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Gimli council terminates wastewater treatment plant contractor

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council terminated Kingdom Construction Limited (KCL) from continuing its work on the RM's wastewater treatment plant at a special meeting a few weeks ago but cannot comment on the move because of legal reasons.

KCL is an Ontario-based company that specializes in municipal and industrial projects. It was hired by the previous iteration of council to be the general contractor for the expansion and upgrade of the plant.

At its special meeting Oct. 22, council passed Resolution No. SM 20 18 02, terminating Kingdom's "right to perform its work."

"Council does, pursuant to G.C. 7.1.4 of the CCDC 2 Construction Contract with Kingdom Construction (the "Contract"), hereby terminate Kingdom Construction's right to perform its work under the Contract with the RM of Gimli in relation to the RM of Gimli Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project," states the resolution.

Mayor Lynn Greenberg told the *Express* last week by phone that the municipality cannot comment on the termination as it's a legal matter. He also wasn't able to comment on who would

complete the work on the plant, which borders a residential subdivision in Aspen Park.

"The municipality is taking all possible steps to have the project completed as soon as possible and is looking forward to seeing the project completed in the very near future," states a notice on the RM's website.

The upgrade of the treatment plant has been plagued with delays, resident complaints and lawsuits.

Earlier this spring, 191 residents of Aspen Park presented a petition to council (March 11 regular meeting), asking it to stop noxious odours such as excrement and the smell of rotten eggs from emanating from the plant and sickening them.

Council had indicated at that March meeting that Kingdom was responsible for some of the delays in upgrading the plant and that two engineering consultants (hired by the previous iteration of council) were monitoring the work. Birchtree Consulting was to oversee Kingdom's work and Dick Menon Consulting was to ensure Birchtree was holding Kingdom responsible for its performance.

The upgrade to the wastewater plant was announced in 2016 by the federal and provincial governments, which



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Sundance Construction owner Jocelyn Burzuik wants to build a multi-family development on acreage she owns in Sandy Hook. The proposed development would be accessible from Trevino Trail (pictured at the junction of PR 519).

will cover two thirds of the cost. The RM is covering a third. The estimated cost of the project then was pegged at \$18 million. In 2019 council approved a 20-year loan for \$6 million with total interest of over \$3.6 million.

The upgrade and expansion were necessary so that the RM could start treating wastewater from the Diageo distillery and improve the quality of effluent that's being pumped into Lake Winnipeg.

In January of this year Daniel Tulen, an employee of a sub-contractor hired to work on the plant, filed a statement of claim in Manitoba's Court of

Queen's Bench against Diageo, the municipality and two other companies. He claimed he had been exposed to unsafe working conditions and suffered adverse health effects from exposure to hydrogen sulfide, which smells like rotten eggs.

Kingdom Construction has two civil cases against the municipality and against Birchtree Consulting and its owner Bonnie McIntosh, one filed with the courts on March 11, 2019, and another on May 19, 2020.

Other council news:

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Riverdale Place Workshop in Arborg honours clients for 45 years of service

By Patricia Barrett

Riverdale Place Workshop in Arborg held a celebration last week for two clients who have been an integral part of the workshop team for almost half a century.

Alice Horbatio and Lorne Johnston have each logged 45 years of dedicated service at the workshop, which offers vocational training and activities for adults with disabilities or intellectual challenges.

Workshop manager Alex Janower, board members and staff honoured Horbatio and Johnston with plaques and gifts for their long-standing service.

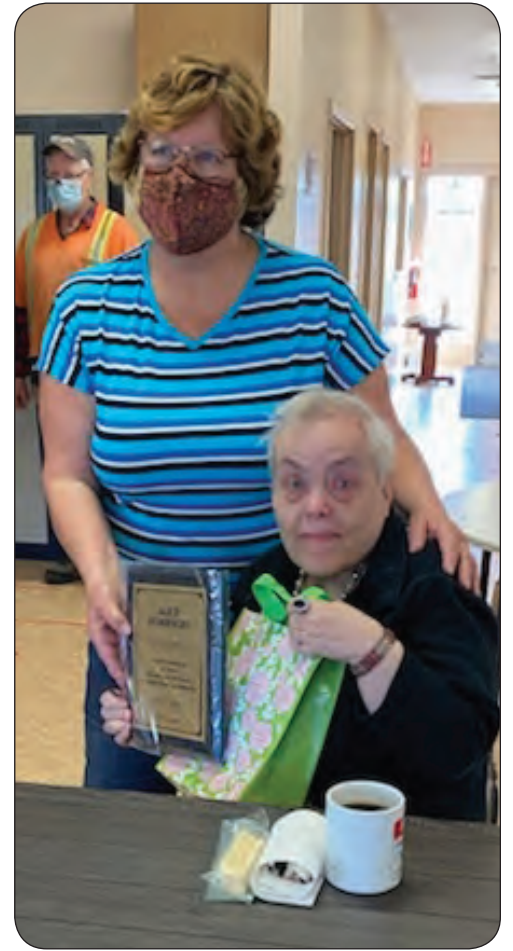
"Both Alice and Lorne are the first participants to attend," said workshop manager Alex Janower. "The workshop is proud of the service they provided all these years."

Lorne actually named the workshop "Riverdale" because the Icelandic river runs behind the building, said Janower. And Lorne's family were great advocates for providing the workshop for the sons and daughters of local families.

"Although over the years some programs have changed, the goal has remained the same: to provide activities, care and well-being to the participants," said Janower.

Riverdale Place Workshop is a not-for-profit organization. The adults who take part in the day program repair pallets, make woodwork projects such as picnic tables, make saleable craft goods and operate a recycling depot that offers curbside pickup to Arborg, Riverton and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton. The program includes one-on-one care of the clients.

The recycling service is a major operation and important service for the area. Materials the workshop collects include aluminium and tin cans (rinsed), PET plastic drink bottles (including plastic liquor bottles), miscellaneous plastics marked with the numbers 2-5, milk cartons, glass bottles and jars (rinsed), newspapers, flyers, magazines and catalogues (tied in bag or bundled), box board (cereal, laundry, food, etc.) and corrugated cardboard. Items such as diapers and face masks cannot be accepted for recycling.



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Lorne Johnston, left, and Alice Horbatio, right, with staff member Norma, were both honoured for 45 years of service with Riverdale Workshop.

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All of Manitoba moves to critical Code Red

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All of Manitoba moves to critical (Red) on #RESTARTMB pandemic response system November 12.

The move brings entire Province under the tightest restrictions since spring in order to protect Manitobans, halt community transmission.

Premier Brian Pallister and Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer, announced that as of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, the province of Manitoba will move to the Critical level (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System to halt COVID-19 transmission and protect Manitoba's most vulnerable citizens.

"We are at a critical point in our fight against COVID-19, and we must do everything we can to protect our most vulnerable Manitobans and ensure our health-care system is there for Manitobans, when they need it," said Pallister. "This is a team effort, and we all have a role to play in protecting ourselves, our loved ones and our community. By taking these measures seriously, we are going to save lives."

The new Critical (red) level restrictions will be in effect provincewide and include:

- Social contacts reduced to your household only. Social gatherings are not permitted.
- Travel to and from northern Manitoba is restricted and non-essential travel is discouraged.
- Retail businesses listed as critical

services, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, can remain open at 25 per cent capacity.

- Retail businesses not on the list are able to provide e-service, curbside pickup or delivery services.

- All personal service businesses, including hair salons, barbers and sites offering manicures, pedicures and other esthetic services, must close.

- Gyms and fitness centres must close.

- Religious and cultural gatherings must close or be provided virtually only.

- Restaurants must close to the public and may be open for delivery, drive-thru or takeout only.

- All recreational activities, sports facilities, casinos, museums, galleries, libraries, movie theatres and concert halls must close.

"We have taken steps in individual regions, but it's time to take a more drastic approach to halt the rising case number and wide-spread community transmission of this deadly virus," said Roussin. "I cannot stress enough to all Manitobans – now is the time to stay home and reduce your close contacts."

In addition, no changes will be made to child-care services or to kindergarten to Grade 12 education delivery at this time. Roussin noted the province has not seen widespread transmission among children, students and staff.

There are a number of things Manitobans can do themselves to reduce the spread that go beyond the restric-

tions put in place, Roussin added. These include:

- Reduce the number of shoppers from your household to the lowest possible number. Send only one person to shop.

- Work from home if at all possible.

- Reduce travel unless absolutely essential.

- Remember all those you have come in contact with recently.

