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Property developer taking Town of Winnipeg Beach to court

By Patricia Barrett

A property developer who had been approved by the Town of Winnipeg Beach for a 44-lot subdivision is taking the town to court, alleging it delayed his development, caused him significant financial losses and damaged his reputation.

Vince Dery of Arnes-based VRD Property Developments Inc. filed a statement of claim in Manitoba Court of King's Bench a few weeks ago, alleging his Lakewood Estates residential subdivision near the intersection of Lake Avenue and Strollway Street on the west side of town suffered "excessive" delays.

Dery's statement of claim says the town approved the project in February of 2019 and that it's in breach of a 2019 development agreement and liable for misfeasance in public office as it encouraged him to pursue the development based on that agreement.

Dery told the *Express* last week that the loss of sales from the lots, which were conditional on the completion of the subdivision, is estimated to be around \$764,000. But he also incurred other financial losses associated with the development. Buyers walked away because the town "couldn't get it together."

"The court will ultimately decide a ballpark figure for the losses. The

\$764,000 represents just the lots that had been sold," said Dery. "And there are all my other expenses and lost income over about four and a half years. On multiple occasions we paid costs for the exact same thing, such as legal and engineering fees, because a new CAO [chief administrative officer] would come in and start the process all over again. I dealt with eight CAOs since 2019."

In addition to his financial losses, Dery said his reputation as a developer took a hit because he wasn't able to "deliver" the lots to people who had paid a deposit then pulled out. Their deposits were refunded in full.

"Because this has been extended and extended and extended with the town not meeting the timeframes, a lot of buyers became frustrated and left," said Dery. "And then interest rates started rising and inflation hit so it killed the development when the town didn't honour their development agreement and their letter of credit."

In February 2019, town council at the time had passed a resolution approving Dery's subdivision with a number of conditions, including that he enter into a development agreement. An agreement was later prepared indicating Dery was to provide a \$10,000 letter of credit.



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF VINCE DERY

An aerial view of Vince Dery's Lakewood Estates residential subdivision near the intersection of Lake Avenue and Strollway Street on the west side of Winnipeg Beach.

But the town subsequently changed the amount of that credit letter numerous times, he said. At different times he was asked for \$309,000, \$400,000 and \$1 million. Then in December 2022 the town informed him it would require a credit letter in the amount of \$623,385.

That constituted a "breach of the express term" outlined in the 2019 development agreement, according to the claim.

Dery was given a final deadline of April 4, 2023, to sign the agreement but with the \$623,000 credit letter — an amount exceeding his costs — and he said he felt obliged to sign it as he would have to start the entire approval process over again from the beginning. He would also have to pay all the costs associated with that.

Although the 2019 development

agreement was not signed in 2019, the statement of claim alleges the parties were "ad idem with respect to the essential terms of the agreement and proceeded with the project on the basis of the terms" of that agreement. Ad idem is a legal phrase to describe the agreement of parties to the same thing.

"My lawyer, Dave Hill [of Hill Sokalski Walsh LLP], says the [2023] contract is void because the original 2019 development agreement would stand regardless of employee turnover at the town," said Dery. "A continuous body of government should honour the first original agreement for a \$10,000 letter of credit."

The *Express* reached out to the Town of Winnipeg Beach for comment, but it did not respond by deadline.

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NIHM highlights plight of refugees with new exhibit

Walk to the Rock and museum fundraising dinner on Oct. 21

By Patricia Barrett

The New Iceland Heritage Museum is raising awareness of the plight of refugees to Canada with its latest exhibit called Refuge Canada.

The travelling exhibit is on loan from the country's national immigration museum, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax.

With ongoing refugee crises around the world, including in Canada, the exhibit is a timely presentation showing how refugees have to live. The exhibit speaks to Canada's historical record on welcoming refugees and reveals the challenges refugees face or have faced in Canada. It also includes firsthand accounts from refugees who contributed to the country.

NIHM executive director Julianna Roberts said the interactive exhibit shows what it's like to live in a shelter in a refugee camp.

"The interactive exhibit has panels showing what a refugee tent is like, giving you a feel for the space they have to live in. It's meant to mimic a



tent. The panels are 10 feet high with very vibrant pictures and interactive stations," she said. "It also talks about refugees in Canada over the years starting with the Doukhobor immigrants at the turn of the 20th century and onward including refugees that have come from places such as El Salvador, Sri Lanka and Bosnia to the present land crossings at the border."

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that 117.2 million people will be displaced and stateless in 134 countries and territories this year. Refugees fleeing war, famine and persecution require emergency assistance, clothing and medicine when they arrive in another country.

The NIHM is staging the exhibit



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JULIANNA ROBERTS

The Refuge Canada exhibit at the New Iceland Heritage Museum shows what its like to live in a refugee camp and challenges faced by refugees coming to Canada.

from Oct. 2 to Nov. 30.

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Gimli Fire Department showcases firefighting

Staff

The Gimli Fire Department held an open house at its hall last Saturday to showcase the work of the department in helping protect the municipality. The department's firefighters were on hand to welcome residents to the fire hall on Second Avenue to explain the use of their equipment, in-

cluding the pumper trucks, an aerial truck and water tanker. In addition to fighting structural fires, wildfires and attending vehicle collisions in the municipality, the department helps neighbouring municipalities such as Bifrost-Riverton and Armstrong fight fires. The event included games and food.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY RAYME THOMPSON



Celebrating the season's charm with a delightful wreath-making workshop



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Yellow Birch Floral & Design owner Kellie Yellowega hosted an evening workshop at The Pier Lounge at Seagulls restaurant in Gimli on Oct. 12 with participants crafting a beautiful autumn-inspired wreath. The wreath included foliage and greenery like eucalyptus, copper beach leaves and locally foraged grasses. For those who missed the Autumn Wreath Workshop, you have a chance to make a winter wreath at an upcoming workshop on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or new to wreath-making, Yellowega welcomes all skill levels to celebrate the season's charm, ensuring that each person creates a stunning wreath to welcome their favourite people into their home with warmth and style. For anyone who would like to take the winter wreath workshop on Dec. 8 at The Pier, you can register at www.yellowbirchfloral.com or call 204-781-8633.

> NIHM, FROM PG. 3

aturday, Oct. 21, and it starts at noon outside the museum. There will be refreshments served after the walk.

In addition to the refugee exhibit, there are a number of events coming up, including a major fundraiser for the non-profit museum, which is one of the province's designated Signature Museums.

The museum's Chocolate Affair fundraiser this Saturday evening (Oct. 21) will be presented by Matlock-based author Doreen Pendgracs, better known as the Interlake's Queen of Chocolate. It will feature a full course dinner with dishes that incorporate fine chocolate from around the world.

"The salad, for example, consists of spring baby greens topped with sundried cranberries, fresh strawberries and chocolate from the Dominican Republic," said Roberts. "The main consists of prime rib with cacao and savoury roasted potatoes and vegetables. Dessert is a chocolate trifle with three layers of chocolate."

The fundraising dinner costs \$80, but attendees will get a tax receipt for \$50.

Roberts said the proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards operating costs. It's an important event as the museum is facing a "huge increase" in rent each year over the next five years.

"We are a non-profit organization and we rely on donors and their donations to operate. We do this one big fundraiser a year and it goes towards our operating costs," said Roberts. "Our rent has gone up by \$4,000 this year and will increase by the same amount next year and the years after. Within the next five years, we'll be paying \$20,000 more for rent."

Roberts said the museum will need more money to survive in its current space, and the board is currently looking at all its options.

"We have a committee that's considering what our future's going to be and where we're going to be," she said. "We don't want to go anywhere. We like it here. We have a great space that works for us and we have storage rooms. Everything here works well for us," said Roberts. "But if the rent goes up, the way we operate will change. We just can't continue to operate at the level we do; programming and services will suffer. It's similar to governments when they tighten their belts — the first thing to go are services."

The museum board is currently welcoming new volunteers — including younger people — to operate the museum gift shop where crafts such as Icelandic mittens and sweaters are sold. It's also looking for volunteers to sit on its board of directors. Both are good opportunities to give back to the community as well as gain experience for future work endeavours.

