

Zack Gross of Sandy Hook recently won a Lifetime Achievement Award from Fairtrade Canada for his dedicated efforts to raise awareness about economic inequality in the global south. See story pg. 5. **EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT** 

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# Zebra mussels swarm Gimli Harbour

### By Austin Grabish

The recent invasion of zebra mussels at Gimli Harbour has left one local business owner shaking his head and worried about what the invasive species could do next.

Lake Agassiz Marine owner Dean Thorkelsson says there's "just incredible numbers" of zebra mussels at Gimli Harbour right now.

He kept track of zebra mussel sightings in Gimli last year, and estimates boats coming off the water would have 100 to 150 zebra mussels attached at any given time.

Now he says it's next to impossible to keep track of how many mussels are coming back on boats.

"We can't stop and count them, but we're talking in the millions," he said.

Thorkelsson said the increased number of zebra mussels has already put a strain on his business, which stores and services hundreds of boats a year.

"It has caused us a great deal of difficulty because as we pull these things out, we normally give these boats a half-hour wash, and now they're spending an hour-plus trying to get zebra mussels out," he said. Thorkelsson said none of the boats he's worked on have had clogged engines from the mussels but knows that's one thing zebra mussels are notorious for doing.

"We expect that to be the next thing we see," he said.

Thorkelsson thinks Gimli Harbour is the perfect breeding ground for zebra mussels. The concrete and steel at the harbour provide plenty of spots for the mussels to cling to.

"They just love to attach themselves to the concrete and steel and hard surfaces,"Thorkelsson said. Zebra mussels were first found in the Gimli Harbour back in the fall of 2013.

Last spring, the province said it had successfully eradicated the mussels from Gimli Harbour after liquid potash was dumped in the marina as part of a controversial experiment, which cost taxpayers over \$500,000.

The project was initially deemed a success, but zebra mussels were soon found lurking in the harbour again.

An emailed request for comment sent to the province was unreturned by press deadline.



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY DEAN THORKELSSON



This photo taken on Sunday in Gimli shows zebra mussels stuck on the bottom of the boat pictured above. The invasive species, which multiply by the millions, have swarmed Gimli Harbour in recent weeks.

# **RCMP** locate missing youths

### By Jeff Ward

The two missing youths who were last seen in Lundar were found safe and unharmed in Scanterbury only 24 hours after the RCMP alert went out.

The two boys, Binesi Kennedy, 11, and Isiah Sinclair, 13, were found 165 kilometres away from where they were last seen in Lundar on Thursday, Sept. 24. The investigation into how the boys travelled so far on just their bikes is being led by Child and Family Services (CFS). The boys went missing on Sept. 20 and were gone for four days before being found in Scanterbury. "While we can't got into the specific details of

"While we can't get into the specific details of

how they were found, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to the various police agencies involved, child advocate groups as well the family of the youths for their assistance in locating the boys safely," said Sgt. Bert Paquet, media relations officer for the RCMP.

RCMP aren't able to comment on who found the boys, but they did say in their press release that during their initial investigation, they found that both Kennedy and Sinclair were planning to run away to Winnipeg together.

Paquet credits quick reaction from the media and the public in helping locate the boys quickly and safely.



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### Half beards and mutton chops to raise awareness about human trafficking

### **By Austin Grabish**

Jason Friesen is hoping you'll take note of his beard now — and when he has just half of it left as part of a bid to raise awareness about human trafficking next month.

For the second year in a row, Friesen, a Riverton resident, is spearheading Justache October, a month-long campaign that encourages men with all beard types to turn their flow into moustaches, mutton chops and half cuts.

Entitled Justache to include the first four letters of the word "justice," the campaign is a fundraiser for International Justice Mission Canada, a faithbased organization that fights sex trafficking in developing countries.

On Oct. 1, Friesen, 29, shaved the left side of his beard, which has been sprouting strong over the last 11 months.

Having done this once before, he knows the move will attract attention. "People will be like "Dude, what

happened?' "Friesen said.

An enlightening presentation on the Cambodian sex trade by International Justice two years ago disturbed Friesen so much he decided to start Justache.

"The tipping point was seeing a photo of a bunch of girls that they had rescued from commercial sexual exploitation," Friesen said.

"It's been in the dark far too long." Mission International Justice



half of his beard.

spokeswoman Petra Kooman said the charity's goal is to strengthen justice systems for citizens living in developing countries, like Cambodia, where sex trafficking and slavery are prevalent.

Kooman praised Friesen and anyone else who takes part in Justache, acknowledging it'd probably be a little embarrassing to walk around with half-shaved faces and mutton chops.



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH** 

EXPRESS FACEBOOK PHOTO Riverton resident Jason Friesen, 29, will chop his Friesen is seen in this 2014 Facebook photo with just beard in half to raise awareness about human trafficking next month.

> "They kind of have to put their money where their mouth is and then go out in public with this look," she said in a phone interview from London, Ont.

> Justache officially begins on Oct. 1, and anyone with facial hair can get in on the fun by turning their bristles

into something different and catchy. Friesen is hoping Justache will raise \$50,000 for International Justice.

"We're expecting that it will go big," he said.

Anyone interested in donating or taking part can learn more by visiting justacheoctober.com

### **Speiss elected for Arborg councillor**

### By Patricia Barrett

Larry Speiss was elected councillor in the town's Sept. 23 byelection.

A total of 155 ballots were cast. Speiss received 100 votes. Tammy Karatchuk, who also ran for the seat, received 55. Speiss will attend his first council

meeting Sept. 30 and will be sworn in. The 57-year-old retired postal worker will assume the council seat vacated by Erica Bardarson this summer.

Speiss will serve the remainder of the current four-year term.



Larry Speiss



### **Special treat for stargazers**



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER** 

Stargazers across Canada were mesmerized by a blood-red moon in the sky on Sunday night as a rare lunar eclipse and supermoon happened simultaneously. Viewers across the Prairies could see the partial eclipse. The moon started turning red just after 8 p.m. with the total eclipse following around 9 p.m. The last lunar eclipse was in 1983, according to NASA, which calculates the next one won't be until 2033.

# New, expanded Lyme disease risk areas identified

### By Staff

Blacklegged ticks that carry Lyme disease are expanding their reach across the province.

Provincial health officials warned last Friday the bug is expanding to new areas in the northward and westward regions of the province, which includes the Interlake region.

Areas such as Teulon and Patricia Beach are now considered risk areas for Lyme disease.

A provincial monitoring program that tracks blacklegged ticks identified a number of new and expanded Lyme disease risk areas.

A press release from the province said the risk of tick-borne disease transmission is greatest in these areas.

Blacklegged ticks are commonly found along the edge of forests and in areas with thick, woody shrubs and other vegetation.

Limiting exposure to blacklegged ticks is the key to tick-borne disease prevention, officials say.

The province says Manitobans can take precautions to minimize their risk of tick exposure by applying tickrepellent, inspecting themselves, children and pets after spending time



A blacklegged tick.

outside, and staying to the centre of walking trails.

Wearing long pants and longsleeved shirts is also recommended as is keeping grass and shrubs around homes cut short. This will create drier environments that are less suitable for blacklegged tick survival.

Blacklegged ticks can cause Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis in addition to Lyme disease.

Symptoms of the three illnesses include everything from fever, chills, headache, joint aches, body aches, loss of appetite, nausea or fatigue and



PHOTO COURTESY: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION Blacklegged ticks like the one pictured left transmit a bacterium that causes Lyme disease. Provincial officials say the ticks are spreading to the northward and westward regions of the province.

vomiting.

Symptoms can begin as early as three days after a bite has taken place or be delayed by as much as six weeks. A total of 11 people have already contracted an illness from blacklegged ticks so far this year.

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# Fair trade advocate wins Lifetime Achievement Award

### **By Patricia Barrett**

The dedicated efforts of a Sandv Hook resident to raise awareness about economic inequality in the global south has earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award from Fairtrade Canada.

Zack Gross, outreach co-ordinator for the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), has been an advocate for fair trade for 45 years.

"It's a case of justice," said Gross, referring to the poor compensation workers in developing countries receive. "We need to find ways to give them a sustainable income so that they'll be financially better off in the long run."

Gross travels the province and the country meeting with businesses and giving presentations to raise awareness of fair trade and fair trade certified products.

"We have met with corporations and government representatives at dif-

ferent institutions," said Gross, "and found there is a lot of interest."

Fair trade helps producers and exporters in the global south (formerly referred to as the Third World) earn higher prices for their goods, negotiate favourable trading conditions and develop sustainable businesses.

There has been a shift in thinking when it comes to social and economic fairness.

"What we've found on a national level," said Gross, who writes columns for the Brandon Sun," is they're buying into a fair trade system because consumers want to buy organic, green products."

Small businesses and educational institutions in the Interlake are also supporting fair trade, Gross said.

In Gimli, for example, the Fresh Carrot uses fair trade coffee, sugar, chocolate and spices. Gimli itself is a designated a fair trade town. Stonewall Collegiate was the province's first school designated a fair trade school. Gimli High School is also a strong advocate of fair trade initiatives.

Companies that incorporate fair trade products into their stock (even a few) are given a promotional boost by Fair Trade Manitoba, a program run by MCIC.

"We pick a business prepared to adopt fair trade," said Gross, "and we do social media for them."

Gross has launched social media campaigns for Gimli's Fresh Carrot, which is opening a Winnipeg store, Chocolatier Constance Popp, an artisan chocolate maker, and Jonnies Sticky Buns in Winnipeg.

Gross distinguishes between promoting a company and promoting its decision to adopt fair trade products.

"We're telling people to buy fair trade products — not where to buy them."

