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## Students head back to class

By Patricia Barrett

Aidan (Grade 4) and his sister Ava (Grade 3) said they had a lot of fun on their first day of school last Wednesday at Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School in Gimli.

"We had music and explorations," said Ava. "And we had to write in our journals and create our cover for our journal." She drew a rose, a tree, rainfall and a robin on her journal.

"I did the same thing," said Aidan, "but I had to write a number. I wrote I have three siblings." He drew a smiley face on the cover of his journal along with his name.

Their dad, Sheldon, was on hand at 3:30 to pick them up.

Sigurbjorg Stefansson, part of the Evergreen School Division, has 250 students in kindergarten to Grade 4. This year the school is focusing on having students document their learning. They record their ideas using sketches, iPads and cameras, which they then share with other students.

EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Students across the Interlake headed back to school last week for the first day of classes. Aidan (left) and Ava were all smiles for their first day at Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School in Gimli on Sept. 9.

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# Winnipeg Beach Harvest Fest

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Winnipeg Beach enjoyed a day of feasting, frolicking and good cheer under sunny skies during Harvest Fest last Saturday.

Bobbi Campbell from Stonewall was on a family camping adventure for the weekend in the popular resort town. She said her two-year-old son was "thrilled" with the bouncy castle set up near the outdoor stage. She later took to the stage for a bit of foot-stomping country dancing.

Mayor Tony Pimentel and members of the Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Club dished up corn on the cob for hungry festival-goers. Park Place Meats & Grocery lent its support by supplying the corn.

The Lions are instrumental in the community, raising money to improve the lives of residents and foster cohesion. The proceeds from the corn sale will go towards a worthy cause.

"Anything that comes up in the community — people who have problems with eyesight or people with disabilities — we are there to help," said Pimentel, who is president of the club.

Kelly Wionzek (The Viking Merchant) from Winnipeg displayed a variety of handcrafted Viking goods, such as shields, gold inlaid drinking horns and decorative jewelry fashioned with typical Viking gemstones such as carnelian and amber. Wionzek has taught a number of programs (carving, ship-building) in conjunction with the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. Contrary to common belief, warriors did not sport horns on their helmets.

"We have Richard Wagner and his opera [The Valkyrie] to thank for that," said Wionzek.



Janice Cherlet, Norwex Consultant, demonstrates some fancy hand work. Cherlet staffed a booth at the outdoor market, showcasing a number of the fair-trade company's chemical-free products.



Kelly Wionzek, The Viking Merchant, with a gold inlaid drinking horn.



From left, SCAPE members oral storyteller Helma Rogge Rehders, artist Linda Bradley and musician/music teacher Susan Hammer attended the Harvest Fest. SCAPE promoted their variety nights and artistic opportunities.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Members of the Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Club served up corn on the cob for hungry festival-goers at the annual Harvest Fest last weekend.



Sophia built a strawpuppy (scarecrow body, puppy face) for the children's scarecrow competition. Her dog Bingo was her model.

# Boil water advisory lifted for Ashern

By Jeff Ward

After 10 days of being under a boil water advisory, the town and residents of Ashern can now drink safely from their faucets.

The advisory came after a power outage at the water treatment plant,

which is just on the outskirts of Ashern along PTH 325 east on Aug. 26. A fuse blew on the hydro pole near the plant and caused the reservoir to go dry, which prompted the water advisory.

"Power was restored the plant on

the same day, but there are certain regulations that you have to follow in getting the water tested," said Randy Helgason, reeve of the RM of West Interlake.

"[The advisory] was just a precautionary measure. We had no reason

to believe the water was bad. It's just a public safety thing and there are many regulations we have to follow to lift the advisory."

The advisory was lifted Sept. 4 and all water tests came back negative.



# Icelandic Festival named Top 100 events in North America

By Patricia Barrett

The American Bus Association named Gimli's Icelandic Festival one of North America's Top 100 events for 2016.

The association's annual compendium is chosen by tourism industry professionals and is one of the most sought-after lists by travel professionals, coach operators and tourists.

"If you're designated one of Canada's Top 100 attractions," said Chris Brown, executive director of the Icelandic Festival, "there's a good shot tour bus companies will put you on their roster."

That means Gimli stands to reap greater recognition and economic spinoff from the festival that celebrates all things Viking.

Being on the list will swing people's attention our way, said Brown, who ran his own marketing company in Winnipeg. "They'll think, 'Maybe I should check this out.'"

One of the big draws of the festival is the Viking Village, which is inhabited by 60 to 80 people, said Brown. It demonstrates how the Normans, Danes, Swedes, Finns and Anglo-Saxons (collectively called Vikings) dressed, ate, slept and worked in the ninth and 10th centuries.

Visitors can learn how warriors train for combat and watch a battle. Children aged six to 10 are given the opportunity to get on the field and go head to head with a Viking.

"No one's ever been killed," said Brown, who took over the director's seat this year. "Welts maybe — and fake deaths."

Islendingadagurinn, as it's called in Icelandic, is the second oldest continuous ethnic festival in North America. Manitoba's first Icelandic Festival was held in Winnipeg in 1890 and relocated to Gimli in 1932, according to the festival's website.

It seems fitting that a bus association is honouring the event: Gimli's inaugural festival saw a number of Winnipeg buses being hired to transport Winnipeggers to and from the new site.

The festival offers more than an economic boost from tourism and a chance to play Fris-nok, a made-in-Gimli game that's a cross between ultimate Frisbee and shooting bottles off a post. Brown said it's a chance to re-establish ties with Iceland and discuss matters of mutual benefit.

"It's our chance as Canadians to talk business with Iceland," he said. The prime minister, the president and the bishop of Iceland have all attended the event.

The Icelandic Festival was chosen from hundreds of nominations submitted by members of the American Bus Association. Part of the criteria included the event's broad appeal, the ability to handle large numbers of people [40,000 to 60,000] and accessibility to coaches, according to the press release.

The association also chose Manitoba's Highland Gathering and Canada's National Ukrainian Festival (Dauphin) as premier events for 2016.

"Congratulations to the three Manitoba events included in ABA's 2016 Top 100 Events in North America list,"



EXPRESS PHOTO BY STEFANIE LASUIK

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba has been designated as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2016 by an experienced tourism industry selection committee.

said Colin Ferguson, president and CEO of Travel Manitoba, in a Sept. 8 press release. "All three of these events offer immersive cultural experiences that celebrate our province's diverse history and traditions, as well as our renowned hospitality."

Most of the events in the four-day Icelandic festival are free of charge. For more information, visit [www.icelandicfestival.com](http://www.icelandicfestival.com). The bus association's Top 100 events list can be found at [www.buses.org/Top100](http://www.buses.org/Top100).

## STARS air ambulance responds to burn incident near St. Laurent

By Jeff Ward

A St. Laurent man was flown to Health Sciences Centre (HSC) in Winnipeg last weekend with severe burns after falling into a bonfire about three kilometres north of St. Laurent.

The incident happened in the early morning hours of Sept. 12 and prompted the call of the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) air ambulance to assist in rushing the man to hospital. The air ambulance was dispatched at 1 a.m. and was airborne at 1:06 a.m., according to Cam Heke, communications lead for STARS Manitoba.

An advanced care paramedic and critical care nurse were on scene at

1:36 a.m. and back in the air at 2:05 a.m. with the patient, who was then transferred to emergency care at HSC at 2:25 a.m.

"It was just a freak accident," said St. Laurent fire chief Real Fontaine, who was on the scene helping set up a landing zone for the helicopter.

"There wasn't much we could do for him except provide him and the family some comfort and let them know that help was on its way. He was conscious and co-operative the whole time."

The man's identity is being withheld out of respect for the family. His current condition is not known at this time.

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# Gimli council may extend notification period for tax sales

By Patricia Barrett

At the regular meeting Sept. 9, Gimli council discussed lengthening the notification period that property owners currently have to pay outstanding taxes.

The RM conducts tax sales when properties with three years of taxes and penalties (the current year plus two preceding years) are in arrears. An interest rate of 1.25 per cent is charged on the first day of every month that bills remain outstanding.

The RM sends out warning letters to owners.

Coun. Thora Palson suggested the notices be sent in December rather than February in order to give property owners a longer period of time to rectify outstanding accounts.

Taxes are assessed from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the current year. Council agreed to examine the current notification period.

## Other council briefs:

- In honour of Betel Home Foundation's 100th anniversary, council authorized a donation of \$5,000 for the purchase of two electric beds.

Chief Administrative Officer Joann King said many of Gimli's residents — who paid property taxes for several years — enter the personal care home. Council should not "ignore the fact they need comfort," she said.

- Council discussed Sandy Hook residents' request for reduced speed on Highway 9 between First and 17 avenues. At an Aug. 12 council meeting, a delegation had presented their

concerns about traffic safety.

A Sandy Hook resident is currently completing a survey. To date, it shows most people supporting a maximum speed limit of 60 km/h year round.

"There are multiple driveways and intersections onto the road," said King. "In a two-mile stretch, there are 191 accesses."

The road has "significant curves at Sixth and 12 Avenue and Kencarron Crescent," she said. "It's also a highly used [school] bus route."

King said she drove the stretch to see how a 60 km/h speed would affect a driver's ability to deal with sudden events.

"At 60, you can still see and react," she said. "It didn't feel nearly as slow as 50."

Coun. Richard Petrowski said in summer there are lots of people on bikes, walking their dogs or holding garage sales along the highway.

"It takes a minute longer to drive those two miles," said Petrowski, who supports residents' request for reduced speed.

Council authorized King to make an application to the Highway Traffic Board for a permanent maximum speed of 60 km/h. She said the province will hold a public hearing that Sandy Hook residents should plan to attend.

"It's important for people to go to the hearing and have a voice," said King, who has gone before the traffic board in the past on behalf of Sandy Hook residents.

- Council reviewed a variance request from property owner Roland



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Left to right, Coun. Richard Petrowski, chair of Economic Development & Planning, and Deputy Mayor Peter Peiluck, chair of Finance & Administration.

Stankevicius to build an addition onto his cottage. The addition would bring the outside wall closer to a neighbouring lot.

Stankevicius appeared before council to discuss his application to build an additional bedroom to accommodate his three children.

Coun. Petrowski asked why Stankevicius wanted the extension built on that specific side of his cottage. Stankevicius cited structural considerations that would prohibit an extension elsewhere and reduce cottage space.

"We don't want to lose cottage space," said Stankevicius.

The variance application received three letters of support and one ob-

jection. The objection came from firefighter and property owner Daniel Wasylkiw, who raised concerns about fire safety.

King said she reviewed the building code and told Stankevicius he'd be required to build a fire-safe wall, but due to the proximity of the two buildings, he would be prohibited from adding a window.

Council approved the variance with the condition that if it's not acted on in 12 months, it will expire.

- Council carried a motion to recognize Becky Barrett's citizen appointment to the Evergreen Regional Library Board.

# New CAO starting for the RM of West Interlake

By Jeff Ward

For the last five months, the RM of West Interlake has been without a full-time CAO, and now after a long search, the position has finally been filled.

Larissa Love, formerly the CAO for the RM of De Salaberry, has taken the position of CAO for the RM of West Interlake. West Interlake council passed a resolution on Aug. 11 during their regular meeting with a unanimous vote.

Love takes over for the interim CAO Dale Lyle, who's been with the RM since mid-April and served his last day as CAO on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Love's first official day as CAO was Thursday, Sept. 10, and she's eager to get down to business.

"I'm always looking for [opportunities] and this one presented itself," said a very excited Love.

