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Youthful engagement

EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
 Westshore board members, in conjunction with RBC representative Mandi Taylor, held a public consultation last Thursday evening and discussed how to support youth in bringing RBC Future Launch Community Challenge projects to fruition. From left: Erin Furgala, Sheila Hillier, Mandi Taylor (standing), Ruby Tretiak and Barb Gluck.

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Beaver Creek Bible Camp to hold 50th anniversary fête in Riverton

By Patricia Barrett

Beaver Creek Bible Camp is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and will be holding a huge party for the community in Riverton this Sunday.

The camp is located next to the community of Beaver Creek, along PR 234, and is about an hour north of Gimli.

Nestled on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, the camp has 11 cabins that can sleep up to 135 people and a main lodge with a dining room and commercial kitchen. It offers five weeks of camp activities and programs. It typically attracts about 200 kids from across the Interlake, including communities as far away as Winnipeg Beach and Selkirk.

The camp also focuses on Bible teachings.

"Beaver Creek Bible Camp exists to give all an encounter with the living Christ. It's very focused on connecting kids with the heart of God and showing them through scripture how He loves us and how He has paved the way for us to be in a relationship with Him," said Brook Friesen, who serves as camp co-director along with his wife Steph Friesen and Julia Hamm.

In addition to traditional activities



The camp includes activities such as canoeing, kayaking, archery and zip line.

such as canoeing, kayaking, archery, zip line and music, the camp offers a leadership development camp and a paintball camp. New this year is the reinstatement of the weekend family camp.

"This is very much focused on parents and their kids, from toddlers up to age 18," said Friesen, who, along



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF BROOK FRIESEN

Beaver Creek Bible Camp organizers are gearing up for a golden anniversary celebration on June 9.

with his wife, is heading into his sixth year with the camp. "It gives parents a chance to connect with their kids and bond with them in a distraction-free [i.e., no social media] zone."

After its own summer camp program ends, BCBC rents its facilities to

churches in southern Manitoba.

For its community event this Sunday at the Riverton Hall — which everyone is welcome to attend — BCBC will open the celebrations with a chapel at

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Westshore Foundation and RBC to engage youth on urgent local needs

By Patricia Barrett

RBC has donated \$15,000 to the Westshore Community Foundation as part of its Canada-wide RBC Future Launch Community Challenge, which will see youth coming up with innovative ways to solve an urgent community need.

Westshore will approve and allocate the funds to youth-led projects in its catchment area, which includes Dunnotar, Fraserwood, Gimli and Riverton.

Westshore board members, in conjunction with an RBC representative, held a public consultation last Thursday evening at Johnson Hall in Gimli, where over 30 people discussed major issues in their respective communities and how to support their youth in bringing a project to fruition.

Westshore president Tim Arnason, who was joined by board members Tristin Tergesen, Michele Couture, Eric Stefanson and David Douglas, said the foundation is delighted to partner with RBC as the goals of both organizations are to create positive social impacts in the community.

"There's so much that RBC does in the way of social responsibility and contributing to the quality of life," said Arnason. "And a strong commitment to youth is one of these really tangible things."

The financial institution and its foundation — the RBC Foundation — selected community foundations across Canada to host Future Launch. Over 150 small and mid-sized communities will have an opportunity to apply for a grant from their respective foundation.

Future Launch is RBC's commitment to "empower Canadian youth for the jobs of tomorrow," according to its website. Over the next 10 years, it will allocate \$500 million to help youth aged 15-29 access meaningful employment, acquire work experience and job skills, develop network-



Tim Arnason

ing support and provide supports and services for mental well-being.

To celebrate its 150th anniversary this year, RBC has invested \$5.5 million in communities across Canada, the U.K., the Caribbean and the United States.

"It's about how can we make an impact across this country," said Mandi Taylor, RBC regional director for community marketing and citizenship. "What does this mean for youth? It's really about shifting the power. We want youth be able to look at their communities and see what some of the urgent local priorities and needs are."

Grouped into four teams, participants identified pressing needs in their communities and possible ways to support their youth in leading projects.

Ideas ranged from ramping up environmental initiatives, such as composting, recycling and protecting the health of Lake Winnipeg, bridging the gap between youth and seniors to help combat social isolation, enabling artistic expression in youth-frequented public spaces such as the Gimli skateboard park, and finding solutions to the addictions and mental health crises besetting the area.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The Westshore Community Foundation and a representative from RBC held an information session last Thursday in Gimli to encourage community members to engage their youth on urgent local needs. RBC has donated \$15,000 to Westshore for the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge.

Riverton principal Erin Furgala said caregivers — could benefit from enher community — both youth and

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Poplarfield lovingly restoring heritage church

By Patricia Barrett

Parishioners of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Poplarfield have organized a small team of volunteers to repair and paint their church.

The eastern-styled domed church lies along High Plains Road (Highway 68) in the middle of town.

Evelyn Pomanski, who grew up in Poplarfield and sits on the church board, said her son Doug Pomanski and his friend Erik Olson are carrying out the restoration work for free.

Olson is repairing the dome using a lift supplied by a community member and Pomanski's son is painting the exterior doors and window frames.

"We have to do it ourselves," said Pomanski, referring to the maintenance of the building. "And Doug and Erik are doing it out of their own pockets. The boys did some work on it about three years ago. They're so good those boys."

A couple from Fisher Branch is restoring the bell, said Pomanski, and the cost will be borne by the congregation. She estimates it will be in the range of \$4,000.

Holy Trinity was built by area parishioners in 1942 under the guidance of carpenter Michael Troschuk.

It has arms of equal length and a central dome that's supported by an octagonal drum. The interior features an ornate iconostasis (a screen separating the sanctuary from the nave) and other religious paintings by Hnat Sych. The RM of Fisher designated the church a municipal heritage site in 1989, according to a plaque dedicated to the history of the church.

The church served community members in the High Plains, Leeland and Chatfield districts. The congregation was whittled down in the 1970s by rural depopulation. But the remaining parishioners hold a service once a year and on special occasions.

"Once a year we have a service and people come from the area and Winnipeg," said Pomanski. "We go to the cemetery after the service to bless the graves. Then we have a dinner. Pat Rindall (church board member) and I make the dinner for everybody. And there's a silver collection for whoever wants to give something. That's how we raise some money. We have to pay the priest."

RM of Fisher Coun. Tom Nevakshonoff, who grew up in Poplarfield and Fisher Branch, stopped by on the weekend to lend his support to the volunteers.



The iconostasis of Holy Trinity features religious scenes, including a depiction of the Last Supper, by artist Hnat Sych.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TOM NEVAKSHONOFF

Erik Olson began repairing the church's dome last weekend.

> 50TH ANNIVERSARY, FROM PG. 2

10:30 a.m. followed by a free lunch at 12:30.

And with permission from the town, the camp will offer archery, shelter-building and crafts outside the hall starting at 1:30. At 3 p.m., organizers will have everyone participate in a camp game called Johari's Window, which helps people increase their awareness of them-

selves and others.

Those who attended the camp in the past will also have an opportunity to share their favourite memories through an interactive timeline that organizers are putting together. It will highlight 50 years of camp life.

"People will be able to add to it during the day," said Friesen. "There will be notepaper they can write their favourite memory on, skills they learned or fun things, and they can use clothespins to add it to the timeline." The day will end with closing remarks at 4 p.m.

The celebration will be held Sunday, June 9, at the Riverton Hall. Admission is free, but there will an opportunity to make a donation to the camp.

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Golf tournament and fundraiser for Riverton arena

By Becca Myskiw

The first-ever Reggie Leach Classic Golf & Sport Banquet is on June 7.

The event is a fundraiser for the Riverton Memorial Arena. The golf tournament is at the Hecla golf course and the day ends with a dinner at the Riverton Recreation Centre at 6 p.m.

