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## Ringling in the New Year

EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Bill and Carol Szewaga of Gimli celebrated Ukrainian New Year at Komarno's Malanka afternoon celebration last Sunday. Country Pride provided live music for the 175 guests who kept the floor polished with their Old Tyme dancing.

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# Total lunar eclipse and rare super blood wolf moon



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY MICHELLE WESTMAN

There were a lot of skygazers viewing the “super blood wolf moon” this past Sunday with near perfect conditions for anyone in Manitoba and parts of North America. Basically, this rare total lunar eclipse happens at the same time as a supermoon. Lunar eclipses can occur only during a full moon, and this one was extra special because it was also a supermoon. A supermoon occurs when the moon is full and closest to Earth in orbit.

**Staff**  
A “super blood wolf moon” and five eclipses are among 2019’s major astronomy events. Overnight, the moon was in perfect alignment with the sun and Earth, with the moon on the opposite side of Earth from the sun. Earth cast two shadows on the moon during the eclipse. The penumbra was the partial outer shadow, and the umbra was the full, dark shadow.  
When the full moon moves into Earth’s shadow, it darkens but it

doesn’t disappear. Sunlight passing through Earth’s atmosphere lights the moon in a dramatic fashion, turning it red. This happens because blue light undergoes stronger atmospheric scattering, so red light is the most dominant colour highlighted as sunlight passes through our atmosphere and casts it on the moon.  
So where does the “wolf” part come in? Each moon has its own name associated with the full moon. In January, it’s known as the “wolf moon,” in-

spired by hungry wolves that howled outside of villages long ago, according to the Old Farmer’s Almanac. The next opportunity to experience all phases of a total lunar eclipse in Manitoba will be May 15, 2022.  
Viewers saw a normal full moon at first. At that time, the Earth’s shadow then began to pass in front of the moon, blocking almost all of the sun’s light from reaching it. Observers saw the moon appear to be progressively “swallowed up” starting from the

lower left. This process ended an hour later when the Earth’s shadow covered the whole of the moon’s surface; this was the beginning of “totality.” This lasted for another hour, when the motion of the Earth’s shadow carried it past the moon, and the moon was gradually lit against by the sun. The moon was fully visible approximately three hours later.

# Interlake snowmobile season ready to start

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**By Roger Newman**  
Now that enough snow has fallen, members of the Interlake Snow Trackers Snowmobile Club are revving up their machines for the start of the club’s 53rd winter season.  
Club members are already out cleaning, grooming and upgrading

600 kilometres of trails so that snowmobiling will be safe and enjoyable for all riders in the region. These trails run north to south from Hecla and Grindstone to Petersfield, west to Narcisse and east across Lake Winni-

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EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN

Interlake Snow Trackers members Troy Stutsky, Mike Chudd and Richard Marks are excited about the imminent opening of the snowmobile season.



# Arborg volunteers busy building outdoor recreation space

By Teresa Carey

Arborg's mayor Peter Dueck, deputy mayor Ron Johnston and councillor John Crackle are among a group of local volunteers who have banded together to make winter activities more accessible, and comfortable, along the Icelandic River this year.

Anyone visiting Arborg this winter can enjoy outdoor activities including skating, hockey and cross-country skiing in the centre of town — and can get out of the elements and into a warming shack when things get chilly.

"We weren't doing it as council, (but) we made council aware of what we were doing. A group of local people thought it would be nice to have a river trail," said Johnston.

The trail is one of several newly cre-

ated recreational features waiting to be enjoyed by the public.

"Really, it was the whole community coming together (to create this)," Johnston said.

All of the time and materials for the seasonal infrastructure have been donated by community members. The town did its part by helping with snow-clearing on the Icelandic River, while local farmer Brian Barylski helped to make the skating trail with an old converted sprayer tank and carriage, which he pulled using a tractor donated by Mike Shachtay of Shachtay Sales and Service.

Arborg Fire Department members volunteered to help out with the making of the main hockey rink. It supplied the water from its tanker truck

for the Zamboni.

Beside the rink, which is located at the base of the town's main bridge near the Interlake Co-op food store parking lot, is a brand new warming shack. It was built by the construction crew at the local Home Hardware. The shack has since now been fitted with log benches inside.

As well as the skating trail, a mile-long cross-country ski trail has been groomed, thanks to the efforts of Crackle. The trail runs approximately

a half-mile on either side of the town's centre, right up to the RCMP detachment on the west side.

"We see someone on it every day," Johnston said.

Johnston estimates that as many as 40 children at a time have also been using the outdoor rink.

"The community seems to be supporting it," he said. "As long as people are using it, it should continue (in future years)."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY

Members of the Arborg community have been busy making an outdoor winter recreation space along the Icelandic River. Last weekend's severe chill kept all but one youngster away from the skating rink.

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# RCMP respond to overdue pilot

Submitted by RCMP

On Jan. 13, at approximately 6:45 p.m., RCMP were notified of an overdue pilot. Hap Bednarek, a 71-year-old male from Ashern had left that morning to fly his plane to a camp at Sisib Lake, which is south of Grand Rapids. The pilot never arrived at his destination.

RCMP contacted the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton, Ontario, which then deployed a Hercules search plane to the area. In the early morning hours of Jan. 14, searchers aboard the Hercules located a small fire on Pickerel Lake, west of Sisib Lake. At that time, Canadian Armed Forces Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR Techs) were unable to parachute to the site due to poor weather conditions. It was requested that the RCMP conduct a snowmobile patrol to investigate the fire and locate the pilot.

Grand Rapids RCMP, the Canadian

Rangers, and Manitoba Sustainable Development deployed as requested and travelled approximately 45 kilometers by snowmobile to the fire. While en route, the weather cleared and two SAR Techs parachuted to Pickerel Lake just after 6:30 a.m. They located the pilot, who was in good spirits but suffering from dehydration. The SAR Techs provided medical treatment, and the pilot recovered on site.

The RCMP, Canadian Rangers, and Manitoba Sustainable Development arrived at the site at approximately 2:30 p.m. and assisted the SAR Techs. At approximately 4:30 p.m., the SAR Techs and the pilot were picked up by helicopter.

Partnerships were integral to this rescue, and the RCMP thanks all involved for their fast response and invaluable assistance.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY SAR TECHS

Pilot Happy Bednarek is treated for dehydration in a tent set up by SAR techs.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RCMP

The RCMP conducted a snowmobile patrol to investigate the fire and located the pilot.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RCMP

Happy Bednarek's plane can be seen from the Hercules aircraft, sitting on Pickerel Lake.

threw it on the fire, and it lit up really good," explained Bednarek.

With infrared binoculars, the rescue team spotted Bednarek alive. It was a few hours before he saw the rescue team coming his way. They had parachuted in from the Hercules airplane and found the pilot dehydrated and

hungry.

"I can't say enough about those guys. They are absolutely incredible."

Bednarek's left his airplane on Pickerel Lake and on Jan. 22 he and a few friends went back to the location to retrieve it.

## Pilot encountered mechanical issues after making a bathroom break

By Ligia Braidotti

It was supposed to be a fun trip with a few friends, but it ended up being 52 hours of hoping for the best.

On Jan. 12, Hap Bednarek, 72, was traveling in his two-seat prop plane from Ashern to Sisib Lake to meet up with friends at a camp, but he never made it. The mishap happened after Bednarek stopped at the frozen Pickerel Lake where the sun was shining for a bathroom break and what could've been tragic had a happy ending.

Bednarek shut off the engine and because of the weather, couldn't start it again. When he realized the airplane wasn't going to go, he headed to the shore on foot about one kilometer away and began building a fire to keep himself warm.

"That's what I did for 52 hours. I kept the fire going and prayed somebody would come looking for me. No one knew exactly where I was, I had gone a little bit off track," he said.

Bednarek has been flying for 45 years, and incidents like this have happened before, but not during the winter. This time he wasn't prepared for such an event. The only food he had with him was a bag of trail mix.

He used his engine tent off of his airplane to build a shelter.

"I didn't sit very much. I had to go every 20 minutes or half an hour to get more wood," he continued. "I had to break the trees off and drag them

to the fire."

"I started telling myself 'Stay calm, don't panic yourself.' And I had to really concentrate on that. Keeping calm was the only thing that saved me."

