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April's photo theme was Rainbows. Follow us on social media to see what the next theme is!

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# Monthly Recap

by *Samantha Hampton*  
Owner of Creative Community Promotions

Each month it feels like I have blinked and it's time to communicate my Monthly Recap with everyone! This month has been extremely busy. Our services even reached as far as Pinawa, MB, and Lac du Bonnet! I would say that having the opportunity to work creatively with my clients makes each job very unique and different from the next. This keeps each workday feeling fresh! It is one of my favourite things about my job. There definitely isn't an opportunity to be bored that's for sure!

After an overwhelming 89 applications, a decision was made! I am excited to announce we have made an addition to our CCP team! Chris's completion of the Rhetoric, Writing and Communications degree program through The University of Winnipeg provided him with a foundation for researching, writing, and communications that he later built upon with over five years of part-time journalism experience. Chris furthered his studies in the comprehensive and cutting-edge Public Relations, Marketing, and Strategic Communications Management Diploma program through The University of Winnipeg PACE.

Chris has a passion for creating unique content, connecting and collaborating with others, as well as helping people communicate their messages effectively. Chris has been trained and is up to speed! Congratulations Chris on joining the CCP team.

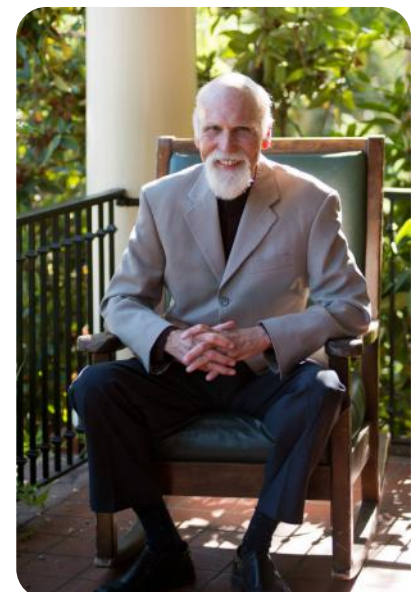
Until next month, stay safe & be kind to one another.

*Samantha Hampton* 

# I Don't Know

by *Richard Bredsteen*

I don't know  
The meaning of my patterns,  
They stick with me  
Like play doe,  
And the two of us  
Are one major collage  
Determined to break the code,  
Realize the dream we share  
By trusting this process  
One discovers in the truth,  
As illusive it may be  
In our playground,  
how suffering  
Is transformed into compassion,  
The web of existence,  
The human soul,  
All that jazz,  
Creates a dance and song...  
We trust in each other,  
the essence of being,  
And flow with the weather,  
The seasons unfold  
And sunsets,  
we behold...





# FARMERS Hall

by Melanie Johannesson  
on behalf of the Farmers Hall

Years ago the farmers and homesteaders in the area felt something missing in their lives, and the Farmers Hall was born. Homes were wide spread with miles of fields in between them. Visiting wasn't as easy as it would have been today.

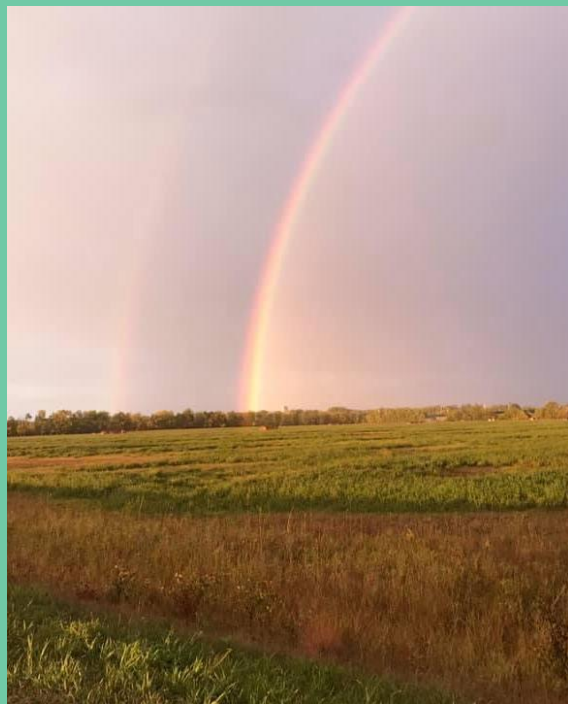
The hall is more than just a building with a wooden floor. It became the energy of the people and the heart of the community. A place to gather where people could 'dust themselves off' and get all 'dolloed up'. Music from local talents became the heartbeat of the structure. Spirits danced and relationships blossomed. It became a place to celebrate life, marriage, triumphs as well as hardships, struggles.