As these restrictions go into place and in all regions, Manitobans are reminded that compliance and enforcement issues can be reported by visiting and completing the reporting form at www.manitoba.ca/COVID19, or by calling 204-945-3744 or 1-866-626-4862 (toll-free) and pressing option three on the call menu.

Fines for breaching or failing to comply with public health or emergency orders have recently been increased to \$1,296 for individuals and \$5,000 for corporations.

Manitobans are still strongly encouraged to focus on these fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick or when any member of your family is sick.

- Reduce your contacts to your household only and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces.

- Wash/sanitize your hands, cover your cough and physically distance when you must be with people outside your household.

- If you cannot physically distance, you should wear a mask to help re-

duce your risk.

- Get a flu shot.

Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms are asked to seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended by public health officials.

Public health officials are advising Manitobans that if you are symptomatic, or if someone in your household is symptomatic, your entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. This does not apply to asymptomatic household members if they are an essential worker required to wear PPE while at work such as health-care workers or first responders.

For information on self-isolation, visit: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

For questions about critical services and changes to the Pandemic Response System, visit:

<http://engagemb.ca>.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

> WASTEWATER TREATMENT, FROM PG. 2

A proposed condominium development that a Sandy Hook-based developer wants to build on acreage behind her home is awaiting further consideration.

Developer Jocelyn Burzuik of Sundance Construction presented her plan for the site during a public hearing at council's regular meeting on Oct. 14.

She had applied (rezoning application RMG-20-03R) to have the land rezoned from agricultural limited and residential resort zone to residential multiple-family zone.

The rezoning, if approved, will come as an amendment (Bylaw No. 20-0020) to the RM's zoning bylaw. Council already passed first reading of the amendment in August and passed second reading at its Oct. 28 meeting.

"The application now goes to the planning district [Eastern Interlake Planning District]," said Mayor Greenberg. "If there's anything further, there will be a development agreement that will have to be in place."

During the public hearing, Burzuik

said her proposal is about "sustainable" and "environmentally friendly" living, and the condos will cater to older adults and professionals.

Sundance will be the landowner, builder and developer. The development would be accessible by only one road from Trevino Trail, which is a gravel road off PR 519.

Burzuik said the dwellings would be energy efficient to offset the cost of rising Hydro rates. They would be two-bedroom homes in the range of 960 to 1,000 square feet and cost between \$200,000 and \$230,000. She would also maintain as many trees as possible on the site. The development would include access to a commercial kitchen and a workshop for woodworking and mechanical projects.

The sewage system would be based on an Eljen system, which Burzuik said provides "99 per cent tertiary treatment" of all grey water.

A number of people attended the public hearing, speaking in opposition to and in favour of the proposal. One resident said the Eljen sewage

system, "a degree or two better than a septic field," would not be automatically approved by the province.

The province passed new rules about septic fields about a decade ago.

Another resident said a number of local people are concerned about having an influx of residents in one area. Residents who already live in the area chose it because of its rural feel. Concerns about the single road in and out of the development were raised with regard to fires and escape routes.

In addition to those who spoke at the hearing, the RM received three letters of objection.

- The RM closed its administration building to the public Nov. 4 after the province announced new measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 and classified areas outside of Winnipeg as "orange" or restricted. People can call, email, post or use electronic banking to conduct business with the RM. The Public Works building is also closed to the public, but the recreation centre is open.

- Council updated its Animal Control Bylaw (No. 20-0003), which regulates and controls animals within the

limits of the RM. Council revised the timeframe for dangerous dog hearings, which are to be held within five days of an incident, implemented a flat-fee schedule for fines and mandated written applications from people wishing to keep animals over the maximum allowed.

- Council held a special meeting Oct. 1 to approve the replacement of a hot water boiler (Resolution No: SM 20 16 2) for the Gimli municipal office. Council awarded the tender to St. Vital Plumbing and Heating at a cost of \$264,629.75 plus GST.

- Council accepted a quote from Interlake Electric for \$66,960 plus taxes to hook up genset power to the fire hall and to the RM administration office.

- Council approved councillors' monthly indemnities and expenses of \$12,729.32 for the period ending Sept. 30.

- Council approved the RM's consolidated financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31, 2019. They were prepared by Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants.

RCMP release COVID-19 enforcement stats

Staff

RCMP have handed out over 40 fines in connection with COVID-19 regulations since last spring.

Manitoba RCMP last week released its pandemic statistics for the past several months, which show they have issued 77 warnings and 42 fines since April 9.

The past few weeks have been busy ones for law enforcement across the province. RCMP received 182 calls related to COVID-19 between Oct. 26 and Nov. 1 alone.

Police note that enforcement was not required for most of the calls as

they were resolved through education and/or guidance given by responding officers.

That said, five instances did result in officers issuing a verbal warning and fines were levied in three cases for failing to comply with provincial emergency health orders:

- On Oct. 28, Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of an intoxicated female causing a disturbance. The woman was fined for not wearing a mask.

- On Oct. 30, Cross Lake RCMP responded to a house party. The homeowner was fined for having more than

five people in her residence.

- Also on Oct. 30, Norway House RCMP responded to a report of an adult female who was not self-isolating as directed. The female had been warned in the past and was issued a fine.

"The focus of our officers since the very beginning of the pandemic has been on providing education and issuing warnings; however, with the dramatic rise in cases across the province we recognize that a shift is now required," said Chief Supt. Rob Hill, criminal operations officer for the Manitoba RCMP.

"While officers will still have discretion, I have made it clear that ticketing is the preferred option for individuals who are blatantly disregarding the public health orders and putting lives at risk," he said. "This is about protecting the health and safety of every Manitoban. We all need to do our part to help reduce and stop the spread of this virus."

Manitobans living outside of Winnipeg are reminded not to call 911 for COVID-19 related issues. Reports of non-compliance can be made to the Manitoba Government Inquiry line at 1-866-626-4862.

Province strengthens municipal codes of conduct

By Evan Matthews

With a little push from the provincial government, municipalities all over Manitoba are reviewing codes of conduct.

As of Nov. 1, the Manitoba government rolled out a new legislative framework to ensure all elected officials understand the requirement to have a respectful work environment on councils and other governing bodies.

"We all deserve to work in a place that respects our opinions and our differences, and municipal councils are no different," said Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires.

"This framework will help council members understand both the expectation of them as well as situations or behaviour that can be considered in-

appropriate or unacceptable."

The new framework requires all municipal councils to pass a code of conduct bylaw, and all council members to complete online code of conduct training by May 1, 2021.

In the RM of Bifrost-Riverton, Reeve Brian Johnson said despite the fact that codes of conduct have been mandatory since 2012, strengthening the codes of conduct will enforce respect when it comes to the decision-making process.

"Ratepayers can be assured there is a documented and accepted behaviour for council members ... in dealing with each other, employees and citizens," said Johnson.

He emphasized that the RM of Bifrost-Riverton has not experienced any incidents with council members

in recent memory.

"This is in the public's interest and aligned with municipal purposes of promoting good government," he said.

"The RM recognizes public trust and confidence are essential to good governance ... and the RM is committed to fostering and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and conduct among its members."

The Manitoba government stated in a press release that it leads the way on strengthening codes of conduct.

The provincial government stated it is one of the first jurisdictions in Canada to define standardized procedures for intake and review of municipal code of conduct complaints in legislation, to establish a formal appeals procedure for council code of conduct violations, and to require

council members to take mandatory online code of conduct training.

The province is also releasing a suite of supporting tools and resources to help municipal council members recognize offensive or unacceptable conduct and take steps to prevent and address inappropriate conduct on council, according to the press release.

The province stated that learning to create and maintain respectful environments is an ongoing process, requiring consistent dedication and effort, and the changes have been guided by input from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association, the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities and other key stakeholders.

RCMP launch new online crime reporting system

Staff

Manitoba RCMP have created a new, easier way for people to get in touch with them.

The agency launched its Online Crime Reporting system across the province last week following a two-week trial run in the Selkirk, Red River North and Grand Marais detachment areas.

"The system worked extremely well and residents quickly took advantage of this new online tool," said Chief Supt. Rob Hill, criminal operations officer for the Manitoba RCMP. "We're hoping that by expanding the system province-wide, especially in today's environment where limiting contact is so critically important, we are giving Manitobans in RCMP jurisdiction a safe, secure and simple way to re-

port crime."

The system can be used if:

- The crime happened within Manitoba RCMP jurisdiction.
- You have lost something that costs less than \$5,000.
- Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5,000.
- Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5,000 to repair it.

