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Santa Claus makes his debut

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Santa Claus made his debut during the Parade of Lights last Friday in Arborg. The jolly elf himself was welcomed by children of all ages lined up along Main Street.

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Arborg kick-starts Christmas with Black Friday and Parade of Lights

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg wheeled out the deals and plenty of snacks during its huge Black Friday event Nov. 24 before dazzling hundreds of spectators with its Annual Parade of Lights later that evening.

"The town's been bustling all day," said Arborg Hotel owner Owen Eyolfson. "And I'm glad it's not raining."

Eyolfson said Arborg Pharmacy staff scrambled Thursday night to cover their "icy" float with plastic bags to protect it from the rain.

Dozens of people were at the hotel enjoying supper in the lounge. Customers Fab and Nolan stopped by for a quick round while in town.

At the Arborg Pharmacy, staff member Ayla Dropko tantalized customers' taste buds with a selection of Gourmet Village hot chocolates, such as crème brûlée, cookies and cream, truffle chocolate and marshmallows, as well as a wide assortment of knock-out dips, such as spicy Mexican, cheddar and bacon, and mango curry.

"All you have to add for most of them is mayo and sour cream, then you stir in the package and put it in the fridge for 20 minutes and it's done," said Dropko, who's worked at the pharmacy for two years. "And they have different recipes on the inside of the package."

She offered *The Express* a sample of

the parmesan artichoke dip. "It has a bit of a kick to it," she warned.

In addition to the lip-smacking dips and hot chocolate, the pharmacy carries other unique products such as chemical-free wool dryer-balls and environmentally friendly cloth baby diapers made with bamboo.

Over at Shachtay Sales & Service, owner Mike Shachtay helped customer Rosemary Hess pick out the perfect chainsaw. The store, which specializes in agricultural, lawn, garden and recreational goods, offered three prizes (tool set, toy, jacket and hat) to customers with an Express Lucky Number.

Staff at Home Hardware got into the Christmas spirit for their big sales event. Owner Stan Loewen donned a festive bib and hat, and staff member Randy Petkau wore an "ugly" Christmas sweater.

Businesses and organizations taking part in the parade threw candy to the kids lining Main Street. The Riverton Friendship Centre's float featured a Zumba dancing polar bear, which didn't miss a beat to the funky music, and Robyn Bjornson from the Arborg Agricultural Society decked out her horse and daughter in flowers and lights. Santa Claus and one of his reindeer hitched a ride on the back of a trailer.



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Arborg Home Hardware was choc-a-bloc with shoppers scooping up great deals. Owner Stan Loewen and Randy Petkau worked the till while Lorna Loewen and Mavis Weik helped customers.



Arborg Pharmacy float.



Mike Shachtay of Shachtay Sales & Service found the perfect chainsaw for customer Rosemary Hess from the Gimli Garden Club.



Arborg Pharmacy staff member Ayla Dropko tantalized customers' taste buds with Quebec-based Gourmet Village artisan products.



Arborg Hotel owner Owen Eyolfson (right) with patrons Fab (left) and Nolan (centre).



Arborg Nic Nacs & Flowers owner Susie (left) with staff members Lillian and Birdeen.



Riverton Friendship Centre float featured a Zumba polar bear.



Robyn Bjornson from the Arborg Ag Society.

Wood furniture, baking and other items available this weekend

By Jeff Ward

The annual Country Christmas Craft Sale in Ashern on Dec. 1 and will feature dozens of craftspeople including Moosehorn's own Doug Becker and his handmade wood furniture.

Becker will be one of 50 vendors at this Friday's event that features dozens of unique items including baked goods, clothing, jewelry, mirrors and more. Becker makes incredible pieces of furniture from reclaimed wood he finds on his acreage north of Moosehorn. Becker uses diamond willow to create chairs, benches, walking sticks and even toothpick holders. The wood, once it goes through a yearlong treatment and drying process, almost looks like ivory or bone. It's light but

very durable and strong. Becker said he has always been interested in woodworking, but only in the last four years has he finally got down to work.

"Once I retired, I needed something to do and this has really been fun," said Becker.

"It takes a long time to make these pieces but I do it because it's fun. If I'm making a walking stick, it can take anywhere from 20 to 40 hours for one. It depends on if I put artwork on it or not and how difficult the wood is to work with."

Larger pieces of furniture can take much longer than that, so Becker doesn't typically take special orders from people. He said he doesn't like the pressure of needing to get pieces

done on a deadline as he does this for fun, not to make money. His wife, Sandra joked that the only reason they're selling them is to make room in the house for the ones he'll make in the future.

There's a passion in Becker's voice as he talks about his work and he said he could talk all day about what he makes.

"It all goes back to having fun for me. Sometimes I'll sit there and not know what to make and then it'll just

come to me," said Becker.

"The wood talks to him," joked his wife.

The Christmas Craft Sale is filled with vendors, like Becker, whose artistic and creative hobby can be monetized. For many who sell, the money they make typically just gets rolled back into their hobby sustaining itself.

The craft sale takes places from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ashern Centennial Hall and is free to enter.



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Doug Becker will be one of the vendors for this Friday's Christmas Craft Sale in Ashern. His wood pieces take dozens of hours to complete and are a labour of love.

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Lundar Legion produces DVD honouring local veterans

By Jeff Ward

The stories and experiences of Lundar's three living Second World War veterans have been captured and pressed into a DVD in an effort to immortalize their sacrifice for generations to come.

The stories of Lorne Eyolfson, Thorstein Palsson and Howard Malcolm were filmed to preserve their experiences. The Lundar Legion, in partnership with the Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation (CLCF), accessed a grant from the Community Foundations of Canada to help make the DVD. Over the summer, their stories were filmed and edited into a DVD called *Veteran Voices*. The film was played at the Lundar Remembrance Day Ceremony. Legion vice-president and CLCF board member Brian Thomas helped organize the project. He said it is important to make sure their stories live on and is very proud of how the end product looked.

"These guys aren't going to be around forever. They're all over 90," said Thomas.

"It's important that we continue to remember them and what they did for

us. Now that we made this DVD, these stories are around forever. I think we did well for the guys and they were pleased with how it turned out."

Thomas said the legion is in the business of honouring the memories of veterans and he couldn't think of a better way to do that than by making this DVD. Perhaps the most effective part about the production is that the stories came from the veterans themselves. Looking into the eyes of the veterans and hearing them tell the story makes the information far more relatable than reading it in a book.

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Thomas said he would like the DVD to go into the Lundar Museum for preservation and for other copies to make it to the schools as well. Thomas only has a few copies left of the original order after sending them to family of the veterans involved.

"These guys were all born and raised here in Lundar so these stories are even more important because they're relatable. When young people see this, they'll look and realize that even from our small town, we had



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Brian Thomas helped produce the DVD titled *Veteran Voices* detailing the efforts of Lundar's three living Second World War veterans.

men over there fighting. Young people can watch these stories forever and understand what these guys went

through," said Thomas.

Thomas hopes to get more copies of the DVD to sell to the public.

Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation endowment fund receives over \$10K

By Jeff Ward

The Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation (CLCF) will see an extra \$10,199 deposited into their ever-growing endowment fund this year after another successful 24 Hours of Giving Challenge.

The challenge took place on Nov. 18 and saw dozens of generous residents donating to the CLCF. CLCF treasurer Irene Runolfson said that the donations from the community totalled \$7,285 and the stretch goals provided by the Winnipeg Foundation and the province added another \$2,914 to bring the total to \$10,199. Runolfson said that it was humbling to watch people donate to the fund. The money raised is added to the endowment fund, which is never spent. Each year, the interest from the fund is granted out to various non-profits in the area.

"Over \$10,000 is marvelous for a small commu-

nity," said Runolfson.

"And we just had the Legion's Chase the Ace and people are still donating to the arena, so for them to open their wallets again is very generous. But we have an incredible group of people that support us."

Runolfson said the CLCF saw nine new donors give money this year during the challenge. She explained that when they get new first-time donors, the board members of the foundation feel like their message is getting across, which only emboldens them to continue their work.

