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Meet Dr. Jade Young

New Physician Practicing in Eriksdale

Hello,

My name is Jade Young. I am a new doctor who will be joining the group in Eriksdale.

I will be starting in September 2021 on a half time basis. During this time, I will work in the Eriksdale hospital, Eriksdale Clinic, Eriksdale and Lundar personal care homes, and have requested to spend one day a week at Lake Manitoba First Nation health center. During the other part of my practice, I will be working in a northern community not yet specified.

I will be accepting patients come September. My patients in the community, hospital, and personal care homes will be taken care of by the other doctors in our group when I am not available.

My husband and I are both very happy to have finally moved home. I am very grateful to the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority and to the community for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jade Young MD CCFP



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For more information please contact the Ashern Municipal Office at 204-768-2641.

The next issue will be out in October. Deadline to submit is October 1, 2021.

Ashern Yard Waste Collection

We will no longer be collecting yard waste that has been placed in black bags. Yard waste **MUST** be placed in disposable yard waste bags OR clear plastic bags.

This is due to a large amount of household waste being placed in yard waste bags.

Yard waste collection includes grass clippings, leaves, and weeds. Large yard waste such as tree branches will not be picked up.

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Local Spotlights – Eriksdale

Written By: Diane Bottrell, EDO

- **Eriksdale Recreation Centre** - The original Ice Rink opened in 1954 but in 1965 the arena burned to the ground. Construction began in June of 1965 to re-build the facility as a Canada Centennial Project and the official opening of the complex was held in September 1967. The Eriksdale Recreation Centre houses an ice arena, 3 sheet curling ice, dance hall, upstairs banquet hall with kitchen as well as lounge/bingo addition which was added in 1974, all under one roof.



- **Eriksdale Memorial Community Centre** - In 1946 the RM of Eriksdale received a small grant to be used for a Memorial for the locals who fought or died in WWII. The local council felt it would be fitting to buy the present building and make it into a true Community Centre, for all to use free of charge. The building had been standing empty for some years and had two cells (lock ups) at the east end and was locally known as *The Jail*. Volunteer labour was used to do most of the building renovations and furnishings were donated by local people. After a number of years, they were able to put in cupboards and started a small library. In 1994 a grant was received from Community Services for \$10,000.00. This made the following renovations possible: lowered the ceiling with recessed lights, replaced the windows, leveled the floor to the washrooms, complete repaint job and refinished the hardwood floor. Three murals of local landmarks were painted on the interior south wall by Jarmo Sinisalo. The building was used a great deal for meetings, teas, showers, dinners, etc. and is still used extensively today.

- **Eriksdale New Horizons Club and Building** - The New Horizons Club was established in 1974. Renovations to the building were made and a kitchen and dining room were added. A congregate meal program was established in September of 1989 and continues to provide meals 5 days a week to community members. The building also has a pool table, shuffleboard and members gather during the week to play cards and enjoy musical entertainment. All seniors over 50 are welcome to join.



- **Eriksdale Public Library** - The Eriksdale Public Library was originally located in the Eriksdale Fire Hall. With the need for additional space the United Church Manse was purchased and renovated. The library was then relocated to the new building. The Eriksdale Library has now become a part of the Parkland Regional Library.

- **Noventis Credit Union** - The Eriksdale Credit Union was established on July 4, 1972 and on August 8, 1972 they moved into their new building. In March 1977 the Moosehorn Credit Union merged with the Eriksdale Credit Union and became a branch office. On October 1, 1991 a branch in Ashern was opened and a new building was constructed in Eriksdale in 1998. In 2011 the Eriksdale, Moosehorn, Ashern, Fisher Branch, Arborg, Riverton, Gimli and Winnipeg Beach Credit union branches merged to become a new entity known as Noventis Credit Union. Over the years the number of branches has increased to 12 within the Interlake region.



- **McMunn and Yates** - In 1915 A.J Smith started Eriksdale's first lumber yard. Over the years the business has changed its



name from A.J. Smith and Son to Gordon K. Smith & Sons Ltd. The business continued to grow and the name changed to the current McMunn and Yates. The Eriksdale store is now managed by A.J. Smith's great grandson Brian Smith. The business had been located in the same location with renovations over the years, but unfortunately in 2020 the building was lost to a devastating fire. The business is now working out of a temporary location and looking to rebuild.

- **Interlake Consumers Co-op (Grocery & Hardware Store)** - The original Eriksdale Consumers Co-op was organized in 1950 and the board of directors purchased the building they were using in 1957. As they outgrew that building a new store was constructed in 1978. The old store was then converted into a hardware store and warehouse. The Eriksdale Consumers Co-op amalgamated with Arborg Consumers Co-op in 2007 and Interlake Consumers Co-op was formed.