Bednarek's brother Greg contacted RCMP on Saturday evening to report he never made it to the camp. Grand Rapids RCMP contacted the Canadian Forces Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Trenton, Ont., and they sent a Hercules search plane to find the lost pilot.

"The nicest sound I ever heard, was at midnight (Sunday from Monday), that Hercules rescue plane came over. I had just dozed off a wee bit when I heard them, and I figured everything was going to be okay."

Bednarek is able to joke about the incident now and said he thought a lot about *Cast Away*, a movie starring Tom Hanks, where the main character spends four years on an island after the FedEx airplane, he was in crashed.

He only had two VHF radios with him, but they didn't work at all. He turned on the emergency locator transmitter the next day, which was how the Hercules plane located Bednarek.

"The weather was bad. It was very cloudy and overcast, and it was in the middle of the night so they couldn't see anything, but when I heard them, I had a little bit of gas on a can, and I



# Gimli's Lutheran Church welcomes new pastor

By Roger Newman

Rev. Rick Schulz, the new pastor at Gimli Lutheran Church, has returned to his rural roots.

"I grew up in Wynyard, Sask., a town on the Yellowhead Highway between Yorkton and Saskatoon," Schulz said in an interview. "It's something like Gimli because the population includes lots of people with Icelandic and Ukrainian backgrounds."

The pastor, who has a German name, felt the call to religion fairly late after developing a feeling that something was missing in his life. First he grew up in Wynyard, graduated from high school and then became a travelling man and a "jack of all trades." His early career include episodes as a heavy equipment operator and a construction drywaller plus three years as an Edmonton bus driver and experience as a Saskatoon cab driver.

"The call to the ministry became stronger as I got older," Schulz recalls. "I was baptized into the Lutheran Church in the mid-1980s and subsequently enrolled in the Saskatchewan Lutheran Theological Seminary, which trains the church's ministers in Western Canada. Altogether I worked for six years to acquire my bachelor of theology and also study arts at the University of Saskatchewan."

His itinerary as a pastor has included almost as many stops as the days when he was a travelling man. His path took him to the Saskatchewan

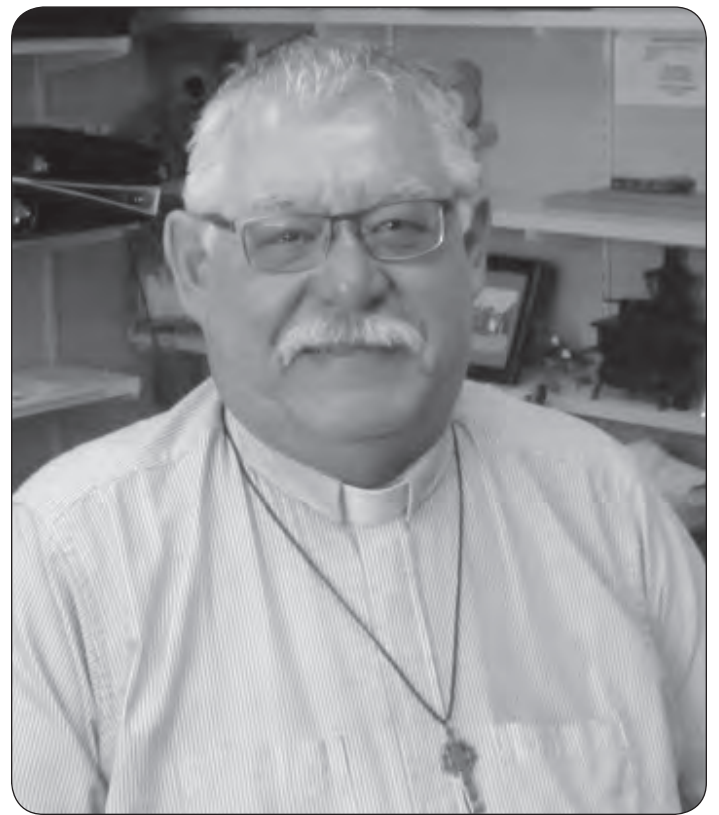
towns of Strasbourg and Assiniboia before he arrived in Winnipeg to serve from 2002 to 2006 as minister of Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Minto St. At the same time, he was Lutheran chaplain at Winnipeg's two universities. Then a change in the church's organizational structure led him to minister to congregations in Vernon and Kelowna before arriving at Gimli Lutheran this past December.

"My wife Jan and I loved British Columbia but the bishop and Gimli Lutheran were looking for a minister and I felt it was God's calling to accept the new assignment in Gimli," Schulz said. "I was also drawn by Gimli Lutheran's strong lay leadership for a congregation of 80 people."

He feels his current task is to make religion more relevant in an age of declining church attendance and be a person who gets involved in the community.

"I want to use a gift for reaching out to people," he said. "I love going to places like the recreation centre and would welcome an invitation to be chaplain for the legion. I'm also somebody who likes travelling, camping, golf, fishing and gardening."

"I've returned to my rural roots and am ready to serve," adds Schulz, whose travelling with Jan will likely include family visits to an adult son and daughter living in Calgary.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN

Rev. Rick Schulz, the new pastor at Gimli Lutheran Church, intends to become deeply involved in the community.

## > SNOWMOBILE SEASON READY TO START, FROM PG. 2

peg to Grand Marais.

"Our season will start about a week later due to a lack of snowfall until a few days ago," says Mike Chudd, vice-president of the Snow Trackers non-profit recreational club. "Members like Richard Marks and Mark Zimmerman are grooming the lake trails and the season should fully open in a few days."

Marks is one of six charter members who started the club in 1966 and has watched it grow to more than 100 snowmobilers.

"We wanted to race at Winnipeg Beach. And to do it, we had to form a club," he said of the origins of a snowmobile club he believes is the oldest in the province.

Today the Interlake club is a valued member of the Snowman provincial organization, enabling its snowmo-

bilers to link up with other clubs and travel far and wide on trails throughout the province and beyond.

The club's emphasis is always on safe riding, upkeep of warm-up sheds and social events by the present executive including president Les Thordarson, vice-president Chudd, secretary Cindy McRae and treasurer Braden Thordarson.

"One of the popular rides is from Gimli across the lake to Grand Marais and then to the South Beach Casino," said member Troy Stutsky.

When it comes to safety, the club's efforts on the trails are supported by the visibility and presence of the RCMP and Manitoba Conservation.

"We have zero

tolerance of the use of alcohol when riding," Chudd said.

The Snow Trackers are also old enough to be conscious of their history. Members started a memorial page in memory of valued member Bob Gretchen, who died at the relatively young age of 47. Today it has been expanded to a list of all the deceased members who have contributed to the club's growth and development.

Keeping up to date is a priority for the Snow Trackers, whose director Kevin Wiebe prepares a fundraising map every two years. Chudd says the riders' favourite sport is in good shape

with better machines and lighter clothing contributing to their enjoyment.

"You are comfortable in cold and windy conditions while you get good exercise at the same time," Chudd said.

More information may be obtained from the Snow Trackers website and Facebook page.

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## Live science

EXPRESS PHOTO BY MICHELLE WESTMAN

Extremely cold temperatures, -30 degrees C. quickly froze hot boiling water into ice crystals and snow before it hit the ground this past Saturday. When hot water hits the cold air, it instantly condenses into ice crystals.

## Manitoba Public Insurance releases third quarter financial results

### Submitted by MPI

Manitoba Public Insurance reported net income of \$87.4 million for the first nine months of its fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 2018 — an increase of \$26.1 million over the same time period last year. This includes net income from the Basic insurance line of business of \$42.3 million in the first nine months of the 2018-19 fiscal year.

"Total earned revenues for the first nine months rose by \$65.8 million from the same period last year, driven mainly by higher motor vehicle premium revenue resulting from an increase in the number of motor vehicles insured, the value of these vehicles, and an overall 2.6 per cent increase in Basic insurance rates or-

dered by the Public Utilities Board for the 2018/19 insurance year," said Mark Giesbrecht, vice-president, finance and chief financial officer, Manitoba Public Insurance.

"While net claims incurred are down \$28.6 million year over year, when excluding the impact of changing interest rates which is largely offset in investment income through the corporation's asset-liability matching program, net claims have risen \$13.3 million when compared to the first nine months of the 2017-18 fiscal year. This increase in claims of \$13.3 million is split evenly between physical damage claims and bodily injury claim costs," added Giesbrecht.

