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Rodeo action

Duane Caumartin gets set to lasso his calf in the tie down roping event at the 25th annual Ashern Rodeo. Cowboys and cowgirls competed over the weekend winning numerous championship buckles while earning points in the MRCA and CRCA.

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Inland Oceans Ashern's Got Talent



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A large crowd gathered on Ashern's Main St. following the parade Saturday afternoon for the third annual Inland Oceans Arts Alliance Ashern's Got Talent. Pictured left to right, local singer Tim Cameron opened the show before Jenny and Norval Sander got a few viewers up dancing in the street. Fisher Branch's Ida Draper strummed a number of songs while Addie from Niverville showed his hip hop moves. Marissa Varnes of Warren sang outside on the open stage for the first time and did an amazing job. Tanner Wahl of Riverton brought his keyboard along and played a couple of pieces. Organizers were happy with the variety and level of talent and are looking forward to next year.



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Lakeside Quilters donate money to community causes

By Patricia Barrett

Members of the Lakeside Quilters will be donating money raised from their quilt show last month to a number of community organizations.

The group has been donating funds to various organizations since they started holding quilt shows six years ago.

"Every year we donate money to different groups," said co-chair Janice Skene. "We've been doing this for six years, so this brings our [total] donations to \$8,500. We look around the community and see what the needs are."

This year's show featured 250 quilts and five vendors, including the Fabric Snob (Riverton) and Fabriculous (Gimli). The vendors demonstrated a number of techniques, such as raw edge applique

art, sewing with knits, collage quilting and walking foot quilting.

After the show, the members got together to figure out their income and expenses and will be splitting \$2,520 between the following organizations:

* \$500 to the Gimli District Health Auxiliary to help fund a power stretcher.

* \$120 to Nova House in Selkirk for school supplies.

* \$500 to the Gimli Recreation Centre for an after-school program.

* \$150 to each school in the Evergreen School Division (total of \$1,200) for its breakfast program.

* \$200 to Quilt Manitoba, a website that advertises all the quilting shows and stores in Manitoba.

"We'll be having an event to donate quilts to Nova House," said Skene.

"WE LOOK AROUND THE COMMUNITY AND SEE WHAT THE NEEDS ARE."

"They will be theirs [the clients] to keep."

The group has funded the Evergreen School Division's food program each year and has also donated money to Stepping Stones, Nova House, Winnipeg Beach School's new playground, the Arborg track fund, the Arborg Personal Care Home (for a blanket heater) and Heima Er Best in Gimli. Students studying home economics have also been the recipients of scholarship donations.

"We did well this year and we were quite happy," said Skene.

A walking foot quilting class will be held Oct. 17 at the New Horizons centre in Gimli. The fibre arts group that meets there every Tuesday has invited a specialist to "walk" them through the technique.

Next year, the Lakeside Quilters will be holding its 7th annual show on the second weekend in August.



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Ashern hosts 25th annual rodeo weekend

Staff

It was a jammed-packed three days of fun in Ashern over the long weekend for the town's 25th annual rodeo. Friday night kicked off with the all you can eat pig and corn roast followed by the street dance drawing a large crowd before the fireworks lit up the sky.

Saturday morning started with the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast prepared by the volunteer fire department. The parade then made its way through the town Saturday afternoon. A number of floats were decked out in red and white celebrating Canada 150 while the more traditional antique tractors, business floats and horses were enjoyed by the crowd that gathered along the route.

The crowd then moved to the rodeo grounds where everyone enjoyed heart-stopping rodeo action including bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, ladies barrel racing, team roping, junior steer riding and junior girls barrels, along with the ever-popular chicken scramble.

The J & S Trick Riding Team of Shelby Fulkerth and Bryden Dahm entertained the crowd Saturday and Sunday.

The Saturday party went well into the night with Rob McLane & Against the Grain entertaining in the beer gardens.

A cowboy church service was performed Sunday morning at the rodeo crowds before competition started again.

The Ashern rodeo committee would like to thank the volunteers, sponsors and spectators who came out and helped to make the weekend the success it was.



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Provincial website details info on Lake MB emergency channel

By Jeff Ward

Information detailing the province's strategy for the Lake Manitoba Emergency Channel is available on a website that outlines a multi-year strategy.

The website is an extension of the existing Manitoba Infrastructure page and can be found under Water Management Structures. There are two proposed channels with this strategy; One to get water out of Lake Manitoba and into Lake St. Martin; And a second to take water from Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg. The channels are identical in their proposed length at 23km each with the Lake Manitoba channel handling 7,500cfs and the Lake St. Martin channel handling up to 11,500cfs. Currently the province is in discussion with landowners and First Nation communities affected by the channels and are working to establish their preferred alignment for both channels.

Premier Brian Pallister said that this project is "one of the most significant infrastructure projects in a generation" during an Aug. 9 press conference announcing Indigenous consul-

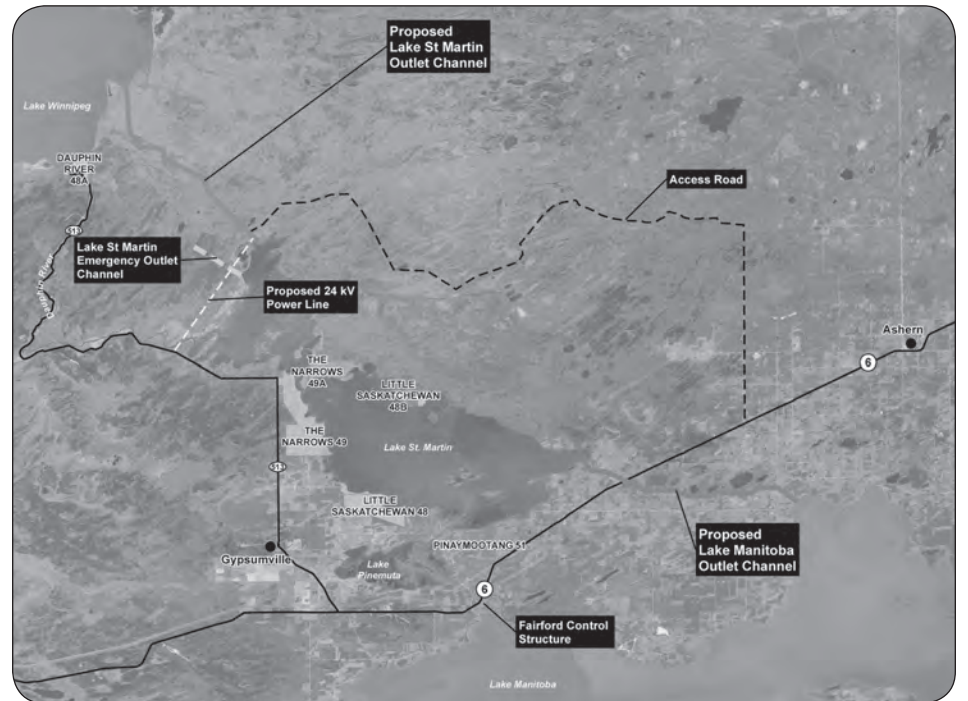
tations.

These projects will work in tandem to better regulate water levels on both lakes. The website also states that these control structures will help avoid flooding incidents in the future.

The Lake Manitoba outlet channel will work in tandem with the existing Fairford River Water Control Structure to help regulate water levels and mitigate flooding on Lake Manitoba according to the website.

The Lake St. Martin outlet channel will restore a more natural water regime to Lake St. Martin and will also provide flood protection by mitigating increased inflows from operation of the Fairford River Water Control Structure, as well as additional inflows from the planned outlet from Lake Manitoba.

These two pieces of infrastructure will also provide the province with a greater ability to control water throughout Manitoba. This system of water control also includes the Shellmouth Dam and Reservoir, the Red River Floodway and the Portage Di-



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Details on the province's flood mitigation strategy are now available online and contain detailed maps like this one to give further info on the project.

The website also has a project timeline that states that an access road will be built by the end of the year so

that surveying can take place in 2018. Channel construction should begin as early as summer of 2019.

Eriksdale's one-day garage sale generated nearly 20K in revenue for sellers

By Jeff Ward

The numbers are in on Eriksdale's recent community wide garage sale and the figures are pretty impressive with nearly \$20,000 in revenue earned amongst sellers.

Organizer Keith Lundale explained that while the sales figures are a bit lower this year, the number of overall transactions was higher. Lundale explained that in previous years the \$20-\$50 items were more abundant and that this year there were far more \$1-\$5 items for sale. That change, he said, accounts for the small discrepancy in overall sales, but said that he's still very happy with the outcome. A total of \$19,175.50 was sold during the Aug. 5 sale. The Eriksdale & District Chamber of Commerce receives 10 per cent of total revenues. Lundale explained that the chamber uses the money raised as a means to promote the community and bring in new

people to spend money at local businesses.

"The majority of that money is made from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so a lot of cash changes hands in those four hours," said Lundale.