Love moved into Erksdale Sept. 4 in an effort to become a part of the community. She didn't want to commute each day and also felt that being a part of the community is an important part of the job. Meeting West Interlake residents, eating at the same restaurants and shopping in the same stores, that's how you get an understanding of what's going on in the community, according to Love.

"I love to be active in the commu-

nity and it is important. When you're involved in your community, you get

to know what [their] needs are and what people want to see and want developed. I think it's a benefit for the RM to have a CAO living [here]," said Love.

The RM of West Interlake is going through some rough times right now.

Many citizens in Erksdale aren't happy with the amalgamation, and even the reeve has decided that annexation is the best thing for both communities. However, this tension didn't deter Love from taking

the job, and she wants to get as much information about the situation as possible.

"I'd love to sit down with the group (WICG) and see what their concerns are because I don't see any cause for concern, but again I've been here two days. Every municipality has their concerns, and you see a lot of petitions with a lot of signatures and sometimes they're positive and sometimes not so positive. But I'd like to sit down with them and hear their concerns," noted the new CAO.

Love has completed the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Course and has four years of experience as a CAO — two years as CAO for Lynn Lake and two years as CAO for the RM of De Salaberry.

"I THINK IT'S A BENEFIT FOR THE RM TO HAVE A CAO LIVING THERE."



# Students across the Interlake headed back to class



Kaylee and Austin get their lockers ready for another long, exciting year at Lundar School.



ABOVE, Dylan and Nolan took a soccer break from classes on the first day; BELOW, Riverton Collegiate staff were ready for the first day of classes last week.



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Fisher Branch students headed back to class last Thursday.

## A wide array of recreation programs in Arborg

### Submitted

The Town of Arborg held its annual fall/winter registration on Sept. 12, and at first glance there seems to be something for everyone.

Local community organizations joined with the Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission to highlight the numerous options people of all ages have to become or remain active. The community welcomes back gymnastics, as upgrades to the Early Middle Years School's gymnasium last year forced it to take a year off. For more information about the gymnastics program, please contact Stacy at [arborg\\_gymnastics@yahoo.ca](mailto:arborg_gymnastics@yahoo.ca).

Dance seems to be very popular in Arborg with numerous options. Partners In Time Dance will continue instructing ballet, jazz and tap classes, while X-Company will offer some similar dances but also features a

martial arts component along with hip hop, salsa and hop n bop for pre-schoolers. There is also the Reechka Dancers that have been celebrating the Ukrainian culture for almost 30 years in Arborg, with many of the dancers performing this past summer at Folklorama.

Tuesday is Zumba day at the Community Centre. This program is a great way to get moving to music, and the program offers kids and adult zumba. The more traditional winter programs: of Arborg Minor Hockey and Arborg Skating Club continue to grow and develop their programs. Both organizations offer

programs for children that are four years old and older.

The Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission complements the local organizations by offering classes such as Kids in the Kitchen, Walking Club, Guitar Lessons, Floor Curling & Shuffleboard, and new this year is a Saturday Youth Program designed for children seven to 12 years that will have a variety of activities such

as games and crafts. Curling is also a focal point where kids can register in the Little Rocks Program, Junior Curling or Sticks and Stones.

If people do not know who to contact for the programs that are offered in the Town of Arborg, you are encouraged to contact the Recreation Centre at 204-376-5576 and staff will direct you in the right direction.

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## > ARNIE WEIDL Living the marine life on Hecla Village shores

Welcome back, friends. The sun was high and brilliant in an absolutely cloudless sky as I drove slowly along the old road that curved this way and that following the shore in Hecla Village.

Idling slowly northward with the windows down in my car, taking in the maritime-styled homes, my eye caught a house with an old canoe turned on its side on the lawn adorned with coloured rocks and flowers, then another with a dark metal whale ornament atop its chimney. A bit down the road, freshly painted old wooden fishing boats now beached still showed their strong build that I'm sure was needed when they took our fishers out on the sometimes angry Lake Winnipeg.

Further north at Gull Harbor, I stopped at the Lighthouse Inn for lunch. The white two-storey building, like everything else in Hecla, is cloaked in marine life. I entered the café, pulling on a large sailing ship's wheel door handle. Before me, past some tables, old fish nets hung between heavy posts. On the walls, large cork net floats, lobster traps and lighthouse pictures immersed you in the captivating world of a mariner.

I noticed some men sitting and eating lunch, so I walked up to them, introduced myself and asked if they had any fishing stories. One chap, Jerry Doll — with greying hair, a round soft-featured face, quiet voice and a body that was used to work — looked up, saying he had one. Years ago, he and his wife, Ivy, used to commercial fish out of Manigotagan. Ivy, it seems, though of small size, was fearless when it came to getting out on the lake to lift nets. All the other fishers in the neighborhood would say that if Ivy was going out, they would have to go out too.

One time, Jerry got sick and Ivy needed a helper to do a lift. The only person handy was a young guy, Wayne, who was in bed having not gotten much sleep the last few days. When he was rudely woken to help Ivy, he cried out, "That Christly Ivy, she never leaves you alone!"

"That's how my Ivy got her nickname 'Christly Ivy,'" Jerry said, smiling as he took a sip of his coffee. As I left Jerry, the Lighthouse Inn restaurant and magical Hecla, I remembered Jerry telling me that long ago, the lighthouse building used to be a fish hatchery.

I was over at Lockport last Saturday looking to pass the time with anglers there and saw most were shoreline angling on the northwest side of the Red. There's a long,



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL**

Greg Adams with his 32-inch trout caught at Ear Falls.

steep slope to the riverbank, and although I made it in one piece, I felt a little like a mountain goat getting there. On the bank, I met a fine couple, Greg and Carla Adams from Ear Falls, which is close to Red Lake, Ont.

Greg had not caught anything yet but told the story of when two weeks ago he caught a 32-inch trout in Ear Falls. He said they were fishing out of their boat with 12-pound test line and got a horrific strike that Greg immediately knew was way too much for his light gear. They put the boat in reverse and let the fish lead them around for 45 minutes. Finally they landed it. Before releasing it, they weighed it as best they could at over 20 pounds.

I like to visit with the folks at Victoria Beach at least once a year, and now that the Labour Day weekend is over, you can drive right up to the pier. There, fighting an almost gale-force wind and huge waves slamming about, I met and visited with anglers Trevor and Sonia Robb and their son Sander. Trevor said that Sander had gotten a little upset this summer because he hadn't caught anything all season. Then just last week, he caught a gigantic 28-inch white bass, which, in his estimation, made up for the whole unlucky summer.

To all of you who shared fishing stories with us this week, we thank you and I'll see you next week. Bye now.

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# Business owner in charge of encouraging local business growth

By Jeff Ward

The RM of Grahamdale has a new economic development officer (EDO) who's ready to make the RM the place to start your next business.

Sandhall Bauch knows what it takes to build a successful business, with her business Iron Oak Authentics as living proof that the Interlake can be a great place to start a business and be successful. So it makes sense that she was chosen to become the next EDO for Grahamdale. However, it was a job she almost didn't apply for.

"I actually didn't even know about the job until I was at my parents' place reading the AroundTown," said Bauch, who then consulted with her parents, asking for their advice on whether or not to apply for the position.

"They told me to go for it and said I would be good for it. I then went and spoke to the girls at the [RM] office

and asked them, and they were also very encouraging. I was so excited to be chosen and I can't wait to start working."

Bauch's first official day is Sept. 21. However, she is doing an impressive job of splitting her brain in half right now, with a lot of her time and energy focused on making sure her customers are satisfied but also getting up to speed with the Grahamdale Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Bauch will be working with the CDC directly as part of her role as EDO and has already been catching up on CDC projects. She still has yet to meet with all CDC members individually but is excited to hear what they have to say and to hear their ideas to improve the RM.

"I want to show people that even though we are rural, we can still do

things on a large scale. I had no fear in opening my business here and I want to encourage that type of interest in the community. As long as someone has a dream, we can help make it happen," said Bauch confidently.

With Bauch starting next week, she doesn't have a timeline on any projects or ideas just yet. Talking about what she'd like to tackle first is a bit premature, but she mentioned that the work she puts in for one area of the RM, she would put in for another. There are no favourites for Bauch, and she wants to see the RM grow together as opposed to fragmented growth.

"Hopefully in the years going forward we can create a real buzz here in Grahamdale," noted Bauch.

If Grahamdale can look forward to the same growth and popularity that her own business has, then it will surely be in good hands.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY JEFF WARD  
Sandhall Bauch is the new face of economic development for the RM of Grahamdale.

## Passing lane etiquette

By Jeff Ward

If there is any confusion on how to drive with the new passing lanes on Highway 6, let this article be your guide to save you from getting a ticket.

The passing lanes, which were added during the widening and resurfacing of Highway 6 earlier this summer, stretch south of St. Laurent to just north of Warren and are designed to help the flow of traffic by allowing slower vehicles to move to the right while faster vehicles can pass safely. It also allows for a much safer way to pass. Faster-moving vehicles will no longer have to pass into oncoming traffic.

The question that drivers may have is "Do I need to move over to the right all the time?"

"The answer is yes," said Const. Shawn Smith, who's spent the last seven years in the traffic division for the RCMP and now works in St. Rose Du Lac.

"The way it should work is as soon as you hit that lane, you stay in the right-hand lane until the lanes merge back. And if you're passing, merge back into the right-hand lane as soon as you're done passing."

Smith says that while there is no law in Manitoba that punishes drivers for

driving in the left-hand lane, there is however a section of the Highway Traffic Act that says that drivers can be penalized for failing to return to the right-hand lane after passing. So

while there is no specific law, there are interpretations of existing laws that might cost drivers.

Each RCMP officer will use his or her own discretion when issuing tickets, but the clear way to avoid a ticket would be to just stay in right lane unless passing.

Drivers may feel that if they're doing the speed limit in the left-hand passing lane that they're fine to stay there, but that's not the case.

"Even if you're doing the speed limit and you've got a guy behind you doing 140 km/h, it's much safer if you just pull over and let them

pass. They're putting you in danger by tailgating you," cautioned Smith.

Alternatively, the vehicle barreling down the highway could be an emergency vehicle, so it's just best to get into the habit of moving over into that right-hand lane. Even if it's 3 a.m. and you're the only soul on the highway, it's safer for all drivers.

**"EVEN IF YOU'RE DOING THE SPEED LIMIT AND YOU'VE GOT A GUY BEHIND YOU DOING 140 KM/H, IT'S MUCH SAFER IF YOU JUST PULL OVER AND LET THEM PASS."**

## Sharp shooters



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BLAIR POOL

The winning team for Eriksdale Fish and Game's 1st annual Youth Water Fowl Hunt, which took place Saturday, Sept. 12. Each member of the winning team, which limited out on geese and ducks, stands proud with their brand new Winchester shotguns. Pictured from left to right; Mentor Don Granberg, Nikole Lenio-Slack, John Richter, Morgan Granberg, Jayson Christensen and Mentor Harry Granberg.



# Tumbleweeds Ranch to giddy-up for its first horse show

## Interlake horse competition Sept. 18 and 19

By Patricia Barrett

Tumbleweeds Ranch in Fraserwood is preparing to host the last horse competition on the North Interlake Show Circuit this weekend.

"We're the newest member of the circuit," said Tara Tyndale, whose ranch offers certified riding instruction and trail rides to the general public. It also provides horse-boarding services.

"Training is done through graduated ability," said Tyndale, who cares for 53 horses on 320 acres of forest and meadow. She and her husband, along

with her children and her sister, manage the ranch.