The system cannot be used if there is a witness or suspect, if there are lost or stolen items involving personal identity

or firearms, or if there are lost or stolen licence plates or decals.

Crimes that cannot be reported online will have to be reported to police either in person or via telephone.

You can access the Online Crime Reporting system through the Manitoba RCMP website, rcmp-grc.gc.ca/

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COVID cure coming?

By Evan Matthews

Very early on, politicians and experts said it would be unlikely that society would return to a perceived normal until a vaccine became available.

While nothing is confirmed, and there are still studies to be done, the American pharmaceutical company Pfizer publicly said this week the company is making headway on a COVID-19 vaccine.

Media outlets reported Monday that Pfizer made an early announcement regarding its COVID-19 vaccine and its Phase 3 trials.

The data creates reason for optimism, with early suggestions being that the vaccine prevents the virus at an extremely high effectiveness rate. However, the company was quick to say numbers could change with more time spent studying the vaccine.

More studying implies more time, which likely means we're still a long ways out from a bona fide vaccine. But the wait is not something to be upset about; rather, it should be celebrated.

So much time has passed since we, as a collective society, have thought about what life without COVID-19

was like.

But did we just receive some hope? Is this report the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel?

Our return to "normal" — all of a sudden — may not be so unrealistic, so far out.

There are still some things to figure out via the study of the vaccine, such as how long the vaccine is effective for and whether people who have received the vaccine still can contract the virus without showing symptoms.

In a time when all news has seemingly been negative and overwhelming, perhaps now we have reason to be optimistic.

As we enter what so many people hope will be the pandemic's last chapter, we should be optimistic but realistic.

Optimistic in that, as we may have forgotten, there is hope. There is life after COVID-19; some kind of normal. Scientists are working and are close to a way past this virus.

Realistic in that a vaccine may not happen tomorrow or it may not happen for years; maybe it still won't happen at all. We just don't know yet.

The term used in so many media reports, fittingly, was for society to be "cautiously optimistic."

Which is why now is a good time to focus on what things we can take away from this global pandemic; parts of life to carry with us like the importance of hygiene, sanitization of public spaces, and the reminder of just how vulnerable we as a population are to natural forces.

But there are also things we've learned are so difficult to live without as human beings: connection, socialization, the ability to travel and explore our surroundings. Let's hope we've learned not to take so many things for granted.

Whether or not Pfizer and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can live up to their respective word remains to be seen, but Canada has signed a deal with Pfizer for 20 million doses of this vaccine in 2021.

The prime minister hopes to have that vaccine accessible to Canadians in early 2021, he said this week. Fair to say, most Canadians hope so, too.

letter to the editor

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Parents encouraged to take in Arborg storybook walk

Congratulations to Penny Helgason and Selkirk's Gaynor Family Library on the successful launch of storybook walks in the Arborg area. I love the idea and wish I had

thought of it years ago. As an educator, show me a child that can read and write well and I will show you a successful adult in future. Keep up the fine work Ms Helgason. Arborg,

get out there with your children and read.

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Eriksdale/Ashern district reports its first COVID death

Staff

Public health officials advise three additional deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported today including:

- a male in his 70s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region;
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the outbreak at Victoria General Hospital.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 9.5 per cent provincially and 9.3 per cent in Winnipeg, and 365 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m., which brings the total lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 8,495.

Monday's data shows:

- 16 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 16 cases in the Northern health region;
- nine cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 91 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 233 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 5,152 active cases and 3,234 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 192 people in hospital with 28 people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 109.

Laboratory testing numbers show 3,143 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests

completed since early February to 288,568. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The Interlake-Eastern total case breakdown by district as of Monday has a total of 668 cases, up by 138 from last Monday: 414 active cases, 249 recovered, 17 currently in the hospital with eight of those in ICU and five deaths.

Arborg/Riverton 4 active cases, 20 recovered; Beausejour 7 active cases, 18 recovered; Eriksdale/Ashern 70 active cases, and 1 death; Fisher/Peguis 186 active cases and 27 recovered; Gimli 2 recovered; Northern Remote 37 active cases, 28 recovered and 1 death; Pinawa/Lac du Bonnet 4 active cases, 7 recovered; Powerview/Pine Falls 7 active case and 8 recovered; Selkirk 6 active cases and 5 recovered; Springfield 19 active cases and 37 recovered; St. Clements 6 active cases and 13 recovered; St. Laurent 3 recovered; Stonewall/Teulon 25 active cases, 49 recovered and 2 deaths; Unknown District 17 active cases and 14 recovered; Whiteshell 4 active cases and Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews 19 active cases and 25 recovered and 1 death.

Public health officials advise that in order to maintain the capacity for testing symptomatic people, testing appointments for people who are asymptomatic will not be booked unless directed by public health. At this time, individuals who are not experiencing symptoms may be turned away from

testing sites. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended by public health officials.

Public health officials have advised that outbreaks have been declared at Bethania Mennonite personal care home in Winnipeg, Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg, St. Amant Health and Transition Services in Winnipeg and Extendicare Tuxedo Villa personal care home in Winnipeg. The sites have been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Officials advise the COVID-19 outbreak on the B5 unit at St. Boniface Hospital has been declared over. The unit will return to regular operations.

Other possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event and click on your region.

The chief provincial public health officer urges Manitobans to not socialize with people from outside their household, to significantly reduce the number of close contacts and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces. In addition, they should focus on these fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick or when any member of your family is sick.

• Physically distance when you are with people outside your household.

• If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask to help reduce the risk to others or as required by public health orders.

Public health officials are also advising the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region and Southern Health-Santé Sud region that anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results.

The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are an essential worker required to wear PPE while at work such as health-care workers or first responders. For information on self-isolation, visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>.

Gypsumville RCMP respond to possible drowning

Submitted by RCMP

The body of 32-year-old Dana Letandre was located and recovered yesterday afternoon from the Fairford River by community members.

The RCMP would like to thank the

family, friends, numerous volunteers and band members from the Pinaymootang First Nation for their tireless efforts during this difficult search.

On Oct. 25 at 9:50 p.m., Gypsumville RCMP received a report of a 32-year-

old male having fallen off the train bridge and into the river as he and his younger sister were walking across it.

Officers, along with the local fire department and volunteers from the community, attended to the area and

conducted a search of the river and the shore line but were unable to locate the male.

State of emergency extended for an eighth time

Staff

Manitoba's provincewide state of emergency has been extended for yet another month.

First declared in March under the

Emergency Measures Act to enable the provincial government to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of emergency has been extended every month since.

The current extension went into effect on Friday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. and will run for a period of 30 days.

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Through the Build Interlake Growth Fund, Community Futures East Interlake (CFEI) will stimulate community and regional economic development by supporting local community organizations undertaking community and regional development projects. Maximum of \$5,000 grant or 50% of total project costs whichever is less.

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Send your complete application, or for more information contact:

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Gimli RCMP officer locates injured driver while on patrol



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Gimli RCMP noticed an overturned vehicle in the ditch on Oct. 31, which had an injured male trapped inside.

Submitted by RCMP

A Gimli RCMP officer was patrolling on Highway 8 near Siglavik Road, in the RM of Gimli, when he noticed an overturned vehicle in the ditch on Oct. 31 at approximately 12:55 a.m.

The officer stopped and approached

the vehicle. An injured male was located trapped inside the vehicle, and the officer immediately called for emergency services and the fire department to assist.

The male was extracted from the vehicle and taken to hospital with serious injuries. Further investigation led officers to arrest the male for impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

At this time, it is believed the 49-year-old male from the RM of Gimli was going north on Highway 8 when he lost control, entered the ditch and rolled.

Gimli RCMP, along with the RCMP criminal collision investigation team, continue to investigate.

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Endow Manitoba is our province's network of 55 community foundations and Manitoba is home to more community foundations than any other area of the country. Donations to a community foundation are pooled and permanently invested. The income earned on these investments is distributed each year to support local charitable needs. These foundations are a sustainable model for communities and your gifts during this Challenge will have a lasting legacy.

Westshore Community Foundation is participating in the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge and encourages residents along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg to consider a gift to the Westshore Community Foundation during this campaign.

"Giving to a community foundation means giving back to your hometown forever," says Tim Arnason, President of the Westshore Community Foundation. "It's a great opportunity to take care of our community now and for future generations to come."

During this year's Giving Challenge gifts to Westshore Community Foundation can be made by:

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Interlake's greatest bakers need online votes

By Jennifer McFee

Interlake bakers need your votes in their quest to be named The Greatest Baker.