"We had two new vendors from Riverton and Gimli who said they were very impressed and would be coming back next year. What I'd like to work on for next year is making people stick around in the community a bit longer after they're done buying."

The longer a visitor stays in the community, Lundale said, the more likely

they are to continue spending money locally. And that's an important thing for the chamber to encourage because dollars spent locally help local businesses grow and thrive. Lundale estimates that the garage sale brings 1,500 people to the town and for an event that only lasts a few hours that number is impressive.

The challenge is understanding the limits of what you can do with those numbers without driving them away from the main attraction. The spirit of the event has to be about the garage sale and Lundale and the rest of the organizers and volunteers work hard to keep a consistent flow of people moving around the town.

"I think we have to be realistic on what we are trying to achieve and

what we can achieve. I think that the small, more sustainable goals can be worthwhile. Where else do you get more than 1,000 people walking through your community in such a short period of time," asked Lundale.

Lundale added that he hopes to see a few more organizers join the effort next year and wants to hear new ideas on how the event can continue to evolve.

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Good luck or bad luck?

Hi gang.
Things were going hot and heavy at the "end of Main" a couple of weeks ago. Shore anglers were lined up along the Red in the blazing sun as many boat fishers hurriedly launched their crafts in anticipation of a great afternoon of fishing while others landed and loaded their boats satisfied with their morning catch. I was caught up in the spirit of the bustling about as I got out of my car and approached a couple tying their boat down for the ride home.

"Did you have any luck," I asked the lady.

"We did pretty well," she responded with a smile.

"Do you have a fish you could show our fellow anglers," I asked as I pulled out my camera.

"How's this," she held up a nice pickerel. "I'm Tonya Duzlovic," she added.

I snapped a picture then turned to her friend who said he was Rick Partridge and knew of me so had readied a story in his mind for us.

Some time ago he was ice fishing with a friend on Wavey Creek and a fish struck taking his rod down the hole. Later in the day using another rod he caught a fish and pulling it out of the hole saw the line of his first rod was wrapped around it. He grabbed the line and retrieved his first rod with a fish on it too.

His buddy grinning, commented, "you know you can use two lines when ice fishing and they can both be above the ice all the time."

It was another fine windy warm morning on the sandy expanse of the Winnipeg Beach Marina north shore



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Tonya Duzlovic of Winnipeg with one of her pickerel caught in the Red River by "the cut"

last week. I saw a chap by the waters' edge laying out his fishing gear. He looked like a game fellow of average size, in good shape wearing a straw hat used and beaten to a raggedy pleasing state atop his jovial face. He sported a slightly grey handle bar mustache with side burns. His eyes reflected his constant upbeat happy mood.

Brian Drury was the name he gave as well as an unusual experience.

It seems he and his mom were fishing here and she, Lynn, was down wind of him when he thought he

heard her say, "I think I've caught a pig."

Perplexed he tread through the sand to her side trying to make sense of her outcry. He looked offshore to the waves and sure enough there was a big white-yellowish egg shaped pig-like creature on the end of her line. Lynn lost her grip on her rod and grabbed the line itself with Brian joining her.

The monster rolled over, its' mouth gapping so big a football would have fitted inside. The giant mouth belonged to a huge catfish and as they tried to land it the open jaws would fill with water stopping them. Eventually Brian took the catfish by the whiskers so to speak. He waded out straddling the fish and slipped the hook out of its' mouth with a pair of pliers.

"Yeah, that was a pig of a cat mom," Brian joked as he made shore.

A month ago I met another guy with a bigger handle bar mustache than Brian's. Unlike Brian though who talked quickly with energy, our new friend Maurice Davidson talked slow in a low voice. Maurice struck me as caring guy who stood not that tall with a thin body. His fishing story however showed he had staying power. He went fishing with some buddy's at Eagle Nest Landing. They got hold of a local guide and were having a great time on the water by Pointe du Bois. As the day progressed the men came close to catching their limit and thought they would call it a day. The guide stood up in the front of the boat to pull up the two strings of

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Building creativity at Arborg's Creative Cocoon

Fall registration this Saturday at Rec Centre

By Patricia Barrett

The founder of Arborg's Creative Cocoon has organized a number of workshops that will start this fall and continue into 2018, offering everything from yoga and singing to theatre and card-making.

Each program is designed to help participants hone their inner expressiveness and develop a sense of calm and well being in what can be a hectic world.

Board of directors' president Carissa Rempel, who nurtured and brought to fruition the idea of establishing an arts and wellness centre in Arborg, said the board is in the process of establishing a permanent space in town.

"We are still working towards eventually having a community centre building that will be for arts and wellness specifically," she said.

In the meantime, all the programs will be held at the ConneXion building at 342 First Avenue.

And what's on the roster is sure to appeal to people with a host of diverse interests.

Among some of the programs the centre will be offering are theatrical training for kids, teens and adults (taught by Theatre Projects Manitoba), intermediate-level Rise and Shine Yoga, intermediate Stretch and Strength Yoga, and beginner Self and Space relaxation and Aromatherapy Yoga.

For those who like to get their hands working, the centre is offering a scrapbook club, card-making classes

and a Christmas-themed card-making class.

Guitar lessons for all ages and abilities will also be offered, covering a range of styles for acoustic and electric guitar and bass guitar.

Arborg recording artist Brittney K. will be teaching voice lessons through the Cocoon from September to June.

A New Year's Vision Board Workshop will help people set goals for the coming year through the process of journaling. Participants will then have an opportunity to create an arty vision board they can hang on their wall. The workshop will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1-5.

In addition to its regular programming, the Creative Cocoon will be hosting a series of concerts by Interlake musicians.

The Home Routes Concert Series has six concerts scheduled. They'll take place over the course of the year with all proceeds going to the musicians.

The first concert takes place Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., featuring Miriam Sonstenes and Jeff Dill, who play fiddle and guitar, covering a range of styles such as bluegrass, country, old time and swing. And Arborg musician Jensen Fridfinnson, who plays guitar, violin and piano, will take to the stage Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Cocoon staff and some of the teachers will be at the Arborg Recreation Centre this Saturday (Sept. 9) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for anyone wishing to



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CREATIVE COCOON
Guitarist Elijah Rempel strums under a shady tree by the cool waters of the Icelandic River. The Creative Cocoon will be offering guitar lessons for all ages starting this fall.

drop by and discover what's on offer, as well as to register.

The centre offers discounts on all classes and workshops through its Cocoon Builder Card.

For more information about the programs, contact the Cocoon via email: info@thecreativecocoon.net

Program descriptions and starting dates can also be found on the Creative Cocoon's website at www.thecreativecocoon.net

Visit the centre on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

West Interlake rescinds secondary suites by-law

By Jeff Ward

A potential new by-law that will enable new guidelines for property owners looking to rent a secondary suite was rescinded recently by the RM of West Interlake council so that changes could be made.

West Interlake Reeve Randy Helgason said that the new by-law is supposed to be a guideline of protections and regulations for property owners looking to rent a portion of their property to a tenant. Spaces like a coach house, garden suite or secondary suite were all covered in the by-law that detailed regulations of minimum

and maximum floor area, fire safety and interior separation requirements like kitchen, sleeping and washroom areas. Helgason said that the by-law was meant to go into a second reading but council was advised by the West Interlake Panning District Board to make changes. On that advisement council rescinded the by-law so that some small changes can be made.

"What it does is if they have a secondary suite it gives the home owner and the renter some safeguards. Private entrance requirements and having a means of escape in case of a fire, things like that," said Helgason.

The Reeve explained that the planning board would assist in making the revised by-law more consistent with regulations in the region. He also said that for the RM of West Interlake a by-law like this isn't a big priority because there just simply aren't many instances of this in the municipality.

"We don't have a lot of renter suites like this in our area so there's no big rush to get the by-law in place. We'll get it done and it'll be on the next agenda, but we we haven't had one for 100 years so there's no panic to get it in place," said Helgason.

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fish but the end knot let go and most of the fish fell free. Silence filled the boat, the only sounds were throat clearings and the soft lapping of the water on the side of the boat. Finally the guide his head down feeling bad said to the boys, "guys I'm sorry, if you want to keep fishing I'll hang in with you and I don't want any money."

So the lines went back in the water and in time they caught enough to satisfy themselves but the funny thing they noticed was some of the same jackfish they had caught before, struck and were caught again. Hope you had a wonderful long weekend, bye now.

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The Trudeau Liberals have a transparency problem

By Aaron Wudrick, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Federal Director

When news broke recently that Rana Sarkar had been appointed as Canada's consul-general to San Francisco at a salary somewhere north of \$220,000 – well above the official pay range which tops out at \$140,000 – the Prime Minister's principal adviser, Gerald Butts, took to Twitter to defend his friend, noting that Sarkar was a highly qualified candidate and was, in fact, taking a pay cut to help serve his country.

Set aside for the moment the fact that Sarkar happens to be a well-connected Liberal. Set aside too the fact that by twice seeking to become an elected Member of Parliament at a salary of about \$170,000, Sarkar implicitly seemed prepared to work for that amount.

