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Sgt. Emma Gray fixes her younger brother Ian's tie before the Remembrance Day ceremony held by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 at the Gimli High School gym on Nov. 11.

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Riverton woman celebrates 104

By Evan Matthews

It's not every day a person can celebrate 104 years of life.

But on Saturday Nov. 9, surrounded by family and friends, including her sons Richie and Barry Johannson, (with kids, grandkids, great-nieces and nephews), Joey Grimolfson celebrated her 104th birthday in Winnipeg. The party was hosted at Grimolfson's home, at the River East Personal Care Home.

"Today, we're wishing my Auntie Joey a very happy birthday," said Tanis Grimolfson. "We love you."

Joey, with her husband Svein, used to own and operate Riverton's Rainbow Inn way back in the '50s with her sons playing hockey at the time for the Riverton Lions, according to Tanis.

As a family, they operated the establishment for 17 years.

Many in town commented on the business operation as they reminisced.

"You used to make the best cheeseburgers in your restaurant," said Peggy Gudmundson.

Having everyone together



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Joey Grimolfson, formerly of Riverton, celebrated her 104th birthday in Winnipeg at the River East Personal Care Home.

and celebrating was a memorable experience for Joey, according to Tanis.

"She was so excited. She just said, 'Wow.'"

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Province participates in Take Our Kids to Work Day

By Evan Matthews

Studies show hands-on experience fosters a deeper understanding, so what better way to learn about what Mom or Dad does than to show up at work?

On Nov. 6, in partnership with SAFE Work Manitoba, schools across the province let Grade 9 students participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day.

"I do a lot of data entry and customer service," said Lisa Mazur, client services clerk at the Fisher Branch Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) office and mother of Olivia.

MASC Insurance provides agricultural producers with a broad range of risk-management tools, according to

its website, with overarching priorities established by MASC's board of directors and direction from the Manitoba government.

"Anything to do with explaining our programs and insurance ... We do some lending as well," she said.

Olivia attends Fisher Branch Collegiate.

Though she had spent time at her mom's office previously, Olivia said she has gained a better understanding of her mother's occupation throughout the day.

"It seems really complicated. ... It looks difficult," said Olivia, adding that watching her mom work made her realize she isn't so interested in an office position.

"I'm thinking about going into something related to health care, maybe nursing. ... I love watching *Grey's Anatomy*, but who knows? I've gone through a lot of different thoughts," she said, specifically mentioning architecture.

More than anything, though, Olivia asked, "What's better than a day away from school?"

The vast majority of Grade 9 students at Fisher Branch Collegiate par-

ticipated, according to vice-principal Donna Gislason.

Having the students participate and see a first-hand example of work is the goal, she said.

"Real-world work. Many students know their parents' job title but not really what they do," said Gislason.

"They get to spend the day ... and it really gives the kids a positive glimpse," she said.



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Lisa, left, and Olivia Mazur spent the day talking about data entry and MASC insurance programming. Olivia hopes to one day be a nurse.

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Women served vital peacetime role in the Canadian Armed Forces

By Patricia Barrett

The experiences and contributions of women who served in the Canadian Armed Forces during peacetime may not be as well known as their wartime contributions, but they played a vital role supporting Canada's peacekeeping missions overseas and keeping the home front safe.

Three women who live in Winnipeg Beach, and who are members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 61, contributed to Canada's peacetime efforts between the 1960s and the 1980s.

Despite the Forces having made wartime women's organizations redundant, women were actively recruited over the post-war period and given an opportunity to work in non-traditional female roles.

Sandie Williams joined the Forces in 1961 when she was 18 and served for two years until her son was born. Because she and her husband decided to have a child, she was given an honourable discharge, standard practice at the time.

After basic training in Cornwallis, N.S., Williams was sent to HMCS (Her Majesty's Canadian Ship) Chippawa in Winnipeg where she undertook naval training and learned how to send and decipher coded military communications using Morse code, the NATO phonetic alphabet and semaphore.

Morse code, a form of encryption, would be transmitted within a certain number of words per minute then translated into plain language and typed up.

"They gave us a card about three to four inches square, black with a white background and you pressed down on it and that taught you how to signal," said Williams, who came to the service with typing and accounting skills and was recommended for communications.

"You also had to learn the Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, etc., [the NATO phonetic alphabet] and you had to learn to do it on that card. Should there be a war, you would signal a warship."

The Chippawa barracks also had a pool where all personnel were taught to swim "in case a ship was bombed," she said.

Because it was peacetime, Williams was placed on the emergency list but could be called up at any time should war break out.

Another Winnipeg Beach veteran who worked in the secret world of code was Audrey Cook. She joined 10 years after Williams in 1971 and served with the Air Force, becoming a teletype operator in Edmonton.

Operators would decipher dots and dashes, translating sentences into plain language depending on how "the dots lined up" on ticker tape, then type up the message using a keyboard (the same qwerty keyboards we have today) that was attached to a teleprinter. The printer would punch out the coded message onto ticker tape.

"Teletype operators had top-secret security clearance because they were handling all the messages," said Cook. "You handled coded messages and you had to know which code to use to read different messages."

She served until 1975 after she had children and said she wished she could have stayed longer. During basic training in Cornwallis, where all recruits were sent, she made a name for herself.

"I managed to become the first one up on charges



Teresa Beauregard



Audrey Cook



Virginia (Sandie) Williams

for not making my bed properly," said Cook, laughing. "You're marched into the commander's office with a guard in front of you and a guard behind you and you stand there at attention and don't say a word and take what they give you."

What they gave her was house arrest for three days, which meant she couldn't leave the barracks, she said. But it worked out in her favour because she swapped duties with other recruits, taking weekend guard duty and off-loading sewing, which she detested.

Williams, too, said she was put on "defaulters" at Cornwallis. Her crime: having dust under her bed.

"I later proved that as my cot was beside the door, the sweepers in the hall were spreading dust and some would fall under my bed," said Williams.

To a civilian, it may seem petty to be punished for failing to tuck in your sheets properly or collecting dust, but there was a good reason for such exacting instructions, said veteran Teresa Beauregard, who grew up in Winnipeg Beach.

"It was to weed out people who can't follow orders. If you're not disciplined enough and you don't have the tenacity to stick with it, you shouldn't be there," said Beauregard, who is currently secretary of the Winnipeg Beach Legion. "They're trying to break you. They want you to go home if you can't take it. They're not there to baby you. They want people who are determined to do this for a career and for the right reasons."

Beauregard joined in 1973 and served for 10 years in the Air Command division even though the Forces had been amalgamated and was known as tri-service. She worked in various departments including aerospace, finance and administration.

Beauregard said she remembers having to hang her uniforms at a certain distance apart in the closet, with the sleeves folded in the same direction. She was never singled out for sloppy bed-making as she used to lie on the floor under her bed and pull the sheets as tight as she could so that the proverbial quarter would bounce.

Some of her most memorable times were serving with certain units and with some "great officers. Everybody's goal was to protect the country," said Beauregard.

Every operation needs a good administration behind it to keep it ticking along in an orderly man-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
Teresa Beauregard (left) and Audrey Cook.

ner. Because Beauregard said she excelled in an administration training course, she was eventually promoted to supervise an Orderly Room at an aerospace training school at CFB Borden, Ont. Tracking where personnel were posted and the management of aerospace personnel in training were among some of her duties.

Both Beauregard and Cook said they would have willingly served in the event of a war and accepted postings overseas.

Despite the contributions of women, they said they felt women were not recognized to the same degree that men were. At the time they served, the service was grappling with how to treat women who wanted to start a family or who became pregnant.

Before the 1970s, Cook said women weren't "allowed" to be pregnant and received an automatic discharge if they were — like Williams had. Later on, the time allotted to maternity leave was insufficient and couldn't be adjusted to the delivery date.

Within four weeks of giving birth, Cook said she

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Arborg artists earn their stripes and become part of the Interlake WAVE

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg has a number of artists that might not have had the recognition they likely deserve. But that's about to change as three area artists have been officially accepted into the WAVE Interlake Artists' Studio Tour group.

Jerry Maryniuk, Georgina Ball and Greg Palsson made a pitch to join the WAVE and were recently accepted.

"It's good news for our area," said Maryniuk. "We've been lobbying for a while. The WAVE had a vote a couple of weeks ago and we're now part of the group."

Maryniuk had gotten his foot in the WAVE door last year when he took his artwork to the studio of a WAVE member in the Petersfield area so that he could take part in the group's annual shows.

The WAVE organizes two public tours each year (summer and fall) of artist studios and private group studio tours that bring art-lovers and artists together. Individual artists also take part in year-round activities such as teaching a particular artistic technique.

Palsson is a well-known carver of birds and Ball is a tremendous oil painter, said Maryniuk, and they'll all have their biographies in the WAVE's guidebook and on its website.

Maryniuk is a retired Winnipeg police officer who had specialized in forensic composite drawings of suspects and in the reconstruction of skeletal

remains for most of his 26 years with the service. Recognizing his talent for drawing, the service sent him to an art school in Scottsdale, Ariz., and to the FBI Academy to study forensics.

After he retired in 2001, he freelanced on a case for the FBI then turned his artistic talents into a post-retirement hobby that may be in danger of becoming a full-time job.