They teach students how to be safe around horses, terminology and how to control a horse. The Certified Horsemanship Association, an organization that promotes safety throughout the horse industry, accredits Tyndale's training.

"We don't rush people through the levels," said Tyndale, who accepts students from age six to 99. "We make sure they're ready."

Friday's event starts with Gym-

khana, an equestrian event in which riders and their horses navigate obstacles such as barrels, and dash and weave through a series of poles while trying to beat the clock.

On Saturday, riders demonstrate their ability to control a horse. For the reining competition, they will guide their horses through spins, circles and stops at either a canter or a gallop. Reining is also designed to show a horse's athletic ability.

The show attracts competitors of all ages. Children six and under can participate in the Pee Wee class.

"Mom holds the horse with a rope," said Tyndale. "It's to give them show

experience."

The North Interlake Show Circuit visits Ashern, Lundar, Eriksdale, Arborg, Teulon and Stonewall.

Sponsors of Tyndale's show include the Icelandic Festival, Gimli Veterinary Services and Kaljent Ag Services in Teulon.

Tumbleweeds Ranch is located near Fraserwood, a half mile west of Highway 7 on Road 108 NE. The show runs Sept. 18 and 19. Registration forms and show rules are available on the website. For more information, call 204-643-5523 or visit [www.tumbleweedsranch.com](http://www.tumbleweedsranch.com).

# Shooting leaves two injured one dead in Peguis

By Jeff Ward

A shooting on Peguis First Nation resulted in the death of a man and the injuries of two other individuals.

In the early hours of Sept. 5, RCMP officers in Fisher Branch responded to an incident on Peguis First Nation involving reports of gunfire and two injured people. Upon arriving at the scene near the Sutherland Gas Bar in Peguis, officers attempted to communicate with a third individual in a vehicle, which had come to rest in some nearby trees and bush. The officers then heard a loud sound and, after approaching the vehicle, found the man dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The other two victims, a male and female in their 40s, were treated for

non-life threatening injuries and have been released from the hospital. Their identities are being withheld, as well as the identity of the third man, also in his 40s, as the investigation continues.

"It is unknown at this time what the situation was that led up to this incident," said Zane Tessler, civilian director for the Independent Investigations Unit (IIU) of Manitoba who is overseeing the investigation into the death of the third man. The investigation into the incident itself is being led by the RCMP.

"It's a very unique circumstance with there being a twin investigation here. Our involvement is triggered in a number of ways, but in this case it's [because] an individual has suffered

either serious injury or a fatality," said Tessler.

There is no evidence of any wrongdoing on the part of RCMP, according to Tessler, and the IIU's involvement is mandatory given the circumstances. The mandate of the IIU is to investigate any matters that they deem is within the public interest.

Both the IIU and the RCMP are being tight-lipped about the situation as the investigation is still in the early stages.

The IIU investigates all serious in-

cidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

"IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHAT THE SITUATIONS THAT LED UP TO THIS INCIDENT."

## RM Bifrost-Riverton byelection nominations close Sept. 29

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Bifrost-Riverton will accept nominations for Ward 1 councillor Sept. 23-29.

Coun. Marvin Magnusson, 76, passed away at Gimli Community Hospital July 27. Magnusson sat on various community boards. At its Aug. 12 meeting, council approved a \$200 donation to the Riverton-Hnau-

sa Lutheran Church in his memory.

The municipal office is currently distributing nomination packages. Sept. 30 is the deadline to withdraw a nomination. The byelection will be held Nov. 4.

For more information about the nomination process, call the RM office at 204-376-2391 or visit its office at 329 River Rd., Arborg.

## Our sincerest apologies

Staff

In the Sept. 3 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, we published the article "Construction begins on Fisher Branch housing development" and reported that Countryside Lumber is owned by Maynard Plett.

However, in actual fact, Maynard is an employee of Countryside Lumber and ownership of the business is split between three partners: Clinton Plett, Randall Plett and Lyndon Plett.

The *Express* apologizes for any confusion this might have caused.

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# Lundar closer to getting new cell tower

By Jeff Ward

For years, the town of Lundar in the RM of Coldwell has suffered with poor cell reception, but that suffering will soon be coming to an end.

If everything goes according to plan, Lundar will have a brand new cell tower that will boost reception by the end of the year. Cell reception was an election issue, with every candidate making mention of their desire to erect a signal booster in town and give the public the ability to make and receive calls on their phones. The tower, which is 40 feet high, will sit on the existing MTS building on 4th Street in Lundar and will cost \$97,000. Half of the cost will come out of the RM's general reserve while the other half is in this year's financial plan.

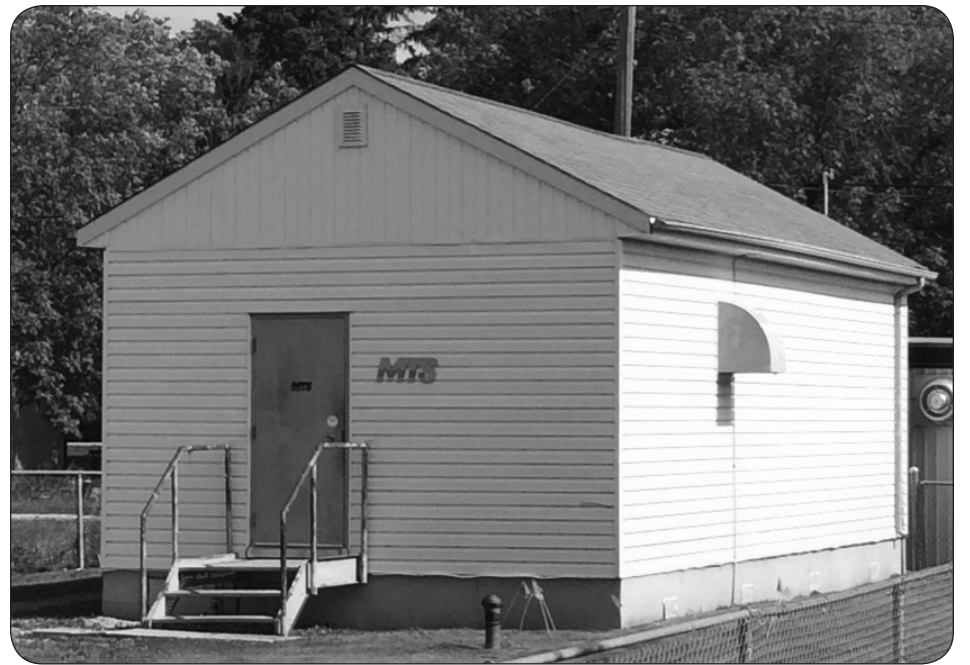
"We've sent out letters to the surrounding properties to see if there are any concerns," said Nicole Christensen, CAO for the RM of Coldwell.

"There are only a half-dozen prop-

erties in the area. So once we get the responses back, council will be able to approve the project for building."

While there is no set timeline for the project's completion, Christensen believes that if there are no objections from residents in the area, the project will very likely be completed by the end of the year.

"WE'VE SENT OUT LETTERS TO THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CELYNNE HENROTTE

A 40-foot high cell tower will sit atop the MTS building in Lundar that will help boost the poor cell reception in the town. The tower is on track to be finished by the end of the year.

## Drainage is tricky business in the RM of Bifrost-Riverton

By Patricia Barrett

Drainage was the main focus at the RM of Bifrost-Riverton regular council meeting Sept. 9.

Reeve Harold Foster said the RM should come up with an engineering plan to divert water to Lake Winnipeg because water on the west side of Highway 8 has nowhere to go and the culverts on the Gimli side are not big enough to handle water flows.

The RM could consider making a cut at Provincial Road 222 and N 40 Road, said Foster. Or it could consider buying land in the RM of Gimli and installing a drain. That would entail working with farmers and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Council will visit the issue in the upcoming months and have a plan in place for next year.

Clearing cattails from ditches and culverts and installing new drains benefits many farmers in the RM. It facilitates better surface drainage and prevents the flooding of crops and roads. But it can unintentionally lead to problems farther down the road.

Council heard from Al Friederici, landowner and farmer, about repeated flooding to the northwest corner of his section (in Ward 2) because of a drain the RM had installed to alleviate water issues in another area.

Friederici said the water is flowing through the drain quite fast and is being "dumped from one farm to an-

other." It's pooling in his section. He said he understands the need to clear ditches, but it's adding to his water woes. It takes five to six days to clear water from his land, and he has to wait for a neighbour's water to drain first before his can.

The only solution, he said, is to build a dike as high as the road. But at least one neighbouring farmer opposes having a dike built.

"It's the low spot in the country," said Friederici, referring to the parcel of flooded land in his section. He has water converging from the east and from the north.

Reeve Foster agreed.

"I know, the water is supposed to go east," said Foster.

"I'm asking council to approve a dike on the east side to hold water in the ditch," said Friederici, who has 80 acres of oats that are a few weeks away from harvest.

"If we get three inches of rain, I have no oat crop," he said.

In 12 years, Friederici said he has had to pull three crops off his field and "now there's more water coming."

He asked council to consider building a dike at least 16-feet wide.

"If you don't go far enough with the dike, it will come around to my farm."

Council said it will deliberate on ways to deal with the flooding.

### Other council briefs:

- Council passed a resolution to equally split the cost of the Arborg Community Dike Project (\$230,000) with the Town of Arborg. In July, the provincial and federal governments announced they would jointly provide just over \$2 million in funding for infrastructure to divert flood waters east of Arborg and into the Icelandic River farther downstream. The project will help protect 58 homes and the high school from flood damage. Arborg is subject to recurrent flooding along its east side, including Provincial Road 326.

- Councillor and Deputy Reeve David Shott reported on a B.A.R. Waste Authority meeting he attended. The burning pit needs to be higher, and waste from Erosion Control Blanket near Riverton is building up the pit quickly. Waste water that's supposed to be pumped into the leachate evaporation pond is sitting in a new cell. Council will be looking for alternative water management solutions for the site.

The manager of B.A.R. proposed the facility become a hazardous waste facility. Items such as tires, paint cans, solvents and other chemicals should be segregated from other waste before it's dumped, which will require

some education. Shott said because the RM is approaching a population of 5,000, the site may eventually have to be designated a Class 1 facility. Currently it's a Class 2. Shott said the manager toured Prairie Green, a Class 1 facility, to see how it manages waste.

Council wants to see whether shingles that are thrown into the pit can instead be recycled. A company in Winkler shreds both shingles and nails.

- Riverton Memorial Arena is getting a fresh coat of paint inside, and heaters in the front part of the rink will be changed, reported Coun. Colin Bjarnason. Twenty-five people volunteered their time and labour to spruce it up.

- The RM will remove the sandbags at Balaton Beach once frost firms up the ground and the worst of the storm season on Lake Winnipeg is over. The sandbags are holding back water from some properties, reported council. Under the Emergency Measures Act, the province installed the sandbags late last fall in anticipation of a storm surge on the lake. The event didn't transpire, but the province left the sandbags in place.



## 2015 federal election

# Elections Canada makes moves online to simplify voting process

By Lindsey Enns

Elections Canada is urging voters to visit their website and make sure they are registered to vote in next month's federal election.

"It simplifies things for you when you go to vote," said Marie-France Kenny, Elections Canada regional media advisor. "You don't need to re-register. You just need to update your registration. It makes for a faster process for you."

Kenny said a detailed list of what identification is required in order to vote is listed on the agency's website, elections.ca.

