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# Arborg and neighbouring communities run for Terry Fox

By Patricia Barrett

People from Arborg and neighbouring communities came out in full force last Sunday to help raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Community volunteers have been organizing an annual Terry Fox Run for over 25 years, joining 9,000 other communities across Canada to help raise money for cancer research.

Arborg's event, held at the fire hall, included a head shave and hair-do fundraiser, silent auction, barbecue lunch sponsored by Noventis Credit Union, activities for the kids and guest speakers.

Hairstylist Melanie Johannesson from Riverton spoke about her personal battle with breast cancer and the importance of striking a balance between one's work and personal life.

"We can be angry and upset and feel sorry for ourselves or we can accept it, keep calm and be happy," she said, referring to her diagnosis in 2016. "I decided I wasn't going to waste any of my energy on being angry."

Fourteen days after chemotherapy, Johannesson started losing her hair. But she experienced far worse symptoms.

"Chemo taught me a lot," she said. "I know what it feels like to be full of poison. It's hard on the organs. The drugs they give you to combat nausea worked good, but they caused depression each time I would withdraw from the meds. Nothing could cheer me up. I now understand depression and the chemical imbalance that occurs in the brain."

Johannesson then faced a major decision when she found out she carried a gene mutation that ran in her family.

"Prophylactic [preventative] surgery was suggested to help decrease the risk of another primary cancer forming in my breast tissue," she said, "and I decided to get implants. This decision still haunts me as I try to heal from that loss."

After that, she underwent radiation therapy.



Hairdresser Melanie Johannesson from Riverton spoke about her battle with cancer.



Cohen Barylski and Kristi Peters from Riverton spoke about the importance of supporting the community.

"What I learned is if you're willing and want it bad enough, there's always a way [to get healthy]," she said, referring to the soul-searching journey she embarked on after completing all her medical treatments. "I also questioned why do we behave the way we do? Why do we make ourselves so busy we don't have time to deal with our emotions, pain or problems?"

Cohen Barylski and Kristi Peters from Riverton took part in the run to not only help raise money but to also lend support to the community.



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The Arborg Terry Fox Run Committee (left to right): Dale Stanowski, Ingen Mueller, Claudia Kozera, Joanne Johnson, Shawna Adair, Gloria Dudar and Nadine Gislason. Missing from the photo is Donna Gislason and Chris Cottingham.



Gary Johannesson and his wife Melanie (behind him) led the joggers in the Terry Fox Run.

"It is a good cause and it's helpful to do this every year," said Peters. "And it's important to create a sense of community."

Former RM of Armstrong Reeve Gary Wasylowski, MC for the event, spoke about Arborg's 25-plus years helping the Terry Fox Foundation support cancer research.

"This community alone has raised close to \$200,000 for cancer research," he said. "And last year was \$14,000. You

have to thank yourselves for that. This is about defeating a terrible disease."

Organizing committee member Claudia Kozera said earlier in the day, about seven people registered for the hair fundraiser.

"We usually get a few spontaneously who will shave their head or cut their ponytail," she said. "This year we went a little bit crazy by offering people a chance to colour their hair, any colour they want — purple, pink, orange."

Before participants set off, they took part in a warm-up in the fire hall's parking lot. The department's rescue and command vehicles then led walkers, joggers, cyclists, wheelchairs and dogs through the streets of Arborg.

Winnipeg-born Terry Fox developed bone cancer when he was 18 and had his right leg amputated below the knee. In 1980 he launched his Marathon of Hope, a coast-to-coast run to raise money for cancer research. After running 5,000 kilometres, the cancer spread to his lungs and he had to stop. He died in 1981 at the age of 22.

Arborg's fundraising tally wasn't available at press time.



Participants in the 37th Annual Terry Fox Run. Arborg's runs have raised about \$200,000 for cancer research over 25 years.



# Tim Hortons sells over 1,600 smile cookies in Ashern

By Jeff Ward

A weeklong effort to sell as many Smile Cookies as possible ended with a doubling of the expected total with more than 1,600 cookies purchased from Tim Hortons in Ashern.

The Ashern Arena will benefit greatly from the funds, said president Tyler Geisler, who added that the community support on this fundraiser was inspiring.

From Sept. 11 to 17, the Ashern Tim Hortons sold 1,615 Smile Cookies. He

explained that staff at the location told him that many people were coming in and buying dozens of cookies at a time. The funds raised will pay for the installation of the ice this winter along with some of the Zamboni costs.

"It's very inspiring to see all of the amazing people come together and help support our community arena," said Geisler, who also credits Tim Hortons manager Sharona Foster for promoting the cookie sale all week.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Every \$1 from the purchase of a Smile Cookie sold at Tim Hortons in Ashern last week was donated directly to the Ashern Arena totalling \$1,615.

# Beach show n' shine



EXPRESS PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Car enthusiasts convened in Winnipeg Beach on Sunday for their annual Under the Boardwalk Show n' Shine hosted by the town along with the Gimli Car Club. More than 100 cars were entered in the show, including crowd favourite Bill Chartier's 1932 3 Window Ford Coupe. Guests were also treated to a pancake breakfast and an afternoon performance on the bandstand by the South Thunderbird Band. Entry to the show was a contribution to the Evergreen Basic Needs Food Bank of a non-perishable food item or a cash donation.



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# 'Hometown Hero' helping those battling Parkinson

By Natasha Tersigni

By 2031, it is anticipated that the number of Canadians over the age of 40 diagnosed with Parkinson's will increase by 65 per cent.

In Manitoba, there is an estimated 6,800 individuals diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

To raise awareness and funds for research into the complex neurological disease, 89 walkers came out on Sunday for Gimli's 8th annual Parkinson's Canada SuperWalk.

This year, organizers decided to put a face to the disease and asked Gary Einarson to be the 'Hometown Hero.' The Gimli resident has battled Parkinson's since 2009 and now works to help others organizing a monthly support group.

"I started the group because I thought others like myself could benefit from meeting and being around each other," said Einarson, who is the president of the Gimli Parkinson's Support Group.

"Parkinson's is a progressive disease so daily tasks are now taking me more time, and down the road, I will need help doing basic things such as getting dressed in the morning. It is important to be able to talk with others going through the same challenges." The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Gimli Betel Home boardroom located at 96-1st Ave. in Gimli. There are a number of different speakers that come out and different topics are discussed. The group is open to people battling Parkinson's along with their family members and friends. For more information, contact Gary Einarson at 204-642-7365.



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A large crowd of 89 came out on Sunday for Gimli's 8th annual Parkinson's Canada SuperWalk. The walk raised \$24,708.17, with pledges still coming in, for Parkinson Canada, which is a national group that provides support services and education to people living with Parkinson's disease.

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Gimli resident Gary Einarson was named the walk's 'Hometown Hero' this year. Having been diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2009, Einarson leads a monthly support group to help others living with the disease.



Brooke Barker, left, her brother Kynan and dog Rossco took part in the walk to support their grandfather who was diagnosed with Parkinson's.



# Annual Pumpkinfest to celebrate 25 years Sept. 23

By Jennifer McFee

It's a milestone year for the Teulon Pumpkinfest, and attendees can look forward to an old-fashioned good time to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the annual event.

The fall festivities will take place rain or shine on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with activities in the hall, outside the hall and in the school grounds.

Hosted by the Teulon and District Agricultural Society, the family-friendly event offers something for everyone.

"It's our 25th annual, so we're really excited," said Darci Loehmer, co-chair of the Teulon and District Ag Society. "We've brought some of our past activities that we used to do at Pumpkinfest, like the pancake breakfast that will be put on this year by the Lions Club. We also have a cute baby contest this year, which is something they used to do so we thought we'd bring it back in honour of the 25th."

Along with favourite activities from the past, this year's event also offers some new additions.

"We have wagon rides this year, which is new," Loehmer said.

"We also have old-fashioned games

this year, which is new. So the kids can come and do potato sack races, bobbing for apples and all that great stuff."

Entertainment abounds with a juggling performance by Robin Chestnut and fiddle music by Patti Kusturok. Speakers will provide presentations about making birch syrup, spinning wool, raising milk goats, raising chickens and beekeeping basics.

In addition, about 40 vendors will be selling their wares both inside and outside the hall. Animal lovers can look forward to dog agility shows and the petting zoo.

Of course, prizes will also be awarded for the largest pumpkin, with \$1,000 for the first-place winner, \$500 for second place and \$300 for third place.

In total, there are 45 categories in the fair competition, including vegetables, plants and flowers, canning, photography, baking with pumpkin and much more. A full list of categories is posted online at [www.teulon-pumpkinfest.com](http://www.teulon-pumpkinfest.com).

Adding to the excitement, the Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission will be doing their ball drop to wrap up their fundraiser to help cover



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Owen and Ethan Shymko will have a truckload of pumpkins for sale at Teulon's Pumpkinfest this Saturday.

costs to work on the hall's front stairs. At 3:30 p.m., they'll drop up to 900 golf balls from a helicopter into the Teulon Elementary School field, and the winner will get a \$3,000 cash prize.

As for the Teulon Pumpkinfest event, the admission and sponsorship pays for the day.

