed Depot this year, and the Canadian Northern Hard Red Spring Wheat we planted is one of the varieties they handle."

Nickel says their 2024 crop looks good.

"Cereals, in particular, everybody was talking about them all spring and summer, just about how lush they looked," he says. "And even though there are some drown-out spots here and there, they seemed to power through most of that excess moisture that came at certain times. The

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About 25 growers, nine combines and four grain carts worked for hours to complete the harvest in one day.



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A group of producers gathered at a field east of Rosenfeld on Sept. 10 to harvest 300 acres of wheat for the Common Ground grow project.

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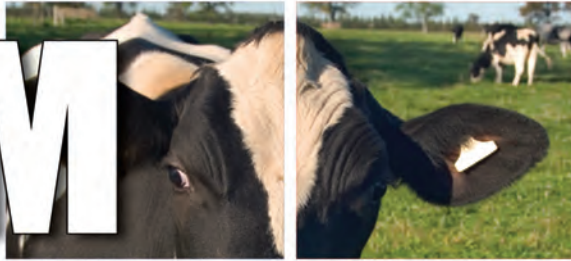
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> HARVESTING HOPE, FROM PG. 19

yields we've been hearing about have been strong. I guess they just like the weather this year."

This is the 15th harvest on this field, and to date, the group has raised about \$900,000.

Despite his optimism for the 2024 crop, Nickel doubts they'll hit the hoped-for \$1-million mark this year.

"We have significant expenses each year and, even if there's a strong crop here, the prices have come down a long way," he explains. "Based on the bills we have yet to pay, it will be tough to raise \$100,000 net but we should put a good dent in that, so maybe next year will be the year."

At the end of the day, he says it's the common desire to help people in need that has kept the project going.

"It's such a pure cause for one thing. Feeding hungry people is the baseline. Nobody argues about that; it's a really rewarding thing to do. People coming together to participate with us is humbling and gratifying."

The Common Ground project was one of four growing projects taking place that day. Others included Hands Harvest Hope in Darlingford, Gardenland near Boundary Trails Health Centre and the SHARE project also near Darlingford.

This year there are nearly three dozen grow projects scattered throughout the province, with the majority of

those in Southern Manitoba.

"It's just wonderful to see the communities coming out to harvest food, which will be used as financial resources for people who don't have enough food," said Manitoba regional representative Gordon Janzen, who attended the Common Ground harvest.

Last year, half of the donations in Manitoba came from growing projects, along with contributions from individuals and farmers.

"I just appreciate the people who are in this network of generosity looking beyond themselves. We really appreciate the communities in Manitoba that are working together to end hunger. They have a big impact."

> WHISKEY TRAIN, FROM PG. 18

"A lot of my ideas I get when I'm driving or going for a walk," she said. "I thought maybe I got the idea seeing the train when I was out."

That — and hearing a friend label her video as "taking the whiskey train to Gimli" — inspired the song. Sparkes looked up common phrases Crown Royal uses and stuck some of them in the song too.

Sparkes doesn't record or write music with any end goal in mind. She simply loves the act of writing and singing and the process of recording a song.

"It's so cool as you see it progress from some goofy thing you made on your ukulele to something that sounds good," she said.

Sparkes is recording the final versions of her other two songs soon and hopes to have them done before Christmas.



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Winnipeg Beach council considering management of community centre canteen

By Patricia Barrett

Winnipeg Beach council is considering options for the management of the community centre's canteen after a fire this summer resulted in council accepting a request from Carlo's Cucina to terminate its canteen lease agreement and the town's recreation department then stepping up with an offer to run it.

In its letter to council, the recreation department said local businesses — the General Store and Parks Groceries — would help supply some of the food items.

The canteen would need one full-time person to manage duties such as stock, organization, cleaning, shopping and deposits, and a few part-time staff for evenings and weekends.

"Running the canteen would consist of basic food: burgers, hotdogs, fries, onion rings, nachos, pizza, chips and candy," states the letter which is linked to council's Oct. 9 agenda. "Your canteen beverages are coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water, pop and sports drinks. We would also sell hockey-related items [such as] tape, mouthguards, water bottles and lacers."

Staff working in the canteen would need to get a food handler's certificate through a training course and the canteen could also be licensed, which would bring in extra revenue from events such as socials and parties.

The recreation department also suggested exploring the feasibility of having a lunch counter during the week, with healthy meals such as soup, salad and sandwiches being offered.

Chief administrative officer Sharon Desiatnyk said council considered the recreation department's request and asked for further information about costs.

Council's resolution (No. 2024/419) asks the recreation manager to "put forward a cost comparison between the proposed use of [the] canteen and

vending machine installation by Oct. 23, 2025."

Desiatnyk said Carlo's Cucina was not held liable for the fire. Carlo's had asked council to terminate the lease agreement, and at its June 26 meeting, council adopted a resolution (No. 2024/270) accepting the restaurant's notice of termination.

The restaurant had fewer than four months remaining in its lease agreement, which did not have an early termination clause.

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS:

- The resignation of Winnipeg Beach mayor Pamela Jackson during council's Sept. 25 meeting was not reflected in the meeting minutes, but council formally accepted her resignation at its Oct. 9 meeting.

- Council will be presenting a proposed strategic plan and hearing from its consultant at an upcoming council meeting where more information about the plan will be provided.

"The consultant is scheduled to be a delegation at the Oct. 23 ... council meeting," said Desiatnyk.

Council had passed a resolution (No. 2024/395) at its Sept. 25 meeting, accepting the strategic plan proposal that was presented by GovFox [Municipal Consulting], which is based in the Interlake. The resolution states that the town recognizes the importance of a "clear and comprehensive strategic plan to guide our initiatives and resource allocation" and that the strategic planning process involves "extensive consultation with stakeholders, community members and experts to ensure a thorough understanding of our current landscape and future goals."