Supposing Sarkar's particular skill set is indeed worth making a special exception, the obvious question is why the government didn't just make that case in advance, rather than waiting until they got caught.

It's hard to avoid the conclusion that they simply tried to slip it through quietly and hope nobody noticed.

Such wishful thinking on transparency seems to be a troubling pattern for the Trudeau government and is perhaps one of the most surprising – and understated – features of their track record in government so far.

It's fair to say that few expected the Trudeau government to be fiscally conservative – they even ran on "modest" temporary deficits, which have since ballooned into much larger, indefinite ones. But they also ran on an admirable list of transparency promises, such as updating the Access to Information Act (ATI), forswearing the using of omnibus legislation, and ensuring the proactive release of expense claims.

They got off to a good start by publishing ministerial mandate letters, ending excess ATI fees while promising a full review of the outdated legislation, and banning partisan gov-

ernment advertising.

But from there it's been pretty much downhill on the transparency front.

They repealed a law requiring greater financial transparency from unions, and then announced they would not enforce the First Nations Financial Transparency Act – a critical law that ensures First Nations people have the same right as all other Canadians to see how their elected politicians are being compensated and spending their money.

While in opposition, the Liberals (rightly) criticized the Harper government's use of omnibus bills, arguing they left insufficient time for Parliament to study every measure properly. But once in government, they tabled a 300-page omnibus budget bill, cramming in everything from new infrastructure bank legislation to changes to the Food and Drug Act and the Veterans Affairs Act.

They broke their promise to extend the ATI to the Prime Minister's Office and cabinet ministers, and punted on their promise to review the law until at least 2018.

Then there is the matter of last year's flurry of dubious expenses, including Environment Minister Catherine McKenna's \$6,600 photography bill, then-Health Minister Jane Philpott's \$3,700 car service and top Trudeau aides Butts' and Katie Telford's moving expenses (to their credit, Philpott repaid all and Butts and Telford repaid some of the money). And while the opposition parties were happy to score political points off these scandalettes, the critical step from a taxpayer standpoint would be to fix the rules to prevent similar incidents in the future. But one year on, and the government has yet to propose any substantive changes to the rules.

It's easy to talk a big game about transparency when you're in opposition. But the real test comes once you have the power to implement your commitments. On the transparency front, the Trudeau government's actions simply do not match their words.



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Deforested public reserve buzzing with tension (Part 1)

By Patricia Barrett

The clear-cutting activities of a few Valhalla Beach cottage owners have resulted in a gutted piece of forest located on a municipally owned public reserve that abuts Lake Winnipeg.

And that has a seasonal cottager – along with approximately 20 neighbours – concerned about the potential for ongoing destruction of the trees that help stabilize the shoreline and the degradation of the ecosystem.

Brenda, who doesn't want her last name published to protect her family, said the cutting has continued off and on in violation of a tree removal policy put in place by the RM of Bifrost-Riverton in November 2016. Two sets of cottagers and a "man down the lane" have practically exercised "squatter's rights" over the reserve.

"Do you see why it upsets me when [the Reeve] calls it a forest?" said Brenda, who took the *Express* on a tour of the almost denuded portion of the reserve after reading the paper's coverage of a council meeting at which the tree-cutting was discussed (see July 27 edition). "He said there's a forest here. This is a clear-cut. There are more stumps than trees."

The northwest side of Pelican Drive has five cottages nestled among eight lots that dead-end at a drainage ditch. From the road, a few narrow pathways snake through the forest, allowing residents to access the lake. When looking eastward from the road, the lake can't be seen for the trees until you come to a 200 feet deep and 70 feet wide gap in the forest.

There are a dozen or so trees remaining along the periphery of the clearing, which resembles a park, and the whole area has been divested of shrubs, including fruit- and nut-bearing trees and wildflowers. The remains of several stumps – some shaved to ground level – dot the centre of the weed-free, grassy expanse.

Deforestation of this part of the public reserve has been occurring for well over a decade, Brenda said, and the reason for that is based on self-interest: the tree-cutters (as they're known by area residents) want to see the water.

"She's using it for lake view," said Brenda. "She sits on her deck and they have a bonfire right on the shore."

The bonfire pit sits at the far edge of the reserve just over 200 feet away from the tree-cutters' cottage.

The tree-cutters maintain the ex-

ppanse. They cut the grass, take a weed-whacker to saplings and new shoots emerging from tree stumps and spray for weeds, said Brenda. And the lake has now started to wash away the edge of the stripped reserve (a loss of about two feet) because there's no vegetation to anchor it against high waves.

Brenda estimates the reserve along the northern section of Pelican Drive is just over 4 acres, and "between those two cottages, they've cleared almost an acre."

"We didn't realize what was going on at first and how angry people were. We were new in the community (in 2012), and slowly we started running into people," said Brenda.

Relations with the tree-cutters started to slip sideways after they asked Brenda and her husband to help them move large rocks at the water's edge.

"When we moved in the first summer, they [the tree-cutters] approached us and wanted us to help pay to move boulders. They wanted us to get a backhoe and they were going to take the boulders and put them into the lake in a straight line because they wanted sand here. I said no. You don't muck with natural currents."

What brought things to a head was the "slaughter" of a 100-year-old ash tree standing dead centre of the reserve, and which had "a huge canopy." It was directly in the sightline of the tree-cutters' deck.

"That's when tempers flared up," said Brenda. "People have been mad at [the tree-cutters] for probably at least a decade. People have wanted them off that property because of the clearing. There's full-time residents here and they have endlessly contacted [the RM], saying, 'Why are you letting them clear it?'"

Over the past few years, Brenda has written several letters to the RM, expressing concerns about tree cutting, shoreline erosion, removal of undergrowth and the loss of wildlife habitat, as well as providing examples of progressive communities that have prohibited the removal of trees.

"We had hoped that some control over the public reserve would be re-established with some clear, consistent rules and consequences," she wrote to the RM in October 2016.

When the RM informed the tree-cutters of Brenda's complaint regarding the ash tree, the tree-cutting woman lit into her.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Trees being cut down on a public reserve at Valhalla Beach has neighbours upset. An area about 200 feet deep and 70 feet wide has been cleared on the public reserve.

"She left us a nasty note on the door and they were fuming all summer. They waited until [my husband] went away...and I was here by myself. I walked down to the lake with the dogs and she was yelling and screaming at me, 'We're going to sue you for slander.'"

A former Valhalla Beach resident said the tree-cutting was "a very big problem" when she lived there and the tree-cutting woman tried to keep her off the public reserve.

"I used to take our little dog and walk down there...and go over a small bridge and walk back along the beach," said Gail, who doesn't want her last name used. "And I'd come up across that spot at the [tree-cutters]. They were sitting at the beach – this is quite a few years ago – and she said, 'This is private.' In other words it's their property. They've always thought about it that way."

Gail said she called the Gimli Conservation office and they told her they had no control over the reserve as it falls under RM jurisdiction. She then contacted the ward councillor serving at that time.

"I called Marvin [Magnusson] a number of times because they were cutting the trees down – healthy, normal trees. It's not their property," said Gail. "If they want waterfront property, then buy waterfront property. But they insisted that [reserve] was theirs. They wanted to be able to see the lake, so they did it. And they didn't want anybody there."

Gail said she also phoned the Reeve "many times" and finally "got fed up with it" because the chainsaws continued to buzz.

The clear-cut area has seemingly

inspired the tree-cutters' neighbours (whom area residents refer to as the bushwhackers) to embark on their own deforestation activities soon after they bought their cottage in 2016.

"The bushwhackers used to have a narrow path," said Brenda, pointing out the section of public reserve aligned with their cottage. "They had 20 per cent more trees. Look at all the stumps here."

The bushwhackers have even allegedly taken to night cutting, using a vehicle's headlights for illumination.

When contacted by the *Express*, the tree-cutting woman said the situation has been resolved.

"It's been stopped," she said, not wishing to have her name published. "The tree-clearing has been stopped. We've dealt with the municipality. She [CAO Cindy Stansell] said, 'No more cutting trees.' That was months ago."

She acknowledged that people were upset about the clearing of the trees, but said she and her husband did not cut down the ash tree.

She said she has an "idea who cut it" but it wasn't them. "Other people have cut stuff on that property years and years ago."

She said the issue has resulted in a lot of tension in the community.

"We've had to deal with repercussions from it, for sure. Neighbours now don't talk to neighbours. It's unfortunate that this had to happen, but it did."

Brenda said she feels the RM has not addressed the issue despite ideas she's put forth to protect the remaining forest and to re-establish trees on the clear-cut area.

See Part 2 in an upcoming edition.

Interlake farms open their gates for Open Farm Day Sept. 17

By Jeff Ward

A Lundar sheep farm will open its doors for public tours on Sept. 17 during Open Farm Day giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about day to day operations of the facility.

The Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies (MAAS) organizes open Farm Day with host families going the extra mile to showcase the industry across the province.

Open Farm Day was a hit from the start in 2010 when overwhelming numbers of visitors jumped at the opportunity to visit nearly 40 farms hosting visitors that fall.

The one-day event was launched by the Department of Agriculture to help more Manitobans who might otherwise never venture onto a farm, meet farm families, learn how they operate their farms and spure more awareness and interest in agriculture overall.

This year's event has 46 farms taking part.

The Lundar facility houses 5,000 sheep, which is in the midst of lambing. Farm manager Chuck Ekema said that his farm is a 24-hour a day operation run by nine farm hands. One of the employees at the farm, Eddy Schell said that the farm will open at a perfect time for them as there won't be as high a demand on the workers as there will be in October. Schell said that next month the operation will have 600 lambs born, which for them means long hours and very little free



time.

The farm will be open on Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. until noon and then again from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Visitors will get a first hand experience of the operation, a tour and might even see some lambs being born.

"It's the perfect time for a tour," said Schell.

"We will possibly see some lambing but also lambs being fed by bottle and eating hay. We will take people on a tour of the pasture and show them what it's like out here."

Directions to the farm: From Winnipeg take the Perimeter Hwy. north to Hwy. 6. north. Drive for approximately 1.24 hours to Hatchery Rd. Turn west (left) 1.6 km to stop sign and turn left and drive ¼ mile and turn left to drivic address 110083.

There are three other areas in the Interlake that will open their doors. The Lundar Agricultural Society will host hands on experience with small animals, horses and beef animals.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Eddy Schell will be one of the tour guides for those who visit the Lundar sheep farm.

That event will take place from noon until 5 p.m. at the Agricultural Society Grounds. Directions: Lundar is 131 km north on Hwy. 6. Upon reaching Lundar at junction Hwy. 6 and PR 419, turn east (right) .5 km to Agricultural Society grounds on the south side of the road.

Ken and Iris Overby from Inwood will open their doors from 1-5 p.m. and will host a special tour of their bison pasture from 1-3 p.m. Directions: From Winnipeg travel north on Hwy. 7 to PR 415, turn west for 19.3 km to only stop sign. Turn north and continue on

PR 415 for 4.8 km. Farm is located on Rd. 96N.

Mission Trail dairy farms owned by the Porteous Family will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will have a special milking demonstration from noon until 3 p.m. Directions: South of Gimli on Hwy. 8 to Minerva Road, 1.6 km west to Rd. 18E then .4 km south. Civic address: 108112 Rd. 18E.

For more information on these events the website www.openfarm-day.ca will provide directions and GPS coordinates.

Speed limits back in effect for school year

By Jeff Ward

Speed limit reductions are now in place in all school zones across the province and motorists are required to reduce their speed to 30km/h or they could face fines.

The reductions come into place every September and last until the end of June in an effort to keep student's safe when walking to and from school. With classes resuming foot traffic around schools will be greatly increased and motorists should be diligent in driving with caution. In a press release from Manitoba Minister of Infrastructure Ron Schuler he said that there is never an excuse to be in a hurry when traveling through school zones in our province.

"Drivers affected by these areas may need to consider providing more time for their commute or altering their travel route," said Schuler.

Many of the speed limit zones are only a few hundred metres long like the one in front of Ashern Central School. That zone stretches along PR 325 for approximately 250 metres. If a vehicle is traveling at 50km/h and doesn't have to stop it takes 18 seconds to drive through the zone. A speed limit reduction to 30km/h adds only 12 seconds to that time. That 12 seconds likely doesn't mean much to motorists trying to get to work on time, but the reduction in speed can mean a big difference if you need to stop quickly.

Manitoba Minister of Education and Training Ian Wishart echoed Schuler's comments and said "in order to keep everyone safe during the school year, it is important to obey the limits in school zones and always watch for young children in all areas where students are present."



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School zone speeds are now reduced until the end of June. This zone in front of Ashern Central School adds only 12 seconds to the time it takes to drive from one end to the other but gives more time for a vehicle to stop if needed.



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Local artist doing the WAVE with coloured pencil

By Patricia Barrett

Artist Terry Mellway showcased her stunning coloured pencil works during the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour held last weekend.

Although many of her subjects are taken from the natural world, Mellway's human subjects are so realistic and full of character, they practically jump off the wall.

"I do my own photography," said Mellway during a brief lull in her Pencil & Brush Studio next to her Sandy Hook home where a steady stream of WAVE visitors filed in to see her work. "And I draw from those photographs."

She had taken a photograph of a man at Cook Point in Hawaii (named after 18th-century British mariner James Cook) where he had been pulling crabs from the water and washing them in a pot. He became the subject of a wonderfully expressive and intricate drawing.

Keeping in mind the ethics of photographing people then possibly turning a profit from their image in the portraits she produces, Mellway said, "I firmly believe in paying my subjects for their photographs."

It takes about 50 hours to create a finished work owing to the thousands of

painstaking strokes and colour blending involved in the medium.

"It used to take me a lot longer than it does now," she laughed. "Some people who work in acrylics finish in an afternoon."

Mellway has been an artist for most of her life and has created works using acrylics and watercolours. But in the last 10 years or so, she's concentrated on coloured pencil.

"Years ago I worked with a [photography] studio where we used coloured pencils to re-touch old photographs," she said.

Because the warmth of the hand can smudge a work in progress, Mellway uses a piece of paper on which she rests her palm while she draws then seals the finished work with a fine art spray.

She has won awards in both local and international competitions and has been featured in a number of magazines, including *Coloured Pencil Magazine* and *CP Treasures*, Volume IV. She's also a member of the Coloured Pencil Society of America, the Manitoba Society of Artists, the Manitoba Arts Network and the Gimli Art Club.

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Artist Terry Mellway showcased her stunning coloured pencil works during the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour held last weekend.

works as well as greeting cards.

Two tour participants inquired about coloured pencil classes, which Mellway intends to offer this fall in her studio. The six-week classes will comprise about 18 hours of instruction for about \$250.

For more information about classes or to purchase Mellway's work, call (204) 510-3779 or email: 6artist6@gmail.com

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Here's some age-based advice:

Preschoolers: Preschoolers need play and exercise that helps them continue to develop important motor skills — kicking or throwing a ball, playing tag or follow the leader, hopping on one foot, riding a trike or bike with training wheels, freeze dancing or running obstacle courses.

Although some sports leagues may be open to kids as young as four, organized and team sports are not recommended until they're a little older. Preschoolers can't understand complex rules and

often lack the attention span, skills and co-ordination needed to play sports. Instead of learning to play a sport, they should work on fundamental skills.

School-age: With school-age kids spending more time on sedentary pursuits like watching TV and playing computer games, the challenge for parents is to help them find physical activities they enjoy and feel successful doing. These can range from traditional sports like baseball and basketball to martial arts, biking, hiking and playing outside.

As kids learn basic skills and simple rules in the early school-age years, there might only be a few athletic standouts. As kids get older, differences in ability and personality become more apparent. Commitment and interest level often go along with ability, which is why it's important to find an activity that's right for your child. Schedules start

getting busy during these years, but don't forget to set aside some time for free play.

Teenagers: Teens have many choices when it comes to being active — from school sports to after-school interests, such as yoga or skateboarding. It's important to remember that physical activity must be planned and often has to be sandwiched between various responsibilities and commitments.

Do what you can to make it easy for your teen to exercise by providing transportation and the necessary gear or equipment (including workout clothes). In some cases, the right clothes and shoes might help a shy teen feel comfortable biking or going to the gym.

Singing has many surprising benefits for children

As children, we use our voice and other instruments to express feelings, but they also serve important learning functions — they teach us pattern, pulse, rhyme and structure, without the complication of language; they teach us the way humans bond and express emotion; they give us pleasure and encourage imagination and story-telling.

The meaning of music or dance is not dependent on language. Our first response to music is through the movement of the body. Babies create their own choreography (in the womb, they are practising stretching, kicking and hitting movements) and small children become totally absorbed in the physical sensation of movement.

Singing is also an aerobic exercise that improves the efficiency of the cardio-vascular system, increasing the oxygenation of the blood and improving alertness. It is linked to stress reduction, longevity and general health. Improving airflow in the upper respiratory tract impedes the bacteria that can cause colds and flu.

I have observed that singing together improves children's behaviour. It helps them bond — whatever the song or language. They can express their feelings of joy or excitement, of being scared or proud. Musical activity involves many different parts of

the brain, so singing helps develop these areas, as neurological studies from the U.K., Germany and the U.S. have found.



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Fisher Repair celebrates 40 years in Fisher Branch

By Patricia Barrett

Fisher Repair celebrated its 40th Anniversary last Friday with a huge party that drew hundreds of people to its automotive shop in the heart of Fisher Branch.

With four businesses under their umbrella, the Plett family is kept hopping.

Darcy Plett, a partner in the business and service manager, has been with the company for 20 years after having trained as an automotive technician. His dad, John, and his uncle, Dave, are co-partners in the businesses.

