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## Goats for grazing

Sherilyn Debrecen, left, and her sister Kristin stopped by to see the mob in action. The goats are weeding land around Gimli High School to allow native grasses and flowers to flourish. See story on pg. 2.

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# Goats get down to mob grazing and soil enhancement at Gimli High School

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli High School was the site of mob grazing last Tuesday when a herd of goats was let loose for a day of natural lawn-mowing.

Farmer Jordan Dankochik brought about 20 or so of his goats to a patch of native grasses and flowers that ring a wetland on the front lawn of the high school after the East Interlake Watershed District initiated a project to weed the space and provide more room for native grasses and flowers to flourish.

EIWD manager Armand Belanger said prairie grasslands evolved to withstand regular fire events and, normally, the EIWD would have undertaken a prescribed burn in the fifth year of growth to regenerate the grasses.

But the district, which monitors surface water and groundwater quality and carries out projects to promote the health of the watershed, opted for a spot of “short-term mob grazing” that native grasslands also learned to endure long ago when bison herds roamed the prairies.

“Our goal is that the goats remove some of weeds, which typically grow in the early part of the season, and give space to the many different types



Oscar Belanger helped put up fencing and visited with the goats.

of native grasses and flowers, which typically grow in the latter part of the season,” said Belanger.

The wetland and the knoll of native grasses and flowers growing along its perimeter were projects initiated



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ARMAND BELANGER  
The goats went to work, eating weeds to regenerate the grasses and plants around the small wetland.

in 2014 by a group of students led by Dean Mulroy, Steven Hess and Zenon Matkowsky, with help from teacher Cheryl Bailey.

Called the Gimli High School Wetland Enhancement Project, the students created the wetland in order to help filter surface water on its way to Lake Winnipeg. They also created the natural riparian area to assist in purifying water and provide a resource for pollinating insects and birds and a habitat for wildlife, said Belanger. The site includes walking paths. The students received funding support from the EIWD, Ducks Unlimited and the Evergreen School Division.

Nine different types of native grasses and 20 different types of native flowers were planted in June 2016, he said. Those plants include the aster, false sunflower, yarrow, Canada milk vetch, side oats gamma and big blue stem (Manitoba’s provincial grass).

The advantage of growing native plants is that they have long roots and there is little need to water or fertilize them, said Belanger. The long roots also stabilize the soil, reduce erosion, absorb water thus decreasing flooding events, sequester carbon and increase biodiversity.

The EIWD provides tours of the site, encouraging people to identify as many plants as they can using a hand-out. The organization has a sign posted at the site and has been monitoring and maintaining it with prescribed mowing and weeding as needed.

As the goats chowed down on weeds, they deposited a bit of “natural fertilizer” on the grassland.

“The goats will ... leave behind nutrients and activate beneficial microbes and bacteria, which will further



While I’m here, I should smell the flowers.

increase a healthy native grassland stand,” said Belanger.

Jordan Dankochik, who farms near Gimli, has a herd of about 150 goats and after Christmas, he accepts donations of pine trees, which his goats consider a treat.

Belanger said Dankochik was pleased with his goats’ efforts to help regenerate the grassland, saying they’re now well-trained for their next lawn-cutting and soil-enhancing job.

People who saw the herd at the school stopped by to visit and learn about the importance of creating and preserving wetlands and plants that grow around them.

“It is such a pleasure to go to this site and see the great diversity of native flowers and grasses. The amount of life that is jam-packed in this small project is just remarkable,” said Belanger. “There have been sightings of ducks, geese, beavers, deer, frogs, tadpoles, dragonflies and even a sighting of a least bittern, which is a small heron you may find swaying in the wind to resemble marsh vegetation. Now, how many schools have that?”

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# Fairford postmaster to retire

By Evan Matthews

After 26 years of service, the Fairford postmaster is set to retire.

With his retirement date fast-approaching on Aug. 7, Joseph Decker, 75, said he grew up in Gypsumville before meeting his wife and moving to Fairford. He started as postmaster in 1994.

"It offered decent pay and good benefits, and my wife and I were already living in Fairford," said Decker, emphasizing it was a good opportunity for him at the time.

"There was a postmaster before me, and he retired, and then I got the job," he said, adding he had worked at Rawluk's Grocery in Gypsumville.

Having lived in the area his entire life, Decker said he is quite familiar with most everyone who lives there. Working as the postmaster has allowed him to stay connected to the community and its people on a regular basis, he said.

Though he's thoroughly enjoyed his time as the postmaster in Fairford, Decker said he's ready to move on to the next chapter.

"I want to have some time to myself and enjoy my time away from work. I have a lot of work to do at home. It could take me a whole year," said Decker, chuckling.

"By the time I get to everything that's been neglected while I was working, it'll take me at least that long to clean up. There's a whole bunch to do," he said, adding the importance of staying

busy into retirement.