- The town proposes to remove a diesel generator and hose that's used to pump effluent from the wastewater lagoon's primary cell to the secondary cells north of Kernstead Road and push a forcemain pipe under the road



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High waves on Lake Winnipeg at Winnipeg Beach are shown in 2022.

to connect to the existing lift station and electric pump. It submitted an application for the work to the province for approval.

"As Kernstead Road is not under the jurisdiction of the Town of Winnipeg Beach, the province requires evidence that approval for the proposed crossing has been obtained by the owner, and in this situation being, the RM of St Andrews," said Desiatnyk in a written summary for council. "The town engineer has prepared a suitable agreement for a situation such as this and is attached for council review."

The town has to enter in to an agreement with the RM of St. Andrews before the project can get underway.

Council adopted a resolution (No. 2024/422) at its Oct. 9 meeting approving the draft agreement and having it forwarded to St. Andrews for consideration.

- Don and Lori Sul of the Winnipeg Beach Food Connection thanked mayor and council in a Sept. 22 letter for allowing them to fundraise during the town's classic car show in September. The Food Connection raised

almost \$330 and an estimated 70 to 80 pounds of food, which will help people in the community and surrounding areas.

- Council thanked Alan Dan from Sherwin-Williams Paint Store in Winnipeg for his generous donation of paint for the town's caboose restoration project.

"Your support has made a significant impact on our project, allowing us to preserve a piece of our town's history for future generations to enjoy," wrote council in a Sept. 25 letter. "The vibrant colours you provided will help bring the caboose back to life and serve as a proud symbol of our community's heritage."

Volunteers gave the former Canadian Pacific Railway caboose a fresh coat of paint last month. CPR had donated the caboose to the town in the 1980s in recognition of the town being a lakeside destination for Winnipeggers — who'd ride the rails from the city — in the first half of the 20th century to enjoy the town's roller-coaster, dance hall and beach.

> TRAIL USE, FROM PG. 5

a program offered by Manitoba Public Insurance, the offroad club can receive funding through ORV licensing to carry out maintenance and repairs of the trail, install speed limit signs near subdivisions and educate drivers on etiquette to ensure pedestrian safety.

The provincial government's Trails Strategy and Action Plan considers off-road vehicles as part of its vision for trails, and the province will work with the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Manitoba to create and implement a new funding structure for ORV organizations and trails.

The province's action plan cites a

2010 study that says ORV riding provides "benefits for health and physical fitness" and is comparable to golfing or rock climbing. And ORVs generate economic benefits through people purchasing ORVs and riding gear and through job creation and tax revenue.

Citing a 2016 study conducted by the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council, the action plan says recreational ATV riding generates an estimated \$230 million to 250 million in economic expenditures in the province.

Recognizing the fact that ORVs can spread invasive species, the province's action plan says it will try to

find ways to provide cleaning stations at trailheads.

When asked if a public survey on Gimli's municipal trails will be carried out (similar to the survey the RM conducted on short-term rentals) as part of the trails master plan process, interim CAO DJ Sigmundson said whomever the RM hires as its consultant will be proposing public engagement.

"The RFP requires a consultation plan. We will need to look at the proposals when they are due and select the best fit. The consultant will propose how they will engage the public," said Sigmundson. "The municipi-

ality will use that information as one of the criteria used to select the consultant."

Sigmundson didn't say, when asked, whether the RM's trail plan will align with the province's plan.

For more information about the master plan for trails, contact interim CAO DJ Sigmundson djsigmundson@rmgimli.ca

Visit the Active Trails Advisory Committee's website www.gimliactivetrails.ca for a full list of trails in the RM of Gimli, including their distances, surfaces, parking and access points.

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Ice Dawgs weekend split high-lighted by overtime win

By Kieran Reimer

The Arborg Ice Dawgs had mixed results from their two-weekend games.

Playing in back-to-back nights, the Ice Dawgs got a split with a 3-2 overtime win Friday against the Selkirk Fishermen and a 5-2 loss Saturday against the Beausejour Comets.

Friday's win came with the help of the Fishermen picking up 41 penalty minutes in the third period.

The Ice Dawgs were able to come back to tie the game at two before Drayson Letandre ripped home the overtime winner for the Ice Dawgs' victory two minutes into three-on-three.

Saturday's game was a different story. The Ice Dawgs struggled against the Comets, who were in first place,

at Arborg & District Arena.

The Comets opened the scoring in the first and continued to pour it on in the second, leading 4-0 after two periods.

Brandon Burak and Drayson Letandre scored in the third to keep the Ice Dawgs' hopes alive, but the Comets held on for the 5-2 win.

The Ice Dawgs got two of a possible six points this weekend, putting them up to fourth place in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Friday, Oct. 18 vs Lundar Falcons, 8 p.m. at Arborg & District Arena

Sunday, Oct. 20 at Selkirk Fishermen, 3 p.m. at Selkirk Recreation Complex



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Ice Dawgs' Skylar Farrington takes a shot on the Fishermen's goaltender last Friday. Arborg won 3-2 in overtime.

New U18 curling league coming to Gimli this fall

By Becca Myskiw

In a community full of curling pride, there hasn't been a U18 league for the sport — until now.

A U18 curling league in Gimli is starting this month. Though there are youth programs and adult leagues in the town, Gimli doesn't have a dedicated league for curlers in between the age groups.

Certified curling coach Jay Boaz is part of the group organizing the new U18 league. He said that when his

child aged out of the U13 league, he realized there was no league for them to curl in.

"If they want to play against other kids, there's not a ton of options out there," he said. "Curling truly is a lifelong sport. So, in terms of kids being physically active, it's a great sport for them to have that lifelong physical activity. We want to bridge that gap."