The banquet's special guests are Bobby Clarke, Reg-

gie Leach, Jamie Leach, Arron Asham and Trevor Kidd. There's also a silent auction with jerseys up for grabs signed by players like Mitch Marner, Teemu Selanne, Elias Petterson, Steven Stamkos, Carey Price, Blake Wheeler and more.

The golf tournament for the event is full, but dinner tickets are still available. You can purchase them from Corinne Magnusson for \$40 before June 7.

Ice Festival receives provincial and municipal recognition

By Patricia Barrett

The province and the RM of Gimli officially recognized the Gimli Ice Festival and its co-chairs for outstanding success in bringing tourism to Gimli during the winter season.

Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton singled out the festival for special recognition March 14 in the legislature as festival co-chairs Peter and Susan Holfeuer sat in the gallery.

"The festival exemplifies the meaning of community spirit and partnership," said Wharton. "It has grown to be Gimli's premier winter event and contributes to Manitoba's growing reputation as a world-class winter destination. I'd like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the service clubs, organizations and numerous volunteers who have made this outstanding event happen for eight consecutive years."

Calling them a "driving force," Wharton went on to thank the Holfeuers for "embracing their community and inspiring others to do the same."

Peter Holfeuer said the legislative assembly then stood up and applauded them and the festival's volunteers.

And at Gimli council's May 22 meeting, Mayor Lynn Greenberg presented Susan Holfeuer with an award recognizing her achievements after she presented a brief report on the 8th annual festi-

val this March, as well as outlined plans for next year's event, which coincides with Manitoba's 150th anniversary.

Kiwanis Club of Gimli member and Kiwanis International trustee Sam Sekhon then spoke about Susan's volunteer contributions over the past 10 years with local organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion, Evergreen Basic Needs, the New Iceland Heritage Museum, the Kiwanis Club and the Gimli Chamber of Commerce.

"In addition to all of that, Susan also volunteers each year for the Gimli Film Festival, the Gimli Car Club, and other organizations that may need help from time to time," said Sekhon from a prepared statement. "Each year Susan volunteers hundreds of hours and always does so with great passion and love for the community she lives in."

The mayor's service award includes a statement recognizing Holfeuer for her outstanding efforts in "shining a spotlight" on the community.

Holfeuer said she was shocked by the recognition.

"I had no idea I was being considered for this recognition so it came as a complete surprise, shocked would be more like it, to say the least," she said a few days after the presentation. "I can only express my sincere thanks to everyone that made this possible."



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED
Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton recognized Susan and Peter Holfeuer for their work on the Gimli Ice Festival.

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hanced mental-health supports as what's currently available is out of reach for many kids.

"A lot of [trauma and mental health] goes unaddressed and we do the best we can with what we have," said Furgala. "We do a lot of advocating for our kids, but lots of kids don't get access to care. The way one of my students put it to me is, 'I'm not crazy enough.'"

She said community mental-health workers come through Riverton only two days a month.

Trauma is at the core of mental-health issues and can lead youth to alcohol or drugs to help them cope if there are no healthy alternatives available, said Furgala. Trauma "looks different for every person" and can arise from any type of adverse experience, including living with adults who abuse substances and/or behave violently, sexual and physical assault, divorce or intergenerational effects among Indigenous people traumatized by colonization, discrimination and residential schools.

"One of my initiatives next year with my staff is to become more trauma-informed in working with our kids," said Furgala.

She added that there are students in her school capable of leading initiatives to help other kids cope with trauma.

Sheila Hiller, who's part of a family and youth regional support team that supports kids aged 12-18 and who also works with the Evergreen School Division, said a community forum in Riverton last year identified a need for parents and other community members to have "more tools and respite support workers" to help educate and empower them to deal with mental health issues and suicide risks.

"The crystal meth problem is getting very critical," said Hillier, referring to the province as a whole. "You can [offer] prevention and treatment programs and it won't do a darn thing. You have to get to the root of the problem — trauma. If you have a kid or adult able to face the trauma and move through it, they're not even going to look at

drugs or alcohol."

Another group of participants identified a need to address isolation experienced by seniors in Gimli. They suggested a program where youth could share a meal with seniors and ask them about their life experiences. It would run somewhat along the lines of a Human Library-type initiative, where people can check out a "human" book, learn about other's perspectives and build positive connections.

Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School principal Rosanna Cuthbert and her group suggested a youth-led initiative to "sustain" environmental awareness, and ESD trustee Dianna Auer and her group suggested bringing different community organizations together to address ways to protect the lake.

Westshore provides grants for a number of community projects and organizations, including the Gimli Children's Centre (rubber paving for its playground), Riverton Collegiate (new serger for the sewing program), Evergreen Band Boosters (new instruments) and the Gimli and District Health Auxiliary (power stretcher).

Westshore board member Michele Couture said the RBC grant is a "fantastic way" to get youth involved in leading the creation, design and implementation of a project.

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brilliant young minds to help drive projects that are of urgent local need," said Couture.

More than one project could be funded, she said, but they have to be over \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Sept. 18.

For more information about Future Launch eligibility criteria, visit the Community Foundations of Canada website at www.communityfoundations.ca or contact the Westshore Community Foundation at 204-642-9796.

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Doubling down on Canada's past

By Evan Matthews

Criticism over the last number of weeks has me thinking.

In a letter to the editor, one of our readers alleged treason for the newspaper's take on the name of a celebrated holiday, Victoria Day.

Another reader, in response to the Brits scalping of Mi'kmaq peoples, said (more or less), "But they started it, just read the history. ... It's all there."

These sentiments are troubling, to me, so here's a double down.

To clarify, the discussion regarding Victoria Day does not involve changing our history as a nation. It is what it is, will not change, and it's as simple as that.

We can acknowledge it, and know who we are, in textbooks, as I said.

The conversation around whether or not we should change the name of Victoria Day is in relation to whether or not we should celebrate every detail of our jaded past.

In response to the scalping comment, "they started it," is this really an informed or well-rounded opinion?

An attempted genocide of an entire peoples cannot and should not be reduced to "they started it," especially when they were here first, because in that sense the First Peoples actually didn't start anything.

Ironically, as we've been having these types of conversations, the CBC obtained and released a report, the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIW) inquiry.

The report is said to give recommendations to government, the police and Canadians at large in order to address violence toward not only MMIW but the LGBTQIA2 community as well.

CBC reported the chief commissioner of the inquiry saying they aren't just recommendations but legal imperatives, and the hope is to end a cycle of violence.

The CBC report even quoted the commissioner as saying, "This report is about these beautiful Indigenous people and the systemic factors that lead to their losses of dignity, humanity and, in too many cases, losses of life."

While oppressed communities express themselves, discuss the hardships they've experienced — not inherently but at the hands of our forefathers for generations — how can we defend, and even celebrate, much of our colonial past?

Canadians should be proud of who they are and where they come from, but not so much so that we cannot be proud of where we're headed.

Our society has a chance to have open dialogue, conversation, leading to a true reconciliation (not a Justin Trudeau photo op of reconciliation).

Defending our past, pointing the finger, these are all ways of maintaining a status quo.

We should be discussing our future, making things better and working together.

But, if the life of a (dead) 64-year-old dictator or shifting the blame to keep the status quo or celebrating those things is more important to you, then by all means.

letter to the editor

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Province to reconstruct PR 326

I read with interest Patricia Barrett's interview with Bifrost-Riverton Reeve Brian Johnson. He indicated that there will be thousands of trucks moving grain and other commodities south and north on this highway. Reeve Johnson appears to have been convinced that it is OK to have all this huge semi-trailer truck traffic channeled through River Road and onto Main Street in Arborg to PTH 68.