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Manitobans continue to pay among the lowest auto insurance premiums in all of Canada. In December, the PUB approved an overall increase of 1.8 per cent in Basic insurance premiums for the 2019-20 insurance year.

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# letter to the editor

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## Manitoba veterinarians need your support

A very concerning issue which affects the people of Manitoba has come to my attention.

I was recently made aware of the Manitoba government's proposal to cut funding of veterinary students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in their 2019 budget. As part of their efforts to balance the budget, the Minister of Advance Education is considering taking a knife to 1/3 of the students admitted to the regional vet school. That means instead of 15 students a year, only 10 would be allowed to pursue their dream of becoming a veterinarian.

Not only is the government trying to cut these very important funds, but they are trying to keep it "hush hush" in order to avoid public outrage. As we work to inform the public, the animal industry sector and members of the veterinary community, we have been met with vague threats from government officials who would like us to just be quiet and allow this budget cut to go quietly into the night. Is this how our provincial government operates, in veiled threats and secret agendas in order to get their way, without consulting with the public or those that know the most about the industry? I, for one, am not OK with this. And I don't think an informed public would be OK with this either.

This proposed budget cut couldn't come at a worse time for veterinarians in this province. There is a severe lack of veterinarians throughout the province as we try to look after the huge animal industry in Manitoba — from family pets to the animal production industry (swine, beef, dairy, sheep, poultry, aquaculture), on which our economy heavily relies. Rural areas feel the biggest impact of the vet shortage, but clinics throughout the province are looking for new vets to fill positions with little success. Throughout the sector, more vets are needed; vet diagnostic labs, emergency centres, the CFIA, and notably in rural areas. The impact of insufficient veterinarians means increased demands on those already working in the field. These demands create a stressful work environment. Currently, suicide rates in the veterinary profession has been pegged as close to twice that of the dental profession, more than twice that of the medical profession, and four times the rate in the general population.

The provincial government currently spends \$6 million a year at the WCVN, part of which goes to fund a total of 60 veterinary students (15 students per year in a four-year course). That \$6 million not only funds those students' seats, but it also allows the

WCVN to be a key referral centre in the west, continue cutting-edge research and technology, train specialists in the veterinary field, provide diagnostic services and consultations, provide public education and many other important areas.

Recently, WCVN researchers contributed to the development of a vaccine that could soon put an end to a killer virus that has been decimating North America's hog industry. This contribution alone will save our province millions.

The government entered an inter-provincial agreement with the three other western provinces to form the WCVN back in 1963.

The college's regional responsibilities for providing veterinary education, expertise and research are officially recognized in the WCVN Interprovincial Agreement — a unique document that is updated and renewed by the western provinces and WCVN every five years. The longstanding agreement spells out the terms with respect to provincial enrolment quotas, residency status of applicants to the college and the cost-sharing formula for funding the regional college at the U. of S. In turn, this agreement outlines the college's commitments in seven key areas.

Now, the Manitoba government appears to be looking for a way out. It

is blaming poor return rates, claiming that only 70 per cent of Manitoba students return to the province. But instead of looking for ways to encourage vets to come back to Manitoba, they are nearsightedly looking to slash funding, which means even fewer students will return. They forget that veterinarians are small business owners and provide jobs to thousands in this province. Vets are needed in all areas of the animal health industry, and this need is increasing with public demand for safe, humanely raised food. And let's not forget the pet-loving population. Overall, approximately 41 per cent of Canadian households include at least one dog, and similarly around 37 per cent include at least one cat.

The veterinary community needs your help to let the Pallister government know that this funding cut is not OK and will have far-reaching negative impacts on our province. Please let your voices be heard in "True North" fashion. I'm sure the Minister of Advanced Education would be happy to hear from you: Kelvin Goertzen, Phone: 204-945-3720, Fax: 204-945-1291, Email: min-edu@leg.gov.mb.ca

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## Gimli Chamber Beautification committee looking for volunteers

By Teresa Carey

Melanie Specula, owner of Gimli's Chicken Chef and member of the Gimli Chamber of Commerce, is heading up the Chamber's new "Beautification" committee.

"It's a new initiative and basically our goal is to try to make things a little prettier," Specula said, adding that the improvements would help promote tourism in Gimli.

Improvements envisioned include both big and small initiatives, some of which might require the acquisition of grants — such as for businesses to undertake renovations to help create a unified, attractive look for the town.

Other projects being considered include new walking paths at different locations throughout Gimli, not just along the lake.

Specula said that the committee envisions the improvements unfolding

in three phases but said what they involve will be revealed at a later date.

Currently, the committee has members from the chamber and from Gimli council. However, Specula is still looking for a couple community members to join in. As well, she is on the lookout for others who would like to volunteer their time and talents on various projects.

Some of the volunteers enlisted include the Gimli Garden Club and Specula has plans to approach the Gimli Art Club as well to see if they are interested in contributing their time and talents.

"We want to keep the community involved with the process," Specula said.

She has already elicited some preliminary feedback as to what people would like to see.

"I've had approximately 190 com-

ments, most of them positive. People have come up with some good ideas. Some we can't do because it belongs to the RM, like fix the cobblestone sidewalks," she said.

Some of the ideas that have been pitched include decorating some of Gimli's trees with wrap-around lights; undertaking a town clean-up, especially of discarded cigarette butts and better managing the garbage containers in town; either fixing or finding an alternative to the fencing around the public parking lot on 2nd Avenue; and beautifying the courtyard that leads from that lot to 1st Avenue, possibly by planting flowers.

Fire hydrants, lamp posts and garbage cans have been suggested by some as canvasses for artwork, as turning these into works of art would add interest and attract the notice of tourists. Specula would also like to

see more activities at the bandstand at the main dock.

Specula is finding inspiration from initiatives like Communities in Bloom and is researching what other cities and towns are doing to beautify their spaces and promote tourism.

She applauds previous efforts to create the ambiance of Gimli as a fishing village and hopes local businesses will get on board and work together with the chamber.

The committee will meet in early February. For more information on how to get involved, contact Melanie Specula at 204-642-8588.

More information is available on the Gimli Chamber of Commerce Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/GimliChamber/](http://www.facebook.com/GimliChamber/)).



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## A clove of garlic as a last resort

Hi gang.

You might think the cold snap last week would have caused anglers to kick their feet up in front of their TVs and wait for a warmer day to fish. Nothing could be further from the truth. Horse play and tailgating in the bitter cold proved to be the reality as I wandered about southern Manitoba's ice-covered waterways.

Just after the wind storm early last week, I went visiting anglers off shore on Lake Winnipeg east of the Gimli Harbour.

I stopped at a shack with dark brown siding close by another shack adorned with moose horns and stuffed fish, (might be a contender for our papers' "Coolest Ice Shack" contest). I jumped out of Old Red and called to whoever was inside the brown shack, "Catch anything yet?"

The door popped open and a thin chap with a short brown beard waved me in.

"I'm Arnie," I said as I entered.

"Yeah, I'm Matt Kozoriz," he replied.

"I noticed you don't have much drifting around your shack after the blow," I said, settling on a side bench beside the comforting warmth of a propane heater.

Matt looked from his fish finder to me uttering, "The fish aren't biting in shallow water here today."

Then smiling, he pulled out his phone.

"You've got to see this," he said,

showing me a video. "This happened on the south end of the lake during the blow," he laughed.

I watched as a young guy could be seen on his belly, body surfing on the smooth glare ice pushed along by the gale force wind and then later standing on the pan of a scoop shovel, literally "ice surfing." We sat swapping stories for a while and I told him I met John Bear over at Brokenhead the day before who was not happy with fishing lately. John said he was asked to take Tracy Bone, the western singer, out ice fishing. Since he had been having great luck at Jackfish Bend, he took her out there. They sat for hours — nothing. Finally, in desperation, John added a piece of garlic he had to his minnow bait and you can see the result in this week's picture.

Last Saturday it was easy driving on the well-beaten trails on the Red River downstream of Breezy Point toward Lake Winnipeg. I soon came upon some young guys who were setting up their tent and drilling ice holes in preparation for an afternoon of fishing. I pulled up beside them and asked if they had a story for us. One tall, young chap, who seemed more talkative than the rest, came to my turned-down truck window and said, "I remember something."