On Thursday, Oct. 24, there will be an open house for the U18 curling league at the Gimli Curling Club from

6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Anyone interested in the program can attend, ask questions and throw rocks.

Boaz said this new program is meant for curlers who want to take the next step after the local junior instructional program.

There's no minimum age requirement as long as the curlers are under 18, but all curlers looking to partake in the U18 program should understand the game of curling and know how to play it.

Regular league play will start Nov. 7 and run every Thursday from then until Dec. 19 at 6:15 until 7:45 p.m. Each night of league play will be six-end games for the curlers. Curlers have to be on a team to play, and if they don't have one but want to play in the league, they can find a team at the open house. Boaz said if a curler still doesn't have a team after, then to reach out to the league anyway. Teams can be any mixture of people under 18 years old.

Once all teams are registered and the league has the numbers, it will make a schedule. Boaz said the number of registered teams will determine whether or not there will be play-offs at the end. After Christmas, the league will have another registration period and start another round of league play.

"Kids tend to drop off of sports at 13," said Boaz. "Curling, I think, is a sport that falls into that category. We want to create a continuous path for kids to start curling as kids, to stay in the sport, and curl as adults."

Kerri Einarson, a Gimli-raised professional curler, is also on the organiz-

ing committee for the Gimli U18 curling league. She said the new league would help young curlers grow together as a team and individually.

"They will also get that bit of competitive experience by playing against other teams," said Einarson. "You get to create friendships and develop your communication skills with teammates, which is important in a sport where you need to communicate to help each other out. Those skills will also help in everyday life."

While this league isn't instructional, on-ice coaching is permitted and encouraged, but not required. Coaches in the league will be able to interact with their players once per end, mirroring how competitive junior curling works to prepare the curlers as much as possible.

"Our philosophy is if you're out on the ice as a coach, there's no reason you can't help another team out," said Boaz. "We want it to be a collaborative effort."

To learn more about the new U18 curling league in Gimli, attend the upcoming open house or contact Boaz at 204-442-1010.

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Tough weekend for U18AAA Interlake Lightning female team



It was a busy weekend for the U18AAA female Interlake Lightning team but the scores weren't in their favour. Lightning lost to the Eastman Selects 2-1 on Oct. 11, the Pembina Valley Hawks 3-1 Oct. 12 and then 2-0 to Yellowhead on Oct. 13. Interlake's Chloe Minkus and Pembina Valley's Emma Roch battle for puck possession Saturday. Minkus scored Interlake's lone goal.

Reimer claimed off waivers by Anaheim Ducks

By Kieran Reimer

The Anaheim Ducks have claimed goaltender James Reimer off waivers from the Buffalo Sabres.

Reimer, 36, had signed a one-year deal worth \$1 million with the Sabres in free agency last summer.

On Monday, the Morweena native was waived by the Sabres to make room for goaltenders Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen and Devon Levi who both spent last season in Buffalo.

Reimer joins a Ducks-squad in need of a netminder after John Gibson (abdomen) was placed on injured reserve

earlier on Monday.

With Gibson out, it likely moves Reimer into a backup role behind 24-year-old Lukas Dostal who played 44 games with the Ducks last season.

Reimer is entering his 15th season in the National Hockey League where he has appeared in 501 regular season games.

Last season, Reimer appeared in 25 games with the Detroit Red Wings going 11-8-2 while posting a .904 save percentage and a 3.11 goals against average to go along with two shut-outs.



Interlake Lightning goaltender Orianna Kennedy makes a toe save during a breakaway by Pembina Valley Hawks Sophia Cox in Interlake's 3-1 loss.



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Lightning's Ireland Tymchak tries to get around the Hawks Sophia Cox.

> WAVE, FROM PG. 15

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You can find CJ Tennant Jewellery Design creations at maker's markets, in the Winnipeg Art Gallery Giftshop and online. She prefers to sell her work in-person so she can engage with her customers.

"I like to see people interact with my work and try it on."

One of her favourite memories of owning CJ Tennant Jewellery Design was from her early days participating in the WAVE tour.

"There was a young woman who I never met before who had her young

baby with her. She kept pausing to try on pieces. I realized this was the first time she truly took for herself. She was being her own self and was not making a mom-based choice," described Tennant.

When she approached the woman afterwards, she explained that she never truly had a moment to look or feel pretty.

"When they are trying on the jewelry, you can see it makes them feel that they look good. It is a thing that happens in their shoulders as they settle differently."

Tennant hopes to change people's attitudes about their day.

"It is important how people present

themselves and feel comfortable. It's a better day all around."

In order for you to feel your best, Tennant offers free chain length adjustments and repairs for her goods. Within reason, as long as Tennant made the jewelry, she will fix it.

"Hopefully you will be pulling it out of your jewelry box in 10 years and will love it," Tennant expressed.

She also will try her best to create a custom design for you but asks you to settle on a general shape, colour or design that you are attracted to.

When creating her designs, Tennant enjoys developing a persona for her jewelry collections.

"I make my collections around a

personality, sort of like a fictional character."

She wonders who would wear the piece of jewelry and then she writes their story on her website.

"It is a lot of what drives how I am feeling. Am I feeling French girl vibes? Are you trying to channel your inner punk?" asked Tennant.

She creates the story because she wants to have a way to refer to her creations.

Tennant will be at CRAFTED at the Winnipeg Art Gallery from Nov. 6 to 10, along with other Interlake artists/artisans Alan Lacovetsky and Cloverdale Forge.

sports & recreation

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Varsity Thunder lose offensive shootout, will host playoff game

By Kieran Reimer

The last of the three Interlake Thunder football clubs closed their regular season on Thanksgiving Sunday.

The Varsity Thunder took on the 3-0 St. Vital Mustangs and came close to victory against the league's top club, giving them their biggest scare in this Rural Manitoba Football League season.