There are many questions that need to be answered as a result of

his support for rebuilding the existing paved portion of (Jacob Line) PR 326 and sending all this additional traffic through Arborg. What advice has his council received regarding the increased truck traffic through town from both a logistical and safety perspective? Does he realize the difficulty this decision will pose to have large trucks navigate through town? Is the current paved portion of PR 326 going to be rebuilt with a new base? I question how much consideration

the reeve and his council gave to the implications of the above.

Our MLA Derek Johnson, who is a member of Treasury Board, needs to explain to all citizens what information was provided by Infrastructure staff that led to this decision? What was the cost benefit of this as compared to the alternatives that were discussed previously (PR 233 north of PTH 68 or PR 326 north of PR 329)?

- Bill Uruski

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Province signs partnership agreement with high school in Ukraine

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has signed a memorandum of understanding with a school in Ukraine, Education and Training Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced today.

The agreement will allow students at Novopecherska School in Kyiv to study the Manitoba high school curriculum and earn a Manitoba high school diploma.

"Manitoba is proud of its strong ties to Ukraine and excited for this new partnership that will allow students in Kyiv to study the Manitoba curriculum," said Goertzen. "We hope international high school students who graduate with a Manitoba diploma will consider Canada as an option for their post-secondary studies. The province's post-secondary education system is internationally recognized for its leading-edge facilities and

first-rate educators and is an excellent choice for international students."

The agreement authorizes Novopecherska to offer a Manitoba Blended Program for grades 9 to 12, and allows students who complete all credits and program requirements to graduate with a Manitoba high school diploma and a Ukrainian high school diploma. Students will be encouraged to use the Manitoba diploma to apply to Canadian post-secondary institutions.

"Today Ukraine passes an important stage of reform. And the education reform might be the most important because it determines the future of the whole country directly. We are glad to have Canada as a partner on this path, as its educational systems are trusted by the most countries of the world," said Zoiya Lytvyn, head of the supervisory board/founder of Novo-

pecherska School. "We also hope that this co-operation will allow us to attract more experts from Manitoba for building the professional educational environment of Ukraine."

Novopecherska School is considered a model for Ukrainian educational reform and is a national benchmark of modern Ukrainian education, the minister noted.

"We are currently developing global educational partnerships as a part of our strategic plan," said Irena Korbabic-Putko, principal of Novopecherska School. "Ukraine has a historical relationship with Manitoba via diaspora and we are looking to collaboratively develop educational opportunities for students and teachers."

The agreement between Manitoba and Novopecherska School is the first Canada-Ukraine bilateral agreement that supports a dual program of stud-

ies leading to a high school diploma.

"I am very happy to learn the news about the signing of memorandum of understanding between the government of Manitoba and Novopecherska School in Kyiv, Ukraine," said Andriy Shevchenko, ambassador of Ukraine to Canada. "Over 100 years ago, Ukrainian pioneers came to Manitoba and contributed greatly to building this flourishing province. Today, in return, Manitoba is helping enormously to shape a prosperous and democratic Ukraine by sharing its experience in educating the youth. I can't think of a better investment into Ukraine's future."

The Manitoba Schools Overseas Program is available in a number of countries, which authorizes schools outside Canada to offer the Manitoba curriculum.

letter to the editor

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Local voices making local choices

On May 25, the commission for the review on K-12 education in Manitoba held its 11th and final consultative workshop at RB Russell Vocational School in Winnipeg. Consistent with the other workshops, which were held across the province, hundreds of Manitobans came out to have their voices heard; indeed, it would be a reasonable estimate that over 2,000 people cumulatively attended the workshops. My participation at all but three of these sessions will undoubtedly remain as a highlight of my career as a school board trustee in Manitoba.

For every similarity between the various perspectives that were shared in each of the communities by local parents, teachers, school leaders, community members and trustees, there were many more unique and community-based insights that must now be reflected in the outcomes and recommendations of the review. Every school community in this province is actively working on opportunities associated with poverty reduction, mental health strategies and equitable access for all students, just to name a few. The

message for the commission has been crystal clear: this review must result in meaningful change for the benefit of all students and all communities. As Manitobans, we should rightly expect that when the commissioners and Dr. Avis Glaze sit down to write their report, the content therein will be a true reflection of what they heard. On more than one occasion, those of us in attendance were pleased to hear commissioners remark openly at the consultation workshops, that "the feedback they are receiving will inform the outcomes of the education review." For the sake of our students, families, staff and communities throughout Manitoba who rely on our locally governed public education system, I remain cautiously optimistic that those assurances will come to fruition and that the provincial government will consider those recommendations accordingly.

As the deadline for formal engagement with the commission passes on May 31, no Manitoban can say that they didn't have a chance to participate because there have been ample opportunities to do so through vari-

ous formats both traditional and technological. The concern, however, is that many still have not stepped up to have their voices heard.

Even though the May 31 deadline has passed, the time for conversation about public education in this province is not over; rather, it has only begun. Topics like the aforementioned on poverty, mental health and wellness, inclusion of all students and the importance of local voices making local choices are all important and deserve a highlighted role in our collective consciousness. The commission has made clear its intent to host public hearings in June, dependent upon the number of advance briefs it receives as a form of pre-registration for said hearings. But over and above the work of the commission, when I talk about the continuation of a conversation that lasts long after the consultations are over, I am talking about the next provincial election which has all but been called.

Premier Pallister has made it clear that he intends to call an election in 2019. To say that Manitoba's education community is pumped up as the education review's consultation process draws to a close is, by all accounts, an understatement. What

Manitobans should expect now, unlike most previous provincial elections, is a platform for candidates to answer questions about, you guessed it — education! Candidates of all stripes will be vying for an opportunity to sit in the legislative assembly in the spring of 2020 when the report and recommendations of the education review is presented to the Minister of Education. On this basis, for the first time in a long time, it is time that education be an election issue in this province.

As categorically non-partisan, locally elected bodies, Manitoba's school boards will continue to advocate for the needs of their own communities throughout the provincial election campaign. Energized and engaged having just contributed in a crucial way to the education review's consultation process, trustees have an important message for candidates and voters alike. If you have children or grandchildren in school, pay property taxes, or have an interest in the future of your community, it is time to listen to what they have to say. Visit www.localvoices.ca to learn more.

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Beware of jackfish teeth

Welcome, gang.

If you caught my column last week, you may recall we met Cris Braga on the Gimli pier. He told us how, as a boy, he and other locals on their Azora Portuguese Island would use sardines to catch mackerel and then use the mackerel to catch huge groupers.

This week, I met Chris Foamet of Winnipeg on a cold, windy day fishing by the Powerview Dam. He related for us how he as a young lad living in Cork City, Ireland, would go mackerel fishing with friends in a bay open to the Atlantic Ocean. Unlike Cris, they would use six hooks on heavy lines with feathers for bait and long fishing poles. They would cast out and then quickly reel in, causing the mackerel to jump out of the water to strike on the feathered hooks. Great schools of mackerel would gather in a false feeding frenzy; that is, until the seals came charging in. Chris and his friends would be working furiously, landing as many mackerel as possible until they sighted the white and grey bodies of the seals rolling in the boiling ocean waves. Fishing for the day was over. They would then bring in their lines, not wanting to snag the seals as they watched them feed on the thousands of mackerel in the bay.

Patrick Haglund and Terry, who I was about to meet, had found a spot out of the cold wind on one of the piers of the Winnipeg Beach Harbour

when I saw them last Saturday afternoon. Patrick's long white moustache and goatee belied our new friend's fit body, his agility to stay on a creaky tool box for a seat, and his gift for telling how as a kid he uniquely cooked fish in Nova Scotia by the Shubenacadie Grand Lake as he caught them.

His dad, Jim, taught him how to hollow out a shallow hole in the ground and then put one of the thin flat rocks, which lay about everywhere, over the hole. He learned to gather dry firewood, make a nice fire in the ground hollow under the flat rock and then cook and eat his fresh catch.