He gave his name as Darian Morris-Izzard of St. Andrews and told of a time some summers ago when he was fishing in Caddy Lake and caught

a crappie. As is their nature when caught, it began spinning around in circles on the top of the water. Then, out of nowhere, a jackfish leapt from the water and half-swallowed the crappie. Darian, not one to pass on a lucky strike, reeled in and got both fish for the effort of one. I thanked him for the story and ventured on down the river.

The widening expanse of the river's white ice pack, framed on the distant sides by dark dead tree trunks rising out of snow-laden tall marsh grasses, gave the feeling of a wild loneliness. Only the occasional portable ice shack with a truck parked by it or tailgaters gave any signs of life. Finally, just as I passed the "cut," the opening to the Netley Lake, I saw a fairly big fellow holding a huge jackfish about to lay it on the ice. I pulled up to him, lowering my window. He looked at me, saying breathlessly, "I just caught it!"

His two friends working their holes had three nice eating-sized pickerel beside them on the ice. I got out of my truck and complimented him on his catch, joking he was a master angler now. He spoke forcefully, his face commanding, his movements slow and deliberate. I took a picture of him with his four-foot-long jack and held my recorder in the freezing cold as he said his name was Dominic Skovrlj of the Maples in Winnipeg.

"We're in 30 feet of water here," he started, telling how he caught this



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL**  
John Bear from Brokenhead with some of his catch at Jackfish Bend.

monster. He explained how when he felt it take his hook, it didn't fight until he brought its head out of the water of the ice hole. The fish was so big it got stuck, so he bent over and grabbed it by the gills. Standing with his legs spread for balance, he slowly pulled up, working the fish from side to side until it popped out of the hole.

Later on the way back to Breezy, I stopped by Darian's gang again and showed them Dominic's huge jack. Darian took one look at the picture and yelled at his buddies, "Pack up everything. We're going out to where this Dominic is."

Till next week, friends. Bye now.



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# Matlock store and post office suddenly shuts doors

By Roger Newman

Village of Dunnottar Mayor Rick Gamble says he and his council will do everything possible to find a new location for the village post office.

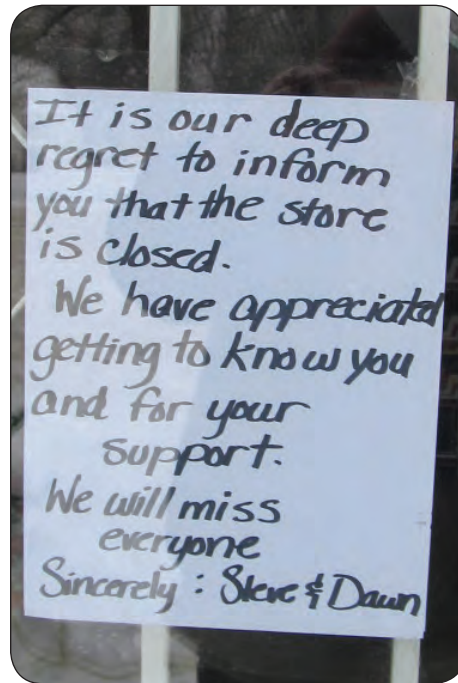
Gamble, and likely all Dunnottar residents, are reeling from the news that the present post office in the Matlock Store suddenly closed with little warning at noon last Friday.

"The closing is alarming," Gamble said in an interview Monday. "We'll immediately start to look for somewhere else for a village post office."

Dunnottar residents were still turning up at the store Monday morning to look for their mail. They were greeted by two window signs left by the owners. One, signed by "Steve and Dawn," announced the closing and thanked customers for their support while the other said residents could pick up their mail at the Winnipeg Beach Post Office.

Staff at the Winnipeg Beach Post office said they, too, were completely surprised when bags of Dunnottar mail arrived on their doorstep. They were serving Dunnottar customer Jim Stewart, who had come to look for his mail Monday morning.

"I think Canada Post should now install its super-boxes in Dunnottar," said Stewart, whose wife Cindy Stewart worked in the Matlock store as a



The owners left behind a message and a closing sign.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN  
Dunnottar residents were shocked when the Matlock store and post office suddenly closed Friday.

teenager. "There are lots of suitable village locations for the super-boxes."

While the sudden closing was a big surprise, it was known that the owners wanted to sell the store, particularly after cottagers departed in the fall. Their departure leaves in doubt the future of a store that has served Dunnottar for more than half a century.

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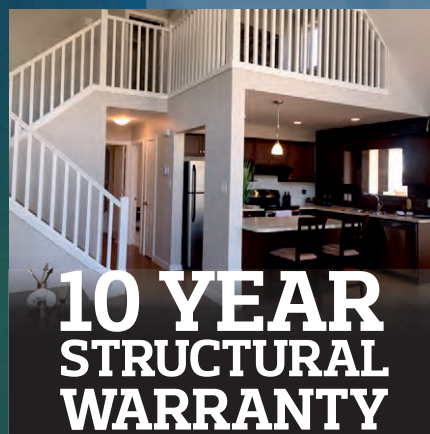
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# New Horizons Centre gets improved sound

By Roger Newman

With the help of the community, the Gimli New Horizons 55-Plus Centre has improved the quality of sound in the largest meeting and activity room at the centre's clubhouse on North Colonization Road.

President Cindy Stewart and facility manager Jonie Johnson say sound baffles have been installed in the centre's grand room, which is the biggest of two halls on the premises. Gimli New Horizons, with about 700 members, provides seniors with more than 25 different programs ranging from sports like bowling, floor curling and Tai Chi to dance lessons, jam sessions, acrylic painting and yoga.

"We've had a lot of positive comments about the baffles, which absorb sound, eliminate echoes and improve the acoustics in the grand room,"

Johnson said. "That's changed from the complaints we were previously receiving about noise and the room's low ceiling."

Stewart said the \$5,420.20 project was financed with a \$2,700 grant from the Gimli-based Westshore Foundation, a \$1,335 grant from Noventis Credit Union and a \$1,365.90 expenditure by New Horizons. When the baffles arrived, they were installed by a volunteer crew composed of New Horizons vice-president Rick Hewson, building maintenance manager Garry Peterson and Wayne Mattson.

The New Horizons president and manager concluded their announcement by saying that the sound baffles even make people look younger, a statement that baffled their interrogator.



Volunteers Rick Hewson, left, Garry Peterson, middle, and Wayne Mattson, putting up baffles.



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New Horizons president Cindy Stewart, second from left, accepted a Noventis grant toward better acoustics at the centre from Brent Prior, the credit union's Gimli community relations manager. Also participating in the ceremony were New Horizons vice-president Rick Hewson, far left, and centre maintenance manager Garry Peterson.

## Quilters hone skills in Gimli



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN

Gimli's winter tourist season got off to a good start last weekend when the 18th annual Quilter's Retreat took place in the Lakeview Resort. The quilters, mostly women but sometimes a few men, come from across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario to meet each other and socialize while they quilt and exchange ideas for improving their skills. The retreat is led by Wendy van der Walt, co-owner with her husband George of the Fabriculous arts and craft store in the Lakeview Resort and Swan River. This time there were 41 quilters in attendance, although as many as 140 have registered in past years. The latest group included, left to right, Mikalah Lenoff (Lorette), Dawn Piasta (Dauphin), Janie Coulter (Minitonas) and Rene Sakal (Swan River). Gimli's winter tourism continues with the Manitoba women's Scotties curling championship this week and the Mercedes Driving Academy on Lake Winnipeg throughout February.

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# Women's curling history traced in new Gimli Museum exhibit

By Roger Newman

Gimli's New Iceland Heritage Museum (NIHM) has a curling exhibit set up at the 2019 provincial Scotties championship now in progress at the community rec centre.

NIHM director Julianna Roberts and curator Gail Halldorson have put together an exhibit that combines memorabilia from the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame with mementos from the careers of outstanding local curlers.

"The Scotties have presented us with an opportunity to showcase curling, which is an important part of our sports culture," says Roberts of the exhibition that is set up at the museum on First Avenue until Sunday, Feb. 6.

Between draws this week, curling enthusiasts can visit the museum and absorb the history of what they are currently seeing. Exhibit viewers will learn that organized Manitoba women's curling dates back to 1908 when it originated as an off-shoot of men's play at the historic Winnipeg Granite Club on the banks of the Red River.

