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Gimli Sobeys owners Doriane Johnson, left, and Kara Peiluck stand next to empty shelves after selling out of toilet paper within a few hours last Saturday morning. Stores across the Interlake saw brisk sales of toilet paper and other products like hand sanitizer and cleaning products since the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.

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Smitty's Furniture & Appliances changes hands, but it's business as usual

By Patricia Barrett

Smitty's Furniture & Appliances in Arborg recently changed hands and the new owners say they have no plans to change the store's successful business model.

Larry and Darlene Kornelsen, who live near Arborg, took ownership of Smitty's this month from Don Smith, his wife Susan and his brother David after they decided to retire.

The Kornelsens have years of experience in the furniture business and buying Smitty's was a natural fit.

"I've been in the furniture business a while already. We own Strictly Amish in Winnipeg," said Larry Kornelsen. "But I live here and was looking for something close by. When this came up, I figured this is an opportunity."

Strictly Amish sells solid wood, heirloom-quality furniture and home accessory items. The company has a team of artisans who make furniture using old-world construction techniques such as mortise and tenon and dovetail joints, according to its website.

Kornelsen said he has no plans at present to expand the line of furniture, appliances and household accessories offered by Smitty's — which will keep its name — but he may do so in the future.

"I'll probably have some pieces

available at one point down the road, but that won't be my main focus here," said Kornelsen.

Darlene Kornelsen will be taking over the accounting side of the business for now as "she's done that for 25 years and is a natural at it," said Kornelsen.

He said he's not terribly nervous about taking over the business, but at the same time he knows it's a significant undertaking.

"It's exciting but it is a big responsibility," said Kornelsen. "But this is a company that's run for 40-some years and that's a track record."

The Smiths have been a fixture on the Interlake furniture scene since 1981 when they took over Smitty's from Don and David's dad, who founded the store in 1976.

The store became notorious for its competitive sales events that typically drew hundreds of people to Arborg.

The Smiths held a sale last week to mark their retirement and to show appreciation to the customers who've kept the business humming over the decades.

"It's business as usual," said Don Smith, referring to the new owners. "Smitty's is not going anywhere. It's not folding or shutting down. It's just simply new owners."

The store grew into a "destination"



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New owners Darlene and Larry Kornelsen (centre) with Smitty's staff from left Marlene, Kathy and Rene.



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Don Smith, his wife Susan and his brother David decided to sell Smitty's Furniture and Appliance after taking over their father's furniture business in 1981.

store, he said, serving customers across the Interlake and beyond and Smith said he hopes people will keep supporting the Kornelsens.

After nearly 40 years at the helm, Smith said it was time to retire.

"I'm probably working harder now with my cattle!" he quipped.

He said he's grateful to the customers and his former staff who kept the business thriving over the years.

"Between the customers and staff, they're the reason the business made it," said Smith. "And at the end of the day, you've got to thank them for all their support."

Province extends forage insurance survey

By Evan Matthews

Livestock and forage producers will have a bit longer to have their voices heard as the province has extended its deadline on the Forage Insurance Review survey.

The original deadline for the survey was March 9; however, with coronavirus concerns and delays in addition to concerns from farmers over the deadline, the province has extended the deadline to March 31.

"The survey is not onerous and only should take producers about five to 10 minutes," said Wanda Kurchaba, manager of corporate communications for the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation.

"We have had to alter our plans re-


lating to the Forage Insurance Review due to the coronavirus situation."

The province is looking for farmers' feedback through consultations with forage and livestock producers and organizations to review and shape Manitoba's forage insurance program.

Producers have the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the current program and suggest changes they feel will support growth of Manitoba's livestock sector through the online survey, located at <https://engagemb.ca/forage-insurance-review>.

"Manitoba forage producers have had back-to-back challenging pro-

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Fate of Arborg Kinsmen building still up in the air

By Patricia Barrett

The fate of the Arborg Kinsmen building has yet to be decided as discussions between former Kinsmen members, the Town of Arborg, the Arborg recreation commission and the chamber of commerce continue.

Town of Arborg council has been weighing a proposal to remove the building, which borders a small park, and turn the site into a memorial park with swing sets.

At its March 11 regular meeting, council heard from a delegation consisting of former Kinsmen treasurer Fred Paulson, who provided a brief update on what progress had been made to date.

"Brian's [former Kinsmen president Brian Barylski] been talking with the rec commission and with the chamber of commerce. It's kind of up in the air right now," said Paulson. "There are options as to what we can be doing to make it viable."

Paulson said a member of the chamber of commerce will be meeting with Fieldstone Ventures from Ashern to discuss a possible nursing program.

Paulson had told the *Express* last week he and other Kinsmen don't want their building destroyed/removed from the site. They want it turned into a much-needed fitness fa-

cility as the recreation centre doesn't have exercise equipment. The Kinsmen have asked the recreation centre to take over the building (see March 12 edition of the *Express*).

The Kinsmen building once housed a daycare before moving to an expanded facility. The Kinsmen then offered use of the building to the then-Arborg Chamber of Commerce so that health-care courses, facilitated by Fieldstone Ventures, could be offered to prepare a workforce for a proposed new personal care home that the Town of Arborg and the RM of Bifrost-Riverton wanted to build and have completed by 2019.

In 2016 the chamber of commerce had rounded up volunteers to renovate the Kinsmen building at a cost of \$50,000 in preparation for the health-care training courses. Health-care aide training was offered, but it's unclear whether a proposed licensed practical nursing program went ahead.

As to whether the health-care courses will be offered again, new CAO Cindy Stansell referred the *Express* to Fieldstone Ventures "as they would have more details on these courses."

The province has yet to approve the jointly proposed new PCH and it's unclear when that approval may come.

In the meantime, the Town of Arborg



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The park beside the Kinsmen building with the swing set in memory of Elizabeth Dueck.

heard a proposal last December to have the Kinsmen building removed and its adjoining park expanded.

Trudy and Sid Dueck, wife and brother-in-law of Mayor Peter Dueck, made the proposal to expand the park — to be named the Elizabeth Dueck Swing Park — and remove the "former daycare building" when they formed a delegation at council's regular meeting Dec. 11, 2019.

The delegation also proposed having the Town of Arborg cover the cost of removing the Kinsmen building and having the town and Vidir Storage Solutions enter into a 50/50 cost-sharing agreement to develop the park.

A swing set in memory of Elizabeth

Dueck was donated to the town by Vidir Storage Solutions and has already been installed in the park. In May 2019 council agreed to have the town assume the costs of the installing the swing. The former daycare, owner of the pea gravel and the fence around the park, received \$500 from the town in exchange for town ownership.