"The Ag Society is a non-profit organization, so whatever we make, we put into the event," Loehmer said.

Tickets cost \$5 per person or \$20 per family (with a maximum of six people). For more information, including a full schedule of events, visit [www.teulonpumpkinfest.com](http://www.teulonpumpkinfest.com).

# Lake Manitoba levels benefited from hot, dry summer

By Jeff Ward

Lake Manitoba residents have received some good news with the level on the lake measuring one foot lower than it was at the start of the summer due to the hot, dry conditions.

The lake currently sits at 812.5 feet, which is right at the peak of its operating range of 810.5-812.5.

University of Winnipeg biology professor and science advisor for the Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders (ALMS) Scott Forbes said that the lake has benefited greatly from the near drought and hot weather. The good news continues as the upstream flows from Lake Winnipegosis have also decreased while lake levels drop. Lake Manitoba is netting a loss

of approximately 1,500 cfs through the Fairford Water Control Structure.

Forbes said the conditions have been "extremely favourable" this summer, which has put the lake into a good position heading into the fall and the winter months.

"You just never really know what's going to happen and I'm certainly pleased to see the level down this low. I can finally see the lawn in front of my property," said Forbes.

"You'd certainly like to see it lower than it is now before the winter because we are at the top of the operating range. But a lot of that depends on what the province does in regards to Fairford, as most years they squeeze that flow down to prevent frazil ice."

Forbes said that last year the government made the choice to leave the Fairford structure wide open and, in his view, that ultimately saved Lake Manitoba from flooding this year. Whether the province makes that same decision this year is unclear at this time. Forbes said that he would like to see last year's decision made the same this year so as to keep lowering the level throughout the winter.

The problem is, as Forbes admits, that making decisions like that essentially moves the problem to another area. Reducing Fairford flows hurts Lake Manitoba but keeping them the same could hurt the Dauphin River. It's a delicate balance of Mother Nature that is a near impossible feat of

weather prediction and water management.

"There are no good choices, just some that are less bad than others. The decision to squeeze off outflow at Fairford would translate to a reduction of three inches a month on Lake Manitoba," said Forbes.

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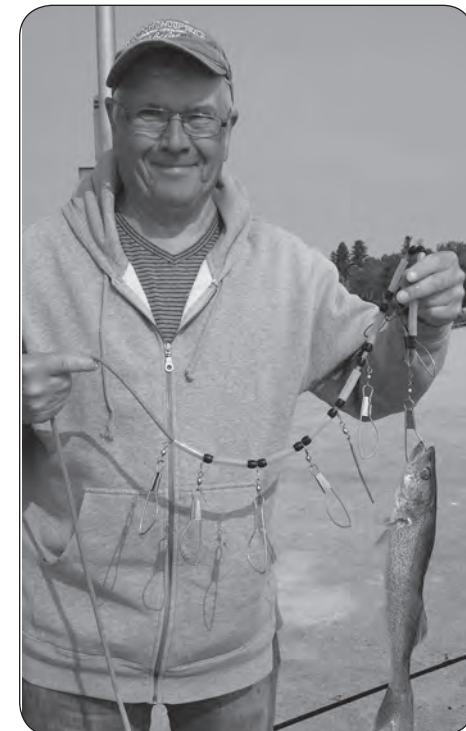
Greeting pals.

Every commercial fisher I have ever met had a stand out character and late last week another one, young, full of fun, Jason Donald from Selkirk crossed my path. Along with his short brown hair and beard, a perpetual smile and a slight squint from being in the outdoors a lot, he had a knack for telling stories including this one he had for us. A few years ago he, his dad Richard and a friend, Steve, were late winter fishing off the western shore of Lake Winnipeg. They had finished lifting nets and Jason led for home on his sled while dad and Steve followed in their bombardier. Jason bounced along for a while then stopped and turning on his seat could not see the bombardier. Concerned, he spun around and retraced his snow tracks. It didn't take that long before he saw what looked like a dark bulge on the horizon. The closer he got, he realized it was the bombardier with its nose in the air and the rear end half submerged in water having broken through the ice. "I didn't know we could bail out of that rig so fast, we're dry," dad proclaimed to Jason as he stepped off his sled. The men walked around the bombardier looking for a way to free it. The auger on the back of the unit had caught the ice and was holding it up. Richard knew a friend on shore and sent Jason to get help. The friend brought a big old Alpine snowmobile and in the darkening cooling afternoon pulled them out. Days later Jason learned that the first thing dad did when he got home was

to go buy two survival suits for himself and Steve. Jason never said much but always wondered why dad never bought him one too.

It was a pure pleasure being on the Victoria pier last week visiting with anglers in the sunny hazy afternoon. One fellow George Borgesen who lives close by at Hillside caught my attention. He didn't talk much at first but when his love of fishing took over, in his firm voice and little bursts of humor, he shared a couple of stories that gave cause to chuckle! He has this "ocean going kayak" with an electric motor and has had some peculiar fishing experiences with it in the bay here. One time he caught a huge carp. That thing towed him back and forth across the bay for a half an hour with George screaming unkind damnations at it before it finally slipped the hook. Another time he caught a monster jackfish and fought it working his motor and keel keeping the fish ahead of him until he felt the fish was weakening. He reeled it in broadside hoping to get a photo and release it but it took off around the backside of the kayak. The line got caught in the prop dragging the fish in and in George's words, "the motor killed it!"

On the pier at Lockport last Tuesday I met a most engaging guy Lenny Giacomini from Grand Marais. He was a big wisecracking chap with a full, wholesome clean shaven face and head who when he told a story everybody crowded around. Lenny said he was fishing here a while back when a neighboring angler caught something



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George Borgesen with his catch at Victoria Beach pier.

very heavy. It pulled downstream hard bending the guys rod so far over he grabbed the line and began bringing in whatever was on bare handed. Suddenly in the splashing rumbling turbulent current of the locks' waters a string of fish rolled to the surface. The white bellies of the strung bass tumbled together with the one most forward having taken the anglers baited hook! Everybody moved to the edge of the pier exclaiming loudly at the spectacle. Then they rushed to help, flopping down on their stomachs side by side with their nets. They

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# Gimli Dairy farmer opens door for annual event

By Natasha Tersigni

Noon-hour milking at Jason Porteous's dairy farm drew a larger crowd than normal this past Sunday.

For the eighth year in a row, Porteous welcomed the public to his Gimli area Mission Trail Farms for Open Farm Day organized by the Manitoba Association of Agriculture Societies (MAAS).

Joining 46 Manitoba farms and sites from across the province, including three from the Interlake, Porteous and his family opened their operation to guests for the day. Along with viewing the 50-cattle noon-hour milking,

the public was able to tour his facility including the popular calf barn.

"This is something that we have been involved with since it launched eight years ago. We think it is very important that people know where their food comes. It just doesn't show up on the shelves at grocery stores and it is a great opportunity for the public to come see farms and how they operate," said Porteous, who added that throughout the year he gives tours to many groups and organizations.

"We have an open-door policy here. We are proud of what we do here and we like to share it."



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Jason Porteous, the owner of Mission Trails Farm located just south of Gimli, demonstrates how the milking machine operates to guests. This is the eighth year in a row that the farm has participated in Open Farm Day.



Rocco Jackson was happy to help with feeding.

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worked in tandem and pinching the string of fish between their nets, the anglers landed the writhing bunch. It was obvious some boat angler in the middle of the Red had lost the string of fish and looking at them they were too far gone to release so the guy who first tagged them took them home.

As he wiped the slime and smell of fish off his hands and packed up he tossed a little joke to his newfound fishing gang saying, "This has to be a record for the most bass caught with one cast!"

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# Grahamdale Fire Department acquires new Jaws of Life

By Jeff Ward

A new highly versatile Jaws of Life is now in the hands of Grahamdale Fire Department staff that will begin training on the device next month.

The machine will replace the old battery-operated hydraulic rescue tool that is capable of cutting and spreading metal as well as opening tight spaces.

Grahamdale fire chief Keegan Russell said that while this piece of equipment is \$34,000, its versatility and less cumbersome nature will make it easier to use. Russell explained that the old model they had was heavy and large and took too much time to set up. This new version, made by Holmatro, is set up in literally seconds — he just presses a button and it's ready to go.

The rescue tool was delivered a few weeks ago and a training session will take place Oct. 13-15 for all members.

"We're all looking forward to that session, especially some of our new members who've never used this type of tool before," said Russell.

"I'm still in the process of getting it mounted to our truck properly as well. It's so much more capable than our old one, which we just never used because of how long it takes to set up. Sometimes we don't have that kind of time. We've used the new one a bit in the fire hall but haven't had any real-world uses yet."

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Like most pieces of equipment in the fire hall, the new hydraulic rescue tool is something Russell hopes he'll never have to use. But it's one that, if the occasion calls for, will shave minutes off of a rescue time. Russell is really happy the RM was able to purchase a new piece of gear. Through his research and speaking with

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Grahamdale fire chief Keegan Russell proudly shows off the department's Jaws of Life equipment.

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The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's Minds in Motion® program will continue to run in Gimli this fall. Come experience the program at the open house on Monday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Gimli New Horizons 55+ Centre. This is the perfect opportunity to find out if the program is right for you.