The Greatest Baker online competition features bakers from all over the world who are vying for a \$10,000 prize, as well as the chance to be featured in *Bake From Scratch Magazine* and a year's supply of chocolate-filled marshmallows called Stuffed Puffs.

Michelle Weselake, who lives just outside Warren, has already earned enough votes to advance to the second level of the competition. Voting for this level ends on Thursday, Nov. 12 and she's hoping to get enough online support to proceed to the next stage of the competition, which requires her to be in the Top 5.

Weselake has been baking since she was a little girl, and she taught herself how to decorate cakes in recent years.

"I've always liked baking. My mom taught me how to bake when I was little. I started seeing a lot of cake decorating accounts on social media and I thought that looked like fun so I started getting into it a couple years ago," she said.

"It's very relaxing. It's something fun to do — and if I can help someone celebrate a birthday or special occasion, that's even better. Cakes are the most fun, but I do a lot of cookies at Christmas too."

She especially enjoys creating layer cakes, such as lemon layer cake or chocolate cake layered with cookie dough.

If she won the \$10,000 prize, Weselake would like to indulge in learning more baking techniques.

"If there were more courses available right now — which they're not because of COVID — I would take more specialized courses and learn a little bit more about decorating," she said.

"I would probably upgrade some of my equipment and buy myself a few pretty things as well."

Anyone who would like to order a tasty treat can visit Weselake's Facebook page called "Michelle's Kitchen."

Lexi Orbanski of Arborg is also competing for the title of The Greatest Baker.



Lexi Orbanski often tops her cakes with colourful macarons.

Her ultimate dream is to move her cake hobby from her home kitchen to a storefront.

Orbanski has been baking with her mom and grandma for as long as she can remember. She started gaining more experience at age 13 when she got her first job in a kitchen. On weekends, she started making signature cakes at home. She further honed her skills by studying baking and pastry arts in Toronto.

In addition to their mouth-watering flavours, Orbanski's cakes offer an esthetic appeal. She's known for her double tall cakes finished off with a watercolour buttercream effect. She usually tops her cakes with a macaron, and she incorporates many layers.

"My signature cake is lemon chocolate, which has seven layers of chocolate cake, with three layers



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Michelle Weselake of Warren is also vying for the title of the Greatest Baker and needs your on-line votes.

of tangy lemon curd and three layers of decadent chocolate mousse," she states on The Greatest Baker website.

The Greatest Baker competition benefits the No Kid Hungry non-profit organization, which aims to provide kids with healthy food in an effort to end childhood hunger.

Voters can cast a free online ballot for their favourite baker once every 24 hours at www.greatestbaker.com. Voters can also purchase additional "hero" votes for one or more bakers, and a portion of the proceeds will go towards the No Kid Hungry organization.

Several more levels of the competition will continue until The Greatest Baker is determined through public voting on Dec. 10.

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Eastman Region remains No. 1 for vehicle-deer collisions

Interlake drivers hit 1,530 deer this year

By Manitoba Public Insurance

There are nearly 9,000 vehicle-deer collisions yearly in Manitoba, with the Eastman Region topping Manitoba Public Insurance's Top 5 list for high-collision regions.

Eastman, which includes the communities of Steinbach, Lac du Bonnet, Anola, Birds Hill Park area and Falcon Lake, experienced an average of 2,025 collisions yearly, based on collision statistics collected from 2015 to 2019.

Of note, Winnipeg is No. 7 on the list of top vehicle-deer collision regions in the province, which is released annually by Manitoba's public auto insurer.

The province's Top 5 vehicle-deer collision regions are:

- 1) Eastman – 2,025 yearly collisions
- 2) Westman – 1,980 yearly collisions
- 3) Interlake – 1,530 yearly collisions

4) Central Plains – 840 yearly collisions

5) Parkland – 790 yearly collisions

"At this time of year in particular, there's an increased likelihood of encountering these animals when traveling through these zones. Awareness is one key to preventing a collision," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president of employee and community engagement for Manitoba Public Insurance.

"There are nearly 9,000 vehicle-deer collisions yearly in Manitoba. Our goal is to see that reduced through education, awareness, emerging driver-assist technologies and drivers taking preventative steps."

In addition to raising awareness of high-collision hot spots by publishing its annual listing, MPI works in partnership with the City of Winnipeg to place high visibility message signs at

strategic locations identified as key wildlife-vehicle collisions areas. A dozen locations have been identified within Winnipeg.

In rural Manitoba, Riding Mountain National Park has a high visibility message sign, warning drivers of the potential danger of collision with wildlife and encouraging safe speeds, particularly between dusk and dawn.

"These high visibility message signs warn drivers to remain alert for deer and watch for them in these high collision areas," said Jatana. "It's important that drivers are aware when they're entering an area where deer frequent and pay close attention to their surroundings. The boards are up during what is typically the highest collision period."

On average, more than 450 people are injured in wildlife-related collisions

yearly. Over the last 10 years, nine people in Manitoba have been killed in crashes caused by an animal on a road. Overall, Manitobans are involved in 13,100 vehicle-wildlife collisions yearly according to Manitoba Public Insurance data.

Tips to help keep you safe:

- Slow down when you see wildlife crossing signs and drive with extreme caution, scanning the road ahead as well as shoulders and ditches.
- Animals are normally more active at dawn, dusk and at night.
- Be especially alert where brush and tall grass grow near the road.
- Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of a deer or a dark silhouette.
- Do not swerve if an animal does cross in front of your vehicle — brake firmly to reduce the impact between an animal and your vehicle.

Local Auto Financing and Easy Credit Building Solutions

New to the Interlake, but not new to the business of putting families behind the wheel of a new or used vehicle, **AutoWinnipeg Credit Solutions** is now a division of **Selkirk GM and Steeltown Ford**.

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"The decision to join Selkirk GM and Steeltown Ford was made easy once we saw the family culture that Don and Matt Walters have instilled in their dealerships," says **AutoWinnipeg's** General Manager, Michael Palay. "That immediately created a strong synergy between **AutoWinnipeg, Selkirk GM and Steeltown Ford.**"

Each member of the **AutoWinnipeg Team** is trained on the consultative stepping-stone approach to building and/or rebuilding their client's credit score. They focus on the client's "big picture." The first step is providing a one-on-one credit history review. They get to know the client's story, which allows them to work with select lenders for an approval. They then offer vehicle options that best match the client's needs and budget.

If we are not able to get an approval," explains Palay, "we develop a personalized action plan to build/rebuild credit, with a goal of obtaining a financed vehicle in 12 to 15 months." This is often achieved by working with another **AutoWinnipeg** partner, Refresh Financial. Refresh offers secured Visa credit cards, as well as cash secured savings loans. After showing a positive repayment history with one or both of these options, clients are then usually able to obtain their own vehicle loan.

AutoWinnipeg utilizes more than 10 financial institutions to cater to the specific credit needs of their clients. These institutions all provide open, fully



The Auto Winnipeg Team are from left to right: Grant Cullen, Kevin Waytiuk, Manager Michael Palay, Everett Kozak and Regine Estropigan

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MMF ANNOUNCES \$5.5M IN SUPPORT FOR MÉTIS BUSINESSES

The Winnipeg area is now under the "code red" or critical restrictions, while the rest of the province is under "code orange." Your Manitoba Métis Government wants to make sure Métis businesses can keep their doors open throughout this crisis.

Eligible Métis entrepreneurs can receive a non-repayable grant of up to \$10,000. There are currently 450 businesses registered with the MMF, but this support is open to all entrepreneurs that are Métis Citizens and those in the process of applying for Citizenship.

Your Métis Government wants to support all Métis businesses across Manitoba that are forced to reduce operations due to the recently implemented pandemic restrictions. Some eligible applicants would include:

- Restaurants & Bars
- Spas and Beauty Salons
- Fitness Facilities
- Hotels
- Retail Stores
- And many other businesses

Applicants will be asked to provide proof that they are an established business and be willing to share their plan to continue business operations during and after restrictions are lifted.

"Investments made by small and medium-sized businesses are the backbone of our economy. Rest assured, our Métis families and businesses can rely on their Métis Government to support them in these uncertain times. Your Provincial Government has failed you; we won't."

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Winnipeg Beach Legion gets down to some perogy-pinching for fundraising feasts

By Patricia Barrett

Get set for some Christmas season delights as members of the Winnipeg Beach Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 launch a series of delicious fundraising drives.