As to who legally owns the Kinsmen building, Stansell said "discussions are ongoing regarding this matter."

She noted that the town had "not contributed to any renovations" of the Kinsmen building.

Further discussion of the Kinsmen

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Stop the spread, but stop the panic

By Evan Matthews

As much as we're sick of talking and hearing about it, the novel COVID-19 coronavirus is here locally, so it's worth a discussion.

In Manitoba, our confirmed numbers have been very low, with only eight cases at press time. Seven of those came from Winnipeg, but the other — a woman in her 70s — came from the Interlake-Eastern region, according to the Manitoba Government website.

Now is the time to be vigilant.

When it comes to the specifics as they relate to the virus' symptoms, incubation period, death rates and so on, let's leave it up to the medical professionals.

What we know is that, for most people who experience COVID-19, the symptoms are mild. It's generally a cough and a fever, which is nothing to worry about.

Health Links is telling most who call in to monitor their symptoms, drink lots of fluids and get lots of rest, only advising people to seek medical help and/or treatment if their symptoms progress and worsen.

However, for those of us in good

health and who needn't worry, we need to be accountable to our actions for the vulnerable demographics in our society.

Which is why we should collectively be discussing ways to reduce the potential spread of this virus.

Through social media "stories" — Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook — we see so many people continuing to attend social events as though there isn't an issue.

Going out with friends to birthday parties, and dinners is, at this point, unnecessary. Wait and see how this thing progresses.

As much as we need to be realistic about this viral scare (no pun intended), there is in fact an issue. The entire country of Italy, the major sports leagues in North America — they wouldn't be shut down if there wasn't.

So, Step 1 to reducing the spread of this virus is to keep to yourself a bit more than you normally would. If you need to go to the store, go to the store. No one is saying otherwise.

Though, the government is advising all citizens to try to cancel or postpone any non-essential travel, so try to reduce the amount of time you're

spending in public spaces.

If you do have to go out, use common sense.

Wash your hands — wash your hands, a lot — using warm water for 15 seconds. Use hand sanitizer. Try to avoid touching your face.

Use social distancing; try to keep a few metres away from people in public spaces where possible. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, or cough and sneeze into your sleeve.

Though most are very likely fine, people who have recently returned from an international trip and experience a fever, cough or other symptoms of a respiratory illness should be tested for COVID-19.

In addition, public health officials are recommending all international travellers should self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after returning to Canada.

All to say, we need to stop the panic relating to this virus because humanity — especially in the modern, medically advanced world — has been through this before.

But we need to be realistic and do our part in stopping the spread, too.

> FORAGE, FROM PG. 2

duction years, and only a small proportion of forage acres are insured when compared to annual crops," said Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen.

"To bridge the gap, we need to better understand the risks, challenges and effectiveness of the current program to help ensure it meets their needs over the longer term."

Contributions to the survey will help inform government on how the current forage insurance platform is being used, its limitations and what changes need to be considered, according to the province.

The review will include a number of in-person engagement sessions — at a date to be determined — to build on the dialogue.

The consultant for the review will work with producers and associations to identify priorities to be considered when developing or redesigning the forage insurance platform, according to the province.

Once again, the link to the survey is <https://engagemb.ca/forage-insurance-review>.

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In the big picture of all the things we do when winter fishing, we don't give a lot of thought to cutting our ice holes. The auger works, you make a hole and get on with fishing.

Well, let's relive an experience Don Whitaker from Stonewall had a few weeks ago. His optimistic nature was in keeping with his uplifted spirits as he bounced along the ice field of Lake Winnipeg's south basin in his truck. Ready for a great day of ice fishing, the slightly overcast sun mirrored the mild weather so much that he had turned his truck heater off. Ahead, he saw a nice flat spot on the ice with only a thin layer of snow. He pulled up onto it, turned the truck off, slipped out of the cab, walked around to the back of the truck box and pulled out his ice auger.

Hauling his auger a few feet from the truck, he set the drill point into the ice and pulled the starter rope. It sprang into ear shattering life. Don set his feet apart and, squeezing the throttle, forced the spinning drill to begin cutting into the ice. Scraping sounds met his ears as the machine's auger tip became buried from sight in the ice chips. Soon the bit was churning deep and Don had to bend well over to control its work. Minutes later he was rewarded with the gushing of water and ice chips erupting from

the lake waters as the auger broke through the ice.

Don let the machine go and jumped back not wanting to have his boots flooded with cold water. The ice auger stood alone, upright in the hole, idling innocently. He stepped forward and grasped the auger handle. He squeezed the throttle hard again in an effort to round out the ice hole and free the drill. The motor roared and the unit shook. Suddenly Don found himself holding the handles of the screaming motor as the drill left it, screwing itself down like a rocket disappearing into the water below!

Dumbfounded, he stood motionless realizing the holding pin between the motor and the drill had fallen out! Don, however, was not only a man of resolve; he was also a man of resources. He had come to fish with every kind of equipment known to man. He walked backed to his truck and unpacked his underwater camera! He set it up and soon could just make out his drill stuck straight up in the mud, buried about a foot deep.

Back he went to his truck and pulled out two magnets he had kept for just this sort of dilemma. Lying belly down on the ice, he covered his head with his parka hood. With the light blocked out, he could see his drill better. He lowered his magnets on their rope. They immediately shot to the drill and clamped on with clinking sound.

Elated, Don pulled up on the rope. It tightened, but when he hauled up the magnets slid off the drill. He felt disheartened. Time after time he tried to rescue his drill but the magnets proved not strong enough. Finally, he gave up on the drill but not fishing. He squinted up at the hazy sun. There was still some afternoon left. He packed up and headed to town to buy another drill!

Not long ago, I came across a very cheery chap by the name of Tien Nguyen ice fishing on the Red River a bit upstream of Selkirk. When I asked him where he originated from, given his accent. He told me he was from Vietnam. Now a Canadian citizen for 10 years, I asked him if fishing practices were any different in the country of his youth. He said he lived and fished off the Nguy River, which was very clear with a sandy bottom. One of the fish they caught there is called a snakefish. I must admit I had never heard of it before and was a bit surprised to learn it also inhabits the southern waters of the United States. Apparently, it can live and crawl out of water for a short time!

I was on the Lake Winnipeg ice off Grand Marais a while back and met a happy-go-lucky guy, Randy Daly of Winnipeg. He gave us this joke.

Seems there was this chap who could not resist embellishing every fish story he would tell. He constant-



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Don Whitaker of Stonewall with one of his many catches after he got a new auger.

ly spread his arms wider and wider each time he illustrated how big one of his catches was. Finally his friends tied his wrists together and then challenged him to show how big his last landed fish was. He thought for a moment. Then, holding his arms high, he forced his hands as wide apart as his bound wrists would allow and cried out, "His eyeballs had to be that big!"