"The larger our fund is, the more impact we can have in the community. I think people are starting to realize now that non-profits are coming to us requesting granting, so when they donate, they're helping us help those organizations," said Runolfson.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY IRENE RUNOLFSON

The first donor of the day during the 24 Hours of Giving Challenge was CLCF founding member Fred Eyolfson, who donated on behalf of himself and his wife, Betty.

Ashern CIBC to close, merge services with Arborg Branch in April

By Jeff Ward

The CIBC in Ashern will be closing its doors for good on April 5, 2018, and merging its services with the Arborg Banking Centre.

CIBC director of media relations Caroline Van Hasselt explained that the closure is due to their customers' increasing shift to electronic banking. She explained that the decision to close the Ashern branch was difficult. Client accounts will be transferred to the CIBC Arborg branch to ensure there is no disruption in service. Clients have been notified of these changes via letters sent out last week.

Online banking has gained steam over the last few years, making brick and mortar institutions less viable. CIBC owns the building in Ashern, located at 20 Main St., and it will be put up for sale in four to six months after the branch closes, according to Van Hasselt.

"While many clients in Ashern are

already banking online, by phone or using a mobile device, our team will spend time with clients in the coming months to help them learn more about these convenient options for their everyday banking," wrote Van Hasselt in an email to the *Express Weekly News*.

The Ashern branch has five employees and Van Hasselt said the bank will be working with those people to identify new roles for them within the CIBC network. She was unable to say if those employees are guaranteed a future position.

CIBC isn't the only bank along Highway 6 to reduce their services. Caisse Financial Group in St. Laurent chose not to upgrade the ATM at their branch due to low transaction numbers. Instead, they decided to close the ATM completely in October 2017. Many community members, council included, were not happy with this decision.

CIBC will hold a community infor-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Ashern's CIBC will be closing its doors next April while consolidating their services with the Arborg Banking Centre.

mation meeting in Ashern on Jan. 4, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ashern Centennial Hall.

Eriksdale Rec Centre elects new president during AGM

By Jeff Ward

Last week, a new president was elected to serve on the Eriksdale Recreation Centre board who is excited to bring new ideas and new energy to the space that hosts so many community events each year.

Haylee Jensen said when she went to the Nov. 21 meeting, which was only her second meeting since joining the board, she had no intention of becoming the new president but added she felt compelled to step up and take on that role.

Past-president Kelly Stuart will stay on for a few months to show Jensen the ropes so she can become familiar with the duties associated with the position. Board member and longtime Rec Centre volunteer Jerry Saunders said that Stuart wanted to step down as president and that he's excited to see some "young blood" take over. Jensen has grown up going to many events at the Eriksdale Recreation

Centre and said when she has her own children, it'll be up to her generation to help keep it going.

"I guess I'm getting a bit of a headstart," said Jensen.

"I'd love to see more people my age get involved and give some of these other members a break. I'm excited to bring in some of my ideas to help get the word out about the space and our events and hopefully bring more younger volunteers on as well."

Jensen is going to leverage social media, mainly Facebook, to push the agenda of the rec centre more. She said her knowledge of the platform can help get the page in front of the eyes of people from other areas of the Interlake and she hopes to entice them into making the trip to Eriksdale.

She said she has a side business marketing and is constantly on her phone anyway with that venture. So adding a few extra minutes to her day pushing the rec centre message isn't really that difficult.

"And I want to see this place be around for the next generation and this is how we reach them," said Jensen.

The story of limited volunteers is all too common throughout the Interlake. The same person might sit on a half-dozen boards for volunteer organizations and then spend even more time volunteering at the same

events they helped organize. There's certainly nothing wrong with that, but Jensen knows that many volunteers have been running that marathon for decades or more.

"I think the younger generation needs to step up and start taking on some of this, and maybe if they see a younger person like me on the board, it'll be easier for them to get involved. The reality is if we don't have the people helping out with this, there won't be a rec centre for kids to go to anymore," said Jensen.

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The fish keep coming, for some!

Hi gang.

During my visits with our fellow fishers on the ice this past week, the question on everyone's mind was when we will be able to quit dragging loaded sleighs across the ice and use our sleds, trucks, SnoBears and Bombardiers instead. If last Friday was any indicator, it won't be long.

I walked (or, more accurately, slid) down the snow covered embankment at the end of Whitetail Trail in Petersfield onto the eight-inch thick ice of Netley Creek as a small truck came beetling up to Paul Dahlin and Les Zolinski, two local anglers, who were sitting on their sleighs and jigging their short rods. Beside them, a sledder, Bill Lakota, sat passing the time. I raised my hand in greeting as I approached and asked if they had caught anything yet. The two anglers grimaced and shook their heads from side to side. "Hi Arnie, you remember me?" the robust, energetic Bill called out. The tiny, foreign truck took off as I said my hellos to Paul and Les. We traded fish stories on the ice in the warm, still afternoon, and Bill mentioned he had been catching some huge fish in the "sixteen-foot hole" further downstream.

Now according to Bill, there is a deep hole in the middle of the creek that is full of fish. Apparently, some folks marked its location by tying things to a tree on the creek bank, but others, wanting to keep the location a secret, have removed them. If you talk nicely to Bill, he just might give you a clue.

Just then, Les' rod began shuttering. He reeled in quickly and a beautiful Jack popped out of the ice hole. I promptly took a picture for us. Later,



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Les Zolinski of Petersfield with a nice jackfish he caught.

as I said my goodbyes and headed for "old red" on the creek bank, I heard Bill question out loud, "Have anyone of you guys ever seen a baby pelican? I never have!" I turned at the edge of the bank and called back, "Come to think of it, neither have I!" How odd, I thought to myself as I climbed into my truck.

The day before I was hanging with the guys on Netley Creek, I went visiting the dozen or so anglers on the Red by Breezy Point. I met a young, lanky, blonde and long-haired Winnipegger, Josh Kerschtn, who had just pulled an eighteen-inch walleye out of the ice. During our conversations, Josh said he gotten hooked on fishing years ago when his buddy was getting

married and organized a bachelor fishing party at Cormorant Lake by the Pas. Now, every spring the whole wedding party returns there for some great fishing.

On Saturday, I made it over to Gull Lake by Stead. The bright sun shone on the many portable ice shacks as kids and dogs played tag on the ice. There, I met Tyler Dueck, another young, tall, fit guy sporting a short brown beard, who hailed from Grunthal. He said he was a little "ticked off" because his buddies were here a few days ago and caught eighty—yes eighty—perch, keeping only a few for lunch and releasing the others. It reminded him, he said, of a time last year when he was ice fishing on Shoal Lake, north of Stonewall, with his girlfriend, Janie Walteson, and she caught seven perch including a sixteen-inch Master. I looked hesitatingly at him and asked, "Have you caught anything today?" He lowered his head and, smiling, said, "No, but everybody else has!"

Ok gang, how about one last open water story until spring?

Like "luckless" Tyler, Shane Cornnell, whom I talked to a while back, liked to fish but couldn't catch one. He used to work in Flin Flon and convinced his cousin Tar, along with another friend, Crampton, to go fishing in Beaver Lake, south of Swan River. They got up at five in the morning and started their trip, which involved driving, then trekking through the bush, then portaging and finally climbing to the lake where they had stored a boat. It took hours, but at long last they stood

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letter to the editor

Commercial fishing history to repeat itself

I may be the only person alive today who knows what was happening on Lake Winnipeg in the early days. In those days 150 boats went north without any idea of what they were going to be paid for the fish they caught.

I remember sitting in the bunkhouse, over 70 years ago, contemplating "Boy, if we get 14 cents a pound for our fish, we're gonna make a lot of money."

That same day we were told that the companies have met and decided to pay us 13 cents — just enough to keep us going until the next season. The fisherman was a slave to the whims of the fish companies.

Pay being what it was for fishing, I decided to become a teacher. When I became principal of the Gimli High School, I discovered that fishing had changed completely. The government of Pierre Elliot Trudeau had

brought in a new system where the fishermen no longer had to deal with fish companies but instead sold their fish to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, whose mandate was to turn over any profits they made to the fishermen. Profits that previously fed the fish companies now came to the fishermen and they became small businessmen.

The lot of a fisherman on Lake Winnipeg had improved so dramatically that I encouraged many a young man with no desire for academics to pursue a career in the now lucrative fish-

ery. Many did, and have had, and are having, successful careers.