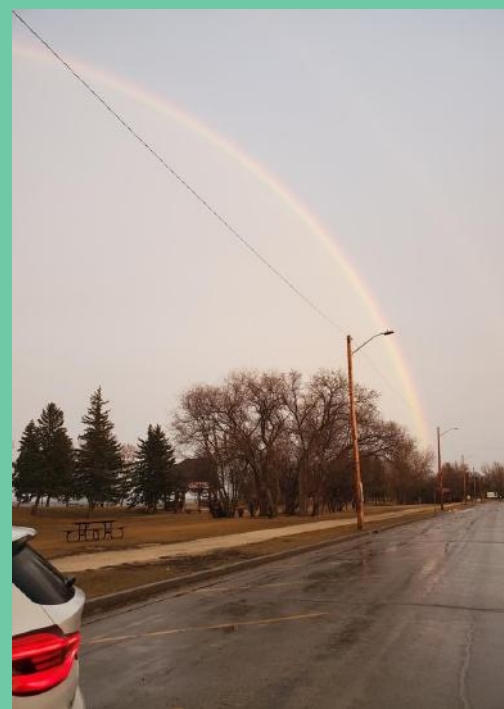
Over the winter months, the hall has been awaiting people once again. We have been living in a world where everything has slowed down and many activities have come to a stop. No dancing, no connections, no community. However, as resilient as our ancestors were, we need to remember that we too are resilient and we need to keep going.

As we respond to the time we are currently living in and to ensure this connection remains, we plan to hold a market on Thursdays from June 3 - Oct 7 (4-9 pm). We are calling all homesteaders, creators, makers, and bakers to bring their treasures to showcase at our Market. We look forward to seeing our friends and neighbours as they visit the merchants. Let's rebuild that sense of community and connection that we are missing so much!



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# Normal Dreams

by Caitlyn Remenda  
Age 9

## Chapter 1

Hi I'm Casey Adjun and I live at 641 Gawna Drive, California. I have one older brother Steve and trust me he is not at all fun. All Steve does is play video games, eat doritos and watch tv. So yes he is a couch potato. Now back to me, I have 2 BFF's, Stacey Mirana and Sarah Rahld. I'm in the 5th grade and I am having a bad year. The reason for that is because my parents make me study like crazy, because all i get on my report cards are d's and f's so my parents are super strict.

## Chapter 2

Also I have a dog named Ozzi. I don't go to normal school, I go to the AMT (AKA:Academy of magical talent.) Because I can make things levitate. When I grow up I want to be normal because when I go to the park all the kids think that I'm magic and the only reason they hang out with me is cause I have powers. So when I want someone to play with, they say:"only if you get my ball out of the tree"or something like that.

## Chapter 3

Today was real awesome!!!!!! First when I went to pizza hotline and I met a lady:Ms.Miko she said she wanted to help, she knew I could make things levitate. She said I can make you normal, so I said sure for how long? She said for 1 week. I said I'll take it.

Way to go Caitlyn,  
great job! Does your  
child like to write?  
Ask us about our  
kids column!