Seventy per cent of fair trade goods are coffee, cotton, sugar and cocoa, said Gross. The fair trade philosophy is one way to ensure fewer people in developing countries will be exploited.

"When you buy a chocolate bar," said Gross, "chances are the cocoa has been harvested by child labour."

Gross said it may be difficult to change the practices of big corporations that shy away from fair trade products, but he can"support alternative organizations" that embrace the system.

Fairtrade Canada, a non-profit organization that oversees the certification and licensing of fair trade products and educates businesses and consumers, awarded Gross the Lifetime Achievement Award two weeks ago.

"People who believe in fair trade," said Gross, "are trying to make a better world for producers."

# Home business vendors gather for Mall in the Hall

### Ashern to host home-based business show Oct. 3

#### By Jeff Ward

This weekend nearly 30 home business vendors will be selling their wares to the public in what hopes to be the first of many events showcasing the diverse range of home-based businesses.

Mall in the Hall takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Ashern Centennial Hall, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will have 27 different home-based business vendors selling items including Tupperware, Pampered Chef and Epicure amongst others. Homebased businessed like these are often excluded at other events, like famers markets and craft sales, so an event that solely caters to showcasing them is one that quickly became popular.

"The spots were in high demand,"

said organizer Courtney Kostesky, who also runs a home-based business called BeachBody.

"The vendors are from all over the Interlake, but also we have some from Winnipeg, Warren and even Steinbach. We're only taking one representative from each company and it's a first-come, first-

serve." All of the spots for this weekend's event are already spoken for and went quickly, according to Kostesky.

One of the great by-products of the Mall in the Hall,

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other than giving some local businesses a chance to get some exposure, is that all the proceeds from the event are going to a local community group. The event will take in money through the rental of the tables, as well as through a silent auction, and will give that money back to an organization in need. Each vendor has generously donated a prize for the silent auction.

"I haven't decided which organization will get the money yet, but I think it's just a good way to give back and have the event support even more areas of the community," said Kostesky. Kostesky got the idea from a similar event in Cypress River. Once she began talking with people in the community about the idea, she realized that there was some significant interest and decided to begin organizing.

During the Mall in the Hall, there will be a lunch put on by the Ashern 4-H Club, which will be providing pulled pork on a bun from Danny's Whole Hog.

Mall in the Hall is free to attend.















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### Dad jumps into water to catch sons master angler > ARNIE WEIDL

### Welcome back, gang.

The memory of the unbelievably deep blue waters of Norris Lake came back to me as I drove northwest of Teulon to the small yet comfortable provincial park by the lake's east side.

Rolling slowly along the narrow winding gravel lane facing the shore last weekend, strong winds whipped up large waves that combined with the lake's aeration system to make the water an even deeper, richer blue. On either side of the lane, RVs and boats of all shapes and sizes sat parked with folks passing the time with neighbours while kids ran around the beach and playground.

I stopped at one trailer and talked to a chap by the name of Brain Pearson from Teulon who said he has had no trouble catching jackfish off the pier.

A little further down the lane, I noticed a father and son at a picnic table beside their truck and boat. I pulled off the had I introduced myself to the father, Patrick Emms of Breezy Point. Stonewall, when his son Kaleb — a very bright, quick-witted boy — impressed upon me with great authority that he had just caught a big fish. Naturally I asked him to describe the catch. He didn't need any coaxing. He hastily told how a giant fish got caught on his hook then swam up close to their boat. He began talking faster, his voice getting higher as he described how the fish bent the end of his rod right into the water then swam under the boat. Now dad jumped in to help. He grasped the line and pulled a 32" jackfish into the boat as the boy shook with excitement.

After I congratulated him on a great catch, Patrick mentioned that Kaleb had been in the Stonewall Teulon Tribune the week before for participating in the town's prostate cancer Quad Ride for Dad event. Patrick can be rightly proud of Kaleb. That kid is something special.

I ran into John Bear from Scanterbury last week and he said that the fishing on "first creek" at Brokenhead almost at the Lake Winnipeg opening has been really good lately. He said he was fishing out of his boat there and got a vicious strike. Working with light tackle, he played his catch patiently and eventually a long, huge jackfish surfaced, slowly swimming right toward him. Now John has been around a while and has had many a varied fishing experience but this fish, honestly, just plain scared the heck out of him. It looked like a small alligator. Suddenly it rose its

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**EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL** lane, got out of my car and called out to them. No sooner Stan Steppler with a beautiful walleye he caught off

head and seemed to look John right in the eye. Then with a shocking sideways jerk, it tossed the hook and slipped quietly back down into the deep, dark water. John, stunned for a moment, was thankful he didn't have to fight to release the monster.

Now let me introduce you to a chap, Stan Steppler, who as a boy would jump on his bike with fishing gear and cycle all the way from Winnipeg to Lockport to fish every chance he got. We met at Breezy Point last Friday and casually talked for some time. Now retired with a nice truck, boat and all the fishing equipment anyone could ever need, he still liked to think back about going fishing on his bike when he was a kid. Presently he laughed, saying that he was glad he had caught a few good ones today because he did not want to be here tomorrow with all the anglers congregating for the Walleye Masters Cup put on by the Central Walleye Trail organization. As we parted company, he said he was looking forward to the fall run of walleye that he knew would come here when it gets cooler.

Well, from young Kaleb's exciting first catch to Stan's love of fishing that started as a boy years ago, we see the reason why we all go fishing — the possible surprise of catching something special.

So-long till next week, my friends.

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# **Senior administration changes at Eriksdale School**

### **By Jeff Ward**

Students at Eriksdale School have a The duo is looking forward to work-

couple of new faces sitting at the desks of the administration senior this year.

And if the passion and experience that come with the hiring of Alison Martilla as principal and Tracey Parkes as viceprincipal at Eriksdale School is any indication, the future of students looks promising.

Joanne Mulvena previously filled the role of

principal, when Martilla was the viceprincipal at Eriksdale. Parkes was

at Ashern Central School last year. ing together. They are

a great team and have divided their responsibilities quickly during the summer months so that each of their individual strengths can be put to good use.

"The two big goals of the school are literacy and numeracy. Martilla is really excited about literacy and I'm excited about taking on numeracy," said

"It works out really well because vice-principal and learning support they're both passions of ours and I'm



**EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF ALISON MARTILLA** Eriksdale School vice-principal Tracey Parkes (left) and principal Alison Martilla are excited about the 2015-16 school year.

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Our passions in this regard balance out perfectly."

Of course, with dividing up the responsibilities between the two, there will be naturally some items on the list that are challenging. Parkes admittedly doesn't have the experience doing grant applications and budgeting but is excited about learning more and tackling the challenge head on.

also teaching Grade 7 and 8 math.

Martilla has been at Eriksdale School for 17 years and is deeply passionate about helping her school and every student that walks through its

doors. Over the past two years, she's settled in nicely to the vice-principal role, and when Mulvena announced her retirement, Martilla knew it was the next step for her career.

"It was exciting [to get the job]. I think the only piece that changed is that, instead of 20 students, I now have 165 of them," said Martilla.

"I've been in this school for 17 years now and I believe passionately in the future of our students. What I want to see most this year is how far the students can grow."

### Watch out for deer ticks

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterial infection that people can get from the bite of an infected blacklegged (deer) tick.



Manitobans can reduce contact with deer ticks by avoiding wooded or

forested habitat, wearing long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, tucking in clothing, using an appropriate repellent (it should state 'for use against ticks' on the product label), looking for and removing ticks as soon as possible.

For more information about Lyme disease, its symptoms and how to prevent it, visit our website at www.manitoba.ca/ health/lyme/

### You can help

You can help in the study of Lyme disease in Manitoba by collecting and submitting deer ticks for surveillance purposes.

- The provide the second Unlike wood ticks, they do not have white markings on their bodies.
- If you find a deer tick, remove it slowly from skin or clothing using tweezers and steady pressure; avoid twisting. Cleanse area with soap and water or a disinfectant.
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- Firmly tape the lid shut.
- Check the pictures and additional information on the website to determine if your tick might be a deer tick.
- 🛸 Hand-deliver or mail the sample to the address below. If mailing, place the container in a sealed plastic bag then in a cardboard box labeled: RESEARCH SPECIMENS -FRAGILE – HANDLE WITH CARE
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*"I BELIEVE* PASSIONATELY IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS."

Parkes.

# Striking fire: Arborg's fire department in need of upgrades

### By Patricia Barrett

The chief of the Arborg Fire Department wants the RM of Bifrost-Riverton and the Town of Arborg to increase funding to replace aging equipment that no longer meets firefighting codes.

"We have one truck that has been on the frontline for 15 years," said Fire Chief George Chyzy, who's been at the helm for 30 years.

That truck is the station's pumper. For a vehicle that's required to go from zero to full throttle when the alarm sounds, a breakdown could hamper the department's ability to effectively fight a fire.

It's not only the truck that's a concern but also the turnout gear, Chyzy said. "Almost half of our helmets are legally out of date."

Through various codes, the National Fire Protection Association establishes minimum levels of protection for firefighting gear.

Arborg Fire Department's list of obsolete equipment extends to face masks, breathing apparatuses (oxygen tanks), jackets and boots.

Chyzy said he understands there are only "so many dollars" the municipality can provide, but the onus is on him to keep his firefighters — and the public — safe.

"I have to make the decision as fire chief," said Chyzy."If I send him in and he gets hurts, I'm liable because I didn't do my due diligence."

The Manitoba Municipal Officials Guide, issued by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, lists several Acts governing emergency services. In 2004 the federal government added a new clause to the Criminal Code, making occupational health and safety negligence (Bill C-45) a crime.