Most voters can use their driver's licence, provincial ID card or any other government-issued card with a name, photo and address on it. However, those who don't possess any of those will require two pieces of ID — one must have your name on it while the other must have your name and address. Métis citizenship cards also pass as acceptable voter identification.

While visiting the agency's website, if you enter your postal code, you can also easily find out who the registered candidates in your riding are, where advance polling stations will be and where your nearest Elections Canada office is located.

"There's a host of information on the website," Kenny said, adding it's up-

dated regularly.

Candidates have until 2 p.m. on Sept. 28 to file their nomination papers or withdraw. As soon as candidates have filed and is confirmed, they are listed on the website, Kenny said.

"It's possible that a potential candidate has said they're running and the potential party might advertise that they are running ... but until they file their papers, they won't be on the website."

As of Monday evening, confirmed candidates listed on the agency's website for the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding included incumbent and Conservative party candidate James Bezan, NDP candidate Deborah Chief, Green Party candidate Wayne James and Liberal candidate Joanne Levy, all of whom were previously confirmed by the *Express Weekly News*.

Donald Grant has also confirmed with the *Express* that he will be running to represent the Libertarian Party of Canada but is yet to be listed on the website.

Elections Canada offices are now open seven days a week, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Voters wanting to cast their ballots now can do so by visiting an Elections Canada office.

Voters officially go the polls on Oct. 19.



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The above map outlines the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman riding, which includes the RMs of Alexander, Armstrong, Bifrost, Brokenhead, Coldwell, Eriksdale, Fisher, Gimli, Grahamdale, Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Rockwood, Rosser, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. Laurent, Siglunes, Victoria Beach and Woodlands. The constituency also includes the City of Selkirk, the towns of Arborg, Beausejour, Lac du Bonnet, Powerview-Pine Falls, Stonewall, Teulon and Winnipeg Beach, the villages of Dunnottar and Riverton, as well as Brokenhead First Nation and Dog Creek First Nation.

# Eriksdale Legion to hold seniors fun day

By Jeff Ward

Commemoration Branch #140 in Er-

riksdale is holding a seniors fun day during Legion Week.

The seniors fun day takes place Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. and is designed to en-


courage Legion members and newcomers to attend Legion events.

After a long summer and with students back at school, Legion president Joyce Sewell is hoping to attract as many people as possible.

"The idea is to get people together at the Legion. We've done this at Eriksdale for a number of years and it's always a fun time. We invite all the senior groups from Lunder, Ashern, Moosehorn, Faulkner and St. Martin, and we hope they come and have a nice afternoon at our branch," said Sewell, who's been Legion president for six years.

During the day, there will be a soup and sandwich lunch followed by a few hours of popular Legion card games like bridge and whist. There will also be 50/50 tickets to purchase and a silent auction. There is no cost to attend and registration starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre building.

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# Province seeks feedback on proposed pelican conservation area

Deadline to submit comments is Sept. 25

By Lindsey Enns

The province is collecting feedback on a proposed conservation area to help prevent pelicans from getting caught up in fishing line and hooks near the Lockport Fish Ladder.

"The decision to do something in order to protect the pelicans has been made," Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Tom Nevakshonoff said during an open house at Gaffer's in Lockport last Friday night. "We just want people to respect nature. The birds are vulnerable. Once they're caught, they're condemned to a slow, painful death by infection or starvation. I wouldn't wish that upon any living animal."

Changes to the area could mean anglers who fish near the dam will have to move further down shore to cast their lines in the water. Currently fishers are allowed to cast their lines 23 metres, or 75 feet, from the inlet of the Lockport Fish Ladder.

"There's a lot of room down the shoreline that's ideal for standing there and casting into the water," Nevakshonoff said.

Those who attended last Friday's open house were asked to fill out a comment sheet requesting their thoughts on the province's proposed



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LINDSEY ENNS

ABOVE LEFT: A pelican nabs a fish near the St. Andrews lock and dam along the Red River last Friday night. The province is seeking feedback on a proposed conservation area to help prevent pelicans from getting tangled in fishing line near the Lockport Fish Ladder. Deadline to submit feedback is Sept. 25. ABOVE RIGHT: A fisherman casts his line near the Lockport Fish Ladder while pelicans try to catch fish of their own in the background.

conservation area. The province is collecting feedback on their proposal until Sept. 25, and more information can be found on the government's website by visiting gov.mb.ca. Comments can be emailed to wildlife@gov.mb.ca or mailed directly to the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch.

Although details surrounding the size of the proposed zone are still uncertain, Robert Belanger, a Selkirk

district natural resource officer for Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, believes it's a step in the right direction.

"It's all about protecting the pelicans. At the same time, we don't want to take away the fishing experience in Lockport," Belanger said.

"Lockport is a Mecca for fishing where people love coming to fish, and we just have to be realistic in how

much we closed off."

The province's proposal comes after concerns were raised by local anglers about discarded fishing line getting wrapped up around the feet, beaks and wings of pelicans who congregate near the popular fishing spot along the Red River. The area is also the site of numerous fishery infractions for things such as over-limit fishing and fishing in a closed area.

## Fraserwood Hall receives \$100,000 from Bezan

Submitted

James Bezan, Conservative candidate for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, was at the Fraserwood Hall (The Ukrainian National People's Home Association of Taras Shevchenko) in the evening on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the Western Hoe Down. The Hoe Down was a fundraiser for the hall committee to help with their renovation project.

Bezan took the opportunity to celebrate with the Fraserwood Hall committee the \$100,000 grant from the Canada 150 Community Infra-

structure Program. Bezan spoke at the Western Hoe Down of his previous commitment to help secure federal funding for the hall as well as his gratitude to the Harper government for funding important renovations.

The grant is being used to upgrade sound and video equipment and the extension of a storage shed. The Fraserwood Hall was also successful in raising additional funds to go towards the project.

In Economic Action Plan 2015, the Government of Canada announced further support for communities with

the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Thanks to a commitment of \$150 million, communities from coast to coast to coast will see support for improvements to local infrastructure, creating a lasting legacy as Canada prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

"Fraserwood Hall is a great facility that serves Fraserwood, the area and indeed the entire Interlake. I am proud to see this essential infrastructure funding from our Conservative government go towards these neces-

sary renovations," said Bezan.

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will help fund renovations, expansions and rehabilitations to existing infrastructure that provides community and cultural benefits for the public. The program represents one of several infrastructure-related initiatives that the Government of Canada has undertaken to generate well-being and prosperity across Canada.

## Gimli crash sends one man to hospital

Staff

A 36-year-old man was sent to hospital in an air ambulance following a motocross accident on Sunday afternoon in Gimli.

RCMP said a male motocross driver sustained serious injuries and was reported in and out of consciousness after getting into an accident on Sunday. The driver required trans-

portation by an air ambulance.

STARS air ambulance was called in at 1:20 p.m. to Gimli Motorsports Park and shortly after flew the patient to Winnipeg, where he was transferred by ground ambulance to the Health Sciences Centre for treatment.

The driver's condition wasn't known by press time on Monday.

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# Jets players put the pedal to the metal in Gimli

By Natasha Tersigni

Winnipeg Jets Mark Scheifele and Michael Hutchinson had the chance to experience a taste of what life is like as a professional race car driver last Thursday.

The Jets' stars took a break from pre-season training and took a ride around the Gimli Motorsports Park racetrack in a 2016 Audi TT driven by professional race car driver David Richert, who is back home in Winnipeg for a short break from competing in Europe.

Jets centreman Scheifele and goalie Hutchinson then drove circles around each other on the 1.3-mile road-racing course while receiving instruction from Richert on how to pilot the car safely around the Gimli race track.

The event was initiated by Richert Racing and KidSport Winnipeg as part of an auction prize in conjunction with the 24-7 Intouch Mark Scheifele Golf Tournament held in support of KidSport Winnipeg on June 22, 2015.

Scheifele, who has been with the Jets since 2011, hosted the golf tournament in June, raising more than \$80,000 for the organization that supports Manitoba youth in playing sports. One of the prizes auctioned off was a chance to be driven around the track by Richert.

And on Sept. 10, the winning bidders from the auction, Ray Bateman and Paul Scharf, jumped in the passenger seat with Richert driving the Audi at speeds reaching 170 km/h.

After getting off the ice from their first official skate with the Winnipeg Jets for the season, Scheifele and Hutchinson joined Bateman and

Scharf at the track to meet the winning bidders and to try their hand at driving.

"It was really fast. It was crazy. You get sucked back into the seat. I was hoping I wasn't going to throw up. That was my main focus," said Scheifele, who was able to get the Audi up to 165 km/h.

The hockey stars didn't forget why they were there and both cited how important organizations such as KidSport Manitoba are for keeping youth active in sports.

"An organization that helps kids play sports hits the heart huge for me. Without sport in my life, I don't know where I would be. Every second of every day was thinking about sports, whether it was basketball, volleyball, football. It was in my life," said Scheifele.

"To give kids that are underprivileged the same chance to play sports that I had as a kid is definitely huge for me."

While the focus of the day was on the track, the players took time to answer a few burning questions about the upcoming hockey season.

"Our goal and every team's goal at the start of the year is to win the Stanley Cup, and that is obviously what we are trying to build here. We are going to take it one day at a time. Camp hasn't started yet, and we are just trying to be in top shape for camp and then going into regular season guns a-blazing," said Scheifele.

"I am coming into this with the same mindset I did last year. Last year was my rookie season and I played more games than I was expecting to. I was



**EXPRESS PHOTOS BY NATASHA TERSIGNI**  
Winnipeg Jets' goalie Michael Hutchinson (left) and Jets' centre Mark Scheifele took a break from training for an afternoon in the Interlake to try their hand at race car driving. While there was no talk of pursuing a new career in NASCAR, both had a blast driving the road course at the Gimli Motorsports Park.

able to have some good success in the league and that just goes to my confidence this year. I now know I can play in the league and I can help the team win games," added Hutchinson.

Scheifele and Hutchinson will have some time to fully recover from their

racing endeavor as the Jets don't hit the ice for their first game of the regular 2015-16 season until Oct. 8 against the Calgary Flames.

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Michael Hutchison took a break from race car driving to sign autographs for young fans.



# Riverton and Arborg's community support earns them a star

By Natasha Tersigni and Patricia Barrett

It was an evening dedicated to celebrating the tourism industry at the Interlake Tourism Association's 14th Annual Celebration of Stars dinner, which was held on Sept. 10 at the Lakeview Hecla Resort. The event was held to recognize and honour various organizations and people throughout the Interlake that do an exceptional job of promoting tourism.

A few months ago, the ITA put a call out for nominations from the public.

After all the nominations were collected, a panel of judges looked at the nominations and then decided on the winners. Awards were handed out in six different categories: non-member award, volunteer of the year, event of the year, innovation award, partnership award and the Interlake Award of Distinction.

The winners this year were the Skinners Locks Sunday Market (non-member award); Rob Sarginson of St. Andrews (volunteer of the year) for his work in promoting heritage in the entire Red River north area by developing tours and events; Eriksdale Creamery Days Fair & Rodeo (event of the year) and UNLOCKED: Stories of the Interlake Traveling Trunk exhibit

(partnership award).

Oak Hammock Marsh's Events, promotion and marketing co-ordinator Jacques Bourgeois, was presented with the Interlake Award of Distinction for his long and dedicated career at the marsh and the volunteer time he spends promoting tourism.

Also at the awards evening, the Community Futures East Interlake and Community Futures West Interlake presented the Community Economic Development Award.