Till next week, my friends. Bye for now.

Toilet paper, sanitizer shortages experienced at numerous Interlake stores

By Teresa Carey

Toilet paper, facial tissue, hand sanitizer and wipes have been hard to find on the shelves at numerous Interlake stores since the government announced last Thursday that the COVID-19 virus had officially gained pandemic status.

According to Doriane Johnson, one of the owners of Sobeys in Gimli, the store quickly sold out of hand sanitizer and toilet paper immediately after the announcement.

"When the World Health Organization announced a pandemic, it was like an August long weekend here. It happened fast. We didn't have time to prepare," she said.

The four pallets of toilet paper put on Sobeys' shelves first thing Saturday morning had also completely sold out within hours, despite a limit of two packages per customer.

Kara Peiluck, co-owner of Sobeys, said the store has doubled its toilet paper orders but she expects there will be long-term out of stocks in the warehouse of hand sanitizer, sanitary wipes and some brands of toilet paper.

Similar scenarios had played out at other grocery stores across the region. By early Saturday, shelves at the Gimli Co-op food store were bare of wipes, toilet paper, paper towel and facial tissue, save for a few boxes out of reach on the highest shelf.

Supplies were affected at the Interlake Co-op in Arborg, and shortages of certain supplies were seen at the Co-op store in Moosehorn, where the interim general manager Ward Bruner described its toilet paper section as "wiped." Both these stores have seen a heavier than normal demand

for disinfectant products as well.

"We have a limited supply," Bruner said. "We still have some — but for how long, it's hard to say. We're sold out of wipes at the moment."

According to a tweet put out by Red River Co-op head office on March 13, all Red River Co-op food stores have reserved the right to limit quantities on items such as bathroom tissue, facial tissue, hand sanitizer and wipes to three per customer because of the coronavirus situation.

Aside from toilet paper and cleaning products, the Interlake stores in Gimli, Arborg and Moosehorn have experienced an upsurge in sales in the last week and a run of many non-perishable grocery items.

"You're definitely seeing more business in general, at least we did at the end of the week," Bruner said. "People



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are stocking up on general things that could last a little bit longer, like pasta."

At the Gimli Sobeys Peiluck said sales in the canned goods and pasta sections have increased, and powdered milk has completely sold out.

"A lot of people are buying flour — and perogies," Peiluck said.

"Meat sales have been crazy. We had another unplanned delivery of meat."

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COVID-19 affecting the Interlake

By Evan Matthews

The novel COVID-19 coronavirus has arrived in Manitoba, and the Interlake, as the region begins to see affects ripple throughout its communities.

Manitoba's confirmed cases of COVID-19 remain low — currently sitting at eight — with seven of those cases being located in Winnipeg. The other case, however, was located in the Interlake-eastern region, according to the province.

Calling it "Case 6," the Interlake-eastern case is a woman in her 70s. The province said via press release it appears the woman was exposed to the virus through travel.

Local RMs are advising residents to remain vigilant, while school divisions make proactive plans, and the province provides up-to-date information daily, as the situation changes hour by hour.

The Province of Manitoba has increased COVID-19 testing to more than 500 tests per day.

There have been no COVID-19 related deaths in Manitoba at the time of publication.

The Lakeshore, Evergreen and Interlake School Divisions will all be affected by the virus.

Classes and busses will continue operations as usual for the week of March 16 through March 20, according to the division.

Following that, the Province of Manitoba has suspended all classes from March 23 through April 12. Manitoba

Health indicated risk for students is low, and the Lakeshore School Division's superintendent said these are proactive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in general.

"Although the risk to students remains low, cancelling classes will slow the spread of community-based virus transmission," said Don Nikkel, superintendent of human resources and alternative program director for the Lakeshore School Division.

"These decisions were not made lightly as both the province and Lakeshore School Division recognize the fundamental role schools play in preparing our students for the future as well as maintaining the routines of families.

"Cancelling classes will create significant disruption in our communities, but we need to heed the advice of medical experts to ensure the impact of COVID-19 remains as low as possible," he said.

Daycares operating in the divisions' school buildings will continue to run and will not be affected by class cancellations, according to Nikkel.

With the exception of regular spring break, the division said all staff will be expected to report to work.

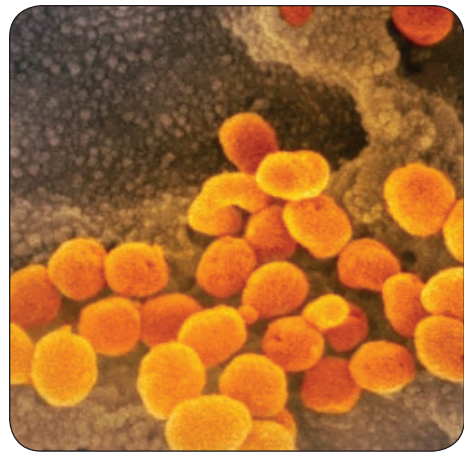
Grahamdale, Woodlands, Armstrong, Coldwell, West Interlake, Fisher, Bifrost-Riverton and Gimli municipalities have posted public health bulletins advising residents to make a plan for COVID-19.

Residents are encouraged to stock up on essentials but to avoid "panic buying." Stockpiling food is not indicative of the need to self-isolate but is to ensure a person does not need to leave the home during the outbreak's peak or if they become ill.

"The goal is to reduce exposure of the virus to you and your family," the RMs' post reads.

If a resident is not feeling well, the RMs advised that Health Links can help decide the best course of action.

Residents are encouraged to change their regular habits to reduce exposure to crowded public spaces, with examples like doing grocery shopping outside of peak hours, avoiding public transit and exercising outside instead of in a gym or class.



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COVID-19. U.S. National Institutes of Health.

If a resident does get sick and shows symptoms, the RMs is asking people to stay at home in self-isolate until they no longer show symptoms. Employers are advised they should not be requesting sick notes, as it will put added stress on already limited health-care services.

If a person is a caregiver, the RMs advises the think ahead and engage possible back-up caregivers.

The RM of Coldwell also put an event ban in place, passed by municipal council.

The RM of St. Laurent did not post the bulletin but posted a letter from the Minister of Health. The RM of Rosser has not posted anything.

The Towns of Stonewall, Teulon, Arborg and Winnipeg Beach have all posted the same bulletin as the RMs. The Village of Dunnottar did not post the bulletin but has closed its office to the public and has linked to the IER-HA website for coronavirus information.