Minds in Motion® is a two-hour program, running for eight weeks, that combines physical activity, socialization and mental stimulation for people living with early to moderate symptoms of dementia to attend with a family member or community friend.

"I'm so happy the program is running at our facility again," says Jonie Johnson, facility manager for Gimli New Horizons 55+ Activity Centre. "It is very popular in the community, so make sure to register early."

The two main components of the program include 45 to 60 minutes of physical exercise led by a trained physical activity leader and 45 to 60 minutes of mentally stimulating ac-

tivities facilitated by the Minds in Motion® program co-ordinator and volunteers. A coffee break is provided to offer refreshments and a chance to socialize with others living similar experiences.

The eight-week Minds in Motion program in Gimli will run once a week for two hours, from 1 to 3 p.m., beginning on Monday, Oct. 16. To register, call the Gimli New Horizons 55+ Centre at 204-642-7297.

"The Minds in Motion® program is a great way for people impacted by dementia to take care of their hearts, minds and bodies," says Val Adrian, local community member and Minds in Motion® team leader. "It brings together people with dementia and their family and friends in a community setting, giving them the opportunity to normalize the relationship in a way that is not influenced by the illness."

To find out more about the Minds in Motion program, visit [alzheimer.mb.ca/mindsinmotion/](http://alzheimer.mb.ca/mindsinmotion/).



# Hunters to gather in Lundar for annual goose shoot

By Jeff Ward

In just two weeks' time 20 teams of hunters will look to the sky in the Lundar area in an attempt to win the 41st annual Lundar All Canada Goose Shoot.

The goose shoot, being held this year on Oct. 6-7, is an extremely popular event run by the Lundar Elks that sees hunters from all over the province, the country and even from south of the border converge on Lundar. Each team has four hunters and is randomly assigned a field and two spotters. The spotters provide information about the field to the hunters and act as the best resource of information on where the birds are going to come from. Each hunter has a limit of five geese, so no more than 20 geese can be downed by any one team.

Jim Law is a member of the goose shoot committee and is leading the organizing effort this year. He said that there's always excitement as the event gets closer. Currently, Law said,

the fields that the hunting teams will go to are still being determined and will be decided on the week before the event.

"All the landowners are very good, they'll shut down their fields on their own just for the goose shoot," said Law.

"They all volunteer their fields for us and they want to be a part of it. We actually give all land owners \$25 for the use of their fields and most of them don't even take it, or they'll mail the cheque right back."

The goose shoot is actually an important part of wildlife conservation and events like this play an important role in population control. Law said hunters are the best conservationists and if they're not out there hunting, populations grow out of control and the risk of diseases spreading grows as well.

The challenge of the event is sig-

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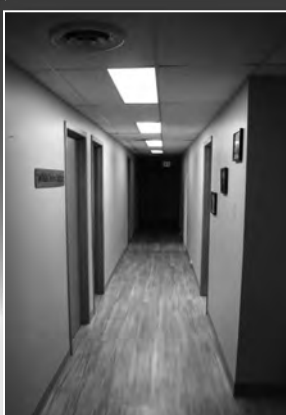



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Twenty teams of hunters will be competing in the 41st annual Lundar All Canada Goose Shoot next weekend. Last year the goose shoot came down to a wingspan measurement in a very exciting finish.

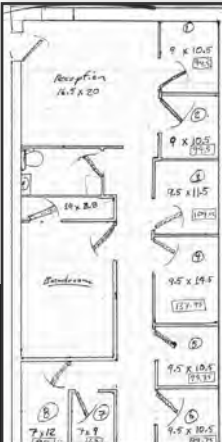
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# Deforested public reserve buzzing with tension (Part 2)

By Patricia Barrett

A few Valhalla Beach cottagers intent on having a view of the lake (albeit from 350 feet away) have gutted about an acre of forest on a public reserve owned by the municipality of Bifrost-Riverton (see Part 1, *Express Weekly News* Sept. 7 edition).

In Part 2, the importance of maintaining vegetation along Lake Winnipeg's shoreline to prevent erosion and protect water quality is underscored, as well as a need for enforceable guidelines.

Two sets of cottagers, whom Valhalla residents refer to as the tree-cutters and the bushwhackers, have cut trees and cleared underbrush from an area about 300 feet deep and 100 feet wide based on an updated estimate obtained by the *Express* (originally reported as 200 x 70 feet).

Brenda, who doesn't want her last name used, has been writing letters to the RM for the past few years, outlining the destruction she says has taken place over a few decades and asking the RM to put a stop to it.

"I've sent letter after letter," said Brenda, who bought her cottage in 2012 and slowly became aware of opposition to the clear-cutting. "If we could keep them off it, in a year or two the reserve would start to re-grow."

Brenda has the support of about 20 other property owners. One of her neighbours, a year-round resident, said he's concerned about the RM's indifference.

"Our RM really doesn't do anything," said the man, who requested anonymity because of the tension. "I don't understand how people can [cut trees] because it's not their property. It doesn't belong to them."

The resident cited a general lack of RM maintenance in Valhalla, including a failure to clean out ditches into which some residents dump grass clippings and ignoring a badly crumbling dike running along the south end of the community.

"The RM doesn't care about this area," he said. "That's why [tree cutting] is not a big issue for them. They've got to start doing stuff around here because people do whatever they want. The tree cutting is done. What are they going to do? Tell them [tree-cutters] to go plant trees there?"

Re-planting is exactly what Brenda has in mind and is even willing to foot the bill. She's also asked the RM to consider splitting the reserve into two sections, designating the northernmost — the one on which the cottagers are hacking down trees — a protected forest.

"We also suggested that we could re-plant the trees, but they [RM] won't [entertain the idea]," said Brenda. "I feel like I'm down a rabbit hole. I don't understand this council."

In response to years of residents' complaints, the RM implemented a tree removal policy in November 2016.

"No standing tree(s) are to be removed from Public Reserve land without written permission from the Municipality," it states. "Any tampering with standing tree(s) is not permitted. Tampering includes, but is not limited to, scoring, notching, salting and burning."

The problem is the RM "doesn't enforce it," said Brenda. "There no fines, no consequences."

Coun. Frode Andersen, in whose ward Valhalla lies, said the RM needs proof before it can levy fines.

"The municipality does not have the recourse to monitor every tree on all public reserves along Lake Winnipeg," said Andersen, who has been in touch with residents concerned about the clear-cutting. "But if someone has proof of who cut down trees without a permit, we will gladly send them a fine of \$500 per tree."

Reeve Harold Foster confirmed the RM hasn't issued any tree-cutting fines.

"It's a tricky situation," he said. "We don't have a bylaw officer and it's up to council to deal with it. But our intention is to go out there and stop it. We want to have a meeting with these people."

Foster said council would consider letting residents re-plant trees on the reserve, but "we'd have to take it on a request-by-request basis."

Alexis Kanu, director of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, emphasizes the importance of maintaining shoreline vegetation because "it's our last line of defence in protecting water quality in our lake."

"Native vegetation along riparian areas or shorelines is recognized to pre-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Stumps and shaved stumps are all that remain of a forest that once flourished on part of Valhalla's public reserve.

vent erosion and run-off," said Kanu. "That has the benefit of retaining nutrients and soil particles and preventing those from getting into the water." But reaching a consensus with shoreline stakeholders has been difficult.

"There really is a need for a set of comprehensive shoreline management guidelines around Lake Winnipeg," said Kanu. "We've done a little bit of work in the past with municipalities and developers and planning organizations, and what came out of that was everybody is a bit confused: jurisdiction is unclear and responsibility and enforcement is unclear."

"And ultimately we're leaving our shorelines at risk when we don't have a widely recognized, adopted and enforced system to manage them."

Kanu said conservation districts, municipal governments and planning districts need to come to the table, along with the provincial government, which already manages certain aspects of the lake.

In July 2012, the Victoria Beach Shoreline Advisory Committee urged the province to bring "uniformity" to shoreline management practices around the entire South Basin.

A Sustainable Development spokesperson indicated shoreline management is not the province's lookout.

"Public reserves like the land in question at Valhalla Beach are a municipal responsibility," he said. "Complaints about the land, or people cut-

ting trees on municipal land should be directed to the municipality."

The Eastern Interlake Planning District, which oversees sustainable municipal growth, has no sway over established shoreline areas.

"We don't have the authority to say you can't remove the vegetation," said CAO and development officer Nancy Thom.

The EIPD can, however, recommend that future developments preserve a certain amount of vegetation.

"For new subdivisions or additional lots on subdivisions, there's a buffer that has to be established," said Thom. "They're required to have a 99-foot public reserve of native vegetation to slow down the rate of erosion."

Thom said it's important to maintain a continuous line of vegetation along the shore because storm surges and periods of high water on Lake Winnipeg can "undermine the shoreline for people who live beside a [cleared] area."

"There may be costs down the road to taxpayers. And if the RM were to apply for disaster assistance, [failing to maintain the shoreline] would cost the province money."

Protection of property, along with property values, is one of the reasons Brenda and other Valhalla residents are keen to restore the clear-cut reserve to its former forested state.

"I'm totally uncompromising," said Brenda. "I want it returned to as natural a state as possible."