Now things have changed and the provincial government has decided to bring back the fish companies, but I don't believe that our present prime minister, the son of Pierre Elliot Trudeau, should allow this fishery to go back to the domination of the fish companies. If we don't learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it.

Harvey Benson, Gimli

RCMP respond to fatal motor vehicle collision on Hwy. 6

Submitted

On Nov. 26, at approximately 11 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 6 at Road 79 North in the RM of Woodlands.

The initial investigation has determined that a car, driven by a 35-year-old male from the RM of Portage la Prairie, was driving northbound on Highway 6 when it went into oncoming traffic and struck a southbound semi carrying lumber.

The impact of the collision caused the semi driver to lose control and role his vehicle into the ditch, scattering the lumber across the highway. The driver of the semi, a 43-year-old male, as well as his two passengers, a 42-year-old female and one-year-old male infant, were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

The driver, and lone occupant of the car, was pronounced deceased on scene. It is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Highway 6 was closed for an extended period of time to clear the extensive debris caused by the collision.

The investigation is ongoing.

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by Beaver Lake and unpacked their gear. Only then did Tar realize he had left his rod at home. He had his reel with line though. Sitting in the boat, he thought for a bit, then took off his t-shirt, tore it up, wrapped the cloth around his hands and commenced fishing with Shane and Crampton. Crampton reeled in walleye after walleye, and Tar, working his line over his cloth covered hands, brought in as many as Crampton. But Shane, poor Shane, who insisted on the trip, didn't catch a thing all day!

So long, my friends.

Correction

Staff

In the Nov. 23 edition of the *Express Weekly News* article regarding the Municipal Board Hearing for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Local Improvement Plan, Jan Larkin is referred to as an employee of the Town of Arborg. While this may be correct, Larkin's attendance at the hearing and her objection to the bylaw wording had nothing to do with her employment. Larkin was there as a resident of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and one of the over 1,300 ratepayers who will be affected by the Local Improvement Plan levy.

The *Express Weekly News* apologizes for the error.

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Riverton Hall amps up

By Patricia Barrett

Bifrost-Riverton Council announced that the Riverton Hall will have a new sound system installed by the end of November and approved a \$14,000 payment at its regular meeting Nov. 15.

Riverton's Legacy of the Lions group organized a musical extravaganza during the Canada 150 festivities to help raise funds for new equipment, and organizers are now selling CDs and DVDs from the show to help pay for the system.

"You've got a beautiful hall and you should have a good sound system," said Coun. Donald Vigfusson.

The upgrade will also include two projection screens placed at each end of the hall and security cameras for the building.

The Riverton Elks contributed \$15,000 to the project, which will cost about \$29,000 in total, said Reeve Harold Foster.

Vigfusson asked whether the RM applied for any grants.

CAO Cindy Stansell said there was no time to apply for grants as there was "such a short turnaround for that Community Places grant this year, and you have to have everything by March 31."

Other council briefs:

BASIC, a farmer's organization, has asked the municipality to partner with it on a Feasibility Study.

"What BASIC is proposing," said Stansell, "is that we enter into a partnership with them to apply for the FCM's [Federation of Canadian Municipalities] newly introduced Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program for funding to conduct a Climate Change Adaption Feasibility Study."

At minimum, the RM would have to contribute seven per cent, she said.

"The application for preparation is

about \$15,000," said Stansell. "The fear is if we're not successful in our application, that 15,000 would be all of our cost. But if we are successful, then it would be a cost-share [in which] 80 per cent is paid by FCM. At minimum, the municipality would have to pay seven per cent and the balance could, hopefully, come from other funding sources."

Council did not say what the Feasibility Study proposes to do or what the total cost would be.

Coun. Colin Bjarnason estimated the final cost of the study at \$1 million.

"Are these dollars going to come out of this debenture [a \$4 million special levy on farmland] we're taking if it goes through?" asked Bjarnason.

Stansell confirmed the funds would come from the levy.

"If the RM does progress to the capital stage that \$1 million, our portion, would come from — if we're successful in obtaining the \$4 million borrowing — it would come from that debenture," she said.

During a public hearing on the proposed \$4 million tax levy that was held before the Manitoba Municipal Board Nov. 16, BASIC and the RM indicated the \$4 million would be going towards 220 miles of drainage rehabilitation.

Council said it will ask BASIC for more information about the Feasibility Study.

- Council announced it will be providing snow plowing services to the Arborg Airport, located about four miles west of town. STARS Air Ambulance will be using the airport as a landing base.

- The RM received an application from a grader operator from Alberta to fill in for an employee who's taken a health leave.

Public Works manager Jason Comeau said the man is on his way to Manitoba.

"He seemed like he'll be all right," said Comeau. "He's got 22 years of



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STARS will be using the Arborg airport as a landing base.

grader experience and a little bit of hoe work. He seems like he'll be a good fit for us."

Reeve Harold Foster said the RM should hire a full-term grader operator as they've been "waiting almost a year now for help."

But Deputy Mayor Dave Shott said the RM is "still up in the air on the [employee's] return date" and isn't in a position to offer full-time work. He said he had spoken to Workers' Compensation, which is waiting for medical reports.

The RM was also "left hanging" in the middle of the summer because it couldn't get hoe operators, said Vigfusson.

- Comeau advised he will be looking into getting GPS systems for the RM's graders and will report back to council to see if the system is the right one for the RM's needs.

"I'm going to be setting up an online demo next week," said Comeau. "Pricing is \$150 per unit and \$100 for the install, and about \$16 to \$37 for a monthly fee. If we want to shut them off for a month, it's half the monthly fee."

- Comeau advised he received the yearly Weed Control Invoice.

Stansell did say what the amount was, but said "it will be approved through payables."

- A resident named Douglas Buchko sent the RM a letter stating he'd like to meet with council regarding dirt removal from a ditch along his property at Road 134.

"He does not want it spread across

his field ... as the quality is detrimental to the farmland," said Comeau.

Foster said Buchko has three options: he can haul the dirt away at his own expense, it can stay in the piles where it is or the RM can push it onto his field.

- Council received a request from Ken Foster to override a development agreement he entered into with the RM for lots he wants to sell.

"I had a call from Ken Foster regarding the subdivision along [indistinguishable]," said Stansell. "He is at the point where Hydro and MTS are in there. He has not seeded the grass in the ditches and he has not installed the driveways. He can't seed until next year and he doesn't see a point in installing the driveways until people build. He's asking council if he can go ahead and sell those lots prior to seeding the grass and installing the driveways. That was a condition on the development agreement."

Coun. Richard Chomokovski made a motion to accept Foster's request and Coun. Morley Nordal seconded it. Council approved the request.

- Council approved a subdivision request from a farmer named Bobbee, who lives two miles southeast of Ledwyn. The subdivision will be limited to 10 acres.

Deputy Mayor Dave Shott said he rents this piece of land and would "abstain from the discussion."

- Council approved the authorization of its 2017 Accounts Payable and Payroll. No details were provided.

Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce Christmas light competition

By Jeff Ward

The Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce is resurrecting its Christmas light competition this year and is asking businesses and residents to help decorate Railway Memorial Park to help brighten the town.

The goal is to simply get Eriksdale into the holiday spirit by decorating the town while rewarding those who go above and beyond in lighting their homes. Chamber board member Dolly Lindell said that nominations are

open now for those who want to nominate their neighbour or themselves. The judge will be unfamiliar with the area so that they can be as impartial as possible. Judging will take place on Dec. 16 and the deadline for nominations is Dec. 13. A plaque will be given to the winner and other prizes are still being discussed. Those wanting to nominate someone can fill out a form at the RM office in Eriksdale.

The chamber is encouraging businesses and residents to pick a tree in

Railway Memorial Park and decorate it.

"People have been throwing around some good ideas already," said Lindell.

"Some are thinking of making ornaments that are memories of their family and do like a memory tree. Really, there are no limits as to what you can decorate. We just want the area to feel brighter and more fun this Christmas."

The chamber is hosting a free Christ-

mas event on Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m. with hotdogs and hot chocolate, so having dozens of trees decorated for that event will go a long way in creating a nice atmosphere.

Lindell said that the decorating of trees in the park would be on a first-come, first-served basis. Decorating is all self directed and the trees will stay up until Ukrainian Christmas on Jan. 7. "We want people to take part and make something pretty just to lift the town up a bit," said Lindell.