The museum is holding its annual general meeting on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in person and via Zoom at the Waterfront Centre's Lady of the Lake Theatre, just down the hall from the museum.

"At our AGM, we nominate new people for the board and we go over our audit. We only meet 10 times a year as board members so it's not a great time commitment for

new members looking to join," said Roberts.

People interested in sitting on the board or volunteering in the gift shop can contact Julianna Roberts at the NIHM at 204-642-4001. The museum is located at 94 First Ave. in the Waterfront Centre.

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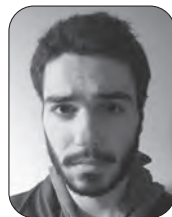
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MAEC changing lives one diploma at a time

By Becca Myskiw

Syliva Worrell didn't see herself getting her high school diploma when she turned 60, but Midland Adult Education Centre (MAEC) changed that.

When Worrell was coming up to her 60th birthday last year, she knew she needed a new job. She'd been with her company for 26 years, but wanted more — the problem was, she never got her high school diploma, and without it, she wouldn't be able to get a job she wanted.

Worrell had her GED from 40 years prior, but as time goes on, GEDs need updating, and when she called MAEC, principal David Langill convinced her to go the extra mile and graduate high school.

"We have two broad categories of learners that come to us," he said. "Most of the learners are people that just want to finish off their high school credentials. ... The second learner is people who've graduated but need some upgrades for a college program they're interested in."

Students once needed 30 credits to graduate high school, but now they only need eight courses — four from the Grade 12 level, with two in math and English. Adult learners are also exempt from the Grade 12 provincial exams. Worrell just needed to take Grade 12 math and English to graduate.

"I thought, 'Oh Lord,'" she said. "But David walked me through it."

Worrell took six months to do her math course and another six for English. For the entirety of last year, she was waking up at 4 a.m., doing schoolwork until 6 a.m., doing housework, working out and then going to her job at the gym.

"My goal was to retire from my job when I turned 60," she said. "I turned in my final paper in November when I did."

Worrell used her new diploma to get a job as a support worker with St. Amant. Now, she spends her days at the houses of people with mental disabilities, helping them with whatever they need and taking them to appointments — she's never been happier. Worrell said as long as she stays able, she'll work until she's at least 70.

"Without school I couldn't have done that," she said. "Because if I had a high school diploma was the first thing they asked me. It literally changed my life."

MAEC is completely online, meaning students do the coursework on their own time. Langill said adult learners usually have more responsibilities and hurdles in the way of their education than high school students do. They have families, jobs and life standing in the way.

"It's a completely different kind of celebration than it would be for a traditional high school kid," said Langill. "As an adult learner, you're in a completely insular situation."

So, at MAEC, students learn when it works for them. And they get their diploma on their own time. Andrew Creasy took four years to get his diploma, taking math, science, biology, English and phys-ed.

Creasy was working full time while he finished Grade 12. What prompted him to go for it was the need for a new, better job that would allow him to grow. Once he finished high school, Creasy started a welding apprenticeship, and he said without his diploma, he never would have had the opportunity to apply for the job.

Though most students go to MAEC so they can get a better job with higher pay, Magaly Vera went because her high school credentials from Colombia aren't recognized by Manitoba Education — forcing her to start from scratch.

Vera started with MAEC in 2020 and after completing eight courses, she graduated last June. Vera took Essential Math 20S, psychology, World of Religions, English, Essential Math 40S, Apply Info & Comm Tech 1 15F, phys-ed, and Life/Work Transitioning 40S.

"I was checking online when I found the Midland Adult Education Centre," she said. "I could get my Grade 12 studying online and paying just \$35 for a registration fee, so I did it."

To register with MAEC costs \$35. While Vera got her diploma here, she was also working a full-time and part-time job and raising her family with her husband.

"It was perfect for me because I didn't have time," she said. "I was so happy when I got my diploma. I had a moment to relax and enjoy my accomplishment."

Vera applied to Brandon School Division in July to work as a casual educational assistant. She just started the job last week and is ecstatic about the opportunity — one she wouldn't have without her diploma.

"Everybody's got a different story, a different place to start," said Langill. "It's just so exciting and so satisfying and so humbling when you see people who worked their way through and are on their way."

MAEC's math and English courses are already full for the 2023-24 school year, but that doesn't mean people can't still register. There are two other schools in the province (Sunrise Adult Learning Centre and the Louis Riel Institute) that offer online adult learning, and Langill will refer anyone wanting to get their diploma to them. To register with MAEC, people have to be at least 19 years old and be out of high school for at least a year.



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Kris' Fish & Chips begins rebuilding with anticipated spring opening

By Patricia Barrett

After a fire in May 2022 gutted Kris' Fish & Chips, Gimli's popular hotspot for locally caught pickerel and homemade fries, the restaurant will be rebuilt and is expected to be firing up the grill next spring.

Jeff Badger, who owns the family-run fish shop, said the wreckers are due to take the building down this week then construction can get underway shortly.

"I used to feel bad when I went into town and went by the shop. But now that things are rolling, I feel way more optimistic," said Badger. "I bump into past employees and they tell me they can't wait to be back at work. They reached out to me and said, 'We'll help you set up and get going again.'"

Badger said he had just ordered his spring stock and had about \$25,000 worth of fish and \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of ice cream in the freezer when the fire broke out.

The fish shop is famous for its queues down First Avenue, with locals and tourists alike lining up for lightly battered fresh pickerel and hot chips, hamburgers made with Manitoba beef, Manitoba craft beer, salads and hard ice cream. The long lines were a testament to the popularity of the restaurant and evident by sales in the shop, which Badger said is "one of the highest performing" in Gimli.

"I know people were sometimes annoyed about how busy it was and

with the queuing, so I'm allowing more room in the front for queuing," said Badger.

The restaurant was originally established in the 1990s by commercial fisher Kris Olson, who sold it to the Badger family in 2003.

"I originally bought it for my kids so they would have summer jobs at the lake and I also thought it would be a good investment," said Badger. "Our family has become attached to it. When they were 13 or 14 my kids started working for Kris and they talked me into buying it."

The new restaurant will look similar to the original design but will incorporate accessibility upgrades to allow wheelchair patrons to access the back patio. Another washroom will also be added.

"I want to match the front of the restaurant with the historic street front. It will be a square flat front with a nice awning to protect people in the queue from the elements. My architect is dealing with a graffiti artist to recreate the wave in the front and the building will be a light blue stucco," said Badger, who has a design and planning background and works with The Forks to create spaces in the food hall. "From a physical point of view, people won't notice much of a change."

The patio at the back of the restaurant will have a portable work station



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Kris' Fish & Chips, a family diner in Gimli, that temporarily closed due to a fire inside of the building on May 8, 2022 announced they will be expected to open in the spring of 2024.

complete with water, electricity and gas so that the restaurant can hold events, he said. He'll also be streamlining the kitchen "to make it easier for the cooks to work" and building an apartment above the restaurant so that he can have employees lodging on site.

The building envelope is expected to be completed this year and work on the interior will be able to be carried out over the winter, said Badger. The goal is to have the restaurant open in time for the May long weekend.

One thing that won't be changing is Badger's dedication to serving Manitoba-raised food.

"The customer experience to me is very important," said Badger. "The food we sell is fresh; it's been that way since Day 1. My fish comes in fresh. The bread is made by the Arborg [Bakery] and I source suppliers for Manitoba-grown potatoes."

Kris' Fish & Chips is located at 78 First Ave., across from the Lakeview Resort.

Letter to the editor

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We need to honour our veterans

I just want to express an opinion on having Christmas items out before Remembrance Day.

Honestly, I had family who fought in the war and, to be honest, that day should be honoured before Christmas. If it was not for those who fought and gave their lives, we would not have the freedom which we have.

We have not even gone through Halloween and, boy oh boy, the stores have their Christmas stuff

out, wanting people to start spending that almighty dollar.

I guess the stores had losses for a couple of years due to COVID but, again, I really do not see a problem with putting Christmas stuff out after the veterans have their time. I feel it is so disrespectful.