The award recognizes a municipality, town, group or business that has undertaken a community project or activity in the last 18 months that has or will have significant long-term impact in the community.

For the west side of the Interlake, the award was presented to Woodlands Childcare Inc. For the east side of the Interlake, the award was given to both the Arborg Bifrost Community Development Corporation for their Connecting Aboriginals to Manufacturing initiative and the Riverton Bifrost Holding Inc. for their Senior/Supportive Housing project.

Riverton-Bifrost Holdings (RBH) and the Arborg Bifrost Community Development Corporation (ABCDC)

tied for an award recognizing outstanding community economic support.

The Interlake Tourism Association and Community Futures Manitoba presented the Community Economic Development Award to both organizations at its 14th Annual Celebration of Stars event last week.

"It's so worthwhile when you see the excitement of the people when they move in," said Colin Bjarnason, chair of RBH and councillor for RM Bifrost-Riverton, referring to the Icelandic River Lodge, a new senior's development in Riverton.

RBH had put in a proposal to the government for the complex. Bjarnason received the development award on behalf of the board at the Stars event on Sept. 10 at the Lakeview Hecla Resort.

With funding support from the provincial government, Riverton-Bifrost Holdings completed Phase I of the senior's facility last year, containing 19

units.

"Phase II started a little over a week ago," said Bjarnason.

"It's on schedule and it should be finished near the end of August next year."

When completed, the complex will have 30 independent-living and nine supportive-housing units. Rents are geared to accommodate seniors' income.

ABCDC had adopted the Connecting Aboriginals to Manufacturing (CAM) program, an initiative of Workplace Education Manitoba. CAM helps increase the supply of skilled workers in the manufacturing sector.

Four Arborg manufacturers set the curriculum for the six-month course. Fourteen people from the Peguis First Nation and Fisher River Cree Nation received training to work in Interlake manufacturing businesses.

## Arborg community to run for Terry Fox Sept. 20

By Staff

On Sunday, September 20, the town of Arborg and surrounding communities will be running for a cause and contributing to the fight against cancer in honour of the Terry Fox Foundation.

The annual Arborg Terry Fox Run will be starting at 1 p.m. at the Arborg Bifrost Firehall, with registration beginning at noon. Whether participants prefer to walk, run or ride the Terry Fox Run is something that the local community has shown great support for over the years.

Last year the run raised \$17,146.40 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Once most runners and walkers return to the firehall around 2:30 p.m., there will be head shaving and ponytail cuts in aid of the Terry Fox Foundation. There will also be a silent auction fundraiser and a free barbecue, as well as a Kids' Korner.

Organizers are still looking for volunteers for the head shave and ponytail cuts.

Rain or shine, the event will be a go on September 20 and organizers encourage everyone to come watch or participate.

If interested, please contact Claudia Kozera @ 204-641-3740.

### Gimli Rec Centre Fall 2015 Programs

**Hip Hop Classes** - Start date TBA • **Kids in the Kitchen - Wednesdays** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ages 9+

**Kickboxing - Sundays** Ages 8-15 • 5-6 p.m. and Adults 16+ • 6-7 p.m. Starts Sept. 20/15

**Martial Arts - Wednesdays** Ages 6+ • **Gymnastics** - Starting on Sept. 18/15

**Pilates - Mondays and Thursdays (Intermediate) • Wednesdays (Beginner)** Starts Sept. 14/15

**Pottery for Kids - Sundays 11:00 - 12:30 & 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** (With Gimli Art Club) Ages 7+ Starts Oct. 18/15

**Swimming Lessons - Saturdays** Various Levels & Times - start Sept. 19/15 - Registration Sept. 13/15 11-2 p.m.

**Knitting classes - Sundays from 1-3 and 3-5** For beginners and intermediate, beginning Sept. 27.

**Youth Art Classes - NEW - Tuesdays** Ages 5+ • Starts 22/15

**Badminton Mon., Wed., Fri., 7-9pm** at GHS gym.

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## 2015 Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope



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More than 650 ovarian cancer survivors, family, friends and volunteers rallied together this past Sunday at Rainbow Stage in Kildonan Park to help raise funds for ovarian cancer research, education and patient support programs in Canada. Preliminary fundraising totals were over \$97,000, with more donations still to be tallied from the weekend's event.

Organizers of Winnipeg's walk would like to thank all sponsors, volunteers and participants for making this year's event such a success.

## Happy trails 'til they meet again



EXPRESS PHOTO BY VERNETTE MCINTOSH

The Fisherton Horse Club celebrated their 45th year as a club with a trail ride hosted by Jim and Vernetta McIntosh of Poplarfield. Thirty riders saddled up for a 12-mile ride through the scenic trails close to Buffalo Lake. A lunch stop and back to McFinn Acres for a barbecue supper was enjoyed by all. Plans are underway for another ride in 2016.



# Arborg's Reechka Ukrainian dancers picking corn to raise funds

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg's Reechka Ukrainian Dancers have momentarily laid down their boots and rolled up their sleeves to pick corn, which they've been selling to raise money for their club.

"We're out in the field several times a week," said Bev Barylski, fundraising co-ordinator for the club. "Our children have really come together and joined the efforts picking, packing and selling."

The dance club has contributed to the vibrancy of Ukrainian cultural life in the Interlake for nearly 29 years. It has about 35 dancers from the Arborg, Gimli, Fisher Branch and Riverton areas. All proceeds from the corn sale will go towards the purchase of traditional costumes and help pay for competition and instructors' fees.

Since Aug. 23, the dancers and their families have been hand-picking corn in Kyle Foster's field — with his permission, of course.

Foster had approached the club and offered to donate all the corn from a field he has near Vidor, northwest of Arborg. He planted 50,000 seeds on about two acres.

"I wanted the kids to be the ones to raise the money," said Foster, who runs Foster Ag Services, a crop input supplier that provides seeds, fertilizer and crop protection technologies. "It's usually the parents who do all the work."

In addition to giving the dancers a taste of the business side of agriculture, Foster wanted to raise their awareness of farm practices, from harvesting to packaging to transport.

"I wanted to give them a better perspective of where their food comes from," he said.

He has helped out the harvesters



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Reechka dancers and their families picking corn in Kyle Foster's corn field.

during inclement weather. "I went out in the pouring rain when it was cold and miserable," he said, "and hauled bags of corn in the truck."

Barylski said Foster's community spirit and support has provided them with a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the club.

Barylski and the club's communication co-ordinator, Kim Friesen, have been busy organizing corn-picking events. They've also helped organize corn sales near the Co-op and the Noventis Credit Union in town, and at the Arborg Farmers' Market and the Arnes Farmers' Market. The corn is also being distributed through family networks.

"The Reechka Dance Club would like to thank our families, friends and our communities at large for their generosity and continued support," said a joint statement issued by the club.

To date, the dancers have sold over



Natalie Klym (left) and Bev Barylski selling corn at the Arborg Farmers Market.

1,000 dozen, and the orders keep rolling in. They'll be in Foster's field until the corn runs out or gets too old.

Foster said none of the remaining corn — if there is any — will go to waste.

"We'll harvest it with the grain corn,"

he said, "and it will be used as animal feed."

The fresh, sweet corn on the cob costs \$5 a dozen. For more information or to purchase corn, call Bev Barylski at 204-376-5609 or Kim Friesen at 204-376-3479.

## Officials issue warning about rising risk of fentanyl

By Austin Grabish

Health officials and police in Manitoba are issuing a plea to the public to stay away from a deadly prescription drug that's made its way onto city streets.

The Winnipeg Police Service and RCMP held a joint news conference in Winnipeg last Wednesday warning of drug's recent appearance in several Manitoba communities.

The meeting was held deliberately on the day many students were returning back to school, and officials said they want the word to get out about fentanyl, which has been linked to a recent spur of deaths across the country and taken at least one Selkirk

resident's life.

"This is not just a big city problem," RCMP assistant commissioner Kevin Brosseau said.

Mounties say they have noticed a dramatic increase in fentanyl-related seizures over the last few years.

The drug is potentially lethal when mixed with other prescriptions or recreational street drugs and has been linked to at least 655 deaths in Canada from 2009 to 2014.

Dr. Joss Reimer, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's medical officer of health, said frontline health-care workers are starting to see the drug's appearance in their daily work.

"This is of great concern because

it can be as much as 100 times more toxic than other opioids such as morphine," Reimer said.

The number of fentanyl-related overdose deaths also appears to be increasing this year, Reimer said.

Two people in Winnipeg collapsed after overdosing earlier this month, and last month Winnipeg Police reported one person had died from an overdose.

Drugs found at the time of the person's death contained a mixture of fentanyl and cocaine, police said.

Selkirk resident Marie Walker knows the devastating effects fentanyl can have on a family all too well.

She lost her daughter Desiree in

2009 to a fentanyl overdose.

Walker said she's glad police are finally shining a spotlight on the drug but wishes the word could have gotten out sooner.

"It's been a long time coming, for sure," Walker said.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Bert Paquet said one way fentanyl is making its way onto the streets in Canada is from illegal imports by organized crime groups.

Fentanyl can be found in powder or liquid form as well as pressed into tablets mimicking the appearance of known pharmaceuticals such as OxyContin, he said.



# Dogs will be loose in Fraserwood for a day of fun and fundraising

## Crazy Jumpers Dog School & Boarding hosting K9 Cross Country event Sept. 20

By Patricia Barrett

The owner of Crazy Jumpers Dog School & Boarding in Fraserwood is planning a day of exercise and stimulation for humans and dogs alike in order to raise money for dog welfare.

Patricia Tschanen's K9 Cross Country event takes place Sept. 20 at her dog training facility.

"We had 52 teams last year," said Tschanen, who has been training dogs for 30 years and holds a number of certificates, including pet first aid. "I raised \$2,000."

This is third time Tschanen has hosted the event. All proceeds will go to the Gimli Humane Society and Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue, a Winnipeg-based volunteer organization that finds permanent homes for collies (and other dog breeds) that have been abandoned, neglected or relinquished to a humane society. The founder of Hull's Haven lives in Meleeb.

There will be 20 stations set up along a two-and-a-half-kilometre trail that runs from Tschanen's property to her neighbour's.

"We have an amazing neighbour willing to share her trails," said Tschanen.

Using positive reinforcement techniques, Tschanen teaches dogs manners, social skills and agility. She opened her facility in 2009, a year after

coming to Canada from Switzerland. She owns two retired sled dogs from Yellowknife, N.W.T., and competes in (and wins) sledding competitions.

"You can train a border collie to pull a sled," she said.

For Sunday's event, dogs and their owners will be required to perform a trick or take a test at each station. Dogs, for example, will have to negotiate tunnels, fish wieners out of a bucket, knock over bottles in the doggie bowling event and ignore tempting goodies when commanded to come. One of the human tests will be to memorize 20 items hanging from a rope at one of the stations then recall them at the end of the course.

"It's all about fun," said Tschanen.

The top three participants win a prize. It goes without saying that the dogs will get biscuits. The trail and its 20 stations will take about an hour to complete. The event is open to the public, as well as to clients of the boarding school.

Tschanen said the local community has once again been very supportive of her fundraising initiative.

"The owner of the Ship & Plough in Gimli is having a quiz night [Sept. 17] with the funds coming to our event," she said.

Scott Carman, the tavern's owner, said he's happy to contribute to this worthy cause. His pub quizzes, which



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICIA TSCHANEN

One of the 20 stations dogs and their owners have to complete in the K9 Cross Country Event.

test contestants on geography, sports, Gimli history and so forth, are usually sold out.