## > GOOSE SHOOT, FROM PG. 9

nificant. Not only do the hunters have to be good marksman, but they also have to look for the biggest bird in the sky. Winners are first chosen by the number of birds they kill, but if two or more teams shoot the same num-

ber, then the next deciding factor is by the combined weight of all birds. Last year there was a three-way tie and the wingspan had to be measured to determine the winner.

"Last year was very exciting. You just

don't see that kind of a finish happen very often," said Law.

The goose shoot also has another exciting element to it as well in the form of the *calcutta*. The night before the shoot at the Lundar Elks Community Hall a big feast takes place where the teams, fields and spotters are all

drawn. Following that draw, those teams are auctioned off for big bucks but can pay out even more if the team wins the event. Last year the first place team, Matt Diamond, Allan Bindle, Scott Ward and Wayne Diamond, was purchased by Farrell Pott for \$2,500 and won him more than \$12,000.



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# Peguis beaver-trapping program to help mitigate flooding

By Patricia Barrett

Peguis First Nation's Emergency Operations Centre applied for federal funding to trap problematic beavers in the community in order to help mitigate the potential for flooding caused by dens and dams.

William Sutherland, who co-ordinates the Operations Centre and who was just appointed housing director, is in the process of getting trappers with the Peguis Hunters & Gatherers organization and students from Peguis Central School to take part in the initiative, which can hopefully start sometime this fall.

"It's a year-round problem," said Sutherland. "In the winter time, the culverts throughout Peguis — the majority of them — are compromised by beaver dams built right on them, and they block the flow of water. They also build right inside the culverts."

Part of Sutherland's job with the Operations Centre is to look for different ways to help prevent flood damage to Peguis, which experiences both major and minor flooding events every year.

Earlier this year, he submitted a proposal to the federal government for a unique diverter system (created by his brother Westcott) and pressur-



Beavers can cause flooding problems.

ized sump pumps, as well as water pressure pump/tank replacements. And in June, he gave a presentation to Indigenous and Northern Affairs, detailing Peguis' beaver population and the benefits of establishing a trapping program to minimize flooding.

Sutherland also applied for a grant under the federal government's First Nations Adapt Program, which provides funding to communities below the 60th parallel to assess and respond



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Beaver den on a creek.

to climate change impacts. The funding proposal for the beaver bounty program has been sent on to Environment Canada for consideration.

INAC's website states climate change is already having an impact and will continue to impact communities across Canada "with significant implications for infrastructure and community well-being. First Nations communities are particularly vulnerable due to their location and close

ties to the land."

"It's \$25 per beaver tail with a total of 200 beavers to be caught," said Sutherland. "And the program will stop once that limit is reached."

There are about 1,200 homes on Peguis, some more vulnerable to flooding than others. Sutherland and his team have identified six key areas with beaver dams, which cause water

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# Interlake farmers losing livestock to predators

By Jeff Ward

It's been a very hard summer for many Interlake livestock producers who have had their herds attacked by coyotes, timberwolves and even bears.

Producers from all over the Interlake are feeling the loss from wild animals attacking and killing their livestock. Sheep are some of the most vulnerable to these attacks this summer.

Richard Payment is a sheep and grain producer from Fisher Branch who's lost at least 50 head of lamb this summer. The number, he said, could be as high as 80 as he is still working to confirm the losses. He said the hit financially is ap-

proximately \$200 a head, which could mean a loss of as much as \$16,000 come December when it's time to sell. "This year, it was a massacre out there," said Payment about his fields.

**"THIS YEAR, IT WAS A MASSACRE OUT THERE."**

"My lamb flock was decimated. You will lose a few in any given year. That's just part of doing business, but I've been out here for some 12-15 years and I've never seen anything like this."

Many producers in the Interlake echo Payment's comments. Don Reimer is a producer in Faulkner who said that, by his memory, this has been the worst year for predator attacks he's ever seen. And while he personally



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Neil Brandstrom demonstrates a snare that he would place to catch coyotes similar to what is being used on Richard Payment's sheep farm in Fisher Branch.

hasn't had any losses, another producer he rents land to has been hit hard. Neil Brandstrom, one of the regional directors of the Manitoba Trappers

Association, also believes this to be one of the worst years for predator

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# Lundar Ag Society welcomes people for Open Farm Day

By Jeff Ward

Over 100 people attended Open Farm Day events hosted by the Lundar Agricultural Society last weekend when dozens of activities gave participants hands-on time with farm animals.

Lundar Ag Society secretary treasurer Cynthia Wirgau said that this was the group's first time participating in Open Farm Day and that they are already making plans for next year.

Open Farm Day, Sept. 17, is organized by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies (MAAS) and is an annual event that allows people to visit farms, ask questions and learn more about various farming operations across the province. Of the 48 host sites in Manitoba this year, four sites were located in the Interlake, two of which in the RM of Coldwell.

The Lundar Ag Society organized various activities including horseback



A Texas longhorn was one of the interesting animal sights during Open Farm Day in Lundar.

riding, a hay bale maze, stick horse



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA WIRGAU  
Sigga and Steina Vigfusson pose in a frame marking Open Farm Day in Lundar.

ket. Some of the farm animals on display were a Texas longhorn, goats, ducks, miniature horses, rabbits and more.

## Eriksdale Corn Roast raises \$2,000 for recreation centre

By Jeff Ward

Hundreds of ears of fresh corn provided the perfect fall side dish to a fundraising dinner and dance event in Eriksdale on Sept. 3, raising \$2,000 for the Eriksdale Recreation Centre.

Organizer Jerry Saunders said that this year's event was more about bringing the community together than it was about raising money. Saunders explained that it's more important to him that people come together to share a good meal and have a fun time than it is about rais-

ing money to help pay the bills of the centre. This year's profit equaled what was raised last year and Saunders said the event saw approximately 150 people take part.

"We were really pleased with it and everyone who came seemed to be happy as well. For us, it's more than just a fundraiser; it's about keeping an event going that's been happening for more than 60 years," said Saunders.

The money raised will help with building maintenance and future renovation projects.



EXPRESS PHOTOS TAKEN BY LESLIE SAUNDERS  
Dancers packed into the Eriksdale Recreation Centre for the town's annual Corn Roast dinner and dance, raising \$2,000 for the building.



Eva and Emma Pool are all smiles after a feast of corn.

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to backflow into residential properties through foundations and windows.

The partnership with Peguis Central School will not only give Sutherland extra pairs of hands but will also provide students with an opportunity to practise their cultural traditions.

"Through the established efforts of people like Mike Sutherland, Wayne Manningway, William Bird (trappers) and teachers like Bernie McCorrister, they take students out to a Peguis camp for a weekend or at various times during the week to fish, trap and hunt," said Sutherland. "It's a win-win for everybody because the students are going to be learning how to maintain their heritage and culture.

"And the trappers will get \$25 per beaver tail, which is pretty well equivalent to current provincial

rates that are usually enforced during the year."

Every part of the beaver will be put to good use by the community, he said.

"The fur is used to teach people how make mukluks. The meat is eaten, too, so nothing goes to waste."

Sutherland's grandmother used to serve beaver and muskrat to him and his brothers when they visited her.

"We'd be eating our second plate and we'd say, 'By the way, what is this?'" he said. "She didn't tell us in advance. She'd wait until we were filled up!"

The beaver bounty program will help the low-lying community deal with yearly flooding and help mitigate costly evacuations and damages to homes, businesses and roads.

"Minimum investment, maximum protection," said Sutherland.





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# Local farmers donate to CFGB to combat world hunger

By Patricia Barrett

A group of Arborg and Bifrost farmers concerned about global food hunger will once again be donating the proceeds of a wheat crop to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

About a dozen area farmers, part of the Arborg & District Growing Project, got out their combines and grain trucks Sept. 11 to bring in the harvest.

The Arborg growing project began about 25 years ago and was the first group in Manitoba to launch a community donation project to support the CFGB in its efforts to alleviate hunger. The group rents a piece of land north of Arborg, sells whatever crop it produces then donates the proceeds.

"Yesterday we had seven combines," said farmer and businessman Sid Dueck, who has been spearheading the project for a number of years and who brought his combine to the harvest. "But others donated a truck. And throughout the year, we've had more farmers involved. We had somebody else come and seed and spray the crop for us."

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank helps people in the Global South by providing food in times of crisis, financial support for food-growing projects and nutritional support for the malnourished. It also advocates for public policies and educates Canadians about worldwide food crises.

CFGB is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Donations come from individuals, congregations, companies and 268 growing projects.

In 2015-2016, CFGB provided over \$43 million of assistance to over 1 million people in 40 countries, according to its 2016 annual report. Global Affairs Canada (federal government), which oversees international development and humanitarian assistance, provided \$32.5 million in funding to the program.

Manitoba had 50 growing projects in 2016 and contributed \$3,085,820, the highest contributor to the Foodgrains program, followed by Ontario (125 projects) at \$2,835,698 and Alberta (40 projects) at \$2,624,046.

In addition to addressing immediate food shortages that arise as a result of conflicts, prolonged droughts or soil erosion hastened by deforestation activities, CFGB supports agricultural initiatives that improve self-sufficiency.

