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## Celebrating 50 years

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Bob Truthwaite, right, speaks with a potential buyer during Lundar's 50th Annual All Breed Beef Cattle Sale on April 7. Over 200 people attended the sale with nearly 50 bulls being auctioned off. The event also raised over \$10,000 for the new office building that will be constructed next door. See story on pg. 12.

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# Bear sightings on the rise, livestock producers concerned

By Jeff Ward

Plum Lake Outfitters owner Mike Price said that the number of bears in the Interlake has increased by 200 per cent in less than a decade, and if the trend continues, producers could see increased attacks on their livestock.

Price has been an avid hunter for years and purchased the business eight years ago. He said when he first purchased the business he could bait four or five bears, but today that number has swelled to as many as 15 at a single site.

Price's outfitting company takes hunters 700 square miles east of Highway 6 and stretches from Ashern to Steep Rock. Price said it's very difficult not to encounter a bear in the northern Interlake area these days, and bear sightings are moving farther south. He said it's not uncommon to see bears in his backyard a few times a year at his home in Moosehorn.

The *Express* reported back in February that experienced trapper Neil

Brandstrom is concerned about the rising number of bear attacks on local livestock. Price said that Brandstrom's feelings are accurate and that there are far more bears out in the woods than any outfitting company can take.

"When we started, we had 16 tags per season," said Price.

"The government reached out to us though and gave us another four because they know that there is a problem. But even with 20 tags the bears are still out there."

Price said he knows producers that have faced bear attacks in the past and believes the problem is likely going to get worse. Brandstrom estimates that at least one third of the livestock kills are done by bears and also believes those numbers will rise.

The problem for trappers like Brandstrom is that they can't use snares or normal trapping tools to take bears. They can be hunted with a rifle, although most of the clients Price

**"TWO WEEKS IN A ROW WE HAD THAT. IT WAS SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT YOU WOULD GO OUT THERE AND NOT SEE A BEAR."**



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MIKE PRICE

Mike Price said he's seen a big increase in bear sightings at his bait sights in the Moosehorn area over the last 10 years. In his eight years of running a hunting outfit, his clients have a 100 per cent kill rate.

takes into the bush are bow hunters.

"Since we've taken over, we have a 100 per cent kill rate, which means every single client we have up here has taken a bear," said Price, who added that a kill rate that high is basically unheard of.

Price said that in the first two weeks of last season, he had four of five hunters take a bear on their first night of hunting. Hunters have six days at the bait site but only needed 24 hours to get their bear.

"Two weeks in a row we had that. It was something we've never seen before. It seems impossible that you would go out there and not see a bear," said Price.

Brandstrom said that the government should increase the tags from one to two per person to help control the population. Price said that if the tags increased, taking that many bears wouldn't be difficult. However, he did say that he would need to double the freezer space to deal with the added meat and skins.

Price said that he has friends who are producers and understands their frustrations. He said he cares about conservation but he's also coming at the problem from a different angle as

he runs a business around selling a premium hunting experience.

"This is their income, their lives that are impacted when a bear gets in their field."

Price explained that one of the reasons there are increased bear numbers might be because of hunting. He instructs his clients to only shoot mature boars and not sows with cubs. However, those adult male bears are known to eat the younger cubs. Price's thought is that with fewer adult males, more cubs are surviving which could be part of the population increase.

He said that beavers are also wreaking havoc on local streams and rivers and causing migrations of other animals, many of which are normally bear food, to move farther south. For a bear, it is much easier to kill cattle in a pen where they have nowhere to run than to find deer in the bush.

"Today we wouldn't have to go farther than five miles from [Price's house] to see a bear," he said.

Price's company, Plum Lake Outfitters, will begin baiting at sites in the next few weeks if the weather is favourable and then will host hunters from the U.S. starting May 18.

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# Moosehorn Baptist Church to celebrate 100-year anniversary

Centennial anniversary celebration Aug. 12



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD**  
Regular churchgoers Diana May, Margarett Anderson and Vera Loewen say the message of hope from the gospel of Jesus has been the driving factor in reaching the centennial milestone.

By Jeff Ward

For over 99 years, the Moosehorn Baptist Church has been a stable fixture of faith for generations of worshippers, and this summer will mark the centennial anniversary of the beloved house of God.

The original iteration of the church, built in 1918, did not reside in the location it is now in the town of Moosehorn but on a farm a few miles out of town.

Vera Loewen, treasurer of the church board and a member of the congregation for over 40 years, said that the building where churchgoers meet



Brent Riddle, pastor for the Moosehorn Baptist Church, is looking forward to a 100-year anniversary later this year.

now was built in 1968 and has gone through several expansions. That was 50 years ago, and 99 years since the church was formed. Loewen said that a lot has changed over that time-span and that the church has gone through peaks and valleys of prosperity and tough times.

"We used to have a choir and evening services, but I think the demand for that just isn't there anymore," said Loewen. "We did have people from Ashern that attended here that start-

ed their own work out there. It was needed to have a gospel work in that community. That was started in the '70s, I think, and they started the Ashern Gospel Chapel."

There were some tough financial times where the church was barely covering their own expenses. Loewen said that for many months the church was right on the edge of not being

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## Friendship Centre donates \$2,000 to Riverton Collegiate breakfast program

### Staff

The Riverton & District Friendship Centre donated \$2,000 from its Chase the Ace fund to Riverton Collegiate's breakfast program.

The breakfast program plays a vital role in supporting children's health and academic achievement and is available to all of the school's students from Monday to Friday between 8 and 9 a.m. About 50 students use the program.

The Riverton Elks, Lakeside Quilters, Djorfung Ladies Aid, Arborg Bakery and the Riverton Co-op provide ongoing financial support.

Teacher Gaylene Kornelsen and librarian/educational assistant Agnes Furgala help coordinate the program, organize the donations and prepare the food alongside community volunteers.

"The donation from Riverton & District Friendship Centre is huge for us," said Furgala. "It will help us develop our breakfast program. Next year, we are considering growing the program to include snacks."

Once a month, the collegiate recognizes its donors by inviting them to a Breakfast Showcase.

"I honestly think that we have a consistent pro-

gram because of the community support and volunteers. We are thankful for that," said Furgala.

Volunteers Olga Kovich, Bonnie Brynteson, Barb Daniels, Sam Bergen and Tyanna Mytz ensure the program runs smoothly.

"It is a great way for the volunteers to connect with the students," said Kornelsen. "It's also an opportunity for the students to volunteer their time. We are always looking for extra hands, so if anyone is looking to volunteer, they can let the school secretary know."

The collegiate receives a \$750 grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba, a charitable organization dedicated to helping school children learn, grow and succeed by supporting breakfast, snack and lunch programs. The goal is "to create school environments that enhance the healthy development of children and their families by working in partnership with community resources and service providers."

For more information about how to donate to or volunteer with the breakfast program, contact the school secretary at 204-378-5135.



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF RIVERTON & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

The Riverton & District Friendship Centre donated \$2,000 from the Chase the Ace fund to the Riverton Collegiate breakfast program. Pictured left to right: Tanis Grimolfson (RDFC executive director), Agnes Furgala (breakfast club co-ordinator), Erin Furgala (Riverton Collegiate principal) and Mike Furgala (RDFC board rep).

## letters to the editor

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### Some of what we don't see

A day in February. Another small town in the frozen North. Like many other small towns, it is divided by a river.

The business of this small town seems to come in spurts. People socializing and doing their business, all of whom, appear to be wrapped up in their own thoughts and intent. There appears no acknowledgment of anything or anyone else.

Several times during the day and sometimes seen during the night, a local would be seen on the street. At best he would earn a quick glance then generally ignored. A generally quiet man — or to him, often unshaved, often commonly dressed. He could be seen roaming the streets with a tint of military gait.

You would see him; he would stop here or there. Sometimes he would stand still; sometimes he would take a few more steps, turn around or face a certain direction. At times he would pace back and forth, on occasion he would appear to place or pick up something off the ground.

Out of sorts perhaps or maybe thinking out loud, occasional mutterings, gestures. Yes, we would see this man often, just ignore him and think to ourselves maybe off the wall or old age catching up. Oh well, right.

All have seen him about and no one really remembers the start and few have noticed the severe lack of violence or serious tribulation that once existed. Could there be a link between the street roaming of this man?

Perhaps it is what we don't see, stated an out-of-towner. Maybe this is a result of where he has been and what he has seen. How he chooses to practise a humble way of loving and caring for the town and the people in it. In his walks he is joined by powers greater than human. The mutterings are not mutterings at all, but prayers and blessings for each place and each family. Walking in a river of faith.

This leaves us with maybe more of what you don't see.

-Cliff Wishnowski

### Save the commercial fishermen

The oppression of commercial fishermen on Lake Winnipeg has become intolerable. The vast majority of people in Manitoba would not believe what their government is doing.

One fisherman forgot to buy his fishing licence, \$17.50, a heinous crime, though he paid \$50,000 for his quota, licence being just a holdover from the ancient times when that is all you needed to catch all you want.

The licence was sitting on the resource officer's desk. The fisherman was not trying to fool anybody. But, for his heinous crime, \$7,000 of fish was seized. They didn't take the fish, but they took the money. This is a single father with two kids ... what is going on here?

My son has been suspended from fishing for two years because the authorities have so many rules and regulations for fishermen that the stage has been set to get rid of commercial fishermen. If you like pickerel, buy it now. It won't be available in the future. Charges and fines ensue on such a regular basis, and suspensions, that commercial fishermen are an endangered species.

Let there be no illusions: this is a police state.

One natural resource officer was told, "but there is a difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law."

His response, "I have never heard those terms before and I have no idea what they mean." And this man is an employee of the province.

There is a desperate need for the government to meet with fishers, and discuss the lunacy that is happening. Livelihoods are at stake.

- Harvey Benson

### Bill 8 and 19 will impact Manitobans

This week, Ken and I both take aim at government decisions. Ken looks at how inaction or overregulation has caused citizens to lose out on existing public assets that could be used and enjoyed. Looking at the sports complex at Kapyong base in Winnipeg in particular, he says, "It has been out of use for 10 years now and yet it was deemed to be one of the best facilities in the City of Winnipeg. It has fallen into such a state of disrepair that it may never be used again. It's sad, especially when good sports facilities are needed so badly."