"In the last two years of pub quizzes," said Carman, who opened the Ship & Plough in 2013, "we've donated about \$3,500 to local charities."

Crazy Jumpers is located on Pro-

vincial Road 231 (at Tomchuk Road) between Fraserwood and Gimli. The event runs Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Sept. 27). If you wish to volunteer for one of the stations, please call Patricia at 204-641-4663. For more information, visit [www.crazyjumpers.info](http://www.crazyjumpers.info).

# Winnipeg Beach council adopts new school zone speed bylaw

By Patricia Barrett

The Town of Winnipeg Beach council carried a motion at its regular meeting Sept. 9 to adopt a new school zone speed bylaw.

The Reduced-Speed School Zone By-Law (No. 9-2015), which received second and third readings Wednesday evening, will reduce vehicular speed to 30 km/h on Provincial Road 232 (Churchill Road).

The zone affects Winnipeg Beach School, located at 185 Churchill Rd.

"We wanted to improve safety around the school," said Coun. Daryl

Carry, who's responsible for transportation. "There was consensus amongst council on the bylaw."

The new zone will start 136 metres north of the midpoint of the intersection of 232 and Kernstead Road, continuing north and ending at 140 metres north of the midpoint of the intersection of 232 and Robinson Avenue, according to the bylaw.

The old maximum speed limit was 50 km/h.

The fine for driving 10 km/h over the new speed limit is \$181.50. That rises with each additional kilometre. Driv-

ing 20 km/h over the limit will net drivers a \$312.25 fine, according to the Speeding Table in the province's 2015 Brown Book.

The bylaw is in effect Sept. 1 to June 30, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"That time is consistent with other jurisdictions," said Carry. "There's a daycare attached to the school, and they go a little later."

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation supplies the signage, and the town is expecting them fairly soon, said Carry.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The maximum speed limit in school zones is 30 km/h.



# Gimli track catalyst for professional race car driver

## Manitoban professional race car driver got his start on Gimli track

By Natasha Tersigni

When David Richert, an international professional race car driver, was asked to participate in a KidSport Manitoba event in the Interlake on Sept. 8, he jumped on a plane and flew from Europe to be able to attend. Not only did Richert get the chance to drive around two Winnipeg Jets hockey players and support a non-profit organization that helps youth play sports, he was also able to come back to the place that ignited his racing career: the Gimli Motorsports Park.

When Richert, who grew up on a pig farm near Niverville, got the itch to try his hand at racecar driving 15 years ago, he Googled "How to become a race car driver" and everything that he read said he should start with go-karts. He soon learned that in Manitoba, the place to go-kart was at the Gimli park.

"I was 17 years old at the time and I ended up going to a race in Indianapolis to watch the Formula 1 cars on the road course at the speedway. I remember being on the upper deck and looking down at the cars screaming past and thinking it would be a heck of a lot more fun being down in the cars driving than being up in the stands watching," said Richert.

"It was that experience, coupled with the fact that everybody told me it would be impossible for a farm kid to be a professional race car driver. I

thought I would go out and give it a shot, and that is what I did."

Richert, with the help of his father, decided to join the Manitoba Karting Association and spent his weekend's travelling to Gimli to race. Once he was successful at go-karting, Richert graduated to racing cars on the road track at the Motorsports Park.

"Gimli was the first stop. That is where everybody started racing cars. From there, I started progressing up through the levels," said Richert of the 235-acre multi-use Gimli Motorsports Park that features a quarter-mile drag strip; 1.3 mile road racing course; 1 km karting track, a two-kilometre motocross track and an ATV mud bog pit.

Along with pursuing a business degree from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba, Richter was excelling in the world of race cars when decided he needed to make the next step in the racing world.

Putting his degree to good use, Richert started his business, Richert Racing, and raised \$250,000 from Manitoba businesses and sponsors to be able to break into the European racing scene.

Catching the eye of a prominent racing team, Richert was signed this year to race in the Formula Renault 2.0 cars, just one level under his dream of racing Formula 1 cars.

"It looks just like a mini Formula 1



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY NATASHA TERSIGNI

Niverville native David Richert took a short break from racing Formula 2 Renault 2.0 cars professionally in Europe to attend a KidSport Manitoba event last week held at the Gimli Motorsport Park. The track is a special place for Richert since that is where he first got behind the wheel of a race car.

Renault car does. It is the exact same dynamics and everything is the same. I signed a contract with the racing team there in Europe and together we are working on that series," said Richert.

With his team, he has travelled throughout Europe competing this summer in different race series. After his short break in Winnipeg last week, Richert returned to Europe to take part in his last racing event of the season being held on Sept. 18 to 20 in

Nurburgring, Germany.

Even though he is now in another continent living out his dream, Richert has never forgotten the track that started it all off.

"I have met so many people here who have been so kind and considerate to invest in my racing career. I met them here on Track Day weekends at the road course. Gimli has been a pretty big part in what I have been doing with racing."

## West Interlake Citizens Group still pushing for dissolution

By Jeff Ward

The West Interlake Citizens Group (WICG) is reaching out to local citizens to clear the air on their objective, which is and always has been to dissolve the RM of West Interlake.

The WICG wants the public to know that their mission is to dissolve the newly amalgamated RM of West Interlake, and that contrary to a story published in the Sept. 3 issue of *The Express*, annexation is just an idea and one of many that float around in meetings when the WICG gets together.

"Our mandate is dissolution because that's what the petition says," said Andrea Sweetland, the spokesperson for the WICG.

"That's what the 755 people signed

and that's what we need to do. And as a citizens group, our only option at this point is to dissolve and present options as to how our public would like to move forward."

The only group or person who can pursue annexation as an option would be a member of council and/or a minister. And the WICG does not have a member that fits that bill, so annexation is off the table.

However, that's not to say they're not discussing it. The WICG explores all options that they think would benefit the citizens who've signed the petition. In fact, the WICG welcomes any and all input from the public and hopes that they will come forward to share ideas and ask questions.

"The more ideas that we have to work with, the better our [proposal] will be in the end. The public is the real key to the whole thing because it's what they want for their future that matters to us. We want to get everyone's input," said Sweetland.

The WICG is holding an information night on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in Eriksdale at the Recreation Centre. During the meeting, the public will be appraised of the proposal in its current form and will also discuss the pros and cons of their strategy.

If you need more information on dissolution, the proposal or anything else, you can visit [www.wicg.ca](http://www.wicg.ca) to learn more.

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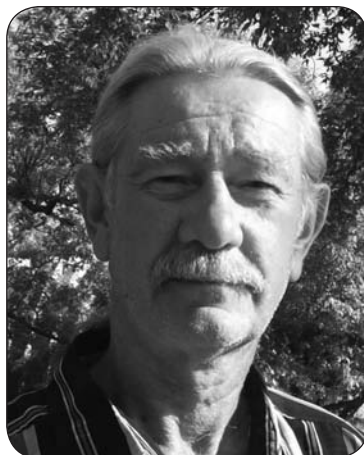
# Federal candidates to meet constituents in Gimli



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Wayne James  
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Joanne Levy  
Liberal Party



Donald Grant  
Libertarian Party

By Patricia Barrett

The Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman Riding candidates running in the October federal election are gathering in Gimli next Monday evening to meet constituents and discuss their electoral priorities.

James Bezan, the Conservative Party candidate for the riding, was raised on a farm in Inglis. Today he resides near Teulon and raises cattle. He cites agriculture, rural development and environmental protection as high on his list of priorities for the riding. Bezan helped secure over \$35 million in funding for the Lake Winnipeg Basin Initiative (to improve water quality) in the 2007 and 2012 budgets. He has represented Selkirk-Interlake for four

consecutive terms.

Deborah Chief from Scanterbury is running as the NDP Party candidate. Chief has a master's degree in business administration. For the past 17 years, she has served as band councillor for the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, a First Nation located northeast of Winnipeg on Highway 59. Her council work oversaw the building of the South Beach Casino and Resort, a memorial hall and a gas station. Chief's campaign focus is on water management in the region as it relates to droughts and floods, climate change and ensuring Canadian farmers are protected under free-trade agreements.

Wayne James, an organic farmer

living near Beausejour, is the Green Party of Canada candidate. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Winnipeg. James' focus is on environmental protection and sustainability and Canada's military role in international affairs.

Joanne Levy, the Liberal Party candidate, has worked as a reporter for CBC Calgary, as program director for the Aboriginal People's Television Network, and as content producer for Buffalo Gal Pictures. She was vice-president of communications for a Winnipeg-based home construction company. Levy's focus is on job creation for young people, climate change and clean technologies. She has been a member of the Liberal Par-

ty for over 20 years, according to her LinkedIn page.

Donald Grant, the Libertarian Party of Canada candidate is a Hillside Beach resident and the owner of an independent construction company. Grant describes his party as being socially liberal and fiscally conservative. He said his party is all about individual choice and he is running to represent something different.

Evergreen Basic Needs, which runs a food bank, used clothing store and a learning centre, will be hosting the meet and greet event on Sept. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. EBN is located at 71 Fourth Ave, Gimli. Beverages and snacks will be served. For more information, call 204-642-9736. The federal election is Oct. 19.

## Evergreen Basic Needs says think global but act local

Submitted

This year during Hunger Awareness Week (Sept. 21-25), Evergreen Basic Needs Inc. (EBN) will be interrupting our fascination with the bigger picture and instead bring focus to the issues of hunger and philanthropy closer to home.

Since incorporating in 1995, EBN has expanded the catchment area to include the RM of Gimli, Town of Winnipeg Beach, Village of Dunnottar, RM of Armstrong and Fisher River.

The request for food bank services and assistance has grown substantially since EBN was incorporated, along with the expansion of food bank services EBN now includes a number of services and programs to assist in building the capacity of clients in obtaining a safe and steady supply of food, educational programming and training. In addition, EBN has evolved to become a successful example of the social enterprise model by creating a gently used store, Respun Threads, and a small café, simply named The Café. All funds generated by sales in

Respun Threads and The Café go directly to EBN operations, program funding which includes the food bank and provides employment for community members.

Rhonda Powers, executive director of EBN, states, "EBN could not successfully function without the support of the community. Food, time and money is our mantra — food for the food bank, time our dedicated team of volunteers provide and money. We could not run our operations without the generous monetary support from individuals, businesses, service clubs and faith groups."

"It is important to have a global perspective, to be aware of issues affecting other communities but we have to remain cognizant of the issues at home and how food insecurity affects our neighbours, our community. We at EBN recognize and are grateful for the continued commitment of the community who respond to the ever increasing need for food, time and money" said Powers.

"We are aware of the mounting re-

quests to support other worthy initiatives outside of our community, and frankly we do have to compete with larger non-profits based in Winnipeg for donations. At times it can be frustrating, but it's our reality."

EBN is pleased with the support they receive from the community's youngest citizens.

"We are delighted to say our largest stakeholders are children. Winnipeg Beach School, Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School and Dr. George Johnson Middle School have been tremendous EBN supporters. Each year the staff and students provide us with hundreds of pounds of food. The administration and staff have done an excellent job of promoting and educating students on philanthropy. Our local businesses owners are extremely generous. Sobey's and Super "A" hold fundraisers such as Christmas in July or sell food hampers and local businesses provide us with items for our fundraisers. Diageo and their staff are tremendous patrons to our organization. There are so many people

and groups who are our benefactors. But still we have so much to do at EBN to meet the growing demand for services. To borrow a great quote, it is important to think globally but act locally. It is the same message when contributing to a cause or effort such as EBN."