In his 26 years, Decker said there are too many good memories to focus on one specifically. The soft-spoken and camera-shy postmaster said he will miss seeing people coming to get their mail every day.

When Decker's retirement date arrives, he said how people get their mail in Fairford remains to be seen. He said his hope is that someone steps into the role the same way he did, some 26 years ago.

"All the small, rural post offices, they're privately owned buildings. The building is mine," said Decker. "They haven't quite decided where the next post office will be."

The current Fairford Post Office will close on Aug. 7. Canada Post is currently working to find a new post office location in the area and a new postmaster. We anticipate no interruption in postal services to the residents of Fairford and will provide the community with additional information once a solution has been determined.

Canada Post appreciates the community's understanding and collaboration and wish Mr. Decker well in his retirement.

"Canada Post thanks Mr. Decker for his dedication and commitment in providing valuable postal services to the community. In order to respect Mr. Decker's request for privacy, we will limit our comments to wishing him continued health and happiness in his retirement."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY EVY DECKER

Joseph Decker is set to retire after 26 years of service at the Fairford Post Office.

## Local Watershed Districts Receive \$500,000 in GROW Funding

Submitted by Manitoba government

MLA Derek Johnson, for Interlake-Gimli, welcomed an announcement that the PC Government of Manitoba, in partnership with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, is investing in local watershed district projects to support conservation and restoration activities that improve resilience to the effects of climate change.

"These kinds of initiatives will benefit all Manitobans while ensuring climate resilience," said Johnson. "We all have a role to play in protecting our environment and the GROW Trust will have a profound impact on our province's landscape for decades to come."

This announcement marks the first round of GROW Trust grant distributions, which support the objectives of the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan. This year, the trust is distributing over \$5 million in conservation efforts. This includes a total of \$250,000 for each of the following projects that impact the Interlake-Gimli constituency:

- Wetland and Riparian Area Restoration/Enhancement and Protection Program (WRAPP) for the East Interlake Watershed District
- Working Together to Improve Watershed

Health in the West Interlake Watershed District

Through GROW, Manitoba's 14 Watershed Districts and other Manitoba-based conservation groups will deliver projects that improve resilience to the impacts of climate change in watersheds that affect the lives of most Manitobans while recognizing producers' efforts to improve on-farm ecological goods and services that provide benefits to all Manitobans. Landowners will work with watershed districts and receive capital costs or annual payments to support new conservation projects.

"The GROW Trust is an innovative and forward-thinking approach to investing in sustainable, long-term solutions," said Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pederesen. "The fund invests in projects that restore and enhance natural areas to reduce flooding, improve water quality, sequester carbon, protect natural habitat and safeguard soils."

The GROW Trust is permanently endowed to support and inspire conservation projects for generations. It is managed by The Winnipeg Foundation, while the grant program and project tracking are administered by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.

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## Netting a new market: commercial fisher delivering his catch right to city doorsteps

By Patricia Barrett

Imagine having a Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher pluck a fish out of a net for you, process it then personally deliver it to your doorstep in the city while COVID-19 keeps you house-bound.

Well, Trevor Kristjanson is your man. Instead of laying down his net in despair when COVID destroyed the restaurant and hospitality market in America where the majority of the much sought-after Lake Winnipeg pickerel ends up, the 30-year-old fisher worked during the spring fishing season and created his own market for his catch.

With his partner Marie-Eve Sabourin, Kristjanson established an online company called New Iceland Fisheries and began delivering smoked and vacuum-packed frozen fish directly to Winnipeg households a couple of times a week.

"I'm not going to say COVID was a good thing for business, but to be honest it probably spurred me on to do something I've kind of wanted to do for a while — which was a consumer-based delivery model," said Kristjanson, who lives south of Gimli. "This ended up being good for business and I'll stick with it even after COVID."

As far as he's aware, he's the first Lake Winnipeg fisher who has come up with this novel way around the coronavirus's decimation of their lu-

crative American markets. And the nice thing about personalized service is that customers can find out where their food came from and who handled it.

"I am actually catching your fish, processing it myself and delivering it to your door, so it really is a true lake-to-plate experience," said Kristjanson. "There's no middleman; when I deliver your fish, you actually get to meet the person picking it out of the net."

Although the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation is still buying (during fishing seasons) certain species of fish from commercial fishers, it's primarily selling it to the less profitable retail market.

Kristjanson, who's also an independent filmmaker (he's associate producer for *Ice Vikings*), comes from a long line of Icelandic commercial fishers (he's fifth generation) who never say die when faced with a challenge. He said he started selling his fish in April using social media.

When he became overwhelmed by demand, he and Sabourin decided they had to set up an e-commerce website — with help from Gimli-based graphic design company Swell Creative — to let residents with a city postal code place orders and pay for fish online. He also bought a refrigerated delivery truck.