"It's a milestone because it's probably further than most [automotive] businesses make it," said Darcy, who also serves as Fisher Branch's fire chief. "It's more of a milestone for my dad and uncle than it is for me because they've been at it through good times and bad times for 40 straight years."

John Plett started the repair shop on the family farm in Fisherton, a hamlet west of Fisher Branch, then with his brother, Dave, purchased a building in Fisher Branch. From there the business grew and the brothers purchased the property at its present site at 63 Main St.

"The shop was the main business and as the shop grew, the need for parts grew and that's where NAPA came along," said Darcy.

Ownership of the NAPA Auto Parts store has helped the family cope with rapid technological changes in the auto industry and the need for constant upgrading of their mechanical skills.

"NAPA is, by far, leading the industry in technical training and management training, and we're part of all those programs. We go for monthly management training. Our techs go for technical training all the time," said Darcy. "Alignment machines change all the time and we're constantly having to buy new tools. That's a challenge because it's a lot of money to put out on a regular basis. Just when you've owned a tool long enough that you've recouped the cost, it's obsolete, like anything computerized."

There's no make or model of vehicle the shop can't fix (domestic and imports), and it also carries out safety inspections on heavy goods vehicles, school buses and semitrailers. It provides towing services for all the roadside companies.

In addition to the automotive business, the family manages three other businesses.

They built the One Stop at the corner of Highway 17 and Tache in 2008, recognizing a need for extended grocery and gas services in town.

"That was a big challenge because that was right when the world's financial problems were happening and it was hard to get funding," said Darcy. "But we wanted to build it for the community. There were no stores open in the evening, nothing on the weekends. There's lots of people travelling."

Fisher Repair also became a Kawasaki dealership in 2016, selling ATVs and providing maintenance and repair service for the vehicles.

"I saw a need for an ATV dealership in the community," said Darcy. "I heard a lot of people were not satisfied that there was nothing in the area, and some were upset at how they were treated by others."

The family also bought back a fertilizing business – AFB Agro – that they used to own in the late 90s and early 2000s. The company spreads fertilizer for local farmers.

A complement of about 23 dedicated staff – some



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RM Fisher Reeve Shannon Pyziak, Dave, Darcy and John Plett and Interlake MLA Derek Johnson.



Fisher Repair staff and family and a customer enjoy lunch catered by Danny's Whole Hog.

of whom have been with the family for over 20 years – help the businesses thrive. Darcy paid homage to the staff and they later surprised the family with gift baskets full of goodies and a hearty thank you for being a good employer.

The family laid out a huge spread catered by Danny's Whole Hog from Stonewall. Scores of families flooded into the shop to congratulate the Pletts and try their luck at the door prizes and silent auction prizes, which were provided by local businesses such as Noventis Credit Union and Fisher Branch Transfer.

RM of Fisher Reeve Shannon Pyziak dropped by to congratulate the Plett family and their staff.

"They've been a long-time employer in our community," she said. "They've provided wonderful services to not only our community but surrounding communities. And they're very supportive of our community as well as this municipality. This business is very important to us and we hope they're here for another 40 years."

Interlake MLA Derek Johnson, who was recently appointed to the Treasury Board to help oversee the province's finances, also attended the event to show support for Interlake businesses.

"Businesses are the glue that hold the Interlake together," he said. "And without small businesses, there'd be no jobs. Without jobs there'd be no kids



Interlake MLA Derek Johnson presents Fisher Repair partner John Plett with a congratulatory certificate.



Celebrants packed the repair shop to congratulate Fisher Repair partners for 40 years of service.

in the schools. Without all that we wouldn't have municipalities and a population here. A business like this one in particular supports farmers, First Nations and other small businesses in the area. It's a cornerstone of the Interlake."

Johnson presented the Pletts with a certificate of congratulations for 40 years of business and a Manitoba pin.

A highway-stormin', americana soul husband/wife duo

By Jennifer McFee

It's a brave endeavour to follow your passion and see where it leads you.

That's the adventurous approach of the musical group Winnie Brave, a husband and wife duo en route to perform in Gimli next week.

Brad and Amy Isaac are ready to entertain the audience on Sept. 13 at the Ship & Plough with their roots-style music, plus a little bit of rock and roll mixed in.

Amy plays the guitar and sings while Brad plays the bass, keys and a suitcase drum set. Together, they write the songs and transport the gear in their 1976 Winnebago that takes them from one gig to the next.

"We are leaving Ontario and heading all the way to Vancouver Island for this particular tour. We'll be on the road for the month of September. After Gimli, we'll be making our way in Saskatchewan for a few shows then onto Alberta and B.C.," Amy said in an email.

"We play anywhere from 100 to 200 shows per year. Last year, we embarked on a nine-month tour of the U.S. and Western Canada in our 1976 Winnebago (and survived to tell the tale). Up until two months ago, we did not have a home — we lived on the road in our RV — but we recently bought a house in the tiny village of Holden, Alberta."

For this tour, the married couple will be promoting their new album, Cheap Gin, which is set to come out on Oct. 3. Until then, they will be doing pre-sales during their shows.

Along with the musical duo, their two pet dogs — Hank the pug and Winnie the boxer — accompany them as their "not-so-silent partners."

"We enjoy the road and travelling with the comforts of home in the RV. Every day is a new view and new adventure, yet every night we get to crawl into our own bed," said Amy, a graphic designer by trade.

"The RV affords us all the comforts of home, so we never feel like we're missing anything, which makes it easier for us to be on the road for long periods of time. Our dogs love it too. My sister commented that our dogs have seen more of the country than she has."

Like Amy, Brad is looking forward to the upcoming performance in Gimli.

"We typically do three sets and we always put as much of our own original material in as we can. Then we space it with some covers from anything from Bruce Springsteen to Neil Young. We do some old Hank Williams and Dolly Parton," he said.

"We're also getting into some more danceable stuff. We use a little suitcase drum and snares so that we've got a beat going and people can tap



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Brad and Amy from Winnie Brave are touring the country in a 1976 Winnebago and will be in Gimli on Sept. 13.

their toes. When we play up-tempo music, people respond well so hopefully people will be dancing."

The pair have been playing together since they met more than a decade ago. Over the years, they've developed some different incarnations of the band. They started off as a folk duo called The Gnomes, followed by a country rock band called Hey Amy. Now they're onto their third incarnation, Winnie Brave.

"People who are enthusiasts of Winnebagoes are known as Winnies. The Brave was a '70s model Winnebago, which is very similar to the one we have now. It's called a Chieftain, but the Brave was a little bit smaller."

To check out Winnie Brave, drop by the Ship & Plough (42 Centre St. in Gimli) on Wednesday, Sept. 13 starting at 7 pm.

For more information, visit their website at <http://winniebrave.com/>.

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'We won't rest until changes are made'

Six names added to MADD monument in West St. Paul

By Justin Luschinski

Earl and Phyllis Mccaskill lost their daughter, Corinne, to a drunk driving accident 35 years ago. Corinne was 14 years old and her parents are still struggling with her loss to this day.

"It's difficult," Phyllis said. "Thirty five years doesn't make it easier."

"It's still tough to deal with."

"She was a good student," Earl said, his voice choking up. "She was sensitive, caring, a gentle soul."

They hope to honour their daughter's memory by adding her name to the Manitoba Memorial Monument. The project was created to memorialize those killed by an impaired driving accident.

Patricia Hynes Coates is the national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada. She said that even though the amount of impaired driving deaths have decreased, she doesn't want any more names added to the memorial.

"Every time we hear about another loved one injured or killed, we become frustrated," Patricia said. "But it makes us more determined, so we won't rest until changes are made."

Patricia said that if someone wanted to add a name to the memorial, they would have to apply through a MADD victim service representative.

The applicant has to make sure that all the court documents were recorded, as they must prove that their loved one's death was caused by alcohol, drugs, or a combination of the two. Once the process is done, and an affidavit is signed, their name will be added to the memorial.

MADD will add names to the monument once a year. Sometimes it might take longer than that, depending on how quickly the organization receives the necessary documents.

For Earl and Phyllis, their daughter's name on the memorial serves as a tribute to her, and a warning about the dangers of impaired driving.

"We felt like we needed to do it," Phyllis said.

"She deserved some sort of recognition. She was cut off from everything at 14 years old," Earl said. "That's what this was about. That's why we're here, and that's why we chose to have her name on that wall, as a way of honouring her."

According to Manitoba Public Insurance, 107 people were killed on Manitoba roadways in 2016. Thirty six per cent of those crashes involved impaired driving.

The monument can be viewed in West St. Paul at Glen Eden Cemetery, located at 4477 Main St.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Earl and Phyllis Mccaskill, pictured centre, sit in the front row during a ceremony unveiling the six new names being added to MADD's Manitoba Memorial Monument in West St. Paul last Sunday afternoon. The couple lost their 14-year-old daughter, Corinne, to a drunk driving accident 35 years ago and wanted her name added to the monument as a way of honouring her.