Jessie Batenchuk connected on play action to Miles Coutu for the game's opening touchdown to put the Thunder ahead early.

He threw for multiple touchdowns on the game while receiving help from his offensive line.

One of those touchdown passes found the arms of Luke Robinson, who had a breakout performance for the Thunder and reached the endzone again later in the game on a kick return.

Ultimately the Mustangs offence proved to be a bit stronger, winning the game 54-36, but after being blown out by the Mustangs only three weeks ago, head coach Christof Hasselfield said he likes the direction of his club heading into the playoffs.

"I saw a lot of improvement on both sides of the ball," said Hasselfield. "Defensively we made it harder on them this time even though the score doesn't show it. Quinton Favel was



The Thunders' quarterback Jessie Batenchuk gets a quick tip from coach Christof Hasselfield.

a big contributor again and I was impressed by grade nine Fyn Moore making his first start at safety. He brought a physicality to the position that will serve us well as we start the playoffs next week."

Next week's RMFL playoff matchup will go against the Falcons Football Club after the Mustangs finish 4-0 to get first and a bye in round one, while the Thunder and Falcons finish second and third.

The Thunder will, however, get to host the playoff game after finishing ahead of the Falcons and beating them on both occasions this season.

The winner of the game moves on to



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Fraserwood's Marlo La Pierre (85) is the ball carrier in the Thunder's 54-36 loss against the first-place St. Vital Mustangs last Sunday.

play the Mustangs in the RMFL Urban Division Championship.

A Thunder win would set up a rematch of last year's RMFL Championship when the Thunder and Mustangs met.

The Thunder (2-2) and Falcons (0-4) will kick off at noon on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Stonewall Collegiate Field.



Interlake's Luke Robinson had a breakout performance scoring a touchdown.



The Thunder's Dylan Maclean almost intercepts the football.



Gimli's Fyn Moore made his first start at safety against the Mustangs.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Hot Honey Chicken and Waffle

Prep time: 2 minutes
 Cook time: 5 minutes
 Servings: 1
 1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup
 1 egg
 nonstick cooking spray
 2 chicken tenders, cooked
 2 tablespoons honey, for garnish
 1 tablespoon powdered sugar, for gar-

nish
 Preheat mini waffle maker. Heat rice according to package directions.
 In medium mixing bowl, combine rice and egg. Mix well.
 Spoon rice mixture into waffle maker. Cook until light goes off.
 Place waffle on plate with cooked chicken tenders on top.
 Drizzle with honey, sprinkle powdered sugar on top and serve.



Buffalo Cauliflower Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 30 minutes
 Servings: 6
 2 cups Minute Jasmine Rice
 1 package (8 ounces) plain cream cheese, softened
 1/2 cup Buffalo hot sauce
 4 cups frozen cauliflower florets, blanched and cooled
 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 1/3 cup finely crumbled blue cheese

2 green onions, thinly sliced
 Preheat oven to 400 F. Prepare rice according to package directions. Transfer to greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
 In medium bowl, stir cream cheese and hot sauce. Add cauliflower, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spoon over rice. Sprinkle with blue cheese.
 Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Sprinkle with green onions.
 Tips: Substitute goat cheese or feta for blue cheese, if desired. Meat lovers can serve as a side dish to seared chicken or beef.



Mexican Lasagna

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
 Servings: 4-6
 1 pound ground beef
 1 can (15 ounces) black beans
 1 can (4 ounces) chiles
 2 cans (14 ounces each) fire-roasted diced tomatoes, divided
 1 can (15 ounces) whole kernel corn
 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 1 tablespoon onion powder

1 tablespoon taco seasoning
 6 cups shredded cheese
 18 taco-sized tortillas of choice
 fresh cilantro, for garnish
 sour cream, for serving
 Heat oven to 350 F.
 In large skillet, brown ground beef; drain grease. Add black beans, chiles with juices, 1 can tomatoes with juices, drained corn, garlic powder, onion powder and taco seasoning.
 Open remaining can of tomatoes; take out half and set aside. Add remaining half with juices to beef mixture. Mix well and turn off heat.
 In 9-by-13-inch pan, line bottom with six tortillas, slightly overlapping. Cover with 1/3 of beef mixture and top with

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady Readers – my daughter said to me the other day that she had FOMO and I was DRIPPING in my outfit. "What??" I had no idea what she was talking about.

If you don't already know, let me tell you what the young are now calling "FOMO" – the "fear of missing out."

Here's the other slangs they use: "FOBO" – the "fear of better options" or "JOMO" – the "joy of missing out."

For the "DRIP" – that means you look good and it's apparently a compliment. Other Gen'Z jargon I have now learned are "BOUJEE" – which means fancy, "SLAPS" – which means excellent or amazing, "LIT" – meaning really good, "TEA" – meaning gossip, and "FLEX" – meaning to show off.

So, I plan on FLEXING here, to make a really LIT and BOUJEE article for you, so I can explain the FOMO/JOMO and give you all the TEA to all my STAN's (that means fans or followers). Did you get that?

Okay, no matter what you label it, we all have FOMO feelings, and this is due to social media. It's available 24/7 in our pocket (on our phone), especially through Instagram. We can instantly feel envy and regret about how others have more or are doing more exciting things. Whether real or not, most forms of social media portray wealth, and we now don't need to keep up with the neighbours, we need to keep up with the millions of people on social media. The sad part is, it doesn't make you feel good about your accomplishments thus far but rather makes you feel less about yourself because others have done more or have so much more. Parents today are under constant pressure from social media bombarding them with constant examples of better birthday parties, events and experiences that so-called "better parents do for their kids."