Peguis First Nation posted the same bulletin as the RMs and has been active in posting leadership addresses, social distancing notices, along with cleaning recommendations and health tips.

Advice on how to stay healthy

- If you are ill, even mildly ill, stay home.
- Wash your hands with soap thoroughly and frequently, especially when you're in public places or you're feeling ill and share a home with other people.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 per cent alcohol if you can't immediately access soap and water.
- Cover your cough and your sneezes. Cough and sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue. Dispose of tissues right away.
- Don't touch your face. Your eyes, nose and mouth are entry points for the COVID-19 virus.

To date, there have been 168,019 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 148 countries, according to WHO, resulting in 6,610 deaths (roughly four per cent).

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Conservation and Climate has received an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to The Environment Act regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

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A proposal was filed in May, 2018 by Manitoba Infrastructure for the construction and operation of two permanent flood control channels to reduce the effect of flooding on Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin. A new diversion channel from Watchhorn Bay on Lake Manitoba to Birch Bay at the south end of Lake St. Martin would provide additional outlet capacity for Lake Manitoba, supplementing the existing Fairford River outlet. A new diversion channel from the northeast end of Lake St. Martin to south of Willow Point on Lake Winnipeg would provide additional outlet capacity for Lake St. Martin, supplementing the existing Dauphin River outlet. Both channels would have control structures to regulate flows. Three other bridges would be constructed along the Lake Manitoba outlet channel, and a portion of Provincial Road 239 would be re-routed. In combination with the existing outlets, the new channels would be used to maintain the present target ranges of levels on both lakes. These ranges are 247.0 – 247.7 metres above sea level for Lake Manitoba, and 242.9 – 243.8 metres above sea level for Lake St. Martin. Construction of the channels and associated works is anticipated to begin once regulatory approvals have been obtained, with the project being functionally operational in 2023.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project has now been filed. The EIS updates project information and provides more detailed environmental assessment information. It follows guidelines provided previously by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and Manitoba Conservation and Climate.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement should contact Bruce Webb, Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at Bruce.Webb@gov.mb.ca, not later than April 23, 2020. Further information is available from the Online Public Registry: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/

Information submitted in response to the Environmental Impact Statement is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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Stench from Gimli wastewater treatment plant has Aspen Park residents demanding action

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli council has been asked to take immediate action to stop odours such as human waste and hydrogen sulfide gas from wafting into residents' homes in Aspen Park as upgrades at the nearby wastewater treatment plant continue.

The treatment plant is about 300 metres (980 feet) from the closest dwelling in the Aspen Park condominium development, which once served as housing for Royal Canadian Air Force personnel. It has been periodically emitting strong odours that residents say make them ill.

About 40 residents attended Gimli council's regular meeting March 11, bringing with them a petition signed by 191 out of 194 residents, as well as questions about why odours are recurring.

Some residents said they've been subjected to the stench for two years, while others said four. One man said it's been going on for eight years.

Aspen Park spokesperson Kim Schau said the stench from the plant has resulted in a number of adverse health effects, including eye irritation, headaches, nausea and breathing problems, with many people having had to seek medical intervention, and it's greatly affected their quality of life.

Schau said the RM had sent residents a communique in late February about the levels of hydrogen sulfide gas – which is poisonous and smells like rotten eggs – after “several complaints had been made” about odours.

“What was most upsetting about this [RM] statement was [a pipe repair] would not completely alleviate the odour from the plant but will greatly reduce it. For us residents this is not acceptable. We are here to let council know we have endured enough and this must be fixed,” said Schau. “We are unable to breathe clean air without the smell of excrement. Residents are suffering breathing ailments...”

Resident Patti Porosky said in addition to health problems, the value of their homes has taken a hit.

“How do we sell them? How do we



Aspen Park spokesperson Kim Schau.

get out from underneath this? How do we get any of our [investment] back and move somewhere else?” said Porosky.

The latest odour issue stems from a blockage of waste material in a sewer pipe that had been engineered to flow about 12 feet upwards into the plant. Low flow in the pipe caused waste to accumulate and odours began to leach through manholes in roads.

Council had sent residents an update March 5 about the blockage, saying the RM installed charcoal filters in manhole lids to reduce smell and continues to monitor emission levels. It's also working with a contractor to install a new sewer line “without any angles.”

It's unclear when the original pipe was installed, but council said the blockage issue is an anomaly and unrelated to the plant's upgrades.

Council had held a special meeting March 3 (Coun. Peter Holfeuer and Coun. Cody Magnusson were absent) to authorize a payment of \$25,519 plus taxes to BUUS Construction to fix the angled pipe. That cost comes on top of plant upgrades, estimated at \$18 million.

Coun. Peter Holfeuer, who lives in Aspen Park, said fixing the blockage will not “entirely alleviate” odours because upgrades to the plant itself have been delayed “just short of a year.”

Holfeuer said the contractor (Kingdom Construction Limited from Ayr, Ont.) and the consultant (Birchtree



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Aspen Park residents want immediate action from council to stop noxious odours.

are responsible for some of the delays, but weather has also been cited as a reason.

“This is not their first rodeo,” said Holfeuer, referring to Kingdom. “When something should be totally black and white, sometimes they find grey. And they challenge the consultant from time to time and that's created delays in the project.”

He and Coun. Thora Palson have bi-weekly meeting with all parties working on the plant, said Holfeuer, and the contractor is not being challenged over the delays.

That's forced the RM to hire another consultant, or project manager Dick Menon, whom it's worked with on an as-needed basis for decades, to “make sure the consultant that's overseeing the project is doing their job,” said Holfeuer.

“We're trying to do what we can to make sure the project gets completed and it's done right,” he said.

Resident Dave Kochan asked that council consider giving Aspen Park residents a break on their utility bills.

“I personally would like to see some sort of compensation, at least 10 years of free water, sewer for putting up with this s--t for about eight years. It's been a lot longer than [two years],” said Kochan.

Coun. Cody Magnusson said after the plant upgrade is completed, there should be no issues with smell.

“In theory, a fully functioning plant

will emit no odour at all, though things can always break,” he said.

Holfeuer added that council has asked the Diageo distillery to do “much more enhanced pre-treatment” of its waste before it sends it to the RM's plant.

Despite issues with the plant, council said no raw sewage has been pumped into Lake Winnipeg. And the RM has an agreement with the Town of Arborg to treat some RM sewage that's collected by truck.

Mayor Lynn Greenberg suggested Aspen Park residents form a committee with a few members of council, and that they take their concerns about the treatment plant to the provincial and the federal governments.