Donating to help others



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ANDREA BONKOWSKI

Twelve year old Onyx Bonkowski said good-bye to his hockey hair last week when he had 19 inches of his lovely locks cut to donate to cancer. Although the grade 7 student will miss his hair, he will not miss de-tangling it after playing hockey for the River-ton Eagles. Onyx donated 16 inches of healthy hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. His simple act of generosity makes a world of difference to women with cancer. It takes 8 to 15 ponytails to create one real-hair wig. Procter & Gamble Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, launched the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign in 2007. Thanks to thousands of generous Canadians from coast to coast, over 70,000 ponytails have been donated and made into wigs to help women living with cancer regain their confidence and sense of self. Pantene Beautiful Lengths accepts hair donations, then creates, ships and donates real-hair wigs to Canadian Cancer Society wig banks across Canada.

There is no cost to the Society or to the individuals who receive these wigs. If you would like to join Onyx by supporting someone on a cancer journey log on to <http://www.cancer.ca/en/get-involved/support-us/donate-your-hair>

West Interlake hoping to buy McEwen Park from the province

By Jeff Ward

West Interlake Coun. Keith Lundale is hoping to negotiate a deal with the Crown Lands and Property Agency (CLPA) to have a section of McEwen Park transferred to the RM.

McEwen Park is a small campground in Eriksdale just north of Havakeen Lunch on Hwy. 6. The area of the park that houses the campsites is owned by the RM, but a rest area with washrooms adjacent to the campsites is owned by the Crown. Lundale said that the municipality has been maintaining the land for years as part of their upkeep of the park and wants to see it transferred into the control of the RM so that improvements can be done. Lundale points to three unsightly and unsafe buildings that he said need significant repairs or to be torn down completely. The problem is that the RM can't do any work on the land if they don't own it.

"WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO ACQUIRE THIS PROPERTY FOR YEARS AND IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO DO IT NOW."

"We've been trying to acquire this property for years and it might be advantageous for us to do it now," said Lundale.

"This government seems to want to disperse excess land that costs them money to maintain and we're willing to take it. We want to make improvements to that area and have more amenities. It's a real common thing to have people stop in there and have lunch or take a rest. We want to grow that space and encourage more people to go there."

Lundale said that a resolution is currently being drafted to propose purchasing the land and he is hopeful the CLPA will agree to a deal. McEwen Park is not a free campground and the RM does draw some income from overnight campers who have access to running water. Lundale said that one of the things that might bring in more campers is hydro, which is what he'd like to invest in if the land can be



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Crown Lands and Property Agency and Coun own a portion of land at McEwen Park. West Interlake coun. Keith Lundale is hoping to have the land transferred to the RM of West Interlake.

transferred.

"When we have events at different times of the year one of our biggest problems is trying to accommodate people. I think we'd see a lot more campers there if they had a power

hook up," said Lundale.

That idea is pretty far off at this point to discuss with any certainty and Lundale said that he needs to secure the land first.

Interlake Refugee Support Network receives quilts for refugee family

By Patricia Barrett

A group of quilters will be donating 11 quilts to the Interlake Refugee Support Network based in Arborg in preparation for the arrival of a Syrian family that is currently living in a Lebanese refugee camp.

The Network is sponsoring the 12-member family and is currently awaiting the completion of the immigration paperwork.

The refugees are extended family members of the Jarkas family, whom the Network sponsored a few years ago and helped settle in and adapt to life in Arborg.

Network volunteer Janice Skene, who is an avid quilter, helped arrange the donations.

"We're expecting more of the Jarkas family to come, and we're just waiting for dates," she said. "We put a call out and we have 10 quilts that have been donated. One more is being made. So there'll be 11 altogether. They've had their medicals and they've had their interviews. It's just a wait and see thing right now."

Skene herself has made and donated a quilt, along with Donna Kerns, Donna Krebs, Marlene Rooney, Denise Wenzel and Lynn Whitehead, who lives in Simcoe, Ont., and will be donating five of the quilts.

"They'll be on the beds when we get word they're coming," said Skene. "It will be nice to walk into the bedroom and see the quilts."

Zainab Jarkas and her daughter Zozan have also made quilts for the family after joining a Monday evening quilting group.

"We're starting again at the end of September (Sept. 25) in Arborg," said Skene. "We have a Monday evening practice class. It costs \$1 for each visit. We do it in the curling rink lounge. We get together and help each other and share ideas. It's not formal. Everyone brings their own materials. They also can knit, sew or crochet."

Everyone is welcome to join.

For more information about Interlake Refugee Support Network, visit its Facebook page.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Avid quilters from Lakeside Quilters have been busy creating one of a kind masterpieces for the Interlake Refugee Support Network. Eleven quilts will be donated to the Jarkas family when they arrive in Arborg.

Eriksdale monument an important marker of family history

By Jeff Ward

The new monument that denotes the location of where Eriksdale's first settler called home is also an important reminder for Greg Erikson's family history.

Erikson is the great great nephew of Eriksdale's first settler, Peter Emmanuel who built his homestead in 1905. The homestead is called Manny's Shack and its foundation is the location of the new monument that signifies its historical significance. Emmanuel's father Jonas Erikson would settle in the area in 1906 and his mother Matilda would follow a few years later in 1908. Jonas Erikson would later be given the naming rights to the town after he donated his land for the railway. Much of this information might've been lost in time if not for Greg Erikson's passion for genealogy and history.

Erikson said that he's always enjoyed history and became interested in his own family tree following his grandfather's death in 1991. Erikson said he was left with old photos and letters that his grandfather had collected over the years that provided details about his family's past. Much of that information pointed him to the town of Eriksdale and in 2003 Erikson made his first trip there to learn more.

"I started meeting with people that grew up with my grandfather Roy Erikson who was born in Eriksdale in 1919," said Erikson who lives in Alberta.

"At the time Donna Smith was running the museum and she took me around town to show me all the sights and the history. I thought it was re-

ally cool and it was starting to give me more information about my family."

Erikson said Smith took him to Manny's Shack to see the place for himself and gave him the oral history of the site. Erikson said he visited Eriksdale many times over the next 10 years and on one visit he said he met with Mark and Nicole Jeffers who currently own

the land the shack was built on. Erikson said he explained to the couple what the site was and that it was the Jeffers that came up with the idea to build a community monument to honour the historical significance of the location.

Work began on making the monument a reality three years ago with help from members of the Eriksdale Creamery Museum board. The monument was unveiled at Creamery Days a few weeks ago and Erikson said he was very proud to be part of the event.

"We even have a photo on the monument of the shack as well so you can see what it looked like over a hundred years ago. Originally I just wanted to take a few of the rocks and build something out of them, but what we have there now is much better," said Erikson.

Personally for Erikson he said it's a fairly indescribable feeling to have his ancestors be so responsible for the emergence of the town.

"When I started meeting people when I first visited Eriksdale it was very surreal. Just hearing people talk about my family and getting all this information it's an incredible feeling," said Erikson.

As he goes deeper down the rabbit hole, Erikson is trying to unearth as

"I STARTED MEETING WITH PEOPLE THAT GREW UP WITH MY GRANDFATHER ROY ERIKSON WHO WAS BORN IN ERIKSDALE IN 1919"



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY GREG ERIKSON

Greg Erikson, left, stands with Nicole and Mark Jeffers who donated the land the new community monument sits on. The monument marks the location that Erikson's great great uncle Peter Emmanuel first settled in 1905.

much history as he can about his family tree. He said that one of the things he's looking into right now is where the family of Emmanuel's sister, Erika Erikson wound up after she passed away in 1923.

"I know she changed her name to Berg and owned a quarter section just west of town. So there might be people living in Eriksdale that I'm related to and have never met," said Erikson.

It's a very unique and powerful thing to have a marker in a community that denotes the exact spot the town grew from. Much like the trunk of a tree, Erikson can look at that marker

and know that much of his family tree grew from that spot.

There are many reasons as to whether or not a town survives over the course of generations. Certainly for Eriksdale the railroad, Creamery and E.M. Crowe Hospital, which Jonas and Matilda donated the land to build on, have contributed greatly to the town being around today. But an equally intriguing question is, if the Erikson settlers had chosen another spot, what would be in that area today?

Johnson appointed to treasury board

Interlake MLA joins major financial oversight committee of government

Submitted

Arborg – Interlake MLA Derek Johnson has been appointed by Premier Brian Pallister to serve as a member of Treasury Board, the main financial oversight committee of the Government of Manitoba.

"I am honoured to serve as a member of Treasury Board," said Johnson. "The fiscal situation we inherited from the

previous NDP government presents a very real challenge. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure we meet the targets that will get our fiscal house in order while protecting the front-line services Manitobans depend on."

Johnson is one of two non-cabinet members of Treasury Board, joining Brandon West MLA Reg Helwer and

Ministers Cameron Friesen, Scott Fielding, Heather Stefanson, Cliff Cullen, Eileen Clarke and Jeff Wharton.