Why not take a FAST from the FOMO. Turn off the social media, either for a couple of hours, days or weeks. This will do wonders for making you feel better about your own life and perhaps will stop the comparisons of your regular life to the polished versions of those online. Remember that credit card



Christine Ibbotson

companies build their business on you borrowing from your future. They want you to buy now rather than saving to buy later. With credit, it's easy to fall for the instant gratification to convince yourself that later can take care of itself. Be careful not to create "excuse spending." This is when we feel we are justified to spend because we deserve it. We may think all the hard work we have done, the sacrifices we have made, and the lack of acknowledgement for that work and those sacrifices, warrants or entitles us to a splurge spend...because we deserve it. But, what do you really deserve? Do you feel you are missing out?

If you think that material possessions or experiences are the things you deserve, then you need to think again.

What you deserve is to be free from future financial stress. Remember that while those purchases may feel luxurious in the moment, they could land you in financial stress that you don't deserve. I am not saying that you need to deprive yourself or your children, but if you are suffering from FOMO and feel you need to reach to credit to improve your situation or your kids experiences, remember that enjoying a stress-free financial life, honestly feels a lot better than any new item or birthday bash ever could.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,
 ATML - Christine Ibbotson

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and on CTV & BNN, syndicated across Canada. Send your questions through her website at askthemoneylady.ca

2 cups shredded cheese. Repeat with remaining ingredients then top with reserved tomatoes.

Cover pan with foil and bake 30-40 minutes. Garnish with cilantro and serve with sour cream.

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 204-376-5201 - office



DRAINAGE EXCAVATION TENDER

The Interlake Consumers Co-op is currently accepting tenders For Excavation and removal of contents offsite.

Project location:

- Drainage line, east side of co-op cardlock to highway 68 in Arborg, Manitoba.

Email tenders to fuel@interlake.crs or drop off in person at 17 main street south (bulk fuel office). For more information and scope of work contact Ken Whalley (Bulk Fuel Manager) at 204-376-5201 office, 204-214-0051 cell, fuel@interlake.crs

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Deadline for tenders: 12 noon, October 25th, 2024.

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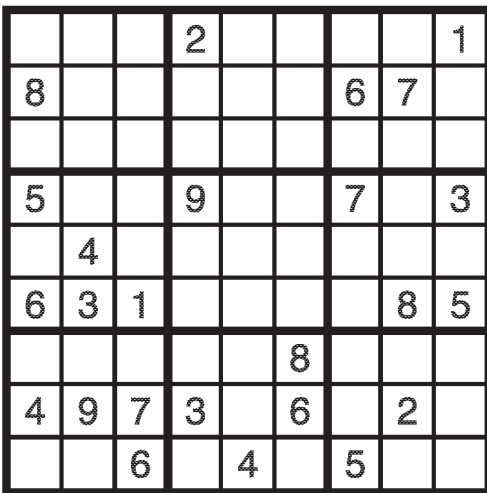
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> GAMES

SUDOKU

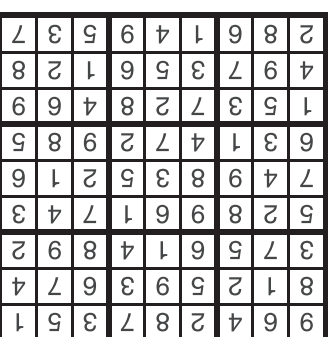
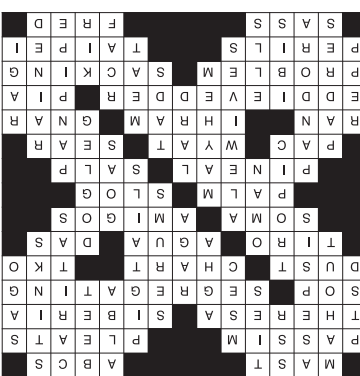


Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
 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!

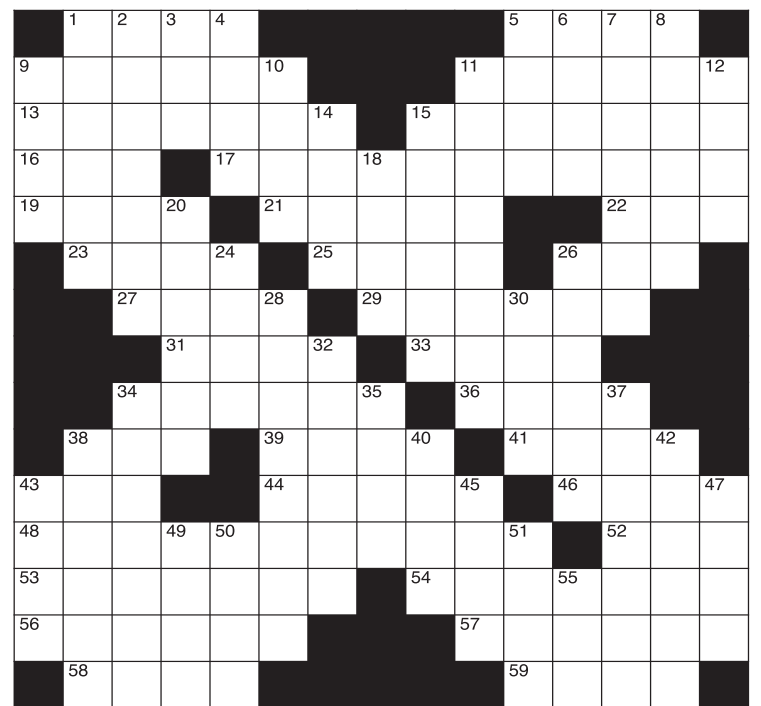



Sudoku Answer

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

- ### CLUES ACROSS
- Tall, upright post on a boat
 - Basics
 - Used to refer to cited works
 - Folds
 - Former UK PM May
 - Cold region of Russia
 - Standard operating procedure
 - Separating
 - Particles
 - A way to map out
 - Referee declares
 - Beginner
 - Water (Spanish)
 - Gov't lawyers
 - Non-reproductive parts of an organism
 - Spanish friends
 - A type of tree
 - Walk heavily
 - About a wood
 - Free-swimming marine invertebrate
 - Political action committee
 - SB19 hit song
 - Scorch the surface of
 - Moved quickly on foot
 - Sacred state for a Muslim
 - Growl
 - Pearl Jam frontman
 - Irritating person
 - Something requiring a solution
 - Firing
 - Hazards
 - Taiwan capital
 - Impudence
 - Rock frontman Durst