They'll become aware, too, that the provincial women's curling championship was known as the Lassies until the early 1980s when sponsorship was taken over by the Scott paper company, which renamed it the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. The tournament name remains the same, although Scott Paper has since been absorbed by Kruger Inc. based in Quebec.

The NIHM exhibit also documents the careers of outstanding women skips and players. The list starts with Esther Poulton of Fort Rouge in the early days and includes the Chris and Cathy Pidzarko twins in the 1970s before moving into the modern era. There it covers the accomplishments of Canada's first world women's champion Connie Laliberte, also a multi-Canadian and Manitoba title holder in the 1980s and 1990s.

As well, there is a full section devoted to Gimli's Patti Wuthrich, who coaches Kerri Einarson's team in the current Scotties. The section notes Wuthrich's



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN

Gimli NIHM museum director Julianna Roberts, left, and curator Gail Halldorson have mounted a new exhibition featuring Gimli's curling history.

background as a provincial champion and displays the jackets she wore as an Olympian and as a coach in Korea, Russia and Canada.

There is also a tribute to all of Gimli's best curlers. But while the women are showcased in the main museum — as befits this week's Scotties — the men and mixed curlers are extolled in a large glass panel in the hall behind the museum in the Waterfront Centre.

The exhibit features Chris Neufeld, the Canadian men's champ, with Vic Peters in 1992, and his sons B.J. and Denni Neufeld, star curlers with the Mike McEwen team that more recently won two Manitoba championships and six grand slam titles. Also honoured are local players Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak, who were Manitoba mixed doubles champions and a shot away from winning the Canadian title last year.

There is also recognition of Gimli's Sigurdson family, who have been a force in curling for four generations. One of the youngest family mem-



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bers, Steen Sigurdson, will skip the local zone entry in this year's imminent Manitoba Men's Curling Championship. Steen and his brother Brett are the latest members of a talented curling family that started with their great-grandfather Bjorn, continued with grandparents Ray and Alma Sigurdson, and was immediately preceded by the young men's parents Barry and Ardith Sigurdson.

"We think the curling exhibition will be of great interest to the many followers of a popular and affordable sport," said museum director Roberts.

## Rising prices forcing more farmers to rent land, expert says

By Justin Luschinski

With farmland continuing to rise in price, more farmers are looking to rent land rather than own, according to an industry expert.

The Clandeboye Community Hall played host to the South Interlake Grain Information Day last Tuesday. The annual event aims to provide valuable information to Interlake farmers. The event, which was hosted by the South Interlake Crop Testing Committee, was for anyone involved in the grain industry in any capacity.

Darren Bond, the farm management specialist with Manitoba Agriculture and one of the speakers during the event, said while every situation is different, renting land is more financially viable than owning it.

"It's something that everyone's thinking about. We get a lot of calls

about land rents, asking what are the characteristics of good land rents. There's been a significant land appreciation in the last five years," Bond said. "This has caused some landlords to retain their land, and rent it out. Some of it is for sentimental reasons, 'my father owned this land and I don't want to sell it.' We can already see this in the U.S., where it's just too expensive to purchase land."

Bond's presentation introduced farmers to the province's RentPlan Crop Land Rental Rate Calculator, which will give farmers and landowners a way to negotiate fair rental prices. Bond said that there is no transparent market reporting mechanism for renting farmland. In other markets, such as housing, the prices are recorded, as a way to keep them consistent. Farm renting costs vary wildly, which has

caused some anxiety for farmers looking to start up their own business.

According to RentPlan, there are two ways to calculate a fair rate: Based on production costs, or based on land value. The production cost methods works like this: take a farm's gross revenue, minus the operating costs (such as labour and equipment costs), and you have the maximum amount someone can pay for land, before profit. In the example listed, if your break even rate is \$82.17, you can calculate that you'd make around \$15 to \$30 profit per acre. Therefore, a fair rental rate would average around \$60 per acre.

Bond stressed that the examples in the RentPlan booklet are just examples, and that it's important to farmers to know what their numbers are. The calculations help farmers assess

what they can pay, and what's financially viable for them. More information about RentPlan can be found online at [gov.mb.ca/agriculture/](http://gov.mb.ca/agriculture/).

Many farmers found the calculations useful, as farming land is increasingly becoming a labour of love, and not a profitable business.

John Scott is a farmer who owns land between Clandeboye and Selkirk. His family has been farming for generations, but as profits continue to decrease, it's becoming harder to maintain doing what he loves.

"I got my land from a family friend who was looking to retire. It's getting harder and harder to farm. The price of seed and chemicals go up every year, but the price of (grain) stays the same," Scott said. "You have to love farming to farm, because it's one of the worst jobs to get into, financially."



# Gimli Fair Trade boosting visibility of local retailers

By Patricia Barrett\*

Gimli's Fair Trade Committee has come up with a number of ways to boost the visibility of local retailers selling fair trade products and wants to encourage other businesses and major event organizers to give fair trade products a try.

The committee, which met on Jan. 15 at the municipal building, will be reaching out to the Gimli Chamber of Commerce to see whether it would be willing to ask its members to self-identify as fair trade retailers. If businesses are willing, they can have their names posted on the municipality's existing fair trade web page.

There's a twofold benefit to publicly listing fair trade retailers: it helps promote the businesses to consumers concerned about ethical consumption and social justice, and it serves as a way to connect those curious about fair trade products to the retailers carrying the products.

"It's free advertising," said the municipality's economic development and tourism clerk Brittany Isfeld, who sits on the fair trade committee. "It's another plug for their business to have their name on the website."

Business owners wouldn't have to identify what specific fair trade items they carry as product lines can sometimes change or be discontinued. Fairtrade Canada, for example, lists select vendors and brands by location on its web page.

There are about 26 fair trade-designated towns in Canada, four of which are in Manitoba. In 2009, Gimli became the province's first official fair trade town after a student introduced the idea to the then-municipal council, which embraced the concept of fairness, proper compensation for workers and the need to eliminate child labour. Brandon became a fair trade town in 2014 followed by Selkirk and Winnipeg in 2017.

Concerned about creating opportunities for small producers in the Global South and ensuring they received a fair price for their goods, Gimli High School became a fair trade school in 2016.

Fair trade is an economic system with beneficial social and environmental spinoffs. It's based on a rigorous set of trade standards that help reduce poverty, empower producers and workers and mitigate the effects of climate change in countries in the Global South (Africa, Asia and Latin America).

It seeks to establish equality in international trade and provides producers with the wherewithal to invest in their farms, earn a "living income"



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT**  
Shown here is a cocoa pod and its beans, from which chocolate is made.

and practise sustainable agriculture.

"If people realized the extent of the problems that non-fair trade products create, it kind of takes your breath away," said committee member Zack Gross, who recently retired from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), where he served as outreach co-ordinator for fair trade.

"I've been keeping track of the issue of child slavery in today's world, and it's a problem that's getting worse not better, and mainly with chocolate more than any other product. Almost any chocolate bar you buy supports the slavery of children. There are more child slaves in the world today than there were 10 years ago. There's millions of them."

Fair trade certified producers follow a set of labour practices that prohibit child labour.

Fairtrade Canada announced last month on its website that farmers will be earning 20 per cent more for cocoa starting in October. A 2018 study on cocoa farmers in Cote d'Ivoire, the world's biggest cocoa-producing country, showed 58 per cent of farmers had incomes below the "extreme" poverty line. Most cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty, according to an article on the organization's website.

After consulting with fair trade farmers, manufacturers and chocolate companies, the International Fairtrade Standards Committee will be raising the minimum price for conventional cocoa from \$2,000 to \$2,400 per metric tonne. Farmers producing organic cocoa will see a \$300 increase above the market price or Fairtrade Minimum Price (currently \$2,300 per metric tonne), whichever is higher.

The Fairtrade Premium, an amount provided on top of the selling price, is also increasing from \$200 to \$240 per metric tonne, making it the "high-



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est fixed premium of any certification scheme."

"Fairtrade is the only certification scheme that has a mandatory minimum price, which acts as a safety net for farmers when market prices fall while allowing them to benefit when prices rise," states the Dec. 3 announcement about the cocoa price rise.