Last week members of the legion and the Ladies Auxiliary were pinching perogies and rolling up cabbage rolls in preparation for an early December take-away. But you'll have to forego the pyrizhky as they've already been snapped up.

"We ended up making 100 dozen pyrizhky and they've all been spoken for," said legion second vice-president Velma Darroux. "We were only going to do 80 [dozen] and we thought that would be lots."

The legion closed earlier this year after COVID-19 hit and gathering sizes were restricted, but it still has to pay its bills, said Darroux. It wasn't eligible for government aid as its employees are unpaid volunteers.

So the members, along with members of the Ladies Auxiliary, decided to hold a number of COVID-style food fundraisers that will serve both the needs of the community as well as the legion.

"Even though we're not [physically]

out in the community at this time, we're still trying to stay involved with our community," said Darroux, who's chair of the ways and means committee, which organizes fundraisers and events. She also rolled up her sleeves and was part of the perogy-pinching crew.

Members are assigned to a "bubble" and stay in that socially distanced bubble while they prepare cabbage rolls and perogies.

The legion has an industrial kitchen and members follow protocols for safe food handling, said Darroux, as well as all the COVID-19 precautions.

People can pre-order cabbage rolls and perogies by calling past president Lorraine Andrushuk at 204-894-3701 or 204-389-3186, or by calling Velma Darroux at 204-642-2840 or emailing her at vdarroux@gmail.com

The first sale occurred Oct. 3. The next one is scheduled for Dec. 5 at the legion between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

To help make the Christmas season merry, legion and auxiliary members will also be preparing a full Christmas dinner that people can pick up.

"With all the [COVID-related] restrictions, we can't offer Christmas dinner inside the legion. People can



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF VELMA DARROUX
Members of the Winnipeg Beach Legion and Ladies Auxiliary made perogies last week to help raise funds to pay the bills.

instead order a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including meat balls, cabbage rolls and Christmas baking donated by all the members," said Darroux.

Tickets are \$20 and have to be purchased in advance up to a maximum

of 300 tickets. The dinners will be available for pickup at the legion on Saturday, Dec. 19.

For more information about Christmas dinner, call the legion at 204-389-2660.

RCAF member keeping his eyes on the sky to protect Canadians

By Patricia Barrett

We pause every Remembrance Day to honour the sacrifices made by the men and women who served and died fighting for the freedoms Canadians enjoy today, and we also pay homage to those who are currently protecting the country, but may not always realize the extent of their contributions.

David Podolchuk is a Royal Canadian Air Force reserve intelligence officer with 1 Canadian Air Division (1 CAD), which protects Canadians from worldwide threats and supporting Canada's allies.

It's not always obvious what forces personnel are doing to protect the country, he said, unless they're front and centre in media reports. But they're carrying out vital missions in defence of Canada and taking part in collective defence missions.

"We have to take care of our own defence as much as we can. But we're a small country and if we don't come to the defence of other democracies when they're facing threats, then why should they stand up for us if we're under threat?" said Podolchuk. "Collective defence is the only way democracies are going to survive."

Although COVID-19 has forced the cancellation of Remembrance Day celebrations across the country, Podolchuk, like many Canadians, watched a virtual service and paid his respects to the fallen at a local cenotaph.

"It's hard to comprehend the courage and sacrifice it took to fight in those kinds of wars," said Podolchuk, referring to the first and second world wars. "And it's the same thing for Afghanistan; it took a tremendous amount of courage for people to go

'across the wire,' to go into a combat zone."

It only dawned on Podolchuk after he enlisted that his family could rightly be considered a military family, although he knew his father joined from a sense of duty rather than from enthusiasm, he said.

His father served overseas for three years, helping liberate Holland during the Second World War (1939-1945). While sailing to Europe, his father told him he and his fellow troops watched Canadian corvettes (small warships that escorted convoys of supply ships) drop depth charges as German U-boats pursued them using wolfpack tactics. After the war Podolchuk's father helped construct Canada's Dew Line (Distant Early Warning), a series of radar stations in the Arctic.

One of Podolchuk's uncles served in the First World War (1914-1918) and four other uncles in the Second. His sister served in the Royal Canadian Navy in the 1970s.

The thousands of immigrants who had come to Canada from Europe, including Ukrainians, Poles and Britons, felt they had to defend the "old country" from incursions and attack during the First World War and the Second, he said. Had they not made that sacrifice and fought for democratic principles, oppressive regimes would have prevailed.

"If not for them, who would have done it? They had to do it. Some people wanted to join and but many others did not want to but did so anyway because they felt they had to," said Podolchuk, who lives in the Gimli area but works out of 17 Wing, a



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID PODOLCHUK
Some of RCAF intelligence officer David Podolchuk's family members served in the major wars of the 20th century. He's holding a photo of his father, who helped liberate Holland during the Second World War and helped build Canada's Dew Line. A portrait of his uncle, who served in the First World War, hangs on the wall. And his father-in-law, Harvey Benson (photo on piano) served in the Second World War.

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Naval patrols against German U-boats part of Gimli veteran's duties

By Patricia Barrett

As Canadians marked Remembrance Day on Wednesday and paid tribute to the men and women who fought to protect our freedoms, a Second World War Royal Canadian Navy veteran recalled the dangers of patrolling Canada's coast for German U-boats and how the government helped him transition to a new career after the war.

Harvey Benson was 14 when the Second World War (1939-1945) broke out. When he turned 18, he enlisted after feeling "pressured" to join. He was told by government recruiters that it would be easier for him to "get in with the ladies" if he joined the forces.

"That was a bit of propagandizing from the government," said Benson, who's 96 and still lives in Gimli where he was born and raised.

He served in the navy during the last year of the war, patrolling the Atlantic coast around Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in a corvette (a small warship that escorted supply ships) to detect the presence of German U-boats and to protect cross-Atlantic shipping.

"We had corvettes patrolling the coast, and I was on one of the corvettes looking for the German submarines coming in. The Germans would have submarines waiting outside the [Halifax] harbour, torpedoing ships," said Benson. "We sent ships out overseas in a gang and we'd have subs trying to surround the gang. The Germans would torpedo the ships trying to get supplies across to England."

Benson, who commercially fished on Lake Winnipeg, was blessed with good sea legs and even a mighty Atlantic storm couldn't take him down.

"One time in the Bay of Fundy there was a bad storm. I remember there were only two or three of us in good shape and everybody else was sick," said Benson. "I remember climbing up a ladder and finding a pot full of vomit at the top. As soon as I got away from the pot I felt OK and never got sick."

One of the features of the first and second world wars was the young age of some of the forces sent into battle and the responsibilities they were given. Boys as young as 14 would lie about their age (18 was the legal age) when they enlisted. Figures for Britain in the First World War show an estimated quarter million boys in the forces. Canadian estimates for the Second World War show 30,000 boys having fought. Boys joined for patriotism, to earn a decent wage or from a desire for adventure.

Benson said that when he was seconded to guard the crew of a German submarine that was captured and surrendered off the east coast, he discovered the submarine captain was 26 years old and the crew were only 15 years old.

The Second World War was the deadliest conflict of the 20th century with an estimated 20 million military forces killed and 40 million civilians. It was notorious for its unparalleled brutality, including the Nazi's mass murder of two thirds of Europe's Jews, along with Poles, Germans with physical and



Harvey Benson

mental disabilities, Roma and homosexuals, RAF (British) Bomber Command's fire-bombing of civilians in German cities, particularly Dresden, and the American's dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

When the war in Europe ended in May 1945, Benson signed up for a tour in the Pacific where the conflict against the Japanese continued until August of that year. But Benson never made it there because of a generous leave package he was offered as an incentive to continue serving.

"You would get an annual leave of 30 days and you'd get another 30 days for the Japanese [tour]. I signed right away. A lot of guys didn't do that," said Benson. "It was summer in Gimli and I had 60 days [here]. When I came back after my 60 days, they [the Americans] had bombed Hiroshima and the war was over. So I got 60 days' holiday."

Canada's Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) attempted to find work for unemployed forces personnel after the war, and a lot of men were given jobs as teachers.

"Young people that had Grade 11 or Grade 12 could teach school. And DVA said I could teach school, but I had no training," said Benson. "There were about 700 teachers that year."

He started his career in a one-room schoolhouse in Reston, Man., boarding with a farmer and his family, he said.

One of the first lessons he taught the kids was strategy and how to pull together as a team. He said he bought a Blue Bombers' rugby ball (the Bombers were formed in 1930) and got the kids out on the field.