I look to the future and the provincial government's introduction of Bill 8 and Bill 19. Both of these bills will greatly reduce the government's requirement to advertise changes that will impact Manitobans. My issue isn't that these notices would be pulled out of newspapers but that they will be placed in locations where citizens have to work much harder to find them. If the government had proposed, for example, using their emergency notification systems to alert citizens, I wouldn't be so concerned. "We've all heard about the mushroom treatment, 'Keep them in the dark and feed them [manure]'. I wonder if this is the philosophy our current provincial government is following?"

Kate Jackman-Atkinson, Editor  
Neepawa Banner and Neepawa Press



# \$11 million sole-source contracts for Lake St. Martin flood road raises questions

By Patricia Barrett

Sole-source contracts approved by the provincial Treasury Board for improvements to and the extension of a road that's part of the Lake St. Martin flood channel project has some Interlake contractors questioning the fairness of the process and the cost of the contracts, which are estimated at \$11 million.

The flood of 2011 destroyed cottages and homes along Lake Manitoba and wiped out First Nations communities in and around Lake St. Martin, and the government has proposed a four-component flood mitigation project consisting of an outlet channel from Lake Manitoba, an outlet channel from Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg, an access road for the construction and maintenance of the Lake St. Martin outlet and a transmission line for the operation of its control structure.

Last month Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler said the government tendered the road contracts, but told the media a day later that they had been awarded on a sole-source basis with a set price after it became known that Sigfusson Northern and Glen Hartman Construction were given the contracts.

Larry Lindell of Breezy North Construction is one of the contractors denied an opportunity to compete for the road contracts.

"We just want a chance to bid on it," said Lindell, who has roots in Eriksdale but whose company is located in Selkirk. "The government never tendered it, which means they negotiated with the two other contractors because they were tied in with the [First Nations], and secretly sole-sourced it

with a huge dollar figure behind it."

Lindell said the road and outlet project will be worth an estimated \$600 million. The first part of the project entails improving an existing road and extending it to the spot where the Lake St. Martin outlet will be built.

"This is the first little phase of it, and the government started off on the wrong foot," he said. "I'm not mad at the contractors, I'm mad at the Department of Infrastructure that never gave anybody a chance to bid on it."

NDP infrastructure critic Jim Maloway (Elmwood MLA) said not only is the heavy construction industry rankled over not being given an opportunity to compete for the contracts, but there's also concern about the role Interlake MLA Derek Johnson allegedly played in the awarding of those contracts.

Maloway said Johnson possibly broke the Legislature's conflict of interest rules in that he's a member of the Treasury Board – the government's main financial oversight committee that approves or rejects projects – and his daughter, Charmaine Johnson, may have been employed at Sigfusson Northern at the time the Board debated and approved the contracts.

Premier Brian Pallister appointed Johnson to the Treasury Board Aug. 30, 2017, according to a PC news release. A few weeks prior to that, Johnson was named Legislative Assistant to the newly appointed Minister of Infrastructure, Ron Schuler.

Last December, Schuler told the *Express* (Dec. 28, 2017 edition) he knew which companies were "successful at getting" the contracts, but did not identify them.

"Schuler had said in December he

knew who was going to get the contract. Johnson was on Treasury Board since last August. I've asked the question twice now in the Legislature: 'Did Johnson recuse himself from the debate when the project was approved at Treasury Board?'" said Maloway. "At the time of the decision, his daughter certainly may have been working for Sigfusson. It is against the conflict of interest rules of the Legislature for him to have his daughter working for a company if he didn't recuse himself."

During question period April 5, Maloway said he questioned the Premier and Schuler in the house and questioned Schuler again during an Estimates Committee meeting, but could not get an answer.

"They can solve that by saying Johnson didn't participate in those meetings," he said.

Maloway also told the house the Tories had "promised open, unfettered tenders for public infrastructure projects except in emergency situations."

Johnson told the *Express* First Nation communities (members of the Interlake Reserves Tribal Council), not the government, chose Sigfusson and Hartman for the project. He also said his daughter did, in fact, work at Sigfusson.

Johnson said Charmaine is now employed with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. He would not say when her employment with Sigfusson ceased. "That's irrelevant because the contract was given to the First Nations and they chose who they dealt with."

Johnson directed the *Express* to Manitoba Infrastructure for comment on why the contracts were sole-sourced and whether they're inflated.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

Interlake MLA Derek Johnson was appointed by Premier Brian Pallister to the Treasury Board last August. He's now facing conflict of interest allegations related to sole-source contracts for road construction near Lake St. Martin.

"We firmly believe that this project will provide fair market value and good value for money for Manitobans," said Schuler by email. "This project will have 50% Indigenous representation, which is a great opportunity to get people back into the community and get people working, and ensure the people most impacted by this project are involved in its construction."

Whether the government will allow open bidding for the flood outlets is yet to be determined. The channels are pending approval of an environmental assessment.

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## > ARNIE WEIDL Following in her father's footsteps

Hi gang.

I always take great pleasure in passing along fishing stories from our American brothers and sister when they come here. Some weeks ago, I met Ted Takasaki, a tournament fishing pro from South Dakota and his buddy Dick Manske from Iowa. Ted, a true champ, offered a wonderful story about his daughter instead of himself.

We stood on the ice pack with the sun bearing down on us on the southwest side of Lake Winnipeg as Ted began a heartwarming portrayal of a fishing experience with his four-year-old daughter, Kristi, when fishing in Michigan. It was a cold overcast day with a harsh wind and tiny Kristi clutched her rod with its line in the water not far from their boat. The grey turbulent water jostled her about as she tried to hold her rod and breathe some warmth onto her fingers. Without warning, a walleye two feet long hit her baited hook. Kristi squealed excitedly instantly oblivious to the cold. She pulled up on her rod and then lowered and cranked in her line as her dad had taught her.

Tears from the wind clouded her sight. "Do you want help, Kristi?" dad cried out.

"No, daddy, I can do it," she yelled.

Ted was filled with love and pride watching his girl fight the fish with fingers that would not respond to her wishes. Concerned for her safety, he moved close to her and put his arms around her waist as she bent over the side of the boat. When the fish stopped lashing about, she would reel in, her little hands fumbling with line and reel. It took time but eventually her prize played out and she brought it beside the boat. Her breath heavy, she looked up at dad as he took the rod from her cold, cramped hands.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Fishing pro Ted Takasaki of South Dakota with his daughter Kristi and her catch.

Kristi immediately bent over, stuck her hands in her pockets and leaned against her father.

"You've got the 'never quit' in you, baby. I'm proud of you," dad murmured to his shivering daughter as he landed her fish.

Speaking of being happy about getting prizes, the Manitoba Ice Fishing Association held their raffle draw at Selkirk's Smitty's. Smitty's Restaurant manager Alana Waite drew the winning tickets and we are proud to announce that Keith Poleschuk of Arborg won the portable ice shack and Wayne Michaluk of Komarno won the ice auger. Congratulations, guys.

Two or three weeks ago, I met this towering, gentle, fun-loving guy, Rick Los from Oakbank, fishing on the Red River upstream of Selkirk. He gave us the story of his son, Evan, who used to guide at Atkins Lake up north. He once took two first-time eastern Canadian anglers, Bob and Peter, boat fishing.

On the water, Evan gave Bob one of his baited rigs. He cast out and immediately caught a three-foot-long jack. He and Peter were beside themselves. They had never seen a fish that big, let alone catch one. Now, it was Peter's turn and just as his baited hook hit the water, he caught an even longer jack.

Pete threw caution aside and stood hauling up on the rod then lowering it and swiftly reeling in. At the same time, Evan was standing and, with the motor in slow forward, was using his leg to move the motor tiller to direct the boat and help Pete to land his fish. Pete became so taken with his catch that he pulled so hard on his rod it flew out of his grip. The fish, loose now, took the rig for deeper water.

Pete and Evan reached over the side for the rod, but Evan's leg hit the throttle and the boat took off at a leisurely pace, spilling both men into the water. Off it went on its own little trip with Bob standing in it looking helplessly back at Pete and Evan. Evan could see his rod and the hooked fish down in the clear water, so he dove down and grabbed the rod. As he broke surface, he couldn't help breaking into sputtering fits of laughter, seeing the captainless boat now putting around in circles.

They swam to the wayward craft and grabbed onto its side. They now found themselves being towed around with Evan hanging onto his trailing rod with its line and the angry fish following, still fighting. Evan screamed at Bob, "Hit the red button."

He did, the motor died, and the boat slid to a stop. The boys climbed into the boat and as Pete regained his seat, he looked his cup in the holder, exclaiming bright eyed, "What do you know, my drink didn't get spilled."

See you next week. Bye now.

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# Fishers want to know why fish dealers' licences haven't been pulled

By Patricia Barrett

Fishers attending a meeting last week in Eriksdale with Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires asked her what good the department's Fish Marketing Regulation is if she won't enforce its provisions, and why the investigation into Northern Walleye's Donald Salkeld and other licensed fish dealers she said her department is carrying out is taking so long.

Fishers took the minister to task for refusing to suspend/cancel Salkeld and Mike Schafer's (of Illinois-based Schafer Fisheries) respective dealer licences after they took fish from four sheds — Ashern, Eddystone, Waterhen and Dawson Bay — last December and left fishers about \$1 million out of pocket.

"It is months later now and we haven't heard anything different [about the investigation]. Everything is the same: 'We're looking into it.' And meanwhile these guys are still allowed to buy fish. Are you kidding?" said Lake Manitoba fisher Laurie Emilson, who sits on the board of directors of the Ashern fish shed.

"Why is Schafer allowed to buy fish up in Winnipegosis or Dawson Bay or wherever?" Emilson continued. "We haven't got paid. He owes me money. It's supposed to be after seven days and he hasn't paid yet. And he's allowed to buy fish. C'mon, really? And you're saying, 'We're going to do all this [regulation changes] for you' and to 'trust the system.'"

Emilson told the *Express* after the meeting he and his father are owed about \$15,000.