Province rejects 60 km/h winter speed limit through Sandy Hook

By Patricia Barrett

The province rejected Gimli council's request to reduce the maximum speed limit on Highway 9 through Sandy Hook despite residents' concerns with safety.

Sandy Hook residents had approached council last year requesting that it press the province for a winter speed reduction from its current 90 km/h to 60 km/h.

In a letter attached to council's Nov. 22 agenda, Manitoba Infrastructure's Roadside Safety Engineer Harald Larsen said, "We are unable to support the request as presented in Resolution No. 16 10 21. However, we believe that changes to the speed limits along PTH 9 should be considered."

Larsen recommended a seasonal maximum of 60 km/h in the summer (currently 50) and 80 km/h in the winter and asked council for a resolution in support of that.

Council decided to table discussion of the proposal until Coun. Thora Palsen, liaison for Sandy Hook, returns from a business trip.

Other council briefs:

- Council tabled a quote it received for \$13,000 from a company called Insight for a video-monitoring system for the Gimli Aquatic Centre.

"It counts bodies on its own," said Deputy Mayor Peter Peiluck. "So you don't need a clicker at the door. That's huge [saving] for wages."

Coun. Richard Petrowski asked that council look at prices from local company Wired for the same or similar type of equipment.

- Council awarded the tender for the wastewater treatment plant expansion to Kingdom Construction Ltd., as recommended by Birchtree Consulting, for \$11,998,288.99 plus taxes.

- Council amended its Procurement of Assets Policy to meet provisions under new federal and provincial trade agreements. Local companies will now be competing for tenders with companies from across Canada and Europe.

Assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove said the municipality has to conform to the new requirements for purchases under the following trade agreements: the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA).

Under CETA, tenders must be advertised to the European Union for goods worth \$340,600 or more, services worth \$340,600 or more, and construction projects worth \$8,500,000 or more.

Under CFTA, tenders must be advertised Canada-wide for goods worth \$100,000 or more, services worth \$100,000 or more, and construction projects worth \$250,000 or more.

Under the NWPTA, tenders must be advertised across western Canada for goods worth \$10,000 or more, services worth \$75,000 or more, and construction projects worth \$250,000 or more.

"Local preference is probably not going to be applicable now," said Coun. Danny Luprypa.

- Council tabled a quote from NRG Management for the second time in as many weeks, and will request more information about its price of \$3,957



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Back: Coun. Richard Petrowski, Deputy Mayor Peter Peiluck, Coun. Danny Luprypa. Front: Utility and Planning Services clerk Amanda Colbourne, Assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove, Mayor Randy Woroniuk.

a year plus taxes to maintain the municipal building's HVAC system.

"I don't like it all," said Petrowski. "Four thousand for them to put oil on stuff and change filters?"

- Council authorized the following payments:

- Payroll for the period ending Nov. 4 for \$53,668.55.

- Firefighter indemnities for 2017 in the amount of \$130,079.50. The RM has 21 firefighters, including the chief and deputy chief.

- Bills for general operating expenses in the amount of \$533,336.55.

- Release of a statutory holdback in the amount of \$57,551.29 to Western Recreation for the outdoor pool.

Peiluck said there's another \$25,000 holdback that will not be released until spring 2018 when the pool can be tested. And a railing on the children's pool has yet to be installed.

- Payment to Kaffe Haus in the amount of \$123.74. Petrowski declared a conflict of interest.

- Payment to Gimli Sobeys for invoices in the amount of \$454.59.

- Christmas hamper donation to Evergreen Basic Needs in the amount of \$300. The RM allocates about \$23,000 a year to the food bank and used clothing store.

- A \$1,000 donation to the STARskate Regional Championship, which will be held in Gimli Feb. 3-4.

Fisher Branch One Stop donates \$5,000 to Rec Centre

Fisher Branch's One Stop Food & Gas store donated \$5,000 to the community's Recreation Centre after winning an Old Dutch and Triple 4 Advertising Community Project.

"We were super proud to be able to hand over this donation to the hard working volunteers of our local recreation centre," said a message posted on One Stop's Facebook page. "Thank you to all our customers and thank you to all those volunteers who go above and beyond for our community."

Staff from One Stop were presented with the cheque Nov. 21. CFL Blue Bomber alumni Troy Westwood was on hand to help celebrate, and Albert Lywak won Old Dutch's Broil King BBQ giveaway.

For over 60 years, Old Dutch has supported minor and professional sports to encourage physical activity as well as to social programs and children's charities, according to its website.



Patrick Yuzwa and Chase Nauhiak had their photo taken with CFL Alumni Troy Westwood.



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Pictured left to right: Roger Bonneville (Old Dutch), Steve Stanko (Old Dutch), Courtney Plett, (One Stop), Dave Plett (One Stop), Ron Zapotachny (Old Dutch), John Plett (One Stop), Sara Plett, (One Stop), Troy Westwood, Allan Typliski (Triple 4 Advertising Ltd.).

Ashern students organizing Christmas hampers for less fortunate

By Jeff Ward

Ashern Central School (ACS) students are collecting gently used and new clothing and toys for the less fortunate as part of their Christmas hamper drive.

The students are part of a group called Students Taking Action at Ashern Central School (STAAACS) and have been active in fundraising initiatives since the beginning of the school year. The hampers will include items donated to the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre in Ashern as well as the Christmas Cheer Board. ACS teacher Jennifer Ellis said that students have pledged to donate two separate hampers to the cheer board and some of the items needed are juice, canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice and other non-perishables. The students involved are doing the collection because they're aware that many families struggle to keep up during the holidays.

"There are lots of kids who don't get toys for Christmas," said Grade 9 student Faith Nickel.

"Considering how much I have in my own life, I feel bad for those who don't," said Grade 9 student Kaitlin Kopp.

Their classmate Casey Keeley agreed with that sentiment and added that it feels good to give back and to help make the holidays more enjoyable for those families.

There are a half-dozen STAAACS students helping with the collection. Ellis said that it is a proud moment for her as a teacher to see these students taking on such a big responsibility. These students



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

These students, and a few others, are helping collect items for the Christmas hamper that will benefit less fortunate families in the area. From left: ACS teacher Bobby Ellis, Hope Murdock, Elizabeth Sinclair, Loren Sinclair, Faith Nickel, Kaitlin Kopp, Casey Keeley, Travis Shorting and Jennifer Ellis.

have stepped up to the plate to help improve the lives of those in their community.

Nickel, Kopp and Keeley all said that they know families that are struggling and that this time of year puts added pressure on them. They don't believe that younger people can't solve these problems and they are up to the challenge.

"These are not just adult problems and we can take action to help," said Keeley.

Those interested in donating something to the STAAACS hampers can do so by dropping items off at the school or by sending items along with their children if they are enrolled at ACS.



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Jace and Aubrey Sawatzky visited with Santa last Saturday at Arborg's Breakfast with Santa.

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The Consumer Protection Office wants to ensure consumers are protected and have the information they need to make informed decisions while shopping online this busy shopping weekend and leading up to the holiday season.

Before entering any financial information online, consumers are advised to make sure they are using a secure site, which includes:

- an icon, usually a lock shown in the locked position at the bottom of the screen or on the address bar; and
- a website address beginning with https:// (the "s" indicates the site is secure).

Consumers are advised to research a company before making a purchase. A quick online search can reveal if other consumers have had problems with the seller. Contacting organizations such as the Better Business Bureau and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre may also provide information about a company's reputation. Before paying, consumers should check the terms and conditions of the purchase and confirm the final price.

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For more information, shoppers are encouraged to contact the Consumer Protection Office at 204-945-3800, 1-800-782-0067 (toll-free) in Manitoba, via email at consumers@gov.mb.ca or visit the website at www.gov.mb.ca/cc/cpo.

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Operation Red Nose provides safe rides and raises money for local youth

Volunteer drivers available now until New Year's Eve

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Car Club will be driving you home safely throughout the holiday season with its annual Operation Red Nose (ORN) program starting Nov. 24.

Volunteers drivers will take you and your vehicle home free of charge if you feel you've had too much to drink or don't want to drive in bad weather.