I just feel stores, whether huge stores or the smaller ones, should wait. The veterans need to be honoured before Christmas. I just do not feel that it is right for stores to have their Christmas stuff out before Remembrance Day.

- Maria Turkitch



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Running with scissors: How a local woman makes positivity into a business

By Becca Myskiw

A Winnipeg Beach woman is running through life with scissors.

Heidi Hunter is a local mime turned artist turned therapist. She's always loved making things with her hands, whether it be sewing, crocheting, knitting or embroidery. So after taking a quilting class in the late '90s, Hunter switched from miming to fibre art.

"I had written in my journal, 'I want to make colourful quilts and stand in a garden with mismatched socks,'" she said. "And then it all came true."

Hunter soon started working out of a home studio, hosting classes and events, one of which went on for five years before it got too large for her. Then, when COVID-19 hit, Hunter pivoted again.

"I've always been enamoured with the creative process," she said. "I love the creative process more than the product itself. I liked rehearsal more than performing, and now I call myself a creative flow facilitator."

Hunter now teaches creative writing and block therapy, relating everything to the idea of play. Block therapy helps people melt through restrictions in fascia tissue to help relieve pain. In her newest workshop, Writing from the Well, Hunter helps people access inner wisdom through art journaling.

"Kids are fearless on the playground," she said. "Play is intrinsically motivating. It's the same with art."

Hunter believes everything grows from a place of curiosity, so everything she does is about finding that curious place and using it. In her block therapy sessions, she uses the idea of play to help people learn and heal. She and a block therapist in Australia have created the app "Block Therapy Blockheads" for people wanting to try the practice.

"It all makes sense if everything comes from a play perspective," she said. "If you can find that playfulness and that place of curiosity, just to be in that curious place is the ticket."

Hunter's business name is Runs with Scissors, something she came up with years ago. It means to go through life breaking the rules, leaning into the unknown, running with scissors.

Hunter's newest endeavour is Showing Up Sundays, a subscription community-like service. For \$9/month, people can log into a Zoom call every Sunday and for one hour. Everyone on the call gets things done they've been putting off. Some people fold laundry; others do a puzzle, and some complete late work. Whatever the task, everyone does it together. Hunter has around 40 people registered for Showing Up Sundays right now, with 18 showing up every week.

To learn more about Runs With Scissors, go to www.runswithscissors.ca or call 204-782-9863. To learn more about block therapy with Hunter, go to www.untilnow.ca.

"I call it putting the window in the wall," she said. "When we can see possibility, I think we can be kinder to ourselves."



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Heidi Hunter has made a business out of positivity. She teaches creative writing and block therapy, among other things.

Consider becoming a palliative care volunteer

By Jennifer McFee

Oct. 14 was World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, which aims to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world.

This year's theme is "Compassionate Communities: Together for Palliative Care."

For anyone looking to get involved, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's palliative care team is seeking volunteers.

Education events will be offered at Gimli hospital in the multi-purpose room on Thursday, Oct. 19 and Thurs-

day, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In addition, an education event is coming up at Pinawa hospital in the conference room on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

"There is no requirement to commit to being a volunteer," said Barb Ramsay, palliative care volunteer coordinator.

"After the sessions, it is completely up to you if you would like to be a part of this valuable team."

To register, contact Barb Ramsay at bramsay@ierha.ca or 204-785-7542.



Barb Ramsay, IERHA palliative care volunteer co-ordinator

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	Dates	Time(s)	Location(s)
Arborg	October 26	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Arborg Bifrost Community Centre, 409 Recreation Drive
	November 2	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Arborg Bifrost Community Centre, 409 Recreation Drive
	November 18	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Arborg Bifrost Community Centre, 409 Recreation Drive
	November 30	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Arborg Bifrost Community Centre, 409 Recreation Drive
Ashern	October 23	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 MB-325
	November 2	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 MB-325
	November 9	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Ashern Centennial Hall, #1 MB-325
Eriksdale	October 25	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Eriksdale Rec Centre, Second 1 st Ave
	October 30	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Eriksdale Rec Centre, Second 1 st Ave
	November 4	10:00 am - Noon	Eriksdale Wellness Centre, 35 Railway Ave
	November 10	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Eriksdale Rec Centre, Second 1 st Ave
Faulkner	October 31	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Faulkner Community Hall
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	November 7	Noon - 5:00 pm	Fisher Branch Ukrainian National Home Hall, 33 Provencher Ave
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Gimli	October 30	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	New Horizons, 17 North Colonization Rd Loni Beach
	November 4	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	New Horizons, 17 North Colonization Rd Loni Beach
	November 20	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	New Horizons, 17 North Colonization Rd Loni Beach
Gypsumville	October 26	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Gypsumville Clinic, 1st St
Lundar	October 27	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Lundar Legion Hall, 50 3 rd Ave
	November 4	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Lundar Community Health Office, 97 1st Ave South
	November 8	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Lundar Legion Hall, 50 3 rd Ave
	November 15	Noon - 4:00 pm	Lundar Legion Hall, 50 3 rd Ave
Matheson Island	November 2	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Matheson Island Hall
Matlock	October 25	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Matlock Rec Centre, 77 Matlock Rd
Moosehorn	November 7	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Moosehorn Community Hall, Railway Ave
Pine Dock	November 2	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Pine Dock Hall
Riverton	October 28	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Riverton Hall, 175 Riverton Ave W
	November 9	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Riverton Hall, 175 Riverton Ave W
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St. Laurent	October 26	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	St. Laurent Rec Centre, Lot 825 PTH 6
	November 1	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	St. Laurent Rec Centre, Lot 825 PTH 6
	November 18	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	St. Laurent Rec Centre, Lot 825 PTH 6
Winnipeg Beach	November 6	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Winnipeg Beach Rec Centre, 32 Hamilton St

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**Interlake-Eastern
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The final Crossfire Bullriding event of the 2023 season before the finals



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

It all came together for Australian bull rider Cody Fraser at the 25th anniversary of Boneyard General Repair Boyz and Bullz event in Eriksdale Friday night. Fraser, had been sidelined for much of the season with a punctured lung and broken ribs, but his 86-point ride on MVB "Night Blood" in the Bud Light Championship Round secured his BRC Finals position with a big win. Fraser, who came to the event in the 20th and final spot, covered two bulls on route to the victory. His 166 points on two bulls was worth \$4,112 and 760 points! Crowd favourite, at just 17 years old, Grady Young, who was leading going into the final round, was unable to hold his spot on top and settled for second. Eriksdale's Ben Kinkead was also recognized during the evening for his involvement in keeping the bull riding event going after 25 years.

New Iceland Heritage Museum

November 13th | 7PM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Winter forecast revealed – bundle up and grab your shovel!

By Jennifer McFee

The weather has been beautiful for the last few weeks, but get ready for plenty of snow and cold coming soon.

The 2024 *Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition* predicts this winter in the prairies will be colder and snowier than usual.

Managing editor Jack Burnett expects Manitoba's winter will be chilly with more precipitation than normal, particularly in the form of snow.

"We're looking for an old fashioned heavy-duty Manitoban winter. When I look at the weather map for Canada, I don't think I've ever seen one that has more white in it," he said.