Kristjanson offers a variety of fish,



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BJORN JAKOBSON

Trevor Kristjanson bought a refrigerated truck and personally delivers the fish he catches to city households a few times a week.

including pickerel, pickerel cheeks and wings, whitefish, perch, silver bass, tullibee, northern pike and smoked fish such as goldeye. Come the fall fishing season, he'll be able to offer fresh (not frozen) fish.

With the recent spate of new COVID cases, Kristjanson said he'll continue to minimize contact with customers when he delivers.

"I'll wear a mask and leave it on the front porch," he said. "And if they won't be home, I'll instruct them to leave a large cooler outside and I can put the fish in that."

With a burgeoning new business, Kristjanson has bucked the COVID trend of temporary layoffs and job losses. He's even hired staff to help

with deliveries.

"I was able to retain the [fishery] employees I had pre-COVID. I had three staff and I actually hired a fourth staff person to help me with deliveries as the business grew," said Kristjanson.

He's considering offering delivery to Selkirk, given that it's on the way to Winnipeg, he said, but he's still working out how he would co-ordinate deliveries to different rural municipalities should Interlakers begin demanding the same service he's offering city folks.

For more information about New Iceland Fisheries' offerings, visit [newicelandfisheries.ca](http://newicelandfisheries.ca).

## Manitoba announces support for crime prevention programs

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is investing nearly \$160,000 in new funding through the Federal Proceeds of Crime (FPOC) Fund to support crime prevention programs, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced last week.

"The Manitoba government is taking money made through illegal activity and re-investing it in community-based crime prevention programs that support public safety," said Cullen. "I'm pleased to announce this support, which will help to ensure these programs have the tools they need to help keep Manitobans safe. Our government appreciates the efforts of the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who help strengthen our communities."

The Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) is receiving a \$110,000 grant from the province. It is a community-based crime prevention initiative in which volunteers help deter crime by serving as additional eyes and ears for their communities and local law enforcement. The funds will be used

to purchase safety items such as high-visibility vests and other items to support the program.

"This funding will allow us to support communities who want to have this program in place, by supplying vital patrol equipment, training resources, and community crime prevention signage," said Detlef Hindemith, chairperson of Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program. "We currently have 55 groups with more than 500 members that help maintain and create safer neighbourhoods. The program is a proven crime prevention strategy, utilizing trained citizens to watch for suspicious criminal activities, documenting and reporting to law enforcement, and by being a visible presence in the community."

The province is also providing an additional \$48,000 to Crime Stoppers to support youth programming, advertising and incentives for tipsters. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards for information that leads to the solution of crimes and is a combined effort of the police, media and the pub-

lic. Funding will be divided between Winnipeg and Brandon at \$25,000 and \$11,000 respectively, with the remaining funding going to efforts in the rest of the province.

"As we are a non-profit, volunteer-based program, we greatly appreciate the relationship we have with the province and are thankful for the funding provided," said Rick Thomson, chair of Brandon Crime Stoppers. "This funding allows us to be more visible in the community and to provide information to various school programs. We believe any tip is a good tip and keeping the community safe is our goal."

In Manitoba, cash and proceeds from the sale of forfeited property are deposited into the Criminal Property Forfeiture (CPF) Fund, which is used to:

- compensate victims of the unlawful activity that led to the forfeiture of the property;
- provide funding to the Victims' Assistance Fund;
- promote safer communities by

investing in specialized equipment/training for law enforcement agencies; and

- promote safer communities by providing funding to law enforcement agencies for community initiatives.

The province also maintains the FPOC fund, which is generated from forfeited proceeds of crime through the prosecution of federal offences in Manitoba. The monies received from Canada are then re-allocated to activities related to crime prevention, including victim services, law enforcement and community initiatives such as drug prevention education.

Since 2011, more than \$16 million has been distributed to law enforcement agencies and community initiatives through the CPF fund, which includes the FPOC and Victims' Assistance funds.

For more information about criminal property forfeiture, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf/index.html).



# 131st Icelandic Festival of Manitoba – Icelandic at Home

Get ready for the virtual festival Aug. 1 - 3

Submitted by Kristine Sigurdson

Islendingadagurinn is many things to many people, but at the heart, it's the celebration of Icelandic culture and heritage.

This year, despite the COVID-19 situation affecting our ability to host in-person festival events, we will continue to celebrate and bring people together from across the street and around the world with the virtual festival "Icelandic at Home / Heima er Best (Home is Best)."

"The Icelandic Festival was provided with the unique opportunity to reach and involve people around the world like we have never done before," says Icelandic Festival president Jenna Boholij. "We've received heartfelt messages from people across the continent who are thrilled with the chance to attend the festival virtually this year."