“We have to go to the senior governments,” said Greenberg. “I was a councillor way back when they built that first treatment plant and I voted against it because I wanted a lagoon and I wanted it pushed out five miles west.”

“I was outvoted four to one. And the treatment plant went ahead. Now it's falling apart. And I thought the last council had a chance to say, ‘Ok we'll go for a lagoon system,’ and they didn't.”

Residents Kim Schau, Dave Kochan and Patti Polosky agreed to sit on the committee.

Coun. Holfeuer said “substantial” work on the plant should be completed mid-summer.

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building will take place at a March 23 council meeting.

Other council news:

- Paulson, who is supervisor of the Interlake Weed District, provided council with a proposed weed-spraying budget and annual report.

“We're basically going to provide the same program we have in the past,” said Paulson. “We'll do the waste areas and the business district. We schedule that in the middle of July. Last year we

did the walking path.”

Mayor Dueck said it's beneficial to have the river path sprayed as it's “changed the life of the path itself.”

The province currently has a ban on dandelion spraying, said Paulson, but he included a proposed budget line for spraying them in the event the province lifts the ban.

Coun. Robbie Thorsteinson said if the ban is lifted, he'd recommend having the trailer park sprayed.

- Council will consider a request from Riverdale Workshop for an increase in financial support.

- Paving of the recreation centre parking lot did not proceed in 2019 and council said it may use funds from the federal gas tax reserve to carry out the work this year.

- Council said it has extended an agreement between Arborg and the RM of Gimli to treat Gimli's wastewater until the end of June as Gimli is still upgrading its treatment plant.

- Council voted to go into committee of the whole (in camera) and asked media to leave the chamber for a public delegation from the Arborg-Bifrost Recreation Commission consisting of recreation director Tom Chwaliboga and Philip Bauernhuber, who were scheduled to present the commission's proposed 2020 budget.

The mayor told the *Express* later that an in-camera session was required as a personnel matter was discussed.

Arborg & District Health Centre Auxiliary supporting health care in the community

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg & District Health Centre Auxiliary Inc. recently presented bursaries to two students pursuing post-secondary studies and purchased several items for the Arborg hospital and personal care home.

The auxiliary raises money every year to support health care in its catchment area, which includes Arborg, Fisher Branch, Morweena and Riverton, and to help students enrolled in a health-care program pay for their tuition and other expenses.

“The auxiliary started to fund the hospital catchment area long before Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority came in,” said auxiliary secretary Kay Bergman. “We did the fund-raising for the hospital so they could get certain equipment.”

Jenna Hnatiuk, who’s in her second year of a master’s program in physical therapy at the University of Manitoba, and Doreen Lucier, who’s in her second year of a practical nursing program through Assiniboine Community College, received \$500 each from the auxiliary to help them pay for their education.

In her application Hnatiuk, who’s from the Fisher Branch area, said she found her passion and loves helping people in need. Lucier, who worked as a health-care aide at the Arborg PCH before pursuing the nursing program, said in her application that she intends to return to her hometown after graduation.

Bergman said both students have an outstand-



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Health Auxiliary members with bedside table they purchased.

ing grade point average of 4.3.

The auxiliary also purchased several items for the Arborg hospital and the personal care home.

“This past year we purchased eight bedside tables for the hospital and two weighted blankets for the personal care home,” said Bergman.



Doreen Lucier



Jenna Hnatiuk

“The weighted blankets help comfort people. They use them for people suffering from dementia. When they get agitated the blankets help them relax and fall asleep.”

The two weighted blankets — one lighter and one heavier — cost \$125 and \$250 respectively.

Since 2015, the auxiliary has purchased a Broda reclining chair and a shower commode for the PCH and a bladder scanner for use by both the PCH and the hospital.

Vangie Bardarson, who served as auxiliary secretary for nine years, said the auxiliary used to provide individual care items to residents at the PCH, then moved on to big-ticket items. The auxiliary asks staff for ideas on what to purchase.

“We used to give residents individual packages containing socks, candy, shampoo and that sort of thing, but it got to be really hectic for the nurses,” said Bardarson. “So the blankets formed the auxiliary’s Christmas present.”

The auxiliary also provides items for an end-of-care cart, which contains tissue, coffee cups and other items families use while visiting a loved one.

“We keep adding to the cart so it doesn’t run out,” said Bardarson.

Bergman said the auxiliary is working on purchasing another six bedside tables, which cost close to \$600 each.

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Gimli youth bowlers strike gold – and silver!

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli's youth bowlers are definitely on a roll.

Last month the youngsters brought home bronze medals after competing in a Hi-Low Doubles five-pin tournament at Rossmere Lanes in Winnipeg.

Last week they upped the ante, earning one silver and two gold medals at a regional doubles tournament held Feb. 29 at Polo Park Lanes in Winnipeg.

"The Gimli youth bowlers brought home the hardware," said league and finance director Dianna Auer.

Four teams of two attended the doubles tournament at Polo Park Lanes, and three of those teams knocked out the competition.

The Junior girls earned first place for pins over average, bringing home the gold. The Bantam Boys also came in 1st place for pins over average, earn-

ing gold.

The Junior Boys came in second place for pins over average, bringing home the silver medal, while the Senior boys placed seventh out of 13 teams.

"I am so proud of all our bowlers," said Auer. "They are courteous on the lanes, show great sportsmanship and they proudly represent Gimli everywhere they go."

The 17-member youth bowling leagues practise at the Bowlers Lanes bowling alley on Sixth Avenue in Gimli. There are four leagues for different age groups: Bowlasaurus league is for youth aged 4-6, Bantam for ages 7-10, Junior for ages 11-14 and Senior for bowlers aged 15-19.

For more information about how to join the youth bowling program, call Bowlers Lanes at 204-642-6837 or email: info@bowlgimli.ca.



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Front row: Taylor Johnson, [Bantam Boy], Aiden Falk. Middle row: Coach Stewart Campbell, Lucas Campbell, Nick Waite and Coach Rick Sherred. Back Row: Coach Steve Fedorchuk and Zack Fedorchuk. Missing: Tyler Ross.

Coronavirus information for families and support persons of long-term care facilities

Submitted by IERHA

The first presumptive positive confirmed cases of COVID-19 have now been identified in Manitoba. Public health officials, health system leaders, facilities, providers and staff are taking all necessary steps to decrease the risk of spread of the virus.

Across Manitoba, strict infection prevention and control precautions are now in place in all health-care settings, including long term care facilities.

For the safety of your loved ones, we have implemented the following measures:

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you have returned from international travel — including to the United States — in the last 14 days.

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you are under direction to self-monitor or self-isolate for 14 days.