"I remember I had a blue suit and I always wore running shoes," said Benson. "A kid bumped me



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF HARVEY BENSON

Harvey Benson served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War, patrolling Canada's Atlantic coast for German submarines.

and I went down in a puddle. I looked up at the kid and I could see panic in his face. But my reaction was, 'nice block!'"

Benson's long career as a teacher took him to Arborg, which he said he loved, and he taught there for four years. Then he moved back to his hometown of Gimli where he served as principal of Gimli High School for about 20 years.

"The school board pleaded with me to take over Gimli High School because there was a lack of discipline and it needed a firm hand," said Benson. "We used to have discipline in those days. I don't know what's happening in schools now."

He said he tried to instill confidence and a love of learning in his students, having them work out assignments on the blackboard to ensure they knew how to solve problems, he said. Many of them scored marks in the 90s on their final examinations.

Benson said it's important to preserve veterans' stories for those with an interest in history and who want to understand the war from the perspective of those who served.

The Canadian government honoured Benson earlier this year for his wartime service, thanking him for his efforts to protect the nation.

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Rural Municipality of Armstrong

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MPC Park volunteers at odds with Armstrong council

By Evan Matthews

Volunteers running one of the RM of Armstrong's only greenspace are now at odds with the community's council, as the RM aims to update its insurance.

The RM of Armstrong issued MPC Park — and its committee — an unsightly premise notice back on Sept. 22, something the park and its committee had never experienced in its 30 (plus) years of existence.

"It's a volunteer-run park, considered to be the only official greenspace in the RM, which pays homage the region's school districts, ancestral heritage, and veterans," said a statement from the MPC Park Committee (who declined to have their names published) addressed to the *Express*.

The committee addressed many of the concerns immediately to ensure compliance, according to the statement; however, with winter looming, further enhancements will have to wait until spring, leaving the committee fearful of what could come next.

"Now, earlier this month, a member of council accompanied a third-party insurance assessor to MPC Park. There is no precedence for this action under the Municipal Act," the statement goes on.

However, the RM of Armstrong is insisting a miscommunication.

Reeve Susan Smerchanski said the RM recently assisted its insurance company with an audit and tour of the entire municipality.

"This included municipal and community-owned

properties: the RM office, maintenance shop, fire-halls, eco centres, community centres, halls, sports clubs, recreation facilities and, of course, parks and greenspaces," said Smerchanski.

She added that, contrary to local belief, inspections are done roughly once every three years to update insurance-related documents and photos.

"As part of the process, some areas received recommendations in addressing safety and liability issues to protect everyone," she said.

Unsure of why the park is receiving notices and being audited all of a sudden, the MPC Park Committee is trying to communicate to council it can only do so much, given the time of year.

Each year, the committee advances what it calls "renewal initiatives." These renewal initiatives tend to coincide with grant applications.

In 2020, the picnic area and storage shed received a new roof as a renewal initiative, with assistance from the Westshore Community Foundation.

The committee said it relayed its concerns related to timing to the RM of Armstrong in response to the notice, but the situation was still not considered resolved at press time.

The RM of Armstrong is trying to ease the MPC Park Committee's concerns, saying it will work with the group to accomplish whatever needs to be done.

"The RM of Armstrong council is a proud supporter of all of our community groups and volunteers," said Smerchanski.



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Armstrong council is working with MPC Park Committee to clean up the greenspace.

"We sincerely appreciate the commitment and dedication to the Meleb Park ... and look forward to meeting and working with the MPC Park Committee to discuss their concerns and ideas, steps in moving forward in a positive direction, and plans for the future of the park including recruiting new members and volunteers."

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support base at Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg.

Had it not been for Canadian participation, the First World War could have dragged on for another two years, said Podolchuk. Canadians helped decisively defeat Germany in 1917-18. They also defeated the Nazis in Belgium and Holland in 1945.

"From Kapyong in Korea and Bosnia and Kosovo to the war in Afghanistan and the liberation of Libya by western NATO forces, hundreds of thousands to millions of people's lives were saved by the involvement of Canada," said Podolchuk.

Podolchuk himself was deployed twice — to the Arabian Gulf during the Afghanistan War (2001-2014) to support naval operations and to Southern Italy where the RCAF assisted NATO (North American Treaty Organization) in establishing a no-fly zone over Libya in to prevent its leader Muammar Gaddafi from "killing his own people."

The war in Afghanistan may be technically over in our minds, but some western countries are still fighting a "war on terror," he said.

The international scope of Canada's military operations is a reminder of how interconnected nations are. "No country is an island" and immune to attack, he said. And Canada has a role fighting dictators who cause humani-

tarian crises or nations that threaten the sovereignty of other countries.

"We're a global community whether we like it or not. A threat to Europe from Russia, for example, is just as much a threat against us as it is against them," he said. "I hear people say maybe Russia or China will just stop being aggressive, but dictatorships don't stop unless you give them a reason to stop. Canada isn't isolated and it's folly to think we don't have threats."

The Canadian public may be unaware of the forces' current missions because they don't make the news every day as the war in Afghanistan had, said Podolchuk. But military personnel are active on many fronts.

"RCAF aircraft fly all over the world every day for operations and protection," he said. "We have a Canadian mission in Romania right now as part of NATO, and there are 300-plus Canadian troops in Latvia as part of Operation Reassurance, which has to do with Russia."

In addition to defending human rights and freedoms in faraway places, and contributing to the stabilization of world peace through partnerships with NATO and the United Nations, Canadian forces personnel are actively protecting Canada's sovereignty and assessing threats close to home.

The RCAF/1 CAD is part of NORAD (the North American Aerospace De-

fence Command), a partnership with the United States.

Through a network of satellites, radar and fighter jets, NORAD works 24-7 to identify, intercept and monitor aircraft approaching North American airspace, including along the continent's southern border (Mexico) in the Caribbean region.

Not only are there nations that could harm North America and/or its interests, said Podolchuk, but there are also "non-state actors" such as narcotics traffickers and human traffickers targeting our shores. That's why Canada contributes forces, warships and aircraft to Operation CARIBBE, a U.S.-led campaign to suppress trafficking.

And what's been dubbed the "new Cold War" — involving involves several nations including Canada — is centred on the Arctic.

The Arctic Circle passes through the territories of eight countries: Canada, the U.S., Russia, Greenland (Denmark), Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland, and formal ownership bids have been submitted to the United Nations.

With an accelerating climate crisis that's unduly affected earth's polar regions, the Arctic is predicted to become ice-free in 30 years, if not sooner. That opens up opportunities to exploit huge oil and gas reserves. As a case in point, United States' now

ex-president Donald Trump tried to purchase Greenland in 2019. That may have caused some mirth but it also emphasized the competition for resources and geopolitical advantage.

Podolchuk said China, a non-Arctic nation, has also taken an interest in the Arctic, even billing itself as a "near-Arctic nation." But the most significant challenger is Russia.

"The sovereignty of the Arctic is dependent on NORAD. It prevents Russia from doing what it wants in the High Arctic," he said. "It's well publicized that the RCAF has contact with Russian aircraft and we regularly monitor that aircraft."

As if the world needed another challenge to peace, along came COVID. The deadly virus can do more than cause global health crises; it's a potential war-maker.

The U.K.'s defence chief General Sir Nick Carter said last Sunday that the economic destruction wrought by the virus around the globe could see regional conflicts arise and could even spark a Third World War. As had occurred during 20th-century conflicts, nations will form clusters for the protection of resources and may challenge other clusters of nations, leading to all-out war.

Just as in the two world wars and during the Cold War era, Canada will have to jump into the fray should that dire prediction become reality.

This week is Endow Manitoba's Giving Challenge

By Evan Matthews

Endow Manitoba is appealing to Interlakers' generosity, as this week marks the organization's "Giving Challenge."

From Nov. 9 to 15, Endow Manitoba is making a push to help local communities and their respective foundations flourish forever. For this week only, each \$5 gift donated to local foundations becomes \$7.

Three foundations make up the Northern Interlake region, including the Coldwell, Westshore and Icelandic community foundations.

"It is always a good time to give to your community foundation but even more so during the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, as your gift is stretched through support from Endow Manitoba and the Province of Manitoba," said Tim Arnason, president of the Westshore Community Foundation, which serves the west shore of Lake Winnipeg from Matlock in the south, Fraserwood in the west and Riverton in the north.

Riverton is the only Interlake community that is overlapped by two community foundations: Westshore, and the Icelandic Community Foundation.