The minister was joined by Interlake MLA Derek Johnson, who emceed the hour-and-a-half meeting April 6 at



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Lake Manitoba fisher Frank Kenyon, left, said there's no point having regulations for the open market if Sustainable Development won't enforce them, and Ashern shed director Laurie Emilson (foreground) questioned why Salkeld and Schafer still have their dealer licences.

the Eriksdale Community Centre, and several members of her department.

In addition to noting the minister's refusal to pull the dealers' licences, Emilson refuted Johnson's claim that he hadn't been notified about Salkeld and Schafer not paying the fishers until about three and a half weeks into December.

"I phoned you in the middle of the month, Derek," said Emilson. "[The department] should have been watching what was going on when you opened this legislation. You kind of just threw us to the wolves. I thought they [Salkeld and Schafer] were bonded. We were under the impression they were bonded. How come no one was watching what was going on? Isn't that what you're supposed to do? Isn't that your job?"

Emilson stressed the importance

of having Sustainable Development implement bonding for fish dealers in order to protect fishers who want to sell on the open market, which came into effect Dec. 1, 2017.

Lake Winnipegosis fisher Sandy Harrison, who had delivered his fish to the Waterhen shed [Skownan] in December, also recommended bonding, saying he was among the fishers Salkeld and Schafer didn't pay.

"Before the monopoly [Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation] ended, I went to quite a few meetings with the consultants [Fisheries Envoys] and everyone talked about the people who are going to do the buying are supposed to be bonded," he said. "So when I sold my fish to Skownan, it never even crossed my mind that I wouldn't get paid. And here we are still waiting to get paid. And there's

lots of us."

Lake Manitoba fisher Frank Kenyon estimated the loss at over \$1 million and said it would have never happened had the province required dealer bonds. The envoys held meetings with about 400 commercial fishers prior to the government's implementation of the new regulation and produced a report, which strongly recommended bonding.

"How can a buyer come to fishermen and say, 'Well, I don't have the money but I want to buy your fish, and I'll go and sell it and I'll pay you,'" said Kenyon. "If they want to buy a million dollars' worth of fish, they have to have \$1 million. If Mike Schafer or Don Salkeld didn't have the money to pay for the fish, then they should have been bonded. And if they didn't pay after a week, that bond should have been taken."

Squires said the department is considering bonding but expressed doubt as to whether that would have protected — and would protect in future — fishers from dealers who don't pay.

"Let's be clear, I don't know how well bonding would have worked in the introduction of an open market in the sense that we would have had to have those buyers put up a significant amount of capital up front, and that would have been a barrier to open marketing, for sure," said Squires. "But we are looking at bonding on a go-forward basis and if it would be the best option for you."

As to the status of the investigation — now in its fourth month since the minister first announced it in January — Squires refused to provide any details, saying, "I have to be careful

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# Heritage Trust Program applications now being accepted

By Jeff Ward

A new provincial program that will allow local museums and archives to access matching dollars up to \$25,000 to help keep them around for generations to come is accepting applications.

Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton made the Manitoba Heritage Trust program last week. The fund works in partnership with The Winnipeg Foundation to set up new endowment funds that will gain interest that can be spent by the organizations for any matter of things. The province will kick in \$1 for every \$2 raised by an organization up to a maximum of \$50,000 — which would

net the organization \$25,000 from the government. Organizations are required to contribute \$2,500 to an established heritage trust. A provincial spokesperson said that the program is focused on small to medium-sized Manitoba museums and archives with federal charitable status.

"We are pleased to announce the details of our Heritage Trust program, which will help heritage organizations build their own individual endowment funds to assist in their long-term sustainability," said Cox.

"We know many museums serve as important icons and unique tourist destinations throughout Manitoba, and we want to see these organizations thrive."

An endowment fund is an investment fund that works to support an organization by using the interest it gains as money that can be spent by the organization. The more money in the fund, the more interest it accrues and that can be spent on things like new exhibits, building maintenance and more.

Manitoba has nearly 200 museums, 75 per cent of which are located in rural areas.

"Small community museums and heritage organizations already face a number of challenges, like a smaller donor base and distance from large population centres, but this program ensures all areas of the province will have access to provincial support,"

said Wharton.

"By partnering together, we ensure museums and archives already working closely with their community can receive our support and continue to preserve our local history while offering educational opportunities to visitors."

Organizations looking for more information can attend a free information session hosted by the Winnipeg Foundation on April 19 at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg. There is also a session in Brandon at the Victoria Inn on May 8.

Registration is on line at [www.endowmentmanitoba.ca](http://www.endowmentmanitoba.ca).



## Superior customer satisfaction and sales earn Gimli Auto national award

### Submitted

Gimli Auto Limited is among an elite group of Ford and Lincoln dealerships to be recognized as a 2017 Gold Club President's Award winner by Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited.

The Gold Club President's Award, one of Ford of Canada's highest dealership honours, is presented annually to dealerships who demonstrate outstanding achievement in sales and customer satisfaction.

For 2017, Ford of Canada is recognizing Ford and Lincoln dealers across the country for providing superior experience in sales, service and overall dealership experience.

"Our success is driven by our strong customer relationships and our ties to Gimli and the surrounding community," said Russell Einarson, dealer

principal, Gimli Auto "We're proud to earn the President's Award distinction because it shows that our customers appreciate our team's commitment to service excellence."

Ford of Canada introduced the President's Award in 2000. Dealers become eligible through excellence in dealership operations and exceptional customer feedback through survey responses related to their sales and service satisfaction and overall dealership experience.

The team at Gimli Auto is dedicated to Gimli and supports several local charities or causes through dealer-run fundraising initiatives, such as the Ford Drive4UR Community campaign for the Gimli Children Centre.

Gimli Auto continues to support its community and customers and has raised over \$5,000 for various causes.



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Russell Einarson, right, and his staff are receiving the 2017 Gold Club President's Award by Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited for outstanding achievement in sales and customer satisfaction for a second year in a row.

## Lakeshore General Hospital Guild raising money for ultrasound machine

### Tea and bake sale fundraiser April 27

#### By Jeff Ward

Members of the Lakeshore General Hospital Guild are using their upcoming tea and bake sale fundraiser as a kickoff for a new lofty goal to provide the hospital ER with a new portable ultrasound machine.

The annual fundraiser takes place April 27 at the Ashern Legion Hall from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and also marks the 40th anniversary of the guild.

Shelly Bjornson is the guild chair and said that the 40-year milestone is

indeed quite special and one that she is looking forward to. The guild aims to raise approximately \$65,000 for the ultrasound machine and another \$20,000 for two power lift stretchers for the ambulance. All told Bjornson said the guild is looking to raise north of \$80,000 by the end of the year to make these purchases.

"It's a big goal but we've already got some funds allocated already," she said.

"We hope to reach it by the end of

the year and we're looking at setting up different donation categories as well. If people are looking for a foundation donation, this would be a great time to do that. We're also looking at applying for grants."

The guild will be sending out letters to the general public and to local businesses as well to start their awareness campaign.

Bjornson and the guild are no strangers to raising large sums of money for hospital equipment and they've been very successful in the past with their efforts. The care home's new deck, lounge expansion, beds for acute care

and the personal care home and investments in the palliative care room have all been done over the last 15 years.

"Our guild works hard to make these projects work. We're out there selling raffle tickets and doing funeral lunches to raise money."

Bjornson pointed to her family's involvement in the guild as one of the reasons this milestone is so special to her.

"Before me, my mother was the chair of the guild, and this anniversary is very important to me. I'm very proud of the work we do," said Bjornson.

### > MOOSEHORN BAPTIST CHURCH, FROM PG. 3

able to pay their bills. But with those dark clouds looming overhead came with it some brilliant silver linings.

"I remember one month paying all the expenses and having one nickel left over. That was only providence that the Lord provided for our needs and I think that was very evident at that time. And we did struggle but we got through it with the Lord's help," said Loewen.

The baptist church is a part of the North American Baptist (NAB) Conference who connect every baptist church in Canada and the U.S. to better accomplish their mission of glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus all over the world.

Through that connection and divine intervention, the church would find their new pastor, Brent Riddle. The church's previous pastor, Mike Andrews, had moved to be with family

in Ontario in 2015 after serving five years in Moosehorn. Riddle said that he and his family, now 10 strong, were praying to God for direction on where to focus their efforts next and how best to serve Him.

Riddle explained that he was scanning the NAB website and came across the ad for the Moosehorn position and prayed on it as their next potential opportunity.

"I still remember calling them that Tuesday evening and they were meeting here, the pastor search committee when I called, and they denied the call because they were in a meeting," said Riddle, laughing at the memory.

"They saw the number and apparently joked in the meeting and said 'Oh, it's a number from Texas. It's probably a pastor calling about the position. But he called back the very next day and we visited about the position.'"

Riddle is from Texas and the southern drawl he speaks with has a quiet sincerity to it that bleeds a deep care and understanding of the gospel of Jesus. Riddle said that God brought this opportunity to him and described that feeling as overwhelming for a few different reasons.

"It was overwhelming because of the transition to a new country, new climate and a new culture. But there is also an overwhelming peace to know that this is where God wants you," he said.

Riddle and his wife, Abby, have eight children who range in age from three months to 17 years. He said the transition was made easier by the warm welcome to the area and while it's emotionally exhausting to reach out and connect with so many people, it's something he wants to do and it's very fulfilling work.

The 100-year milestone is going to

mean something different to every member of the congregation. For Riddle, it means that the message of hope through the gospel of Jesus is strong enough to cement this church into place for a century.

"For 100 years, this place, and the gospel, has been an anchor for the soul," Riddle said.

Interestingly, the building itself is not the most important part of the 100-year milestone for congregation members like Loewen. Margarette Anderson and Diana May, who have also been longtime members of the church, both agreed that the message of hope is the important part.

The gospel of Jesus doesn't need four walls and a roof to be heard. They are happy to celebrate the centennial later this year on Aug. 12, but for them and many others, the real celebration is that the message has remained strong, hopeful and clear for the past 100 years and the next 100 to come.



# MTS Young Humanitarian Alliana Rempel to be honoured

## Evergreen student to receive award on April 12

### Submitted

Courage, compassion and humility will be in the spotlight on Thursday, April 12 (7 p.m.) at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People as the 21st annual MTS Young Humanitarian Awards show highlights 27 public school students from school divisions in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Evergreen.