- Absence of bacteria
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Men's fashion accessories
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Round red root vegetable
- Latin term for "charity"
- Doesn't smell good
- Mental health issue
- Millisecond
- Hairstyle
- Edible starch
- Middle Eastern military title
- Protein-rich liquids
- Indian musical pattern
- Cancer and Capricorn
- Country along the Arabian peninsula
- A bend
- Fishes of the herring family
- Antelopes
- Chaos
- Popular music app
- Cooking material
- Musical instrument
- San Diego ballplayers
- Small amounts
- Poured
- Fabric
- Food option
- Finger millet
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Alberta, Canada river
- Canadian flyers
- Dry white wine drink

- ### CLUES DOWN
- One who rides an elephant

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG

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 **14th day of November, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Rural Municipality of Armstrong, 1094 PR17, Inwood, 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
1800	THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 4-18-1 EPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN.	L-\$46,700	\$4,505.93
42400	E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 18-18-3 EPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - 12151 ROAD 104NE	L-\$58,600 B-\$107,800	\$5,573.84
157250	SW 1/4 OF 13-21-2 EPM EXC FIRSTLY: WLY 1320 FEET PERP AND SECONDLY: ROAD PLAN 12364 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - 11053 ROAD 122 NE	L-\$62,100 B-\$368,400	\$17,708.83
270400	ALL THAT PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 3-20-1 WPM BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE SOUTH BY THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, ON THE NORTH BY A LINE DRAWN NORTH OF, PARALLEL TO AND PERP DISTANT 262 FEET FROM SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT, ON THE EAST AND WEST BY TWO STRAIGHT LINES EACH DRAWN NLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID SOUTHERN LIMIT FROM POINTS IN THE SAME DISTANT ELY THEREON 200 FEET AND 700 FEET RESPECTIVELY FROM THE EASTERN LIMIT OF THE LAND TAKEN FOR CANADIAN NORTHERN RLY RIGHT OF WAY PLAN 431 WLTO (P DIV) EXC FIRSTLY: PUBLIC ROAD PLAN 43322 WLTO SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND THIRDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS AS SET FORTH IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT - 2143 ROAD 114NW	L-\$5,900 B-\$10,900	\$3,458.48

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 Armstrong 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 10th day of October, 2024.

Managed by:



Nancy Howell
 Interim Chief Administrative Officer
 Rural Municipality of Armstrong
 Phone: (204) 278-3377
 Fax: (204) 278-3437

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Manager Community Engagement

Reporting to the CAO, this position will serve as the RM of Gimli's Manager of Community Engagement. As part of the RM's senior management team, this position will be responsible for both internal and external engagement and communications throughout the RM.

This position will provide advice, guidance and practical strategies to Council and the CAO on a wide variety of matters and will be accountable for the implementation of internal and external engagement and communications activities including employee communications, advertising, consultation, research, stakeholder relations, digital communication and media engagement for the RM.

Key responsibilities will include:

- All engagement and communications activities including development and delivery of effective, innovation and multi-channel strategies that achieve RM and Council goals. These will include public open houses, and preparing and implementing public surveys on various matters.
- Provides direction and oversight to staff with responsibilities for communications functions. Reviews communications and provides guidance to staff as required.
- Prepares annual reports for the public as well as necessary updates and communications related to Council goals throughout the year.
- Works with the senior management team and Council to develop and implement and effective RM brand strategy.
- Manages the RM website for all departments and provides direction to clerical staff for site maintenance and updates.
- Provides direction to clerical staff to post to the RM's CONNECT Notification System.
- Manages all media relations for the RM.

Qualifications and Experience:

The successful candidate will possess post-secondary education in Communications, Public Relations, Public Administration, Marketing or a related field. A suitable combination of education and experience may be considered. The successful candidate will be required to work irregular hours including evenings and weekends as required.

In addition the successful candidate will bring:

- A minimum of two years of relevant community engagement experience and change management theory and practice;
- Several years of experience working with boards and/or councils and providing strategic advice and responding to a wide scope of matters
- Demonstrated experience in developing and delivering communications, marketing and public and internal engagement strategies.
- Supervisory experience, preferably some of which would be in an unionized environment
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communications skills
- Previous experience in public engagement is essential

The RM of Gimli provides a competitive salary based on experience and qualifications as well as a comprehensive benefit package.