The Icelandic Foundation focuses on the Town of Arborg and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton.

Further to the west, the RM of Coldwell is, of course, served by the Coldwell Community Foundation.

"We are dedicated to improving the lives of people within a defined local



Every \$5 donation to a local foundation during the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge from Nov. 9 to 15 becomes \$7 instantly for the local communities.

area by bringing together the financial resources of individuals, families and businesses to support effective non-profits," said Arnason.

"The funds are professionally managed and the income from these funds remain in our own 'backyard.' We are responsive to the specific needs of our catchment area," he said.

He expressed thanks since 2020 has brought unprecedented support to and from the foundation in the catchment area, having already distributed roughly \$160,000 through a COVID response granting program.

Gifts made to the Coldwell, Westshore or Icelandic community foundations' undesignated fund will be "stretched" through the combined efforts of the Manitoba government and The Winnipeg Foundation.

For every \$5 donated, the two will "stretch" the donation by \$1 each — \$2 in total — up to a combined total of \$4,000 per foundation. Therefore, a \$5 gift instantly becomes \$7 for one's community.

Gifts made between Nov. 9 and 15 will help grow the foundations' capacity to support a wide range of charitable projects for the citizens of the Northern Interlake for generations to come.

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Lundar Falcons in second place in CRJHL standings

By Brian Bowman

The Lundar Falcons have looked real good during the first month of the Capital Region Junior Hockey League season.

Lundar is currently 3-1 with an overtime win and an OT loss. The Falcons have 12 points to sit in sole possession of second place, just two points back of the league-leading Selkirk Fishermen.

"We've been moving the puck well and we have a lot of speed through the zone," said Falcons' head coach James Worthing.

In Lundar's last game, a 5-4 overtime loss to Arborg on Oct. 31, the Falcons lost two defencemen and their No. 1

centre, Dennon Sichewski, due to injury.

Sichewski leads the team with 10 points (five goals, five assists).

"(Dennon's) been excellent," Worthing said. "We have four great lines but that first line of ours has so much speed. It's hard for anybody to keep up."

Sichewski was playing in the middle of a line that included rookie Tyler Earle and Jayden Timlick. Earle has been a great addition as he leads the team in goals with seven and is second in points with eight.

"The whole team has been impressed with (Tyler)," Worthing said. "His work ethic is hands down the top

of the team. He works his butt off all over the ice."

Defensively, Lundar has been very good, allowing just 17 goals. The Falcons' defence, although young, is fast, aggressive, and hungry for the puck, said Worthing.

Lundar's goaltending has also been solid. Chris Lesage has a 2.00 goals-against average and .916 save percentage while Dillon Rapinchuk posts a 2.96 GAA and .925 save percentage.

"Our goaltending) has been fantastic," Worthing said. "We're very pleased with our goaltending."

Meanwhile, the CRJHL regular season is currently on pause. With the COVID-19 pandemic pushing the

Winnipeg Metropolitan region into Code Red, Hockey Manitoba took the step to ensure that players, coaches and game officials do their part to reduce the risk and spread of the virus.

To do its part, the CRJHL has cancelled all games from Nov. 2 to Nov. 15. All affected games have been noted on the schedule.

"The league will re-evaluate the situation as it nears Nov. 15 and will ensure it remains compliant with all Public Health and Hockey Manitoba orders," read a statement on the league website.

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Cowan enjoying outstanding start to U18 season

By Brian Bowman

Dawson Cowan is a rookie in the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League.

But he has played like a seasoned veteran in his two starts with the Interlake Lightning this season.

Cowan was outstanding — making 52 saves — in a 4-3 shootout win over the Central Plains Capitals in the season opener for both clubs on Oct. 17. He then stopped 21 Central Plains shots in a 4-1 victory exactly a week later. Cowan leads the league with a .948 save percentage and is third with a 2.09 goals-against average.

He could not have asked for a better start to the season. Nerves were not a problem at all, Cowan said.

"It's going really well the first couple of games," said the Warren product last Sunday. "I was totally confident and I trusted my game with all of the work that I have put in. In the end, I thought it worked out pretty well."

Cowan welcomed the 55-shot barrage he saw in Game 1 of the season.

"I like a lot of shots," he said. "It makes me better and they say I had (55) shots but, honestly, it felt like 30 because my defence was keeping everything to the outside so I could make the easy saves. It was a total team effort."

For Cowan's effort, he was very deservedly named the CCM Player of the Week.

Team-wise, Interlake was off to a



Dawson Cowan

very good start — posting a 3-1 record — before the league was shut down due to COVID-19.

"I hope to keep it going," Cowan said. "We're supposed to be really competitive this year. I think we're all-around a really good team. We're not the biggest team but all of our guys are really fast and skilled. I think our team has really bonded well so far and I'm really looking forward to spending the season with my awesome teammates."

Cowan is hopeful to go far in his hockey career. He played last season with the Lightning's U15 squad and



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Interlake Lightning goaltender Dawson Cowan has been outstanding in the start of the Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League season.

he has noticed the difference between the two elite leagues.

Cowan really enjoys playing AAA hockey with the Lightning.

"It's awesome," he said. "This is my third year playing Lightning and it's been nothing but a blast."

Cowan was the 58th player overall taken in the 2020 Manitoba Junior Hockey League Draft by the Winnipeg Blues. He was one of three Lightning players selected in that draft.

"It was definitely a very exciting experience. It's awesome to be drafted by such a great organization and it's a team that I can work for in the future and try to make. To be honest, I want to play professional hockey and it doesn't really matter how I get there. I want to be the best goalie in the world, to be honest," he chuckled.

"Any way I can get to be a professional, that's the route I'll take."

Ice Dawgs pleased with first month of the season

By Brian Bowman

The Arborg Ice Dawgs are right where they wanted to be after the first month of the Capital Region Junior Hockey League regular season.

Arborg's goal was to play .500 hockey at the end of October and that's exactly where they are, posting a 2-2 record with an overtime win and two overtime losses.

Their 10 points in seven games has them in third place in the five-team league.

"We started off a bit slow, half our team are vets and the other are young rookies so it has taken a little bit of time to get them to gel," said Ice Dawgs' head coach Murray Monkman last

week.

Arborg has been competitive in every game and has played the league-leading Selkirk Fishermen very tough in a pair of close losses.

The Ice Dawgs also had a great effort in their most recent game, overcoming a 3-1 second-period deficit to defeat the Lundar Falcons 5-4 in overtime on Oct. 31.

Defensively, Arborg has been very good, allowing just 22 goals in seven games.

The Ice Dawgs' defencemen are young — but talented — and have a great future in junior hockey.

Arborg's goaltending has been solid and it recently got a boost when their

No. 1 goalie from a year ago, Tre Strachan, returned after a brief stint in the Superior International Junior Hockey League.

"If you look at our goalies, Brandon Kowalchuk, what a find he has been," Monkman said. "He's a guy who played with North Winnipeg at the beginning of the year last year and finished off in high school. With a year of maturity, he's 18 now, and we really like Brandon and we have Josh Anderson, who is a 21-year-old goalie and he has taken on that third-string role really well. He knows his role. We're real happy with our goalies."

Offensively, Josh Roche leads Arborg in goals scored with four in four

games while Tyson Barylski and Troy Gutowski are co-leaders in points with six.

Monkman really likes the depth their team has on all four lines.

"Prior to the Lundar game, we really wanted to focus on puck possession and making sure that we're actually pursuing the puck," Monkman said. "That's getting better and if you look at our roster and you look at the players' histories, they're all goal scorers. "Eventually these guys are going to click in. Preston Seymour, Shaydon Mousseau and Kalen Guimond, these are guys that are top guys ... that can put the puck in. It's a matter of getting them all on the same page."

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(author unknown)

-The Family of Riley Kowalsky

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Irene Margaret Stabner
(nee Kiel)

November 3, 1938 – November 2, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Irene Stabner on November 2, 2020 at E. M. Crowe Memorial Hospital, Eriksdale, MB.

She was predeceased by her husband Fred, his parents Adolf and Amanda Stabner, her father Rudolf Kiel, mother Olga and her husband Steve Malski, sister Linda Kiel, son Todd Stabner and son-in-law Mitch Lovic.

Left to cherish her memory are her son Skipp (Betty) Stabner, daughter Linda Stabner, daughter-in-law Joyce Stabner (Al Felbel); grandchildren Scott Stabner (Amanda Brass), Sean (Michelle) Stabner; great-grandchildren Andrew Brass, Amiley and Halley Stabner; sister Judy Andres, sister-in-law Lucy Stabner and

brother-in-law Art (Carol) Stabner.