"I've got a little fishing story about my dad," said Terry, a strong-bodied lady with long brown hair and soft melodic voice.

She had been listening intensely to Pat's story when her eyes lit up and she turned to me, saying, "I was fishing with my dad, Jim, on the Pine Falls pier a few summers ago and when I cast out, the end section of my rod wasn't stuck into the back end good enough."

When she cast out, the end section left the reel end and followed her line and baited hook onto the water, floating momentarily. Terry stood there on the dock with half a rod in her hand, perplexed, not knowing quite what to do. Instantly, her line on the reel end snapped tight as a jackfish head rose above the water, tearing away at her

baited hook and then breaking her line.

Jim, who was about to cast out, aimed for Terry's rod and the jack. His weighted lure sank. He felt a tightening as he reeled in and then a drag. Jim's cry of joy was mixed with Terry's as he reeled in her snagged rod, line and jackfish!

On my way back home from Powerview, I stopped at the "blue bridge" downstream of Selkirk on the Red River. There, I met Connie Fisher fishing with her family on the muddy river flats. Connie was a sweet lady, full of joy and fishing stories. Dressed in a heavy hoodie as relief from the stiff, icy wind coming off the river, she thought back to a time when she was younger spending a weekend at the family cottage in Bissett. The cottage faced the waters of Rice Lake with a grassy embankment between it and their fairly long dock. She was fishing off the dock one warm, sunny afternoon while her brother Harvey watched, sitting on the cottage porch.

Connie's rod snapped forward. She squealed in excitement as she reeled in her line in a jerking motion. A two-foot-long jackfish sprang twisting from the splashing water. The sun's rays sparkled in the thrashing water, gleaming off the fish's grey-white sides. It dove under the water. Then as she pulled up hard, it flew up into the air, dropping with a thud at her



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Chris Foamet brought his good fortune catching mackerel in Ireland to Manitoba for walleye.

feet. That was when she saw its teeth. Screaming in fear, she ran up the dock toward her brother still holding her rod with the fish trailing, bouncing over the planks of the dock. Harvey met her and, stooping over, unhooked the fish, tossing it back in the water.

"Sis," he said laughing, "as soon as I saw you catch that fish, I knew I would have to come rescue the poor thing."

Till next week, my friends. Bye for now.



A pawsome donation

The Gimli Humane Society graciously accepted a donation and a visit from Chase and his brother Crew Corbett last Saturday. The duo held a bake sale on May 28, collected donations and dipped into their own savings to raise money for animals at the shelter. Their funds will go directly towards veterinarian expenses and help Bandit the cat receive his vaccines before being placed for adoption.

The Gimli Humane Society is a non-profit organization and a no-kill shelter. They welcome donations, and anyone wishing to donate time volunteering can fill out an application.

Pictured: Chase Corbett, left, Cindy Cruz, middle, with Bandit and Crew Corbett.

EXPRESS PHOTO BY LEANNE CORBETT

Interlake Tourism discusses marketing strategies

By Teresa Carey

Marketing the Interlake region was the topic front and centre at the Interlake Tourism Associations (ITA) most recent board meeting, held at the Arborg and District Heritage Village hall on May 23.

ITA manager Gail McDonald, along with board members who represent the various municipalities and industries from the region, discussed ITA's strategic plan and different marketing initiatives currently in the works.

ITA has been taking a multi-pronged approach to its marketing, especially on the media front, where it has been running advertising campaigns, in both digital and print, targeting a number of markets.

Digital ads are being used to target Toronto and Winnipeg. As well, in partnership with Travel Manitoba, ITA will be placing ads in some U.S. newspapers in the hopes of enticing people from the States to choose Manitoba as its travel destination. ITA has also partnered with other regional tourism associations to cross-promote each other in their regional tourism guides, now in circulation.

Also on the media front, the association's website has been given new life and now includes videos and vignettes of many of the Interlake's attractions. ITA has also updated and expanded its tourist map for the Interlake catchment area. The new fold-out map includes all of the tourism sites, including details on where to find areas to swim, picnic and dock boats as well as marking a barn quilt trail.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY

The Interlake Tourism Association (ITA) held its second board meeting of the year at the Arborg & District Heritage Village Hall on May 23. ITA manager, Gail McDonald (seated at the head of the table), lead the discussion which focused on marketing.

ITA has been fostering tourism through its Interlake Tourism Development Grant, which has a total of \$10,000 available. The program, now in its second year, provides a matching amount for a business or community organization that is working on a project that fits ITA's criteria.

"The idea behind the development grant is to have, either a new product that (a business or community organization) wants to try, or to revive and old product," McDonald said.

This is in line with Travel Manitoba's strategy for creating more options that will strengthen connections between visitors and experiences that

are unique to our province — and thereby grow a region's tourism industry.

"Travel Manitoba is looking for more and more products to market — and so are we. We are doing this, hoping it will help a bit," McDonald said.

McDonald announced the successful candidates of this year's grant at the meeting. Out of 12 applicants, five were successful— Manitoba Highland Gathering for a pipe band competition; St. Andrews Rectory for Porch Performances; Oak Hammock Marsh Self-guided Canoe Trail; Gimli Glider exhibit Wands ear set; New Iceland Heritage Museum for a Gimli

Trail and Tourism Map (which will be available at the Visitor Centre in Gimli).

Ultimately, ITA, along with Travel Manitoba and other RTAs, wants to see tourism expand beyond summer into the "shoulder seasons" and into the winter months. They are continuing to make in-roads there.

Some examples of shoulder season tourism opportunities include the St. Andrews Rectory's "Home For the Holidays" event and courses offered by the Arborg & District Heritage Village, such as vinatarta and perogy-making, which McDonald thinks can be expanded.

McDonald said that both the federal and provincial governments are starting to recognize the importance of tourism to the economy. Proof of that is funding which is being made available, such as the feds' \$11-million Canadian Experiences Fund, in support of product development that will lead people to seek out unique experiences — especially culinary, rural, agricultural-based and LGBTQ experiences.

McDonald is awaiting word from the province on what monies will become available for tourism for the province's 150th anniversary in 2020. She sees the potential, especially for rural communities, for a huge influx of people, some of whom will want to come back to their home communities for a celebration.

"Everything's up in the air," McDonald said. "Once we know, we will be putting a call out to the communities."

Government makes progress on key mandate items

By Manitoba government

The Manitoba government concluded the fourth session of the 41st legislature Monday, citing significant progress made on key mandate items, notably reducing the PST, Premier Brian Pallister announced Tuesday.

"Three years ago, Manitobans elected us to fix the finances, repair the services and rebuild the economy; with prudent fiscal management, targeted investments in health care, education and social services, Manitoba is now back on the right path," Pallister said. "We believe in making life more affordable for all Manitobans, and we're proud to fulfil our promise of reducing the PST to seven per cent from eight per cent, effective July 1, six years to the day the former government broke its

promise and raised it."

The premier highlighted the province's 10-point Economic Growth Action Plan is nearly complete, resulting in private-sector job creation, increased capital investment and rising business confidence. Reducing the deficit, lowering and indexing the basic personal exemption, delivering small business tax relief, and eliminating unnecessary regulatory requirements are other important initiatives the government undertook, resulting in improved economic stability and competitiveness, the premier noted.

"Getting our fiscal house in order has enabled us to provide record investments in the services Manitobans rely and depend on — health care, education and social services. Manitobans deserve a government

who will spend their money wisely and provide a legacy for the next generation."

The premier noted the government passed 17 pieces of legislation during the spring session in support of Budget 2019 and key government initiatives including affordability, safety and security, and improved services.

Those pieces of legislation include, but not limited to:

- Bill 5 – The Mental Health Amendment and Personal Health Information Amendment Act;
- Bill 9 – The Family Law Modernization Act;
- Bill 14 – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act;
- Bill 15 – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Cannabis Possession Restrictions);
- Bill 16 – The Budget Implemen-

tation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act; and

- Bill 19 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment.