"It's a free service, but we accept donations," said ORN's Gimli co-ordinator Judy Kushnir. "Those donations are passed on to youth organizations in the area."

Last year, over 100 volunteer drivers provided more than 125 rides, and the money raised went to the Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Club, Gimli Minor hockey, the Gimli Children's Centre, the Gimli High School Parent Advisory Council and the Winnipeg Beach Parent Advisory Council.

"We've raised \$67,000 for youth organizations since the Car Club started the service in 2005," said Kushnir.

Gimli High School offered the service last Saturday when the town held its Black Friday event and a Firemen's Ball.

"We asked the Parent Advisory Council and friends if they'd be interested in volunteering," said PAC chair Nancy Johnson. "Any money we receive from the Gimli Car Club goes to the nutrition program at the school."

Volunteers work in teams of three. Two people accompany the driver and

an escort vehicle follows behind. The service will go as far north as Arnes, as far south as Matlock and west to Fraserwood.

"Gimli High School has been participating in Operation Red Nose for four years," said Johnson.

Kushnir said local businesses in Gimli have also jumped on board to help with the program.

"We have a lot of local businesses that donate their services to help cover the costs, and restaurants provide food to the volunteers," she said.

Manitoba Public Insurance is one of the provincial sponsors and Safety Services Manitoba manages the provincial pool of funds raised through the program.

Founded in Quebec City in 1984, ORN has distributed over \$20 million to youth or amateur sports organizations, according to its website.

The Gimli Lakeview Resort is the team's headquarters. Volunteer drivers will be available between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. People can call 204-642-9000 to request a driving team. The service will be offered on Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31.

Although Car Club members, such as president John Hykawy, will be among the volunteer drivers, they won't be getting you home faster than the other volunteers.

"We have to follow all the regulations of the road," laughed Kushnir.

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teer driver can call Judy at 204-642-2346. Applications are available at Noventis Credit Union, CIBC and the Gimli Liquor Mart.



Gimli Curves honours special member

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli Curves owner Michelle Wierda and her staff pulled out all the stops last week for a very special club member who turned 85.

The gym and fitness centre held a birthday bash for their regular member Anna during her workout and later treated her to lunch.

Anna works out five days a week at Curves and has completed an astounding 2,800

workouts. She also volunteers at the library twice a week. She doesn't plan to slow down any time soon by the sounds of it.

"I hope to do half of what she does when I'm 85," said Wierda. "She gets down on the floor and does all her stretches and is down and up like nothing. I want that!"

Anna had her pick of three different birthday cakes at the gym and didn't shy away from another at lunch. With many

more workouts ahead of her, those calories don't stand a chance of hanging around.

Wierda plans to hold another big celebration when Anna turns 90.

The Centre Street gym provides women with 30-minute cardio and strength workouts that target every major muscle group. It also provides one-on-one coaching and wellness training.

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Gimli Curves celebrated the success of regular member Anna last week. Anna celebrated her 85th birthday and the completion of 2,800 workouts.

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Province bans commercial fishers from marketing catfish and sturgeon

CFIA standards difficult to meet

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba fishers who smoke and sell channel catfish are about to take a hit to the pocketbook after the province released its new fishery regulation banning the marketing of the species.

Fishers found out a mere 10 days before the new Fish Marketing Regulation for an open-market fishery comes into effect (Dec. 1) that they'll be forced to dump channel catfish and sturgeon caught in their nets.

Section 30 of the regulation states "A person must not engage in the marketing of sturgeon or channel catfish."

Rather than finding a way to help the industry minimize bushing — a practice whereby unwanted fish are tossed back into the water — the province will be creating a "larger" bushing problem, said Lake Winnipeg fisher Kris Isfeld, spokesperson for 100-150 South Basin fishers.

"I now have to throw away catfish, an abundant species that I and other fishers smoke and sell," he said. "It's a bycatch but it does have potential market value, and some of us have been tapping into that potential market. This new regulation by the province has effectively forced us to throw that fish away."

Isfeld, who sits on the Lake Winni-

peg Fishery Co-management Board representing Area 2, said he believes the ban was implemented because of anglers' lobbying efforts.

"This has nothing to do with changing regulations for open marketing," he said. "As far as I can see, somebody's friend is a catfish outfitter on the Red River. They're too stupid to realize that [banning] commercial fishers from selling catfish will not correlate into fewer catfish caught by us."

Sustainable Development indicated that anglers' interests were considered when drafting the new regulation.

"Lake sturgeon is considered as a species at risk and has been protected from commercial harvest for many years. We also protect brook trout from commercial harvest because the value of this fish to commercial tourism is far greater than its value related to commercial net harvest," said a departmental spokesperson. "The same rationale would also apply to channel catfish. Catfish have limited potential as a commercial species in Manitoba, but support a highly valuable angling fishery in the Red River (\$10 to \$15 million annually) that is largely a catch-and-release fishery."

The department said an "increased



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF KRIS ISFELD

Lake Winnipeg fisher Kris Isfeld, who sits on the Fishery Co-management Board and represents 100-150 South Basin fishers, said the province's ban on the marketing of catfish will gut commercial fishers' earnings and waste food.

commercial harvest associated with open marketing" would put catfish at risk.

"The department has made significant efforts to develop this fishery through increasingly restrictive regulations on angling since the mid-

1980s," said the spokesperson. "This conservation and sustainable management success story has resulted in the best channel catfish angling fishery in North America."

Sustainable Development does not

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Former Clandeboyne man spreading hope in Uganda

By Justin Luschinski

Robert Twinomujuni was born and raised in Uganda.

He was poor, with no hope for his future, and he was concerned with scraping together whatever he could to survive.

Then, someone gave him an opportunity, they provided him with a home and a chance to go to school. Now, he's hoping to help out other children in the same way.

"I want to give the children the same opportunity I had," Twinomujuni said. "I want to show them that there is hope, hope for your future and hope for changing your life. Many kids in Uganda lost their parents to HIV/ Aids, or were victims of a war, and they believe they don't have what it takes to improve their lives."

"I want to show them that it is possible (to improve your life)."

Twinomujuni is visiting Selkirk with his long time friend Kurt Peterson, the executive director of Soweto Youth Fellowship, who grew up in Clandeboyne.

He returned from his missionary work in Uganda to marry his wife, and now all three of them are planning to fly back and continue helping as many people as they can.

Peterson said that he feels good about coming home but that Uganda holds a special place in his heart.

"The biggest thing is that people here are very kind, but I get more disturbed by the lack of joy in people, it's like they keep searching for that joy in something or someone," Peterson said. "In Uganda, the struggles are right in your face. It's hard to ignore them. You can't help but feel like you have to do something."

"But I find that there's a genuine sense of joy from the people there. It's infectious."

Twinomujuni works for the Born Like Others home in Masaka, Uganda.

For more information, visit bornlikeothers.com.

More information about Peterson's organization can be found by visiting sowetoyouthfellowship.org.



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Robert Twinomujuni, pictured far left, and Kurt Peterson, pictured far right, from Clandeboyne, are pictured here in Uganda where they do missionary work.

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monitor catfish populations, said the spokesperson, but a multi-agency catfish study is currently underway by the province, Minnesota and North Dakota, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the University of Nebraska.

"This study will provide high quality data regarding catfish age and growth, productivity and fish movement going forward," he said.

Isfeld contends that catfish stocks are not in any danger.

"There's absolutely no argument for catfish being at risk," he said. "They've been growing in numbers. In the last couple of years, commercial fishers have seen more catfish bycatch in our nets than ever before. It's a growing species, not a declining species."

The loss of a marketable food source has wider implications, said Isfeld. The restriction can open the door to further provincial regulatory amendments.

"They've set a precedent that they can take any species off the market with no legitimate reason or explanation," he said.

He sent an email to Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton last week requesting a meeting with him and the Sustainable Development minister, citing fishers' concerns over the catfish ban

and a lack of consultation with commercial fishers.

"[This] is a direct attack on commercial fishermen" he wrote, "that has nothing to do with anything other than department staff taking the advice of angling/catfish outfitting friends. Clearly the anglers had input into these regulations. Not a single person associated with the commercial fishing industry was consulted."

"The Department of Sustainable Development would rather we trash these dead catfish than find a market for them. That is irresponsible and goes against all recognized sustainable fishing practices."