"Organizations, including municipal corporations and/or its officers, can be charged with a criminal offence if it is found that they have not taken reasonable steps to prevent bodily harm to any person," it reads. The section outlining a fire chief's responsibilities refers to liability for ineffective equipment, techniques or incompetence.

The RM and the town split the cost of the Arborg fire service, which covers about 75 per cent of the RM's 1,200 square miles and acts as backup to Riverton, Gimli, Fraserwood and Fisher Branch.

"It takes a special breed to be a firefighter," said Andy Barylski, whose boots date to 1991. His helmet tag says 1987.

"You go in and you shake afterwards."

He said the younger guys are "gung-ho" and it's important to have their equipment up to code.

"The new jackets are more resistant to fire," said the firefighter, who has dealt with everything from structural fires to airplane crashes to chemical spills."They're also much lighter."

With the added weight of the hoses, firefighting gear can take a physical toll on the body, he said.

In one corner of the station, there are at least 20 obsolete breathing apparatuses (lacking CSA approval). And the department's thermal imager, which costs about \$14,000, is "on its way out." The imager is a vital piece of equipment.

"If you've got an oil drum fire, for example," said Barylski, "the imager can tell you how hot it is." That in turn can indicate whether it's too dangerous to approach. The device can detect fires burning behind walls and help locate victims in thick smoke.

The issue of obsolete equipment is something the fire chief said he has brought to the attention of the joint fire committee on numerous occasions over



The station has about 20 obsolete breathing apparatuses, which lack CSA approval. They are also significantly heavier than approved models, creating added weight for firefighters.



An obsolete helmet from 1987 is still being used by the fire department

the years.

He said he has even recommended the creation of a fire service levy, something the RM Hanover in southeastern Manitoba is currently considering. "If we show up on the worst day of their life, they're

grateful," said Chyzy, referring to a fire. "But they don't know what it costs to provide the service."

The fire committee is aware the station is working with obsolete equipment, but it faces a number of funding challenges.

One is the ability to attract business to the area and boost economic development that in turn provides money for basic services.

"We need a bigger tax base," said Morley Nordal, who sits on the fire committee and is Ward 3 councillor for the RM Bifrost-Riverton.

He said the municipality is trying to attract new business through its Community Development Corporation.

The municipality also has to provide for its other fire department — Riverton's — which was brought into the fold last year.

"It's the first year of the amalgamated municipality," said Nordal. "And there are a lot of funding issues we have to work out."

Economic challenges aside, Nordal said the safety of firefighters is paramount.

"We understand two things: Firefighters save lives, and they put their own lives on the line."

And that means providing them with the tools they need to do their job.

"Being an employer," said the councillor, who owns Nordal's Auto Body Glass, "I understand the safety aspect. You can't have anybody hurt doing their job."

In the next few months, Nordal said the municipality will meet with Chyzy and the North East Interlake Community Futures Development Cor-



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT** Firefighter Andy Barylski in front of the Arborg Fire Department's aging pumper. Regular maintenance is required to keep the truck in peak operating condition.

poration (NEICOM) to develop a five-year plan for fire services.

"We appreciate what our firefighters do to no end," said Nordal. "We have one of the best rural fire departments in Manitoba."

Arborg's station deals with a full range of emergencies, receiving between 40 and 50 calls a year, said Chyzy. Not only does outdated equipment put firefighters' lives at risk, but it also affects morale and the ability of the department to attract new recruits.

"We're struggling with membership numbers," he said.

Although the department saw the addition of four firefighters last month, it will lose three by the end of October.

"You can never sit back and relax," said the fire chief. "It cost about \$10,000 for training [four recruits] and about \$3,000 for custom gear."

The trainees themselves put in about 200 hours of time without pay. Once hired, they make \$15 an hour per call.

Over the past 25 years, the station has raised close to a million dollars through fundraising efforts. It built its own hose tower and expanded the second storey of the hall to accommodate a training facility — all using staff labour.

"We had a plumber on staff," said Chyzy, "and local suppliers donate materials. That's how stuff gets done."

He said he's worried it may take a critical incident to get increased funding.

"If someone dies, is that when we'll get new equipment?" said Chyzy. "What is someone's life worth?"

The Arborg Fire Department is holding an Open House Oct. 10 starting with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. A vehicle fire and extrication, and a building fire demonstration will take place at the station, 540 River Rd. The department encourages everyone to come out to see what it takes to fight fires.

# New principal, same focus for Ashern Central

#### By Jeff Ward

The retirement of Neil MacNeil at Ashern Central School last year left some big shoes to fill, but with 16 years of educational experience under her belt, Darlene Willetts fit the bill of what Lakeshore School Division was looking for.

Not only does Willetts possess the skills as a teacher in various grades

and subjects but also the administration skills as well, spending the 2014/2015 school year as vice-principal of Lundar School.

Willetts has spent her entire educational career in Lundar and Eriksdale, so while the move to Ashern Central was exciting, it also took her out of her comfort zone.

"I've been to Ashern for many things in my lifetime but this is my first time not being in my comfort school," said Willetts.

"Every school has little things that are different, so just the sheer learning curve that I've been under really works the brain. I go home exhausted every night because my brain is working very hard all day."

One of the big changes for Willetts coming from Lundar School to Ashern Central is that Ashern is a Leader in Me School. The program, which just got off the round last year, is a lifechanging approach to education that needs to have students and teachers buying in 100 per cent for it to work.

Willetts had done her research about the program and is excited to be apart of it in the early stages. She mentioned that while it will be a bit of an adjustment at first, it will also be something that will teach lifelong lessons to students.

"The concept behind it is those life-

long lessons that kids need to have. So I was very excited to come down and be a part of that and help grow it and build it. They've had one year, very solid foundation, and now we get to take it to the next level," explained Willetts.

Even though the school year is only a few weeks old, Willetts said that as soon as she walked in on her first day, she knew it was the right fit for her and that her decision to apply for

the position was a good one.

The thing that Willetts is looking forward to the most this year will be to see her Grade 12s graduating. Not only will it be a personal accomplishment for herself, it will be a moment that will live on forever.

"This will be my first year signing diplomas and to know that they will walk around with those and my signature will be on it is a very incredible feeling," noted Willetts.

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Darlene Willetts is the new principal for Ashern Central School and is excited to begin the next step in her long career in Lakeshore School Division.

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# Arborg Collegiate about to turn on the gas in new science lab

# Evergreen School Division receives more than \$420,000 from provincial government

### By Patricia Barrett

Students at Arborg Collegiate are almost set to break out the flasks and beakers and fire up the gas in their new state-of-the-art-multi-purpose science lab.

The high school, which is part of the Evergreen School Division, received more than \$420,000 from the provincial NDP government to upgrade its existing chemistry lab into a modern, multi-purpose science room.

"Chemistry starts next semester," said Principal Randy Semenek, who provided a tour of the semifinished lab, "so there has been no interruption to the school year."

Arborg Collegiate has about 120 students in grades 9 to 12. The existing science room was gutted and remodelled last June to accommodate chemical storage and demonstration areas. The gas pipes have been installed, along with new lighting and a new floor.

"The only thing we're waiting for is the cabinets," said Semenek, who

spent 12 years as teacher and assistant principal at Gimli High School before coming to Arborg two years ago.

Student workstations formerly ran along the edge of the room. But with the new design, they will now run down the middle, said Semenek.

That's something science teacher Craig Sagan said will with aid teaching and learning.

**\*\*Now I'll be able to see them from the** 

front and the sides." The former room used to house only

a lab, with a demonstration area in another room. Sagan said the new de-



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT** 

Arborg Collegiate science teacher Craig Sagan (left) and Principal Randy Semenek in the new multi-purpose science lab that is slated for completion later this month.

sign will enable him to teach and run experiments in the same room.

"It won't just be paper tests," said Sagan, who has taught science at Arborg since 2002. "I'll be able to assess them on their lab techniques through better observation."

The government provided money for renovations and new equipment, such as a fume hood and chemicals. Sagan said the new preparation room will give students in Grade 12 the opportunity to practise mixing chemicals.

With ample demonstration space, the biology department will also use the room.

"We want our students to learn on the best equipment available to prepare them for careers right here at home," said NDP Premier Greg Selinger in a Sept. 23 news release.

"This is an investment in the students of Arborg and their futures."

# Province vows to help protect aboriginal languages

### By Jeff Ward

Responding to some recommendations made in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, the Manitoba government has created a new partnership with educational leaders throughout the province to help promote and preserve aboriginal languages.

Announced by Education and Ad-



vanced Learning Minister James Allum on Sept. 21, the partnership was developed with the guidance of elder representative from all seven Aboriginal language groups recognized within Manitoba: Cree, Dene, Michif, Ojibwe, Inuktitut, Dakota and Oji-Cree.

"Language is a critical component of cultural identity, and the Manitoba government recognizes the importance of working with our partners in the indigenous community to protect



and promote Aboriginal languages," said Allum.

"This partnership agreement will provide us with a framework to ensure our language strategy reflects the diversity of indigenous communities throughout this province."

This partnership is a step in the right direction in helping protect aboriginal cultures by making sure their languages are not forgotten. Part of the strategy is developing a communication strategy to promote aboriginal languages and to promote and develop land-based teacher training with the purpose of producing more fluent speakers and teachers.

"I think that we're kind of late in terms of preserving [the language]," said Cornell McLean, chief of Lake Manitoba First Nation.

"Back in the day when I was going to school here in Lake Manitoba, kids knew how to speak their language. Nowadays, not so much. I think it's a step in the right direction, though," said McLean.

McLean is happy that the province has committed to this strategy and believes that given a good effort and enough time that some of these dying languages could see resurgence in fluency.

"Our language is our identity. My generation is in our 40s and my friends know how to speak the language, but going into people in their 30s and 20s, not so much," noted McLean.