Chocolate is just one of thousands of fair trade products available to consumers in the western world. Coffee, tea, bananas, rice, sugar, grains, wine, beauty products, sports balls, flowers and clothing are among them.

To extend the reach of fair trade products, Gimli's committee broached the idea of speaking with businesses such as bakeries, clothing stores and funeral homes to see whether they'd be interested in purchasing fair trade items such as sugar, cocoa, clothes and flowers.

MCIC set up a Mother's Day display last year in a Winnipeg shopping mall where Gross sold fair trade roses. They proved so popular that he sold out halfway through the event. Winnipeg-based Florists Supply Ltd. is a key distributor of flowers from fair trade flower farms across the world.

As far as fair trade clothing is concerned, it's still "kind of in its infancy," said Gross. "It's hard to find a lot of fair trade certified clothing. There's a guy now bringing it in from Europe and he's based in Quebec. I've tried to convince a few people in Winnipeg to carry it. It's high-end in terms of price, but it would fit in nicely with [local clothing stores] in Gimli."

Although fair trade products do cost slightly more than their non-fair trade counterparts, the ethical benefits of

helping those living in poverty should outweigh price, said Gimli High School band teacher Rob Chrol, who sits on the committee.

"The point is we've been under-paying for many products," he said.

Chrol said it would be beneficial to try to identify local businesses that aren't members of the chamber of commerce to see whether they'd be interested in the fair trade concept. About 40 businesses are chamber members, but at there are least 100 businesses — including home businesses — in town.

Having fair trade coffee, hot chocolate and tea served during major events in Gimli would help promote the system, as well as remind consumers about Gimli's status as a fair trade town.

The annual Gimli Ice Festival has an indoor market and invites the River-ton Friendship Centre to serve bannock and tea to festival-goers.

"If the festival allowed us promotion and advertising, I would donate the coffee," said Gross. "I'm sure I could find fair trade companies that would love to be mentioned as the exclusive coffee provider for the Gimli Ice Festival."

Isfeld said she would pitch fair trade to the organizers of the Mercedes-AMG winter driving school, which teaches advanced driving skills on Lake Winnipeg.

"Mercedes has a little clubhouse or warming hut on the lake where drivers can have coffee and tea," she said. "I think they have it made at the Lakeview and they take it out there."

As organizer of the annual Gimli Ice

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# Veselka dancers perform at Komarno's annual Malanka celebration

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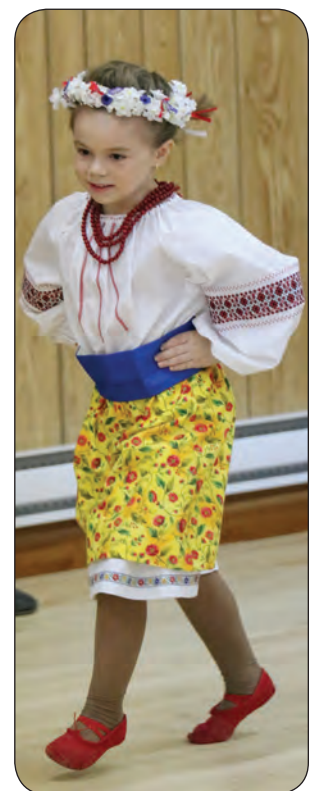
The Teulon Ukrainian Veselka Dance Club showed off their twirls and kicks before a sold out crowd at the Malanka celebration at Komarno Hall this past Sunday.

The Pagee family, including Veronica, Ursula, Alexis, Claudia, Mary Jane, Marcel and six year old Victoria Roberts performed a number of traditional dances from different regions of Ukraine.

The 175 guests also enjoyed an afternoon of old thyme dancing with live music by Country Pride. The band started playing at 1 p.m. and continued throughout the afternoon keeping the dance floor crowded while couples danced numerous schottisches, polkas, two-steps, and pattern dances.

The Komarno Hall volunteer committee was happy with the turnout of the annual event.

The Veselka club practices every Sunday at Teulon Green Acres Art Centre and are always looking for new members. If interested contact Noreen Stone at 204-886-3192.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Clockwise from top left, Joyce Wrychowny and her dance partner Lucien, Komarno Hall volunteers Mona Buchkowski, Linda Appell, Theresa Capuska and Alice Boychyn; Six year old Victoria Roberts danced the Poltava while Vernoica Pagee performed the Transcarpathian, Country Pride Band provided live music throughout the afternoon; Marg Balak and Don McDonald were one of the many couples attending the Old Tyme dance and the Pagee family danced all together.

# Arborg Co-op convenience store undergoing renovations

By Teresa Carey

The Co-op convenience store in Arborg has been closed for renovations since Dec. 28. A temporary store has been set up inside a 60-foot trailer, located on the south side of the gas pumps.

The trailer houses a fully operational cash register and a pared-down version of the store, with coffee, lottery tickets, tobacco, oil and a small selection of confectionery items. Customers have been able to purchase their gasoline without disruption.

"We're doing an upgrade to meet some of the newer building codes," said Holly Lingel, general manager of Interlake Co-op.

The store is undergoing plumbing, electrical and cosmetic upgrades. An additional 300 feet is being added to the back of the convenience store for office and storage space.

"Since it was built in 1997, there have not been any upgrades," Lingel said. "It's long overdue, I think."

"For the most part, (customers) have been really good," she added.

This is the second round of renovations to the store and gas bar. Last October upgrades to the gas pumps and store exterior were completed at a cost of \$600,000. The current upgrades and expansion will cost an additional \$800,000. The renovations are expected to be completed by April 15.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY

Renovations to the Interlake Co-op convenience Store in Arborg are scheduled to be completed by mid-April. Gasoline, oil, tobacco and other goods can be obtained from a temporary trailer.



# Manitoba Sustainable Development enforcement update

## Night patrol leads to night hunting charges

### Submitted

Manitoba Sustainable Development advises that recent night patrols, including aerial surveillance, have identified several suspects involved in dangerous hunting and led to a number of charges.

On Dec. 10, 2018, officers patrolling near Ashern witnessed a vehicle driving down a municipal road, using a spotlight to light up areas just off the road. Officers watched as the occupants used the spotlight for over a mile, before they moved in and stopped the vehicle. Two males from Lake Manitoba First Nation face a number of charges including hunting at night with lights, hunting on private land without permission and carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

A 2017 Ford F-150 pickup truck, loaded rifle and spotlight were

seized as evidence.

Later that evening, in the Western region, aerial surveillance observed spotlighting activity along PR 366, northeast of Inglis. Officers on the ground tracked the vehicle to the yard of a rural residence and found two males.

One male from Alberta has been charged with hunting at night with lights and carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and one male from the RM of Riding Mountain West has been charged with hunting at night with lights. A 2011 Chevrolet 3500 pickup truck, loaded rifle, other hunting equipment and a spotlight were seized as evidence.

Anyone with information about illegal activities is asked to call their local Manitoba Sustainable Development office or the Turn in Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800-782-0076.

## get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



RED RIVER CO-OP FOOD STORE

### Pecan Apple Stuffing

Nonstick cooking spray  
1 pound mild Italian sausage  
1 tablespoon olive oil or pecan oil  
1 yellow onion, diced  
3 celery stalks, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
12 ounces herb-seasoned cubed stuffing  
2 cups tart apples, chopped  
1 1/2 cups pecan halves  
1 cup chicken broth, plus additional (optional)  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease large casserole dish or 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.

In large skillet, brown sausage, breaking into crumbles. Drain on paper towels. Discard excess grease. In same pan over medium heat, add olive oil. Saute onions, celery and garlic 2-3 minutes, or until starting to soften and fragrant. In large bowl, mix sausage, onion mixture, stuffing cubes, apples and pecans. Add broth and stir to combine. If stuffing mixture remains dry, add additional broth as desired. Season with salt and pepper; stir to combine. Transfer stuffing to prepared baking dish. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes.

Source: American Pecan Council



## Historic landmark

EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Dawson Beaudry, Lyle Hornby and Mike Schwartz recently erected a new sign at Devil's Hole on the snowmobile trail going from Pelican Lake north east of Ashern.

### Submitted

Devil's Hole is a magical and mystical stop on the snowmobile trail going to Pelican Lake north east of Ashern. The stop is located on a major trail, along a scenic jack pine ridge about 40 miles out, and has a sign telling all who stop about the battle between the creator and the devil many moons ago.