In addition to his appointment to Treasury Board, Johnson remains in his role as Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure.



Interlake MLA Derek Johnson

High stick costs Ice Dawgs player \$40,000 in dental bills

By Patricia Barrett

A stick across the jaw during a junior league hockey game left an Arborg Ice Dawgs player without a number of teeth and his family facing almost \$40,000 in dental reconstruction costs.

Clint Torfason, a 21-year-old hockey player from Winnipeg Beach, was slashed across the mouth by a Peguis Junior player April 1 during a KJHL championship final and lost five teeth in his upper jaw despite the mouth guard he was wearing.

"There was probably nine minutes left in the third period, and I was kind of at the end of my shift at that point and I had control of the puck," said Torfason last week. "Just outside the Peguis blue line, I dumped the puck in prior to a change. Right after I dumped the puck in, I got the blade of a stick. It was kind of like a pitchfork motion right into my mouth."

He said he fell to the ice and kind of went into shock.

"There was a lot of blood," he said, recalling how his mouth vibrated. "My teeth didn't all come out at once. They were shattered. I was spitting piece by piece out. I didn't bother picking them up because those teeth were shattered, so I just skated off the

ice."

The following morning, the family were able to obtain an emergency appointment with their dentist in Selkirk, and the shattered teeth in his jaw had to be pulled out as there was no way to save them.

Torfason said he's unsure whether it was a deliberate act of aggression, but he could "make a few assumptions about it."

What is certain are the massive dental reconstruction bills he and his parents have to pay, and the year and a half of dental appointments, bone grafting surgery, and pain and suffering ahead of him before he gets replacement teeth.

"Right now I have two specialists working on my teeth," he said. "One guy is going to be putting the screws in for the implant process and other guy is working on impressions for the teeth. I'll need bone grafting done first. They will probably take bone from my hip and put some in my jaw. Then I've got to let that heal. After that heals, they'll put the implants and screws in and let that heal. Then they'll insert the teeth."

He said his prosthodontist's assistant told him

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EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Arborg Ice Dawgs player Clint Torfason was slashed in the mouth by a Peguis Junior player in April, knocking out five teeth and leaving his family with a \$40,000 dental bill.

Hope in action drives Parkinson SuperWalk 2017 in Gimli

Submitted

While on vacation with his family in Florida, Ken Barker noticed a nervous twitch in his right arm. As time progressed and the symptoms continued, Ken sought medical attention and was ultimately diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2013. The following year, Ken and his wife Cindy Parker, joined the Parkinson's support group in Gimli and participated in their very first Parkinson Canada SuperWalk that year.

Their family team, the Parker/Barker's, raised over \$1,000 and Cindy decided to join the Parkinson Canada SuperWalk Planning Committee to help people in the Interlake who are coping with Parkinson's. Cindy Parker commented, "The supports required for this disease are great and we need funds for programming, research and communication for all the families dealing with this illness." Parker added, "Participation with Parkinson's Parkinson Canada SuperWalk gives us strength and hope for the future. The power of one plus the combined power of many can make a huge difference."

Karen Lamb also has her own personal reasons for participating and co-chairing the Parkinson's fundraiser in the Interlake. Lamb's mother, Doris Olson, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at age 78. An avid golfer, quilter and volunteer at the local Soup Kitchen, Doris coped with severe tremors in both her hands. Lamb says her mother never let Parkinson's disease get her down and always found a way to continue her activities. When her mother passed away, Lamb wanted to honour her memory and help find a cure for the disease that robbed her mother of the ability to do the things she loved. With the help of her husband, she became involved with co-planning the Parkinson Canada SuperWalk in Gimli and will be participating in the upcoming event with her family. "I now have another reason to put effort into the Parkinson Canada SuperWalk as my 62-year-old cousin was diagnosed with PD this month. He is a microbiologist who can no longer work because of the tremors in his hands and already has difficulty walking. We need to find a cure for this disease that robs people of their liveli-

hood, enjoyment of life and their dignity."

In Manitoba, there is an estimated 6,800 individuals diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease. The number of Manitobans suffering from Parkinson's disease is expected to double in the next 14 years. Lorri Apps, Managing Director, Parkinson Canada, Manitoba said, "The number of patients suffering from the degenerative neurological disease will hit 12,000 people in the province and 163,700 across the country by 2031."

On Sunday, September 17th, Cindy and Karen will join other families from Gimli and surrounding areas to participate in the Parkinson SuperWalk 2017. This annual fundraising event for people living with Parkinson's helps fund research, education, support and advocacy for those living with Parkinson's disease.

The SuperWalk 2017 in Gimli will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Johnson Hall (Waterfront Centre -94 1st Avenue). Go to www.superwalk.ca for full information and to register.

Narrows and Silver Bay to get new boat launches

By Jeff Ward

The RM of West Interlake is moving ahead with the building of new boat launches at the Narrows and Silver Bay once permits are acquired from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans..

At the most recent council meeting on Aug. 24 the RM of West Interlake discussed the ongoing effort to rebuild the boat launch at Silver Bay while also addressing the issue at the Narrows with a community boat launch.

Reeve Randy Helgason said that the RM will take on both projects and that they will be covered by the budgeted \$13,000 previously set. Helgason said

that due to lower than expected costs both launches can be built for nearly the same cost as they anticipated one launch would cost. He added that the work could happen before the winter for the Narrows project but he has his doubts because of the reality of gaining the proper permits. Helgason said that the Silver Bay project is progressing now and will be completed this fall.

"We want to go ahead with both projects but we want to make sure all our permits are in place first. When dealing with permits, things of that nature like the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) these things take time" said Helgason.

If all goes well Helgason would like to see the Narrows boat launch completed before summer of next year to be ready for prime boating season.

The work is being done by Eriksdale Ready Mix and will be a series of 12 foot long concrete slabs that are bolted together. These slabs have been redesigned to better bear the brunt of wind and wave action as well as ice in the winter. Helgason said that the redesign of Silver Bay, which will likely be the same design for the Narrows, allows repairs to be made without significant investment. The slabs can be replaced individually without needing the entire launch to be rebuilt.

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Stonewall slaying Giants in WSBL final

Staff

A baseball championship series is usually won by great pitching and defence.

But so far in this year's Winnipeg Senior Baseball League championship, the Stonewall Blue Jays have been using a potent offence to record victories.

Stonewall took a 2-0 series lead after a thrilling 10-9 home victory over the Elmwood Giants on Monday evening at Fines Field.

The Blue Jays started the series with a 14-10 slugfest win over Elmwood last Thursday evening in Winnipeg.

The best-of-seven WSBL championship series continued with games slated for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. No scores, however, were available at press time.

If necessary, Game 5 is scheduled to be played this coming Monday at Koskie Field, followed by Game 6 Tuesday in Stonewall.

A series-deciding seventh game would be played next Wednesday at Koskie Field. The remaining games in the series begin at 7:30 p.m.



The Jays' Adam Luellman delivers a pitch during Stonewall's thrilling come from behind 10-9 home victory.



Lundar's Nick Drews gets an important out at home plate against Elmwood Monday evening.

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> HIGH STICK, FROM PG. 21

they've dealt with a lot of hockey injuries in the past, but in her 20 years of practice, his injuries were the worst she's ever seen.

Four referees on the ice that day allegedly did not see the incident.

"The KJHL...had four refs during the finals...to watch all the stuff going on behind the play," said Torfason, "but no ref on the ice saw it happen. It was quite a joke. They had a meeting with Hockey Manitoba and with my general manager at that time, and they said they saw me spit out blood and teeth, but they could not confirm how it happened. So they couldn't do anything about it."

Hockey Manitoba, which governs senior, junior, recreational and minor hockey and enforces game rules, states on its website that it believes in "values of fair play and sportsmanship, including the development of respect for all people by all participants."

Clint's mom said the organization told her it does not consider video recordings as evidence.

"Clint was high-sticked and the building was packed because it was a play-off game. Clint fell to the ice, he was bleeding and he spit out his teeth...and the refs didn't even call a penalty on the guy," said Gail Torfason. "Hockey Manitoba said we cannot use video as evidence."

Hockey Manitoba did not respond to an email request from the *Express* for clarification as to why it doesn't consider video evidence.

The organization has an insurance package that covers about \$1,250 per tooth to a maximum of \$2,500, which will help defray only a small portion of the total dental reconstruction costs.

"We're guessing it will be \$35,000 to \$40,000 for everything," Gail said, reiterating what the dental specialists estimate. "Hockey Manitoba will give us a maximum of \$2,500 and Manitoba Health right now is giving us \$10,000. So we'll still be down about \$30,000."

The family has been forced to take

out a loan to pay the bills.

"We had to take out a loan for \$30,000 because everything has to be paid ahead of time," Gail said. "He's had to pay at the time of each appointment."