"We can't say enough about these compassionate students and the teachers and parents who mentor them," says Norm Gould, president of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. "These kids have beautiful humanitarian hearts and they represent the good in public school students all across Manitoba."

Most 11-year-olds don't have a book to their credit, much less one with an endorsement from Malala on the cover. But then Arborg's Alliana Rempel is no ordinary Grade 6 student. Alliana's humanitarian heart has been the impetus behind many personal and school projects at her school, Arborg Early Middle Years School. She's helped charities bring refugees to the community and spent time during summer holidays tutoring Syrian newcomers. When she was five, she sold pictures she painted to raise money for a youth shelter. At eight, she raised over \$2,000 for the Malala fund by selling her art to five different countries. She is now working on selling enough copies of her book *One* to build a school in Nicaragua.

Mackenzie Clark, a Grade 8 student from École Harrison in Brandon, has been a champion for animals ever since his family took him to his first Brandon Humane Society event. There he met Kali, a three-legged dog whose leg had been amputated because of extreme abuse. From then on, Mackenzie has been a mainstay of support for the Brandon Human Society — raising over \$16,000 to date — and a determined advocate for animals. He has met with business, political and community leaders, organized a myriad of fundraising events and spoken at schools and high profile events. Recently, Mackenzie has combined his love for animals with his passion for cycling to create events that make huge contributions to animal welfare.

Hayley Jenkins is a whirlwind of humanitarian activity and a strong promoter of human rights.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

When Rempel was eight, she raised over \$2,000 for the Malala fund by selling prints and stickers of her butterfly artwork.

She's been an integral part of Hands, Heart, and Hope (H3). Globally she has helped raise thousands of dollars to build schools in Ghana and Sierra Leone, raised awareness about women's rights overseas and has helped families to buy goats as an alternative income. She has donated countless hours serving humanitarian causes through bake sales, canteens, special events, paint nights, selling T-shirts and jewelry, collecting money in the cold, selling raffle tickets and much more. Hayley has volunteered at Christmas dinners for the homeless, made blankets for the Thompson Crisis Centre and helped raise funds to build a well in Haiti.

Meet Kuamini, Luxton School's 24-member humanitarian group for grades 4, 5 and 6. Whether it's a project for raising awareness, funds or items



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Arborg's Alliana Rempel will be honoured for her humanitarian work at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People as the 21st annual MTS Young Humanitarian Awards show on April 12.

for local charities and global initiatives, Kuamini plans are always student-generated. The group has raised funds for a family that lost their home in a fire, helped to provide medicine and raised awareness to end child labour in Ethiopia, Haiti and rural China. They've raised their voices to support Pink Shirt Day and to end bullying. They've held an assembly to talk about the 94 calls to action for Truth and Reconciliation. They've taught their fellow students about residential schools on Orange Shirt Day. They are the bright, shining stars of the Luxton community.

You'll find more information on our MTS Young Humanitarian Awards at [mbteach.org](http://mbteach.org).

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about my comments about the past because the past is still under investigation with multiple players, and I don't want to say anything to jeopardize that investigation or throw it off the rails."

If he were in charge, Kenyon said he would have obtained paperwork from all four sheds, acquired volume information from the trucking company Salkeld hired to ship fish to America, and visited American fish processing plants to determine whose fish they had and how much.

"I agree with him when he says the investigation is taking too long," said Kenyon, referring to Emilson. "It's not like someone took diamonds to the deepest part of Africa. Three months later, you understand why we're concerned, eh?"

Kenyon also asked what the point is of having

regulations if Squires won't enforce them. Under the current regulation, dealers are required to pay fishers within seven days and submit paperwork tracking species and how much they purchased — none of which happened in the case of Salkeld and Schafer.

"If you want us to get together with you to make the regulations better, you have to show us you'll enforce the old regulations," said Kenyon. "After one week, the fishers have to get paid but that didn't happen. And on the second week [of December] you didn't cancel the licence. In fact, you haven't cancelled it now. A lot of fishermen feel if you make the rules and don't enforce them, they don't mean anything."

Squires was asked whether she'll be renewing the dealers' licences when they expire in November in light of their failure to follow provincial law.

"When a fish buyer comes to us for renewal, [there

will be a] process we'll be following in terms of whether or not we'll be granting that licence," she said.

The provincial Fisheries Act states there's a limitation period of one year to prosecute an offender, and fishers tried to pinpoint Squires on when the investigation will wrap up. She said she hoped it would be "as soon as possible."

Fishers, however, will not be made privy to the findings of the investigation.

"That's somewhat of a hypothetical question," said Squires in response to the *Express*' question. "Again, I don't want to get into the nitty gritty. What I can anticipate releasing in short order is a list of recommendations that would [follow] from the investigation."

And whatever changes the department intends to make to the Fish Marketing Regulation will be shared within a few weeks, said the minister.



# Moosehorn shopper wins free groceries for a year

By Jeff Ward

Moosehorn resident Eunice Bullerwell's fridge is guaranteed to stay full this year after she won free groceries for a year from the Co-op Fuel up to Win contest.

Bullerwell said she has never won anything before in her life and was over the moon when she found out she won this contest. A loyal Co-op shopper for decades, Bullerwell bought her membership to the chain almost 50 years ago for only \$1 and has been shopping there ever since.

She said the staff make the Moosehorn location, where she collected all of her tickets, feel like home and so she rewards that with her patronage.

The contest gives game tickets for certain dollar amounts spent in store. Spending \$50 gets a player two game tickets, \$100 gets three, \$150 gets four and \$200 or more gets five. Bullerwell needed to collect six tickets for the groceries category, which pays out a

\$5,300 allowance in gift cards.

"I've never won anything before," said Bullerwell.

"If you had a barrel full of my names and one other name, you'd pull the other name. I'm so very happy. It was just so overwhelming to win something like that. I still haven't come back to earth."

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Bullerwell retired a year ago after working 18 years in health care and said she is enjoying living a quiet country life.

She pulled out her game card to look at her tickets and noticed she had filled the category. She called her

daughter to verify the win.

"I called my daughter and told her to come over because I thought I must have gotten it wrong. I said to her, 'You better come here and check this out,'" said Bullerwell.

Her daughter quickly verified the win and reached out to Co-op general manager Kathy Price to put things in



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Moosehorn resident Eunice Bullerwell was the lucky recipient of one of 25 free groceries for a year from Co-op's Fuel Up to Win contest. Pictured left to right: general manager Kathy Price, left, Eunice Bullerwell, middle, and food manager Gary Corrigan.

motion. Very quickly, the win was verified and Bullerwell was awarded her cards.

Bullerwell said she plans to use some of the winnings to buy groceries for her daughter and also plans to

donate some of it to local food banks. "I grew up in poverty and I know what that's like. I wouldn't keep it all to myself. I'd like to help out," she said.

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# Homeowners encouraged to test wells

By Jeff Ward

Owners of private water systems are encouraged to get their wells tested annually to watch for the presence of E. coli and coliform bacteria. Spring is one of the best times to do it.

Ryan Hewitt is a drinking water officer within the Sustainable Development branch of the province. He said that spring is one of the more advantageous times to do well water testing as anytime there is a big runoff, it is more likely the time when contamination can occur. Hewitt explained that the snow melt every spring is a good annual reminder to get testing done. Much like Halloween being a good reminder to test smoke and fire alarms, the melting snow should trigger the testing of private water systems. The province offers an annual subsidy to do the testing and only costs \$22.31 including tax.

"With owning a well, there's an inherent risk for the possibility of contamination and it happens in a number of different ways," said Hewitt.

"Poor maintenance, improperly constructed wells or natural vulnerability. Seepage coming in where the water line is tied into the well and

some older wells can also have their casing erode. It's almost impossible to diagnose contamination issues."

The testing is done through Horizon Lab in Winnipeg and is very straight forward. Hewitt explained that homeowners have to use a tap in their home that is raw well water: run the tap three to five minutes and fill the bottle with 100 millilitres of water. The tap should also be disinfected to kill bacteria that could come back as a false positive. Hewitt cautioned those getting a sample to not touch the inside of the bottle or the cap and even placing the cap on the ground could mean bacteria getting inside the sample.

"There is also white powder in the bottle and that is supposed to be there so don't rinse out the bottle."

The sample needs to be taken to the lab within 24 hours for testing.

If the sample comes back clear, then everything is fine. However, if it comes back with contaminants, then all consumable water should be boiled. In incidents like that, Hewitt will typically be the person the homeowner will talk to. He tries to figure out the issue while going through an-

other testing process and well decontamination if necessary.

Hewitt said 40 per cent of all well tests in the province test positive for bacteria and is consistent with other jurisdictions across Canada.

"And three to five per cent of all wells test positive for E. coli. Not all coliform bacteria are harmful to you, but we want to see testing come back as zero," Hewitt said.

For those wanting to do testing, contact Horizon Lab to obtain a sample bottle at 204-488-2035.

The province also has a website [www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater](http://www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater) with other infor-

mation and videos on well testing and decontamination.

Hewitt said he is available if homeowners are concerned about their own water system or to field any general questions. He can be reached at 204-948-1351.



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# Lundar Bull Sale marks half-century milestone

By Jeff Ward

Approximately 250 people packed into the Lundar Agri-Ed Centre last Saturday for a fast-paced bull sale that saw some of Manitoba's best beef come through the chute.

The sale marks a half-century milestone that is very important for bull sale committee members who spend hours organizing the event annually.

The auction was led by Lorne (Buddy) Bergner, whose hypnotizing chant creates a sense of urgency on each sale. During several bidding wars, Bergner could be heard egging on potential buyers for that extra \$50 or \$100 while his team on the floor shouted "one time" to encourage those on the edge of bidding.

Bull sale president Jim Beachell said that it's still exciting to be a part of, and when it's your turn to parade your animal in front of the crowd, it's a mix-

ture of excitement and nervousness.

"I think everyone gets the same feeling when it's their time to get in," said Beachell.

"Before the sale, you'll have lots of people go to your stall and ask you about the bulls, and they seem interested. But you never know what you're going to get. The market has changed over the last two years and that plays into the price."