"They don't want to give just handouts," said Dueck. "They want to go into an area and help them establish their own livelihood. People around the world want to earn their own livelihood; they don't want to be dependent on anyone."

This year was a bumper crop on the Arborg growing project's 75-acre field. Farmers obtained 80 bushels an acre of wheat.



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Arborg and Bifrost farmers will be donating proceeds from about 6,000 bushels of wheat to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



The Arborg & District Growing Project was the first in Manitoba to organize donations to the CFGB.

"That's a very, very good crop. With the government [funding] match, it comes out to a whole lot more," said Dueck.

Local businesses — Paterson Grain, Crop Production Services, Foster Farms, Enns Brothers, Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation, Reimer Building Movers — offered "tremendous support" to the project, said Dueck, through donations of products and services.

Harold Penner, CFGB's Manitoba representative, said farmers across Canada are part of growing projects, but Manitoba farmers are key contributors.

"We have over 5,000 acres like this growing in Manitoba this year and then we have projects in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario," said Penner, who works in the organization's head office in Winnipeg. "And we have some projects in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. We are right across the country, but Manitoba certainly plays a big role."

The church-based CFGB has been in operation for 34 years, said Penner. The Mennonite Central Committee started a project called the Food Bank in the late '70s, attracting other church groups and eventually changing the name.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY SID DUECK

Volunteer farmers brought their combines to help harvest the wheat.

Farmers grow a number of different crops, such as wheat barley oats, canola, soybeans and corn.

Penner's job is to encourage farmers like Dueck to launch growing projects in their respective communities, and he'll also sometimes visit the countries with which his organization works.

"I don't go myself very often," he said. "We have some study tours where we take people out to show them the work that they're supporting, which helps encourage people to work harder in their own communities. We do some of these tours every winter ... to connect with people there who are doing the work."

Penner said the Manitoba growing projects have been exceptional this year.

"We've had a very exceptional crop in certain parts of Manitoba," he said. "Certainly Sid's project was very good. The Interlake crop is fabulous. Down in the south, some of the crops have been very good, too. Because we operate all across the country, we end up with an average. A lot of Saskatchewan and Alberta were quite dry, so we don't know exactly how it will all shake out."

For more information about the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, visit its website at [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca).

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# Province denies FIPPA request for fisheries envoys report

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government denied a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FIPPA) request submitted by the NDP to gain access to a fisheries envoy report scheduled for completion this spring.

NDP environment critic and Wolsley MLA Rob Altemeyer said the party submitted FIPPA requests in the spring and summer, requesting the report, letters and other pertinent information.

"We filed seven different FIPPA requests related to this move by the government," he said, "and the only one we've received a response to is the one saying they're not going to give us any information."

The Conservatives hired third-party consultant Signature Mediation to visit fishing communities after they announced in August 2016 their intention to remove Manitoba from the federal Freshwater Fisheries Management Act (FFMA) and create an open market. They then introduced Bill 23 (to withdraw from FFMA) on March 15 during Signature's contract period. The NDP delayed the bill in April.

The envoys report was to detail fishers' concerns and their advice, and provide recommendations.

Sustainable Development's response dated Aug. 28 states it's in possession of only a "draft" envoys report and sets out a list of reasons for denying the request.

"The report contains advice, opinions and recommendations developed for the public body: consultation and deliberations; as well as, information that include the proposed plans, policies of projects which could reasonably be expected to disclose pending policy decision of the government and is being withheld under subsections 23(1)(a)(b)(f) of FIPPA."

Altemeyer said there is a provision under FIPPA that states if it is advice to cabinet, any government has the right to say "we're not going to share that information" even if that advice was paid for by the taxpayer.

"The government does have the



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Pickerel (walleye) is the mainstay of the Lake Winnipeg fishery, and fishers have expressed concern about how an open market may affect their livelihood.

right to refuse to be accountable to the public. But I don't think that's appropriate," said Altemeyer. "The shocking thing about this is here's a government that has claimed all the fishers are in favour of what they're proposing and they won't even release a report that they've already pre-ordained as to what it's going to say. That's sending out some big red flags to me that what the government has been claiming is false — fishers are not united in any way, shape or form."

During the Gimli meeting last December, envoy Perry Mohr told fishers the province had already made its decision about moving to an open market, and that a politician told him it wasn't a "viable option" for Signature to submit a report, saying "this is the worst idea in the world."

Altemeyer said he thinks that's the reason the Tories refuse to release the report.

"The envoys may well have reported accurately that a clear majority of fishers are opposed to this move, that there are serious problems involved if the government goes ahead. And the government doesn't want that to be public."

Fisher Kris Isfeld, who sits on the

Lake Winnipeg Fishery co-management board representing 100 to 150 South Basin fishers, said right from the get-go democratic process has been turned on its head.

"Do I think it's disgusting when the people the government hires to affirm their political actions tell them they are wrong, they bury the report? Yes," said Isfeld, who had attended the Gimli meeting. "Am I surprised? Of course not."

Sustainable Development spokesperson Andrea Slobodian said the FIPPA process is not "politically driven" and the minister's office "does not make decisions on what is or isn't included."

"While the province has been given a draft version of the report," said Slobodian, "the final report has not been presented to the minister, so it would not be released in this draft stage to media or to FIPPA."

When asked what the cost to taxpayers will be, Slobodian said the value of the publicly tendered contract "was up to \$150,000. However, the process is not complete yet so it would be premature to say what the actual cost will be."

The province's Disclosure of Contracts web page shows the value of

Contract No. 4501008114 at \$150,000. It was issued Oct. 19, 2016, with a term running from Oct. 17, 2016, to March, 31, 2017.

Altemeyer said the 400 or so fishers said to have taken part in the envoys' meetings should have access to the report.

"All the fishers — no matter what their perspective on privatization is — should be opposed to the government's secrecy," he said. "We've given the government an opportunity to be fully accountable and to tell all the fishers and everyone interested in this issue what the envoys heard. The government has slammed the door shut on accountability."

The province is expected to announce a committee hearing on Bill 23. Any citizen can register to speak at the hearing or submit letters by calling the clerk's office at 204-945-3636.

"It's the government's decision on when they want that committee to sit," said Altemeyer, "but they have to give at least two days' notice."

The usual practice, he said, is to call a hearing once the legislature resumes in October, but the government could call it before then.

Slobodian provided the *Express* with a list of the communities/organizations the envoys visited:

Thompson (Nov. 14, 2016); Leaf Rapids (Nov. 15, 2016); Norway House (Nov. 16, 2016); Grand Rapids (Nov. 17, 2016); Gypsumville (Nov. 18, 2016); The Pas (Nov. 28, 2016); Swan River (Nov. 28, 2016); Eddystone (Nov. 29, 2016); Matheson Island (Nov. 30, 2016); St. Laurent (Nov. 30, 2016); Gimli (Dec. 1, 2016); Fisher River (Dec. 2, 2016); Berens River (Dec. 5, 2016); Lake St. Martin (Dec. 6, 2016); Lake Winnipeg Co-management Board (Dec. 7, 2016); Hollow Water (Jan. 17); Poplar River (Feb. 9); Wabowden (Feb. 13); Brochet (Feb. 14); South Indian Lake (Feb. 14); Cross Lake (Feb. 15); Pukatawagan (Feb. 16); Island Lake (Red Sucker Lake, St. Theresa Point and Garden Hill) (Feb. 23).

## Wab Kinew elected leader of the Manitoba NDP

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Wab Kinew has been elected the new leader of the Manitoba NDP, party president David Woodbury announced.

"Today, New Democrats have started a new chapter for our party by electing Wab Kinew as our new leader," said Woodbury. "I want to thank both

of the candidates for putting their names forward and everyone that participated in Leadership 2017."

The 2017 leadership race featured candidates Wab Kinew and Steve Ashton, helping bolster party membership to over 10,000 and attracting 948 delegates to convention.

The result of the delegate vote was

728 for Wab Kinew and 253 for Steve Ashton.

Wab Kinew succeeds interim leader Flor Marcelino, who has led the party since May 2016.

"It's been a humbling day. With all my heart, I want to thank New Democrats for the trust they've placed in me. I will work every day to live up

to that trust and do everyone proud," said Kinew. "The road ahead will be tough, but with the support of my team and my family, we will begin this new era for the NDP with courage and dedication to standing up for all Manitobans."



# Women's Resource Centre benefits from Fishing Derby

By Jeff Ward

Profits from the Lake Manitoba Narrows Game & Fish ladies fishing derby as well as a truckload of food, clothing and household items were donated to the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre last week.

Game & Fish secretary Sue Richter said that the resource centre in Ashern was the perfect benefactor for the profits from their annual fishing derby. Richter explained that last year's profits were also donated to the resource centre. In years before that, donations were made to various breast cancer charities.

The derby, which took place on Sept. 2, was a ringing success this year and Richter said that notice was given before hand to bring in items of clothing and non-perishable food so that a larger donation could be made. She said the ladies outdid themselves and at least eight garbage bags of clothing were donated.

"In the last few years, we've tried to keep the money we donate local," said Richter.

"And the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre was the perfect place to donate to. With the derby being a ladies' event, we wanted to focus our profits in a direction that also benefited women."

Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre executive director Carol Hull said that the donation was a fantastic surprise. Hull is aware that there are many worthy causes to donate money to, so to be chosen for a second year in a row, was very nice. She added that the \$500 would go a long way to helping maintain and provide the services the centre is known for. Counseling, transportation to a safe place of shelter, crisis intervention and more are all part of the centre's mission.

Hull said that the donation of non-perishable food is extremely helpful especially now as more and more people in the region she serves are using it.

"We're seeing that become more in demand so to get donations like that is a big boost for us," said Hull.

**"IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE'VE TRIED TO KEEP THE MONEY WE DONATE LOCAL."**



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SUE RICHTER

Sue Richter, left, presents a \$500 cheque and donations of food, clothing and household items to Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre executive director Carol Hull.

At the end of the day the resource centre has always tried to get across the message to people that every little bit counts. The \$500 is a great boon to the centre and the clothing that will be sold in the second hand store at the

centre will generate even more revenue. Donations like this continue to pay off long after they've been made and Hull said that she is very thankful for Richter's generosity.

# Faith leaders help open hospital's Spiritual Care Centre

By Lindsey Enns

Local faith and spiritual leaders came together for a special dedication ceremony for the Selkirk Regional Health Centre's Spiritual Care Centre last Thursday morning.

Leaders from various local churches took the time to offer a blessing or prayer for the centre, which is located on the second level of the hospital.

"In this space we're gathered here and are invited to centre our souls," said Ron Janzen, the Selkirk Regional Health Centre's chief operating officer and vice-president of corporate services. "This is a space where people will gather to nurture their souls ... and to strengthen their community and build their hope."

Dr. Dan Lindsay, the Selkirk Regional Health Centre's chief of staff, said the spiritual centre provides health care beyond the physical aspects.

"This facility gives us the opportunity to work with people ... all in the

context of spirituality."

A Cavapoo by the name of Cassy also accompanies the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's spiritual health co-ordinator Marion Magnusson during her patient rounds to attend to their spiritual health and care needs.

The Spiritual Care Centre is open to individuals of all religious traditions and spiritual expression.

Honouring symbolism in many faith traditions, the centre is circular in shape and oriented to the east. The space is also designed to make everyone feel welcome and that they are not alone.

Not far from the centre and the palliative care family room is a second floor terrace with doors large enough to accommodate a hospital bed so bedridden patients can enjoy the outdoors if they so wish.

The centre is also equipped to accommodate smudging thanks to a donation province by the construction community.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's spiritual health co-ordinator Marion Magnusson holds her Cavapoo, Cassy, during a special dedication ceremony for the Selkirk Regional Health Centre's Spiritual Care Centre last Thursday morning. Cassy accompanies Magnusson during her patient rounds to attend to their spiritual health needs.



# 'Truly a community facility'

## Hundreds gather for Selkirk Regional Health Centre's official grand opening

By Lindsey Enns

The sounds of a drum circle led by members of Peguis First Nation filled the air and helped kick off the official grand opening of the new Selkirk Regional Health Centre last Thursday.

Hundreds of community members as well as local and area dignitaries packed the front foyer of the hospital to help open Manitoba's newest regional health centre.

"This is a beautiful building ... and it is a remarkable testament to the input of community members, support of community members, and those who are working in the health-care system, you really helped to build and design this building," said Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen during his address to the crowd. "Today we celebrate a building but more than that we celebrate the hearts that are within that building because it will be those things that will truly make a difference and will be remembered for many, many years."

"I want to pay special tribute to those who will work in this building with their healing hands and kind compassion for all Manitobans when they need it most."

Goertzen said the new health centre reflects the region's history and culture and is an instrumental part of ef-

forts to recruit new care providers to the area.

At 180,506 square feet, the new regional health centre is more than two times larger than Selkirk's old hospital. There are an additional 12 beds in the new facility including 53 medical/surgical beds, eight obstetrical beds and four special care beds. The health centre will also offer four bariatric beds for obese patients.

More than 80 per cent of the rooms are single-bed rooms to improve patient safety, comfort and privacy, compared to 20 per cent in the old hospital.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said the hospital is "truly a community facility for our community."

"This is truly remarkable in so many ways," Johannson said during his address to the crowd. "Clearly an exceptional amount of planning and detail went into the making of this centre."

"It promotes the well-being of the patients, the family, the staff and the communities involved."

Johannson added the city is also looking forward to the addition of a training and teaching facility within the hospital that they hope will soon be in place.

"Our hope is to train of the practitioners of tomorrow here in our community today," he said.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Local dignitaries, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority staff, along with Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen, pictured centre, prepare to cut a long red ribbon to officially open the new Selkirk Regional Health Centre last Thursday afternoon.

"New and improved opportunities for care in our regional health centre benefit all residents across the Interlake-Eastern region," said Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ron Van Denakker. "This facility is a focal point in our work with communities across the region to establish a clinical teaching unit that will see us educating future health-care professionals. Teaching units like this are key to attracting new graduates to the region as well as health-care professionals who want to be mentors."

Van Denakker also took the time to thank the community and staff members who worked with the design team to develop the new centre.

The hospital's grand opening ceremony

was followed by an official ribbon cutting public tours of the new centre.

Construction of the new \$111-million health centre began in spring 2014 and the first patients moved in on June 25.

With the idea of wellness in mind, the hospital is home to floor-to-ceiling windows, open-air terraces, rooftop green spaces, natural paint colours and locally quarried limestone walls.

The hospital also houses an expanded emergency department, Cancer-Care program, a family birthing unit, outpatient centre, food services and the region's first MRI machine.

For more information on health-care services in the region, visit [ierha.ca](http://ierha.ca).

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control. In fact, Brandstrom said that it's actually been a bad three years in a row and that this year specifically has been especially bad. He said the reasons for this onslaught is simple: there just aren't enough to eat. Declining populations of deer and moose have made finding food more difficult and as a result hungry predators are going to go where the food is.

"They're hungry and they're going to eat," said Brandstrom, who's been trapping for more than 50 years.

"Wolves are expanding their territory to find food. In Minnesota, there is a no-kill policy for timberwolves and their population is growing. It's the alpha males that do the killing, and most killing is done within five miles of the den."

Payment said that his herd is protected by as many things as he can. He has an electric fence, guard dogs

and even a motion sensor that sends out a high-pitched noise to scare away predators if they come close. But when a wild animal is hungry, aside from standing out there at night with a gun, there's not a whole lot you can do to stop them.

"A friend of mine actually did that a few nights in a row, just patrolled my field and they didn't come around. But instead they showed up in the middle of the day. There's no stopping them," said Payment.

He even explained that the coyotes that were tired of being zapped by the electric fence just dug their way underneath to avoid it. Payment has enlisted the help of Brandstrom who was out setting snares last week and has successfully trapped a few already. Payment said that, thankfully, since Brandstrom has come by, activity has been almost zero and he hasn't

lost any sheep since.

Brandstrom said that he's heard from producers all over the Interlake. Fisher Branch, Ashern, Grahamdale, Steep Rock and Poplar Field are all locations facing high predator activity. The problem is that while there are dozens of sites, there's only a handful of people who know how to do what Brandstrom does. And many of them aren't willing to give up their full-time job to do it.

"There's not a lot of money in this trade so there can be a bit of a wait for us to get out there. The other part of it is that when we do, we can't just lay snares right away. We have to understand and learn the patterns of the animals. We have to track them and then lay some snares," said Brandstrom.

The bad news in all of this is that deer and moose populations aren't going to dramatically swing back and trend upwards. And so the problem facing producers now could get worse

every year. Brandstrom said that it would be a good idea for producers to be proactive over the winter. If they see tracks or other signs of predators, call a trapper to get out ahead of a potential problem next summer.

For producers, there is MASC, the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation that handles all claims of predator losses. Payment said that his insurance covered the loss of 17 of his flock. MASC guidelines require there to be a carcass for a claim to be started, so in some cases where an animal simply goes missing, there is nothing that can be done.

"It's been a terribly frustrating year but I'm quite thankful that Neil came down here because he knows what he's doing and has helped. At the end of the day, the coyotes want to eat and they know the meal was here. That's all they gotta do is eat. They don't have another job," said Payment.



# Tourism awards recognize dedication of local volunteers

By Natasha Tersigni

Interlake Tourism Association (ITA) held their 16th Annual Members Awards Dinner celebrating various people and organizations that have worked throughout the year to promote local tourism.

Awards were handed out in eight different categories during the evening at Anderson's Hitch 'n Post in Grosse Isle on Sept. 14.

Award recipients were nominated following a public call with final award winners being determined by a panel of judges.

Andrea Sweetland was presented the Interlake Award of Distinction for her contributions to the Eriksdale Museum. Sweetland spearheaded several projects and initiatives. The award recognizes exceptional leaders who help develop the Interlake and Manitoba into high-quality tourism destinations.

Two events of the year awards were handed out to recognize an event or project that seeks to increase the visitation to a community or region. The Gimli Glider Exhibit, commemorating an Air Canada Boeing 767 that ran

of out fuel more than 12,000 metres above ground and made a safe emergency landing in Gimli, was chosen for the Event of the Year Award with a budget under \$5,000.