To help the family cope with the unexpected financial outlay, Clint's teammates, friends and a few family members are in the process of organizing a fundraising social, and they've also set up a GoFundMe page.

Clint will be donating any funds raised over and above what the family requires to a charity.

"It's unfortunate," said Gail. "I didn't realize how invasive this is going to be. It's going to be a long haul for Clint and it will be a painful process. I told Clint the fortunate thing is he didn't have a concussion from the incident, considering the damage and everything."

Despite the aggression and danger of hockey, Torfason said he'll be back on the ice this season to play his final year with the Ice Dawgs.

"There's always that thought in the back of your mind. Guys are very aggressive with their sticks on the ice,"

he said. "You got to be very smart and careful about it. That's all there is to it."

In September 2018, he'll be able to eat corn on the cob.

"You kind of do get used to it [having no teeth]," he said. "But corn on the cob is not too easy to do."

Visit the GoFundMe page for Clint at www.gofundme.com/ClintTorfasonExpenses

The fundraising social takes place Saturday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. in Arborg Community Hall. Tickets are \$10. Monetary donations and silent auction donations are welcome.

For more information about the fundraising initiatives, contact one of the following people:

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Cole Torfason at (204) 389-4231 or email: efram@mymts.net or coletorfason@gmail.com

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Playing junior hockey? Better get dental insurance

By Brian Bowman

All Clint Torfason wanted to do was try to win a Keystone Junior Hockey League championship for his Arborg Ice Dawgs.

But he has been forced to pay a very steep price for his championship ambitions.

The 21 year old from Winnipeg Beach was left with a monstrous dental bill after getting hit in the face with a high stick in a KJHL playoff game against the Peguis Juniors back on April 1.

"When the accident happened, my whole mouth was vibrating but there really wasn't much pain at the time," said Torfason, noting it was both disappointing and frustrating to hear that some of the opposing fans were cheering when he was spitting out blood and teeth on the ice.

"You're in shock when it happens but finding out after what the costs are hurts more."

Torfason suffered a fractured jaw, lacerations, and lost five teeth from the incident. Torfason will need dental surgeries, numerous implants, and bone grafting to his jaw.

This is estimated to cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000 which is well beyond what insurance will cover.

Torfason's mother, Gail, has been told that it will take over a year from now to have all of the dental procedures done on her son.

"I didn't realize how long the process was going to be," she admitted, noting her family has dental coverage through Blue Cross. "And until something like this happens, you don't realize what's not covered. There are a lot of things that are exempt...and there's a maximum, too."

Clint's injuries were quite extensive.

"When one of the specialists looked at Clint's face, he said, 'It was the worst damage that he has seen from a hockey accident.'" Gail noted. "He said, 'He can't believe that stuff like this still happens in hockey.'"

Torfason was reimbursed only \$2,500 - the maximum payable per accident - under Hockey Canada's dental insurance program. Hockey Canada's Todd Jackson was quick to warn that that this is a "secondary" policy.

"It kicks in after private insurance has exhausted," Jackson explained last Thursday afternoon. "If a player does not have private insurance then it would act as primary in those cases."

Jackson said Hockey Canada does not get many claims over the course of a season from minor hockey players that wear cages.

It is a different story, however, at the junior level.

"I can't give you numbers because I don't have numbers in front of me," Jackson admitted. "But we get a fair amount of claims that come in from a dental perspective. 'We are a secondary (insurance) and we pay after the primary is exhausted.'"

But many would argue that Hockey Canada's dental insurance coverage is a slap in the face to players.

"For any kids that are playing hockey, it's an eye opener," Gail Torfason said. "I don't even know if there is extra insurance that you can get to cover this. I really don't know. You think that you're covered for everything and then you realize that you're not."

Chris Poponick, a longtime coach with the Selkirk Fishermen in the Keystone Junior Hockey League, said dental insurance should be a concern for parents and players.

"We go into this sport knowing Hockey Canada covers us for certain things," he said. "But when the (dental coverage) is only \$2,500, a player can have much more (of a cost) after one crosscheck to the face or a shot to the face, whatever it might be."

"There must be a way to look at subsidizing something additional for those who don't have (primary) dental coverage."

On Hockey Canada's website, it describes its insurance as "an exceptional insurance program that has been built with the needs of its members in mind."

But it shows that only eight per cent of the premiums paid into its insurance program go towards accident and dental coverage.

"You think that playing for 15, 16 years under Hockey Canada that they would help out their players," Clint Torfason argued. "But right now, they're just handing out some pocket change."



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The Arborg Ice Dawgs' Clint Torfason suffered a fractured jaw, lacerations, and lost five teeth during a junior hockey game last April. Torfason will need dental surgeries, numerous implants, and bone grafting to his jaw.

"Once it comes to dental work, they don't want to help out."

To help raise funds for Torfason's dental work, a fundraising social will be held Oct. 14 at the Arborg Community Hall from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10.

As well, a GoFundMe page was set up recently to raise money. Those who want to donate can visit www.gofundme.com/ClintTorfasonExpense

Midget Provincial Lightning begin training camp

By Brian Bowman

When the Interlake Lightning broke camp earlier this week, there were plenty of encouraging signs.

One of them was the number of players who came out. The numbers were in the "high 20s" as of Monday afternoon with other players attending junior camps.

"It's way better than in the past," said Lightning head coach Dwayne Swanson. "I think last year we had 29 and nine of them were goalies. And in years before that, we have had skater numbers in the teens."

Just how good the Lightning will be this season will, in large part, be based on what players come back from their respective junior training camps.

"We're going to have to be a different type of team," Swanson insisted. "We're not going to have the goal scoring or anything like that. We're going to have to do things by committee."

In goal, the Lightning expected to have four goalies in camp this week. But Swanson said that Adam Swan, who played with the club last season, is expected to start the season as a backup goalie for the Western Hockey League's Lethbridge Hurricanes.

The Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League, meanwhile, is undergoing a change this season with the addition of the Winnipeg Bruins. The Bruins will be the third city team along with the Winnipeg Thrashers and Winnipeg Wild.

Adding a third Winnipeg team will negatively affect the Lightning in a huge way as the Interlake often gets talented players join their team after being released by either the Wild or Thrashers.

"We had three players play in our program last year that were coming back," Swanson noted. "I talked to them several times over the summer and they were excited to come back but the problem being when the Bruins were formed, they all (live) five

minutes from the Southdale Arena, where the Bruins play their home games."

Still, Swanson feels the addition of the Bruins will be good for the league.

"This year, you won't see much difference because the players that were with the Wild and Thrashers last year that are from the Bruins' area, are grandfathered to those teams."

"The Wild and Thrashers should have a numbers of guys back from last year, so they should be very good."

Interlake started training camp this past Tuesday and was on the ice every night this week. The Lightning will continue tryouts until the Sept. 22-24 weekend when they travel to Souris for a tournament.

That tournament will be the Lightning's only exhibition action this season.

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Sudoku Answer

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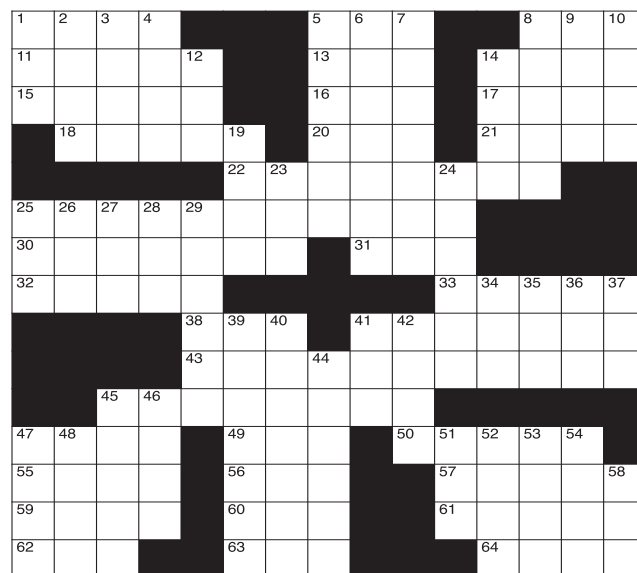
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- Small constellation
- Pouch
- Beef comes in these
- Chest muscle
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- Greek god of war
- Canadian harbour
- Firearm
- Deities
- North, Central and South
- After the 16th
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- Rhythmic patter in Indian



music

- Invests in little enterprises
- Highest point
- Incomes
- Poisonous plant
- Period in astronomy
- Passed with flying colors
- Professional certificate
- Dublin college scholar
- Heroic tale
- Satisfy
- student, learns healing
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- Not the start
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Cremation has taken place and at his request no prayers or service will take place.
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Survived by husband Ed of 20 years; brother Walter Tomchuk (Marion); sister Barbara Olender; Ed's family in Ontario; many nieces and nephews who loved to spend time with Aunt Sophie xoxo.

Predeceased by parents Thomas and Julia Tomchuk; first husband Baldur Finnbogason; son Barry Finnbogason; brother-in-law Bob Olender; and nephew Tyler.

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