- **Eriksdale Shop Easy** - In 1945 the Whitney's bought the general store that had been in operation since 1917. In 1958 a new store was built and in 1973 the Red and white store was sold to Bob Lundale and operated as Eriksdale Lucky Dollar. In 1975 Keith Lundale joined his father and in 1984 took over as manager. In 1989 Keith and Debbie purchased the shares and took ownership of the business as it became Shop Easy Foods. Shop Easy Foods continues to operate today with new owners. Contact info: 204-739-5414.

Continued – Local Spotlights Eriksdale

- **Havakeen Lunch and Tire-** Was built in 1959 by Ellen and Martin Kihn. Over the years the business has seen numerous owners with renovations and expansions. But through the years it has kept its original character and friendly atmosphere. It continues to be a well-known restaurant and gas station for the travelers frequenting #6 Highway.



- **Eriksdale Plaza and Tempo Gas Station-** Was built, owned and operated by Fairlie and Cindy Kinhead and originally known as Eriksdale Inn. The business was sold and renamed Eriksdale Plaza. It is located on #6 Highway and provides a restaurant, vendor and motel rooms.

- **Eriksdale Fire Department** - The Eriksdale Fire Department has been an essential part of the community for over 80 years. The department is made up of over 28 volunteer members of all ages and professions, both men and women. A number of the members have been with the department over 45 years with one member retiring after 60 years of service. Over the years there have been many changes and advancements in firefighting equipment and paging systems.



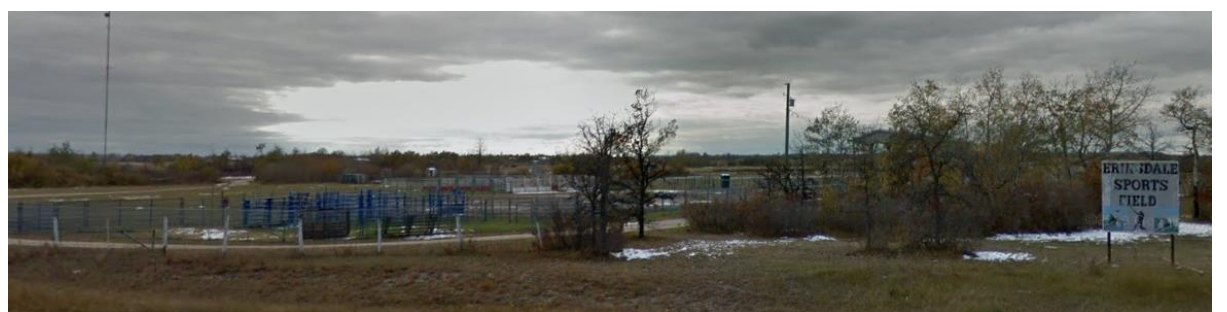
- **Eriksdale Creamery Museum** -The original Eriksdale Creamery was in existence in 1913. Over the years numerous people have worked at the creamery and it was well known for its 1st grade butter that was produced and the many awards it received. The creamery closed in 1990 and in 1994 the Museum Board purchased the building with the idea of making it into a Creamery Museum. In 1995 it became a Municipal Heritage Building. The board continues to look after the preservation of the building along with additional Museum artifacts housed in the Creamery.

- **Moggey's Cabin** - In July 1960 a jail break made Percy Moggey a Western Canada folk hero as he outwitted authorities longer than anyone else in Manitoba's history. In September 1960, Moggey built a secluded log cabin with all the comforts of home in the woods 4 miles north of Eriksdale. He eluded the law for over 10 months until his recapture near Eriksdale on June 10, 1961 when he was discovered by chance and the RCMP were notified. His cabin became the biggest attraction in the Interlake with hundreds of sightseers. After a number of years, The Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce members recreated the original cabin and it is now a tourist attraction in the community.



- **Railway Avenue Memorial Park** - The original creation of the park was an initiative of the Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce. A pavilion was constructed and the Eriksdale Market Garden is held on Saturdays in the summer months. Recently a joint venture with the RM, the Chamber and the Legion Branch allowed a seating area with picnic tables, benches, a cenotaph and 3 flag poles to be created.