The changes to the educational system haven't yet made their way into local school divisions, but the strategy will begin appearing over the next little while.

Janet Martel, superintendent for Lakeshore School Division, mentioned that she is very excited to be learning more about the strategy and exploring the possibilities for supporting aboriginal languages.

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## **A Salute to Our Local Volunteer Fire Departments**

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week was recognized to honour the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 that killed more than 250 people, left 10,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 - 10, 2015. The theme this year is "Hear the Beep where you Sleep - Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm". This message reinforces the importance of having working smoke alarms, testing them once a month and practicing your fire escape plan.

Some smoke alarm tips:

Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

Test your smoke alarms monthly. When a smoke alarms sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years. To determine the age of your smoke alarm, look at the back where you will find the date of manufacture. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.

Immediately replace any smoke alarm that does not respond properly when tested. Working smoke alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home.

There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quick to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Plan your escape:

Your ability to get out of your house during a fire depends on ad-

vance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Smoke Alarm Videos – the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has developed several videos to help you, your family and your community learn about the importance of installing and maintaining working smoke alarms in your home. Visit NFPA's website at http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/fire-andsafety-equipment/smoke-alarms/ smoke-alarm-videos

Files from Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner http://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/home.html

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### **Fisher Branch**

This years theme is here the beep where you sleep. We have had a great summer doing fire prevention at day camps, day care and Fisher Branch home coming. We're looking forward to doing fire prevention again this year starting October 4th. A big thank you to the Ukrainian Farmers Coop and Countryside Home Building Centre for their donation of 22 smoke alarms for this years kindergarten class.



Stand Brandt, Mitch Johnson, Fire Chief - Jason Comeau, Justin Helgason, Bruce Barkman, Deputy Fire Chief - Troy D'Hont, Steve Enns, Colin Cormack, Terence Zagozewski, Jasmine Johnson, Walyon Johannson, missing - Gerret Johnson





The Ashern Fireman serving pancake breakfast Sept long week-end. Back Left to Right Gerald Falk. John Bezemer. Brent Johanason. Scott Price. Aaron Altman. Desmond Defoort.

Front Left to Right Jay Ruchotzke. Ken Falk. Delwin Kernsted. Cory Johnson. Michael Kufus. Upcoming events include fire training and fire safety presentation at the Seniors Manors and Seniors Housing.

### Do you know how to use your portable fire extinguisher?

In case of fire, you should always evacuate your home as quickly as possible. However, in some situations a portable fire extinguisher can be very useful if it's used properly. Do you know how to use yours?

The first thing to remember is that a portable fire extinguisher should only be used on a small fire or incipient fire — one in the initial stages — and only if the room isn't filled with smoke. After all, it takes just three minutes to be asphyxiated. If you're sure you aren't in any danger, follow these steps to use your extinguisher:

1. Remove the extinguisher from its mounting and heft it in your hands to make sure it's full. Check that the needle is in the green zone of the pressure gauge. 2. Position yourself between the fire and an exit (or with your back to the wind if the fire is outside), and approach to within two or three metres of the fire. 3. Remove the safety pin by turning it and breaking the seal, as necessary.

4. Take hold of the nozzle and aim it at the base of the flames, pressing the lever down as far as it will go. Sweep the nozzle from side to side, always at the base of the flames, being sure to cover the entire width of the fire.

5. Stop only when the flames are extinguished or the fire extinguisher is empty.



If the fire doesn't go out or if the room is filling with smoke, evacuate the premises immediately. Call 911 and wait for the firefighters to arrive. If the fire seems to have gone out, call the fire department anyway; the fire could have spread into the walls.

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### All Canada Goose Shoot Calcutta

Once teams are registered, and field draws are complete theres a Calcutta which is where members of the public can bid on teams which they think will win. In 2014, the Calcutta raised \$29,100. 1.5% goes to Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. 14% goes to the Lundar Elks Lodge. And 84.5% is split among first, second, and third place bidders. After expenses \$24,589.50 in prize money was handed out. 1st recieves 42%, 2nd 32%, and third gets 26%. Bidding occurs Friday Oct. 9 at the Lundar Community hall. Dinner catered by Danny's Whole Hog, \$15.



8:00pm Dance

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# **All Canada Goose Shoot Judging Rules**

To determine the winners of this competition the following parameters will apply:

- A) Total # of geese shot during this competition.
- B) In case of a tie, then then total weight of the geese shot during this competition.
- C) If A&B tie, the weight of the largest goose chosen by team members.
- D) If A,B & C are a tie the largest wing span of a goose picked by team members.

All decisions of the judges are final. At the end of the competition all hunters are responsible for taking their own geese, failure to do so may affect future entries!

### Prizes

1st: 3.5″12 Ga. Semi auto shotguns for each team member.

2nd: 3.5" 12 Ga. Pump action shotguns for each team member. 3rd: 3.5″12 Ga. pump action shotguns for each team member.

The teams that did not place in the top three will be entered into a draw for a hard luck prize. This prize will be drawn at the dance on Saturday night.

### Rules for the all Canada Goose Shoot:

There shall be four people to a team plus checkers to be appointed. A team member replacement is allowed. All hunting shall be in accordance with Manitoba Game Bird regulations. For the purpose of the All Canada Goose Shoot only Giant Canada, and lesser Canada geese apply.

### All competitors in the All Canada Goose Shoot must possess a valid migratory game bird stamp and Manitoba Provincial Game bird license. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Only 12 gauge shotguns are allowed. There is no limit to the number of shells. Each team is to supply their own shells, decoys, and calls. Hunting areas will be drawn from preselected fields rented from farmers.

A hunter will not be eligible to hunt in the All Canada Goose Shoot two years in a row. Hunting ends at noon. Hunters, with their geese must report to the Lundar Arena no later than 2:00pm, Saturday October 10, 2015. Every team member plus their checkers must report into the judging station regardless of the # of geese. All geese are to be left at the weigh station until all teams have reported in. The above rules are to be read in conjunction with the rules for checkers and teams provided at the time of registration.

Entries accompanied by their \$800 in Canadian funds commencing April 10th 2015 must be in the hands of the treasurer by May 31 2015. If there are more than 20 entries, a draw will be made to determine the 20 teams to be entered into this years shoot. The teams that are not successful will have the option to leave their entry fee and secure a spot for next years shoot. If by May 31, 2015 we not have 20 spots filled up we will take entries on a first come first serve basis until 20 spots are filled. All entries after that will be returned along with the entry fee. Team captains will be notified of the results.

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### 2014 Winners

1st: Aaron Forsyth, Eriksdale, Mb 2nd: Cody Lucier, Eriksdale, Mb 3rd: Brent Berezowski, Dauphin, Mb



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# **Arborg's Culturama brings the community together**

### By Patricia Barrett.

Arborg's Fourth Annual Culturama held last Friday evening showcased the community's cultural diversity and attracted between 400 and 500 people from Arborg and neighbouring communities.

Passport holders formed long queues at each of the nine different pavilions set up in the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre.

The event offered a taste of Aboriginal, Canadian, Ukrainian, Mennonite, Icelandic, British, Bolivian, Paraguayan and Philippine cuisine. The pavilions themselves were a feast for the eyes, richly decorated with artifacts providing a visual means to the past and tales of hardship and celebration. Pavilion hosts, most of whom dressed in traditional costume, explained traditional beliefs and practices.

Three staff members from the Riverton and District Friendship Centre — program co-ordinator Martine Sawanas, executive director Tanis Grimolfson and secretary Joyce Monkman, along with their friend, Don Bilinski, who used to own D & T's Shop Easy Foods — offered bannock at the Aboriginal pavilion.

First Nations people made bannock using the flour of wild plants long before European contact, contrary to the popular belief that early Scottish settlers introduced the bread to Canada.

Sawanas runs a hot lunch program at the Friendship Centre every Tuesday and Thursday for youth and adults."I take requests from people," she said. "I've made chili and bannock, stew and bannock."

The centre provides a food bank, parent-child services, computer access and job assistance services to help Riverton's low-income individuals and families.

Peter and Cielo Wiebe, along with their two children Franco and Bruno, spent the entire day making cornbread and other Bolivian dishes. The family has lived Arborg for three years and took part in the festival last year.

At the Icelandic pavilion, the raven seemed to be getting more attention than the ponnukukur (crepes). In Norse mythology, the god Odin had two ravens that he would send out to gather information, said Owen Eyolfson, who owns the Arborg Hotel. Corrine Einarsson and her son Matthias also helped set up and staff the pavilion.

At the British pavilion, scones filled with raspberry jam and clotted cream that took a few days to prepare tempted palettes. Clotted cream is produced in Devon, said Ken Firman, who helped staff the pavilion. A few generations of his family (Boundy) homesteaded in Arborg.

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan wended his way through the crowded hall, stopping at each pavilion to sample the traditional fare and to speak with pavilion hosts.

"This is the first time I've been able to make it to Culturama," said Bezan, who has a farm near Teulon, "because I'm usually in Ottawa."

In addition to enjoying the food and displays of Arborg's diverse cultural groups, Bezan chatted with a number of people.

"This gives me a chance to have informal contacts with constituents," said the Conservative MP, who has represented the area for four consecutive terms. "It's important for me to hear what people are thinking."

A performance by the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers, a Metis step-dancing troupe composed of three talented siblings (Michael, Jacob and Cieanna), had the MP on his feet, clapping along to the rhythmic clicking of their shoes.

Michael invited members of the audience onto the floor and taught them how to jig. A number of youngsters (and a few adults) eagerly took to the floor to try to master the steps.

Other performances included a troupe of dancers performing a Punjab folk dance and a solo Aboriginal dancer.

The Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services and the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village organized the event, which helps develop awareness and respect for different cultures and their traditional practices.