Please do not visit any health-care facility, including long-term care facilities, if you are experiencing any of the following cold/flu symptoms: cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, weakness, headache.

Well visitors continue to be welcome within our facilities however may be subject to direct questions about your symptoms, contacts and travel history upon arrival.

Social distancing strategies are now recommended for all Manitobans. Social distancing is used to intentionally reduce close contact between people

to try to stop the progression of community transmission of any virus.

This means:

- Minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two metres) contact between other individuals in public;
- Avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes;
- Disinfecting frequently used surfaces;
- Following public health advice related to self-monitoring and self-

isolation if you have travelled or have been exposed to someone ill with the virus; and

- Considering avoiding travel, crowded places and events, especially if you are at higher risk.

We appreciate your understanding as we implement these elevated precautions to protect our residents, many of whom have underlying medical conditions that put them at greatest risk of becoming severely ill due to COVID-19.

In the event that you or anyone in your family tests positive for the COVID-19 AND has visited a long-term care facility or care environment within the last 14 days, we would ask that you please notify IERHA.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

You can stay up-to-date with the latest evolving COVID-19 information by visiting <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/>.

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Community hosts fond farewell for Town of Arborg CAO

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Arborg's long-time chief administrative officer was recognized for her service to the community last Wednesday during a retirement party thrown in her honour.

Lorraine Bardarson will be retiring this month after serving over 30 years as CAO.

Councillors, friends, family and community members gathered at the Arborg Royal Canadian Legion last Wednesday afternoon for the send-off, which also featured a light lunch and speeches by municipal representatives and other well-wishers.

Town of Arborg Mayor Peter Dueck said Bardarson has always worked diligently for the betterment of the town.

"Lorraine has been an incredibly steady, loyal team member of the town for 34 years," said Dueck. "And that's not common anymore, people who have careers that long at one organization, so we admire and respect that. The community owes her a lot."

Bardarson's sister-in-law, Vangie Bardarson, said she's known Bardarson for 50-odd years.

"She's wonderful, so even-keeled all the time and really smart," said Vangie. "I rely on her when I need to find out something from the past. And she's always willing to help people."

Newly elected councillors with no previous municipal experience said Bardarson was a vital support as they learned the ropes and carried out their duties.

"She made being a councillor enjoyable," said Larry Speiss, who served as town councillor from 2014 to 2018. "With her knowledge you could ask her any question and she'd have the answer, or she'd find it for you if she didn't know."

Ron Rogowsky, newly elected to town council in 2018, said Bardarson has been a wonderful resource for him and other councillors.

"For a brand-new councillor, she was phenomenal for her knowledge and experience and for helping us out," said Rogowsky. "We had such a rookie council this upcoming term and she been invaluable."

Bardarson grew up in Arnes and attended school in Riverton. That's where she met one of her good friends, Pat Eyolfson, who oversees the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village.

Eyolfson said she's known Bardarson since Grade 6 when all the schools in the area were amalgamated under the Evergreen School Division, and kids from Hnausa were bused to Riverton.

"That's where I first met Lorraine and we've been best buds since. She was the smartest girl in school with the highest marks in every class," said Eyolfson. "She's just an amazing hard-working woman and has worked so hard for Arborg."

Bardarson will be retiring at the end of this month. Cindy Stansell, who served as CAO at the RM of Bifrost-Riverton, has assumed the CAO position at the Town of Arborg.



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Lorraine Bardarson with her husband.



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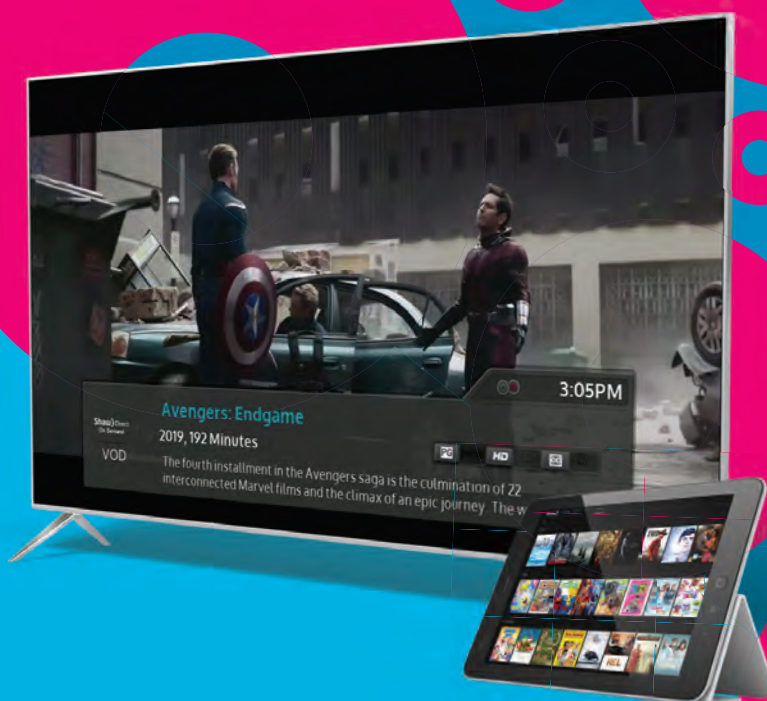
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Tataryn and Bear lead Pilot Mound to hockey championship

By Brian Bowman

The Pilot Mound Hockey Academy Midget Varsity team recently won its first Canadian Sport School Hockey League championship.

Pilot Mound, whose lineup featured Peguis' Colby Bear and Argyle's Brett Tataryn, defeated Calgary-based Edge School 2-1 on March 9.

"For some of us guys, it was the first time we won a championship and that was the first time that Pilot Mound has captured a championship in our league," Tataryn said. "It was pretty surreal. Everybody was very excited and very happy to be part of the team and to bring home the trophy."

Pilot Mound trailed 1-0 in the second period before Tataryn assisted on Brock MacDonald's power-play goal.

"It was a tense moment for us because before that we could have tied it up but we had a goal called off for a high stick," Tataryn recalled. "We just wanted to get pucks on net and not be too fancy. My teammate passed (the puck) to me and I faked a shot and passed it back to him and he had a beautiful goal. It got the boys rolling and I think from there we took off."

Dayvan Bull then scored a third-period power-play goal with 5:16 remaining in the third period for the game winner.

Pilot Mound earlier defeated Prairie Hockey Academy 6-2 in a semifinal matchup. They started the championship with a 4-0 loss to Edge School.

"We had a tough start with bus legs. They flew to Penticton and we had to bus it for two days," said the 16-year-old Tataryn, now in his second season with Pilot Mound. "It was tougher for us and we just had to get that game out of the way."