"Captain Robert Pearson did something amazing 34 years ago and we felt we had to preserve the airplane and remember this historic event. This was a community effort and \$100 bill by \$100 bill we were able to make this happen," added exhibit volunteer Barb Gluck.

The Gimli Yacht Club was the recipient of the Event of the Year award with a budget over \$5,000. The club was the sight for the 2017 Canada Games Sailing Competition that hosted 90 athletes, coaches and managers from ten different provinces.

"We had hundreds of volunteers from throughout the Interlake and other parts of the province involved to make this major event happen. With this event, we were able to bring 200 to 300 people to the Interlake and they were able to visit various communities," explained Gimli Yacht Club Commodore Charlie Burns.

Other organizations and individuals



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Gimli Glider Exhibit volunteers, left to right, Dave McNabb, Ron Hall, Gwen Harp and Barb Gluck were presented the Event of the Year Award with a budget under \$5,000 from Interlake Tourism Association board member Angela Emms.

that were recognized throughout the evening included the RM of Grahamdale and their Community Development Corporations' Business Incentive Program (Community Futures West Interlake Economic Development Award); Steep Rock Community Club (2016 Non-Member Interlake Tourism Award); Eriksdale Creamery

Days Fair and Rodeo (Partnership Award); Skinner's Locks Market (Innovation Tourism Award); Association for Community Living Interlake (Community Futures East Interlake Economic Development Award); and Warren resident Charlie Amy (Volunteer of the Year).



RM of Grahamdale Community Development Corporation board member Evelyn Gunther, left, and Coun. Brad Stabner, middle, were presented the Community Futures West Interlake Economic Development Award by ITA board member Diane Bottrell.



Gimli Yacht Club Commodore Charlie Burns, left, and director Eric Turner, middle, accept the Event of the Year Award from ITA board member Angela Emms. The award recognizes the club for hosting the 2017 Canada Games Sailing competition.



Andrea Sweetland, middle, was presented the Interlake Award of Distinction by Lakeside MLA Ralph Eichler, left, and Interlake MLA Derek Johnson. The award recognizes Sweetland for all her work with the Eriksdale Museum.

# Ashern to host Winnipeg Jets Hockey Development Camp

By Jeff Ward

An exciting new opportunity for Interlake hockey players to learn new skills from the Winnipeg Jets professional development coaches is coming to Ashern in November.

The Northwestern Hockey Sports Camp will feature coaches from the Jets Hockey Development's On and Off Ice Training Team from Nov. 3 to 5. The three-day camp will take players from 4 to 14 years through a variety of skating, stick-handling and shooting drills designed to continue their development. The camp will be hosted at the Ashern Arena and will cost \$75

per player for two hours of ice time each day.

Ashern Arena board president Tyler Geisler is one of the people who is helping to bring the camp to Ashern. Geisler said that the cost is cheaper for this camp because he's been able to help offset the costs by covering the expenses of lodging and meals for the coaches who will be instructing the players.

"We wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to be a part of this, and keeping costs low was important," he said. "Hockey is already an expensive game, so to have a

camp with high costs will leave a lot of people out. We're already getting a lot of interest from parents because this camp is part of the Jets organization. People see the low cost and those coaches and they know this is going to worth their while."

Geisler said that the camp was brought to his attention by Lakeshore Recreation Commission's co-ordinator Charlene Bodnarchuk. Bodnarchuk helped him figure out the ways in which the price of the camp could be reduced to make sure that every family had an opportunity to get their child involved.

Geisler has 45 players signed up and that number is growing quickly. He said that there is a soft cap of 70 players for the camp and while a few more might be able to sneak in, he's not sure exactly how many over that limit will be able to get a spot.

"I think that this is going to fill up fast and I've only been taking reservations for a week. If parents want their children in this camp they should get in touch with me right away," said Geisler.

Geisler can be contacted at 204-314-0087 or through email at ty.geisler@gmail.com.



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## Blue Jays win Winnipeg Senior Baseball championship

By Brian Bowman

The Elmwood Giants put a scare into the Stonewall Blue Jays during their Winnipeg Senior Baseball League best-of-seven championship series.

But, in the end, the better team claimed the league championship.

Down 3-0 in the series, Elmwood won two straight games before Stonewall capped off the series win with a convincing 8-3 victory at Fines Field on Sept. 12.

"We really hunkered down on Tuesday night," said the Blue Jays' Adam Kirk. "The boys had a meeting before (the game) and said, 'We really have to get this done' and we just went back to what we were doing in the first (three) games."

"Having good at bats and making their pitcher work — hitting the ball hard at people."

The league title was Stonewall's second in three seasons and sixth overall. The Blue Jays have built a quality organization over the years.

"It's a testament to the way we run things and the attitude that we bring to the park every night," Kirk said. "Everybody is part of the team and we do our best to make sure everyone plays as much as they can. But, at the end of the day, we like to win."

"Guys are told that when they get here and guys check their egos at the door."

The Blue Jays' banged out 11 hits in the game, led by Kirk and Rory Tycoles, who each had two hits from the middle of the Blue Jays' batting order.

Stonewall started the scoring with three runs in the bottom of the second inning. Scott Harris had an RBI infield single and Kyle Turner later smacked a two-run single.

In the third, the Blue Jays took advantage of a couple Giants' miscues to grab a commanding 7-0 lead.

The two teams traded runs in the fourth and then Elmwood added another run in the fifth to close the gap to 8-2.



Stonewall's Eric Swanson pitched a great game on Sept. 12 to help the Blue Jays win the championship in front of a home crowd.

But that would be as close as the Giants would get, despite loading the bases in the seventh inning.

Eric Swanson was very good on the mound for Stonewall, pitching 5 2/3 strong innings while allowing just two runs on three hits. Scott Harris replaced Swanson in relief and got the final four outs.

"We had Swanny on the mound and he has become our big-game pitcher," Kirk said. "He didn't walk anybody and I think he only hit one guy. He gave up three hits ... and when you eliminate your base runners, you can make the game very easy on yourself."

In closing, Kirk wanted to thank all of the fans that came out to watch their championship-winning team this season. He also wanted to thank individuals who helped the team out this past season.

"All the fans that came out to watch us in the final, it was awesome," he enthused. "Hopefully, we can continue to work on the crowds and put a good product on the field."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Blue Jays are the 2017 WSBL champions. Front row left to right: Nick Drews, Eric Swanson, Kyle Heroux, Rory Tycoles, Orrin Hogue, Tyler Tataryn; back row, Adam Kirk, Adam Luellman, Scott Harris, Kyle Turner, Josh Stolar, Emerson Klimpke, Taylor Hagen, Jarrett Hogue, Randy Tesluck, Baily Proctor and James Stolar.



Interlake players included Nick Drews, Jarrett Hogue, Orrin Hogue and Rory Tycoles.

## Kopp competes well with Bison women's golf team

Staff

The University of Manitoba Bison women's golf team finished third at the Jimmie Fall Classic tournament on Sept. 17-18.

Manitoba finished at +120 (348-348+696 total) in the five-team field.

The top Bison was first-year player Marissa Naylor (76-77-153), who was tied for third place at +9. Bison Brynn

Todd (89-89) finished tied for 14th at +34, followed by Tianna Slate (94-97) in 18th place at +37.

Gimli's Lexie Kopp (89-95) was 20th at +40 while Kathlyn Santiano (98-96)

was 25th with +50 among 30 golfers.

The Bison women's golf team will compete at the Mustang Invite in Marshall, Minn., this Saturday and Sunday.



# Defence leads Thunder to exciting home victory

By Brian Bowman

With the game on the line, the Interlake Thunder's defence came up with some huge plays against the Sunrise Coyotes.

And that stellar defensive effort led the Thunder to an exciting 13-12 win over the Coyotes in Midget Football League of Manitoba regular-season action Sunday in Stonewall.

"We escaped with a win," said a relieved Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "It was stressful being on the sidelines, for sure, but it's a lot more fun when the games are close like that."

The Thunder had a costly fumble inside their 10-yard line late in the fourth while leading 13-6. Sunrise capitalized on that miscue and scored a touchdown with 1:21 remaining before attempting a two-point conversion to take the lead.

But that's when the Thunder defence came up with a huge defensive stand to preserve the lead.

"The 'D' got the job done for us a number of times," Obach stressed. "And they stopped both of the Coyotes' two-point conversion attempts that they tried."

Interlake scored a touchdown late in the first quarter and then added another major midway in the second to lead 13-0.

Running back Jordan Lingbeck scored both of the Interlake's TD's. He did a nice job complimenting the strong running of Colton Nedotiafko, said Obach.

But Sunrise got right back in the game with just one play at the end of the first half. The Coyotes picked off a Thunder pass and scooted in for a touchdown.

"I guess I learned my lesson and should have had our (quarterback) take a knee," Obach said sheepishly. "But I thought I would let our quarterback throw one up and it was kind of a bounce-around jump ball that the second defender caught and took back for a pick-six."

Both teams were moving the ball offensively in the second half but could not punch the ball into the end zone.

With the win, Interlake improved its record to 2-1 and the Thunder are now in sole possession of second place in the four-team league. Sunrise, meanwhile, fell to 0-3 and occupies last place.