Mom enjoyed cooking and visiting with her family and friends. She was creative and learned many crafts such as ceramics, crocheting, knitting and sewing. She was an avid gardener and took pleasure in preserving and freezing the bounty from her garden. She had a great love of music and enjoyed playing guitar. She truly had a kind and generous heart.

Irene's family would like to thank her friends in the Lindell Manor for their friendship and support and to the staff at the E. M. Crowe Memorial Hospital for the care they provided in her final days.

Cremation has taken place. A family graveside service will take place at a future date. Her wish was to be buried along with Fred at Hope Cemetery in Grahamdale, MB.

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OBITUARY



Bohdan (Bud) Klus
May 24, 1935 – October 15, 2020

"And when my journey takes me to the end of the road of life, beyond times hidden bend, I hope my fellow travellers can say with truthful hearts.... a good man passed this way."

It is with heavy hearts that our family announces the peaceful passing of our beloved Father, Grandfather, and Great grandfather. Leaving to mourn and carry on his legacy are his five children Danny, Lorna (Gord Morrison), Keith (Theresa), Darrell (Pam), and Darren (Susan). Also, his grandchildren Brad Klus, Bryana Karsin (Nick), Lisa Brown (Dave), Garrett Klus (Ashley), Stephanie Klus (Joel Lessard), Joanne Boileau (Rheal), Olivia Klus, Victoria Klus, Caleb Klus, Eliana Klus, Hannah Klus, Liam Klus and great-grandchildren Theodore and Josephine Karsin, Peter and Jack Brown, Ruby and Sloane Klus, James and Cameron Lessard. Also mourning is Dad's

special friend - June Kopyts, along with his many in-laws, nephews and nieces and the numerous friends who knew and cherished him.

Dad was predeceased by his loving wife Viola Klus (Meilleur) in 1997, his infant daughter Joanne in 1962, his parents John and Florence Klus and his brothers Edgar and Victor.

Dad was born on the family homestead three miles from Fisher Branch and lived his whole life in the community. Although his life was not always easy, he persevered to become a loving, caring and gentle family leader. Dad took great pleasure in participating in and celebrating the adventures and accomplishments of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was always near to lend a listening ear or provide the wisdom a lifetime had provided him. Dad always made us feel special and would always go out of his way to support and join us on our special days when family would gather. It was at these gatherings that Dad was the happiest. He took great joy being with; and felt immense pride in, all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We will forever miss Dad at the family gatherings and his presence at the kitchen table with deck of cards and cribbage board at the ready.

Dad was an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and the solace and serenity that nature offered. In his later years he would love his country drives to look for wildlife, or simply sitting on the deck bird calling. It thrilled him that they would respond. Dad also loved sports and participated in many curling events, golf tournaments and avidly watching his hockey and football teams.

Dad believed strongly in community and gave of himself unselfishly all of his adult life, volunteering his service to many community organizations and projects.

Dad spent most of his work life at Manitoba Hydro where his career spanned some 25 years, all right in the community of Fisher Branch. Upon his retirement, Dad's focus changed to a dream he had for years – to provide the community with a place where family and friends could gather around the sport of golf. This came to fruition when the Fisher Branch Golf Course opened in 1991. From that point forward, to his final days, the golf course was a main focus in Dad's life. One that brought him great joy. Dad left each of us with a giant legacy to follow, but he also provided us great examples of how to follow it. Dad's honesty, kindness, humility, civic duty, and gentle heart are lessons and examples he left for us to follow. His life efforts touched many and he truly lived a life of happiness and fulfillment. Dad had the ability to find joy in the smallest endeavors and in the simplest ways. He will be remembered fondly.

Private family funeral arrangements are pending with intentions of a Celebration of Life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to CancerCare Manitoba or the Fisher Branch Golf and Country Club, Box 213 Fisher Branch, Manitoba R0C 0Z0.

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OBITUARY



John Steve Jaworenko
1926 - 2020

John Jaworenko peacefully passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the age of 93 in Morden, MB.

John farmed most of his life in Vidar, MB but had other jobs in his earlier years to help finance the farm. On one of these jobs, John worked the winters as a logger using Clydesdale horses to pull the sleighs. After many years on the farm, John retired in Arborg, MB for several years before moving to Morden, MB for his final years.

John is survived by wife, Thelma; son, Leonard, daughter-in-law, Charmaine, grandchildren, Ashley, Dominic, Felicia, Olivia Jaworenko, great-grandson, Sorin Massey, stepson, John Krul, wife, Jackie, step-grandchildren, Ken, Jennifer and extended family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no memorial service at this time.

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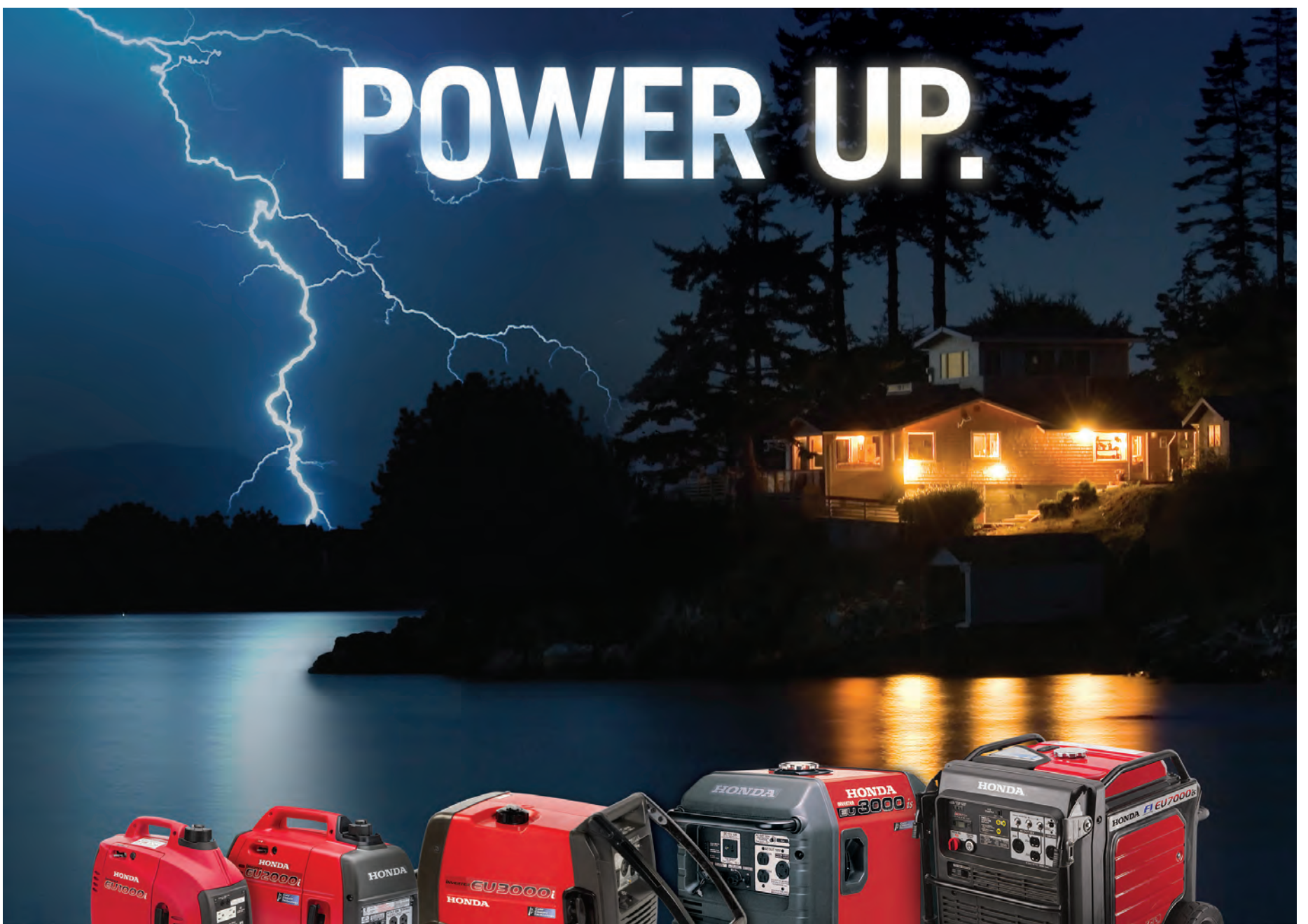
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