- **Eriksdale Sports Grounds** -In 1932 the present site became the sports grounds. The grand stands were built in 1950 and are still in use today. Over the years the sports grounds have seen not only many baseball games, but numerous picnics, parades, fairs, boxing matches, Sunday services, celebrations for Canada Day in 1967 and Manitoba Day in 1970 and Home Steader Days in 1990. Today the sports grounds are home to equestrian events as well as the Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo, the communities annual signature event.



- **McEwen Memorial Wayside Park** - Was named after Donald A. McEwen, who was a Conservation Officer stationed in Eriksdale from 1953-1963. In 1966, Don was killed in an airplane accident. Memorial monies were donated to the Eriksdale community to establish a McEwen wayside park. A monument in his honor stands in the park. The Park is maintained by the RM of West Interlake and has 12 un-serviced sites for camping with BBQ pits and picnic tables. The Park has been utilized for many functions throughout the years such as ball tournaments, tourist camping, school picnics and family reunions as the park is located adjacent to the Eriksdale Sports Grounds.

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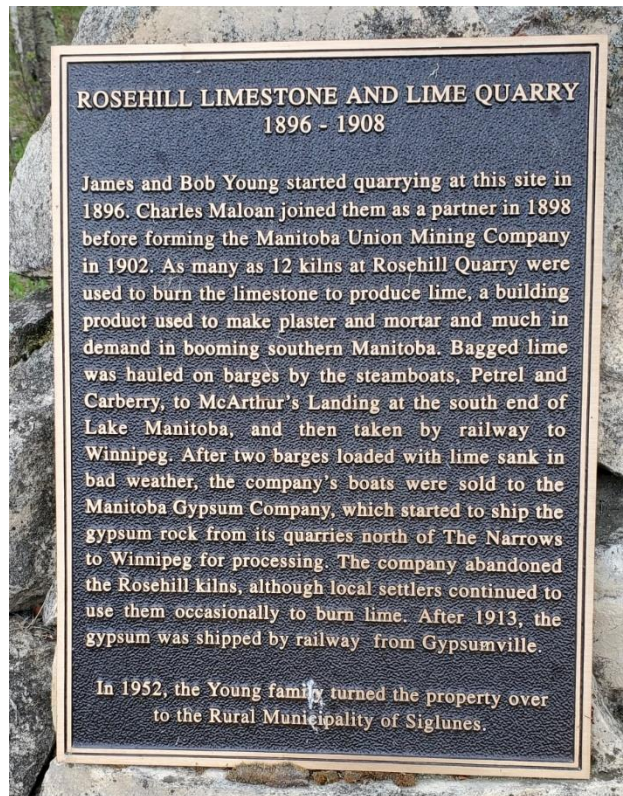
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Rosehill Limestone and Lime Quarry

Submitted By: Dwayne Germain

The geological makeup of Manitoba, including areas around Lake Manitoba and the Interlake, has large deposits of limestone. In 1896, the Rosehill Limestone Quarry and Kilns was established near the Narrows to quarry limestone that was placed in the company's 12 wood fired kilns where the heat resulted in the creation of quicklime also called burnt lime. The bags of lime were transported on barges by the Petrel and the Carberry, wood fired steamboats, down to the southwest end of Lake Manitoba where they were moved by train to Winnipeg. The lime was then used to manufacture plaster and mortar. After two barges loaded with lime sank in a storm, the company's boats were sold to the Manitoba Gypsum Company which used them to ship gypsum from its quarries north of The Narrows until 1913. Two of the Rosehill kilns can still be seen near the Narrows close to Gunnaugson Island.

Other kilns were found along Lake Manitoba, like the Spearhill kilns and the lime plant at Steep Rock, and these provided jobs for locals and extra income for those who supplied the wood for the kilns. Homesteaders also had their own kilns to make quicklime to plaster their homes and a



woman remembers her father tending a large fire for three days and nights to make lime for whitewashing their home's walls.

The use of quicklime stretches back in history with the Egyptian's using lime plaster on structures like the Great Pyramid of Giza, and Romans using lime-based mortars within their architecture as did the Chinese for the construction of the Great Wall. As the quick lime is very caustic, historians say it was even used a weapon in ancient warfare with a slurry of

the lime hurled through the air, blinding soldiers and severely burning their skin. For centuries, lime has been used for agriculture with its addition to acidic soils improving plant growth and increasing the amount of calcium in the diets of grazing livestock. This versatile chemical is also used for manufacturing cement and steel and is even an additive in food.

A unique characteristic of quicklime is the production of incandescent beams of light when exposed to an oxyhydrogen flame and it was used as a light source for theatrical productions as early as 1837. The expression "in the limelight" originally referred to the most desirable acting area on the stage, the front and centre, which was brilliantly illuminated by the lime fueled lights. Once again, quicklime was adapted to use for war and in 1863, during the American Civil War, limelights were used by Union forces to light up Confederate targets at night, blind Confederate shooters, and used on Union Navy ships.