The Icelandic Festival has created a series of online videos and virtual events that will connect people to the Icelandic community and culture in a meaningful way. The virtual festival content and information can be found on icelandicfestival.com, through the festival's social media channels and on the Shaw Spotlight Channel.

Arts and culture are important aspects of Icelandic heritage and both will continue to be showcased this year. This year's virtual fashion show video will highlight traditional dress

from Iceland. The virtual art show will feature photos and descriptions of the Icelandic Festival Purchase Collection. This includes winners of the annual art show, since its inception.

The virtual Icelandic Culture and Heritage Pavilion features videos on how to make delicious Icelandic delicacies; Rullupylsa, Vínarterta and Pönnukökur. After you've had your fill of those treats, practise your Icelandic with the "Kaffi Tími - Conversations in Icelandic" video, and learn a new phrase or two. Aspiring writers can join Ben Sigurdson, literary editor and drinks writer, for a video interview with best-selling Icelandic crime writer Yrsa Sigurðardóttir.

Music lovers will be able to enjoy video performances from Canadian and Icelandic musicians throughout the weekend. The Music on the Rooftop video, shot in beautiful Johnson Hall in Gimli, features music from Todd Martin, Aaron Shorr, David Landreth and Cody Iwasuik. The Saturday Nite Music from Iceland video takes us on a musical tour around the island. The Alternative Folk Festival video, shot at the West End Cultural Centre, features performances by Manitoba musicians: D.Rangers, Leaf Rapids, Efflo and The Mariachi Ghost.

Thanks to support from our friends at Visit Reykjavik and Visit Westfjords, we will feature videos that give you an inside view of Iceland in "Ask an Ice-

lander: Westfjords" and "Reykjavik for Insiders."

Explore the rich history of Islendingadagurinn and Icelandic immigrants in the Parade History video and the Icelandic Winnipeg Tour video with Stefan Jonasson.

We are proud to host a virtual Traditional Program and bring video greetings from the Icelandic Festival president Jenna Boholij, Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon, the 2020 Fjallkona (Queen of the Festival), Anna Stevens, Premier Brian Pallister, Iceland president Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, Iceland Consul General Guðmundur Árni Stefánsson and of Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan.

Our Toast to Canada, Iceland's Minister of Justice Áslaug Arna Sigurbjörnsdóttir will make an exciting announcement, and Jóel Friðfinnsson, an active member of the Icelandic-Canadian community, will follow with the Toast to Iceland. The program will feature musical performances by Icelandic mezzo-soprano Hanna Dóra Sturludóttir, accompanied by pianist Snorri Sigfús Birgisson.

The Viking Park Connectivity project has begun, together with the RM of Gimli and Betel Home Foundation. This project will connect Viking Park in Gimli to 1st Avenue and Centre Street, creating a parklike feel. Donation and recognition opportunities will continue to be available at a variety of levels.

Islendingadagurinn wouldn't be complete without vikings — look for

special guest appearances throughout the virtual festival videos.

The 52nd annual 10 Mile, second annual 5 Kilometre, and 28th annual 1 Mile races are still taking place — virtually! Over 215 runners have registered so far to run and submit their times between July 19 and Aug. 2 with ages ranging from seven years old to 83 years old. The 5 Kilometre is sold out for the second year running, but spaces are still available in the 10 Mile and 1 Mile races. Runners can register at icelandicfestival.com.

In keeping with tradition, we will continue to print our festival program and offer festival souvenirs and merchandise through our online store and gift shop in Gimli.

Those looking to get into the festival spirit can take part in our sandcastle photo contest, family scavenger hunt and lawn parade contest.

We were able to host the virtual festival for all to enjoy with the support of our sponsors, including the Government of Canada, the Government of Iceland, the Province of Manitoba, the RM of Gimli, Honest Agency, Icelandair, Iceland Naturally and other corporate and individual donors.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the festival financially, and any donations are greatly appreciated. Please donate via the website, the office, and facebook.com/icelandicfestival.

For a full schedule of virtual events, please visit icelandicfestival.com or follow our social media channels.

## Significant increase in speed-related serious driving offences

Submitted by MPI

Far too many drivers are travelling at dangerous speeds, endangering the lives of other motorists on Manitoba roadways, according to Manitoba Public Insurance.

Over the last three months, April to June, a total of 148 speed-related serious driving offences (SDO) have been forwarded to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. This is a 60 per cent increase compared to the same time frame in 2019 when 93 SDOs were forwarded to MPI by Manitoba police agencies.

As per the Drivers and Vehicles Act, speed infractions (50 km/h or more over the limit) are one of several offences that must be reported to the Registrar. After receiving the serious offense notice roadside, drivers are given five business days to contact MPI to schedule a show cause hearing.