A young dancer performs a traditional Aboriginal dance at Culturama.



**EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT** The Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers, Metis step-dancing.



Cielo Wiebe celebrated A dance troupe performs a traditional Punjab her Bolivian culture. dance.





Martine Sawanas, Tanis Grimolfson and Joyce Monkman (sitting) from the Riverton and District Friendship Centre.



Joe and Sheila Stoyanowski staffed the Canadian Pavilion.

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan



The British Pavilion served scones with raspberry jam and clotted cream



Ingredients

1 1/4 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg 3 teaspoons McCormick® Pure
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chocolate chips (2 cups) 1 package (family-size) fudge

brownie mix 1/2 teaspoon McCormick® Pure

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Preparation

Mix flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg and 2 teaspoons of the vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips. Set aside.

Prepare brownie mix as directed on package, adding remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla and peppermint extract.

Pour brownie batter into greased a 13x9 pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 15 minutes.

Drop cookie dough by the tablespoonful on brownie, covering the top evenly. (Batter will spread during baking.) Bake additional 20 to 25 minutes or until cookie top is golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Preparation Time 20 minutes Cook Time 20 minutes

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### Ingredients

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- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic 4 cups butternut squash pieces (about
- 1-inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or reducedsodium, fat free chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup chopped fresh sage or 4 teaspoons dried sage

1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese, blue cheese or shredded Parmesan cheese Crumbled cooked prosciutto or bacon, optional

Additional cheese, optional Toasted chopped walnuts, optional Preparation

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and return to pan; cover and keep warm.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add garlic; cook and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in squash, wine and salt. Simmer 12 to 15 minutes just until squash is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in sage. Toss squash with pasta and cheese.

Sprinkle with prosciutto, additional cheese and walnuts, if desired. Preparation Time 20 minutes

Cook Time 22 minutes



4 medium ripe tomatoes, cut in half 2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely chopped red onion



# The Skill: Giving Recipes a Healthy Makeover



Whenever possible, opt for ingredients that are close to nature (such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains) instead of using more pro-

cessed items. Anything packaged should be low in fat, salt, and added sugars. Including fruits, vegetables, and whole grains will also help you pump up the volume of your food, helping you feel fuller and more satisfied from a smaller amount. You can also upgrade the nutritional value of meals you prepare by using skim milk instead of whole milk in your cooking and replacing some (or all) of the all-purpose flour with whole wheat flour, oatmeal, or wheat germ when making breads, muffins, or other baked goods.

Making healthy ingredient substitutions allows you to maintain the familiar taste and appearance of vour favorite dishes while boosting their nutritional value and health benefits. Opting for the more nutritious choice can have a variety of trickle-down benefits for your health and waistline. For example, a study from Navarra, Spain, found that when people were assigned to follow a Mediterranean diet that was rich in virgin olive oil for three years, they achieved significantly higher levels of antioxidants in their blood, which was associated with reductions in body weight during that time.

Meanwhile, culinary herbs and

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper 1/3 cup (75 ml) fresh bread crumbs 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh flat leaf parsley 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh basil

1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh basil 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh

oregano

Directions:

Place tomato halves on foil-lined baking sheet. Drizzle each half with



spices can give our health a boost as well as infusing our meals with extra flavor. For example, cinnamon may lower blood sugar as well as artery-clogging LDL cholesterol and total cholesterol. Rosemary has strong antioxidant properties and anti-inflammatory effects, both of which can help protect against heart disease and cancer. (Ground cloves, oregano, ginger, allspice, and cinnamon also have been found to have high levels of antioxidant activity.) Thyme, rosemary, and sage can inhibit the growth of human colon cancer cells, according to laboratory research from the University of Georgia. And turmeric (used in Indian curries and stews) has been found to have strong anti-inflammatory properties and appears to inhibit the growth of cancer cells. Moreover, in a recent study from China, curcumin (the major component of turmeric) was found to increase the level of apoptosis (cellular suicide or selfdestruction) in triple-negative breast cancer cells in a laboratory setting, thereby inhibiting the cancer cells' growth. (It has been found to have similar effects on lung cancer, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, and oral cancer cells.)

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### canola oil.

In small bowl, combine red onion, garlic, pepper and bread crumbs. Stir to combine ingredients. Sprinkle mixture over cut sides of the tomatoes.

Roast tomatoes at 350 °F (180 °C) for 45-60 minutes, or until tomatoes are very tender. Sprinkle fresh herbs over tomatoes and serve immediately.



# **Gimli's Parkinson SuperWalk raises record funds**

### By Patricia Barrett

Gimli residents came out in force to the 11th Annual Parkinson SuperWalk Sept. 20, raising a record amount of money that will go towards Parkinson research.

Nearly \$30,000 was raised by about 115 participants, donors and sponsors of the event.

"The generous support of the community was greatly appreciated," said Gary Einarson, chairperson of the committee, in a press release.

Volunteers from coast-to-coast organize SuperWalks in their communities, raising funds for research, support and education. Last year's walk raised \$2.9 million.

Over 100,000 Canadians live with Parkinson's disease, a progressive and degenerative illness in which the brain begins to irreversibly deteriorate over a period of time. The disease causes symptoms such as trembling in the hands, legs and face, impaired balance, slow movements and rigidity in the limbs and trunk.

Karen Lamb, one of the organizers of the event, lost her mother to the disease. She was an expert quilter who taught Lamb the craft. To honour her memory, Lamb made a quilt that was raffled off after the walk.

Lamb and her husband, John, who live in Winnipeg Beach, joined the SuperWalk organizing committee three years ago. A number of Gimli area families who lost loved ones to the disease are part of the committee.





SuperWalk Sept. 20.

# Hundreds of pounds of batteries recycled in Eriksdale

### **By Jeff Ward**

Over the last four years, Eriksdale residents have recycled an estimated 600 pounds of used batteries to help keep them out of area landfills, and the numbers continue to grow.

Starting roughly four years ago, the RM office in Eriksdale had a box from Call2Recycle for residents to toss in their old batteries. The box was then picked up when full, averaging approximately 50 pounds, and was delivered to Call2Recycle's environmental auditors to make sure the materials are sent to the best processors in the U.S. and Canada.

The processors sort the batteries and melt them down into byproducts that can be used to make new batteries, stainless steel alloy and cement additives. Cellphones are often refurbished and resold when possible. The whole process is designed to take what can be a very harmful substance out of landfills where they can harm the environment.

"When I started [at the RM office] four years ago, I just went online

searching for recycling opportunities," said Dolly Lindell, who also put a box in Eriksdale School.

"The Purolator guy was amazed at the amount of boxes we were sending in. We've shipped probably a dozen boxes since we started. I figured that since we recycle so many other things, why not this as well?'

And the response from the Eriksdale community is the attitude that Call-2Recycle was hoping for. Nowadays there are dozens of types of batteries — lithium-ion, nickel and cadmium, and alkaline, just to name a few. In-

side each battery is a different chemical substance that helps drive the reaction that produces electricity and

powers your devices. For alkaline batteries, once that charge is gone, it cannot be put back in and the battery is tossed into the trash, but there are still some chemicals left inside.

Of course, the amount of chemical inside a dead battery is small, but think of the hundreds of batteries we go through each year and multiply that by how many other people are also using batteries. If we're all throwing them away, we

now have potentially hundreds of millions of batteries just lying in the ground, under pressure, heat and cold. The environmental impact could be severe. For lithium-ion batteries, the danger can be much more immediate since even a small puncture to the battery can create a small inferno as the reaction inside the battery creates heat from the puncture.

"Our goal is to divert these potentially harmful materials from the solid waste stream and recycle their byproducts into new products. [We are] really pleased that Eriksdale is recycling batteries with such enthusiasm. We are not surprised knowing the importance that rural communities place on recycling," said Delphine Lagourgue, director for central Canada at Call2Recycle.

If any community is interested in starting a battery-recycling program, it is free of charge. Call2Recycle provides the recycling bin and covers the cost of shipping the batteries.

To get more information on how to start a recycling program in your area, you can visit their website at www. call2recycle.ca or contact their customer service team at 1-877-723-1297.

### **"THE** PUROLATOR GUY IS AMAZING AT THE AMOUNT OF **BOXES WE'RE** SENDING IN."

# Gimli truck driver receives Highway Angel award

#### **By Patricia Barrett**

The Truckload Carriers Association named a Gimli truck driver, who pulled a man from the cab of his crushed semitrailer earlier this year, a Highway Angel recently.

In February Jason Levreault was on an 11-hour routine haul from Saskatoon to Winnipeg when he witnessed a collision between two semitrailers on the Trans-Canada Highway in the early hours of the morning.

"I remember what I told 911," said Levreault, who works for Winnipegbased Bison Transport. "I told her, 'A semi just ran into a parked semi on the highway.'"

The semitrailer that had stopped on the highway was half on the shoulder and half on the highway.

Levreault said he pulled over, checked on the driver of the parked truck then ran over to the driver in the smashed cab and shouted out. When he got no response, he began to climb up the wreckage.

"Right away I could feel my fingers," said Levreault, who had left his gloves in his truck. Temperatures that evening were near minus 30 degrees Celsius.

"The bottom half of the truck was sliced away," he said, "and there was diesel fuel all over the highway."

Some vehicles stopped but didn't assist. The driver of a pickup truck did, though. Together they lifted the injured driver from the cab and took him back to Levreault's truck. He had suffered a gash to his head and his hands were bleeding.

"I had just taken first aid with St. John Ambulance," said Levreault, who



Levreault earned the Highway Angel award by the Truckload Carriers Association for his heroic action earlier this year.

was born and raised in Gimli."At first I didn't remember what to do, but then I did."