During Hunger Awareness Week, EBN is challenging members of the community to fast for 24 hours.

"It's a simple idea of going without food for 24 hours," says Powers. "The challenge is to support the food bank. We don't expect our participants not to eat, but the diet is restricted to broth, water and juice. I made an executive decision last year to allow participants to drink coffee, and due to dietary issues, light soups were permitted but no solid food. Last year, our participants raised over \$900 for the food bank to kick off our Christmas fund raising drive. Our participants in the Hunger Challenge noticed very quickly how much we take food for granted and how much of our social activities are centred on food."



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## Blue Jays crowned WSBL champions

By Brian Bowman

For the first time since 2009, the Stonewall Blue Jays are the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League champions.

Stonewall needed all seven games in their best-of-seven championship final against Elmwood but they made it look easy in Game 7, trouncing the Giants 9-1 at Fines Field in Stonewall on Sept. 9.

Elmwood forced a Game 7 after edging Stonewall 6-5 in eight innings in Game 6 on Sept. 8.

"It definitely takes the sting out of blowing that 5-0 lead on Tuesday night," said Blue Jays' veteran Adam Kirk. "We got up a couple (of runs) there and then we had the big inning where we got five or six."

"It was nice to put some breathing room between us and them and get up a few runs and not have to worry about a close, tight game."

The Blue Jays' big offensive explosion came in the fourth inning.

"Everybody got in the hit parade and their guy started walking a few guys," Kirk recalled. "We started having better at-bats."

Stonewall also scored a pair of runs in the third inning and then added another in the sixth. The Giants scored their lone run in the game's final inning.

The championship victory was a well-deserved one for the Blue Jays, who now receive an automatic berth into next year's "AA" all-star provincials.

Stonewall started the season very strong but slumped in the second half of the regular season. The Blue Jays were then one loss away from being eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the St. Boniface Legionaires.

Stonewall trailed 2-0 in that semifinal series — and 4-2 heading into the final inning of a decisive Game 5 — before producing a dramatic comeback that vaulted them into the WSBL championship series.

"It's a team of veterans and we're never out of a game," Kirk insisted, noting veteran player/coach Dave Craig does a great job calming the players in the dugout. "We're never negative, we're always a positive group that knows what we're capable of. When we get our stuff together, we know we can beat anybody, no matter what the score is. Adding a couple of veteran guys this year helped out with that."

Kirk said the WSBL has been — and will continue to be — a very competitive league. He added the Blue Jays have had good support from the Interlake community coming out to watch their games, especially in the WSBL final.

"The last time we won it, there were 10, 11, or maybe 12 teams and now it's down to six," Kirk noted. "(The league) is a lot more competitive. Everybody has gained a couple of guys and between the five teams, and I heard Springfield will be better (next season), it's up for grabs and anyone can win."

"Whoever shows up and plays the best wins and that's what you want."



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Stonewall Blue Jays are the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League champions. Pictured, front row, left to right: Kyle Scrivens, Mike Maartense, Orrin Hogue, Josh Drews, Rory Tycoles, Tyler Tataryn; back row, Bailey Proctor, Scott Harris, Josh Stolar, Dave Craig, Taylor Hagen, Adam Luellman, Kyle Heroux, Bryan Gerbrandt, Carson Kirk and Adam Kirk.



Lundar's Josh Drews earned the win on the mound.



Tyler Tataryn slides in under the tag at home during the Blue Jays 9-1 win over the Elmwood Giants Sept. 9.

## Impact ends regular season with another win

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Impact ended their Manitoba Major Soccer League regular season without a single loss after blasting Grunthal 5-1 last Friday evening at the Winnipeg Soccer Complex.

No goal scorers from the game were posted on the league website at press time.

With that lopsided win, Interlake finished atop the MMSL's 7th Division standings with a 15-0-3 record, 10 points ahead of second place Les Bleus (12-4-2).

The Impact led their division with goals scored (70) and goals allowed (18). That difference of 52

more goals scored was easily the best in the 10-team division.

Interlake's Andrew Harder led the division in goal scoring with 20 through 17 games. Teammates Benny Wiens (12 goals) and Kyle Dueck (10), finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in goals scored.

Interlake's Charles Howland was ninth with eight goals in 17 games. The league scoring had not been updated to include the Impact's final regular-season game.

The MMSL playoff schedule and opponents had not been released at press time.



# Midget Thunder stunned late by Southwest

By Brian Bowman

A lot of times, losing coaches will say the final score was not indicative of the game.

But in this case, however, it was exactly true.

The Interlake Thunder trailed Southwest 14-7 with about five minutes remaining in the game before the Wolves howled their way to 21 unanswered points in a 35-7 road win in Selkirk.

The Thunder hung with the Wolves until late in the fourth.

Still, they had problems with three starting linemen out for the game due to injury. To make matters worse, Interlake lost Thomas Dunlop to a severe ankle injury on the first play of the game. Dunlop has been a very good player for the Thunder this season and is considered one of the team's top players.

Another good player, Kurtis Janzen, was also lost due to an ankle injury and had to be carried off the field.

"That was a tough scenario for us," said Thunder head coach Kris Johnston. "We came into the game without three key starters who were difference makers and then we lost two key starters who are also difference makers. It was a game full of adversity for these guys and, honestly, they did a fantastic job."

Defences dominated in the first half as the Wolves led just 7-0 at the break. Southwest's touchdown came on a one-play drive that had their player

gallop 67 yards for a major.

A defensive highlight for the Thunder in that half was an impressive Joe Rosser interception. Austin deLaroque and Rory Doak were both tremendous for the Thunder in the loss.

"The defence, with the exception of just a handful of minor plays in the first half, played incredibly well," Johnston stressed.

The Wolves went up two scores after punching in a TD late in the third quarter. Interlake, however, came right back as Alex France scored on their next possession. Thunder quarterback Declan Kubel threw a nice 30-yard pass to France, who then scampered another 20 yards for the touchdown.

But that would be as close as the Interlake would get, however, as Southwest intercepted three late Interlake passes – two of which were returned for touchdowns.

The other pick was returned to the Thunder's eight-yard line.

"The wheels just kind of came off," Johnston lamented. "There is no easy explanation, a lot of mistakes were made in the second half and the coaches take a lot of responsibility for that."

With the loss, Interlake is now on a four-game losing streak heading into this week's bye. But Johnston said the players have remained positive during this slump.

"There's still a lot of positivity in our locker room," he stressed. "Our veter-



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The Thunder's Nathan Bishop of Eriksdale runs the ball in Midget action last Saturday in Selkirk. The Thunder fell to Southwest 35-7.

ans are doing a great job of stepping up and pushing this group and saying all of the right things."

Despite the loss, the Midget team - and the entire Thunder program - had a great time at Thundergate.

"Thundergate was awesome," Johnston stressed. "It was such a good day...and an incredible day of football with the fans out there and the volunteers who did an awesome job putting together a great canteen. We also had a silent auction and live music."

After the bye, Interlake will play at

the St. Vital Mustangs on Sept. 26. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

In Atom action, Interlake rolled to a lopsided 30-0 victory Saturday over the La Salle Lightning.

The Thunder built a large first-half lead and continued with a very strong defensive performance throughout the game.

The Thunder (4-1) are hoping to continue their winning ways this Saturday (2 p.m.) against the North Winnipeg Nomads at Stonewall Collegiate.

# Thunder PeeWees, Bantams earn victories

By Brian Bowman

Winning a football game during the week is always a reason to smile.

And the Interlake Thunder PeeWee football team did a lot of smiling as they won a pair of games in a four-day period.

Interlake improved its record to 3-3 this season after an impressive 34-16 victory over the Charleswood Broncos last Saturday. The Thunder led 22-16 at halftime.

"It was a strong win," said Thunder head coach Ed deLaroque. "We kind of started soft but ended strong. That was a big win because it got us to .500 at 3-3."

The Thunder did a great job running the ball up the middle with the help of some outstanding play by the offensive line.

"They dominated the other team's defensive line," said deLaroque.

On defence, Interlake had an interception and played very well against

the run.

Earlier in the week, Interlake outscored the North Winnipeg Nomads 40-34 on Sept. 9. Thunder quarterback Joshua Charison scored on a keeper on the final drive of the game for the go-ahead score.

"It was a wild one," deLaroque noted. "We were way up at half-time and then we kind of fell asleep in the second half."

The Thunder continues to improve on a weekly basis and is becoming a real good football team.

"I'm really happy with how our season is going," deLaroque said. "We lost a couple of close games and we very easily could have been 5-1 instead of 3-3. We've improved dramatically over the last year."

In Bantam play, the Thunder cruised to a convincing 30-0 victory over the Corydon/Charleswood Broncos. With the win, Interlake improved to 2-3 this season.



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The Thunder's Andrew Heald of Petersfield snaps the ball to the quarterback in Bantam action.



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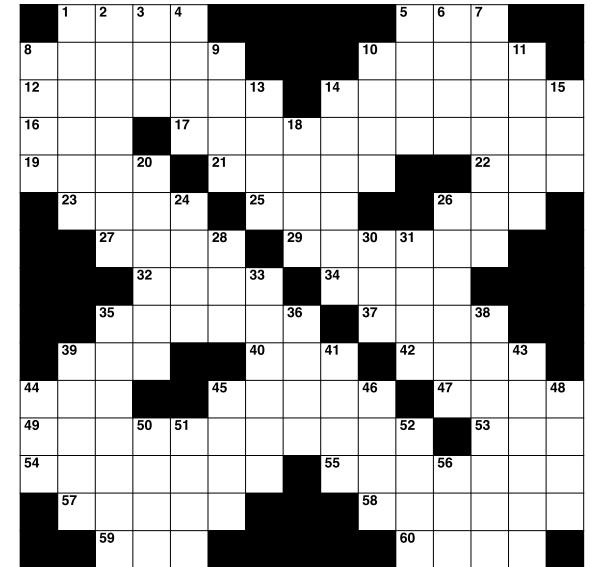
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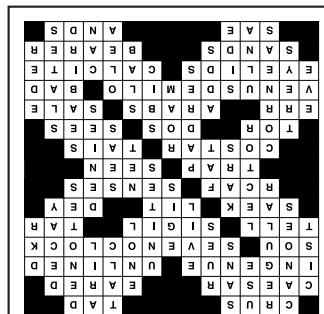


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## PREVIOUS WINNERS All these customers received their purchase FREE! (partial list)