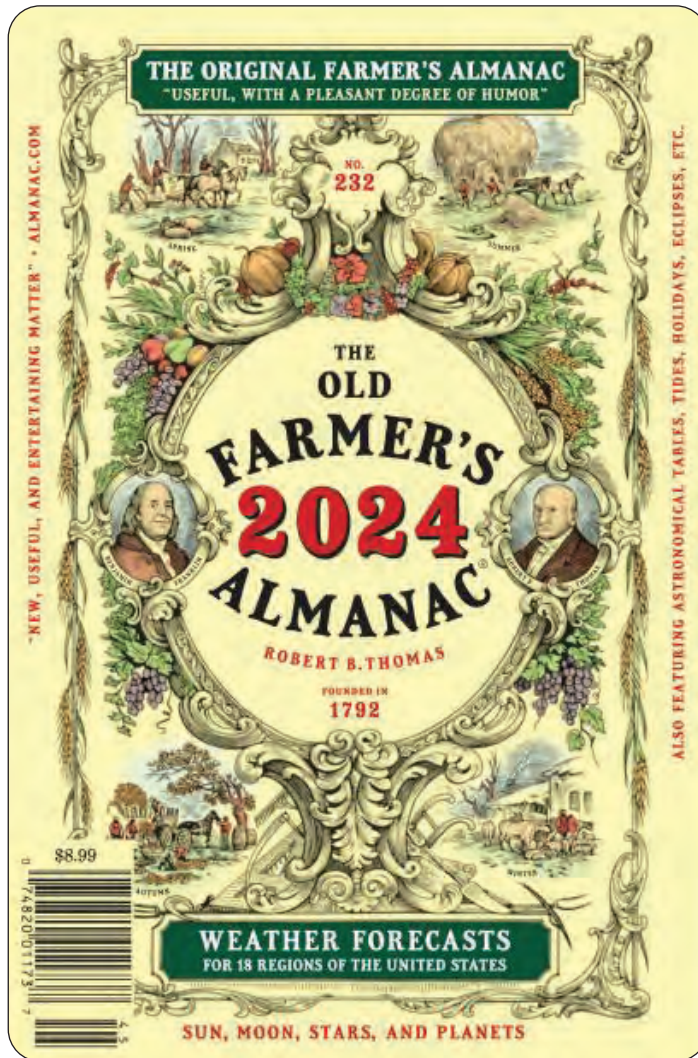
"By Vancouver and over in Newfoundland and Labrador, there are some exceptions, but the rest of Canada looks to be white and snowy, a little bit milder. Manitoba is going to be right in the heart of it."

The coldest of the cold will show up in three stretches, he said.

"The first one is the middle eight to 10 days of November. The second one is the last week of December into the first week of January. The third one is the last week of January up through the middle of February. That's right around Valentine's Day, so people are going to need to use their warm and loving hearts to warm up because it's going to be bitter cold," Burnett said.

"You might say, 'Of course, it's winter in Manitoba and Stonewall and Teulon and that's the way it's going to be' — but not necessarily. We get our indications and usually we're fairly close."

What's interesting is that the cold is front-loaded, he added.



"There are going to be times when it's cold in March and it's going to go into April too. But after the middle of February, we don't see any big-time cold sieges," Burnett said.

"As far as snow goes, it's interspersed. We see three hardcore bouts of heavy snow. The first one we see arriving around Nov. 8 to 12, pretty early. The second one will be the first week of February and the third one will be the last week of March."

And we'll need to brace ourselves for the first 10 days

of February because that's when the extreme cold will overlap with heavy snow.

"The first 10 days of February look to be the real heart of the heavy winter," he said.

"Once folks get through that, there's going to be cold spells and snow, but that's the real heavy-duty time."

Manitobans can also expect snow storms around Nov. 8 and April 5.

"It will be hardcore, but by the same token, we want to get some moisture into the ground. The more moisture we can get into the ground, the better it is for fighting fires," he said.

"And because we've had drought conditions in many places, a lot of growers have been using ground water for irrigation. In many places, the aquifers and lakes have been down, so we need this winter moisture to replenish those as best we can throughout the prairies. Anything will help. I think that there's a silver lining — or, we might say, a white lining — to that cloud."

Spring will likely be a bit cooler and slightly wetter than usual, Burnett noted.

"I think it's going to be a good year for oat growers. And I think that summer is going to be ever so slightly warmer and drier but hopefully not drought conditions. Growers and home gardeners of every stripe should have a good spring to get things going," he said.

"Then, all of a sudden, summer will come, the soil will warm up, things will start popping and the crops will start pushing. Once you make it through the winter, it's not going to be clear sailing but it's going to be smoother seas."

Founded by Robert B. Thomas in 1792, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* is the oldest continuously published periodical in North America. The publication bases its weather forecasts on a combination of meteorology, climatology and solar radiation.

In addition to weather predictions, the almanac touches on many other interesting topics.

"*The Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition* is only about five or six per cent weather. It's all about gardening, food, astronomy, home remedies, folklore, humour, puzzles and so on," Burnett said.

"If people are interested in getting a copy — or a copy of *The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids*, which is also a best seller and a great gift — we encourage people to buy locally and support their local bookstores, drugstores,

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Your FARM



Automated systems boost efficiency at Halarda Farms

By Jennifer McFee

Mooove over manual milking — this Manitoba dairy farm is run by robots.

It's all in the family at Halarda Farms in Elm Creek, which has been operated by the Borst clan for nearly 40 years.

The entrepreneurial enterprise began with Hans and Dini Borst, who moved to Manitoba from Holland in 1984. They bought an existing 80-cow operation and named it Halarda Farms, incorporating the first initials of the names of themselves and their children — Hans, Anton, Lucie, Alex, Ralph, Dini and Adrienne.

The business continued to grow, and by 2008 they had acquired more than 600 milking cows.

Ten years ago, Anton Borst and his wife Cheryl officially took over the operation from his parents. The couple has nine children and nine grandchildren — with more on the way.

"When our kids are 12 years old, that's when they're officially on the chore list and on the payroll," Anton said.

"All our kids have to go off the farm for at least a year and do something else. Then they can decide if they want to come back to the farm. And if they want to have a job on the farm, that's always possible. If they want to be involved in ownership or management, it takes a totally different level of commitment."

Last year, their son Michael and daughter-in-law Janique joined as partners, representing the third generation managing the family farm.



Six-year-old Richard represents the fourth generation on the family farm.

"I like working with animals and I don't mind working hard," said Michael, a father of three wee children with a fourth expected to arrive soon. "I liked growing up working with my family — and I want that for my kids too."

The bustling business also employs 17 full-time staff members as well as some part-time workers.

About 15 years ago, when Halarda Farms' manual milking parlour needed to be replaced, they set out to explore new options — and they discovered innovations in large robot barns that ended up transforming the future of the family farm.

They decided to build a new barn equipped with Lely Astronaut A3 robotic milking systems. Over time, they continued to add more robots while also increasing the size of their herd and in 2019 upgraded the robots to Lely A5s.

Today, Halarda Farms is home to nearly 3,000 Holsteins, including 1,300 milking cows that are milked an average of 2.8 times per day at 20 robotic stations.

The cows are separated into multiple groups depending on their age and stage of life. They all wear computerized collars that monitor every-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MCFEE

Left to right: Jaclyn, Richard, Janique, Miranda, Michael, Alayah, Annika, Cheryl and Anton.

thing from the cow's movement to how they chew their cud.

"The infrared collars can calculate a chance that she's sick. Any cow with a 70 per cent probability of being ill will automatically be put in a separate pen. If she's in a sort pen, it will tell you the reason she's there. It also indicates when she's in heat and needs to be bred," Anton says.

"The robotic system saves a lot of work. It gives the farmer a more flex-

ible schedule, and robotic systems collect a lot of additional data on the cows that can be used for management decisions. With a herd this size, we're trying to do management by exception."

On any given day, about 20 cows are in the separate sort pen for treatment or recuperation.

"If we have to treat them with any

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kind of antibiotic, then there is a set milk withdrawal after the antibiotic is used. The milk is not allowed to be shipped, and we take that very seriously," Anton said.

"We have a very close relationship with Morden Vet Clinic and they're here once a week on Tuesdays. They do pregnancy checking and we'll show them any cows that we're not 100 per cent sure about."

About 150 calves are born each month, with an average of five per day. The males are sent to Alberta while the females are raised on the farm for two to three lactation cycles. All the females undergo genetic testing so only the best are bred for replacement.

"Dairy cows are like high-end athletes," Anton said. "They're bred to give a lot of milk, so for them to be able to perform up to their potential, we need everything for their care to be right when it comes to nutrition and comfort."

Comfort is key for maximizing milk production, which averages 41 litres daily per milking cow. Each day, Halarda Farms ships out about 50,000 litres, and all the milk is sold through the non-profit Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, which also designates the destination. Most of the milk from Halarda Farms ends up being processed in Winnipeg or St. Claude.

The climate is closely monitored in the well-ventilat-

ed barns, which have plenty of natural light. Other comfort measures include an automated bedding system that deposits freshly chopped straw. In the main pens, cows enjoy lounging on waterbeds with a foam underlay.