"I never wanted art to become a job where I put in 10 hours a day," said Maryniuk. "I'm a typical artist: I go like crazy then I procrastinate like crazy right after that."

In addition to drawing, Maryniuk makes clay sculptures of trolls — a nod to his part-Scandinavian heritage — paints and makes art pieces out of gourds.

"I grow and paint my own gourds and create things out of them. I used to teach a class on this," he said. "They're called thunder gourds; you give them a shake and they sound like distant thunder."

His latest artistic venture is a cartoon book about "old people like me."

Titled *SnowBird Sketches: Emil Goes South for the Winter*, the book takes a light-hearted poke at people who head south for the winter.

He just completed a book-signing tour in conjunction with CAA Manitoba, which features him in its Winter 2019 magazine.

He's currently working on another cartoon book titled *SnowBird Sketches:*



EXPRESS PHOTO BY SHARON MARYNIUK

Greg Palsson (left) with his wood carving of a goshawk and Jerry Maryniuk with his sculpture of an Icelandic River troll. They, along with Georgina Ball, have been accepted into the WAVE.

the Rusty Years, a quip he picked up from his wife's father, who wondered why retirees call it the golden years.

Maryniuk said he, Palsson and Ball have formed a committee and are in the process of organizing an art show in Arborg next August that's expected

to showcase the work of at least 20 Arborg-area artists. It's scheduled for the weekend of the Arborg Street Festival and Manitoba 150 celebrations.

For more information about Maryniuk's work, visit his Facebook page.

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was back at work. And men with "old school" attitudes believed married mothers shouldn't be in the service.

"That period [1970s] was a learning curve for the whole service, trying to figure out how to deal with these situations," said Cook, who got a dressing down from her commanding officer for becoming pregnant and asking for leave.

"He said, 'This is why women shouldn't be in the service,'" she said.

"They didn't believe in that, and some commanding officers made it very well known that you were not wanted."

Beauregard said there was no advocacy for women during her time and if a woman became pregnant, she faced serious personal decisions.

When she herself became pregnant after 10 years with the Forces, she said she had difficulty deciding whether she wanted to continue her career or

to become a full-time parent. Because she didn't put in her release application until after her son was born, she was forced to send him to daycare when he was six weeks old and abide by the six-month release period.

Despite discriminatory attitudes, the women said they loved serving with the Forces as it had a positive influence on their lives.

Cook said she could "do more than I thought I could, and I could handle more than I thought I could."

Beauregard said she learned she had

"stamina and determination and that I can be a leader. We were protectors and proud Canadians. It was an honour to wear the uniform of our country."

RCMP investigating suspicious death in Lake St. Martin

Staff

On Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m., the Gypsumville RCMP received a report of an unresponsive female at a residence located in the Lake St. Martin First Nation.

Officers attended to the residence and located a 32-year-old female deceased.

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Remembrance Day controversy

By Evan Matthews

Controversy around the “rainbow” symbol, and how Canadian society interacts with it, is nothing new.

Just Google rainbow crosswalks in Canada and you don’t have to look very far to confirm this notion for yourself.

Many people have argued in the past, “I’m inclusive; I have no issues with the LGBTQ2 community. But I don’t want to see a rainbow crosswalk every day on Main Street.”

Municipal councils have allowed rainbow crosswalks in some communities, whereas in others they’ve rejected rainbow crosswalks for an array of reasons: being an eyesore, an insurance liability, the list of “reasons” could go on forever.

But generally, the sentiment has been positive.

A rainbow is a symbol of inclusiveness and togetherness and support for the LGBTQ2 community.

Whether a crosswalk, a flag or even a poppy, there is absolutely no issue with displaying a rainbow in support of, or to identify with, LGBTQ2 culture.

Which brings us to the Interlake, specifically, Stonewall.

Last week, a student was allegedly accused of hate speech and subsequently suspended because she refused to wear the rainbow poppy — at least that was the original version of events.

That changed.

It was later reported the student was not suspended for her refusal to wear the rainbow poppy but allegedly suspended for creating posters in protest of the it, though Interlake School Division staffers did not confirm to media what the suspension was actually in relation to.

Of note, the Royal Canadian Legion only lists official approval of the traditional red and black poppy.

But that isn’t to say, as a country or even as individuals, that we cannot express ourselves how we see fit. But it has to be done with respect.

If one is to think about the number of people who lost their lives during any war, there is no doubt that an LGBTQ2 person sacrificed in that war, whether they were out (of the closet) or not.

LGBTQ2 people have made the same sacrifices as anyone else, maybe not in the same staggering numbers (unconfirmed), but there are examples.

Look no further than the subject of the 2014 Hollywood film *The Imitation Game*, based on the real life events of Second World War decoder Alan Turing, who identified with the LGBTQ2 community.

But here is what this issue comes down to: Expression and respect, and the fact that everyone has a right to both.

If a person chooses to wear a rainbow poppy to commemorate fallen LGBTQ2 veterans, whether it be a family member or just out of nobility,

said person should be entitled to do that.

They should be allowed to express themselves, respectfully, on a day specifically intended to commemorate all veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On the flip side of that coin, there are many, many Canadians who lost relatives and ancestors to war.

For many Canadians, Nov. 11, Armistice/Remembrance Day, is about honouring, respecting and remembering those veterans. Simply, the day — for some, not all — is not the time and/or place to emphasize LGBTQ2 politics.

Which is OK, too. A person is allowed to remember a relative who is no longer alive, honour them and pay respect for their sacrifices.

They’re allowed to wear a traditional poppy, and they shouldn’t be forced in any way to change that.

We, as individuals within a greater society, are all entitled to our feelings, emotions and expressions on what is an extremely powerful day.

But identity politics is doing society a detriment, especially in these instances.

The focus on Remembrance Day should be the veterans and remembering them.

Nov. 11 isn’t designated as a national day for debating politics; it’s for paying respect.

Let’s all try to remember that.

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Province announces stronger consequences for impaired driving come into effect Dec. 16

Immediate roadside prohibition approach meant to help save lives

Submitted by Manitoba Government

Tougher and more timely consequences for drinking and driving in Manitoba will come into effect Dec. 16, including new sanctions that will see drivers temporarily lose their vehicles for registering a “warn” on an approved screening device, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week.

“Impaired drivers are still taking the lives of Manitobans and we need to do more to make sure people get the message that this is unacceptable,” said Cullen. “Immediate roadside prohibition ensures on-the-spot consequences for making the poor decision to drink and drive. The consequences are clear — impaired drivers will lose their licence, their vehicle and face significant financial penalties.”

The new approach, called immediate roadside prohibition, increases sanctions for drivers who register a “warn” level on an approved screening device. It also provides a faster alternative to the breathalyzer test and resolves matters outside of the criminal justice system for drivers who refuse or fail an approved screening device test for the first time. However, the immediate roadside prohibition approach is not intended to be used in cases where the impaired driver kills or injures another person or if there are other significant aggravating circumstances.

The new sanctions for drivers who register a “warn” on an approved

screening device include a new monetary penalty of \$400 for a first violation, escalating to \$500 for a second violation and \$600 for a third or subsequent violation. The timeframe for vehicle impoundments also escalate, from three days for a first violation, seven days for a second, or 30 days for a third or subsequent violation.

For first-time impaired drivers who register a “fail” on an approved screening device and cause no bodily injury or death, police will have discretion to impose a \$700 monetary penalty as well as a mandatory ignition interlock of one year rather than proceeding with a criminal charge. The new sanctions would be comparable to those applied post-conviction and would be applied on top of the existing pre-conviction 90-day licence suspension, 30-day vehicle impoundment and mandatory remedial programming.

Individuals who refuse the screening will face the same sanctions as a “fail,” with vehicle impoundment extending to 60 days. In addition, a “warn” reading will result in the driver receiving five demerits on their Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) driver safety rating scale, increasing to 10 demerits for either a “fail” or refusal.

The sanctions for first-time refusals or drunk drivers who register a “fail” on an approved screening device are only intended to apply where the case does not involve serious bodily injury or death, or other aggravating factors.

Under the new approach, testing a suspected impaired driver can take as little as six minutes. This is significantly less than the time required to administer a breathalyzer test and process an impaired driver for criminal charges, which is often up to four hours.

“Collisions caused by impaired drivers continue to kill and cause significant injuries to far too many Manitobans. These collisions are entirely preventable and it’s time we look at new ways of getting these dangerous drivers off our roads,” said assistant commissioner Jane MacLachy, commanding officer of the Manitoba RCMP. “Without a doubt, the immediate roadside suspensions will be a powerful tool that will help our officers to quickly remove impaired drivers from Manitoba roads, making our highways and roadways safer for all.”

Adding up all the administrative sanctions and monetary penalties, the minimum cost for a “warn” will range from \$700 for a first violation to \$3,420 for a third or subsequent violation. The minimum cost for a “fail” will be \$3,520 and the minimum cost for refusal of the approved screening device will be \$3,970. A province-wide public education campaign by Manitoba Public Insurance, focused on impaired driving and immediate roadside prohibition approach, will be launched later this month.

The immediate roadside prohibition approach was implemented in British Columbia in 2010. It has been credited with helping to save 351 lives and reduced alcohol-related deaths by 50 per cent in that province. It has had a sim-

ilar impact on alcohol-related injuries and collisions. This model is strongly supported by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada.