In addition to the species ban, the regulation will put the onus on individual fishers and processing plant operators to meet strict Canadian Food Inspection Agency standards if they want to sell fish outside Canada – something the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation handles.

"Fishers will have to go through the CFIA directly and meet their requirements," said Isfeld. "It's huge. It's not easy to get CFIA approval. And beyond that, you have to get FDA [Food and Drug Administration] approval to bring it into USA."

Former provincial Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship Tom

Nevakshonoff said fishers and plant operators will have to meet "stringent standards" and he expects they'll encounter difficulties trying to get CFIA approval to export outside the country.

He cited quality management practices such as sanitary stainless steel surfaces, paved parking lots, water testing and separate [human] waste facilities.

"You can't just fillet in a garage," said Nevakshonoff. "FFMC meets the

[export] standard and it's not an easy standard to achieve. The feds won't compromise their standards just because the province has opened the market."

Isfeld is encouraging fishers to attend a two-day Lake Winnipeg Fishery Co-management Board meeting Dec. 7-8 at the Canad Inns Club Regent Hotel at 1415 Regent Ave. A biologist from Sustainable Development is scheduled to speak about the new regulations at 9 a.m. on Dec. 8.

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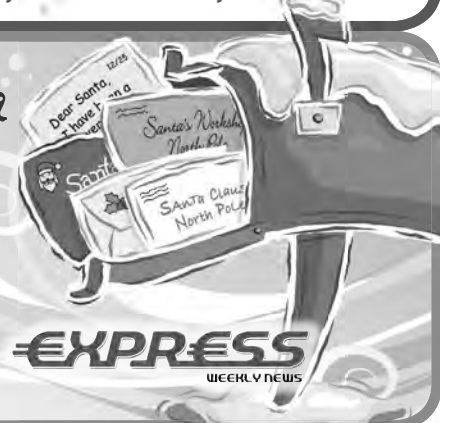
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| December 28th | Boxing Week |
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| January 4th | Year in Review |
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Offices will be closed
December 23rd through January 2nd.
Offices will reopen
Wednesday, January 3rd

Valhalla Beach residents want Bifrost-Riverton to save the forest

By Patricia Barrett

Forty-three Valhalla Beach residents from the community's north side (including some from the south side) signed a petition urging the RM of Bifrost-Riverton to restore a municipally owned public reserve that two sets of cottagers have cleared of trees and undergrowth and to enforce its tree-removal policy.

In September, a Valhalla property owner named Brenda, who doesn't want her last name used, spearheaded an initiative to save what's left of the reserve on behalf of the community.

In addition to opposing the destruction of natural habitat, both permanent and seasonal residents are concerned about a possible decline in their property values.

Trees help stabilize the shoreline along Lake Winnipeg. Without natural vegetation, storm surges and high water can easily erode the banks, something recognized by a number of environmental organizations, including the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and the East Interlake Planning District.

Brenda and her husband, along with resident Cory Shewchuk, attended council's regular meeting Nov. 15 to present the petition.

"The consensus was we all needed to band together and stand up to these bullies," said Brenda's husband, referring to the two sets of cottagers residents call the tree-cutters and the bushwhackers. "They're very confrontational. Anyone who stops them and talks to them about what they're doing – it gets met with anger."

He said a few residents were afraid to sign the petition because of a "fear of vandalism," but they, nevertheless, want the reserve returned to its natural state.

"One major concern of residents is that these two cottage owners can't be trusted," he said. "They do it when nobody's around. We saw [the bushwhackers] one night with their truck lights aimed at the reserve and they were in there. And this fall we noticed they've cleared more."

Residents maintain that the two sets of cottagers have cut down healthy trees and removed undergrowth in order to get "lake view" – from about 300 feet away. They also religiously mow the grass and weed-whack emerging shoots.

The deforested portion, approximately 300 feet deep and 100 feet wide (about an acre), runs along Pelican Drive between Birch Drive and a drainage ditch.

After years of watching what was once a narrow path become a "path on steroids," residents became upset by the cottagers' "sense of entitlement."

"Some people thought the reserve was [the tree-cutters] because they propagated that myth," said Brenda's husband. "They were chasing kids away who were out there playing ... and people walking their dogs."

Things came to head in 2016, he said, when the tree-cutters had a friend from Valhalla's south side cut down a healthy 100-year-old ash that lay "dead centre of their view of the lake."

The petition states that residents would like "municipal council to limit all grass mowing in this clearing to one eight-to-ten-foot-wide path. The rest of the clearing in this public reserve should be left untouched to return to natural vegetation or perhaps be re-planted with some native trees and shrubs."

Residents are not opposed to retaining a path wide enough for walkers, snowmobilers and those wishing to transport boats and ice shacks to the lake.

Reeve Harold Foster said there are a couple of issues with the petition.

"We do not have a bylaw officer and we don't have somebody patrolling the beach every day to see what's going on," he said. "Therefore, before this is approved, somebody's going to have to take it upon themselves if they see something wrong."

Despite various complaints to council over the past years, the RM has not enforced its tree-removal policy, and Foster said hiring bylaw officers doesn't work because "they don't last."

Brenda's husband and Shewchuk asked that council send the tree-cutters and the bushwhackers a succinctly worded letter "as they're the ones cutting it down."

CAO Cindy Stansell said the RM can't "tailor a letter" specifically for the two cottagers; it has to go to everyone.

Council did adopt a resolution to "limit grass-cutting and the removal of trees" on the reserve and limit the access path to five-to-ten-feet in width.

The resolution did not address the planting of new trees, and council did not discuss the issue.

In an email to the *Express*, Brenda said Coun. Frode Andersen, who was absent from the Nov. 15 meeting, told her husband that the RM uses a "conservation group" to plant trees.

It's unclear whether the RM intends to have this group restore the reserve.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

An area about 300 feet deep and 100 feet wide has been cleared from the public reserve.

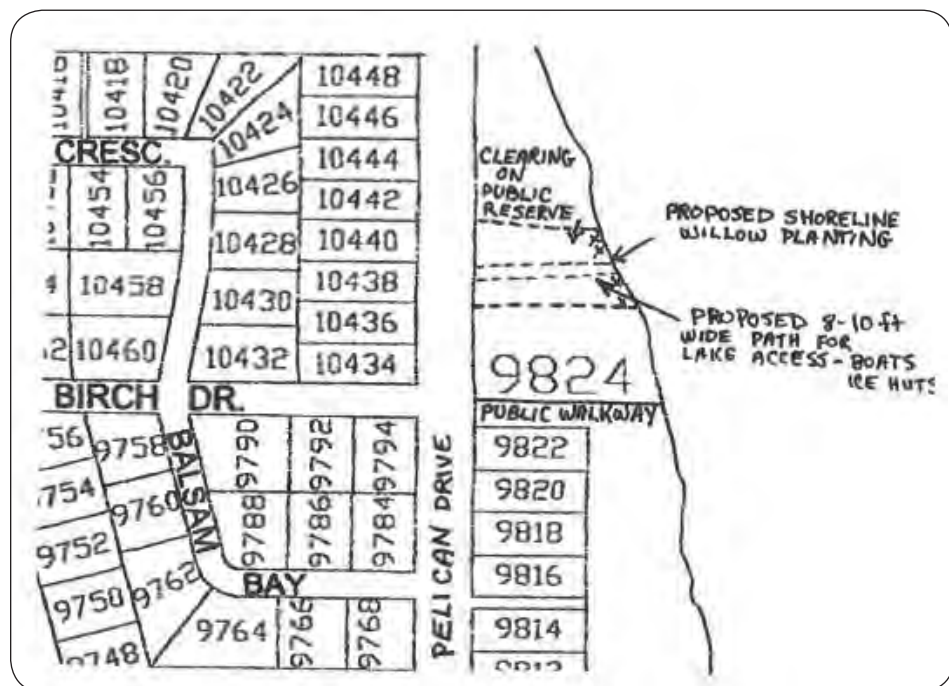


ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF VALHALLA BEACH RESIDENTS

Valhalla Beach property owners presented a petition to Bifrost-Riverton council asking them to put an end to deforestation activities on a public reserve.