Pilot Mound responded nicely from that loss to play some great hockey in dominating wins over Coeur d'Alene (7-3) and Pursuit of Excellence (6-2).

The talent of players and teams at the tournament was at a high level.

"That's very good hockey, some of the best hockey that's played at the Midget level," Tataryn said. "I was lucky enough to be playing in it."

Pilot Mound's program is a good one, said Tataryn, but it is also a very gruelling one with approximately 60 games scheduled per season. Tataryn estimated that they won about 40 of those games this past season.

"It's been great, a home-away-from-home experience playing the sport that you love," he said. "I've loved it here and the people have been great. It's a beautiful town and a good community and school."

"You can't go wrong with being at Pilot Mound."



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Argyle's Brett Tataryn, right, and Peguis' Colby Bear, defeated Calgary-based Edge School 2-1 to win the Canadian Sport School Hockey League championship on March 9.

Ice Dawgs dumped by Fishermen

Staff

The Arborg Ice Dawgs' season ended in a disappointing way last week.

Arborg's season ended March 10 with a tough 7-0 road loss to the Selkirk Fishermen.

The win gave the Fishermen a 4-0 series sweep over the Ice Dawgs.

Braeden Hummel had a great game for Selkirk with two goals and two assists while Travis Spratt also tallied twice and Reece Tessier chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Evan Bedard and Chad King also scored for the Fishermen.

Selkirk was 4-for-15 on the power play while Arborg was blanked in five opportunities.

Riley Bannerman made 23 saves for the win. At the other end, Tre Strachan and Michael Merpaw faced 47 Fishermen shots.

With the series sweep, Selkirk has advanced to the league final against the St. Malo Warriors.

As for next season, Arborg will have a new look behind the bench as head coach Jim Werbicki has chosen to step back from his coaching duties.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Arborg Ice Dawgs' Ashton Charison keeps a close check on the Selkirk Fishermen's Evan Leeson during CRJHL action last week in Selkirk.

MHSAA shuts down basketball, hockey provincials

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association decided last Thursday to cancel all hockey and basketball provincial championships due to concerns from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

"The MHSAA is committed to pro-

tecting the health and safety of our student-athletes, staff, coaches, member-schools and the health of all of our fellow Manitobans," said the MHSAA in a released statement.

The decision was made after suggested recommendations from Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Liv-

ing, and Manitoba Education and Training.

In addition, all badminton and other school sport activities will be on hiatus until further notice.

The decision directly affected the Gimli Lakers who were scheduled to play in the MHSAA "AA" varsity boys'

basketball provincials at Goose Lake High School.

Fisher River was set to host and compete in both the MHSAA "A" varsity girls' and boys' provincial basketball championships.

All three provincials were supposed to begin this Thursday.

Interlake trio leads RHA to hockey championship

By Brian Bowman

The Rink Hockey Academy capped a fantastic season with a championship win recently.

RHA captured the CSSHL Female Hockey Championship with a solid 4-0 win over Okanagan in Penticton, B.C., on March 9.

"They were super pumped," said RHA head coach Maggie Litchfield-Medd. "They were super excited for it. From the first weekend, that was our benchmark, to make it to the finals."

RHA played a great defensive game in the final.

"We came in and knew what we needed to do and we knew Okanagan was the home town," Litchfield-Medd said. "They never beat us in the regular season but they came close, especially in the playoffs. But we kind of took it to them and we said 'not today.'"

RHA's roster included Lundar's Kenady Christensen, Arborg's Brenna Baryliski and Stonewall's Brooke Wadge.

"Some of our girls are from the Interlake and for a lot of the girls, this was their first championship they had ever won," Litchfield-Medd noted. "So I think it was very special for them."

In the round-robin, RHA skated to victories over Okanagan (2-1 in a shootout), Delta (4-2), Pilot Mound (2-1) and Coeur d'Alene (6-0).

"The small rink took away from how we normally play, which is moving the puck and creating more



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Pictured left to right, Brooke Wadge, Brenna Baryliski and Kenady Christensen.

space out there," Litchfield-Medd said. "It was more of a small-area game in a tiny square Memorial Arena."

RHA has several Grade 12 players who will be moving on.

"It was very special for them to get that (championship) in their final year and us being a first-year program," Litchfield-Medd said.

One of those graduating players is Baryliski. Litch-

field-Medd had high praise for her three Interlake players.

"Brenna is a Grade 12 and a good leader, a classic farm girl," she said. "She's very powerful and we kind of joke around that she gets that strength from tossing hay. But she has really good speed and she's versatile. We moved her back to defence because we had a little bit of sickness there, so she really helped the team out a lot."

Christensen, meanwhile, is a 2004-born player who has plenty of potential. She finished third on the team in goals scored (19) and points (39) this past season.

"Kenady has really good hockey sense and has really good hands," Litchfield-Medd said. "She's a humble player but she sure knows how to put pucks in the net."

Wadge is another talented forward born in 2004.

"She's a younger player coming in but she's got good speed and she's very tall," Litchfield-Medd noted. "She's got good power when she gets going and she can find open lanes. She really knows how to send players and is a good assist player. She's a good playmaker and it was her first season of playing Midget hockey and I thought by the end of the season she was using her speed and her body more. She felt a bit more comfortable out there and was joining the rush a bit more."

"Overall, she's going to be a great RHA player."

MJHL cancels playoffs until further notice

Staff

The Canadian Junior Hockey League, in conjunction with its 10 member leagues and Hockey Canada, have officially cancelled the remainder of the 2019-20 season, due to the ongoing global COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

As a result, all hockey-related activities, including respective league playoffs, the CJHL's four regional championship events (Fred Page Cup, Dudley-Hewitt Cup, ANAVET Cup, and Doyle Cup) and the Centennial Cup Canadian National Junior A Championship will not be held.

In further consultation with Hockey Canada, it was determined that the cancellation of the CJHL playoffs is an unavoidable outcome.

"We continue to align our direction, consistent with that of Hockey Canada, and support their overall direction completely," said CJHL president Brent Ladds in a media release.

"We extend our extreme gratitude, understanding and commend the due diligence put forth by the CJHL's executive board, each of our 10 league commissioners/presidents, their staffs and respective clubs and Hockey Canada in their commitment to safeguard all those involved in our wonderful game."

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League thanked all members and partners of our hockey community for a memorable season. We look forward to a positive and healthy 2020-21 season.

In MJHL game action on March 10, the Virden Oil Capitals whipped the Flyers 7-1 in Winkler.

Virden forward Jack Einarson had another very good game with a goal and an assist in the second period. He had three goals and four points in three playoff games.