“MADD Canada fully supports the expansion of immediate roadside prohibitions in Manitoba,” said Andrew Murie, chief executive officer, MADD Canada. “Having quick, strong, short-term sanctions offers a powerful deterrent to those who might otherwise drive impaired. We welcome these new provisions, and thank the government for its leadership in helping to reduce impaired driving and make roads safer.”

The minister noted this legislation also supports the objectives of the recently released Public Safety and Policing Strategy by ensuring police can spend more time on policing and less on administration. The strategy is online at www.gov.mb.ca/justice/pubs/police_publicsafety_strategy.pdf.

“We strongly believe this approach will allow police officers to get back on the road sooner, allowing them to catch more impaired drivers and keep all of us safer,” said Cullen.

In 2018, 70 people were killed and 437 were seriously injured in traffic collisions in Manitoba on public roadways. Impaired driving accounted for 40 per cent of those killed. Already this year, at least 10 people have lost their lives because of an impaired driver.

RCMP investigate fatal two-vehicle collision

Submitted

On Nov. 6 at approximately 9:45 a.m., Headingley RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 1, in the RM of Cartier.

A semi-trailer travelling west on Highway 1 was stopped and waiting to turn north onto Cabot Road, when it was rear-ended by a van.

The driver and lone occupant of the van, a 55-year-old male from Mat-

lock, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the semi-trailer, a 21-year-old male, from the RM of Springfield, was not injured.

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Hi folks.

I guess a little reminder of the different thicknesses of "safe ice" on our waterways might be timely since some of our friends have been sending me messages of folks venturing out on very thin ice.

Going by the safest estimates, you're probably OK to walk on four inches or 10 centimetres of good clear ice. Sixteen inches or 40 centimetres should be fine to drive on, but personally I've got to say you won't see me in Old Red on the ice until I've got a couple of feet of it under me. I also have a walking safety pole with a spike on the end like the one Marvin Sveistrup's dad made him carry when commercial fishing on Lake Manitoba. If you recall his story three weeks ago, his dad told him if he went through the ice, he should hang onto the pole and roll over it to thicker ice.

There was some ice forming along the edges of the Red River downstream of Selkirk last week when I happened upon two guys shore fishing. The warmth and comforting

smell of their bonfire seemed to ease us into happily trading fishing stories. I found Tom Holovach of River Heights, a very fun-loving guy who was ready and willing share a story of what you shouldn't do in a boat. There was a time many years ago, Tom said, when he went boat fishing in the fall with his girlfriend (who shall remain nameless) and two other guys (let's call them Bert and Ron for privacy's sake) on Lake of the Prairies.

The fish weren't biting and boredom began setting in. The wind was raw on the cold, open water. Bert, sitting in front of Ron, reached overboard and began splashing water with his hand. The bitter wind caught the water Bert was splashing up onto Ron's face.

"Knock it off!" Rod shouted.

Bert, being a kidder, kept at it pretending to throw water at Rod. Without warning, he stood up in the boat and put a strangle hold on Bert from behind. Bert grabbed the gunwale of the boat, leaning over the side, trying to get away from him.

That's when the boat, burdened with the weight of two big men leaning over one side, listed and allowed water to flood in. In a see-saw effect, Tom's girlfriend found herself high in the air on the other side of the boat clinging to the opposite gunwale for dear life! Tom, sitting at the transom working the motor, stared in disbelief at the scenario before him. He braced his feet against the downside of the boat wall and hung onto the motor.

"You guys stop that," Tom shouted.



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Left photo: Steve Burtnack. Right photo: Tom Holovach with some of their past catch from the Red River.

The guys promptly sat down.

Unfortunately, Tom's girlfriend sitting on the other side of the boat felt it drop. The hapless girl's upper body was thrown over the side, soaking her. She screamed, scolding Bert and Rod as the boat righted itself. Then her scream faded to a shriek of joy. During the heaving of the boat, she had clung to her rod whose end was now jerking violently. She had a fish! Wet and shivering, yet laughing, she cast unprintable names at the men. The chilling wind kicked up whitecap waves as she reeled in so quickly her fish, a nice walleye, burst from the crest of one wave and dropped into the trough between the waves slapping the side of the boat. She hauled up hard and the fish sprang from the water, through the air, tumbling in the boat!

You know, come to think of it, that's the second story in a month about an unusual fishing trip on Lake of the Prairies. Remember Jim Inch and Nick Borison, who took a guy boat fishing there and he tangled his line around the motor prop? All the time Tom was telling his story, his buddy

Steve Burtnack stood by smiling and listening. As soon as Tom was done, Steve chimed in with a story of his own.

"I remember once years ago a bunch of my friends and I went up to Snow Lake for a fishing trip," he recounted.

In town, they got supplies, found a guide and journeyed by walking through bush, portaging and boating to Rock Island. They got there by mid-day and began fishing. It didn't matter whether they shore fished or boat fished; they caught one master-sized walleye after another. Finally, come evening, Steve and his buddies got together at the camp and prepared to enjoy some of those walleye. The fish were cleaned and folding tables were set up. The guide hoisted the gas stove onto the table and put his hand in his pocket for his lighter. Nothing!

He called out, "Somebody give me your lighter."

Nobody answered. The group stood stunned. Not one guy had matches or a lighter!

See you next week, my friends. Bye for now.

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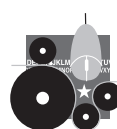
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24-hour Giving Challenge Saturday, Nov. 16

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The Westshore Community Foundation - identifies and understands the community's needs, by creating and maintaining partnerships that support effective solutions, and engaging and stewarding caring investors who fund endowments and grants, while growing the entire community.

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Another chapter to be written for the Fisher Library

By Evan Matthews

The RM of Fisher Council has expressed its support for a library, and now the Fisher Library Advisory Council has to put in a bit more work.

At the Nov. 6 council meeting, Reeve Shannon Pyziak thanked the (now titled) Fisher Library Advisory Council for its work detailing a business plan with Community Futures.

Pyziak mentioned to the Library Advisory Council that although council has expressed support, the business plan's numbers would have to be revisited, refined and finalized.

"As a community, we're ready to go to work for this," said Library Advisory Council chairperson Annette Holowka, noting that the business plan is ready but has yet to be made final.

"We will sand and paint. We will bake, haul furniture and shelves, books. We'll fundraise, etc. We just needed the green light," she said.

The next step, according to Holowka, is to finalize the business plan with Community Futures and the help of the Evergreen Regional Library.

Council told the Library Advisory Council they may require more in-

formation in the near future, and suggested the Evergreen Regional Library be present at the Fisher RM's December meeting.

To date, no one from the Fisher RM Council nor the Library Advisory Council have divulged on specifics when it comes to finances.

The closest to an estimate to date has been from chief administrative officer Kelly Marykuca, who said the early thought would be to join the Evergreen Regional Library (Group), which would then require a levy of \$18,726.75 from the RM annually.

That \$18,726.75 speaks only to annual operation costs and excludes start-up costs such as the purchase of a building and renovations.

Background

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Fisher RM council received a presentation from the Library Advisory Council relating to its business plan.

Council asked the Library Advisory Council to meet with the LUD and come back in November.

Some of the things the advisory council presented to council previ-

ously included the potential locations and ownership of the proposed library.

The Library Advisory Council suggested the municipality purchase the building for the project, according to Marykuca. The committee has narrowed its search down to one location from originally having 14 potential locations.

The search narrowing came as the result of a facility consultation of the unnamed building, performed by Community Places consultant Ralph Mueller.

The Library Advisory Council, which now consists of 12 members, sees the library as a potential gathering place in the community, according to member Lynda Baker — a place for people to take out books, e-books or provide language kits for new Canadians. Other community events could be hosted such as art displays, local author visits, book clubs, summer programs and a preschool program, Baker said.

In a series of presentations, council had asked the Library Advisory Council for a community petition and then

subsequently for a business plan.

The Advisory Council had also acquired 12 letters of support from community groups, which Baker said should be an indication to the RM that there is a strong community desire.

Including the Nov. 6 meeting, the Library Advisory Council has now met with council four times.

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Gimli pays its respect to Canadian soldiers on Remembrance Day

By: Gabrielle Piché

Young and old gathered together in the Gimli High School last Monday with red poppies pinned to their cleft lapel. The municipality's Remembrance Day service began with MC Randy Albertson delivering opening remarks. Comrade Pastor Richard Schulz led the prayer and gave a speech honouring Canadian soldiers. Bob McCormick read "In Flanders Fields," and the Westside Choir sang to the crowd.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 182 hosted the ceremony.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE PICHE

Westside Choir sings the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" near the end of Monday's ceremony.



Erika Barteaux attended the Remembrance Day service.



Mike Penziwol lays a wreath.



Lark Gamey pins a poppy to the cross following the ceremony.



Simba gives Kevin Peters a kiss before the ceremony starts.



Chris Struhan faces the crowd at the Remembrance Day service on Monday. Struhan was part of the ceremony's colour party.



Bob Munro was part of the colour party.

Remembering our soldiers, past and present



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY MOLLIE MEIER

The sun shone brightly with below normal temperatures on Monday as local dignitaries, residents, and military members paid tribute to the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers both past and present. Camp Morton's 20th anniversary of their outdoor Remembrance Day service took place in front of the Cenotaph in the provincial park, honouring our veterans and active service members.