Red Apple stores collecting toys for Cheer Board

Staff

If you're looking for another way to give this holiday season, the Red Apple stores are collecting toys for the local Christmas Cheer Boards.

Until Dec. 12, new unwrapped toys for all ages can be dropped off at any of the Red Apple stores. Adding to the initiative, Red Apple will donate 10 per cent of all sales

from donated toys to local charities.

Then on Dec. 9, the Red Apple stores will be "filling the sleigh," or a big truck, with as many toys as possible. The day will be filled with holiday festivities at the different store locations.

At the Arborg store, families can drop by for cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate.

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Provincial Lightning lose pair of home games

By Brian Bowman

A lack of goal scoring was predicted to be a problem for the Interlake Lightning in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League this season.

And that lack of scoring punch appeared last weekend as Interlake lost 5-2 to the Winnipeg Wild on Saturday and then 4-1 to the Southwest Cougars on Sunday.

Both games were played in Teulon.

In Sunday's loss, Interlake's Jordan Wood scored the lone goal of the first period, assisted by Rhys Bremner.

But Southwest took over in the second period, scoring a pair of goals.

Leighton Holstein tied the score at 1-1 with a power-play goal midway in the second period and then Josh Wiens put the visitors up 2-1 about four minutes later.

Southwest outshot Interlake 16-2 in the second period.

In the third, Callum Fortin tallied a shorthanded goal at 5:33 and then Landon Roberts added an insurance marker late in the game.

Against the Wild, the Lightning

played well in the three-goal loss to one of the league's elite teams.

Winnipeg took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Zachary Falck and Ryan Gottfried.

Interlake's Shane Bear cut that lead in half, though, early in the middle frame. Jagger Bonkowski and Greg Paseschnikoff drew assists on the goal.

The Lightning gave up a shorthanded goal to Mitchell Joss to trail 3-1 after two periods.

Interlake's Dan Paseschnikoff pulled the lightning to within a goal midway in the third (Corey Soorsma and Bear assisted on the goal) but the Wild put the game out of reach with two quick goals from Falck and Jackson Klewchuk.

The Wild outshot the Lightning 40-25.

Interlake will have another home game this Friday when Yellowhead comes to town for a 7:30 p.m. game.

The Lightning will then hit the road the next day to play Pembina Valley in Morden. Puck drop is 8 p.m.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Peguis's Shane Bear opened the scoring for Interlake against the Winnipeg Wild last Saturday. The Lightning lost the game 5-2.

Lakers excited to compete at varsity boys' volleyball provincials

By Brian Bowman

The Gimli Lakers entered several "AAAA" tournaments this past season which gave them a chance to compete against some of the best varsity boys' volleyball teams in the province.

Now, they'll get an opportunity see how they fare at the MHSAA "AA" provincials, which will take place this Thursday through Saturday in Warren and Stonewall.

With a veteran lineup, Gimli expects to be competitive this weekend.

"I coached them last year and a big chunk of them were in Grade 11," said Lakers' coach Lindsay Burns Monday evening. "Last year was more of a developmental year and this year we have the same core."

"With the year of experience, they have really come together."

Warren Collegiate will be a tough test at provincials, noted Burns. The Wildcats are the No. 1-ranked "AA" team in Manitoba.

"We haven't beaten them yet, but we've had close games," she said. "It will be tough competition but we definitely can play with all of the teams

there."

The Lakers did a good job of competing against "AAAA" teams over the course of the season. That experience should help them greatly at provincials.

"We played excellent teams all season so that really challenged us," Burns said. "We learned a lot playing those other teams...nothing (at provincials) is going to scare us away."

Gimli has been placed in Pool B of the 10-team provincials along with Steinbach Christian, Major Pratt, Carman and Lac du Bonnet.

The Lakers will hook up with Major Pratt on Thursday (3 p.m.) and then will play three games Friday. Gimli will battle Carman (9 a.m.), Steinbach Christian (noon), and Lac du Bonnet (2 p.m.).

The playoffs will take place Saturday with the boys' final slated for 5 p.m.

Gimli is really looking forward to competing at the provincials close to home.

"We're excited to have the experience of playing at provincials," Burns said. "From our school, the varsity



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Back row (left to right): Coach Laura Fridfinnson, Ryan Crave, Blaine Wishnowski, Jacob Zazulinski, Owen Roberts, Coach: Lindsay Burns; front row: Aaron Drybough, Zach Sieradzki, Kalli Einarson

boys' volleyball team hasn't been to provincials in a number of years, so we're excited to have a crack at it."

Patriots ousted in provincial volleyball quarter-finals

Staff
The Riverton Collegiate Patriots' outstanding season came to an end Saturday after a quarter-final loss at the MHSAA "A/AA" junior varsity boys' volleyball provincial championship in Steinbach.
Riverton lost 2-0 by scores of 25-13 and 25-20 to Gabrielle-Roy.
Gabrielle-Roy proceeded to win the provincial title after beating Rosenort 2-0 in the championship game.
Riverton finished Pool B play with a 1-3 record.
The Patriots defeated the Hapnot Collegiate Kings from Flin Flon 2-0 (25-17, 25-17) but lost 2-0 (25-22, 25-18) to the Rivers Collegiate Rams and 2-0 (27-25, 25-20) to the Rosenort Red-hawks.
Riverton also lost 2-1 (25-22, 20-25, 10-15) to Roblin's Goose Lake Raiders.



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED
Riverton Patriots round-robin all star players of the game, left to right, Bryce Bodnarus, Lloyd Courchene, Nick Swain and Trevor Kehler.

Finnsen scores game winner against Cross Lake

By Brian Bowman
Cal Finnsen continued his strong play this season, scoring a pair of goals to lead the Arborg Ice Dawgs to a 4-3 victory over the Cross Lake Islanders on Saturday.
Finnsen scored the first goal of the game early in the second period and then tallied the game winner with just 1:30 left in the third.
Jordan Kristjanson scored a second-period goal for Arborg while Colton Davies added a third-period power-

play goal.
Davies' goal came at 13:46 of the third to tie the score at 3-3.
Treyman Trout, Quinton Scatch and Ethan Muswagon replied for Cross Lake.
Joey Franantonio made 40 saves for the win.
Last Thursday, Arborg outscored the Fisher River Hawks 7-4.
Arborg, which held period leads of 3-1 and 5-3, received a three-goal and two-assist effort from Clint Torfason.

Finnsen, Montana Anderson, Gordie Longbottom and Ethan Chwaliboga also scored for Arborg.
Evan Thickfoot paced Fisher River with a goal and two assists while Elmer Maytwashing, Daron Monkman and Darryl Thaddeus also tallied.
Travis Rigden made 32 saves for the win.
Arborg will host Fisher River Friday at 8 p.m.
On Saturday, the Hawks lost 8-0 to the Peguis Juniors.

Peguis, which held period leads of 1-0 and 5-0, received a great three-goal and three-assist effort from Ke-
evan Daniels-Webb.
Christian Cochrane (two), Keifer Tacan, Shaydon Mousseau, and Ty-
rome Spence-Bair also scored for the Juniors.
Nolan Favel made 20 saves for the shutout.