This sign stood tall and proud for many years. Unfortunately, there was a bear who did not like this sign. Over time, this bear did his best to remove the sign. He finally succeeded with his

mission and ripped the sign down in the summer of 2016.

Dawson Beaudry and Lyle Hornby have taken numerous people on snowmobile rides to Devil's Hole and discovered the sign was sadly missed. The duo recently decided to get the sign rebuilt, and with the help of a local artist, Mike Schwartz, these three adventures rebuilt the Devil's Hole legend sign.

As soon as snow conditions allowed, the sign was erected at Devil's Hole with some added bear deterrent.

## > FAIR TRADE, FROM PG. 12

Fishing Derby, Isfeld said she'll look into providing fair trade coffee for the anglers.

Providing local retailers with signs and shelf labels for fair trade products is another idea the committee raised. MCIC can obtain fair trade labels for retailers — at no cost to them — that want to advertise their fair trade stock. Signs could also be posted on store entrance doors to alert consumers about the availability of fair trade products.

"When you go into the Liquor Mart, they have these very colourful decals under their fair trade products. It's easy to look at a shelf and see the fair trade wines," said Gross. "One of the arguments I've had from store managers is that fair trade stuff doesn't sell. Well, it might sell better if we can actually market it properly, which sometimes doesn't happen."

Gross said other advertising challenges come down to a lack of package labelling, especially on textiles and crafts.

"That's probably one of the real challenges for clothing, baskets and art work — like the stuff 10,000 Villages (a fair trade store in Winnipeg) carries — there needs to be some proof. Certification seems to be most prominent on coffee, tea, sugar, hot chocolate and chocolate bars."

Consumers can look for a logo on food packaging that states "FAIRTRADE." That indicates a certified product meeting international fair trade standards.

For information about where to find fair trade certified products in Canada (including Winnipeg), visit the Fairtrade.ca website and click on "registered brands and companies" or Google: guide.fairtrade.ca.



# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Ice Dawgs rack up penalty minutes in loss

By Brian Bowman

The Arborg Ice Dawgs were racking up the penalty minutes against the Selkirk Fishermen on Saturday at the Rec Complex.

Arborg was called for 73 minutes in penalties in the game as Selkirk scored a pair of power-play goals in the third period for a 5-2 win in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action.

Cameron Sinclair and Blaze Bezecki scored power-play goals for Arborg.

Damien Catheway led Selkirk with two goals while Evan Bedard added a goal and two assists.

Reece Tessier and Juliano Garcea had Selkirk's other goals. Dawson Courchene finished the game with four assists.

Riley Bannerman made 19 saves for the win.

On Friday evening, Arborg was defeated 7-5 by the Warriors in St. Malo.

Evan Wuerch snapped a 5-5 third-period tie with a pair of goals. He finished the game with three goals and an assist.

Arborg's Colton Davies scored twice while Ethan Boyer, Derric Gulay, and Tristan Hudson added singles.

Tyler Cormier, Robert Guimond, Logan Bueckert and Tyrel Bueckert scored St. Malo's other goals.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Ice Dawgs' goaltender Tre Strachan made 42 saves against the Fishermen in Arborg's 5-2 loss.

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

The Ice Dawgs will host the Satelites on Friday (7:30 p.m.) and then will play the Falcons in Lundar Saturday (8 p.m.)

Lundar, meanwhile, defeated North Winnipeg 4-3 last Saturday, scoring three third-period goals.

Xavier Hatterman paced Lundar with two goals and an assist while Josh Wilkinson and Riley Wirgau also tallied.

Kevin Budd, Eli Caparros, and Derian Emes replied for North Winnipeg.

North Winnipeg was 1-for-10 on the power play while Lundar was 1-for-6. Dillon Rapinchuk stopped 29 Satelites' shots for the win.

## Riverton to represent the Interlake at Atom 'C' hockey provincials

### Staff

The Riverton Eagles Atom hockey team will represent Interlake Minor Hockey at the 2019 Atom "C" Provincials.

Riverton defeated the Stony Mountain Flames 6-5 in overtime at the provincial playdowns in Warren on Sunday.

Tavyn Sigurdson scored the game-winning goal with 4:21 remaining in the 10-minute overtime, assisted by Madden Mowatt.

Tavyn Sigurdson led Riverton with five goals and an assist while Mowatt added a goal and three helpers.

Kristofer Asmundson chipped in with two assists while Hudson Charrier also had an assist.

The Flames were paced by Liam Connolly's four-goal effort while Justin Breul also tallied.

Mason Rainkie and Damon Marquart each recorded assists in the game.

To reach the final, Stony Mountain defeated Warren Green 8-1 while Riverton edged the Gimli Vikings 4-3 in a hard-fought game.

Riverton now advances to the 2019 Atom "C" provincials, which will take place in McCreary from March 15-17.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

Back row, left to right, Michael Johnson, Jason Johannesson, Tyler Sigurdson, Lloyd Roche; Middle row, Jake Selkirk, Hudson Charriere, Ashlynn Sigurdson, Simon Mitchell, Payton Mowatt, Kristofer Asmundsson; Front row, Brycen Johannesson, Levi Johnson, Tristan Klatt, Darren Mitchell, Madden Mowatt and Tavyn Sigurdson.



# Lightning part of a pair of wild third periods



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Lightning's Austin Adair battles for the puck with a Pembina Valley player during Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action Sunday in Teulon.

By Brian Bowman

For the first 46 minutes of the game against the Norman Northstars last Friday, it wasn't looking too good for the Interlake Lightning.

Trailing 4-1 to the last-place Northstars in Teulon, Interlake suddenly gave the home crowd something to cheer about as the offence exploded for six unanswered goals in a 7-4 Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League victory.

Three of those third-period goals came via the power play. Kai Studler had two of them while Greg Pasechnikoff had the other.

William Faraci, Cody McMillan, and Austin Adair also scored in the third.

Adair gave the Lightning a 1-0 lead with a goal at 9:18 of the first period.

Emmitt Farebrother finished the game with four assists while Nicholas Prystupa chipped in with three helpers. Henry Muchikekwanape, Keistin Saunders, Hunter Rambow and Jamie

Valentino replied for Norman.

Josh Bond made 38 saves for the win. On Sunday afternoon, the Lightning blew a late lead in a 6-5 loss to the Pembina Valley Hawks in Teulon.

Braden Hildebrand scored the game-winning goal at 19:37 of the third period.

Interlake, which held period leads of 2-1 and 4-2, received goals from Prystupa, Chase Barkley, Adair, Studler, and Matthew Vandel.

Roux Bazin, Justin Hobbs, Derek Wiebe, Trent Penner, and Michael Hlady also scored for Pembina Valley.

Hlady's goal tied the score at 5-5 at 16:27 of the third.

Bond made 48 saves in the loss.

Interlake, now 9-25-0-2-0 and in 11th-place in the 13-team league, will be in Souris this Saturday (8 p.m.) to play the Southwest Cougars. The Lightning will then battle the Wheat Kings on Sunday (1:30 p.m.) in Brandon.

## Arborg awesome in winning MacGregor Invitational

Staff

The Arborg Athletics won the eight-team MacGregor Invitational varsity boys' basketball tournament last Saturday.

Arborg captured the title after defeating the Gimli Lakers 73-68 in the championship game.

The Athletics started the tournament with an exciting 82-78 triumph over the Green Valley Pirates and then trounced the Treherne Tigers 89-56.

Gimli, meanwhile, cruised to wins over the Killarney Raiders (74-23) and MacGregor Mustangs (68-50).

Treherne won the third-place game by defeating MacGregor 80-76 while Warren Collegiate won the seven-place game with a 59-19 win over Killarney.

Arborg will be competing at a Treherne tournament Feb. 1-2 and then will be at a Gilbert Plains tournament Feb. 8-9.

Gimli played Warren in an exhibition game on Monday but no score was available at press time. The Lakers will then host an eight-team tournament Feb. 8-9.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Arborg Athletics varsity boys' basketball team won the tournament title in MacGregor last Saturday after defeating the Gimli Lakers 73-68 in the final.

## Einarson awarded top seed at Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Staff

Camp Morton's Kerri Einarson has been awarded the top seed for this week's Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Gimli.