KAP president invites Prime Minister to Manitoba

By Evan Matthews

The president of Keystone Agricultural Producers has invited Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to his farm for a first-hand look at just how bad the situation has become.

In a letter to the Prime Minister's Office, KAP president Bill Campbell invited Trudeau to his farm in Minto (Brandon-Souris riding) to meet with concerned farmers about the drought and then excess moisture in the same farming year, along with trade disputes and farmers' bottom line.

"We are looking for federal leadership to ensure our operations remain sustainable so we can continue to be an economic driver in this country," said Campbell, adding KAP has no intention of supporting the new western separatist movement.

"We do, however, have the need to hear from our federal government on issues we do encounter every day," he said.

The Prime Minister's Office did not respond to the *Express*' requests for comment.

However, local Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman James Bezan agreed with the issues Campbell had outlined in his letter.

To date, Bezan said Trudeau's government has not treated Canadian agricultural producers appropriately.

"Trudeau and his ag ministers have failed for over four years to show the respect and consideration (farmers) deserve," said Bezan via email. Bezan is a former cattle producer and the former CEO of Manitoba Cattle Producer's Association.

Bezan added two newly elected Manitoba federal Conservatives, Larry Maguire (Brandon-Souris) and Dan Mazier (Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa), have extensive farming backgrounds, too.

Maguire is a long-time grain farmer and former president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association.

Mazier was Bill Campbell's predecessor as the president of KAP.

"Farmers need more than a Trudeau photo-op at a farm. ... We need his agriculture minister to show some leadership and compassion and institute an AgriRecovery program for our farmers and ranchers," said Bezan.

"The election results across the prairies and other rural agricultural areas speak for itself; farmers don't trust Trudeau."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Cattle trailers lined up for hours last Thursday outside the Winnipeg Livestock Yard.

Bezan also provided the *Express* with a copy of a letter he had written to then-Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau, in which he asked for federal help.

"Her response was extremely delayed and disappointing," said Bezan.

"To add insult to injury, our grain and oilseed producers have had to deal with the worst fall harvesting conditions I've ever witnessed, and yet again the apathy and lack of concern expressed by the Trudeau government is deafening."

The AgriRecovery Framework is a federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) Business Risk Management (BRM) tool, according to the federal government, and is intended to help agricultural producers recover from natural disasters.

Federal politicians, to date, have said "no" to an Agri-Recovery program, to feed assistance and to protecting the cow herd in Manitoba, according to Bezan. The only thing offered, to date,

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Manitobans invited to invest in hometowns

Westshore Community Foundation is participating in the Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge, a special campaign encouraging residents along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg from Matlock to Gimli to Riverton to consider a gift to Westshore Community Foundation on the 16th of November, 2019.

"Giving to a community foundation means giving back to your hometown forever," says Tim Arnason, President of the Westshore Community Foundation. "It's a great opportunity to take care of your community now and for future generations to come."

Donations to Westshore Community Foundation are pooled and permanently invested. The income earned on these investments is distributed each year by way of grants to local charitable organizations within our catchment area.

Each \$5 gift is worth \$7 during the Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba will stretch each \$5 gift made to the Westshore Community Foundation by \$1 each.

For more information, please visit us at Sobey's, Gimli or the Riverton Co-Operative on Saturday Nov.16 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Gifts can be made onsite or by credit card online through endowmanitoba.ca or westshorefoundation.com or by phoning The Winnipeg Foundation at 1-877-974-3631. A tax receipt will be issued on all donations over \$20.00.



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Phase 2 of Gimli's Viking Park focusing on re-design of First Avenue

By Patricia Barrett

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba's Viking Park Campaign Cabinet held an open house last Saturday at the Waterfront Centre to unveil plans for Phase 2 of Viking Park and to invite feedback from the public.

The project is focused on urban revitalization along part of First Avenue.

Cabinet co-chair Grant Stefanson said the proposed design will include culturally relevant information, improve accessibility and will make the town more navigable.

Phase 1 of Viking Park was completed in 2017 and consists of gardens with native grasses and colourful plants flanking the Viking statue, settlement markers, commemorative brick pathways, wooden benches, elf houses and trolls lurking among a rocky Icelandic-inspired landscape.

"Viking Park was a very successful project for Gimli," said cabinet co-chair Kathi Thorarinson Neal. "Cottagers, tourists and residents have given us very good feedback. In 2017 in the fall after we opened the park, we achieved a 92 per cent approval rating and it has been singled out by organizations such as Travel Manitoba ... and is described as a gem and a must-see in Manitoba."

Phase 2 will extend the park from the historic breakwater that runs beside Betel Home to First Avenue then north up First to the corner of Centre Street.

It will include LED lighting, wider sidewalks (about seven feet) with rumble strips, benches, new tree species, zebra crossings, painted turning lanes and three strategically placed wayfinding signs that will be illuminated at night and contain information in English, French and Icelandic.

The Icelandic Festival received \$300,000 from the federal government, \$300,000 from the provincial government and \$300,000 from the RM of Gimli for Phase 2. Private donors have also helped fund the project.

Landscape architect Monica Giesbrecht from HTFC Planning & Design, which worked on Phase 1 of Viking Park, said the breakwater area will have a wooden boardwalk with benches and will be built parallel to the old harbour wall where people can sit and enjoy the view of the south harbour. Trees such as poplar and willow will also be planted in the area.

For First Avenue, Giesbrecht said they won't be planting one species of tree such as the ash because the emerald ash borer beetle is on its way to destroying "all our ash trees in Manitoba, so the plan is to do a mixture of trees."



Wayfinder signage.

Tree species that will be planted along First include the hardy Brandon ascending elm, which Giesbrecht said had been crossed with an elm grown in Siberia and is resistant to Dutch elm disease, and the hackberry tree, which has thrived in Winnipeg despite air pollution and street salting.

Mayor Lynn Greenberg, who attended the meeting with councillors Richard Petrowski, Peter Holfeuer and Thora Palson (Coun. Cody Magnusson was absent), said Phase 2 is an exciting project that has the support of council.

The guest books at the New Iceland Heritage Museum, the Gimli Art Club and the Gimli Glider Exhibit attest to the power of Gimli to draw tourists from across Canada, the U.S. and Europe, he said.

"This downtown revitalization will be talked about when visitors return to their home communities," said Greenberg.

What Phase 2 won't be addressing is modifications to land at the harbour and around Bill's Hill, which is owned by the federal government. It also won't include upgrades to the bandstand area between the Lakeview Resort and the Gimli Art Club.

To develop the bandstand area — which Giesbrecht said could possibly be converted into a public plaza with a splash pad — would cost another \$2 million and "we just can't do it all at once."

Stefanson said given the necessity to spend the \$900,000 by July 2020, there's uncertainty about a possible Phase 3 and there'd have to be more public consultation.

"There will be more opportunity [in future] for development closer to



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Enhancements to First Avenue include new tree species, wayfinding signage, zebra crossings and wider sidewalks.



Grant Stefanson



Kathi Thorarinson Neal

the waterfront," said Stefanson. "This project isn't that one."

He added that the Icelandic Festival will not be overseeing Phase 3 and new volunteers would have to step forward.

"We're going to leave an amazing legacy here to the community and we're all very proud of it," said Stefanson. "Ultimately, I think what history will tell us is that it spurred things on."

The co-chairs said they welcome the support of private donors who wish to sponsor a feature of the upcoming revitalization. That could include purchasing a donor plaque for one of the benches, enhancements to the

information at the cenotaph and the fighter jet or something of cultural significance such as the history of the fjallkona, the national personification of Iceland.

"The extent that you get involved and get behind this, it's just going to be that much better," said Stefanson.

Plans for Phase 2 will be finalized in a few months, said Giesbrecht, and it will incorporate public feedback. The work is expected to start in the spring or summer of 2020.

For more information about Viking Park or to make a donation, contact the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba at 204-642-7417 or email info@icelandic-festival.com.



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Remembering Oscar Solmundson, a WW2 RCAF pilot from Gimli

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It has been 80 years since the world was plunged into a global conflict of epic proportions.

Young men and women from urban and rural areas in Canada rose up collectively to join forces to oppose the Fascist plague that was threatening humanity. In the scale of the conflict of the Second World War, thousands of military personnel lost their lives, where detailed information about their loss was often unavailable at the time.

This account is about a young man from Gimli who gave up his life in service to his country to protect the peace and freedom that so many of us today take for granted. We shall not forget them.

Oscar George Solmundson was born Dec. 3, 1912, in Gimli, one of five children of Julius and Helga Solmundson who had immigrated to Canada from Iceland around the turn of the century. In his early years, Oscar attended the newly constructed Gimli Public School (1915) and after graduating from Grade 11, he attended the Manitou Normal School where he trained as a teacher. Oscar taught at a number of schools around the Gimli area, including Minerva and Husavick and lastly at the Gimli Public School, where he taught grades 7 and 8 in the 1930s. Oscar also introduced and taught the first carpentry class in the Gimli Public School.

Oscar was well respected by his students throughout his teaching career, even though he was known to be a strict disciplinarian.