The animals undergo automated hoof baths four days per week, and a professional hoof-trimmer visits the farm weekly. Automated brushes provide even more creature comfort for

pregnant cows.

The Borsts also hire a nutritionist to determine the right ratio of ingredients to feed their cows to maximize milk production with the best possible components. They grow their own crops on 5,000 acres of farmland and try to keep six months of feed in reserve. Healthy food is al-

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Cheryl and Anton Borst with daughters Jaclyn and Annika.



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Gimli Artist announces exhibit at Centennial Concert Hall this winter

By Becca Myskiw

A Gimli man is making waves in the Manitoba art scene.

Don Fletcher owns Bond Invention House on Gimli's Centre Street. He moved to town during the pandemic when looking for a quieter, more scenic place to put down roots.

For more than 45 years, Fletcher has been dabbling in almost every art medium imaginable. He started as a young boy building models, then moved into building furniture, then art deco furniture, and on and on all while running a construction company.

Fletcher said his construction company took on a lot of odd jobs other companies didn't want. They were doing lots of restaurants and salons, which gave him the creative space he craved in the professional world.

"I get bored really quick," he said. "So I was onto the next medium."

The next mediums for Fletcher were woodworking, traditional art, metal forging, rod ironwork and pottery. He's never done paintings and likely never will — they just aren't his thing.

"Then, I just lost my edge on my art for years," he said.

But when he met a woman at Crock A Doodle, a paint-your-own-pottery studio, he got back into the world of art and hasn't left since.

Today, Fletcher works mostly with glass fusing, a process of joining compatible sheets of glass together in a kiln. Glass fusing allows the artist to create almost anything — hanging art, standing art and functional art.

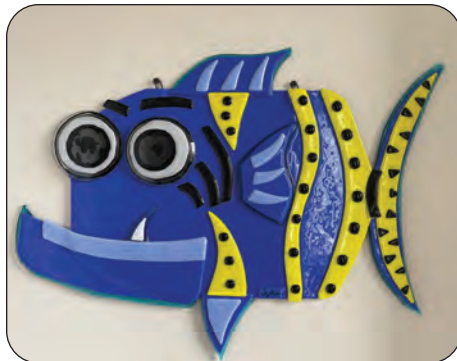
Fletcher has pieces of each. He's created beautiful bowls that look glass blown. He's built figurines of funky cows, toucans and owls. He's created mask upon mask of every colour imaginable and is now working on retro TVs. And his pieces have sold across the globe, sitting in homes overseas for guests to see.

"Everything is always different," he said. "I'm always thinking outside the box."

And that thinking has gotten him noticed. From Dec. 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024, his exhibit *Bright n Shiny Objects* will be on display at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg. His exhibit will cover 90 linear feet of wall and will include all kinds of his pieces, each of them for sale.

"It took me by surprise," he said. "I'm still in shock. When I look at the poster, I'm like 'holy, I've kind of made it.' If you've got your dream, you've got to go after it."

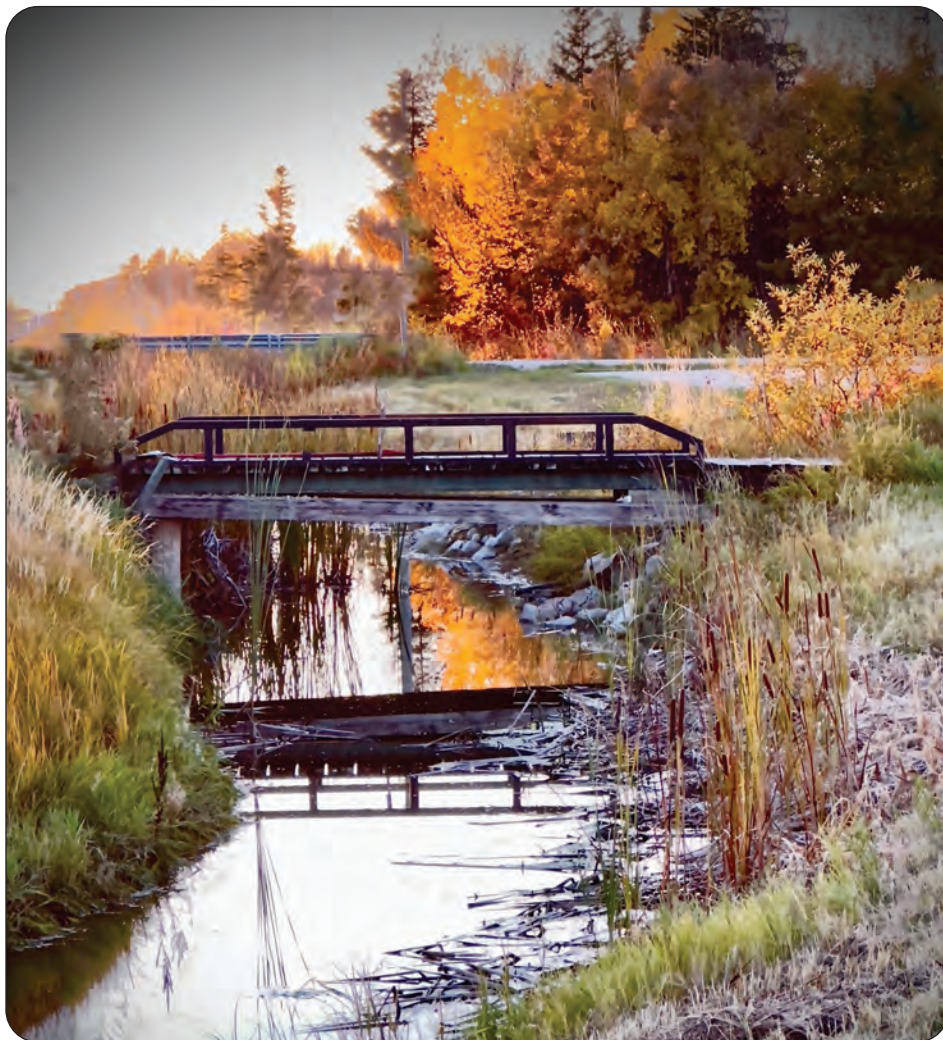
While he prepares for the exhibit, Fletcher is also writing an autobiographical book, which he's hoping to have finished this coming spring.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Don Fletcher is a gimli artist who enjoys glass fusing. Fletcher will have his exhibit, "Bright and Shiny Objects" on display at the Centennial Concert Hall Dec. 1, 2023 to March 1, 2024.

Spectacular fall foliage



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JACKIE SAURETTE

Gimli is a spectacular sight as Mother Nature turns the foliage surrounding Pelican Beach into a kaleidoscope of beautiful colours. This photo was taken on Sunday, Oct. 15 when the temperatures reached 16 degrees C. Help the Express record the weather of the week and send in your photos of friends or family enjoying the outdoors. Email: weather@expressweeklynews.ca

Ongoing algal bloom near Deer Island blighting fishery, environment

By Patricia Barrett

A Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher working near Deer Island in the Hecla-Grindstone region has been swamped by ongoing algal booms since the fall fishery season opened.

Bill Buckels took photos on Oct. 14 of ongoing blooms polluting the region and the deleterious effect they're having on his harvesting operation.

The commercial fishery is a major source of income for fishers along the lake and an important contributor to Manitoba's economy.

Communities along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg, including Winnipeg Beach, Gimli and Arnes, were inundated with noxious-smelling algal blooms and experienced some fish kills near the end of September and in October (see Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 editions of the *Express* online). The provincial government's department of environment and climate said in statements at that time that the algal blooms had disappeared or weren't present to be sampled.

Buckels said the area where he fishes is awash with algae and that the government "must have been looking in the wrong lake."



Algae choking the pump had to be cleared out.

"All the new [NDP] government has to do is come to see me and I'll show them a bunch of blooms," said Buckels. "They should be looking for another job if they can't see them, and I'll be sure to phone the new ministers."

It was the contention of a number of presenters at a public meeting hosted in September by the Silver Harbour-based Coalition for Lake Winnipeg that little progress has been made to reduce phosphorus — the primary nutrient encouraging algae growth — flowing into the lake from sources



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BILL BUCKELS

Buckels' boat filled with algae as he brought in his nets.

such as wastewater, raw sewage and agricultural operations. There was a call for meaningful action from senior levels of government to save the lake's health from degrading further.