"For the first time in two decades, Manitobans have a government that is delivering on its promises," the premier said. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to make Manitoba the most improved province in all of Canada. We cannot do it alone and we will continue to take a team approach to addressing the challenges that remain. We will do it in partnership with Indigenous leaders and communities, rural and northern Manitobans, business leaders, the private sector, industry stakeholders, families and everyday Manitobans."

Ashern Lutheran donates quintessential quilts

By Evan Matthews

The Ashern's Grace Lutheran Church ladies recently made a donation to help keep personal care home residents warm.

Having made quilts for 40 (or more) years, the ladies of Grace Lutheran made another 20 quilts for the Ashern Personal Care Home this year.

Originally, the quilters decided to make 10 quilts for the home, but one of the ladies suggested to make one for every bed so the number grew to 20.

It wasn't just the church who contributed to the project, as many people of Ashern and district had a hand in the project, including the communities of Vogar, Moosehorn and Hilbre.

It's the personal connections that keep a project like this going, according to the quilters.

Everyone who quilts knows a person who lives in the personal care home.

In years past, the group has also

made quilts for Canadian Lutheran World Relief, the local hospital and care homes, and even local families.

The material for the quilt tops was all donated, according to the group, which is in line with previous years.

The fill was donated entirely by Merle Iverson.

In previous years, the quilts were done by hand. Eventually, the group worked up to half machine quilts, and now machine quilts.

This year the group was blessed to have Linda Mattocks donate her time, her thread and her expertise on the long arm quilting machine to get all the quilts beautifully done.

Learning the art of quilting has been part of the process for some and many have really enjoyed learning how to put it all together.

The personal care home's clinical team manager, Marco Buenafe, said living in such a supportive community means the world to those who live



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The Grace Lutheran Church ladies recently donated 20 quilts for the Ashern Personal Care Home.

at the home.

The quality of the quilts speak for themselves, he said.

"These projects make the care home, the people in the care home, feel a

connection and sense of belonging to the community," said Buenafe.

"The staff and the rest of the families so appreciate this," he said.

Manitoba-First Nations mineral development protocol released

By Manitoba government

Following extensive engagement with First Nations leadership and industry representatives, the Manitoba government has released a protocol to define how Crown-Indigenous con-

sultations will occur during all phases of mineral development, create certainty in order to advance projects in a timely way and ensure First Nations can be actively involved in all phases of development projects within their

traditional territories, Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Blaine Pedersen announced Friday.

"There is tremendous potential for wealth and job creation in mineral development in Manitoba, and we are

working together with First Nation communities to ensure they can help create and share in the benefits of growth in this sector," said Pedersen.

"While the template will be consistent for First Nations who choose to take part, it can include customized aspects to reflect the unique governance, administrative and communication protocols of each community."

The protocol includes a process guide and matrix for Crown-Indigenous consultation. The province will encourage its use in discussions with First Nations as a way to facilitate a mutually agreed-to consultation process for all phases of the mineral development cycle, from grassroots exploration to mine development.

The minister confirmed \$500,000 in funding has been set aside to support First Nations in the development and implementation of protocol agreements.

This funding will enable the establishment of shared mineral management boards, with a focus on traditional land-use planning in areas of high volume of active mineral interests and demonstrated mineral potential. It will help to enhance First Nations' knowledge and understanding of the mining cycle, and the potential economic growth opportunities arising from exploration and development. A key goal is ensuring First Nations can participate effectively in project-spe-

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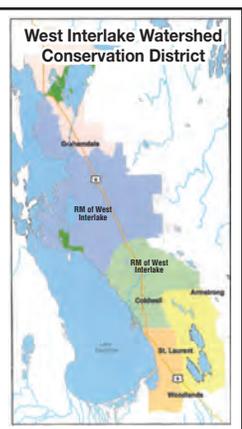
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- 4-H Clubs - Lundar, Trailblazers, Lakeside, Dolly Bay
- 4-H Beef Achievement Day
- 1:00 pm Horse Show continues - Western, Trail Stakes, Costume, 4-H, Novelty, and Speed Event Classes (Horse Ring)
- 2:00 Beer Gardens open (tent near tractor pull) closes 1:00 am
- 4:00 4-H Steer Sale (Agri-Ed Centre)
- 5:00 Home Living Exhibits open for viewing (Curling Rink)
- Commercial Vendors (Curling Rink) (Closes 9:30 pm)

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- 9:15 Baby Contest – (Curling Rink)
- 10:00 Regular Beef Show & Dairy Show (Agri-Ed Centre)
- Dairy Show – hosted by Minerva 4-H Club
- Public Judging - Pen of Three Heifers (10 am -4 pm)
- 11:00 Parade – starting at school grounds
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Gimli Glider's annual fundraiser to bring Boeing stories to town

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Glider Exhibit's board members will be hosting an annual fundraising dinner next month on the anniversary of the famous landing that put a bit of dash into Gimli's storied aviation history.

Exhibit president Barb Gluck said the keynote speaker will be Rick Braun, a now-retired chief technical/test pilot of Boeing 747s.

"We're really proud we have him," said Gluck. "It's a dinner nobody's going to want to miss if they're in the aviation industry."

The famously dubbed Gimli Glider was an Air Canada Boeing 767 jet that had been in transit from Montreal to Edmonton on July 23, 1983, when it ran out of fuel at 41,000 feet and lost power in both engines.

Capt. Bob Pearson, an experienced glider pilot, and First Officer Maurice Quintal, glided the jumbo jet onto a former Royal Canadian Air Force runway in Gimli that had been (unbeknownst to them) long converted into a racetrack. The eight crew members and 61 passengers survived. So did the race fans who made a mad dash to get out of the way when they noticed the silent airliner bearing down on them.

Gluck and her board operate the exhibit out of the Lakeview Resort on First Avenue. It showcases pieces of the retired plane and the multitude of stories behind it. It also allows visitors to experience the landing firsthand through a simulator with graphics that show cars and camper-trailers on the racetrack the evening the 767 unexpectedly dropped in.

Capt. Pearson, who helped launch the exhibit a few years ago, will be attending the fundraising dinner to hear Braun speak about his own Boeing experience, said Gluck.

Braun made the history books in 2011 when he piloted the very first transatlantic flight of a 747 cargo plane using biodiesel fuel, a cheaper and cleaner alternative to standard fuel, she said.

He's logged over 15,000 hours in the air.

"That's a lot of time behind a yoke," said Gluck. "He's got an extremely accomplished career and he is going to an entertaining and thought-provoking speaker."

Gluck said in addition to the Glider, Gimli has a long aviation history, which includes the RCAF airbase and the Saunders Aircraft manufacturer.

With provincial government funding, Saunders built ST-27 models and ST-28s in Gimli in the 1970s. But without a firm customer base, the government under Premier Edward Schreyer pulled funding in 1976 and the company was sold three years later to Ontario Airlines in Ontario.

Gluck said if she struck it rich in the lottery, she'd invest it in all-encompassing aviation museum for Gimli.

"Gimli's aviation heritage is just incredible," she said. "They had one of the biggest air force bases here, they had had Saunders here and they had all these very busy smaller airlines that opened the north. All these stories need to be told."

On the day of the fundraising dinner, a former Saunders employee, who now lives in Teulon, will be bringing a rather large model of one of the ST aircraft to the museum.

"He built it to scale from the original engineering plans of one of these planes and it's actually airworthy," said Gluck. "The wingspan is eight feet and the fuselage from nose to tail is seven feet. So it's large."

The fundraiser takes place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23 in the Lakeview Resort. Corporate tables are available.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BARB GLUCK

Gimli Glider Exhibit director and retired air force pilot Emery Gal (left) and retired Air Canada pilot Mal MacDonald try out the cockpit simulator at the museum.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Exhibit organizers obtained windows from the 1983 Air Canada jet, which had been relegated to an aircraft junkyard in the Mojave Desert.