Oscar was a tall, muscular and athletic young man, a natural leader who had a daring and fearless personality, often seen diving off the lighthouse at the end of the Gimli Pier or swimming two miles across the Gimli harbour as well as surfboarding 22 miles across Lake Winnipeg behind a motor boat.

Oscar excelled in many sports throughout his youth, most notably hockey and swimming, where he later coached his teams to trophy standards. Oscar quickly became a role model for many youngsters in the community who idolized him as a teacher, a coach and a fair and honest person.

One of his former students, Harvey Benson of Gimli, who later became a high school principal himself, acknowledged that Oscar was quick to punish you physically if he caught you misbehaving, a practice he later adopted for himself. But, you know, he said, "We all loved the guy." Oscar also played an active role in keeping his students occupied in sports and therefore out of trouble, which was greatly appreciated both by the parents and the community at large.

When WW2 broke out in September of 1939, Os-

car was the first of the men in Gimli to enlist in the RCAF in December 1939, following a 10-year teaching career. After initial training, he became an instructor in airframe mechanics for two years at St. Thomas, Ont., as a corporal.

He continued his career in the RCAF training as a pilot in Calgary, where he received his wings and commission, graduating near the top of his class. Oscar was posted to Bella Bella, B.C., on coastal patrol and later became a captain at Sydney, N.S., where he continued flying anti-submarine patrols in the North Atlantic.

Harvey Benson, who was in the Navy at the time, recalls running into Oscar in a store in Winnipeg in the spring of 1945 and believes he may have been the last person from Gimli to see Oscar alive. He remembers Oscar coming into the store just "bubbling with excitement" as he told Harvey that he was being sent to Iceland to fly anti submarine patrols.

In March of 1945, Oscar was posted to Reykjavik, Iceland, where he joined 162 Squadron under secondment to the RAF. His duty was to cover the mid-ocean portion of the North Atlantic convoy routes known as the "Black Gap" where German U Boats concentrated. The Squadron flew the Consolidated Catalina PBV- 5A flying boat, also known as the Canso in Canada. The aircraft could fly for long periods of time at a cruising speed of 210 kilometres per hour, having a range of about 4,000 kilometres. It carried two 204-kilogram depth charges on each wing and twin .30- calibre machine guns in the side blisters and nose of the aircraft and was equipped with centimetric short wave radar, which was undetectable by the old Metox long wave system in the U Boats. Oscar stayed in the Canadian Maple Leaf section on the military base in Reykjavik, Iceland. Being of Icelandic descent, he was very disappointed that he could not leave the base to visit his relatives in Reykjavik due to the military restrictions at the time.

On April 3, 1945, Oscar was sent on a mission with his crew for a 12-hour flight from Reykjavik to the Faroe Islands, a distance of 700 kilometres. His task was to search for German U boats, which would surface at night to recharge the batteries for their electric motors that they used when submerged. Half an hour after takeoff, a routine "on course" radio message was received from his aircraft. This was the last communication ever received from Oscar and his crew. After failing to return, Oscar's aircraft was reported "missing in action" and a search was launched. As no survivors or wreckage were found and the weather was good at the time, it was as-

sumed that the plane had gone down as a result of enemy action.

A month later on May 5, 1945, Oscar's body was recovered from the ocean by fishers from the Westman Islands off Iceland, where he was identified by his "dog tags" worn by all military personnel. None of the other eight members of his crew — F/O.s L.C. Martin, J.W. Hart, F/L.s W.C. Jackson, A.G. Thomson, W/O. W.L. Greer, FS.s R.G. MacNeil, J.R. McConnell and Sgt. L.S. Bentley — were ever found. Oscar's body was buried at sea with full military honours, followed by a memorial service in Gimli. A tombstone was later erected in the Gimli Cemetery in his memory. Oscar left behind his wife Helen Benson, daughter of Helgi Benson of Gimli and later of Kildonan, B.C., and their son Oscar Brian Barry (B.A.).

It is highly unlikely that any Luftwaffe fighters or German surface ships were in the area where Oscar was flying at that late period in the war, but U Boats were still a threat. On the night of April 3, 1945, four German U Boats were found to be in the general vicinity of Torshaven, the capital city of the Faroe Islands where Oscar and his crew were headed. The U Boats were: U 1064, U 1019, U 979 and U 485 listed in order of their proximity to Oscar's designated flight path towards the Faroe Islands. Records kept by each of the four U Boats in that area all reported that they had not been attacked by any ships or aircraft either before, on or after April 3, 1945. Oscar and his crew never reached the Faroe Islands, as they would have contacted RCAF radar stations on the Faroe Islands had they detected any U Boats or experienced any mechanical problem.

Oscar's aircraft was probably not brought down by enemy action from the U Boats or the weather but by some sort of catastrophic mechanical problem. A fuel leak could have been ignited by one of the engines, completely destroying the aircraft in flight with the depth charges still on, leaving no wreckage. Oscar's body would have been released from the tight confines of the aircraft's fuselage into the cold waters of the North Atlantic, where it slowly drifted towards the Westman Islands. Information available today sheds new light on the events of April 3, 1945, when the Canadian air crew of nine set out on a patrol from Reykjavik, Iceland, and never returned. These are war heroes who gave their lives for a cause they believed would make a better world.

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has been an extension to income tax deferrals for any breeding stock that is sold.

"That, to me, is a cop out, not a solution. Conservatives will continue to advocate for better programs to support our ranchers and farmers in this province," said Bezan.

"The Liberal government could be taking the advice and constructive-criticism from our side of the floor on how to do better for Canadian farmers. Instead they choose to turn their backs on our drought-stricken ranchers and farmers who don't have enough hay to feed their cattle this winter. Many will be forced out of business because of this

response from Minister Bibeau and Justin Trudeau."

Over the past farming season, farmers have been appealing to the provincial government to begin working with the feds to complete an assessment of Manitoba's agricultural situation and inject some relief funds.

To date, those calls by farmers have fallen on (mostly) deaf ears, as nothing has been done provincially to start those conversations.

In fact, Premier Brian Pallister met with Prime Minister Trudeau last week, yet the fact that over 12 RMs declared a state of agricultural emergency didn't make the agenda. It was not discussed.

"Actions speak louder than words. Pallister didn't even put (agriculture) on the agenda (with

Trudeau)," one farmer told the *Express* anonymously. "It doesn't seem that either the provincial or federal governments are going to do anything."

But the issues facing farmers isn't about the party a politician belongs to because the issues affect everyone, according to Campbell.

The bottom line, according to Campbell, is that the all levels of government need to step up.

"Regardless of the House of Commons' composition, the federal government has a responsibility to hear all voices and make decisions in the best interest of all Canadians," said Campbell.

"We have a responsibility to work together in a collaborative way. My hope is you seriously consider my invitation."

Bringing in the harvest

EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A number of Interlake farmers were in their fields last week bringing in a late harvest after the ferocious snowstorm that hit southern Manitoba in early October took everyone by surprise.

Farmers near Minerva Road and Highway 8, south of Gimli, were busy combining on Nov. 5 with some snow still on their fields.



Province commits financial support for veterans

By Evan Matthews

The Manitoba government is committing to the long-term viability of legions.

Last week, Premier Brian Pallister announced applications are now available for the newly announced Military Memorial Conservation grant program.

"Our veterans have served our country proudly, and we owe it to them to show gratitude," said Pallister.

"We will do that by working with legions to ensure the groups know them best are able to remain viable, as well as helping other groups maintain the many memorials and tributes to veterans all across Manitoba."

One of the programs related chances includes the Province directing Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries (MBLL) to adjust the Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) revenue sharing agreements with veterans' organizations, according to the press release.

Now effective, veterans' organizations will receive an additional five per cent of the VLT revenues from machines operating in their facilities, according to the release. There

are currently 429 VLTs — out of 4,982 VLTs at commercial sites — installed in 58 veterans' organizations.

Under the revised agreement, these organizations will receive an estimated \$600,000 in additional revenue, according to the province.

"This will surely make a difference to our revenue," said Sheila Thomas, secretary with the Royal Canadian Legion #185 Lunder branch.

Keith Lundale, president of the Royal Canadian Legion No 140, said because the Eriksdale Legion doesn't have a designated building, there are no VLTs. The announcement does not affect them.

The Ashern, St. Laurent and Woodlands Legions could not be reached by press deadline.

The province also renewed a commitment to move forward with the special envoy for military affairs to introduce legislation that would

exempt veterans' organizations from municipal property tax, according to the province.

The new Military Memorial Conservation grant program, supported by the \$2-million Military Memorial Conservation Fund announced in May, is now accepting applications from veterans' organizations, municipalities and private groups to help with the important work of preserving and maintaining Manitoba military memorials, the release reads.

The grant program is expected to generate about \$100,000 per year and will be used to support approved restoration projects, according to the province.

The program intake deadline for applications is Feb. 15, 2020.

For more information or to apply for assistance, visit www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/heritage_grants.html#mmcf.

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Ashern Central teaching through travel

By Evan Matthews

Studies have shown hands-on education fosters better learning, and in Ashern, the Bjornson family has known that for at least two generations.

Jennifer Bjornson, a teacher at Ashern Central School, has always pushed for her students to experience Europe, the same way her mother did before her.

Both generations taught French at the school.

"She started doing these trips when I was in high school," said Bjornson about her mother.