The same evening, Portage was edged 1-0 in double overtime by the Kings in Dauphin.

Former Selkirk Steelers' goalie Levi Mitchell made 43 saves for the well-deserved shutout. Another former Steeler, defenceman Colby Jaquet, assisted on Grady Hobb's game-winning goal.

Also on March 10, Winnipeg Blues' defenceman Nicholas Trudel of Selkirk had a second-period assist in a 2-1 triple overtime loss to Steinbach.

The Pistons then swept the series in four games the following evening with a 5-0 victory.

In the Swan Valley series versus Waywayseecappo last Wednesday, the Stampeders stomped the Wolverines 10-0.

Swan Valley leads that best-of-seven

series 2-1.

Virden's home game against the Winkler Flyers last Thursday was the

first league playoff contest to be postponed.

Tough way to end a season



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Miami Redhawks' forward Carter Johnson had his season end abruptly after the NHCH hockey playoffs were cancelled last week amid concerns of the coronavirus pandemic. Johnson, a Gimli product, finished the season with two goals and three points in 23 games.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI PUBLIC MESSAGE

ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY PROTOCOL IN RESPECT TO COVID 19

Public Message;

The RM of Gimli is and will continue to work in cooperation with our Federal and Provincial partners in addressing public safety protocol in respect to COVID 19.

To assist with keeping the risk to the general public minimal, it is critical that measures be taken to slow down the incidence of spread among our community and help prevent overwhelming the resources of our health care system.

In recognition that we have residents that spend time abroad during the winter months we ask that upon your return home that you follow the provincial recommendations to self quarantine for 14 days.

The RM of Gimli is implementing the following strategic actions, as of tomorrow, March 17th, 2020;

Administration Office: Business will be conducted via phone, email, electronic banking and mail delivery service. The RM Office building will be closed to the public and access will be granted to staff only.

Contact information will be posted on the front door for other agencies in the building.

Council is reviewing methods by which we will continue to hold public meetings.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SCHEDULE

As of April 6, 2020 residential garbage and recycling will be changed to the following schedule:

MONDAY:

The area east of Highway 8 to Lake Winnipeg and between Seagram Road south to Willow Creek Road, including, but not limited to, the following subdivisions:

- Gimli Urban Centre (incl. Autumnwood, Centre Ave W, and Vesturland)
- Aspen Park
- Miklavik
- Pelican Beach
- South Beach
- Loni Beach
- Odin Green
- Siglavik
- Willow Island

WEDNESDAY:

The entire rural area West of Highway 8 from Boundary Road south to PR 229. Also the area east of Highway 8 to Lake Winnipeg and between Seagram Road north to Boundary Road & between Willow Creek Road south to PR 229, including, but not limited to, the following subdivisions:

- Arnes
- Bayshore Heights
- Brewster Bay
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- North Gimli Estates
- Kings Park
- Silver Harbour
- Spruce Sands
- Spruce Bay

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Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan will be available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office following the Regular Meeting of Council of March 18, 2020. A copy of the financial plan will also be posted on the Dunnottar website (www.dunnottar.ca) at that time.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2020.

J.M. Thevenot, C.M.M.A.
Administrator

IN MEMORIAM



**In Loving Memory of
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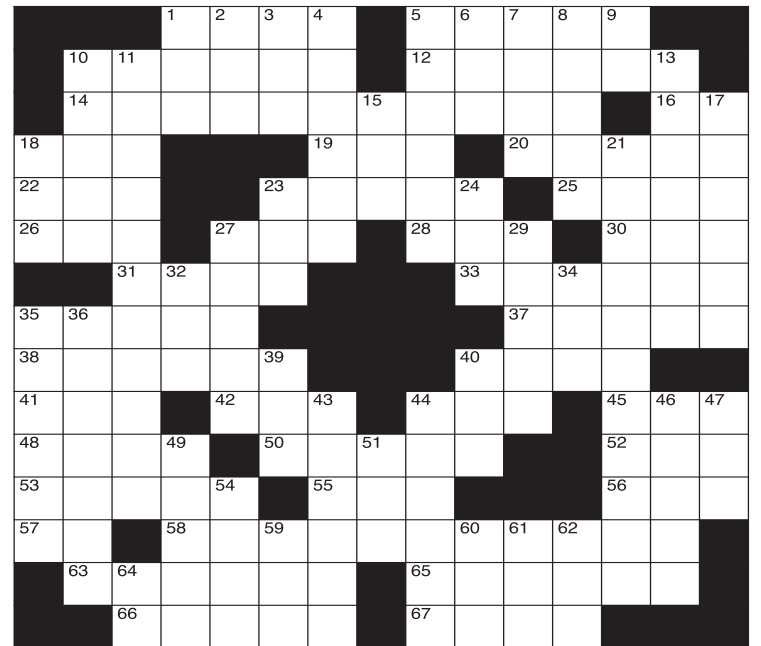
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8	4	5	1	3	9	6	2	7

Sudoku Answer

Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea
5. Avert something bad
10. Sounds
12. Immediate dangers
14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
16. Californium
18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
19. Coastal Scottish town
20. Triangular lower back bones
22. Trouble
23. A way to smile
25. Something that is not what it seems
26. Of she
27. Temporary living quarters
28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
30. Indicates near
31. Spiritual leader
33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island
37. No longer fashionable
38. Peaks
40. Alabama football team
41. ___ King Cole
42. Digital audiotape
44. Open trough
45. The woman
48. Cools down
50. Turkic language
52. Body part
53. Pulse steadily
55. Embedded computer hardware company
56. Indicates shape
57. Thou (plural)
58. Odd and remarkable
63. An evening party
65. National capital of Zambia
66. Tantalizes
67. Dark brown or black



CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing
2. Exclamation of pain
3. Polynesian garland of flowers
4. Surrounded by water
5. Church towers
6. Hot beverage
7. Body parts
8. Travel documents
9. Railway
10. Gradually wear away
11. Measuring instrument
13. Minor dust-ups
15. Strongly alkaline solution
17. Extreme scarcity of food
18. Dash
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Popular lager ___ Adams
24. Snitch
27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire
32. Take to the limit
34. Cool!
35. Sound mental health
36. Native American group
39. Test for high schoolers
40. Rocky peak
43. Preferences
44. Bother
46. Call attention to (slang)
47. Snake-like fish
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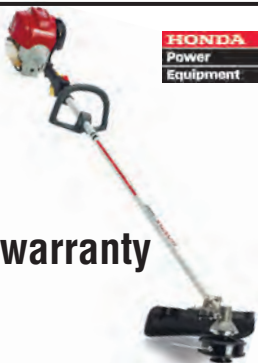


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