MPI statistics report that about 90 per cent of these show cause hearings result in licence suspension, which is based on the speed recorded on the ticket and the person's driving history. Length of licence suspension can range from several months to multiple years.

"About one in five road fatalities last year in Manitoba had speed as a contributing factor," said Satvir Jatana, vice-president of employee and community engagement for Manitoba Public Insurance. "The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to reduced traffic volumes on Manitoba roadways. Unfortunately, many drivers seem to think this is an

opportunity to speed and travel at very dangerous speeds."

Of the speed-related SDOs forwarded to MPI, the average speed from April to June was 59 kilometres over the posted speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 98 kilometres over the limit (178 in an 80-km zone).

"Such high-risk driving behaviour is a risk to everyone who travels our roadways. Innocent people should be allowed to travel safely," said Jatana.

Police agree that high speeds present a danger to the general public.

Police agencies in rural Manitoba also have safety concerns on rural roadways.

"Every day, our officers are seeing irresponsible drivers risking their lives, and the lives of others, by driving at in-

credibly high-rates of speed," said Inspector Chris Moore, officer in charge of traffic service for the Manitoba RCMP.

"Our officers will continue to conduct traffic enforcement across the province to hold these drivers to account for their actions and to make our roads safer for all."

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## Province further isolates farmers

By Evan Matthews

The province is running out of excuses when it comes to their dealings with Interlake farmers.

Farmers in the region say, going back to the 2011 flood season, the provincial government continually makes decisions to further isolate the industry, forcing the hands of many.

"They just don't care," one farmer said to the paper this week.

During the 2011 flooding, many farmers near Lake Francis allege the province intentionally flooded the area in order to avoid further catastrophic consequences closer to the city.

But much of the flooded land remains unfarmable, and the subsequent provincial buy-back program was financially inadequate. Some farmers still have lawsuits filed against the province, which have been in limbo for close to a decade.

Maybe unsurprisingly, in the years following, either droughts or (spot) flooding continued to affect many farmers around the Interlake, with little to no support from the province.

This, of course, is without mentioning a volatile and unstable market for livestock and agricultural producers and an ever-rising standard of living

and cost associated with raising livestock.

Looking back to last summer, and as a direct result of another dry year, farmers and their herds experienced a feed shortage. Feed costs soared, as did transportation costs, and once again farmers were left without any support.

In the same summer, while fully knowing the situation of so many farmers, the province later implemented changes to the Crown leasing program. Some farmers reported the cost associated to Crown land leases increasing by upward of 300 per cent.

Many farmers auctioned off parts or all of their herds, signalling an industry exit.

It's now summer 2020, and the provincial government is in its final stages of an environmental assessment, which will result in the expropriation of 23 private landowners in the Moosehorn area.

The expropriation is a result of severe flooding in years past — specifically the aforementioned 2011 flood — and the creation of the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Flood Outlet Channel projects.

Farmers in the area are reporting lowball offers from the government

for expropriated land and a lack of communication and/or negotiation in regards to fair market values.

Are the projects necessary? It doesn't seem many are arguing necessity. Most would agree the projects are, in fact, necessary.

But where is the accountability from government? Why aren't MLAs responding to local people's request for help, communication and explanation? Why is there a lack of understanding that these farmers have lives and families?

They aren't just numbers and/or stats in a decision-making process.

Whether it was former Minister of Agriculture Ralph Eichler or now-Minister Blaine Pedersen or Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson, these farmers are getting no help. No one is advocating for the well-being of their farm operations or their families.

It's time the province provides some explanation for its lack of involvement, compassion, empathy and concern as it relates to the agricultural sector in Manitoba.

Our hard-working producers deserve better, and as many have been saying for a number of years now: we may be running out of time to save the industry.

## letter to the editor

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### A surgeon's opinion

I read the article "Alternative Therapy techniques offered in Gimli" published in the July 23 *Express Weekly News* with some interest.

I am a retired ear, nose and throat surgeon, and practised for many

years in Winnipeg. Ear candling is of dubious benefit in removing ear wax. Some studies have suggested that a vacuum is not produced and that the debris removed is a combination of paraffin and soot. Moreover, it is dangerous. In my own practice, I operated on three patients who had holes burnt in their ear drums from

candling. Wax removal can be performed in more conventional ways by many physicians and is paid for by Medicare.

Lastly, in 2007 Health Canada stated that the sale or importation of ear candles was not legal.

- David Brodovsky  
Winnipeg

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# Manitoba dealing with 74 active cases of COVID-19

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced six new cases of COVID-19 on Monday on top of another 10 cases identified over the weekend.

That brings the total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 400.

Manitoba's total active caseload as of Monday was 74. A total of 319 Manitobans have recovered from COVID-19 since the pandemic began this spring.

Three people were in hospital at the start of the week, two in intensive care. Seven Manitobans have died due to the virus.