Einarson, who won the 2015 Manitoba Scotties, has captured four events on the World Curling Tour this season with her new-look team of third Val Sweeting, second Shannon Birchard, and lead Briane Meilleur.

With Jennifer Jones not competing at the provincials (she is the defending national champion), Einarson will enter the bonspiel as the favourite.

As a 20 year old, Einarson, fresh out of junior, first competed at a Manitoba Scotties when it was hosted in Gimli back in 2008.

But a No. 1 seeding certainly does not ensure a provincial title this year.

As it is every year, there are a bevy of talented teams in the 16-team field and any one of them can win the right to represent Manitoba at the nationals.

Meanwhile, Einarson's teammates from last year are the second seed

with Sudbury Ont.'s Tracy Fleury at skip.

Fleury, a three-time Northern Ontario winner, leads a very talented rink which includes Beausejour's Selena Njegovan (nee Kaatz), Liz Fyfe and Kristin MacCuish.

At the end of last season, Einarson announced that, after five years together, their rink would part ways. She later unveiled a new powerhouse lineup, which included four veteran skips.

Another great team to watch out

for is led by Darcy Robertson, who is ranked third for the Scotties, while Allison Flaxey, a former Ontario champion, is fourth, and Beth Peterson fifth.

Robertson's rink, which has lost in the provincial final the past two seasons, boasts Brokenhead's Kathy Klein at third. The Manitoba Scotties begin on Wednesday and will continue through until Sunday at the Gimli Recreation Centre.

The full tournament schedule and live scores will be posted at curlmanitoba.org.



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CLOSING DATE:

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1. **SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF LIMESTONE AGGREGATE:** for the supply and delivery of limestone aggregates; to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli, or hauled to stockpile at the Public Works Shop yards, as directed by the Municipality. The material to be applied in one main haul approximately during the period of June 1, 2019, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2019.
2. **GRAVEL HAULING & LOADING:** for the hauling of gravel to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli from the pit located in SW25-20-3E. The material to be applied in one main haul during the period of June 1, 2019, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2019, approximately 12,000 cubic yards. While the Municipality would normally be responsible for loading, contractors are asked for the option of supplying a loader.
3. **GRAVEL CRUSHING:** for the gravel crushing and stockpiling at the pit located in SW25-20-3E. Traffic Gravel to Department of Highways Specifications, approximately 14,000 cubic yards.
4. **2019 EQUIPMENT RATES:** the RM of Gimli is seeking proposals from qualified bidders for hourly rates on various types of privately owned equipment for the purpose of establishing pay rates and hiring order of private equipment for the 2019 works season ending March 31, 2019. Contractors who do not submit pricing and/or do not hold a valid business licence or business tax will not be considered for municipal projects.
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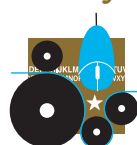
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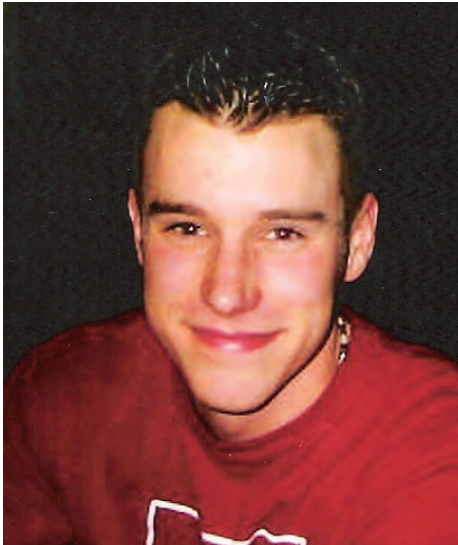


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## OBITUARY

### Nick Steele

January 15, 2019 Nick was blessedly peacefully released from his suffering with Alzheimer's.

Nick was a kind soul and a true gentleman, and will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Laurie, his common-law wife of the past 14 years, as well as by his many Gimli friends.

A private gathering to celebrate his life will be held in the spring.



## OBITUARY

### Gloria Anne Rudney (nee Siatecki)

Gloria Rudney passed away on Friday, January 11, 2019 at Seven Oaks Hospital ICU, surrounded by her loving family. Gloria was born on March 16, 1945 to Anna and Frank Siatecki, a younger sister to Edward. The family lived in a home next to the Fraserwood Hall.

While at High School in Gimli, Gloria met the love of her life, Glenn Rudney. Glenn was so smitten with Gloria that he failed two grades so they could be in the same class year. They were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church May 5, 1962. Gloria and Glenn raised four kids in Gimli, while running a small store until 1980. Mom and Dad had a strong work ethic which they taught to their children from a young age. Every morning Mom would make us a hot breakfast and fresh lunches. She expected her kids to make their beds and vacuum their rooms before they left for school. We

learned at a young age to divide and conquer our chores and complete them to Mom's satisfaction.

Once their kids were all in school, Gloria ran the store until Glenn came home from work each day. Then she was off to do what she loved most, cook and care for her family. Holidays and celebrations were always filled with Gloria's great food and drinks with family and friends. Occasionally Gloria and Glenn would enjoy a vacation to Hawaii; Baba would come to care for us. In 1978 Gloria and Glenn took the entire family on a vacation to Oahu.

After selling the store, Gloria worked at Interlake Agencies until her retirement. As their kids married, the first of seven grandkids arrived in 1994. Gloria loved each of her grandkids to the moon and back. She outfitted the spare bedroom with a crib and bed so that she and Grandpa could have them for sleepovers. Grandma loved spoiling her grandkids and was proud of each of them as they grew from babies, to toddlers, teenagers and now adults. When her grandkids started dating and brought their date to a family function, Gloria would get to know them (and make her opinion known).

Gloria loved gardening and it showed in the bountiful vegetables, beautiful flowers and shrubs she cultivated each year. Often her harvest ended up cooked, frozen or canned and into the homes of her kids, grandkids and friends. A few years ago Mom gave up her vegetable garden, but continued planting and caring for her flowers and yard. This past year was difficult though, because Gloria suffered compression fractures in her spine. They were very painful and put a big damper on her gardening and homemaking activities. This past Christmas Gloria made a small roaster of holupchi when she learned Kim was going to buy some. She also made a final traditional Christmas cake for her family.

Gloria and Glenn were married 56.5 years. The years were filled with lots of love, while raising their kids and spoiling their grandkids. For their 50th Wedding Anniversary their children held a surprise Sunday dinner for family and friends at Seagulls in Gimli. For Mother's Day in 2015 her entire family celebrated at the Revolving Restaurant in Winnipeg; Gloria cherished those family gatherings, speaking of them often.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents and her elder brother. She and Eddie were very close, speaking every Sunday morning and more recently Wednesdays too. Edward predeceased Gloria one year ago, minus a day.

Gloria was the ultimate Winnipeg Jets fan. She never missed a game on TV, followed the results in the Free Press and often spoke of the players like they lived down the street. In fact, six hours before her passing, while receiving oxygen, she wanted to know if the Jets won the night before.

May Peiluck was Mom's best friend, meeting years ago while Gloria worked in the store and May was a customer. They spoke each morning, celebrating life's blessings and supporting each other when times were tough.

Gloria leaves behind husband Glenn. Her daughter: Kim and Kevin Gallant; son, Kurtis Rudney, Tyson (Tessa Johnson) and Tyler (Brittney Hill); daughter, Kara and Mladen Cvar, Haley (Branden Meier), Nathan and Olivia; daughter, Kelly and Roel Orteza, Chloe (Josh Kleinsasser) and Caela. Plus many Granddogs. Also, Edward's widow Shirley Siatecki, niece Deanna and Lionel Trembley, their kids Jordyn, Landon, Julie-Ann and nephew Darren Siatecki (Svetlana Davadov).

Gloria had requested there be no Funeral, she has been cremated.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at SOGH who cared for Gloria the last day of her life. Many thanks to extended family and friends for their condolences after Gloria passed.

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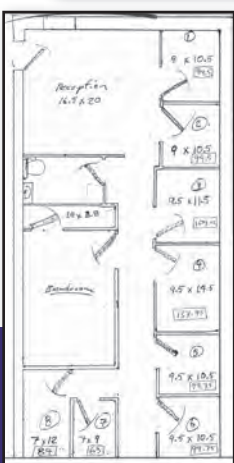
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