This position shall remain open until it is filled, however applicants will begin being considered **October 21, 2024.**

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter prior to the initial closing date to:

Laurel Repski
 Human Resource Consultant, RM of Gimli
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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
57700	NE 1/4 OF SECTION 36-23-10 WPM - NE 36 23 10 W	L -\$49,200	\$3,398.47
85110	LOT 2 BLOCK 1 PLAN 25051 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN FRAC NW 1/4 12-24-10 WPM, LOT 5 BLOCK 1 PLAN 25051 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN FRAC NW 1/4 12-24-10 WPM - 3 MISS ELLIES DR E, OAKVIEW	L -\$27,500 B -\$165,900	\$13,227.52
131750	THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 24-25-8 WPM EXC OUT OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION, THE ELY 525 FEET PERP OF THE WLY 1485 FEET PERP OF THE NLY 620 FEET PERP AND EXC OUT OF ALL OF THE LAND ABOVE DESCRIBED ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 739429 WLTO - DESC NE 24 25 8 W	L -\$39,700	\$3,065.56
131800	THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 24-25-8 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - NW 24 25 8 W	L -\$74,300 B -\$125,700	\$11,781.73
131900	THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24-25-8 WPM, AND EXC OUT OF ALL OF THE LAND ABOVE DESCRIBED ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 739429 WLTO - SE 24 25 8 W	L -\$46,300	\$3,301.19
132000	THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 24-25-8 WPM SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE CROWN LANDS ACT - SW 24 25 8 W	L -\$57,600	\$3,713.78
133200	THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 27-25-8 WPM EXC ALL THAT PORTION THEREOF COVERED BY THE WATERS OF MOOSEHORN LAKE AS SHOWN ON PLAN OF SURVEY OF SAID TOWNSHIP CONFIRMED AT OTTAWA ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL 1909 BY EDOUARD DEVILLE, SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF DOMINION LANDS - DESC SW 27 25 8 W	L -\$55,900	\$3,530.15
133400	NE 1/4 28-25-8 WPM EXC THEREOUT ALL THAT PORTION THEREOF COVERED BY THE WATERS OF MOOSEHORN LAKE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SURVEY OF SAID TOWNSHIP CONFIRMED AT OTTAWA ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL 1909 BY E. DEVILLE, SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF DOMINION LANDS SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - DESC NE 28 25 8 W	L -\$65,500	\$4,023.42
136350	THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 34-25-8 WPM EXC FIRSTLY: ALL THAT PORTION THEREOF CONTAINED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LIMITS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN EASTERN LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DISTANT NLY THEREON 1483 FEET FROM SOUTHERN LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION THENCE WLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EASTERN LIMIT 613.5 FEET THENCE NLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 710 FEET THENCE ELY AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE TO SAID EASTERN LIMIT THENCE SLY ALONG SAID EASTERN LIMIT TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT AND SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS RESERVED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN - DESC SE 34 25 8 W	L -\$94,300	\$5,002.13
327000	THE SLY 1020 FEET PERP OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23-21-5 WPM EXC FIRSTLY: ELY 1540 FEET PERP AND SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND SPECIAL RESERVATIONS AS RESERVED IN THE CROWN - DESC SE 23 21 5 W	L -\$18,300 B -\$237,600	\$14,169.20
423500	LOT 3 PLAN 50956 WLTO SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SE 1/4 4-22-5 WPM - 83 VIMY RD, ERIKSDALE	L -\$1,600 B -\$78,700	\$6,398.68
441500	LOT 15 AND 16 BLOCK 2 PLAN 408 WLTO (P DIV) EXC OUT OF LOTS 15 AND 16, THE WLY 70 FEET, IN THE SW 1/4 4-22-5 WPM - 15/16 2-408	L -\$2,500 B -\$22,700	\$4,433.93
445900	LOT 14 BLOCK 5 PLAN 492 WLTO (P DIV) SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SW 1/4 OF SECTION 4-22-5 WPM - 5 2ND AVE, ERIKSDALE	L -\$2,700 B -\$8,200	\$2,896.59

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- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
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 - 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 2nd day of October, 2024.

Managed by:



Bernardo Pasco
 Chief Administrative Officer
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 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

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- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
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Dated this 19th day of September, 2024.

Managed by:



Shelly Schwitek
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 RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE
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Key areas of responsibility:

- Oversees all aspects of gift shop operation including inventory control
- Actively participate in the execution of NIHM Annual calendar of events
- Operation of gift shop and facility rentals as two revenue streams
- Customer Service and reception duties
- Assist with the set up of incoming travelling and temporary exhibits
- Volunteer recruitment and co-ordination
- Manage the day to day supervision of summer students
- Assist with the planning and developing programs and events

The ideal candidate will be: highly organized and able to work independently; experienced in managing volunteers. Knowledge of the unique history and culture of New Iceland is considered an asset.

Resumes will be received up to noon on November 7th, 2024

Interested applications are invited to submit their resume, along with 3 references to

Julianna Roberts, Executive Director
108-94-1st Ave, Gimli, MB R0C 1B1
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MORTGAGE SALE

The land and building known as 38 Palliser Avenue, Ashern Manitoba, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2256896/1 will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on November 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

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 Matthew Underwood at either (204) 957-8373 or auctions@fillmoreriley.com

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a one storey dwelling approximately 1,132 square feet with living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, full basement, single detached garage, on an approximately .45 acre lot.

Realty taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2023.

Prior Charges: Nil

TERMS OF SALE

A deposit of \$5,000.00 by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Fillmore Riley LLP, or cash, and the balance according to conditions which will be available electronically by contacting the individual below prior to the auction. The property will be sold subject to a **Reserve Bid** of \$27,000.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 8th day of October, 2024 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: www.teranetmanitoba.ca

Should the successful bidder have attended by teleconference and/or video conference, the bidder will have 24 hours to execute the Auction Sale Conditions and to provide them together with the deposit to our office as set out below.

Further information may be obtained from:

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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:

- 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 sub-section 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An Application for revision **must**

- a) **be made in writing;**
- b) **set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;**
- c) **state the grounds on which the application is based; and**
- d) **be filed by**
 - i) **delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of the RM of Gimli in the RM of Gimli, Manitoba, or**
 - ii) **servicing it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting of the Board of Revision.**
- e) **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 29st, 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
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Many thanks to those who sent food, phone calls, visits and cards. Special thanks to Joyce Eyjolfson. This was greatly appreciated.