An additional 1,393 laboratory tests were completed on Friday, 1,581 on Saturday, and 808 on Sunday, bringing the total number of tests completed since early February to 84,967.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate in Manitoba is at 0.45 per cent.

Health Minister Cameron Friesen urges people to focus on that low rate.

"It's a truer representation of the risk in Manitoba" than is the daily number of new cases, he said in an interview last week.

Manitoba had gone nearly two weeks without any new cases of CO-

VID-19 before the numbers began to climb once again in mid-July.

While the numbers have gone up significantly since then, nearly all of the new cases can be traced to travel or close contact with known cases, Friesen said, stressing that public health officials are not alarmed by the recent increase.

"While the numbers have climbed the last number of days, clearly we know that a lot of this spread is attributable in sub-populations," Friesen said. "So that gives us a certain confidence. We know where the cases emerged and the people who tested positive are now self-isolating. That's good news for all Manitobans. The spread of COVID-19 through our communities is still very limited."

## Phase 4 begins

Manitoba entered Phase 4 of its plan to ease COVID-19 restrictions on Saturday.

The government unveiled its updated plan last Thursday after hearing back from over 50,000 Manitobans on the draft plan proposed earlier in the week.

Friesen said they took Manitobans' concerns about relaxing some restric-

tions too early to heart.

"People had strong opinions," he said, explaining people were given the chance to weigh-in on the draft plan through a telephone town hall and an online survey. "We've listened ... we're endeavouring to make sure that our plan going forward relies on the advice of experts in public health but also reflects the views of Manitobans."

To that end, the province dropped the idea of relaxing the 14-day self-isolation requirement for travellers from eastern and southern Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada.

It also put the plan to increase the maximum sizes for indoor and outdoor public gatherings on hold for now. Those numbers remain at 50 for indoor gatherings and 100 for outdoor ones.

Walk-up counter service in bars, beverage rooms, brew pubs, micro-breweries, and distilleries will also have to wait for a future phase.

What did change on Saturday was that movie and stage theatres and casinos are now allowed to operate at 30 per cent capacity.

Faith-based services are also limited to 30 per cent capacity, but the prov-

ince has eliminated the need for sub-groups within church buildings.

Residents of personal care homes and long-term care facilities also saw visitation rules relaxed somewhat. They are now able to designate two support people who can visit with them in their own rooms at the same time.

"Public health officials will be reviewing possible adjustments to these things on a week by week basis," Friesen noted. "We will be making additional changes based on the health situation at the time."

"It is not a return to normal," he stressed. "We are in this for some time."

The minister said Manitoba's continued success in dealing with COVID-19 comes from people's commitment to doing what it takes to protect themselves and others.

"Our plan to reopen Manitoba has been working, but our success in the future is going to rely on the willingness of Manitobans to continue to do the right things," he said. "To comply with the rules, wash their hands, stay home if they're sick, don't go into gatherings over sizes that aren't prescribed."

## GFF extended run offers film viewing for two more weeks

Submitted by GFF

Gimli Film Festival (GFF) announced Monday the launch of GFF Extended Run, which will allow anyone from the general public to stream select GFF 2020 films for two more weeks after the festival ends.

As part of GFF Extended Run, anyone from the general public can purchase individual tickets to stream 13 feature films and seven shorts programs — including the Best of Fest Audience Choice Award winner *Driveways*.

The GFF Extended Run kicked off

Monday morning at 12:01 a.m. and will run for two weeks until Sunday, Aug. 9 at 11:59 p.m. You can only purchase individual tickets to these screenings as the GFF 2020 passes are no longer valid. It costs \$10 to unlock one film.

The lineup for the GFF Extended Run includes *Anbessa*, which follows a young Ethiopian boy who creates his own reality as a lion when displaced by a huge condominium complex. *The Earth is as Blue as an Orange*, *Film About a Father Who*, and *Keyboard Fantasies: the Beverly Glenn-Copeland Story + Q&A*

are also in this stand-out lineup. Visit the GFF Extended Run to see all the whole lineup.

We want to know how GFF 2020 went for you. Please visit GFF's audience survey to tell us your thoughts on this year's online festival.

And the Award Winners Are ...

GFF has the pleasure of announcing the award winners for the 20th annual festival. Thanks to Joy Wood and Gled Vid Investment for their generous sponsorship of GFF's awards presentations for 2020.

Best Manitoba Director Award,

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On the Rise Award: Best Canadian Director to Watch, sponsored by IA-TSE 856 — Winner Matthew Rankin (*The Twentieth Century*)

Indigenous Spirit Award, sponsored by APTN — Winner *The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open* by Elle-Máíja Tailfeathers and Kathleen Hepburn

Achievement in Acting Awards,

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## letter to the editor

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### Why so many rules and not guidelines?