Beachell said that committee directors worked hard to understand how best to structure the sale over the years. They sell two-year-olds first in an effort to encourage buyers to stick around to have a shot at a yearling if they don't get one.

The structure of how pens are auctioned could have natural peaks and valleys as well. Beachell

said the team thinks about that every year, but at the end of the day, if someone wants to buy your animal,

"I THINK EVERYONE GETS THE SAME FEELING WHEN IT'S THEIR TIME TO GET IN."



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Jack Cruise, left, donated this year's heifer, which raised over \$10,000 to help cover the costs of the new office space next door. Lundar Bull Sale sale president Jim Beachell won the heifer and donated the profits from the sale of the animal to the building as well.

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they will.

The 50th anniversary included a moment of silence as attendees and committee members paid tribute to the late Connie Gleich, who passed away in January. Gleich was a big part of the sale, contributing her efforts as secre-

tary treasurer.

"I don't think we realized how much work she had taken on by herself — we miss her," said Beachell to the crowd before asking for a moment of silence. The noisy building quickly turned silent as a library as people paid their respects.

This year's donation heifer was

made possible by committee director Jack Cruise. The auctioning of tickets brought in \$8,200. Jim Beachell spent \$200 to buy 20 tickets and won the heifer that he then auctioned off for \$2,250 to Jay McCauley of Lundar. Beachell donated the proceeds to the new office building that is being constructed on the west side of the Agri-

Ed Centre. All totalled, the donation heifer brought in just over \$10,000.

"I'm not accustomed to winning anything like that and I always said if I do, I'd sell it and donate the money. The building is important to us and that's where it should go. Funny thing is Ken (Erickson, vice-president of the bull sale) won last year," said Beachell.



Jim Beachell asks for a moment of silence for dedicated bull sale member Connie Gleich.



Tyler Slawinski scans the crowd for the next bid.



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# Arborg Collegiate student packs a whole lot of learning into spring break

By Patricia Barrett

An Arborg Collegiate student, who currently has her sights set on medicine after she graduates, spent spring break in Ottawa learning about the medical profession, getting to know students from across Canada and acquiring greater insight into how the political system works.

Grade 10 student Alyssa Gard was accepted into the Encounters with Canada program, which offers students aged 14 to 17 an opportunity to explore a number of career options over the course of a one-week stay in Ottawa. The program offers themed tours, such as arts and culture, science and technology, communications and social media, democracy and youth, and medicine and health.

"EWC has a medical health week and I really wanted to do that," said Gard, who got to tour medical facilities and speak with staff. "I thought it would be interesting to meet people who are in it. Different doctors explained their day-to-day work and what it was like to get into medicine. And they give us tips about going to medical school. We then got to tour the anatomy lab in Ottawa University."

She said her favourite part of the tour was getting to talk to an ER doctor, who told her some "crazy stories" about working in the department. And the advice the doctors gave the students was valuable. They stressed, for instance, the importance of balancing medical studies with extra-curricular activities.

"They said to do something else outside the books because it will keep you sane," Gard laughed. "You need to do other things other than just being book-smart so that you can learn to manage a bunch of different things at once."

Gard said she's interested in specializing in obstetrics but was



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA GARD

Alyssa Gard from Arborg spent spring break in Ottawa and Gatineau on the Encounters with Canada program, which gave her an opportunity to learn about medicine, Canadian history and politics and to make new friends.

told by doctors that once in medical school, students often discover another specialty they want to pursue.

"A motivational speaker once gave us some tips — like dedication and sacrifice — and he said to always have a backup plan in case you don't make your dream."

In Gard's case, her backup plan could be another specialty or something different altogether, such as music. She's an accomplished pianist who performs in the annual Evergreen Festival of the Arts and is no stranger to dedication and sacrifice.

"I practise before school and after school," she said. "I really want to go into medical school, but I really want to keep up my piano, too."

The collegiate's guidance counsellor and art teacher Rachel Orbanski said it's important for students to have access to the arts in order to acquire a well-rounded life experience.

"The arts help balance all the book work. And Alyssa is a really good artist," said Orbanski. "I think having the arts in school helps students feed their souls and not just study math and science all the time. It allows them to nurture the human experience and develop through the arts."

After hearing Gard's feedback about the EWC tour, Orbanski said she'll be encouraging other students to apply to the program.

"I thought it was just so fantastic because kids living rural don't often get to be connected into what's on offer in our nation's capital," she said. "And it's really neat to meet kids from other cities and cultures. There's only 110 kids that they go to school with here."

In addition to the educational part of the program, Gard said the students got to explore Ottawa, visit Parliament Hill and cross the river to Quebec.

"We had free time and we got to sign up for different activities," she said. "You could go bowling in Quebec or go to an escape room

then you could get a beaver tail — it's like a waffle mixed in with a doughnut and they make it in front of you. It's a really, really good dessert."

Students also got to tour the House of Commons and sit in on question period, where Gard saw Prime Minister Justin Trudeau fielding questions from the opposition.

"They're so childish. Literally, when one person's talking, like Justin Trudeau, and someone is asking questions and doesn't like the answer, they're like, 'Ah, tell us the truth,'" she said. "And they're all yelling at him. I thought it would be one person speaking at a time."

Gard said there were about 111 girls and 22 guys taking part in the program and they were broken into smaller groups. It was easy to make friends and "click" with people. The program costs \$750 and some provincial/territorial governments provide subsidies. Meals, travel within Ottawa and housing is included in the fee. Students are housed in dorms in the Terry Fox Youth Centre.

The final night of the tour treated students to a banquet, dance and a "talking stick" ceremony, in which students could take to the floor and speak about their impressions of the program and what they learned.

Gard said the experience provided her with a broader world-view and will be encouraging other students to apply.

"It really made me realize there's a lot more out there in the world than just small-town Arborg. It was really nice to meet other people and see what they're like and what they're going through," she said. "And I thought everybody's going to know what they want to do [career-wise], but some people said they didn't know. That helped reassure me there's people like me out there. I want to motivate people to do EWC because it was such an amazing experience."

For more information on Encounters With Canada, visit [www.ewc-rdc.ca](http://www.ewc-rdc.ca).



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# First two orphaned bear cubs arrive at rehabilitation centre

By Jennifer McFee

The first orphaned cubs have arrived at the Manitoba's first and only black bear cub rehabilitation.

Located in the RM of Rockwood, the Manitoba Bear Rehabilitation Centre is set up on the 10-acre property of Judy and Roger Stearns. The mission is to provide the highest level of care for orphaned bear cubs and, once rehabilitate, to return them to their natural environment.

On Sunday, April 1, two black bear cubs were brought to their temporary abode from Southwestern Manitoba.

Julie Woodyer, campaigns director for Zoocheck, said that their mother was found dead, although she's not sure what happened to the Mama Bear.

"A very kind gentleman who found the deceased mother went in and rescued the cubs and then contacted our facility. Then a conservation officer went out and picked them up and brought them to our facility. They'll be there until the fall," Woodyer explained.

"Right now, they're only two months old so they're still drinking milk from a bottle. It's a formula that's designed to essentially replicate the mother's milk and provide them with the best possible nutrition. They'll be on that perhaps for another month or so and then they'll be moved over onto solid food and be moved out into the larger enclosure.

"At that time, the human interaction with them will be significantly reduced. They will spend the time foraging in the enclosure to find natural foods in order to develop the muscles and skills that they need to survive in the wild."

Currently, the bears weigh only eight pounds and they will be released when they're about 75 or 80 pounds.

"They're not full-grown bears and they cause no risk at all to the public. The facility is built with security and safety in mind for the public and for the bears, and it is not open to the public. We have security set up and also video cameras to monitor the property to make sure no one's breaking in," Woodyer said.

"It's a very safe facility. In fact, there are similar facilities that are actually operated right in the middle of cities in the United States, so security is not a particular issue."

Internationally renowned bear expert Dr. John Beecham developed the protocols for the facility, she added.

"Those protocols have been developed having looked at successful bear rehabilitation programs all around the world and various species of bears. They're designed with the ultimate goal for success and for the bears to be released in the wild. There are great success rates in other jurisdictions. Manitoba was one of the last provinces to actually have bear rehabilitation, so we're happy to be able to help facilitate that," she said.

"It's really great to have the opportunity. Of course, it's always sad when a cub is orphaned because their best possible outcome is to grow up with their mom. But in lieu of that, certainly this is a very good option for them and they have every chance of success to live out their lives as wild bears."

The project has been well supported by the general public, including the neighbours of the property, Woodyer added.

"The municipality of Rockwood helped us get



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Two orphaned black bear cubs arrived at Manitoba's Bear Rehabilitation Centre on April 1.



through the zoning issues, and a lot of materials have been donated by Manitoba construction industry for the building enclosure," she said.

"As well, Bob Barker made a significant donation, so it's heavily supported locally but also beyond Manitoba borders."

For the Stearns, they're sleepy from all the bottle feedings, but still they're able to grin and bear it.

"I'm a little bit tired and sleep deprived, but it's all paying off now. The dream has come true. Right now, because they're so young and they're not weaned, we're having to bottle-feed them. We were at every two hours, then three hours and now we're trying to do every four hours and we're also increasing the quantity of their milk. I have my alarm set, and Roger and I have been taking turns," said Judy Stearns.

"You want to feed them 20 per cent of their body weight every day, so we're working it out. Sometimes they're not too fussy at certain times of the day, although the last few days they've been pretty well hungry every time. We're just trying to get them on a schedule."

Although the bears won't remember this early stage of their lives, the Stearns still try to keep hu-

man contact with them to a minimum. After they're weaned, it will be essential to minimize those interactions.

Soon the little cubs will transition to baby cereal and then eventually to dog kibble.

"They are physiologically similar to dogs so they eat the same foods. Dog chow is apparently one of their favourite foods. That's the mainstay of their diet once they get weaned and then you supplement that with produce and berries," Stearns said.

"I'm enjoying this now because soon we won't have any contact with them. Once we get into the bowl feeding, we're just going to be putting the food down and walk away. We'll have to clean in their enclosure a little bit, but it will be minimal contact with them physically."

The bears look cute and cuddly, but looks can definitely be deceiving.

"They look like little toy teddy bears but they're definitely wild animals. They don't want to be petted anyways. They're definitely not a cuddly little animal," Stearns said.