> FARMERS ALMANAC, FROM PG. 12

hardware store, big box store. Any place books and magazines are sold, you can find *The Old Farmer's Almanac* with the yellow cover."

A list of stores is available at Almanac.ca/Wheretobuy. Print copies are also available through Amazon, and digital editions can be purchased at Almanac.ca/Shop.

Other popular publications include

the annual *Garden Guide*, a digital monthly magazine called *EXTRA!* and a collection of wall and desk calendars.

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SAFE Work Manitoba launches youth safety contest

Submitted by WCB

SAFE Work Manitoba has launched its 2024 Norm the Safety Contest. High school students across the province are invited to submit their projects for a chance to win one of three cash prizes. First place winners will also be submitted to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety's national safety youth video contest.

This year, for the first time, there will be six student and six school prizes; three for each of the two submission categories. Students may submit a video or a poster to the 2024 Norm the Safety Contest.

"Safety is a shared responsibility, and we should encourage students to lead by example. Norm the Safety Contest is the perfect opportunity for students to tap into their creativity and create a project that inspires their peers to embrace a culture of workplace safety," said Dave Kramer, vice-president, SAFE Work Manitoba. "Young workers need to be aware of hazards they



may encounter on the job and how to handle these situations. This project gives youth a chance to be leaders in workplace safety and make a difference in our province."

This year's theme is "hand and finger injuries." Submissions should help raise awareness among young workers about the importance of preventing hand and finger injuries.

The following prize amounts will be awarded to the student (or group of students) and \$1,000 will be given to each of the winners' schools.

- First place: \$2,500 for video; \$2,500 for poster
- Second place: \$1,500 for video; \$1,500 for poster
- Third place: \$1,000 for video; \$1,000 for poster



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

SAFE Work Manitoba is hosting a national safety youth video contest with a Feb. 2, 2024, deadline.

The submission deadline is Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CST. For more information about Norm the Safety Contest and to view previous years' winning entries, visit our resources page.


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Shear fun: Luckystone Acres Icelandic sheep farmers expanding agritourism opportunities

By Patricia Barrett

The owners of Luckystone Acres sheep farm just north of Gimli are not only supplying the market with speciality wool and pasture-raised lamb, but they're also helping expand interest in agritourism by offering farm tours and workshops.

Zoe and Craig Bailey specialize in raising Icelandic sheep, a hardy breed that grows thick, luxurious coats and whose wool is used to make Icelandic lopi yarn.

The couple's farm on the northwest border of Loni Beach is open (by appointment) to visitors curious about their small flock of breeding ewes, their wool and how they're raised. The farm is especially popular at lambing time in the spring.

"We do give tours when people come out," said Zoe. "We also have regenerative agriculture projects where we're constantly trying to improve our farming practice and add new designs and elements. We have a few on the go now. We want to make our farm more environmentally friendly."

The Baileys converted the front of their barn into a farm store where they can sell their own farm-produced goods such as sheepskins, felted crafts, yarn, produce and wood-working items.

"We sell lamb meat and we have the wool processed locally into yarn.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ZOE BAILEY

Sheep shearer Stacey Rosvold showed visitors to Luckystone Acres sheep farm how to shear wool from Icelandic sheep.

We also sell wool batting and wool roving, as well as sheepskins and felt projects — items that have been turned into felt art," said Zoe. "My husband and a friend have a wood-working shop on the property and we sell wood turnings in the store."

Last Sunday the Baileys treated visitors to a sheep-shearing demonstration. Shearer Stacey Rosvold came out to show people how the sheep are



The Baileys welcomed visitors to their sheep farm just north of Gimli last Sunday for a sheep-shearing demonstration.

Friends of the food bank



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Staff from Red Apple in Arborg were all smiles after raising several boxes of donations in support of the Riverton & District Friendship Centre's food drive. The annual fundraiser helps support the organization's food bank, providing meals to people in need. From left: Britney Erlendson, Amber Bjornson, RDFC staff member Martine Sawanas, Joanne Beaubien, Red Apple manager Shirley Zenuik.



The Baileys hosted a felt workshop in September, teaching participants how to make a pumpkin decoration.

sheared.

"It was amazing to watch Stacey handle the sheep. Traditionally, we only shear in the spring, but the wool

of Icelandic sheep grows so quickly and so long that we can do it twice

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MB Farm Women's Conference is in Winkler Nov. 21-23

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Farm Women's Conference has been bringing women in agriculture together for three days of connection and education since 1986.

This year the conference takes over the Day's Inn Conference Centre in Winkler Nov. 21-23.

It's going to be a return to form for the event, notes spokesperson Cheryl Janzen, after a few years of scaled-down and virtual conferences thanks to the pandemic.

"We're trying to rebrand, be more relevant, reach new people," she says, stressing, however, that the conference's focus remains to educate, encourage and empower women in agriculture.

"It's quite empowering to see these ladies in action," she noted of the event's

organizing board, which includes members from across the province. "We're doing what we can to help women ... it's a little bit of fun, a little bit of learning, a bit of gaining pride in who we are as rural women in Manitoba. Sometimes, you're really alone on the farm. You have your little group, sure, but this gives you a feeling of being part of something bigger."

The conference kicks off on Tuesday,

Nov. 21 with an evening of registration and social activities.

The meat of the event is on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and Thursday, Nov. 23, when participants will have their choice of guided visits to two local agriculture businesses (a combine clinic at Green Valley Equipment and a tour of Vanderveen Greenhouse), sessions on a variety of topics related to life on the farm (everything from stress management to farm safety to transition plans) and presentations from multiple guest speakers.

Cherilyn Nagel is the Wednesday keynote speaker. She was recently recognized as one of the top 50 most influential people in Canadian agriculture and will be talking about promoting the industry rather than defending it.

"She is a dynamic speaker that really talks about amplifying your farmer's voice," Janzen says, noting Nagel is also known for her "So ... Your Client is a Farmer?" online training program that seeks to help people build better relationships with farmers and increase the overall level of knowledge about agriculture and food. "She's speaking not only to the farmers but also if you work with farmers ... just to understand that we need to build relationships."

"IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF FUN, A LITTLE BIT OF LEARNING, A BIT OF GAINING PRIDE IN WHO WE ARE AS RURAL WOMEN IN MANITOBA."



EXPRESS FACEBOOK/MANITOBA FARM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Manitoba Farm Women's Conference is back with a full-sized, three-day event this year. It takes place at the Days Inn Conference Centre in Winkler Nov. 21-23.

Thursday's keynote address, entitled "No Place Like Home," will be provided by Kim Ulmer, RBC regional president for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut and western Ontario. Ulmer's presentation will share some of the life lessons she's learned as a rural Canadian.

"She's looking at, again, really celebrating who we are," says Janzen.

It's certainly going to be a busy couple of days, Janzen reflects, but she

wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is an opportunity to meet, bring your girlfriends and go out to something that has some purpose."

For a full breakdown of the conference's sessions, head to mfwc.ca. That's also the place to go to register for the event from now until Nov. 8. You can sign up for the entire conference (\$200) or individual days and select which sessions you want to take part in.

> LUCKYSTONE ACRES, FROM PG. 19

a year. We sheared off high quality wool, which has not been spoiled from the winter feeding of dry hay," said Zoe. "We also skirted the fleeces, which means taking all the vegetable matter out of them and let people feel them. We trimmed hooves and an-

swered questions."

The couple have started hosting felting workshops where visitors can learn how to make a decoration using a needle and felt. In September visitors got to make a pumpkin decoration out of felt. On Oct. 22 (Sunday

from 1 to 3 p.m.) they'll be offering their second felting workshop, teaching visitors how to make mushroom decorations.

The Baileys' farm was part of the Icelandic Festival this year for the first time, welcoming visitors from near and far to their operation during festival.

"We hosted a large event. We had almost 700 people on our farm over two days of the festival and it was super fun," said Zoe.

The farm store is open by appointment and during select weekends. Please call Zoe or Craig at 204-990-4670. The farm is located at 90 Loni Beach Rd.