The injured driver, who remained conscious, told Levreault he hadn't seen see the parked semi.

"You can get complacent at night," said Levreault, who has been a transport driver since 2001."With tiny, little curves, it can be hard to see till the last second."

Whenever he started a job with a new trucking company, Levreault said he had to go through a period of training.

"They always say, 'Pull over to a safe spot whatever you need to do.' "



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON LEVREAULT

Jason Levreault of Gimli pulled a driver from the smashed cab of this semitrailer on a cold Saskatchewan night while travelling on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Although the driver of the parked semi was half on the highway, he wasn't charged.

The accident occurred in Saskatchewan between Whitewood and Wapella.

An employee in Bison's safety department nominated Levreault for the Highway Angel award. Levreault said he is the fourth Bison driver to win the award.

The Truckload Carriers Association, an organization that represents about 700 companies in the trucking industry, started the Highway Angel program in 1997 as a way to recognize drivers for their kindness, courtesy and courage towards others while on the job.

The TCA presented Levreault with a certificate, patch, lapel pin and truck decal.

"Every time I drive by that spot, I have a two-minute nightmare," said Levreault, who was treated for frostbite."What if it was me?"

As for the injured driver, Levreault said he saw him at a McDonald's two months after the accident.

"He put his hand on my shoulder and thanked me," said Levreault. "It was such a miracle the guy barely got hurt."

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### **Education student to organize Arborg Youth Program**

#### By Patricia Barrett

An Arborg student in her final year of university has put together a Saturday Youth Program for the town that will start Oct. 10.

Jessica Stobert has mapped out an eight-week recreational program for Arborg youth (ages four to 12) that will include cooking lessons, crafts, games and storytelling.

"I have had many jobs with youth," said the 22-year-old student, who's in her final year of education at Brandon University."I love to teach." For the past three years, she has run the Summer Day Camp for the Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission. And she's currently involved in youth programming at the YMCA in Brandon.

"I thought it would be great to start this in Arborg," said Stobert, who wants to return to her hometown after she graduates and teach in one of the schools.

She will be choosing a theme for each week and creating a range of activities around it.

"For example, the first week will focus on Thanksgiving," said Stobert, who comes home every weekend from Brandon. "The kids will describe what they are thankful for." That will be expressed through arts and crafts activities.

Stobert plans to split the children into two groups in order to maximize the time she can spend with each child. Children aged four to seven will start at 10 a.m. while children eight to 12 will start at 10:30 a.m.

"With the energy the kids bring," said Stobert, "it's an overall fun atmosphere."

Stobert is in the process of finalizing the program, which will likely be held at the Curling Club. The full program costs \$40. For those who wish to drop-in, each class cost \$5.

For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 204-376-5576.

# **Candidates rev up their campaigns as election nears**



**JAMES BEZAN** 

#### By Brandon Logan

With just over two weeks remaining until the Oct. 19 federal election, candidates in the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding are hitting the campaign trail non-stop.

Following our recent look into Conservative Party candidate James Bezan's and Liberal Party candidate Joanne Levy's campaigns, the *Express* contacted the remaining three candidates running in the riding.

Nationally, the NDP have stayed near the top of most polls throughout the campaign and local candidate Deborah Chief hopes that is true of this riding.

Chief has been going door to door talking to constituents in recent weeks. She said from her talks with community members, it appears people want change from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservatives.



DEBORAH CHIEF

"From what I've heard, the current government or the Harper government, they're just fed up with his leadership," Chief said. "People that I've spoken with want to see change in the government."

Chief said the NDP would be the best choice to lead, adding that addressing affordable housing, seniors' issues and First Nations are big advantages they have over the current government.

Change is also the theme Wayne James and the Green Party are running behind.

While the NDP, Liberals and Conservatives have used the word "change" throughout their campaigns nationally, James said the ideas are nothing more than "tinkering with the systems."

"There's no real change going on," James said, "whereas the Green Party is offering real change in the sense



#### **DONALD GRANT**

that we recognize what we're doing here on the planet with our ever-expanding capitalist system of economics isn't sustainable.

"In fact, it's destroying our environment around us."

James said his party would address these problems head on instead of putting a"Band-Aid on top of a Band-Aid," which he says is what other parties are doing.

Rounding out the five Elections Canada official candidates is Libertarian Donald Grant.

Grant admits the Libertarian Party is in a stage where they want to be more recognizable in hopes of growing the party in the future.

He said the biggest component to this campaign is lowering taxes, something that is a topic of discussion for many Manitobans.

"I think the biggest component is we want a flat tax," Grant said. "We want



WAYNE JAMES

people to pay less taxes. The governments are taxing the heck out of us.
They're tired of it."

With very few candidates across the riding, the biggest goal Grant and the Libertarians have is to earn more seats than the Green Party.

Campaigning is expected to ramp up for all five candidates over the next few weeks as the election nears.

A Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman all candidates debate will take place on Monday, Oct. 5 at Gunton Greenwood Community Hall in Guntun hosted by the Stonewall-Teulon Chambers of Commerce. Admission is free and doors will open at 6 p.m. with the debate set to start at 6:30 p.m.

For those hoping to get their vote in early, advanced voting across the riding will be taking place everyday from Friday, Oct. 9 to Monday, Oct. 12.

Voters got to the polls on Oct. 19.

# **Gimli Film Festival searching for new director**

#### By Patricia Barrett

The board of the Gimli Film Festival is looking for a new director to take the lead of the popular festival that draws thousands to Gimli every year.

Leona Johnson, who headed the festival for the past two seasons, is stepping down. She said she will miss working with the festival's board members and committees, filmmakers and legions of volunteers.

"It's such a wonderfully supported event in Gimli," said Johnson.

The annual festival, launched in 2000, showcases the best new films from Manitoban and Canadian directors. It also presents documentaries, short films and feature-length productions from around the world.

It's a huge tourist draw. Johnson said last year's event was one of the best in terms of the number of films shown (peak capacity) and indoor attendance, which increased by 30 per cent.

"They are so passionate about the

films," said Johnson, referring to the visitors who flock to Gimli for the festival. "They love our lakeside resort community and they support local businesses."

The free "twilight screening under the stars" that can attract upwards of 3,500 people to the beach is a magical part of the event, said Johnson, who has worked in the not-for-profit sector since she was 21.

She said the best candidate for the director's job, which was posted mid-September on the festival's website, should possess a number of qualities. They should have a strong background in leading not-for-profit organizations, fundraising experience, event planning and execution experience, as well as a good sense of community.

"They should live locally — or be willing to relocate," said Johnson. Last but not least, they should have an appreciation of film and the art of film. "Film has the ability to inform, engage, educate and entertain," said Johnson. "It's a way of looking at our past and our future. People go to films for these different reasons."

She said Manitoba's filmmakers are amazing.

The ability to work closely with people and "set the tone" is a key part of the directorship.

"She made you feel like everyone was doing the right thing," said Claire Gillis, referring to Johnson. "We couldn't have asked for a better person."

Gillis, who has sat on the festival board for four years, said they had been fortunate to find someone with all the skills needed to lead the organization.

"She's a built-in gem," said Gillis, who's a pharmacist at the local Pharmasave. "You can't find people of her calibre willy-nilly. They're not dropping out of the sky." Although the festival lasts a week, the planning, the fundraising, the organization, the selection of volunteers, and so forth, is a year-round, full-time job, said Gillis.

In terms of Johnson's successor, Gillis said she's "certain there's someone out there who'll do a fantastic job for us."

What Johnson will miss most is the frenzy of activity required to launch the festival and the people she got to know.

"I've met a lot of new friends," said Johnson, who didn't grow up in Gimli but whose husband did. "It was a great way to get to know people in the community."

Johnson said she plans to live life at a slower pace. "I want to be more semi-retired."

The competition closes Sept. 30. For more information about the position and the Gimli Film Festival, visit gimlifilm.com.



JOANNE LEVY

# **Arborg Collegiate off and running with new track**

### **By Patricia Barrett**

Students at Arborg Collegiate are already off and running on their new asphalt track thanks to fundraising efforts that brought in about \$250,000.

"We shouldn't have to run track meets through the mud and water anymore," said Tom Chwaliboga, who sat on the track fundraising committee and is also the recreation director at the Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission.

The former track was gravel and it was subject to flooding in wet weather. The infield where students play soccer was particularly affected by standing water.

Completed this summer, the new track is 400 metres and has six lanes. It also has a proper drainage system.

The project was financed through the generosity of the Arborg community.

"There was a lot of local fundraising and grants," said Chwaliboga. The money will also be used to purchase new sports equipment.

In May, students from Arborg Collegiate (grades 9-12) and Arborg Early Middle School (K-Grade 8) helped raise money by participating in a Maple Leaf Foods Community Walk/Run event.

Over the course of the next few weeks, the infield will get a layer of soil and grass seed so that it's ready for spring events.

The money raised for the track came up a little short, said Chwaliboga, and fundraising efforts will continue.

For more information about the project, contact Arborg Collegiate at 204-376-5160 or aci@esd.ca.



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT** 

Arborg Collegiate Students jog to the finish on the new asphalt track behind the school. The community of Arborg raised approximately \$250,000 for the project, which was completed this summer.

### Gimli science teacher about to embark on Arctic expedition

### By Patricia Barrett

A science teacher from Gimli High School is about to trade in her teaching clothes for a floater suit and climb aboard an Arctic research vessel.

Cheryl Bailey is one of two teachers taking part in an expedition to study the environmental impact of human activity.

"Culturally, environmentally and economically, the Arctic is important to all of us," said Bailey, who teaches biology and environmental sciences at Gimli High School. "And this trip will make us think about how we're all in this together."

To many scientists, the Arctic is considered a bellwether of climate change.