Quicklime is still an important chemical and the mining and heating of limestone around Lake Manitoba continues to this day.

Ashern Beautification Committee

There are only a couple of people actively involved in this committee at the present time. Margaret Anderson and Bernice Ruchotzke. We have ordered flowers for Main Street as we still want to try to brighten up the community and make it cheerful and inviting. Summer is here now!

We could really use some new faces on this committee, as well as new ideas.

Also volunteers to adopt a pot to water during the summer would be most welcome.

Anyone interested, please call

Margaret Anderson 204-768-2849

Bernice Ruchotzke 204-768-3531

Tax Incentives 2021

The RM of West Interlake is once again offering tax incentives for 2021. The discount will be as follows:

2% - August

1% - September

No discount - October

Tax bills will be coming shortly, however if you wish you can prepay at a Municipal Office.

New and Exciting Recreation Opportunities

Welcome Sam Bayer, Recreation Coordinator

Hello everyone, my name is Sam Bayer and I am the new Recreation Coordinator for the Rural Municipality of West Interlake. I'm twenty-eight years young, from Columbus, Ohio and I've lived in Ashern for almost 2 years now. I've played a plethora of sports all over the United States of America, have a lot of experience with different types of arts, and love being outdoors.

During my time as Recreation Coordinator, I will be splitting my time between the Eriksdale and Ashern communities. Our Recreation Programmers Kay Meisner, Lily Plohman and I will be working together in both communities. I will be working in and out of the Municipal Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

I can be reached by phone at the Ashern Municipal Office at 204-768-2641 or by email at rec@rmofwestinterlake.com.

I look forward to meeting new faces and exploring all the different recreation opportunities in the communities of West Interlake.



Pictured above: Sam & Brooklyn Bayer



The RM of West Interlake is proud to announce that registration for our summer camps is now OPEN!! Summer camps are open to children aged 6 to 11 and will run from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm daily.

There are no registration fees for these camps.

To register, please call Recreation Coordinator, Sam Bayer, at 204-768-2641 or email rec@rmofwestinterlake.com.

Have you ever wished that dinosaurs were still alive?? They will certainly come alive in this fun, prehistoric-themed week! Join us as we create fizzy dinosaur eggs, make dinosaur fossils, go on a fossil dig, and make exploding volcanos!

Ashern Camp Dates - July 12 - 16
Eriksdale Camp Dates - July 19 - 23



Welcome to the Jungle! Join us as we take a wild ride learning about the layers of the rainforest and jungle animals! This week will be filled with making rain sticks and creating fun jungle creatures like slithering snakes, cheeky monkeys, and friendly tigers.

**Ashern Camp Dates - July 26 - 30
Eriksdale Camp Dates - August 3 - 6**



Ahoy me Hearties! This week is guaranteed to be a blast as we learn to talk like pirates while exploring the deep sea! We will have fun creating the different ocean zones in a bottle, making floating sea turtles, and going on a treasure hunt with our spy glasses!

**Ashern Camp Dates - August 9 - 13
Eriksdale Camp Dates - August 16 - 20**



CAMP SPACES ARE LIMITED! BE SURE TO CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR SPOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



Blast off into space as we make seltzer rockets, learn about the phases of the moon while making moon sand, and learn about the solar system while making galaxy slime! This week is sure to be out of this world!!

**Ashern Camp Dates - August 23 - 27
Eriksdale Camp Dates - Aug 30 - Sept 3**

LUD of Ashern: Railway Park Update

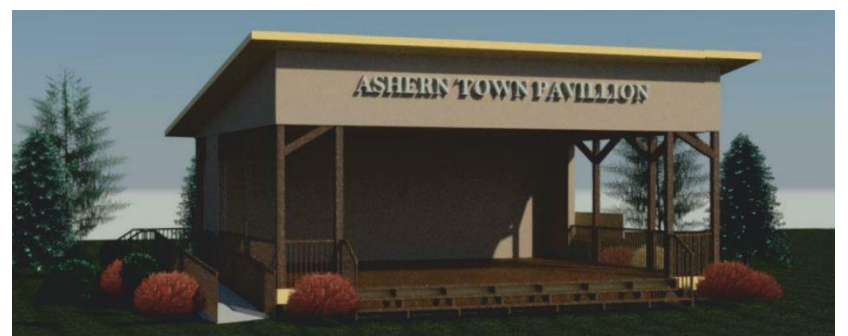
The Local Urban District of Ashern has been working on developing Railway Park. To date, the Pavilion design has been finalized and the construction tender has been awarded to D. Monkman Enterprises Inc.