| Manitoba Hockey Standings | | | | | | | | | | |
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| MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | |
| Winkler Flyers | 28 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 40 | 109 | 68 | | | |
| Steinbach Pistons | 26 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 39 | 133 | 68 | | | |
| OCN Blizzard | 26 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 38 | 98 | 77 | | | |
| Portage Terriers | 26 | 17 | 7 | 1 | 36 | 106 | 63 | | | |
| Virden Oil Capitals | 24 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 30 | 105 | 71 | | | |
| Neepawa Natives | 28 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 30 | 106 | 100 | | | |
| Selkirk Steelers | 25 | 13 | 9 | 2 | 29 | 92 | 87 | | | |
| Winnipeg Blues | 27 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 27 | 90 | 99 | | | |
| Swan Valley Stampede | 23 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 21 | 62 | 78 | | | |
| Dauphin Kings | 27 | 5 | 20 | 1 | 12 | 57 | 125 | | | |
| Waywayseecappo Wolverines | 28 | 2 | 24 | 1 | 6 | 52 | 174 | | | |
| KEYSTONE HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Peguis Juniors | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 94 | 26 | | | |
| Arborg Ice Dawgs | 14 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 65 | 43 | | | |
| Fisher River Hawks | 16 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 137 | | | |
| North Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| OCN Storm | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 92 | 50 | | | |
| Cross Lake Islanders | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 86 | 58 | | | |
| Norway House North Stars | 13 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 148 | | | |
| South Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Selkirk Fishermen | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 81 | 41 | | | |
| St. Malo Warriors | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 58 | 43 | | | |
| Lundar Falcons | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 60 | 55 | | | |
| North Winnipeg Satellites | 15 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 62 | 69 | | | |
| AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Wild | 20 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 119 | 39 | | | |
| Brandon | 20 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 112 | 47 | | | |
| Eastman | 21 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 96 | 62 | | | |
| Bruins | 19 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 79 | 60 | | | |
| Thrashers | 24 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 27 | 86 | 93 | | | |
| Pembina Valley | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellowhead | 20 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 22 | 63 | 69 | | | |
| Southwest | 20 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 20 | 65 | 64 | | | |
| Parkland | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 19 | 65 | 68 | | | |
| Central Plains | 20 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 64 | 77 | | | |
| Kenora | 21 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 14 | 60 | 77 | | | |
| Interlake | 19 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 49 | 94 | | | |
| Norman | 22 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 148 | | | |
| AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Monarchs | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 95 | 21 | | | |
| Selects | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 66 | 43 | | | |
| Hawks | 12 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 63 | 48 | | | |
| Sharks | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 32 | 35 | | | |
| Warriors | 14 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 67 | | | |
| Lightning | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 106 | | | |
| AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OTLPTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Monarchs | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 96 | 34 | | | |
| Hawks | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 26 | 124 | 41 | | | |
| Sharks | 14 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 73 | 33 | | | |
| Selects | 13 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 83 | 28 | | | |
| Lightning | 18 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 53 | 101 | | | |
| Warriors | 13 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 83 | | | |
| MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | Reg W | Reg L | T | OTW | OTL | Pts | | | | |
| Winnipeg Avros | 12 | 6 | 3 | - | 3 | - | 18 | | | |
| Westman Wildcats | 13 | 7 | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 18 | | | |
| Yellowhead Chiefs | 11 | 7 | 3 | - | - | 1 | 15 | | | |
| PV Hawks | 13 | 7 | 5 | - | - | 1 | 15 | | | |
| Eastman Selects | 14 | 7 | 6 | - | - | 1 | 15 | | | |
| Central Plains | 12 | 5 | 6 | - | 1 | - | 12 | | | |
| Interlake Lightning | 13 | - | 13 | - | - | - | - | | | |
| STATS AS OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | | | | | | | | | | |

Falcons drop pair of KJHL games

By Brian Bowman
The North Winnipeg Satellites have become a better hockey team in recent weeks.
The Lundar Falcons saw that on Saturday.
North Winnipeg had goals from six different players in a 7-4 win in Warren.
Conner Grunset (two), Braden Sargent, Nicholas Doerksen, Mitchell Klippenstein, Tom Moneyas and Nathan Jones scored for the winners.
Drake Zimmerman led Lundar with a goal and an assist while Landen Gray had a pair of helpers.
Derek Benson, Dennon Sichewski, and Brody Southby also scored for the Falcons.
On Friday, Lundar lost 5-2 to the Selkirk Fishermen.
The Fishermen came out flying in

this one, scoring three goals just 5:13 into the contest.
Ben Kelly, Julian Garcea and Drayton Mendrun scored those early goals before Lundar's Craig Cane tallied midway in the second period.
Dawson Courchene replied for the Fishermen late in the middle frame and then Selkirk's Damien Catcheway, on the power play, and Lundar's Lance Laycock traded third-period goals.
Lundar was 0-for-6 with the man advantage while Selkirk was 1-for-3.
The Falcons, now losers of four straight games, visited the Satellites on Tuesday and then will host the OCN Storm Saturday at 8 p.m. in Warren.
Lundar was tied for second in the South Division standings with St. Malo heading into this week's action.

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If you see this Young Lady
on December 3, 2017
wish her a Happy Birthday.
Our Dearest Mother, Amma Oskie
turns 90 Years Young!
Your family wishes you the
Best on your Special Day.
You are the most wonderful, caring
Mom/Amma a family could have.
-Love your family

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IN MEMORIAM



Bill Peltz
In Loving Memory of
our son, Dad, grandpa, brother, uncle
Bill
who left us suddenly
on November 27, 2015
There will always be a sadness,
And often a silent tear;
But always special memories,
Of days when you were here.
-Lovingly remembered by Mom, Tracey,
Ashley, Keegan, Lachlan, Sophia,
Mark, Lisa, Jason, Ryan, Nicole and Ben

OBITUARY

Sigurjon Donald Sigurdson
June 18, 1931 – November 19, 2017



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sigurjon Donald (Don) Sigurdson on November 19, 2017 at the Arborg and District Health Centre. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Shirley; daughters Heather (Brian) Fridfinnson, Donna (Allan) Wishnowski, daughter-in-law Roberta Anderson; grandchildren Joel Fridfinnson, Laura Fridfinnson (Scott Stadnek), Brent and Blaine Wishnowski, and Karen and Robbie Sigurdson. He will be sadly missed by his brother Randy (Heather) Sigurdson and their children Ryan Sigurdson (Divina Cera), Lana (Liam) Francis and good friend Brian Bell. Don enjoyed the visits of his two great nephews Fynn and Lachlan. He will also be missed by Shirley's nieces and nephew: Carroll, Randy and Kathleen Langtry and Susan Eastveld and Marg Rempel. Don was predeceased by his

son Robert, brother Arnthor Jr, parents Magnea and Arnthor Sigurdson, in-laws Ida and Nelson Langtry, brother-in-law Robert Langtry and wife Inez, sister-in-law Ruth Ulliyot-Pirt and husbands Reg Ulliyot and Ken Pirt.

Don was born at home in Arborg, the eldest child of Magnea and Arthur Sigurdson. He received his education at the Ardal School and attended the University of Manitoba from 1948-1950. In his early youth, Don played softball and hockey. When curling started in Arborg in 1946, he found the sport he loved and participated competitively for about 30 years. He also played baseball with the Arborg Senior team for a number of years. After returning home from University, Don joined his father in establishing the family business, S.A. Sigurdson and Son. The Imperial Oil bulk sales agency and service station was located on the River Road in Arborg. He became the Imperial Oil agent in Riverton in 1952 until it was amalgamated with the Arborg agency. On November 28, 1959, Don married Shirley Langtry of Carman MB. They built a home on his father's lot, the original Sigurdson family property on St. Peters St. in Arborg. There they raised their three children. Community life was of interest to Don and he served on the Village of Arborg Council, the Curling Club Executive and the Lutheran Church Council.

The fall season was a highlight for Don as he loved hunting ducks and geese. This time was shared with his brothers and friends and a thermos of coffee. Don and Shirley enjoyed their many vacations spent in Florida as well as their trips to Iceland, Bermuda, Hawaii, Dominican Republic and the British Isles. The different cultures were of interest to him.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ardal Geysir Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Stan Richards officiating.

If desired, donations can be made in memory of Don to the Ardal Geysir Evangelical Lutheran Church Box 160, Arborg, MB or the Arborg and District Health Centre, Box 10 Arborg, MB.

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Arborg Hospital for their care, kindness and compassion shown during Don's illness. A special thank you to Tannis Sigvaldason for the loving connection she made with Don during his years of homecare support.

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To the best of the vendor's knowledge, there is situated on the mortgage property a 1,546 sq. ft. bungalow with open floor plan, newer kitchen with island and pantry; large windows in living room; 2 baths, 3 bedrooms; separate 880 sq. ft. 2 bedroom suite with 1 bath is attached. Large 1.5 acre lot with mature trees. Single detached garage. No basement. Property is vacant and has been secured.

Property taxes are paid in full to December 31, 2017. The property is sold subject to taxes and penalties accruing after that date as well as Utility Easement Caveat No. 2460574/1 filed by Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board which will remain on title.

TERMS: Deposit of \$30,000.00 in cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to MLT Aikins LLP and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

Sale is subject to Reserve Bid which will be announced at the auction. If the highest bid does not meet the Reserve Bid then there is no sale.

Further information may be obtained from:

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