"Education is always

the key," said Bailey, who has been teaching in the Evergreen School Division since 1998."The more we know, the more we can do things to improve the environment."

the course Evergreen teaches about Lake Winnipeg, which suffers from pollution and violent weather events. Part of her teaching methodology is to get students out in the field to see how research is conducted and to become aware of the effects human activity has on the natural environment. She has taken her students on field

trips aboard the CCGS Namao, berthed in Gimli Harbour, to participate in research projects.

She said she applied for the Schools on Board ArcticNet program (run by the University of Manitoba) last spring.

"This program is really important to my school and to others around the province," said Bailey.

Each year, high school students and teachers are selected from across Canada to join scientists

on board the CCGS Amundsen, a Canadian Coast Guard vessel that serves as an icebreaker and floating science laboratory.

The vessel usually spends mid-May She said the trip will"fit in well" with to mid-November in the Canadian Arctic supporting Canadian scientific research projects. It will accommodate three back-to-back ArcticNet programs, including the one Bailey is taking from Oct. 1 to 11.

The ship will head east, coming close to Greenland, said Bailey, and will make a stop at Pond Inlet, a small community on Baffin Island.

"We'll get off the ship and meet some of the local people there," she said.

As far as temperature goes, it's an ideal time to journey north."It's early season in the high Arctic," said Bailey, who's accustomed to frigid Manitoba winters. "It will be between minus 4 degrees Celsius and minus 15."

The two teachers and nine students will be working with scientists and performing specific tasks. They'll also be keeping journals, and taking photographs and videos.

"I'm trying to work out if I can do a blog," said Bailey."Our Internet usage might be limited — scientists get first priority."

She said students will be staging a debate on climate change."They'll be split into groups (pro and con) and given a climate change issue."

They'll also be sharing their expe-

rience with their respective schools through conference calls. Students back home will have a chance to ask them — and the scientists — questions about the Arctic.

"My head has been spinning," said Bailey, who will be teaching right up to her departure day of Sept. 30. "I'm not sleeping terribly well."

She said she's limited to what clothing she can bring aboard — mostly layers. She'll spend most of her time in a survival suit or floatation suit.

It won't be all work and no play. Bailey said she and the other Arctic-Net participants will have a chance to shed their floater suits and don evening attire for a captain's dinner.

"Apparently there's a good chef on board," she said. "They asked us what some of our favourite foods are."

Researchers and crew spend months in the Arctic and have to get supplies delivered by helicopter at times.

Bailey is scheduled to return Oct. 12. She plans to give presentations about her experience to the Evergreen School Board and to other teachers in the division, as well as to those in other Manitoba school divisions.

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# **Relatives in seach or Brustad homestead**

### By Jeff Ward

A Washington woman is looking for the public's help in locating a homestead that her father was born in almost 100 years ago.

Joyce Brustad Gordon lives in Nordland, Wash., and is hoping to come visit Eriksdale in September of next year. On Sept. 8, 2016, her father would have turned 100 years old and she can't think of a better way to celebrate his birthday than to, hopefully, visit the log cabin homestead he was born in, during 1916. Her father, Arvid Brustad, was born to her grandparents Henry O. Brustad and Arvida C. Brustad, who had two other children while living in Eriksdale.

"I'd love to see where he was born, if it still exists," said Gordon over the phone.

"I was a bit worried that the area would have been turned into a strip mall or a Subway. I'm not sure if there is a cabin left, but I'm hoping someone can help me find out."

Gordon is hoping to echo the journey of her family by spending some time in Eriksdale on her father's 100th birthday and then taking the train west to Vancouver. The Brustad's only spent six years in Eriksdale as Henry attempted to farm wheat in the area. Those efforts failed and he ended up becoming a cook for the crews working on the railroad before traveling west in 1921 and finally settling in Portland, Ore.

If anyone knows of or remembers the Brustads and where they lived during their time in Eriksdale, you're urged to email Joyce at 2swedishchicks@gmail.com to help her find the homestead.



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Henry Brustad and his wife Arvida pose for a picture in Winnipeg in 1921 before they travelled west by train. Joyce Brustad Gordon is hoping to find the homestead where they lived and where her father Arvid (front left) was born.

# Infrastructure repairs force temporary road closures in Eriksdale

### By Jeff Ward

Over the next few weeks' road closures will force the rerouting of traffic for the town of Eriksdale. These closures will only be temporary and will reopen shortly.

The road that is affected is a portion of the Business Park — which extends from Highway 417 up to Road 125N, Blue Gleich Road and will be completed in the upcoming weeks. Swan Lake Drive is the approach onto Highway 6 and is being completely removed as required by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT).

"The removal of the access from Swan Lake Drive onto Highway 6 was required by MIT several years ago for the RM of Eriksdale to gain access to their new business park from Highway 417," said deputy reeve John Wainwright. The cost of the project will total \$85,000, with \$34,800 being funded by the Municipal Road Improvement Program and the remainder coming from the Federal Gas Tax funds. Wainwright mentioned that the project should be on or under budget due to the contractors being hired on an hourly rate.

All of the projects have been in the works for a while (pre-amalgamation), but because of the amalgamation process, many projects, this one included, were delayed. The removal of the CAO post-amalgamation also caused further delays to many ongoing projects, according to Wainwright.

The upgrades to Eriksdale's interior come after several years of efforts to upgrade the numerous agricultural roads in the outlying areas of the RM.

### MPI offers options to eliminate deductible for vandalism claims

### **News Release**

Manitobans who insure their vehicles with an Autopac Extension deductible package (\$100 or \$200) will now qualify to have their deductible reduced to \$0 for vandalism claims. This change in coverage by the Government of Manitoba will take effect today, following an amendment to the Automobile Insurance Coverage Regulation.

"Our government has heard the concerns of those who have been victims of this senseless crime," said Gord Mackintosh, minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance.

"This amendment will benefit those vehicle owners who choose to carry the \$100 or \$200 deductible option, and who suffer damage to their vehicles as a result of criminal vandalism."

Last year there were about 10,000 vandalism claims opened with Manitoba Public Insurance. Vehicle vandalism came to the forefront earlier this year after a rash of criminal incidents within the capital region. Manitoba Public Insurance, Manitoba Justice, community representatives and the Winnipeg Police Service are committed to reducing this crime.

"As Manitoba's public auto insurer, we recognize the need to continually adapt our products and services to meet the evolving needs of our customers," said Ward Keith, vice-president Business Development & Communications and Chief Product Officer Manitoba Public Insurance."We're pleased to be able to offer our customers the option to eliminate the deductible for vandalism losses if they choose to do so.

This policy change, which will automatically benefit approximately 75 per cent of all Manitoba Public Insurance customers who currently have the optional \$100 and \$200 deductible packages, will result in a minimal premium adjustment of \$3 to \$5 per year, which is expected to apply to policy renewals and reassessments effective March 1, 2016, or later. The average cost of a vandalism claim is about \$1,300.



# Thunder has mixed results on the gridiron

#### By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder football teams had mixed results on the gridiron last Saturday.

The Interlake Bantams doubled the Transcona Nationals 44-22 while the Atoms outscored the Fort Garry Lions 50-46.

Lucas Kmet scored the game-winning touchdown in the Atom game with just 21 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

In Midget action, the Thunder were defeated 51-0 by the Mustangs in St. Vital Saturday evening.

Dylan Condie led St. Vital with 127 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Mustangs' quarterback Josh Jamieson also had a rushing touchdown while Jude Tanghe hauled in a TD reception.

Chad Ladan had a fumble recovery for a major. With the loss, the Thunder have now lost five games in a row and are 1-5 on the season. And things don't get much easier for the Interlake as the Thunder will visit the first-place Nationals (6-0) this Friday evening in Winnipeg. Kickoff is 8 p.m.

The other Thunder teams will be back in action on Saturday in Stonewall. The Bantams will play St. Vital at 9 a.m., followed by the PeeWees against the St. James Rods (11:30 a.m.), the Atoms versus Charleswood (2 p.m.) and the Crunchers versus Fort Garry (4:30 p.m.).



The Thunder's Colton Meisner (30), Brandyn Linklater (95) and Tanner McCallen (8) bring down a National player during Interlake's 44-22 win last Saturday.

### **MSHL** adds Stonewall, loses Sagkeeng

### By Brian Bowman

The Manitoba Senior Hockey League will have a different look this upcoming season.

The Sagkeeng Braves will be taking a league of absence from the league this season but the Stonewall Flyers, formerly of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League, have decided to join the MSHL.

"It's always good to have another competitive team in the league, but I don't know if (people) are aware of the history of Stonewall hockey," said MSHL chair Mark Buss last Thursday morning. "Since the 1950s, the big hockey loop around here used to be Beausejour, Gimli, Stonewall...and Pine Falls and Teulon had teams.

"Hockey, in this area, when it was big in the 60s and 70s, Stonewall, Gimli, and Beausejour were the teams that were banging heads for a long time."

Buss said it makes sense geographically to have Stonewall part of the five-team MSHL, which also features the Gimli Wolves, Lakeside Phantoms, Beausejour Beavers, and Lac du Bonnet Blues.

Flyers' forward Adam Kirk said a shorter travel time for games was a major factor for their team voting in favour of switching leagues.

Another big reason for the change, said Kirk, is

the MSHL's import rule. The MSHL allows each team as many as five import skaters and two import goalies. By contrast, the SEMHL allows just two imports.

"With declining numbers, it was decided to go to the other league because you can have five imports and with South East you only get two imports," Kirk said. "It's definitely a thing to try to boost numbers and maybe get a few more guys out."

Buss said the import rule is a good way for teams to attract quality talent to the league. Not all of the communities have a large talent pool to pick from.