> HALARDA FARMS, FROM PG. 14

ways within reach for the cows, thanks to the Lely Juno automatic feed pushers. Houle alley scrapers keep the barns clean by continually pushing manure to a channel under the floor. Eventually, the manure is used to fertilize their fields for a full-circle cycle.

Besides dealing with bovines, the dairy business involves many administrative aspects.

"On a farm our size, there is a lot of administration and data management, so there is a lot of office work. In addition, because there is some

automation and equipment, there is also a lot of maintenance and repair work that needs to be done," Anton said.

"On top of that, all these animals need to eat so we plant and grow and harvest a lot of feed for the cows during the summer and fall. Personally, I spend most of the time working in the office during the week with an occasional trip to barn. On weekends, when some of the regular staff are off, I will work in the barn and with the cows for part of the day."

For Anton, the best part about being

a dairy farmer is the opportunity to be his own boss.

"We enjoy the challenge and variety of the work. It takes a wide-ranging skill set to be an effective dairy farmer. You need to be able to understand cropping, animals, people and business," says Anton, whose favourite dairy products are cheese and ice cream.

"We also enjoy seeing the industry evolve and change as technology evolves quickly in the dairy industry."

And after a decade of robotic dairy farming, Anton doesn't miss the manual method of milking.

"I have done it occasionally on a cow that was ill," he said, "but it is a very inefficient way of harvesting milk."

Looking ahead, the future is bright at Halarda Farms, which focuses on lean management to maximize efficiency.

"We are always looking for ways to become more efficient, be it by saving labour or saving costs," Anton said.

"As expenses and interest rates increase, we need to find ways to maintain our margins so we can be profitable."

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Morweena Raptors win Riverton tournament



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Morweena Christian Raptors' Ambria Penner is at the net while Arborg Collegiate's Sydney Burak and Kiera Chwalaboga go up for a block during tournament action in Riverton. Morweena won the tournament after defeating Arborg in the final. Pictured back row, left to right: Natalia Payne (coach), Alana Unger, Kylee Enns, Raneisha Kornelsen, Ambria Penner, Merranda Reimer, Abigail Neufeld and Mackenzie Barkman (coach). Front row, left to right: Madison Flett and Makeda Loewen.

PeeWee Thunder knock off Nomads



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Thunder's Colten Leger of Gimli runs away from a North Winnipeg Nomads' defender during PeeWee action Sunday in Stonewall. Interlake won the game 46-21.

Interlake athletes run well at MHSAA cross-country provincials

Staff

Interlake athletes ran extremely well at the

MHSAA Provincial High School Cross Country Championship that took place at Asessippi Ski Resort last Wednesday.

The College Stonewall Collegiate Rams' Elia Groselle won a bronze in the A/AAA varsity girls' category, finishing with a time of 13:49.

Team results saw the Rams win silver in the junior boys' event with 43 points while the

Warren Collegiate Wildcats placed fourth in the junior varsity girls' category with 59 points.

Arborg was seventh in the junior

varsity boys' event (117 points) and Warren Collegiate finished ninth (186 points).

College Stonewall Collegiate placed fifth in varsity girls 67 points while Warren was seventh (87 points) and the Teulon Collegiate Saints ninth (170 points).

In the varsity boys' category, the Wildcats were seventh (107 points) and the Gimli High School Lakers placed ninth (153 points), followed by ninth-place Teulon (158 points).

In the AAAA category, the Selkirk Royals won the bronze in the varsity boys' event with 57 points.

Varsity Thunder tame Neepawa Tigers

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder varsity football team wrapped up its Rural Manitoba Football League season with a convincing 36-21 home win over the Neepawa Tigers last Friday in Stonewall.

With the victory, Interlake finished its regular season in second place in the 10-team league with a 5-1 record.

Interlake ended the regular season tied for first place with the St. Vital Mustangs and the Swan Valley Tigers.

St. Vital was awarded first place based on head-to-head matchups. The Thunder ended up second after a coin toss due to multiple tie breakers with the Tigers.

Saturday's win by Interlake over Neepawa was a great way to cap off a tremendous regular season.

"It's always good to wrap up the season with a win and I think 5-1 is a strong record," said Thunder head coach Christof Hasselfield.

By winning the coin toss, Interlake now gets a bye into the semifinals of the top tier Doug Steeves Trophy Playoff. St. Vital received the other bye.

The Thunder will have this weekend off and then host the winner between the Tigers and Winnipeg Falcons on Oct. 28 in Stonewall.

Having a bye will give the Thunder a chance to work on different aspects of their game and, in some cases, give



Receiver Jessie Batenchuk goes high for a pass from the quarterback.

players a chance to rest or heal some injuries.

"I hope it's a good thing," Hasselfield said. "There's definitely some things that we need to focus on and polish up for the playoffs so we'll take it. We're in the semifinals so that's a positive."

Another positive is being able to host a home playoff game. Hopefully, the weather cooperates and the Thunder can get a great crowd of supportive home fans.

"We get a nice turnout whenever we play at home and it always feels like there's more time on game day when



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Thunder's Blaze Benediktson chases down a Neepawa player during RMFL action last Friday in Stonewall. Interlake won the game 36-21.

you're heading to your home field, instead of loading up on the bus," Hasselfield said. "The team is excited

and the organization as well is excited that we get to host the semifinals this year."

Lightning win pair of games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning AAA male hockey team had a really good weekend.

Interlake won a pair of games after defeating the Parkland Rangers 4-3 in overtime on Sunday afternoon in Teulon.

Brandon Burak scored the game winner in OT.

The Lightning's Drew Russell had tied the score at 19:53 of the third period. Russell gave Interlake a 1-0 lead with a first-period goal.

Burak put the Lightning up 2-0 with a shorthanded goal at 14:23 of the second period. But Parkland came back with power-play goals from Cash Clarkson, Cam Sarna and Cade Le-gaarden.

Alex Myers stopped 31 Rangers' shots for the win.

The Lightning had another great effort on Saturday with a solid 5-2 road win over the Eastman Selects in Beausejour.

Interlake's Blake Farthing (shorthanded) and Mason Munday scored in the first period and then the Lightning's Lucas Spencer, Burak and Morgan Waddell tallied in the third.

Ashton Cure and Hayden Kochen replied for Eastman.

Dylan McFadyen made 28 saves for the win.

Interlake (4-2) will host Eastman on Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Teulon and then play at the Southwest Cougars Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.).

Ice Dawgs, Falcons skate to CRJHL victories

Staff

The Arborg Ice Dawgs doubled the St. Malo Warriors 6-3 in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action last Friday in St. Malo.

Arborg, which battled back from a 3-1 second-period deficit, received goals from Cadrick Dueck (three), Austin Adair, Tyson Barylski and Jordan Anderson.

Adair also had two assists in the game while Barylski chipped in with a helper.

St. Malo goals were scored by Damon Johnson, Brady Gregoire and Kaden Rioux.

Ice Dawgs' goaltender Damon Nash made 20 saves for the win.

Arborg will host the defending-

champion Selkirk Fishermen on Friday. Puck drop is 8 p.m.

The first-place Lundar Falcons, meanwhile, trounced the North Winnipeg Satelites 6-2 on Saturday.

Ryan Benson led Lundar with a pair of goals while Dayson McCreedy, Troy Johannesson, Gavin Miller and Daniel Masters also tallied.

Logan Miller had three assists. Riley Zdan and Braeden Lukas chipped in with a pair of helpers.

Jack Speechley and Emerson Velloso replied for the Satelites.

Kennedy Kerr made 29 saves for the win.

Lundar will host St. Malo on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOYCE LOUISE PICHE, late of Ashern, in Manitoba, Deceased.
ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 15th day of November, 2023. DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 18th day of October, 2023.
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Attention: Grant D. Baker

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KAREN ANN HALLETT-GRANDE, late of the R.M of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased.
ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 15th day of November, 2023. DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 18th day of October, 2023.
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NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the RM of Coldwell will be taken to elect 1 Councilor from the dully nominated candidates:

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILOR:

1. DUBOIS, Barry
2. MILLER, Celynne
3. SCHARF, Jim D.

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Monday November 6th, 2023 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Lundar Legion Hall.