Caitlyn Remenda

## Chapter 4

The next week I went to the mall after hours, kinda creepy right. At least I was going to be normal. So this lady made a potion and I drank it. After that, I tried my powers and it was like a storm it was weird. It was really creepy and weird. The next day I told my teacher Ms.Watie and she said it was because the potion had frontec sap. She also said it would last 1 day so obviously, I locked myself in my room and put on 19 gloves to stop the storm. The next morning I woke up and I was fine, so my experience with this was to accept who I am. So that's all I got. Bye.

# Arborg Story Book Walks ...



Written by Penny Helgason

Photos submitted by: Penny Helgason



The Storybook Walks that took place last fall in Arborg as a “PIVOT” response for programming through the North Interlake Parent Child Coalition are making a return this Spring. The Storybook Walks held last fall were very purposeful in connecting the story to the path: The 3 Billy Goats Gruff was placed on the Icelandic River Walking Trail; The Little Engine That Could started at the Public Library, a former CPR Station; and A Map of Good Memories was hosted at the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village.



The stories that are being prepared for the 2021 installments will not necessarily be tied to place, but the concept remains the same: people of all ages spending some active time in nature, finding the pages of an engaging story, and reading along the way. The Storybook Walks will be provided in two iterations: Spring - commencing on May 25 and Fall – beginning on September 7. Each season, the walks will run for 5 consecutive weeks with 5 separate stories staying up for one week at a time.

Community members have provided some recommendations for popular storybooks and now I’ll be pulling a few of the suggestions out of a hat! The Storybook Walks are a bit of a safe silver lining during these challenging times. They are an accessible, convenient, and creative way to have some fun alone or with others while fostering a love for books and reading. So much to enjoy!





# The Sandy Hook Pier Calls For Help!



Written by Art Zuke

Photos submitted by Art Zuke

The Famous Sandy Hook Pier (TFSHP) is like an old family friend: a friend who knows you, your parents, your grandparents... a familiar soul who you know you can count on. If there's any time in our history that we need to know a friend like that will be there for us, it's now.

The Famous Sandy Hook Pier is an iconic community place and landmark on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, located at 11th Avenue in Sandy Hook, Manitoba. This seasonal wooden pier has been part of the Sandy Hook landscape since 1939, serving both as an access point to the beach and as a community gathering destination. It is a place of generations of joyful summer memories. The pier is annually constructed and deconstructed, with much of it being stored for re-use in subsequent years. The Famous Sandy Hook Pier is the ONLY public wooden pier in the RM of Gimli, and in 2020 it was the ONLY public wooden pier in the entire Interlake. The 2020 version of TFSHP was constructed with a unique "COVID-Compliant" design so that people could safely enjoy and use the pier during the first summer of the COVID-19 pandemic. This COVID-Compliant design is the plan for 2021 as well.

Please donate to this GoFundMe to cover increased material costs of the 2021 Famous Sandy Hook Pier. Material costs are DOUBLE what they were in 2020 due to skyrocketing lumber prices. These increased costs cannot be absorbed by existing financial supports. Grassroots support from this GoFundMe will allow for the 2021 TFSHP to be built to at least the same scale as last year. Without additional financial support from the community, this year's pier will have to be scaled back significantly. The \$2000 goal of this GoFundMe represents the increase in material costs this year. Any additional funds raised will be held in trust for future versions of TFSHP.

The Famous Sandy Hook Pier Committee thanks you for your consideration and support of this GoFundMe and YOUR pier, and gratefully acknowledges the ongoing financial support from the RM of Gimli, as well as additional support this year from the Manitoba Safer Waters Coalition. Thanks also for the support, ingenuity, and countless hours of time put into this annual labour of love by the great folks at Sundance Construction.

Please share this GoFundMe, and also be sure to follow The Famous Sandy Hook Pier on Instagram ([thefamoussandyhookpier](#)), and to hashtag your social media posts with #tfshp.