I read about the missing piers in Winnipeg Beach by Jim Beaque. I think we the residents of Aspen Park, can top your mayor and council with our condo board for so-called infinite wisdom. At the first hint of the pandemic from the government and rules to follow to open the pool, they panic. No thought of getting volunteers, hiring students or having any

input from us. They closed the pool. Now instead of our own Aspen bubble where we decide and follow government rules, we go join the board from who knows where in the sometimes polluted lake and then bring the virus back home. To make matters worse, some people decided to make little garden plots like many of us already have. Here comes our presi-

dent, rule book in hand — you must have condo board permission. This may take a month or so — late planting? The same goes for little blow-up pools. I wonder what a judge would say. Are things not paid for by condo fees or taxes not supposed to be keeping things operating?

- Rob Bjorklund  
Aspen Park



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# Fish flies given the push off Gimli harbour

By Patricia Barrett

Fish flies that inundate Gimli and other subdivisions along Lake Winnipeg every year usually end up being sucked into a street sweeper or scooped up by the municipality's front-end loaders and taken to the tip.

But with millions of the soft-bodied, fishy-smelling insects (called mayflies) swarming the Gimli seawall last week and, causing a potential danger to walkers, harbour office staff shovelled them straight back into the lake from whence they came.

That upset a number of local people, according to Inez Stratton, who is a regular in the harbour area where her family runs a beach-side business.

"I've seen this happen before and I never thought they'd do it again," said Stratton last Thursday. "I'm just sickened by what the [harbour office] people have done. They shovelled up all the fish flies from the big dock and threw them in the lake. People are swimming here."

The aquatic insects hatch at the bottom of the lake every summer. Typically, they emerge at the same time — a survival strategy to avoid being eaten by predators. They mate mid-air then rest, perching on sidewalks, buildings, cars, signs and even people out for a stroll.

Stratton said the fish flies covered the harbour and seawall last week with barely any cement visible.

Some residents use their boats as summer cottages and now have to put up with the stink of rotting fish flies in the water, she said. The beach and harbour area have also been inundated with as many visitors as you'd see on Miami Beach, Florida, and many people thought the rotten smell was coming from the beach washrooms.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

A fish fly perches on a building in Gimli. The aquatic insects are an annual occurrence on Lake Winnipeg.

"We've got all these visitors from Winnipeg and other places and I'm concerned that they're going into the water and swimming with dead fish flies. What do they think of us? You don't do that to a resort," said Stratton. "To me, it's a matter of not caring and having no pride. I love Gimli and when I see things like that going on, it really upsets me because to me it's just laziness."

The harbour office should have bagged up the insects rather than dump them back in the lake, said Stratton. When she and her family lived in a subdivision north of Gimli, the residents would get together every year, bag up the fish flies on the beach and have someone take them to the landfill.

And the dead fish flies would quickly attract maggots, she added, so it's "not good" to dump them back into the lake.

Cindy Blicq, who acts as co-harbourmaster, said the main pier was a "carpet of writhing fish fly bodies" last Monday. They made a huge mess and



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY INEZ STRATTON

The seawall and pier were covered with millions of fish flies last week.

also made it dangerous for pedestrians as they can slick up surfaces when crushed underfoot.

"Visitor safety is our No. 1 concern. So we made the decision to remove them with a blower and a shovel," said Blicq. "We returned them to the lake where they came from and where many end up at the end of their life cycle."

Blicq said fish flies are a natural occurrence and organic matter that originates in the lake. They're also an important food source for fish and other wildlife.

The municipality's street sweeper helped with the final clean-up at the pier later that morning, she said, and the smell will correct itself "as it always does."

The municipality has no jurisdiction

over the harbour area as it's federally owned, said Mayor Lynn Greenberg.

He said he's never heard of fish flies being dumped back into the lake. However, he knows that fish eat them.

"We [the RM] look after the pier and the streets and the sidewalks as best we can, and we take the fish flies to the landfill," said Greenberg. "We sent the street sweeper there on Monday and they swept it all up."

When asked if there are any issues with the dumping of fish flies into the lake, a spokesperson for the provincial department of Conservation and Climate said: "There are no concerns from the province as the fish fly emergence and die-off is a naturally occurring phenomenon that repeats annually."

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Honourable Mention: *Echo* by Rúnar Rúnarsson

Honourable Mention: *The Wolf House* by Joaquín Cociña and Cristóbal León

GFF is also excited to announce the Pitch Competition winner and the Best of Fest Audience Choice Award winner.

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Winner: Joanne Roberts — *Anak*

Audience Choice Award: Quan Luong and Erin Hembrador — *Roadie*

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Winner: *Driveways* by Andrew Ahn

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# Gimli Harbour Authority launching ambassador program to engage visitors

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Harbour Authority is embarking on a program to teach volunteers how to be ambassadors in order to engage tourists coming to the harbour area and to eventually conduct tours.