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example – driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCED VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the RM of Coldwell Municipal Office and will be open during the day of October 20th, 2023 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following locations on October 25th, 2023.
1. Lundar Personal Care Home 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2. Lundar Senior Citizens Home 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by email to the Senior Election Official at Box #90 Lundar, MB R0C 1Y0 or email: coldwell.elections@mymts.net.

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between October 9th, 2023 and November 3rd, 2023.

*A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or email**, a voter may apply between October 9th, 2023 and October 26th, 2023. The voter will be required to include a legible photocopy of identification along side their declaration of eligibility.

**A voter applying by mail or email will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post (if applied for by October 26th, 2023) or by making alternative arrangements with Senior Election Official.

Kaitlyn Christensen
Senior Election Official
Rural Municipality of Coldwell
Coldwell.elections@mymts.net
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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 **22nd day of November, 2023**, at the hour of **2:00 PM**, at Rural Municipality of Armstrong, Lot #55 - Highway #17, 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
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- 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 \$498.75 (\$475 + 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 11th day of October, 2023.

Managed by:



Hilda Zotter
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14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine

8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana

- and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

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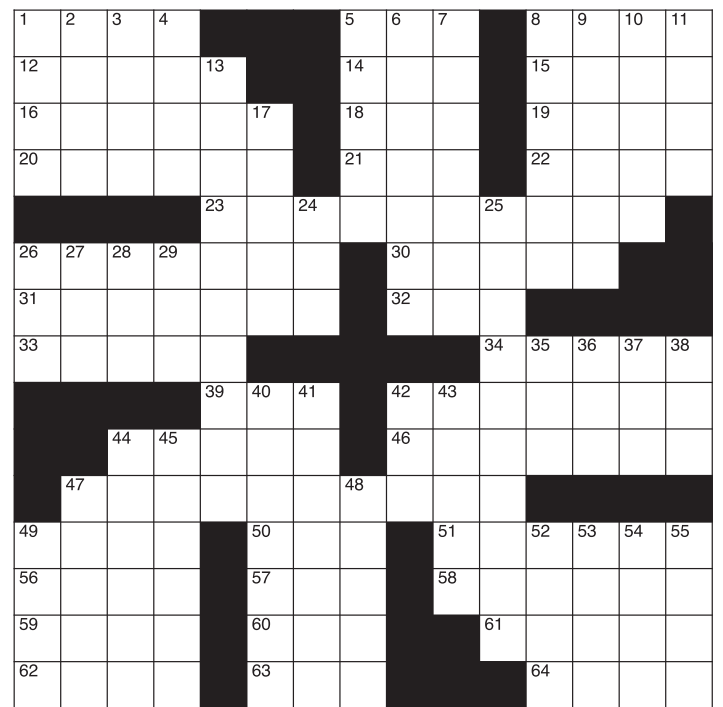
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2023 BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2024 ROLL & ADJUSTED ASSESSMENTS 2023



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 16th, 2023**, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Gimli, 62 2nd Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba.

ADJUSTED 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 **Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 no later than 4:30PM.**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Dated at RM of Gimli Office, in Manitoba, this 12th of June, 2023.

Cindy Makowsky
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Gimli
Box 1246, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Telephone (204) 642-6666
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IN MEMORIAM



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 We miss you and remember you with love.
 -Connie and family

OBITUARY



Joyce Helen Yanke (nee DeCock)
 December 30, 1937 – October 8, 2023

Peacefully on her beloved husband's birthday, the evening of October 8, with family in attendance, Joyce Helen Yanke went to join the Lord and reunite with the love of her life, Charlie.

Joyce was born on December 30, 1937 in a little log cabin near Richer, MB. She was the youngest daughter to Peter and Margaret DeCock. At the tender age of 2, the family moved to Grandview, MB where she lived till age 19. At this point she moved to Winnipeg where she met her beloved Charlie, and they were married shortly thereafter on July 20, 1957. They raised their young family there until 1970. At this point they decided to move to the farm, where they lived and worked until they retired and moved into Ashern in 2000.

She always enjoyed music and playing her accordion, she was an avid gardener, great cook, knitter/mender and a farmer at heart. She was also an avid hunter, loved curling, and a great card/Crokinole player. Above all, she was the most caring and kind Mom/Granny a person could have ever asked for.

She is survived by her son Richard (Norine), daughter Susan (Donald), and grandchildren Lisa (Robby), Billy (Aimee), Ryan, Robin (Colton), and great-grandchildren Mason, Gavin, Cali, Sam, James, Jaxon and sister-in-law Elsie Rawluk. Also warmly remembered by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Charles on November 16, 2017; her parents Peter and Margaret; brothers, Bill (Ruth) and Alfred and sister Esther (Joe).

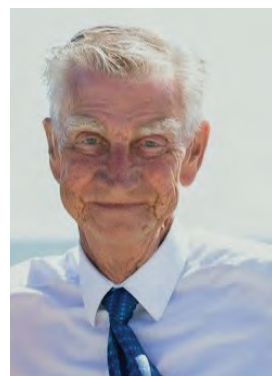
A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in the Ashern Legion Hall with Dawn Tober officiating. Interment followed in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery, Ashern. Pallbearers were Ryan Yanke, Billy Schedler, Robby Bauch, Colton Green, Mason Bauch and Gavin Bauch.

We want to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Fisher Branch Care Home for the care and compassion they gave to her during the last part of her life. We also want to thank John and Karen Gray as well as Dawn Tober for all their help during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association Canadian Diabetes Association, 200 - 310 Broadway Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0S6.

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OBITUARY



Robert McCormick
 1946 -2023

Robert McCormick, age 77, of Ponemah, MB, passed away peacefully at home viewing his precious lake and with the people he loved by his side in the sunny afternoon hours of Sunday, October 8, 2023 after a short but brave battle with cancer. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, son, and uncle.

Bob is survived by his son Michael (Darlene), and his grandchildren Acacia, Arrick, and Keiran. He is also survived by his brother Danny, his sisters Joaney, Collete, and Jackie, and his nieces and nephews Bridget, Trudie, David, Clare, Chris, Ryan, and Matthew and their children.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Phyllis and Arthur, his sisters Phyllis and Marion, his wife Alexis, and his son Kevin

(Shona).

Bob was the definition of a gentleman. He was a role model for his children, a best friend, and the solid foundation of his family. Bob was never shy to offer help to his friends and family, and was always there when you needed him, even if you didn't know you needed his help yet.

Bob was an avid dart player winning many provincial and national titles, even becoming the CTV Sport Star of the Week. Bob also enjoyed the game of golf. He was always striving to improve his game, no matter what. And true to his Irish heritage, enjoy the occasional drink with his friends and family.

Born August 10, 1946 in Belfast, Northern Ireland to Phyllis and Arthur McCormick. He grew up with a love of technology, and in particular aviation. In 1964 he joined the Northern Ireland Territorial Army and attained the rank of SPR. In 1967 at the age of 21, he made the move to Canada where he ended up in Winnipeg, Manitoba landing a job as a mechanic with Air Canada. Shortly after, he was transferred to Toronto, Ontario where he then sent for Alexis, his soul mate, to come join him. They married in Brampton, Ontario March 1, 1969, starting their life together. In November 1974 they welcomed their first son Michael to the world, and then in April 1978, their second son Kevin. In 1979 they moved back to Winnipeg and set down their roots. Over the next 47 years they lived happily and with so much love. Eventually they welcomed their grandchildren Acacia, Arrick, and Keiran, whom they had so much love for. Bob retired in 2001 after 33 years with Air Canada Maintenance, where he rose from mechanic to management. Shortly after that he became a teacher with the Seven Oaks School Division at Maples Collegiate teaching aviation maintenance skills to high school students. Eventually he did fully retire, but to stay busy he took on roles with the Air Cadet League of Manitoba and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 in Gimli, Manitoba, where he eventually became President.

Viewing and service will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 146 Sixth St, Gimli, MB. Burial at Gimli Cemetery 1:30 p.m. A celebration of Bob's life will follow back at the Legion. Services are open to all who knew and loved Bob.

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