Daphne Stevenson, Peguis.....\$549.00	Leona Cochrane, Koostatak.....\$499.00	Beverly & Bryan Plett, Arborg.....\$2,148.00
Dawna Suchy, Gimli.....\$239.00	Ivan & Christine Fridfinnson, Arborg.....\$737.10	Bruce Reimer, Arborg.....\$1,308.00
Darcy Timchishen, Arborg.....\$379.00	Jocelyn & Tony Hayka, Arnes.....\$949.00	Ray Reimer, Arborg.....\$399.00
Marilyn Waldner, Hodgson.....\$219.00	John Hudyma, Fraserwood.....\$599.00	Donna Votour, Arborg.....\$69.00
Mike Andrusiak, Gimli.....\$699.00	Alex Klimchuk, Fisher Branch.....\$575.00	Richard & Judith Werner, Arnes.....\$419.00
Ernest Bale, Fisher Branch.....\$1,849.00	Kevin & Lisa Klym, Arborg.....\$1,484.00	Don Barkman, Arborg.....\$279.00
Dale Campbell, Gimli.....\$229.00	Claudia Krawchuk, Fraserwood.....\$499.00	Noreen Barkman, Arborg.....\$679.00
Trevor Gard, Arborg.....\$419.00	David & Judy McDougall, Ashern.....\$399.00	Mark Bayliss, Arborg.....\$19.95
Franklin & Barb Johannesson, Arborg.....\$100.00	Tammie McQuoid, Arborg.....\$1,049.00	Richard & Carol Bilinski, Fisher Branch.....\$999.00
Lenore Johnson, Riverton.....\$549.00	John Miller, Broad Valley.....\$69.95	Jim & Wanda Brandson, Lundar.....\$916.00
Ben Klassen, Arnes.....\$729.00	Ronald Plett, Arborg.....\$499.00	Paul & Linda Buus, East Selkirk.....\$338.00
Olga Kowalsky, Riverton.....\$599.00	Frank Reimer, Arborg.....\$658.00	Richard & Doris Dueck, Arborg.....\$59.90
Olga Lupky, Riverton.....\$677.00	Dave & Eileen Shott, Arborg.....\$98.00	Henry T. Friesen, Arborg.....\$1727.95
Rick & Vickie McCorrister, Peguis.....\$2,067.00	Fern & Philip Sinclair, Peguis.....\$279.00	Jocelyn & Tony Hayka, Arnes.....\$749.00
Yvonne Stranger, Peguis.....\$1,329.00	Philip Thorkelson, Arborg.....\$599.00	Carl Johnson, Riverton.....\$499.00
Ralph Sutherland, Fisher Branch.....\$1,158.00	Stanley Wallach, Poplarfield.....\$399.00	Darryl & Jeanette Lazarok, Poplarfield.....\$599.00
Olga Swatuk, Arborg.....\$788.00	Philip Bauernhuber, Arborg.....\$1,900.00	Jason Loewen, Arborg.....\$59.90
Tony & Leona Vandersteen, Fisher Branch.....\$699.00	Simonetta DelSante, Riverton.....\$529.00	Janet Porth, Gimli.....\$1759.00
Thelma Jaworenko, Arborg.....\$848.00	Danielle & John Weedon, Riverton.....\$1,799.00	Candace Sigurdson, Riverton.....\$499.00
Dan & Lynn Chymy, Fisher Branch.....\$329.00	Bev Webb, Fisher Branch.....\$129.00	Tracy Sigvaldason, Arborg.....\$299.00
Riverton Group Home, Riverton.....\$2,699.00	Alan McKay, Arborg.....\$349.00	Della Sinclair, Koostatak.....\$1599.00
Ainsley Gibbs, Arnes.....\$79.00	Zenith Poole, Arborg.....\$848.00	Isabel J Toy, Lundar.....\$469.00
Jonas Roche, Arborg.....\$349.00	Barb & Menno Friesen, Riverton.....\$559.00	Cynthia Webster, Gimli.....\$449.00
Margaret Podaima, Fisher Branch.....\$769.00	Pat Dudrak, Arborg.....\$499.00	George & Maria Wiebe.....\$51.00
Michael Eyoifson, Riverton.....\$617.00	Mary Dunlop, Gimli.....\$109.00	Debbie & Adrian Zelenitsky, Gimli.....\$858.00
George R. Weibe, Arborg.....\$1,227.00	Jean Harrison, Arborg.....\$1,988.00	Doreen Steg, Camp Morton.....\$1,474.50
Janice Sinclair, Peguis.....\$209.00	Roxanne Roche, Arborg.....\$1,868.00	Darlene Jonsson, Gimli.....\$529.00
Geraldine & Jamie Stephenson, Riverton.....\$1,711.00	Ernie & Lucille Stabner, Eriksdale.....\$1,349.00	Delbert & Luwana Brandt, Riverton.....\$1,799.00
Dean & Sharmaine Murdock Dallas.....\$319.00	Nancy Woychishyn, Arborg.....\$499.00	Brenda & Ed Anderson, Princess Harbor.....\$529.00
Theodore Zagowski, Riverton.....\$119.00	Donna & Ray Andert, Gimli.....\$899.00	Linda Williams, Peguis.....\$339.00
Morris Willis, Riverton.....\$416.13	Wilf Ashley, Arborg.....\$479.00	Eugene Feschuk, Gimli.....\$2,227.00
Glen Syme, Arborg.....\$59.00	Jake Barkman, Riverton.....\$619.00	Ida Jean Buck, Hodgson.....\$26.75
Rob & Kelly Selkirk, Peguis.....\$2,399.00	Mike & Thelma Blahey, Arborg.....\$557.00	Glen & Phyllis Stevenson, Peguis.....\$877.00
Pete & Mary Plett, Arborg.....\$599.00	Elaine Bolter/Geoff Crew, Sandy Hook.....\$999.00	Don & Betty Johnson, Arborg.....\$1,299.00
Donald Ostertag, Gimli.....\$1,448.00	Karen Dzaid, Arborg.....\$499.00	Patricia McCallum, Gimli.....\$569.00
Peguis Free Spirits Child Care, Peguis.....\$189.00	Natalia & Roger Eyoifson, Riverton.....\$1638.00	Joyce Bielik, Riverton.....\$29.95
Brent Melsted, Arborg.....\$599.00	Randy & Glenda Forster, Hodgson.....\$1898.00	Marvin Olson, Arborg.....\$29.95
A.W. Mabon, Gimli.....\$1,027.00	Perry & Genni Hibbert, Arborg.....\$479.00	Jeroline Smith, Peguis.....\$1227.00
Brian Jonasson, Arnes.....\$454.00	Kris & Begga Johannesson, Riverton.....\$939.00	Sandra Jonasson, Arborg.....\$549.00
Phyllis Dueck, Riverton.....\$767.00	Rick & Sheila Johnstn, Arborg.....\$349.00	Melissa & Jeff Abuda - Arborg.....\$3,339
John & Nellie Burak, Arborg.....\$599.00	Bertha Jonasson, Arnes.....\$769.00	John Paul Avison - Arborg.....\$679
Andrew Barg, Winnipeg.....\$1,749.00	Donna Jonasson, Arnes.....\$399.00	Carol & Dan Beauchemin - Inwood.....\$1,329
Crystal Sigurdson, Riverton.....\$549.00	Jeannette Kist, Gimli.....\$121.87	Jim Dingwall - Camp Morton.....\$1,038
Rick & Ellen Martin, Arborg.....\$1,330.00	Kevin & Lisa Klym, Arborg.....\$774.00	Eugene Feschuk - Gimli.....\$698
Ronald Ostzyzniuk, Poplarfield.....\$479.00	John & Tina Kornelson, Arborg.....\$689.00	Judy Wells - Riverton.....\$1,278
Margaret S. Wilson, Peguis.....\$1,699.00	Kent & Helena Kostshyn, Lundar.....\$639.80	Darlene Jonsson - Gimli.....\$359
Stacey Ledingham, Riverton.....\$1,279.00	Thomas Kowalchuk, Fraserwood.....\$499.00	Ruth Kennedy - Arborg.....\$549
Wayne Barkman, Arnes.....\$799.00	Layne & Holly Kulbacki, Arborg.....\$599.00	Benita Muzyka - Arborg.....\$388
Kathy Taylor, Winnipeg Beach.....\$599.00	Edward Penner, Arborg.....\$619.00	Archie Thompson - Arborg.....\$549
Doreen Steg, Camp Morton.....\$299.00	Keith Poleschuk, Arborg.....\$2082.00	Amanda Unger - Riverton.....\$799
Lloyd Sigurdson, Arborg.....\$599.00	Curtis Spence, Hodgson.....\$479.00	Evelyn Wallach - Poplarfield.....\$899
Glen & Norma Plett, Arborg.....\$629.00	Tanya & Lyle Thorgilsson, Lundar.....\$329.00	Judy Wells - Grande Pointe.....\$119
Jeannette Nickols, Riverton.....\$1,699.00	Nancy Woychishyn, Arborg.....\$768.00	Lynn Bear - Peguis.....\$239.00
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Scott McDougall, Ashern.....\$369.00	Raymond Bazinet, Eriksdale.....\$389.00	David Chudy - Fisher Branch.....\$1,499.00
Doug Moroski, Meleb.....\$399.00	Lynn Bear, Peguis.....\$1,044.00	Susie and Brian Eyoifson - Riverton.....\$528.00
John Harper, Hodgson.....\$799.00	Ken & Linda Cherepak, Arborg.....\$49.01	Nelson Hudson - Koostatak.....\$629.00
Robert & Delores Jacobson, Arborg.....\$279.00	Debbie Deveau, Eriksdale.....\$249.00	Larry and Valerie Kornelsen - Arborg.....\$799.00
Brad Baziniak, Riverton.....\$698.00	Dorothy Dubchak, Gimli.....\$899.00	Jason Loewen - Arborg.....\$859.00
Allan Porter, Peguis.....\$1,698.00	Sid & Beatrice Dueck, Arborg.....\$569.00	Rita Milne - Gimli.....\$1,327.43
Peter & Verma Bodnar, Arborg.....\$1,028.00	Don Firman, Arborg.....\$529.00	Minerva Ladies Aid - Gimli.....\$659.00
Zenith Poole, Arborg.....\$1,849.00	Leslee Gislason, Riverton.....\$699.00	Sheila Murdock - Koostatak.....\$1,018.00
Kevin & Lisa Klym, Arborg.....\$179.00	Heather Hamaberg, Teulon.....\$749.00	Ruth Otto - Ashern.....\$1,829.00
Joan Hudson, Hodgson.....\$979.00	Matthew Hamaberg, Winnipeg.....\$399.00	Ken and Judy Paluk - Komarno.....\$899.00
Leonard & Joyce Jackson, Gimli.....\$2,427.00	Star Johanneson, Arborg.....\$549.00	Andy and Jaci Platt - Arborg.....\$299.00
Amanda Rundle, Riverton.....\$258.00	Allan & Janie Johnson, Riverton.....\$1,039.00	Linda Podaima - Fisher Branch.....\$43.45
Kay Bergman, Arborg.....\$2,229.00	Brenda Kayer, Teulon.....\$399.00	Ron and Inga Spring - Pine Dock.....\$429.00
William & Ethel Brown, Gimli.....\$5,000.00	Wayne & Kathy Kristinnson, Arborg.....\$499.00	Stella Thomas - Fisher Branch.....\$149.00
Mike Budniak, Meleb.....\$1,504.10	Jeff Melsted, Gimli.....\$120.00	

**GRAND TOTAL TO DATE! \$205,495.52**

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### A NOTE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Due to the nature of this sale, we felt a brief explanation is essential.

At closing, 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 19 we will tally the 10 days of paid sales and divide by 10 to get the average daily sale. The day which is closest to this average, without going over it, will be the day which ALL purchasers will receive their purchase amount back, taxes excluded.

In the case of credit card (Smitty's, Visa, Mastercard) purchases, we will issue a credit immediately.

As we are tremendously overstocked right now, every item in stock will be included in this sale. No exceptions—clearance, damaged, discontinued, even new arrivals; furniture, appliances and even electronics.

We must reduce our inventory and to ensure we do, we will even give it away for one day!

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- All sales must be paid in full to qualify for this sale.
- Visa, Mastercard or Smitty's Credit Cards accepted.
- Sale starts 9 a.m. Tues., Sept. 8 and ends Sat., Sept. 19, 6 p.m.
- All purchasers on free day will be notified and receive their full refund by Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.
- All sales tallies and free day will be verified by our accounting firm.
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