"You can respect that they're wild animals because they'll get angry and hiss a bit and bite if they don't like you reaching for them with the bottle. They're really thinking for themselves already. It's pretty amazing because they're only eight weeks old. I'm really glad about that because I don't want them to like us or to like people."

The two enclosures are spacious enough to comfortably keep up to 10 bears at a time, she added.

"We're not expecting that many but we really don't know. We don't have any information about how many cubs are orphaned yearly in Manitoba or how many to expect," she said.

"Even though it's not open to the public, I want people to feel proud and happy that this is in Rockwood. We're exceeding international standards across the board in everything from our fencing to the size. We want this to be a well run and highly respected facility, and that's what we're aiming for."

To keep up to date on the bear cubs, visit the Facebook page entitled "Manitoba Bear Rehabilitation Centre" or visit the website at <http://manitobabear-rehabilitationcentre.ca>



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## Einarson looking to strike oil in MJHL final

By Brian Bowman

Jack Einarson and his Virden Oil Capitals were ready to take on the Steinbach Pistons in Game 2 of their Manitoba Junior Hockey League final on Sunday evening.

But the MJHL postponed Game 2 in wake of the devastating bus/truck accident involving the Humboldt Broncos — which killed 15 people and injured 14 others — that occurred last Friday.

“Out of the deepest respect to the Humboldt Broncos’ organization, its players and parents, the SJHL and its member clubs, we do not believe that Sunday’s MJHL playoff game should be played as scheduled,” said MJHL commissioner Kim Davis.

“The MJHL playoff season will resume but the next few days will be focused on mourning, supporting the SJHL, and reflecting on the loss of life that we can’t comprehend at this time.”

Einarson, a Gimli product, said it is a very difficult time right now in the junior hockey world.

“It’s tough, especially when a team goes through this,” said Einarson, a forward, Sunday afternoon. “You don’t want to see or hear about it. It’s awful to hear about it.”

“I can’t even imagine what the families are going through, the players, the whole town.”

The Oil Capitals took a 1-0 series lead after edging the Pistons 2-1 in front of 1,263 spectators in Steinbach last Friday evening.

“It was fun,” Einarson said. “It was probably the biggest crowd that I have ever played in front of. But, hopefully

we get a bigger crowd here in Virden. That would be fun.”

This series should be a very good one between two extremely talented hockey clubs.

“It was a lot faster than our first two series, for sure,” Einarson noted. “It was a lot tighter and there wasn’t much room at all. There also wasn’t much time (and) you have to do things a lot quicker.”

Rylee Zimmer gave Virden a 1-0 lead with a goal midway in the second period.

Hunter Cloutier made it 2-0 at 5:10 of the third but Steinbach’s Mark Taraschuk replied with a goal just 1:30 later.

Riley McVeigh made 37 saves for the win.

The MJHL best-of-seven final series was expected to resume this week although dates had not been announced by press time.

Steinbach was the top team during the regular season while Virden was second. The Oil Capitals reached the final after defeating Selkirk in five games and then sweeping Winkler in their best-of-seven series.

Virden will have to play some great hockey to beat the defensive-minded Pistons.

“We have to limit turnovers,” Einarson said. “That’s our team problem. Going into the neutral zone, we turn over the puck quite a bit, so if we limit that and keep the pressure towards them and make them make mistakes, then we should be fine.”

On a personal level, Einarson had a good rookie season in Virden. He scored five goals (including two in



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Gimli’s Jack Einarson and his Virden Oil Capitals defeated the Steinbach Pistons 2-1 in Game 1 of their Manitoba Junior Hockey League final last Friday.

one game) and had 14 points in 47 regular-season games.

“The numbers are OK but I really don’t look at them too much,” Einarson said. “I just go out and try to work as hard as I can. The numbers will come along as I get more ice (time) and I get older.”

In the playoffs, Einarson has three assists in 10 games while playing on

a line with Josh Belcher and Brayden Pawluk.

“I just don’t want to make any mistakes and play my role,” Einarson said. “Just do everything right.”

Virden has not won a MJHL championship since 1994 when they were the Winnipeg Saints while Steinbach won the league title in 2013.

## MJHL postpones Game 2 of final in wake of Humboldt crash

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League postponed its league final playoff game scheduled for Sunday in Virden between the Steinbach Pistons and Oil Capitals.

The MJHL office, its member clubs, players and team staffs are profoundly saddened by the devastating bus/truck accident involving the Hum-

boldt Broncos that occurred on April 6 near Nipawin, read a statement on the league website.

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# Condolences, prayers pour in for Humboldt Broncos after crash

By Brian Bowman

Condolences and prayers poured in from across the world — including right here in the Interlake — for families of the Humboldt Broncos' junior hockey team that was involved in a tragic crash last Friday that left 15 people dead and 14 others injured.

The accident occurred Friday when a semitrailer collided with the Broncos' bus while on its way to a semifinal playoff game against the Nipawin Hawks in Saskatchewan.

Nipawin's roster includes defenceman Wayde Johannesson of Arnes. Johannesson previously played in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

One of the survivors of the crash, meanwhile, was Winnipeg's Matthieu Gomerccic. Gomerccic, a former forward with the MJHL's Steinbach Pistons, suffered several lacerations and a shoulder injury.

The 20-year-old's father, Rob, played minor hockey in the Seven Oaks Raiders' organization.

Twitter was abuzz among the hockey fraternity following the horrific accident.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the Humboldt Broncos' organization and their families in this difficult time," said the Selkirk Fishermen.

The Selkirk Steelers also had several tweets from both current and former players on their Twitter



page.

"Tragedies like this are some you wish you never have to hear about," said Steelers' forward Connor Barley, who lives in St. Andrews. "My thoughts are with everyone involved in the accident."

Winnipeg Beach's Hayden Dola, who recently graduated from junior hockey after playing four seasons with the Steelers, offered his thoughts and prayers.

"As someone who's spent countless hours on a hockey bus, this news is absolutely horrific," he said.

Another former Steeler goalie, Cody Didychuk,

was with Selkirk back in 2006-07 when they won the Turnbull Cup.

"I can't believe what happened to the Humboldt Broncos," Didychuk wrote. "Having played against that team I know how much that team means to the community there. I can't imagine what the families of the players and staff are going through right now. (It) makes me sick to my stomach. It's a tragedy."

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League had this to say on its website.

"This is devastating news and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the Broncos," said MJHL commissioner Kim Davis. "We are in shock. The hockey community is absolutely heart-broken."

Hockey teams and players from leagues across North America tweeted messages of support.

Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy said he understood the "state of shock and confusion" that people are feeling after the Broncos' accident. He was involved in a crash in 1986 when a bus carrying his Swift Current Broncos' team crashed while on its way to Regina to play the Pats.

The crash killed four Broncos' players.

A GoFundMe page has been setup for the families and victims of the 15 people killed in the Broncos' accident.

## Johannesson reflects on Broncos' tragic bus accident

By Brian Bowman

The Nipawin Hawks' Wayde Johannesson went to the rink last Friday preparing for a Game 5 semifinal battle with the Humboldt Broncos.

Instead, he was left battling his emotions after hearing about the Broncos' devastating bus crash.

"I walked into the rink and was looking at our lineup to see who was all playing," he said Monday afternoon.

"And then a bunch of guys said we were having a team meeting, which I thought was kind of weird, and then our coach informed us that Humboldt had an accident."

Most Hawks' players, said Johannesson, first thought that the accident was likely a minor one.

That was hardly the case, though, as

15 individuals tragically died and 14 others were injured.

"We later found out that a semi hit the bus," Johannesson said. "A bunch of our guys had friends on the team. They're pretty down right now. It's really hard to believe that this happened. It's unbelievable."

After hearing about the severity of the crash, Johannesson reached out to his parents and close friends.

The whole town of Nipawin is in shock, said Johannesson. Many people routinely drive on that part of the highway where the accident happened.

"Pretty much every single road trip that we have had this year, we've taken that route and driven by that corner," Johannesson noted.

The junior hockey world in western Canada is a tight-knit fraternity. Guys play for the love of the game and the hope of continuing their careers at a higher level.

"(Humboldt) guys are exactly the same as us," said Johannesson, a former Interlake Lightning player from Arnes. "They're just trying to play hockey and then, the next thing that you know, their lives are being taken away. It's so hard to think of."

The bus ride to games for junior hockey players is supposed to be a fun one. Guys joke around and develop friendships that will stick for many years to come.

"Bonding on the bus is a huge thing," Johannesson said. "But I don't know if anyone can ever get on a bus again



Wayde Johannesson

without thinking about this (tragedy). "It's hard to imagine that this actually happened."

## Roller hockey league starting this month in East St. Paul

Submitted

There's an exciting new sport rolling into East St. Paul Arena this spring and summer, and it's got all kinds of benefits for all kinds of players.

The Central Canadian Roller Hockey League will be played out of the arena from April 10 to June 30 and Michael Hunt, Director of Operations for the CCRH, says the game is "ridiculously fun," and it's affordable.

"The biggest thing is it's cost effective,"

Hunt says, noting spring ice hockey programs can be expensive, running as high as \$6,000.

"For six grand your kid can play in my roller hockey program for 10 years and get more games and get more out of it than that spring hockey will ever do."

Roller hockey is played 4-on-4 and Hunt says the format, which includes no icing and no off sides, will teach kids skills that will improve their

game, whether it's on wheels or on ice.

"Too many times in ice hockey you get the puck and you dump it in and have to go chase it. (Roller hockey is) like NHL overtime, it's different than the regular NHL game — they never give up possession, they always are passing it amongst themselves, they don't take bad angle shots, it's the same thing in roller hockey," Hunt said.

"It makes the kids touch the puck more, it makes them hold the puck more. It allows them to be creative."

Hunt played for Team Canada in roller hockey eight times and is a six-time coach as well as a two-time Men's Division 1 International Ice Hockey Federation World Champion. He's also the Director of Operations for The Hockey Barn training facility.

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## Peguis a win away from Keystone Junior Hockey title

By Brian Bowman

Chase Beach-Ducharme picked a great time to show off his offensive skills on Sunday.