Both teams will hook up again this Sunday in Oakbank with a 1 p.m. kickoff. This is another key game for the Thunder in what is a short season.

"We can potentially put some space between us and both the Falcons and Coyotes if we can pull (a win) out this week," Obach said.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Fraserwood's Colton Nedotiafko did a great job running the ball during the Thunder's 13-12 win against the Sunrise Coyotes last Sunday.

## Rams win boys' golf title

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams won the Zone 5 boys' golf banner last week by a wide margin over the seven-team field. Stonewall combined to shoot a 266, based on its top three scores at the one-day event at the Bel Acres Country Club. Ryan Brown led the Rams with a solid 86, followed by Scott Yeo (87), Seth McMahon (93) and Andrew Everitt (101).

"They did (well)," said Rams' golf coach Blair Mooney. "I think those three low scores (were the low scores for the tournament). It wasn't too close."

The Gimli Lakers' team of Tre Strachan, Blaine Wishnowski, Hank McPherson and John Maisey finished second.

Rounding out the seven-team field was Charles Sinclair, Peguis, Lundar, Warren and Riverton.

The Rams are a team that has plenty of golf experience. That experience showed at the zones as very few balls missed the fairways off the tee.

"The four of them were all members at Bel Acres this past summer," Mooney noted. "They have been putting the time in this summer ... and at this one tournament, it makes a big difference if the guys have been playing a lot in the summer."

The Rams will hit the course one last time this season as they begin play Friday at the MHSAA provincials in Gilbert Plains.

As good as Stonewall is this season, it's going to be awfully tough for them to crack the top three schools in the province.

"We can be competitive," Mooney said confidently. "But it will be tough for us to finish at the top. We'll strive to finish in the middle of the pack."

"If the boys play like they did (last week), depending on what the conditions are, I think that they can shoot in the mid-80s, like they usually do."

"But the provincials are a whole different level. There are some schools and some kids that can fire it pretty well."

## Lundar begins KJHL preseason

By Brian Bowman

The Lundar Falcons have a lot of new faces in training camp this season.

But it seems like that every year for the local Keystone Junior Hockey League club.

Lundar had 27 players in camp, coming from locations across the Interlake and Winnipeg.

"We have had quite a few players out in Warren (for training camp)," said Falcons' general manager Neil Thage Monday evening. "We will have about eight returnees and the rest will be new."

More and more players have been coming out to camp every practice. Thage likes the number of players that came to camp, but he admitted he would always like to see more.

"It's a work on progress but it's like that every year," Thage said. "We get 10 top 12 returnees and then we have to pick up (players)."

It would be a stretch to predict that Lundar will win a league championship this season but they should be competitive in the 10-team league.

Some talented players have been coming out to the Lundar camp.

"There's a few real good ones (out at camp)," Thage said.

Lundar saw its first preseason action last Saturday in a 4-2 home loss to the St. Malo Warriors.

"It was actually very high skilled for the first preseason game," Thage noted. "It was 1-1 after two (periods) and they obviously got more than us in the third. It was a good game."

Besides having plenty of new faces on Lundar's roster this season, the Falcons have also welcomed a new head coach in James Worthing.

"He has an extensive (coaching) background in Winnipeg Minor Hockey in the 'AAA' program," Thage noted. "So, obviously he's a good teacher."

The Falcons will play the Juniors in Peguis this Saturday (8 p.m.) and then will battle the Warriors in St. Malo on Oct 1 with a 4:30 p.m. start.

Lundar will send a rookie-laden lineup to Peguis but they expect to have a more experienced lineup against St. Malo.



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September 5, 2017

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The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law 6-90	Proposed Year 1	Proposed Year 2	Proposed Year 3
Quarterly service charge	\$1.80	\$2.59	\$3.38	\$4.18
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Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$15.00	\$23.18	\$31.36	\$39.55

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The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 17-2017. Please review the proposed By-law at the Municipal office for detailed information:

5. Quarterly Billing
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Heather Fedorchuk, Gimli.....\$1119.00	William & Ethel Brown, Gimli.....\$5,000.00	Wayne & Kathy Kristinnson, Arborg.....\$499.00
Ilean Haldane, Winnipeg Beach.....\$1979.00	Mike Budniak, Meleb.....\$1,504.10	Jeff Melsted, Gimli.....\$120.00
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Joan Krulicki, Arborg.....\$1126.99	Ivan & Christine Fridfinnson, Arborg.....\$737.10	Bruce Reimer, Arborg.....\$1,308.00
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Donna and Jim Skinner, Arborg.....\$50.94	Claudia Krawchuk, Fraserwood.....\$499.00	Noren Barkman, Arborg.....\$679.00
Allen Spence, Hodgson.....\$1199.00	David & Judy McDougall, Ashern.....\$399.00	Mark Bayliss, Arborg.....\$19.95
John and Mary Troyan, Arborg.....\$868.99	Tammie McQuoid, Arborg.....\$1,049.00	Melvin & Carol Bilinski, Fisher Branch.....\$999.00
Lenore Johnson, Riverton.....\$548.00	John Miller, Broad Valley.....\$69.95	Jim & Wanda Brandson, Lundar.....\$916.00
Ben Klassen, Arnes.....\$729.00	Ronald Plett, Arborg.....\$499.00	Paul & Linda Bus, East Selkirk.....\$338.00
Olga Kowalsky, Riverton.....\$599.00	Frank Reimer, Arborg.....\$658.00	Richard & Doris Dueck, Arborg.....\$59.90
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Rick & Vickie McCornister, Peguis.....\$2,067.00	Fern & Philip Sinclair, Peguis.....\$279.00	Jocelyn & Tony Hayka, Arnes.....\$749.00
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Margaret Podaima, Fisher Branch.....\$769.00	Pat Dudrak, Arborg.....\$499.00	George & Maria Wiebe.....\$510.00
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Janice Sinclair, Peguis.....\$299.00	Joanne Roche, Arborg.....\$1,868.00	Darlene Jonsson, Gimli.....\$529.00
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Glen Syme, Arborg.....\$59.00	Jake Barkman, Riverton.....\$619.00	Ide Jean Buck, Hodgson.....\$26.75
Rob & Kelly Selkirk, Peguis.....\$2,399.00	Mike & Thelma Blahay, Arborg.....\$557.00	Glen & Phyllis Stevenson, Peguis.....\$877.00
Pete & Mary Plett, Arborg.....\$599.00	Elaine Bolter/Geoff Crew, Sandy Hook.....\$999.00	Don & Betty Johnson, Arborg.....\$1,299.00
Margaret Ostertag, Gimli.....\$1,448.00	Karen Dzaid, Arborg.....\$499.00	Patricia McCallum, Gimli.....\$569.00
Peguis Free Spirits Child Care, Peguis.....\$189.00	Natalia & Roger Eyoifson, Riverton.....\$1638.00	Joyce Bielik, Riverton.....\$29.95
Brent Melsted, Arborg.....\$599.00	Randy & Glenda Forster, Hodgson.....\$1898.00	Marvin Olson, Arborg.....\$29.95
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Phyllis Dueck, Riverton.....\$767.00	Rick & Sheila Johnson, Arborg.....\$349.00	Melissa & Jeff Abuda - Arborg.....\$3,339
John & Nellie Burek, Arborg.....\$599.00	Bertha Jonasson, Arnes.....\$769.00	John Paul Avison - Arborg.....\$679
Andrew Barg, Winnipeg.....\$1,748.00	Donna Jonasson, Arnes.....\$399.00	Carol & Dan Beauchemin - Inwood.....\$1,329
Crystal Sigurdson, Riverton.....\$548.00	Jeanette Kist, Gimli.....\$121.87	Jim Dingwall - Camp Morton.....\$1,038
Robert & Ellen Martin, Arborg.....\$1,330.00	Kevin & Lisa Klym, Arborg.....\$774.00	Eugene Feschuk - Gimli.....\$698
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Margaret S. Wilson, Peguis.....\$1,699.00	Kent & Helena Kostshyn, Lundar.....\$639.80	Darlene Jonsson - Gimli.....\$359
Stacey Ledingham, Riverton.....\$1,279.00	Thomas Kowalchuk, Fraserwood.....\$499.00	Ruth Kennedy - Arborg.....\$549
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**A NOTE TO OUR CUSTOMERS**  
Due to the nature of this sale, we felt a brief explanation is essential.  
At closing, 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 30th we will tally the 20 days of paid sales and divide by 20 to get the average daily sale. The day which is closest to the daily average, without going over it, will be the day which ALL purchasers will receive their purchase amount back, taxes excluded.  
In the case of credit card (Smitty's, Visa, Mastercard) purchases, we will issue a credit immediately.  
As we are tremendously overstocked right now, every item in stock will be included in this sale. No exceptions—clearance, damaged, discontinued, even new arrivals; furniture and appliances.  
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• All sales must be paid in full to qualify for this sale.  
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• Sale Starts 9 a.m. Tues., Sept. 5 and ends Sat., Sept. 30, 6 p.m.  
• All purchasers on free day will be notified and receive their full refund by Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.  
• All sales tallies and free day will be verified by our accounting firm.  
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