-Joyce Stewart

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lorne Thomas would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff on B1 at the Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg for all of the caring support that was given to our Dad and our family during the six and a half years he resided there. The staff at Gilbert Funeral Home, Erin and David for their patience and guidance. You made our journey peaceful. Pastor Martin for the lovely service, which was heartwarming. To all of the family and friends, near and far for all of the gestures of love and support, we thank you. We have been blessed with a wonderful father, grandfather, and friend. We are thankful for the many years he was in our lives.

-Thank you from the Thomas, Hrechkosy and Reinhardt families

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In loving memory of

Ralph "Red" Magnusson

July 9, 1931 - October 19, 2021

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We miss you and remember you with love.

-Connie and family

IN MEMORIAM



Jim Smolinski

March 5, 1945 - October 19, 2009

In loving memory of

my dear husband, father and grandfather

Gone are the days we used to share
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We miss you more than anyone knows.
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But it's not the same since we lost you.

-Always loved and remembered,
wife Elaine,
children and grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM



Sigfridur (Freda) Palson

October 18, 1934 - October 12, 1994

Mom and Amma

Goda Nott Elskan

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure;
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.

-Love from,
your family

OBITUARY

Irene Julius (Eastman)

January 26, 1950 - October 2, 2024

It is with deep sadness that our family announces the peaceful passing of our beloved Mother and Amma, Irene Julius, on October 2, 2024 at the age of 74 years.

Mom leaves behind to cherish her memory, daughters Christy (Gerald) Kasyjan and Kelly (Nathan) Bilyk; grandchildren Kinley, Kaiden, Johnny, and Parker; sister Margaret Sigvaldason, sister Rosemarie (Roger) Maksymchuk, and brother-in-law Bob Gudmundson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and family friends.

Mom is joining in heaven her parents Halldor and Herdis Eastman, brother Alfred and sister-in-law Sandra Eastman, brother Dori and sister-in-law Pat Eastman, sister Gladys Gudmundson, and brother-in-law Steini Sigvaldason.



Mom was born January 26, 1950 in Riverton, Manitoba, the fifth of six children in the Eastman family. From a young age, Mom embraced life with enthusiasm and excelled in everything she did. If there was a team at the Riverton Collegiate, she was on it. From cheerleading, hockey and curling to volleyball and bowling, Mom did it all. After high school she moved to Winnipeg where she attended the University of Manitoba. Mom went on to have a successful career at Buffalo Credit Union, building lasting friendships along the way. After retirement, she moved to Calgary, Alberta so she could be close to her daughters. She was a devoted Amma and for the last seven years she spent every day visiting with her grandchildren and showering them with love and attention. Over the last few years, Mom's disease may have taken her mobility and her mind, but no matter what, her grandchildren knew every day just how much Amma loved them.

Mom was truly the most dedicated and loving mother, who always put her children before herself. There was nothing more important than family and she was very proud of her Icelandic Heritage. She will forever be remembered for her infectious smile, her generosity, her impeccable style, her love of country music, and her famous nanaimo bars. Mom loved travelling and would never say no to a trip with her daughters. Family and friends will cherish the countless road trips, shopping excursions and concerts they shared.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Waterfront Centre's Johnson Hall in Gimli, Manitoba at 2:00 p.m.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the wonderful doctors and nurses at the Alberta Neurologic Centre, and the staff at Incasa Homecare and Agecare Glenmore. Your care and support for Mom will always be remembered.

Mom leaves behind a legacy of love and warmth. We will miss you dearly and love you forever Irene, Mom and Amma.

GODA NOTT ELSKAN

OBITUARY

Lawrence Johannson

A gentle giant, Lawrence Johannson, passed away on October 2, 2024 surrounded by four generations of family.

Lawrence is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Carole; son Dean (Tina); daughters Catherine and Lara (Jerry Shewchuk); grandchildren: Christopher (Keely), Alycia (Naser), Kristjan, Ryan (Abigail), Selena (Eric), Elizabeth (Kyle), Nicholas (Jasmine), and Anders (Giuliana); and great-grandchildren: Katarina, Henrique, Margaret, Sophia, Leon, Lyla, and Angelika. He is also survived by his siblings Wally (Sandra), Barbara (Bernest Orbanski), and Neil (Denise), as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Lawrence was predeceased by his parents, Thorkell and Gudrun; parents-in-law, Sigrun and Carl Lavergne; sister Eleanor; brother Ronald; and sister-in-law Norma.

Lawrence was born in January 1940 in Arborg, Manitoba, where he was raised as well. Lawrence and Carole were childhood sweethearts who met at an Arborg Luther Rally in 1958 and they shared 66 wonderful years together. His love for family was always evident, lighting up whenever a family member entered the room. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his treasures. Although a quiet man, when Lawrence spoke, his words were always worth listening to. His sense of humor remained strong until his final day.

From a young age, Lawrence had a mischievous spark, which led to his lifelong career as a Journeyman Electrician. He worked for Keewatin Electric until 1971, when he proudly founded Inner-City Enterprises, which he owned and operated until his retirement.

Lawrence's true passion, however, was the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. A dedicated fan for over 50 years, he was a proud season ticket holder, rarely missing a game or a Grey Cup and always cheering on his beloved team. His loyalty to the Blue Bombers was unmatched, and it was a big part of who he was. In addition, he enjoyed following the Winnipeg Jets.

Lawrence's family extends heartfelt thanks to: Dr. Adeniyi (ADE) Adegbesan, Dr. Martin Karpinski, Dr. Joseph Silha and Dr. Lorne Hurst for all the years and quality time they spent with Lawrence.

A Happy Hour for family and friends to send Lawrence on his journey will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Johnson Hall, Waterfront Centre, 94 1st Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Friends and family are invited to visit Lawrence's memorial page at www.interlakecremation.ca, where memories and condolences may be shared.

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