A tax receipt is available for a portion of the ticket cost. For more information, email gimligliderexhibit@gmail.com or call 204-642-5577.

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cific regulatory processes, including review of proposed mineral dispositions, permits and licence applications, the minister noted.

"Through the Look North strategy and Manitoba's Economic Growth Action Plan, mineral development has been identified as a key opportunity for the long-term economic prosperity of our province and we are taking action to build on this potential," said Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister Eileen Clarke. "We have already engaged with the federal government to advance key capacity development initiatives that

will increase Indigenous participation in the mining sector.

"We will continue to work collaboratively with the federal government to better prepare Indigenous communities to be actively involved in all phases of mineral development, and advance reconciliation by fostering a mutually respectful relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples."

Clarke also noted Manitoba will continue to engage with the federal government and First Nations to facilitate trilateral discussions with respect to resource revenue sharing,

including increasing First Nations' fiscal powers to support direct financial benefits to First Nations on mineral development projects within their traditional territories.

To support the establishment of protocol agreements and advise the government on priority issues concerning mining and mineral exploration in Manitoba, the province is establishing a Liaison Committee on Mining and Exploration. The committee will provide expertise on land-use planning and regulatory matters, relationship building with communities, orphaned and aban-

doned mines, and exploration challenges and solutions.

The Look North Report and Action Plan for Manitoba's Northern Economy highlights mining as a long-time net contributor to Manitoba's economic prosperity and a top priority in the north. More information on the Look North initiative is available at www.gov.mb.ca/looknorth/index.html.

The Manitoba-First Nations Mineral Development Action Plan can be found at www.manitoba.ca/iem/mines/fnmdp.html.

Two more bear cubs arrive at Rockwood rescue centre

By Jennifer McFee

Two more bear cubs are making themselves at home at Black Bear Rescue Manitoba, for a total of four black bears now housed in the Rockwood facility.

As Manitoba's first and only bear rehabilitation centre, this registered charity is dedicated to caring for orphaned or injured black bear cubs before returning them to the wild.

The first bear cubs, twins named Alvin and Ayla, arrived on April 1, 2018, at the rehabilitation centre set up on Judy and Roger Stearns' 10-acre property.

Bobbi the bear arrived a few weeks later, named after former game show host Bob Barker, who made a significant donation to the project. All three bears were released to their natural environment last fall.

Then a bear named Casper arrived in February 2019 when he was three weeks old, followed by Dudley in April at three months old.

Last week, a brother-and-sister duo arrived at the facility. These cubs don't have names yet, but Judy Stearns said the names would start with the letter E to follow the alphabetical progression.

She doesn't have a lot of details about the bear cubs, but she said they came from the northern Interlake.

"I got a text from the government saying that they were working on a bear situation and that cubs possibly might be coming," she said.

"About an hour later, we got another text saying they'd be there in two hours with these cubs."

For now, the new cubs are being kept separately from Casper and Dudley to allow them enough time to become more accustomed to each other.

"Every time we get new cubs in, we have a quarantine period to observe them and make sure they are healthy. They're also usually nervous when they come in, so we don't want to stick them in with more boisterous bears," Stearns said.

"In our case, Casper is 37 pounds and these new ones are 10 and 11 pounds, so we want to get them settled in."

Eventually, the goal is to keep all four bears together, she explained.

"The cubs should be with other cubs. They love to play, but they're also very skittish. They're not like dogs where they just approach another dog and have a little sniff and then they're friends," Stearns said.

"It doesn't work like that with bears. They're very cautious of other bears. It's a survival mechanism for the wild. We just have to take it slow and introduce them properly."

All four bears will stay at the rescue centre until late fall when they will be released back to their natural habitat.

"We actually put them into hibernation mode here in October by reducing their food gradually. That's what happens in the wild because there's less food in October for them to eat, so this is a signal in nature for their



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JUDY STEARNS

Black bear sibling cubs recently arrived at the Black Bear Rescue Manitoba rehabilitation Centre in Rockwood.

metabolism to start slowing down," Stearns said.

"When we release them, they start slowing down and then they den. They're safely tucked away from people for the next five months."

For those who want to make a contribution to the charity, a contest called the Great Canadian Giving Challenge is running throughout the month of June. For every \$1 donated to Black Bear Rescue Manitoba via its Canada Helps webpage (<https://www.canada-helps.org/en/gcgc/115055>), the organization will receive an entry to win \$10,000. A minimum \$3 donation is

required to participate.

Another way to help would be to donate bags of Kirkland puppy kibble, available at Costco, since it is the brand of food that the cubs prefer. Ideally, it would be helpful if a local business could serve as a drop-off point for the bear food because the bears could be disturbed by the smells and sounds of different people arriving at the property.

For more information, or to see lots of cute bear photos, visit the Facebook page entitled "Black Bear Rescue Manitoba" or call Stearns at 204-461-4320.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gang way! Anglers watch the big boat inch through the narrow rocky entrance.

Anchors aweigh: Namao embarks on springtime research

By Patricia Barrett

Scientists with the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium and their vessel the Namao pulled into Gimli Harbour last Thursday evening after a day on Lake Winnipeg.

Since 2002, the LWRC has conducted whole-lake research surveys in the spring, summer and fall. Its science program monitors the lake to gain a better understanding of its ecological health and to support watershed decision-making.

The LWRC also offers a Lake Ecology Field Program to students in grades 8-12 and to those attending university. Students get to spend a half-day in the South Basin sampling and analyzing E.coli, plankton, macroinvertebrates (mayflies, aquatic worms, snails, etc.) and plastics to understand the stressors facing the lake.

Gimli council to sell RM-owned land to cannabis plant developer

By Patricia Barrett

The majority of Gimli council voted in favour of selling RM-owned land to a company that expressed interest in building a cannabis greenhouse and creating employment opportunities.

Mohammad Reza Rezaei Afsah, who is listed as a director of Alta Greens Ally Ltd. (AGA), is proposing to build the greenhouse on an 80-acre parcel of farmland that borders PR 231 and the Gimli Airport.

During a special meeting May 23, Mayor Lynn Greenberg, Deputy Mayor Richard Petrowski, Coun. Peter Holfeuer and Coun. Cody Magnusson voted in favour of Resolution No. SM 19 03 03 to sell the farmland to AGA, which was registered in 2018 to a Calgary, Alta., address.

Coun. Thora Palson, who earlier this year raised concerns about selling the land to the company without first obtaining from it a business and environmental plan, voted against the resolution.

The resolution states council will sell the land subject to a negotiated development agreement, and will allow AGA to "immediately begin development and construction activities on the lands to be sold ... pending the issuance of title to the lands."

It also states that council approves AGA's offer-to-purchase agreement subject to "reasonable progress on the development," which is defined as evidence of on-site infrastructure.

In addition, council will provide a \$120,000 grant to AGA when it obtains

a Health Canada Corporate Cannabis Drug Licence for large-scale cultivation and/or the processing of cannabis, completes the construction of a warehouse of no less than 7,000 square feet and creates a minimum of 25 full-time-equivalent employment opportunities.

Deputy Mayor Richard Petrowski said he suggested that council sell the land for above its full market value. That was the only way he would support the deal.

"I had suggested that instead of selling the land for \$500 an acre that we sell it to them for \$2,000 an acre for the 80-acre piece," he said. "And once they build the building and get the licence from Health Canada, we would rebate the money back so it would work out to \$500 an acre."

Council has yet to enter into a development agreement with AGA, said Petrowski, but it has 60 days.

Petrowski said he thinks the developer will be true to his word and not leave the land undeveloped. Council has in the past sold land to developers who failed to launch a promised enterprise.