We are waiting on the final approval from the Provincial Government to redesignate the park zoning and once that has been completed the pavilion construction will commence.

The LUD Committee has also hired Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture + Design to assist in the creation of a conceptual design of the park. We have reached out to 8 different prominent community groups to assist with the development of the park. At the June 17, 2021 regular LUD meeting the committee has adopted the following vision and mission statement for Railway Park:

VISION - A central hub connecting the community of Ashern.

MISSION - The Ashern Railway Park and Trail system will be developed as a four-season recreational destination and community hub. Accessible, multi-use spaces will help foster health in the community, while providing places for physical activity, public gathering, and connecting with nature.





Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

FACT

Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.

Summertime Fire Safety

Your local fire departments would like to remind everyone to practice extra caution when lighting a fire this summer. Due to extreme heat and drought, it has made fire conditions critical.

“You do not require a burning permit for enclosed fires such as a campfire”

All open fire burning requires a burning permit. Burning permits are required all year. Please contact a Municipal Office to obtain a permit before you burn. We would also like to remind everyone that you are to keep the fire under control at all times, to bear responsibility for all property damages, and to fireguard the area as required.

Welcome R. M. of West Interlake Summer Students!

If you see these students make sure to say hi.

- Courtney Granberg
- Jesse Budge
- Aaron Taylor
- Nicholas Chevrefils
- Keidyn Lindell
- Samantha Miller
- Blake Lindell
- Kay Meisner
- Lily Plohman
- Kenady Christensen
- Shanley Sigfusson

Fish Fry

Lake Manitoba Narrows Game & Fish Association

There is some extra Walleye in the waters at Lake Manitoba Narrows. It was a cold nasty afternoon this past Thursday May 20, however 1.1 million walleye fry did not seem to mind. Clayton Gibson, West Interlake Economic Development Officer made the trip to Swan Creek Hatchery by Lundar and picked up 11 plastic bags holding roughly 100,000 walleye fry per bag destined for the waters of Lake Manitoba Narrows. Clayton met up with Lake Manitoba Narrows Game & Fish members Sherry Giesbrecht, Clancy Solomon and Dwayne Germain to introduce our newest fish residents to the lake. The original plan to release the fry north of Manitou Island from a boat was not possible due to the strong cold winds. After a brief meeting at the Community Dock (fully masked and socially distanced) 3 locations were chosen to release the fry. Even when you are a fish it is a good idea to learn a little history about the area. The first drop was made at the culverts by the Kilns (Rosehill Limestone and Lime Quarry). No shortage of history there. The Kilns were in operation from 1896 to 1908. All that remains now is 2 kilns which are guarded by a Canada



Goose who chose to nest on top of one. To the west of the drop site is Manitou Island. Manitou Island was named after the great spirit Manitou by the Indigenous people. The Ojibway called it “Manito-bau”. Any idea where the province got its name of Manitoba from? The next drop was done at the old ferry landing on the east side of the channel in front of Narrows Sunset Lodge. The Narrows ferry crossing operated for many years connecting people from both sides of the lake. The ferry was replaced by the bridge in 1968, the bridge you drive on today. The last drop was done on the west side of the channel close to where the west ferry landing was. Each time the fry were introduced to the water, the bag had to lay in that body of water for 15 minutes to allow for water temperature in and

outside the bag to match, which reduces the stress on the fry. Although acclimatizing the fry reduced their stress level, it did not do much for the group of 4 as everyone had a chill going on by the time they were done. Masking up was actually not a bad thing, as at least everyone kept their nose warm. Unfortunately, the mortality rate for these fry are not great. A survival rate of 5% to a full-sized fish is the best we can hope for. Even at 5%, we are left with 55,000 more walleye than what would have occurred as a result of a natural spawn. Efforts like this will aid recreational and commercial fishing on Lake Manitoba. The fry released on last Thursday are now swimming in the Straits of Manitou (Cree - Manitou-wapow / Ojibwa – Manidoobaa). Today we know this body of water as Lake Manitoba Narrows. A big thank you to Swan Lake Fish Hatchery and Clayton Gibson, EDO of West Interlake! You will see another post shortly on Swan Creek Hatchery.

Your Lake Manitoba Narrows Game & Fish Association is working with Clayton on future fish enhancement projects. Stay tuned!