But the MSHL is a league loaded with talented players. Many of the players in the league have played high-level hockey in various leagues while Gimli reached the Senior "A" provincial final last season before losing 5-4 to the Morden Redskins of the SEMHL.

Beausejour, meanwhile, reached the provincial semifinals before losing to Morden.

"It's a good league," Buss said proudly." There are a few NHL draft folks that either didn't make it or didn't play and I know there are some guys that played in the AHL or college.

"It's a competitive league, that's for sure."

### Local teams playing KJHL preseason games

### By Brian Bowman

Local teams have been busy preparing for the Keystone Junior Hockey League regular season with several exhibition games recently.

Last Saturday, the Lundar Falcons were nipped 6-5 in overtime by the St. Malo Warriors in St. Adolphe. Lundar had shut out St. Malo 3-0 back on Sept. 19 in Warren.

The Arborg Ice Dawgs, meanwhile, had a couple of tough games last week with the defending KJHL-champion Selkirk Fishermen. Arborg lost 9-1 to Selkirk on Sept. 22 in Gimli and then were stopped 8-3 by the Fishermen Sunday evening in Selkirk.

Arborg visited the North Winnipeg Satelites on Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Lundar will host Fisher River tonight (8 p.m.) while Arborg will play home to St. Malo Saturday (7:30 p.m.) in Warren. On Tuesday, Peguis will play the Satelites at Billy Mosienko Arena. Game time is 8 p.m. The KJHL regular season begins Oct. 9 when St. Malo hosts North Winnipeg.

# Midget Lightning loaded up front this season

### Head coach has high expectations for this year's team

### By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial team used the preseason to evaluate talent.

Now, they're ready for their Manitoba Midget "AAA" Hockey League regular season, which begins Friday when they host the Pembina Valley Hawks at 7:30 p.m. in Teulon.

The Lightning expect to be very competitive in the league this season. Interlake is hopeful to be, at least, several games over .500 by season's end.

"We think our forward lines are as

good as anybody in the league," said Lightning head coach Dwayne Swanson confidently last week. "We think we have some strong forwards and we can roll three, sometimes four, lines that will be just fine."

Forwards Noah Basarab, Riley Vautour, Jordan Kristjanson, Karson Collins, Storm Swan, James Maxwell, and Wyatt Bear, expected to be returned to the Lightning by the WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds soon, are each expected to make huge contributions to the Lightning this season.

While the Lightning are strong up front, there may be some question marks on the blueline. Finding six solid defencemen on the back end may be a work in progress, at least early in the season.

In goal, Nathan Cvar is expected to

give the Lightning a solid netminder with Midget "AAA" experience. The other goaltending spot was still up for grabs, said Swanson, late last week. It was expected to be cleared up by this past weekend.

"We have a couple of first-year Midgets that are vying (for the second spot) right now," Swanson said. "They're both very good goaltenders and it's making a very tough decision for us."

Interlake started its preseason with a pair of losses to Eastman (6-2) and Parkland (8-4) on Sept. 11 and 12, respectively.

The following week, the Lightning were defeated 2-1 by Southwest in a very good game, said Swanson, and 7-3 by Pembina Valley before edging Yellowhead 7-6 to wrap up its pre-

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"We changed our line combinations in order to have a better chance to get a win (against Yellowhead)," Swanson said. "It was important to get some confidence before the season started. It wasn't our regular team (during the preseason), but we didn't want to go into the regular season with five straight losses under our belt."

In the Pembina Valley loss, the Lightning surrendered seven goals in a 13-minute span in the second period after leading 1-0 after 20 minutes.

"We were still evaluating kids," Swanson said."We weren't concerned about those games. We had a lot of first-year Midgets in the lineup and a lot of the kids that were going to play with us were away at junior camps."



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Level: Inter



### 19. Conakry is the capital 24. W. Australian capital

- 26. Dr. Laura's initials
- 27. Death notice

20. Erstwhile

**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Mythological bird

10. Military mailbox

11. Curved span

4. Norwegian sea inlets

**12. One hundred grams** 

14. Chest muscle (slang)

**16. Remove connection** 

18. Gas storage container

15. Old Portuguese pennies

- 28. Irtysh River city
- 30. So. Am. country
- 31. Last in an large series
- 34. Term for alternative
- musical passage
- 36.12
- 37. A nestling hawk or falcon
- **39. Vice president**
- 40. Detailed criteria for a
- piece of work
- 41. Six
- 42. Gossipy
- 46. Relating to the body 48. Incendiary liquid used in
- firebombs
- 51. Plunder
- 52. Niger capital
- 53. Game of chukkas 54. Genus Hedera
- 55. Government prosecutor
- 56. Plural of genus
- 58. Born of
- 59. Livebearers tropical
  - fishes
  - **60. Doctor of Education**



- 1. Plundering
- \_, kitchen tool 2. Can-\_

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- 3. Crested Australian parrot
- 4. 4th tone of scale
- 5. Author of "The Rings"
- 6. Mains
- 7. Major European river
- 8. PC publishing 9.40th state
- 12. A tight embrace 13. Large African antelope
- **17. Impertinence**
- 21. Wild Eurasian mountain goat
- 22. City in Malaysia
- 23. Small ornamental bag

29. Point midway between S and SE

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- 31. "Untouchables" Elliot

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- 44. Fixed a female cat
- 45. An edible tuberous root
- 47. Formerly included in
- genus Cedrela
- 49. Headed up
- 50. Soft shelled clam genus
- 56. Country doctor
- 57. Equally
- 25. Nelson's ship

- 58
  - 32. Misprint
  - **33. Heme**
  - 35. Italian mountain range
  - 38. Surgical knife
  - 41. Purple
  - 43. Forfeited

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with pre-diabetes or diabetes? Are you unsure of what diabetes

is? Interlake-Eastern Community Wellness Team is here to help you. This program consists of two or three classes; explaining what diabetes is, how to control blood sugars, what to eat with diabetes and how to read food labels, treatments for diabetes, how to stay healthy from your eyes to your toes, how to manage cholesterol and blood pressure and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

#### Arborg

Thurs., Oct. 15 (Class Two)q 1:00 pm – 3pm Arborg Hospital Boardroom

### Hodgson

Wed., Oct. 7 (Class Two) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Percy Moore Hospital Boardroom

### Ashern

Thurs., Oct. 15 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Class Two) Ashern Hospital Boardroom

#### Peguis

Wed., Oct 28 (Class One) Tues., Nov. 10 (Class Two) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Peguis Health Centre Gimli TBA(Class One) TBA (Class Two) Percy Moore Hospital Boardroom

### DIABETES SOLUTIONS WITH A NURSE EDUCATOR

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#### Want to learn about new medications and technologies for diabetes management? Do you have unanswered questions or just unsure of how to keep your diabetes under control? Come join a Diabetes

under control? Come join a Diabete Troubleshooting Nurse Education Session. Gimli

#### Thurs., Oct 1 9:30 am - noon Gimli Hospital EMS Training Room

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Want to learn about healthy eating in general? Looking for nutrition tips, weight loss tips, or disease specific guidance? Then this is the class for you! You will be guided through lifestyle changes to help you improve cholesterol, and blood pressure. Learn about fat, fibre, sodium and eating habits to become a healthier you. Make sense of food labels and how your choices will affect your

#### Arborg

Wed., Nov. 4 10:00-noon Arborg Hospital Boardroom **Ashern** Wed., Nov. 4 10:00 am – noon Ashern Hospital Boardroom

family's health and yours.

To schedule an appointment with a nurse or dietitian regarding your chronic condition, please call 1-877-979-WELL (9355).

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### **CRAVING CHANGE**

Are you craving change in your eating habits? Want to kick a bad habit? Do you struggle with your eating and want to learn how you can create a healthier you? Then this FREE three week program is the class for you!

### **Fisher Branch**

Tues., Oct. 6 Time: 9:30 am – 11 am Fisher Branch PCH Boardroom **Gimli**: Wed., Oct. 14 Wed., Oct. 21 Wed., Nov. 4 Wed., Nov. 18 6:30 pm – 9pm Gimli Hospital Multipurpose Room

### MOBILE WELLNESS EVENT SCHEDULE

Mobile Wellness (MW) events are free events that bring a team of health care professionals to provide education and help you make healthy lifestyle choices. MW encourages people to be aware of the factors that affect their health and the things that they can do to improve their health. MW includes: a health check (blood pressure, blood glucose, and a lifestyle quiz); healthy displays on physical activity, nutrition, smoking and stress, healthy lifestyles presentation and a passport to record results.

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- Goal setting
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#### **Fisher Branch**

Tues., Dec. 2 Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am Location: Fisher Branch Personal Care Home Boardroom

### Gimli:

Mon., Oct. 5 9:30 am - noon Gimli Hospital Multipurpose Room

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### **GET BETTER TOGETHER**

Are you living with a chronic condition such as arthritis, MS, depression, asthma, chronic pain, diabetes, anxiety, cancer, fibromyalgia or heart disease? Come join Get Better Together! People with different chronic health problems attend together to deal with common issues they face and to motivate each other with solutions and techniques for:

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- Dealing with frustration, pain, fatigue and isolation
- Appropriate exercises for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility and endurance
- Appropriate use of medications
- Communicating effectively
- with family, friends and health professionals
- Maintaining appropriate nutrition
- Engaging with other community resources

This FREE six week program is designed to help people with ongoing health conditions take control of their health. This program, led by others living with chronic conditions, can help you develop a plan to deal with the challenges of an ongoing health concern or disability. Bring a friend, family member, or other support person to attend with you! Each session is 2.5 hours.

To get on a wait list to attend Get Better Together in another community, email wellness@ierha.ca or phone toll free 1-877-979-WELL (9355).

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