Beach-Ducharme scored three goals — including the game winner on the power play with 3:35 remaining in the third period — to lift the Peguis Juniors to a 4-3 home victory.

“He was really good,” said Juniors’ head coach Kevin Monkman. “He’s playing really well and shooting the puck really well.”

Dalen Schulz scored Peguis’ other goal while Alex Murray, on the power play, Brady Allan, and Robbie Drieger replied for St. Malo.

“It was a back-and-forth game,” Monkman said. “Every time we would score, they would score to tie it up within a few minutes. It was nice to get that goal late and we just held them off.”

Luke Penner made 28 saves for the victory.

With the win, Peguis now leads the Keystone Junior Hockey League best-of-seven final series three games to one.

Game 5 of the series was played Wednesday in Peguis but no score was available. The Juniors would love to win a league title on home ice in front of their great fans.

“That would be huge,” Monkman said. “The last (title) we won at home so I think the guys will be ready to go Wednesday. We have only won once at home in all of their championships, so we’re hoping to clinch it on Wednesday.”

St. Malo got back into the series after a 3-2 win in Game 3 Saturday in Morris.

St. Malo’s Caleb Resch scored the lone goal of the first period on the power play and then both teams tallied twice in the second period.

Schulz scored both of Peguis’ goals. The second one of the period came while the Juniors were shorthanded.

Alex Murray and Allan replied for the Warriors. Allan’s goal came with just 21 seconds remaining in the period.

Resch and Peguis’ Romano Paul then traded goals in the third.

Peguis took a 2-0 series lead after a solid 2-0 win over the Warriors in St. Malo on April 3.

Tristan Slater scored a first-period goal for the Juniors and then Tyrome Spence-Bair tallied in the third.

Allan Kohli made 26 saves for the win.

St. Malo was 1-for-12 with the man advantage while Peguis was 1-for-3.

If necessary, Game 6 of the KJHL



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Juniors’ Chase Beach-Ducharme scored three goals, including the game winner this past Sunday to lift Peguis to a 4-3 home victory.

final is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. in Peguis on Sunday at 5 p.m. Morris while Game 7 would return to

## Interlake players clash in WHL playoff series

Staff

Balmoral’s Matthew Stanley had an assist and was a plus-two to lead the Lethbridge Hurricanes to a 5-4 overtime victory Saturday over the Brandon Wheat Kings in Game 2 of their second-round series.

Tate Olson scored the game winner at 16:31 of OT.

Wheat Kings’ forward Linden McCorrister of Peguis First Nation had two assists in the losing cause.

Brandon goaltender Dylan Myskiw, a Winnipeg product, made 42 saves.

Lethbridge won Game 1 of the best-of-seven series 5-1 on Friday in Lethbridge.

Stanley now has a goal and an assist in seven post-season games this season. In the regular season, the 6-foot-

1, 177-pound defenceman had four assists and 40 penalty minutes in 40 games.

McCorrister, meanwhile, had a real good regular season, scoring 20 goals and producing 23 assists in 59 regular-season games.

In the playoffs, McCorrister has four goals and 10 points in eight games.

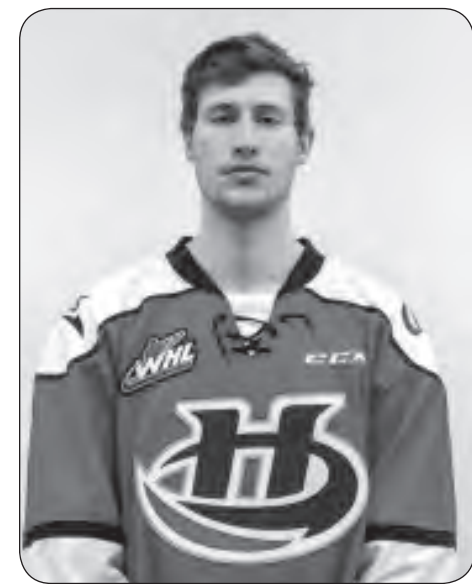
The series resumed Tuesday and Wednesday in Brandon but no scores were available at press time.

If necessary, Game 5 will be played in Lethbridge Friday (7 p.m.) while a Game 6 is set for Brandon on Sunday (4 p.m.).

A series-deciding Game 7 is slated for Lethbridge on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Linden McCorrister



Matthew Stanley



# Lott, Sahaidak win silver at Canadian Mixed Doubles Curling Championship

**Staff**

Colton Lott and Kadriana Sahaidak were one win away from wearing Team Canada jackets at the world championship in Östersund, Sweden later this month.

The Interlake duo lost 8-7 to Laura Crocker and Kirk Muyres in the final of the 2018 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship in Leduc, Alta., back on April 1.

Sandy Hook's Lott and Gimli's Sahaidak led 7-6 heading into the final end before Crocker's final takeout sealed the win.

Sahaidak and Lott came into the final as the only

undefeated team in the competition. They were the youngest team at the national championship while Sahaidak was playing in her first-ever national event.

Earlier in the day, Sahaidak and Lott defeated Chelsea Carey and Colin Hodgson 7-3 in a semifinal match.

In the other semifinal clash, Crocker and Muyres defeated the 2017 champions, Joanne Courtney and Reid Carruthers, 9-4.

The World Mixed Double Curling Championship will take place from April 21 to 28.



**EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF CURL CANADA**  
Interlake duo Colton Lott, left, and Kadriana Sahaidak won silver at the 2018 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship in Leduc, Alta.

# Kurz wins Manitoba mixed curling title

**Staff**

Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club's Colin Kurz defeated Gimli's Justin Richter 8-4 in the final of the 2018 Chicken Chef Manitoba Mixed Curling Championship on Sunday in East St. Paul.

Both teams were tied at 3-3 after four ends but Kurz broke the game wide open with four in the fifth. Both rinks then traded singles in the next two ends to close out the game.

Team Kurz reached the final after edging Deer

Lodge's Sean Grassie 5-4 in a semifinal matchup, scoring one in the eighth end with the hammer.

Kurz's rink features third Meghan Walter, second Brendan Bilawka, lead Sara Oliver of Marquette and alternates Hailey Ryan and Hugh McFarlane.

Richter, meanwhile, scored four in the eighth and final end to nip Miami's Corey Chambers 5-4 in the other semifinal game.

Richter's rink features third Kerri Einarson, second Kyle Einarson and lead Jennifer Clark-Rouire.

Sixteen teams competed for the provincial title while East St. Paul was well represented by Team Cripps (host team) and Team Dunstone (reigning 2017 Manitoba Mixed Provincial champions).

Team Kurz will now represent Manitoba at the 56th edition of the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship to be held Nov. 5-10 at the Fort Rouge Curling Club in Winnipeg.

## > ROLLER HOCKEY, FROM PG. 17

Hunt says kids who come out and play roller hockey fall in love with the game. He said he introduced 12 kids at The Hockey Barn to roller hockey recently, and all 12 immediately signed up for the summer league.

On top of that, Hunt says there are about 55 NHL players, including new Winnipeg Jet Paul Stastny, who have either played or are still playing roller hockey.

The CCRH league has five youth divisions — 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 17U, along with adult men's and women's divisions. It's an 18-game season with youth games played Thursday and Friday nights. Adult games are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday nights, all at East St. Paul Arena.

For more information visit [ccrh.ca](http://ccrh.ca), email [huntsy15@live.com](mailto:huntsy15@live.com) or call 204-807-1551.

## get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

### Pressure Cooker Corn Chowder

- Servings: 12
- 6 slices (6 ounces each) thick-cut bacon, chopped
  - 1 small yellow onion, diced
  - 3 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, diced
  - 1 bag (16 ounces, about 3 1/3 cups) frozen corn kernels
  - 4 cups chicken broth
  - 1 pound unpeeled or peeled Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1/4-1/2-inch chunks
  - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste

- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
  - 2-3 green onions, sliced (optional)
  - 1 tablespoon heavy cream or half-and-half (optional)
- Heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chopped bacon and cook until crispy. Using a slotted spoon, transfer cooked bacon to paper towel-lined plate and pour off all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat.
- Return skillet to stove. Add onion and garlic; saute 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Add diced chicken and frozen corn; saute for an additional 3 minutes, stirring often.
- Remove skillet from heat and transfer contents to pressure cooker. Add chicken broth, potatoes, salt and pepper.



Close and seal pressure cooker, making sure the vent is in the sealed position. Cook on high 8 minutes.

While the chowder cooks, make a slurry by whisking cornstarch (or flour) into milk. Set aside.

When done, remove pressure cooker from heat. Allow pressure to release on its own or carefully quick-release pressure after a few minutes. Stir in the cornstarch-milk slurry. Cover and allow chowder to thicken for 10-15 minutes before serving.

Portion soup into bowls and generously top with bacon. Garnish with green onion and cream or half-and-half, if desired. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste.





## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SEASONAL POSITION

### Description:

The successful candidate will be responsible for monitoring compliance to by-laws within the Municipality; must possess effective public relations and communication skills; ability to deal effectively with complaint investigations and resolution, perform duties effectively with minimal supervision, and maintain accurate work records.

The successful candidate must be available to respond to calls during the day time, evening and weekends, on an on-call / complaint basis. They must use their own personal vehicle and have a valid Manitoba Driver's License. They must be familiar with Microsoft Office products as the position requires tracking and follow-up of by-law complaints and concerns, including issuing letters and fines, as required. Preference will be given to applicants with past experience in by-law enforcement.