"I remember her saying, 'What if we tried to go to France?' Since then, we've done many, many trips," she said, adding the first year she remembers going with school was 1995.

Ashern Central School now aims to do a Europe trip once every two years, with Bjornson at the helm since 2015 (2017 and 2019 following).

Most recently, the school travelled from July 1 to 12, with everyone landing in Paris, then headed south to Nice, or the "Blue Coast." From there, the group went to Pisa, the first stop in Italy, eventually moving on to Florence, Rome and Pompeii.

Trip highlights included the Eiffel Tower, the Colosseum, The Roman Forum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa, according to now-Grade 12 students Catherine Price and Alyssa Tritthart.

Both girls had just moved on from Grade 11 at the time of the trip.

"I did a research project on Rome when I was in Grade 5. I had been obsessed ever since, and especially to see Pompeii," said Price.

"The blue water in Capri, it was so beautiful. It almost lights up."

The trip isn't just cultural for the students in the places they visit, since through EF Tours the group gets matched up with other student groups from North America.

This time around, the Ashern students travelled with a group from Pennsylvania, Illinois and Texas.

"The first night we all sat at different tables with the people we knew, and on the second night, our group leaders encouraged us to sit with someone else," said Tritthart.



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The Ashern Central School 2019 Europe group with Giovanni, a local man, who was the group's bus driver over the duration of their trip.



From Paris, the group travelled to the Blue Coast and the Island of Capri where the water is said to be so blue, it appears to light up.

"We were experiencing different cultures as we travelled, but we're also travelling with other cultures. ... It was diverse."

The biggest takeaway for the students, according to Bjornson, is that people are people, no matter where you are in the world. We aren't so different, she said.

The school works hard to fundraise to include as many kids as possible, but inevitably some of the roughly \$5,000 cost is left up to the families.

The school is always accepting donations.

"Students keep enrolling, so we keep doing the trips," said Bjornson, adding she wishes every student could participate.

"Money can be an issue, but there is no way to do what we do for a cheaper price."

The students have a tour guide — through EF Educational Tours, who Bjornson credited with making

the trip what it is — with them for the trip's duration, since the teachers work hard to ensure the trip is educational.

"We aren't just laying on a beach the whole time ... though we did that," said Bjornson, laughing.

"We gave the students a list of 10 (French) words, for example, and said, 'You have to use these words over the course of your trip, words like bonjour, merci, etc."

"Like, don't you dare say 'thanks' to someone in France.... We know the difference," she said, laughing.

The next trip is scheduled for June 2021, and fundraising efforts are already well-underway, according to Bjornson.

Locations for the 2021 include Paris to begin, but this time will head to Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

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Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Caper and Fennel Topping

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 4 servings
Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch non-stick skillet
1/2 cup pine nuts
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 shallot, finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
1/2 medium fennel bulb, cored and finely chopped
3 tablespoons drained capers
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh orange zest
2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon, plus 1/8 teaspoon, salt, divided
4 skin-on salmon fillets (6-7 ounces each)
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
Heat nonstick skillet over medium

heat. Add pine nuts and cook, shaking pan often, about 4-5 minutes until lightly browned. Transfer pine nuts to medium bowl.
In same skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add shallot and fennel; cook, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes until slightly softened. Add capers and cook 1 minute. Transfer to bowl with pine nuts. Stir in remaining oil and orange zest. Let cool 5 minutes before adding basil and 1/8 teaspoon salt; reserve.
Season salmon with remaining salt and pepper. Heat skillet over medium heat until hot. Add salmon, flesh-side down, and cook 5 minutes until nicely browned. Flip salmon and continue cooking 4-5 minutes until skin is crisp and salmon is cooked through but still slightly translucent in center. Place one salmon fillet on each of four serving plates; top each with pine nut mixture.



A Good Marriage Often Means Compromises

alone cannot sustain a strong marriage. You have to really know the person well enough to see both strengths and weaknesses. You also must be prepared to live with the weaknesses, because you cannot change another person. Ideally, with good communication and commitment to the marriage, compromises can be worked out.

Sadly, it is increasingly uncommon to see couples celebrating twenty-fifth wedding anniversaries. As meaningful as vows and religious convictions might be, some couples reach the point where it seems to be doing more harm than good to stay together.

Perhaps the trend towards marrying in the late twenties or early thirties will have a positive impact on the longevity of marriages. By that age, young people often have had the opportunity to date several people, to become established in a career, and to mature.

These factors allow them to make a conscious choice about what they want for their future. It is not simply a matter of falling in love and getting excited about the 'idea' of a wedding. It is more about getting clear about who one is, and knowing when there is a good 'fit' with a partner.

To fall in love with someone because they are attractive, or fun to be with is fine, but those qualities

Too often, things we may not like are overlooked in the thrill of the romance, and once the honeymoon is over we want to begin making 'renovations.' This is the source of much conflict in marriages. Better to have waited and found someone who was a better fit for you, than to marry another and make his/her life miserable because he/she is not all that you wanted.

If you want to live happily ever after, then you must take your time in choosing, and choose with both your head and your heart.

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Long-Cooked Green Beans with Tomatoes and Garlic

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 4 servings
Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch non-stick skillet
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup yellow onions, minced
3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1 1/2 pounds green beans, ends trimmed
3 large ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

salt, to taste
freshly ground black pepper, to taste
In nonstick skillet over medium heat, warm olive oil.
Add onions and cook until soft, stirring occasionally, 7-10 minutes. Add garlic and continue stirring 1 minute. Add green beans and tomatoes; cover and cook over low heat until green beans are soft, 25 minutes.
Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook, uncovered, until liquid is almost gone, 2-3 minutes.



Stovetop Apple Pie

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 1 10-inch pie
Anolon Advanced Home 10-inch nonstick skillet
6 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, sugar, divided
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon or apple pie spice
6 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into eight wedges each
1 refrigerated pie crust
2 teaspoons cream
In nonstick skillet over low heat, melt butter; remove from heat. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Arrange apple wedges evenly in skillet, overlapping as needed.
Heat oven to 350 F.
In skillet over medium heat, cook sugar mixture until it is light amber in color and bubbly, 8-10 minutes. Carefully place pie crust on top of apples; cut few slits in pastry to allow air to escape. Brush pastry with cream and remaining sugar. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Fisher Branch wins Zone 5 'A' varsity girls' volleyball banner

By Brian Bowman

The Fisher Branch Cougars are the Zone 5 "A" varsity girls' volleyball champions.

Fisher Branch earned that title after defeating the Lundar Kodiaks 2-1 by scores of 17-25, 25-23, 17-15 in the championship game on Nov. 6.

As the scores indicate, this was a very close match.

"It was a very exciting match," said Cougars' head coach Leanne Kochan. "I haven't seen a team play like this in a very long time. This year, we have been working on mental strategy and where to put the ball. One thing that we've really been working on is seeing where the other team's holes are and making sure the girls are trying to get to those areas."

The Cougars showed a lot of character after losing the first set and then winning two very close sets to win the match.

"They had been playing for three hours straight with no breaks," Kochan noted. "Those girls played a lot of volleyball. These girls are an amazing team. I've been coaching over 24 years and I have coached a lot of teams. We have 13 banners at our school and it's been six years since our last banner. I've seen a lot of teams play really, re-

ally well but this team works really well together and they seem to pick it up.

"They really identify what a team means."

Fisher Branch reached the final after defeating the Moreena Raptors 2-0 (25-22, 25-23) in a semifinal matchup.

"Teams like Morweena and Lundar, we lost to them early in the season so the girls really had to start stepping up their game play," Kochan said. "They said they wanted to beat them and try their best. I don't know where they pulled this out from because, honest to God, what I saw on the floor was just pure teamwork."

Lundar finished the five-team pool play with a 4-0 record while Fisher Branch was 3-1.

The Cougars defeated the Riverton Patriots 2-0 (25-14, 25-23), the Fisher River Hawks (25-7, 25-21) and Morweena 2-0 (25-12, 25-15).

Fisher Branch's lone loss was a 2-1 (25-19, 26-28, 9-15) decision to Lundar.

The Cougars got better and better throughout the season, which was comprised of several one-day mini tournaments.

Fisher Branch will now compete at a four-team provincial qualifier this Saturday at a location that was un-



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The Fisher Branch Cougars are the Zone 5 'A' varsity girls' volleyball champions after defeating the Lundar Kodiaks 2-1 on Nov. 6. Fisher Branch now advances to the MHSAA provincials later this month. Pictured, back row: Yana Lumasac, Keanna Walashek-Neault, Danielle Lazorak, Roan Tacad and Alayna Kochan. Front row: Lauren Letexier, JP Javier and Reanna Moore. Fisher Branch's coach is Leanne Kochan.

known at press time.

The winner of the qualifier will ad-

vance to the MHSAA provincials in Riverton on Nov. 28-30.

Einarson and Lott brothers reach Grand Slam final

By Ty Dilello

The Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Tour Challenge in Pictou County, Nova Scotia wrapped up on Sunday with two Interlake teams competing in the finals. Gimli's Kerri Einarson and Winnipeg Beach's Tanner Horgan both reached the finals in their respective events before falling in the championship.

Einarson struggled out of the gate at the Tier I Tour Challenge and went 2-2 in the round robin. After winning a tiebreaker, Einarson got hot and knocked off Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni and Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa to advance to the finals, where they ultimately lost to Sweden's Anna Hasselborg 8-5.