"They [AGA] could possibly sell the land to someone else or we could put in the development agreement that we'd like to buy it back," said Petrowski.

Coun. Thora Palson said she voted against the resolution as the concerns she raised a few months ago (see online Express May 2 edition) had still not been addressed by AGA.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Council passed a resolution to sell Alta Greens Ally an 80-acre parcel of land beside the airport

"I didn't have enough information to make a responsible decision," said Palson.

The company has not provided council with a business plan and financial disclosure statements, she said. And it has not provided any information on how it would handle possible waste products/odours generated by a cannabis operation.

"We should have some kind of conceptual design, some kind of confirmation of the credibility of this organization," said Palson. "We should have got some kind of proof that they've applied for Health Canada [cannabis] licensing."

Alta Greens Ally's WordPress site stated a few months ago it's "applying" for a cannabis license. When

viewed last week, there was no update. The site states AGA "become from a family members with over 75 years experiences in Agri-Foods industries." It also states it has a "high-trained production team" for cannabis cultivation. It provides no details about what products it has grown. And it does not provide the names of anyone involved in the company, including Afsah himself.

Palson said once AGA owns the land, it can do what it likes. If it doesn't adhere to the requirements set out under the resolution, it just won't receive the land rebate.

"For a project of this scale, there should have been a public consultation or an open house," said Palson.

St. Laurent students spread kindness while helping others

By Jennifer McFee

Kindness is contagious.

That's the idea behind the Kindness Passion Projects of Grade 7 students at St. Laurent School.

"Students were asked to come up with a plan for how they could spread kindness to others in their communities. Some worked in pairs, small groups or on their own," explained Grade 7 teacher Daryl Cowan.

"Each student was given \$10 as an investment in their project ideas and used the money if needed. We had many conversations about money being not necessary to spread kindness and that kindness is free. Some students chose not to use their money, and that was very cool."

The students' projects included making cookies to treat the school's staff, cleaning up the school grounds and treating the principal to lunch. Other ideas focused on welcoming a new family member, sharing kindness with a neighbour and leaving a basket of items at a bus shelter for those in need.

Twelve-year-old Anaka Chartrand took the initial \$10 and turned it into a \$285 donation for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. She invested the money to purchase materials to make braided wish bracelets, which include beads that

are expected to fall off. Every time you notice that a bead has fallen off, you make a wish. Anaka sold the bracelets at school and online for \$3 each.

Her mom, Jane, said she chose the Children's Hospital Foundation because Anaka and her brother both spent time at the hospital.

"My son had spent a few weeks in the hospital more than once and Anaka also ended up having to go there for a few days at a time, so she's seen how much help they do with the kids," she said.

"She said that it made her feel happy that other people were happy because they were donating to a good cause. I think it was a really good idea."

The students created PowerPoint presentations to share during a Kindness Fair, and they also presented their projects to the Grade 1 to 6 classes.

As their teacher, Cowan expresses pride in all of her students.

"I am fortunate to teach a group of students that show kindness to others on a daily basis, so this project helped to bring awareness to this positive mindset. Students were asked to reflect on their acts of kindness and talk about how it felt to show kindness to others," she said.

"It was a very worthwhile endeavour with the potential of having a lifelong impact."



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St. Laurent's Anaka Chartrand

Looking ahead, the class plans to expand their focus on kindness by helping out at the local seniors' resource centre.

"None of this is based on marks or spending money. That's not the drive to do something and that's not what life is about," Cowan said.

"It was driven by the more intrinsic motivators. It's based on doing what's right and spreading kindness to others."

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Linklater makes Manitoba's U18 provincial football team

By Brian Bowman

For any athlete, awaiting the news that they have made a team is tough.

It's even tougher when that news comes from a provincial team.

But St. Andrews' Brandyn Linklater received the news he was eagerly awaiting for recently when he was informed that he made Manitoba's U18 provincial football team of 53 players.

"I'm very excited and very excited to travel," said Linklater last week. "I got the call that I made the 53."

Linklater made the team despite being just 16 years old. He was a previously a member of Manitoba's U16 team and admits it's a big jump to U18.

"I'm pleased (I got the call) and I'm surprised, too, because there are a lot of d-linemen out there that are pretty good."

Linklater has played the linebacker position with the Interlake Thunder but has been switched to defensive end with Team Manitoba. That's not the easiest position change, but the 6-foot-3, 205-pound Linklater has not had trouble with it at all.

"I find that playing on the defensive end is easier because you have just one job," said Linklater, a Peguis First Nations band member. "If it's a run play, you post them up and if it's a pass play, you just rush the quarterback. If I'm a linebacker, we have way more responsibilities to worry about."

He said he was moved to the defensive end position because he was "too big for linebacker."

He's going to get even bigger as he continues to train in the weight room, in hopes, of being one of the 40 Manitoba players that will make the trip to Kingston, Ont. for a week-long tournament in early July.

Team Manitoba kept six defensive

ends after Phase 2 cuts were made. Linklater is seeing a lot of new faces as he makes the jump to the higher age bracket

"I feel like I'm fitting in well," said Linklater, a Grade 11 student at the Comp. "There are some ups and there are some downs so I'm just trying to keep the ups going and forget about the downs."

Linklater had a great performance at a recent Black and Gold game, putting up some nice numbers.

He recorded a sack, five tackles (one for a loss), two quarterback pressures, and also delivered a huge block on a pick six that one of his team's defensive backs hauled in.

"I feel like I did really well in the Black and Gold game," he said.

If Linklater keeps on having games like that, he should have an opportunity to play either university or junior football in a few years.

Thunder head coach Mitch Obach feels Linklater has the tools to be a great football player.

"He's a tremendous athlete, for one, he's a big, tall kid," said Obach. "Last year, we played him at outside linebacker a lot and at safety and he can play defensive end. He's one of those guys that, because of his athleticism, he can pretty much play anywhere. He has great reactions - he's quick to the ball - he's a real solid football player."

Obach feels Linklater has a great future in the sport.

"If he wants it, he can play junior or collegiate ball if he puts the time in and stays healthy and keeps getting bigger and stronger," he said. "He's got tremendous upside so if he wants to make that commitment, then he can definitely make it to the next level."



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The Interlake Thunder's Brandyn Linklater (96) has made it past the second phase of tryouts with Manitoba's U18 provincial team. Team Manitoba is now down to 53 players, with 40 to be selected to play in a Kingston, Ont. tournament in July.

McCallen heading west



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Tanner McCallen, a graduating senior defensive back with the Interlake Thunder, signed a letter of intent to play for the Valley Huskers in the Canadian Junior Football League.

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Arborg Collegiate wins pair of Zone 5 track and field banners

Staff

The Arborg Collegiate Athletics won a pair of Zone 5 track and field banners last week.

Arborg was the overall winner among "A" schools while the A's also won the senior boys' title.

Arborg captured the "A" banner after accumulating 185 points, which was ahead of Fisher Branch (125.50), Riverton (63), St. Laurent (32), Charles Sinclair (26), and Morweena (18).

Arborg's varsity boys, meanwhile, were tops with 62 points. Rounding out the top five in the eight-team field were Fisher Branch (36), Teulon (29), Stonewall (29), and Warren (21).

Fisher Branch's varsity girls were tops with 62 points while the Gimli Lakers finished first among junior varsity boys' teams with 77 points.

Junior varsity girls

In junior varsity girls' events, athletes placing in the top three of their respective events included, Arborg's Natasha English winning the 100-metre race with a time of 13.53. Finishing second was Gimli's Kiorra Johannesson (14.12).

Johannesson placed second in the 200m with a time of 28.23, just ahead of teammate Mel Bale (31.44).

Charles Sinclair's Tatianna Olson was second in the 400m (1:47.27).

Her teammate Trinity Stranger won the 1500m with a time of 7:12.65. Stranger also placed second in the 800m (3:30.75).