The successful applicant must be able to obtain RCMP security clearance before commencing work. Medical information pertaining to job responsibilities may be requested.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a written application, including 3 references, by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 to:

Joann Murphy, CAO  
Rural Municipality of Gimli  
62 - 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246  
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0  
Email: gimli@rmgimli.com  
Fax: (204) 642-6660

*We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

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9	2			8				
					6	3		5
		5					9	
2	7							
8	4	1					5	2
			1					
1	9						8	
			6					3
	3	7		9			6	

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1	9	5	8	6	2	7	3	4
3	7	6	1	4	9	2	8	5
4	2	8	5	3	7	9	6	1
6	8	4	2	7	1	3	5	9
2	5	7	6	9	3	1	4	8
9	3	1	4	5	8	6	7	2
8	6	2	7	1	4	5	9	3
5	4	3	9	2	6	8	1	7
7	1	9	6	3	8	5	2	4

Sudoku Answer

S	M	V	S	S	E	V	W	
E	R	O	D	V	S	E	I	R
E	R	O	D	V	S	E	I	R
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U	V	E	N	V	D	B	O	T
W	P	D	V	C	O	D	I	U
S	T	S	E	T	V	T	O	H
E	S	E	R	D	E	R	V	O
N	E	K	R	K	E	R	V	O
O	P	V	T	W	R	A	S	E
T	U	H	S	D	E	I	W	T
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Crossword Answer

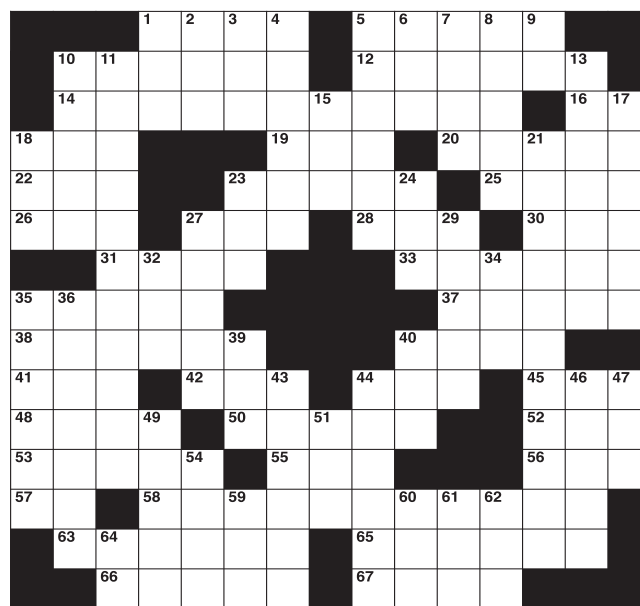
## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- Maintained possession of
- Dropsy
- Type of music
- One who is deliberately cruel
- 411
- Rhode Island
- Follows sigma
- Baked dessert
- Craftsman
- Austrian river
- Distributed
- Close
- Midway between east and southeast
- Thunderstorm code
- Where wrestlers work
- Away from (prefix)
- Canadian law enforcers
- Shade
- Sir Samuel \_\_, Brit. statesman
- Della \_\_, singer
- Existing in fact
- Tennis matches have at least two
- Reunifying Chinese dynasty
- Not just "play"
- Angry
- Photomultiplier tube
- Slovenly person
50. \_\_ and Diu
- Cologne
- What actors deliver
- Campaigned
- Cash machine
- Spanish be
- Animal that eats insects
- Colonists who supported the British
- Loved
- A pair of people who live together
- Work tools

### CLUES DOWN

- Kilogram force (abbr.)



- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Score
- A way to modify
- Respect
- Midwife
- Region near the Dead Sea
- \_\_ Gerais: gold-rich state of Brazil
- Equally
- Monetary units
- The mentioning of things one by one
- Traveling entertainers
- Small island
- A way to sing
- \_\_-bo: form of exercise
- "The Bard"
- The best player
- Male parent
- Harm the reputation of
- Allow for the tare of
- Grand \_\_: wine classification
- Soak
- Bother
- Ophthalmologist
- Preceded
- \_\_ Francisco, California
- Touch gently
- Lithuanian given name
- Matched
- Stomach
- Mother of all gods in Scots' Celtic mythology
- Partner to cheese
- Fit of irritation
- Visit
- Suffragist Wells
- Swearing to the truth of a statement
- Old Red Sandstone
- Sacred Hindu syllable

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#### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage Agreement & Lease renewal dates and advise the appropriate department of required yearly renewals
- Assist with the maintaining project files for CAO and council
- Manage the Municipal Directory inclusive of paper and electronic files for By Laws, Agreements, leases, tenders, policies and projects
- Word processing, spreadsheet design and data entry and general secretarial support
- Act as a liaison for the Community organizations, committees and projects
- Complete the clerical duties of the Municipal Grants Programs
- Council Meetings including preparing the agenda and resolutions, completing of minutes
- Complete the follow up from the Council meetings
- Other duties as required by the CAO, ACAO and Council

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Preference will be given to applicants who have completed or are currently enrolled in the CMMA program and who have Municipal Administration experience in providing administrative support services. Excellent communication, organizational and time management skills with the ability to set priorities and meet deadlines is required.

Strong customer service skills and the ability to effectively interact with other support and professional staff and the public are required. Experience with Microsoft Office applications is required.

Demonstrated ability to work under minimum supervision and in a team setting is required. May require attendance outside of regular working hours.

Salary range \$15.56 to \$18.91 (as per Collective Agreement) based on experience and education.

Work Week defined as 35 hours

Interested applicants are invited to submit a written application by April 19, 2018.

Kelly Cosgrove, ACAO, Rural Municipality of Gimli  
62 - 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0  
Email: gimli@rmgimli.com

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF

*West Interlake*

The RM of West Interlake is requesting a listing of equipment and current rates from contractors in the area. Forms are available at the municipal offices or on our website, [www.rmofwestinterlake.com](http://www.rmofwestinterlake.com) and to be returned by April 16, 2018.

Forms can be returned via mail, e-mail, fax or in person  
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Proposals must include the following information:

- Expected start date
- Expected closing date
- Days and hours of operation
- Previous food services experience
- Types of food to be offered
- Proposed annual rental payment
- Building improvements (if planned)
- Listing of operators equipment

The Agreement will be for a one-year period; with the option to renew for an additional one year period, at Council's discretion.

- Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted
- Local preference will be considered
- Experience in food service preferred
- RM of Gimli business licence required
- Liability Insurance in the amount no less than \$2,000,000 required
- Must hold or obtain a valid Food Handler's Certificate
- Operator is responsible for Utilities

Sealed submissions clearly marked "Beach Concession" will be received by the undersigned at the address below until noon on **Thursday, April 26, 2018**  
Late submissions will not be accepted.

Rural Municipality of Gimli  
62 - 2nd Avenue, PO Box 1246  
Gimli, MB R0C 1B0  
Attention: Kelly Cosgrove, Assistant CAO

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI

### UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter(s):

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 18-0008 Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended**

**HEARING LOCATION:** RM of Gimli Council Chambers  
62 - 2nd Avenue  
Gimli, MB

**DATE & TIME:** April 25, 2018  
7:00 pm

**AFFECTED AREA:** Pt of SE 32-19-4 EPM  
#113061 PR 222  
Roll 204080

**GENERAL INTENT:** To rezone an area in the RM of Gimli from "AL" Agricultural Limited Zone to "SRR" Residential Resort Zone as part of a residential subdivision (RMG-18-01S).

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Thom, CAO/Development Officer, Eastern Interlake Planning District  
62 - 2nd Avenue, Box 1758 Gimli, Manitoba R0C 1B0  
Ph: 204-642-5478 Fax: 204-642-4061  
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3 bedroom bungalow with single attached garage and large 1344 Sq. ft. shop

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ENGAGEMENT**



Larry and Irene Sobkowich of Gimli MB. together with Ernest and Hildi Paesler of Palm Springs California are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Samantha and Klaus their wedding will be held in June 2018 at HYDE HOUSE Stow-on-the-wold England UK Congratulations!

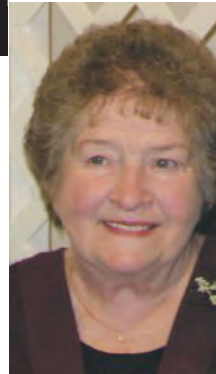
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ENGAGEMENT**



Murray and Lori Shepell along with Bob and Karen Elliot are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Chelsea and Ryan A July 14, 2018 wedding is planned. A bridal shower will be held May 27, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Red Barn Stonewall. A social evening is planned on April 28th at the Stonewall Legion. The couple is registered at Stonewall, Fisher Branch, and Arborg Home Hardware and The Bay

**OBITUARY**



**Alice Helga Sigurdson**  
February 9, 1937 - April 2, 2018

Peacefully, on Monday April 2, 2018, at the Arborg Personal Care Home, Alice passed away at the age of 81.

She leaves to mourn her children Roy and Candice, (Shawn and Shawna, Mark and Stephanie and Tyler and Stephanie); Sandra and Thor Dahlman, (Marni and Preston, Eric and Loreen); Wendy and Kevin Johannesson, (Jason and Kelly, Brian and Tabby and Cheryl); Loris and Dave Bertrand (Scott and Kelsie, Sarah and Dan); and Dennis and Charlene (Devin and Kyra); and 20 great-grandchildren; her sisters Gudrun, Inga and Lilja. She was predeceased by her husband Marino, son Gary; her parents Bjarni and Bjorg Vigfusson, her in-laws Helgi and Lauga, three sisters, three brothers and six brothers-in-law.

Alice was born and raised in Riverton where she attended school always being at the top of her class. She married Marino in August of 1954 and moved to the farm six miles down the road in Hnausa. Those were busy years with a mixed farm, huge gardens, and a lot of cooking, baking, canning and raising six children (and there was always room for a few extra kids). She retired to Riverton in 1993, moving back down the same road to Riverton. She always welcomed visitors with a smile, coffee and baking. She continued to provide home cooked meals to her family whenever they visited her. She enjoyed feeding and watching birds with her bird book always on hand. She was an accomplished knitter, quilter and seamstress. She mastered many crafts and always enjoyed entertaining her grandchildren. Her family will treasure the items made for them. She was known in Riverton as a person to go to for mending and alterations. She was an active member of the Riverton Hnausa Lutheran Church, appreciated for her deckers for the Sunday lunch and enjoyed being part of the choir. She also volunteered for many years in the Adult Day Care Program at the Icelandic River Lodge.

In November of 2012 she suffered a debilitating stroke and became a resident of the PCH in 2013. At the PCH Mom enjoyed her visits from her family and friends, and especially appreciated her weekly visits from her sister Gunna. The family is grateful to the staff at the PCH for their care of Mom. We especially wish to recognize Alice's niece, Linda, for always looking out for her.

In accordance with her wishes there will be no funeral. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

The family gratefully declines flowers. If desired, donations may be made to the Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church in her memory.

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Condolences, pictures and videos can be left on Alice's tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

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