East St. Paul's Tracy Fleury also competed in the Tier I event and went 3-1

in the round robin but fell in the quarterfinals to Fujisawa.

Winnipeg Beach's Tanner Horgan, featuring the Lott brothers (Tanner and Colton), were also in Nova Scotia and played in their first grand slam as a team, the Tier II Tour Challenge. The Interlake rink continued their hot streak that they carried over from winning the Dekalb Superspiel last week by going undefeated in the round robin and swiftly winning their quarterfinal and semi-final matchups. In the finals, they went up against Korey Dropkin of the United States and a lost a back-and-forth 5-4 barnburner that came down to the last rock of the game.

"What a crazy week in Nova Scotia," relayed second Kyle Doering. "We played really well as a team to

make the final and unfortunately we couldn't get over that last hurdle. Still, we're very proud of our week and we will continue working towards playing in more grand slam events because that's how we're going to get better."

"I'm just really proud of our team," said third Colton Lott. "We're playing awesome and getting the results we've been working towards. Sure, losing in the finals was tough, but this is just the beginning for our team and we're all super excited for what the future brings this season."

The grand slam in Nova Scotia wasn't the only curling event going on this past weekend. At the Kyle Flett Memorial Junior Bonspiel (MJCT) in Petersfield, a pair of Interlake teams reached the finals as well. Moose-

horn's Talyia Tober went 4-0 in the round-robin and then defeated Emily Ogg in the semi-finals before falling in the championship to Serena Gray-Withers by a 9-4 scoreline.

On the boys' side, Stonewall's Emerson Klimpke also made the finals after going undefeated in the round robin. In the finals they fell to Winnipeg's Brett Walter in a tight 4-3 affair. Winnipeg Beach's Josh Maisey went 3-0 in the round robin and reached the semi-final where they lost to Klimpke.

Out west, Interlakers Kennedy Bird and Wade Ford who curl front-end for the William Lyburn rink of Winnipeg reached the semi-finals of the Original 16 WCT Bonspiel in Calgary before falling to Alberta's Daylan Vavrek 6-5 in an extra end.

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Lundar splits pair of CRJHL games

Staff

The St. Malo Warriors scored three unanswered goals on their way to a 5-3 home victory over the Lundar Falcons in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action on Sunday.

Bryce Allary scored a first-period goal for Lundar and then the Falcons' Ryan Gleich and Eric Miller tallied in the second.

Allary and Gleich both finished the game with two points.

Alex Murray (two), Christian Hince, Gavin Pott, and Owen Kemball replied for St. Malo.

Chris Lesage made 34 saves in the losing cause.

On Nov. 5, the Falcons doubled the North Winnipeg Satellites 6-3.

Braden Paulic had a great game for Lundar with a hat trick and two assists. He now has seven goals and 10 points in six games.

Derek Benson also had a strong game with two goals and an assist while Dennon Sichewski chipped in with a goal and two helpers.

Nicholas Doerkson, Eli Caparros and Brett Williams replied for North Winnipeg.

Lesage made 25 saves for the win.

Lundar will host North Winnipeg on Friday (8 p.m.) and then will visit the first-place Selkirk Fishermen on Sunday (3:30 p.m.).

Ice Dawgs lose on the road

The Arborg Ice Dawgs, meanwhile, lost 3-2 to Selkirk on Friday at the Rec Complex.

Reece Tessier scored the game-winning goal with just nine seconds remaining in the third period.

Josh Poponick and Evan Leeson netted second-period goals for Selkirk.

Logan Clarke and Josh Roche replied for Arborg.

Selkirk outshot Arborg 45-23 as Tre Strachan took the loss in goal.

The Ice Dawgs will host the Fishermen Thursday (7:30 p.m.) and will visit the Satellites next Tuesday at 8 p.m.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Arborg Ice Dawgs' goaltender Tre Strachan made 42 saves in a 3-2 loss to the Selkirk Fishermen in CRJHL action last Friday.

Lightning teams lose weekend games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning gave up six goals in both of their Bantam AAA hockey games last weekend.

And it resulted in a pair of losses.

Interlake was edged 6-5 in overtime by the Winnipeg Monarchs in Lundar on Saturday and then the Lightning was doubled 6-3 by the Winnipeg Hawks at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex Sunday.

In Sunday's loss, the two teams combined for seven goals in a wild second period.

The Lightning's Kalder McPherson scored early in the middle frame and then Interlake's Reid Byle and Ian Burors tallied power-play goals.

Liam Freisen (two), Kade

Prud'homme, Brett Gasgoine, Sam Senchuk and Tristen Arnason scored for the Hawks.

Interlake was outshot 55-27 as Dawson Cowan made 49 saves.

Against the Monarchs, the Lightning let a 3-0 second-period lead slip away.

Hayden Wheddon led the Interlake with three goals and an assist while Byle added a pair of markers.

Interlake's Rylan Slatcher had four assists in the game.

Noah Dziver led the Monarchs with three goals and two assists. He scored the game winner in overtime.

Jack Derrett, Aidan Lawton and Grayson Burzynski also tallied for Winnipeg. Dylan Leclair made 29 saves in the loss.

Interlake, now 3-7, will play the Parkland Rangers this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Roblin.

Interlake will play three more road games after that before they finally get a home game Dec. 7 when it hosts the Norman Wolves in Stonewall.

The U17 Prep Lightning, meanwhile, had a tough weekend, suffering a pair of lopsided losses.

Interlake was defeated 11-2 by the Winnipeg Thrashers at Gateway Arena on Friday and then the Winnipeg Bruins beat the Lightning 8-3 on Saturday in Lundar.

Against the Bruins, Evan Calder led the Lightning with a pair of goals while Cody Procter also tallied.

Austin Peters (two), Ethan Geard,

Naaman Hofer, Dawson Bergagnini, Matthew Renville, Paison Butler and Eric Mork scored for the Bruins.

Lightning goaltender Zach Meadows faced 53 shots.

In the loss to the Thrashers, Alexander Kaczorowski and Connor Crosby scored for the Lightning.

Tanner Skrypnyk (two), Graham Maslow, Nathan Lenoski, Cole Winkler, Anthony Jacob, Dante Staples, Liam Cody, Alex Suga, Josh Fasti and Caden Zaplitny replied for the winners.

Hayden Myskiw stopped 38 Winnipeg shots. Interlake (0-11) will host the Thrashers this Thursday (7:30 p.m.) in Stonewall and then the Winnipeg Wild on Saturday (4 p.m.) in Warren.

Riverton Patriots win Zone 5 'A' varsity boys volleyball title

Staff

The Riverton Patriots varsity boys' volleyball team has won a lot of games this season.

But their most important victory to date came last Thursday.

Riverton spiked its way to a MHSAA Zone 5 "A" championship after defeating the Morweena Raptors 2-0 by identical 25-15 scores.

Riverton had a bye into the final while Morweena pulled out a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Fisher Branch Cougars.

The Raptors won the match by scores of 25-14, 12-25, 16-14.

Riverton finished first in its five-team pool after posting a perfect 4-0 record.

The Patriots swept the Fisher River Hawks (25-10, 25-8) and Fisher Branch (26-14, 25-21). Riverton also earned 2-1 victories over the Raptors (19-25, 28-26, 15-12) and the Lundar Kodiaks (25-8, 24-26, 15-9).

This is the Patriots' second consecutive Zone 5 "A" title. Riverton will be hosting the MHSAA "A" boys' and girls' provincials from Nov. 28-30.



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The Riverton Patriots are the Zone 5 'A' varsity boys' volleyball champions. Riverton swept Morweena 2-0 by identical 25-15 scores in the championship game last Thursday.

Loewen snipes first professional hockey goal



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Arborg's Jermaine Loewen, seen here in a Chicago Wolves' jersey, scored his first professional goal to lift the Fort Wayne Komets to a 5-3 victory over the Indy Fuel in East Coast Hockey League action on Nov. 2.

Staff

Jermaine Loewen did something that a lot of Canadian kids dream about.

He scored his first professional goal.

Loewen redirected a Tyler Ross shot to give the Fort Wayne Komets a 2-1 lead in a 5-3 victory over the Indy Fuel in East Coast Hockey

League action on Nov. 2.

He later received Fort Wayne's game puck.

"It felt unreal," Loewen told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. "We just had some great work there. Rosser got it to me on a crosser between my legs, and I just tried to deflect it up and it went in. There was so much emotion and excitement. It's just been crazy to get that first one. I'm just excited to be here with this team."

"I feel the energy from all the guys and we're trying to get in the right direction."

Loewen has now played three games with Fort Wayne as the Komets prepare to host the Kalamazoo Wings on Friday.

Loewen, a prospect with the NHL's Vegas Golden Knights, started the season with the American Hockey League's Chicago Wolves. In eight games with Chicago, Loewen did not register a point but did have two fights and 20 penalty minutes.

Loewen started his minor hockey career with the Arborg Falcons and later played for the Interlake Lightning.

He also suited up for five seasons with the Western Hockey League's Kamloops Blazers.

U18 Lightning drop pair of weekend games

Staff

The Interlake Lightning lost a pair of Manitoba U18 AAA Hockey League games last weekend.