# About Lucky Stone Books

Books are the original Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose! Folks have been sharing and buying pre-owned books since they were invented. There has been a used bookstore on Centre Street in Gimli since 1996, first as Page's, then as Up a Stump Used Books and now Lucky Stone Books.

Lucky Stone Books will launch on Saturday, May 15th, where the new owner, Kristine Dubois, will be offering a huge selection of Just-Like-New books to the readers of Gimli and the Interlake. Kristine is a dedicated book lover and an active promoter of literacy!

I'm a resident of Lake Forest and have been an Art, Media and English high school teacher in Gimli since 2013. You may have met me at Arnes Farmers' Market, where I've been finding the perfect book for folks for the last four years. This is a service Lucky Stone Books offers that you won't find at new book retailers. I call it the Lighthouse Look List — just provide me with the title of an elusive book and I'll do my best to find it for you.

Along with 25,000+ books to browse, customers will also find art and craft supplies, puzzles, colouring books, comics, and games. There will be a rotating stock of gift items, mostly Made-in-Manitoba, including Hartmont Candles, Hotcups loose tea products and Morden's chocolates. I've got a long list of recommended reads for you; visit in-person at 33 Centre Street in Gimli.



*by Kristine Dubois*



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*I'd love to hear from you!*

# Assignment Saving Lives

by Cameron Adams

My name is Cameron Adams, and I am from Gimli, Manitoba. I am a 4th year Education Student in the Integrated Faculty of Education at the University of Winnipeg. I am an active volunteer having been involved in numerous clubs and groups in Gimli High School. In high school, I was introduced to Habitat for Humanity by our Social Justice Club and Mr. Rob Jantz who led bi-annual Habitat Trips to El Salvador. I went to El Salvador in July of 2014 and upon returning, kept on fundraising to participate on subsequent builds to Portugal (2015 & 2017), Indonesia – 2016, Halifax – 2018, and most recently Macedonia in 2019.

Besides Habitat, I have been a volunteer with the Bear Clan Patrol in Winnipeg and a member of our Indigenous Students' Association at the University of Winnipeg. I also started donating blood with Canadian Blood Services in 2018 shortly after moving to Winnipeg to start university. It was there that I became very passionate about giving back regularly. After having brain surgery twice, I figured it would be great to help out every couple of months.

Recently I joined the Next Gen Blood Group, a group of youth volunteers that work together to recruit blood donors in Manitoba. We participate in different events throughout the year. Currently we in a competition for a scholarship, called Assignment Saving Lives. From April 1 until June 30, 2021, our goal is to raise awareness about blood donation and have people join our team when they donate. Every donation counts and my goal is to recruit 100 donors! Currently, I am 1/5 of the way. In the image on the left below, you can see how you can join my team!

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to reach out via FB!

*Cameron Adams*



Join my team to help me win a bursary for the university.

1. Go to the Blood.ca website OR download the GiveBlood App on your device.
2. Make an account or log in.
3. Click on "Partners".
4. Click "Join an Existing Team".
5. Type in "ASL-MB-Cameron Adams"
6. Click "Yes" & "Join".
7. Donate by June 30th, 2021

P.S Anyone living in Canada can donate excluding residents in Quebec.

# How Will You Contribute?

*A monthly newsletter written for the community by the community.*



## The Business Buzz



Do you have a new business? Is your company doing something unique? We want to help spread the word. Our Social Community features 3 Interlake Businesses each month for FREE. Contact us and let's work together to showcase your products, services, and talents!

## Do You Have Something To Say?



Our kid's column is super fun! Children can write on any topic (120 words) and submit one photo!

Do you have something to say? Send in a submission, max 250 words. Everyone has something to say.. what's your message going to be?



## Photo COLLAGE!



Each month we pick a new photo theme. Community members send in their photos and they get placed into the newsletters collage! Monthly themes are posted on our social media accounts! Check our website for all the details!

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