Fisher Branch's Jamie Bale won the 80m hurdles (15.43) while Arborg's Amber Erlendson was third (16.79).

Gimli's 4x100 team of Bale, Johannesson, Brittany Rogoski, and Kailey Sharitko was third with a time of 59.72.

The A's Keely Emms-Finnson was second in the shot put with a throw of 7.93m, just ahead of Arborg's Brooke Blahey (7.9m).

Blahey was also third in the long jump (3.97m).

Arborg's Natasha English was first in the discus with a throw of 27.05m, just ahead of Emms-Finnson (25.23m).

English was second in the javelin (26.75m) while Riverton's Svea Kardal was third (21.72m).

Varsity girls

Morweena's Taylor Kornelsen was second in the 100m race with a time of 14.03 seconds while Fisher Branch's Emily Mazur finished second in the 800m (3:04.08).

Mazur was third in the 3000m (14:15.70).

Arborg's Olivia Orbanski was first in the 100m hurdles (19.18), ahead of Kornelsen (21.06).

The 4x100 relay saw Fisher Branch's team of Kiara Shergold, Lauren Letexler, Mazur, and Geneil Tacad place first with a time of 1:04.19.

Letexler was tops in the high jump (1.35m), ahead of Kornelsen (1.25m).

Orbanski was the best in the long jump (4.09) while Letexler (3.77m) and Tacad (3.52m) finished second and third, respectively.

Tacad (8.27m), Letexler (8.23m), and Fisher Branch's J.P. Javier (7.32m) were tops in the triple jump.

Arborg's Jessica Monkman won the shot put with a throw of 10.31m while Fisher Branch's Laine Vandersteen was third (8.25m).

Monkman won the discus (30.19m) and Vandersteen was third (25.33m).

Monkman also placed third in the javelin (26.01m).

Arborg's Brenna Barylski competed in the pentathlon. The A's Mercedes Coombs took part in the shot put (para-intellectual).

Junior varsity boys

Arborg's Tyson Barylski won the boys' 100m with a time of 12.92 seconds.

Riverton's Bryce Bodnarus was the fastest in the 200m (26.06), finishing ahead of Gimli's Dylan Woytowich (26.11) and Fisher Branch's Howie Beaudette (26.97).

The 400m race was won by Gimli's Matthew Yablonski after he posted a time of 1:01.46.

Gimli's Michael Crave (2:29.43) and Zach Meadows (2:48.96) were first and second in the 800m.

The Lakers swept the top three placings in the 1500m with Crave winning in a time of 5:14.63 ahead of Meadows (5:51.40) and Nathan Vigfusson (6:29.75).

Meadows (12:31.90) and Vigfusson (14:32.64) also competed in the 3000m race.

Riverton's Tim Dorogin was second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.44. Teammate Sheldon Courchene was third (19.98).

Arborg's Barylski, Logan Pearce, Ben Danielson, and Zac Pull was second in the 4x100 with a time of 53.36. Riverton's foursome of Dorogin, Lloyd Courchene, Bryce Bodnarus, and Gracy Melsted was third, crossing the finish line in 54.13 seconds.

Gimli's team of Crave, Meadows, Woytowich, and Yablonski ran the distance medley in a time of 4:49.12.

Yablonski won the high jump, clearing the bar at 1.55m while Courchene was second at 1.50m.

Arborg's Ben Danielson was second in the long jump, landing in the sand at 4.86m. Beaudette was third at 4.74m.



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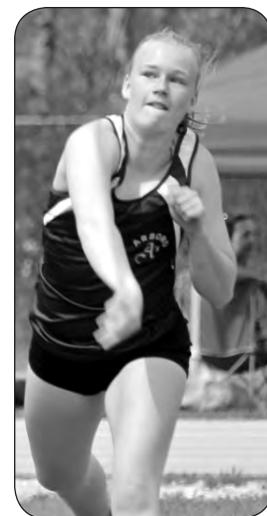
Arborg Collegiate won both the Zone 5 'A' track and field championship and the senior boys' title last week.



In junior varsity girls' events, Arborg's Natasha English won the 100-metre race and the discus.



Gimli's Michael Crave finished first in the 800m, the 1500m, and was part of the Lakers' distance medley foursome.



Arborg's Keely Emms-Finnson was second in junior varsity girls' shot put and discus.

Danielson won the triple jump at 10.10m while Arborg's Jerah Andool was third (8.59m).

Gimli's Taylor Stevens won the shot put with a toss of 13.23 while Barylski was second at 12.02m.

Fisher Branch's Walker Lappage won the discus at 28.57m, ahead of Arborg's Jake Fridfinnson (27.68m) and Melsted (27.39m).

Riverton's Charlie Hudson won the javelin with a throw of 35.20m while Lappage was second at 35.23m.

Varsity boys

Arborg's Austin Adair won the 100m in a time of 12.64 seconds while Riverton's Trevor Kehler was second at 12.70 seconds.

Kehler won the 200m (25.88), followed by Fisher Branch's Brendan Roschuk (28.28) and Arborg's Nolan Paulson (30.75)

Roschuk was second in the 400m (1:04.34) while Fisher Branch's Dominic Cochrane (1:08.39) was third.

Roschuk also ran the 800m, placing second with a time of 2:50.22.

Paulson was tops in the 1500m

with a time of 5:28.21 and the 3000m at 12:15.14.

Kehler was fastest in the 100m hurdles (17:03) while Arborg's team of Adair, Paulson, Liwel Delos Trinos, and Jared Sweetland won the 4x100m with a time of 54.42 seconds.

Fisher Branch's foursome of Christian Leones, Roschuk, Cochrane, and Aaron Plett was third in the 4x100m at 57.68 seconds.

Leones was second in the long jump (5.19m) and third in triple jump (10.33m).

Gimli's Blake Magnusson won the shot put at 12.41 m while Adair was third with a throw of 11.38m

Magnusson was second in discus (31.35m) and Arborg's Bret Huta finished third (30.01m).

Arborg's Jared Sweetland was tops in the javelin with a throw of 42.18m). That was ahead of Arborg's Matthew Bazilewich (38.95m) and Leones (37.46m).

Riverton's William Fillion threw the shot put 5.50m in the para-intellectual division.

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Tender documents, complete with specifications, are available at www.gimli.ca or at the Municipal Office between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Sealed tenders will be received at the Municipal Office until noon, Friday June 21, 2019.

Tyler Yellowga
Manager of Parks and Recreation
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Kelly Cosgrove
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OBITUARY

Marie Jane Bregman

Peacefully on June 2, 2019 at the Selkirk Regional Hospital, Marie Jane Bregman, aged 72 years, of Winnipeg Beach, MB left us after a brave fight with cancer.

Marie was born in Pine Falls on September 19, 1946, and was lovingly raised by Steven and Rose Woychysyn of Rembrant, MB. Marie moved to Winnipeg in 1968 where she raised her three children.

Marie moved her family back to the Interlake, and in 1993 married John Bregman. They created a home in Winnipeg Beach where she leaves many good friends with loving memories. Marie was kind to a fault, forgiving, and was loved by everyone who knew her.

Marie leaves to mourn her passing her husband John; children Nicholas, Christina (Ralph Mueller) and Morgan Romanchuk; step daughters Pamela (Bill) Reid, Jenny (Jeff) Heywood; step son Danny Bregman (Sheila Kirouac); sister-in-law Leona Woychysyn; sister Jean (John) Brockie and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Marie was predeceased by her twins Adam and Michelle; foster parents Steven and Rose; brothers Mike, Joe; and sister-in-law Diane Woychysyn.

Family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Selkirk Regional Hospital for their care of Marie during her final days, especially Drs. Alexander and Lindenschmidt who were always caring, kind and showed true compassion throughout our time there.

All family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at the Winnipeg Beach Legion on Sunday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully asks that donations be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Winnipeg Beach Legion.

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