Interlake wrapped up the weekend with a 6-1 loss to the Winnipeg Thrashers at Gateway Arena on Sunday afternoon.

Karson King scored Interlake's lone goal at 6:15 of the opening period to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Charle Kosman, Ryland Kuczek, and Branden Huminuk scored power-play goals for the Thrashers while Lucas Brenton, Malcolm Andrushko and Ben Bonni tallied at even strength.

Lightning goaltender Dominic Jacobson made 42 saves.

On Saturday evening, the Lightning lost 7-4 to the Pembina Valley Hawks in Teulon.

King and Ethan Johnson scored first-period goals for the Interlake but Pembina Valley answered with second-period tallies from William Irvine, Daniel Issac and Roux Bazin.

Austin Adair (on the power play) and Lyle Murdock also scored for the Interlake while Isaac, Justick Keck, Bazin and Trent Penner replied for Pembina Valley.

Two of the Hawks' goal came while shorthanded.

Chris Fines made 31 saves in the losing cause.

The Lightning, now 7-8, will hit the road for a pair of games this weekend. Interlake will play the Yellowhead Chiefs on Friday and the Brandon Wheat Kings Saturday.

Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.

Peguis earns second weekend sweep over Norway House

Staff

The Peguis Juniors have played the Norway House North Stars four times already this season.

And they have won all four games.

Peguis swept Norway House for a second straight weekend after a 4-2 home win in Keystone Junior Hockey League action on Sunday afternoon.

No scoring summary was posted on the league website at press time.

On Saturday, the Juniors outscored the North Stars 9-6.

Peguis, which held period leads of 2-0 and 6-3, were led by Tyrome Spence's six-goal effort.

Marcus Crate, Travis McPherson, and Quinton Flett also scored for Peguis.

Hunter York (four), Jonah Ross-Bradburn and Darian Brown replied for Norway House.

Drey Flett made 36 saves for the win.

Peguis does not play another league game until Nov. 23 when it hosts the OCN Storm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The BAR Waste Site is now operating on Winter Hours.

WINTER OPERATING HOURS NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 31

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Mondays and Thursdays
ALL STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

ECO-CENTRE

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & SAVE WITH OUR USED OIL PROGRAM

The Bar Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. ran a successful promotion to encourage residents to recycle their used oil, filters and containers, and antifreeze and containers this past summer. Just a reminder - these coupons expire December 31, 2019. Check back next year for our Used Oil Program which runs from July to August.

LAND FOR LEASE

Tenders will be accepted for the lease of approximately 110 acres of cultivated land for the 2020 crop year. The board will also consider offers for a three to five year lease.

Location: NE 1/4 8-22-3E

Deadline for submission of tenders: December 13, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

Highest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

Cindy Stansell, Secretary-Treasurer
BAR-WASTE AUTHORITY CO-OP INC.
329 River Road "Municipal Office"
Box 70 Arborg, MB R0C 0A0



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 12th day of December, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Rural Municipality of Grahamdale, 23 Government Road, Mooschoon, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
81250	LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 BLOCK 1 PLAN 444 WLTO (P DIV) SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SE 1/4 SECTION 17-24-6 WPM	L -\$1,600	\$1,871.80
483200	BEING IN THE TWENTY FOUR TOWNSHIP IN THE SIXTH RANGE WEST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IN OUR DOMINION OF CANADA AND BEING COMPOSED OF ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT FOUR ACRES AND FIFTY THREE HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS, OF THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY ONE AND ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT SIX ACRES AND SIXTY TWO HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS, OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION THIRTY ONE BOTH OF THE SAID TOWNSHIP. EACH OF WHICH SAID PORTIONS OR PARCELS OF LAND LIES BETWEEN TWO LINES PARALLEL WITH AND EACH SAID, LINE BEING FORTY-NINE AND ONE HALF FEET PERPENDICULARLY DISTANCE ON OPPOSITE SIDES FROM THE CENTRE LINE OF THE OAK POINT BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY AS THE SAME IS NOW CONSTRUCTED ACROSS SAID LAND AND LANDS ADJOINING THE SAME AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SAID RAILWAY SIGNED BY G. B. BEMISTER OF DOMINION LAND SURVEYOR ON THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 1911 AND OF RECORDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AS NUMBER 18904 A DUPLICATE THEREOF IS ON FILE IN THE LAND TITLE OFFICE FOR PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE AS PLAN NUMBER 398 BOTH OF WHICH SAID PORTIONS OR PARCELS OF LANDS HEREBY GRANTED OR INTENDED SO TO BE CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT TOGETHER ELEVEN AND FIFTEEN HUNDREDTHS. EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS. ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT 2 ACRES AND 9/100 OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 31 OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND RANGE WHICH LIES BETWEEN TWO LINES PARALLEL WITH AND EACH SAID LINE BEING 49 1/2 FEET PERP DISTANT ON OPPOSITE SIDES FROM THE CENTER LINE OF THE OAK POINT BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY AS THE SAME IS NOW CONSTRUCTED ACROSS SAID LAND AND LANDS ADJOINING THE SAME, AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SAID RAILWAY SIGNED BY G.B. BEMISTER, DOMINION LAND SURVEYOR ON THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 1911 AND OF RECORD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AS NO. 18904, A DUPLICATE WHEREOF IS ON FILE IN THE LAND TITLES OFFICE FOR PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE AS PLAN 398.	L -\$4,400	\$4,253.83
483230	BEING IN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH TOWNSHIP IN THE EIGHTH RANGE WEST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, IN OUR DOMINION OF CANADA, AND BEING COMPOSED OF FIRSTLY, ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT TWO ACRES AND FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN. ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT THREE ACRES AND THIRTY ONE HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS, OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIFTEEN. BEING IN THE TWENTY-EIGHTH TOWNSHIP IN THE EIGHTH RANGE WEST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, IN OUR DOMINION OF CANADA, AND BEING COMPOSED OF ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT SIX ACRES AND SIXTY FOUR HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS OF THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY THREE AND ALL THAT PORTION CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT ONE AND THIRTY TWO HUNDREDTHS OF AN ACRE MORE OR LESS OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION THIRTY THREE ALL OF THE SAID TOWNSHIP WHICH LIES BETWEEN TWO LINES PARALLEL WITH AND EACH SAID LINE BEING FORTY-NINE AND ONE HALF FEET PERPENDICULARLY DISTANT ON OPPOSITE SIDES FROM THE CENTRE LINE OF THE OAK POINT BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY, AS THE SAME IS NOW CONSTRUCTED ACROSS SAID LAND AND LANDS ADJOINING THE SAME, AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SAID RAILWAY, SIGNED BY G B BEMISTER, DOMINION LAND SURVEYOR ON THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1913, AND OF RECORD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AS NUMBER 20706, A DUPLICATE WHEREOF IS ON FILE IN THE LAND TITLES OFFICE FOR PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE AS PLAN NO 418, CONTAINING BY ADMEASUREMENT TOGETHER TWENTY SEVEN AND EIGHTY THREE HUNDREDTHS ACRES MORE OR LESS. EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS EXCEPTING WATER CONTROL WORK PLAN 64728 WLTO.	L -\$4,400	\$4,672.58

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2019.

Managed by:



Shelly Schwitek
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Grahamdale
Phone: (204) 768-2858
Fax: (204) 768-3374

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

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Sudoku Answer

E	E	H	R		E	A	D		A	V	D
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S	B	V	C		N	V	I		F	R	V
V	A	C			I	C	S		E	T	C

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Shelter for pigeons
- Popular lit genre ___ -fi
- Used to harvest agave
- Wintertime accessory
- "Gandalf" actor McKellen
- Taxis
- Political plot
- Public television
- Nigerian ethnic group
- Informal loan clubs
- "Wheel of Fortune" host
- C C C
- North, South and Central make them up
- In an early way
- Lied down in rest
- Female hip-hop trio
- Improves
- Genus of mackerel sharks
- Electronic countermeasures
- Emerging
- Balkan body of water
- A type of delivery
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Title given to a monk
- Partner to "oohed"
- "Luther" actor Idris
- Supporting pin (nautical)
- Golden peas plant
- One point north of northeast
- Unit of measurement
- Where clothes hang
- Opposite of night
- A way to change color
- Korean independence proponent Syngman

CLUES DOWN

- Reciprocal of sine
- Political organization

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10
11				12		13			14		
15						16			17		
	18				19		20		21		
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25	26	27	28	29							
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		45	46								
47	48				49			50	51	52	53
55					56				57		58
59					60				61		
62					63				64		

- Defunct funk record label
- Geological times
- One who drinks slowly
- Nightclub entertainment
- Establish in one's mind
- Restaurants
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Requests
- You don't watch to catch it
- Intestinal pouches
- Satisfy
- Wet dirt
- Regularly repeated
- Before
- The color of Valentine's Day
- Indicates near
- Bon ___ : witty remark
- One's holdings
- Request

- Prefix meaning "badly"
- Midway between north and northeast
- Ottoman military title
- Teased
- Happily
- Pie ___ mode
- Mars crater
- Sports TV personality
- Taxi driver
- Abba ___, Israeli politician
- The sick are sometimes on it
- Relating to olives
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- A way to engrave
- Where Coach K. works
- Midway between south and southeast

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