Cindy Blicq, who is one of the GHA's harbour masters, said the tour-guide program was supposed to start this year for Manitoba's 150 celebration and the harbour's 120th anniversary, but COVID-19 forced the cancellation of all events.

Despite a lack of public celebrations and the need for physical distancing protocols, Gimli is still pulling the crowds to its beach, harbour, museums and shops.

"We've got tons of people around town and all the staycationers are coming out to the harbour. We've also got lots of day trippers from the city," said Blicq last week. "So we thought we'd have a group of volunteers walk around the site, greet people, answer questions and give directions, including to the public bathrooms."

Volunteer ambassadors can be high school students, retirees or just anybody who likes to be outside and is comfortable interacting with people. They'll be a "friendly face" on site and

can also take photos for tourists.

Ambassadors will be asked to commit to a half-day per week.

"They can work with a friend or we can have two people walking the site together so you're not just by yourself all the time," said Blicq. "We'll give them T-shirts and name tags so people will know they're with the harbour office."

For next year's celebrations, Blicq said ambassadors can lead tours around the harbour and speak about the area's history. They can also make visitors aware of the Kids Don't Float program, whereby parents can borrow a lifejacket for their child to wear around the pier for safety.

Some of the big events planned for the harbour's 120th (spoiler alert) include the blessing of the fleet, a tradition from days of yore when people would see off the whitefish boats that were heading north for six or so weeks.

"The idea is to train volunteer ambassadors now to get their feet wet a bit, then next year they can start taking people on group tours," said Blicq.

Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up an application form from the GHA office and submit it by Aug. 1 or contact the office by phone to have



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The Harbourmaster's office manages the harbour for commercial fishers, the Yacht Club and recreational boaters.

the application form emailed to them. The training program will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

People are asked to bring their own pens and notepaper if they wish to take notes, as well as a mask. Hand

sanitizer will be available and physical distancing protocols will be enforced for the training session.

For more information, contact the Gimli Harbour Authority office at 204-642-7517.

# Gimli Film Fest movie review

By Sydney Lockhart

Katherine Arneson has a secret.

She doesn't have cancer; she's been faking it the whole time. This is the main storyline of the feature film *White Lie* that was part of the Gimli Film Festival this past week. Directed

by Yonah Lewis and Calvin Thomas and starring Kacey Rohl, this film tackles themes of deception, mental illness and love.

The character Kathrine Arneson, a university dance student, is made to look from the beginning of the film

like she is going through chemotherapy. She has a bald head throughout the whole film.

It's unclear if it is intentional that details of a cancer patient were left out. It made it very unrealistic that Arneson was fooling anyone, as anyone who has witnessed someone sick from chemotherapy would recognize that if their head goes bald, their eyebrows and eyelashes would fall out too.

She also had quite a healthy glow for someone who has supposedly making people believe she been sick for 10 months.

Aside from the fact that a few more believable details could have been added to sell her lie, the film was overall very enticing.

The lie Arneson told everyone screamed mental illness to the viewers. Childhood trauma leads her down a road to deception, which she seems to convince herself is supposed to be her reality.

The film was shot beautifully, and it used lighting to set the mood in every scene.

While the beginning of the film was a bit slow with minimal dialogue, the film picked up, drawing emotion from the viewer who has slowly and un-



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*White Lie* is a 2019 Canadian drama film written and directed by Yonah Lewis and Calvin Thomas. The film stars Kacey Rohl as Katie Arneson, a university student who fakes a cancer diagnosis for the attention and financial gain but gets caught up in having to maintain her lie.

knowingly grown attached to secondary characters.

I would recommend this to anyone who loves a film that pulls on the heartstrings, with not only love for some characters but a hatred for others.



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# Oak Point breaks ground on new community hall

By Evan Matthews

Less than a year after losing a staple building, the RM of St. Laurent and Oak Point community are looking to the future.

With roughly 50 people present on July 21, community leaders within the RM of St. Laurent and the Province of Manitoba ceremoniously broke ground on a new community hall in the Oak Point Community.

"The ceremony was to symbolize the first shovel in the ground," said Chief Administrative Officer Hilda Zotter. "It happened at the exact spot the new hall is to be built."

Donny Halldorson, an Oak Point Community Club board members and vice-president, said excavation of the site — located about a kilometre and a half southwest of the Hwy 6 Hotel, on the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Road 511 — happened on July 25, with the new facility's footings expected to go in on July 28.

He said the board expects construction to last about four

months, with optimism the new building will be completed by the end of November.

"It's our only gathering place in Oak Point," said Halldorson. "Without a building, there is nowhere else for us to go. We'll be very happy to see it constructed."

Halldorson said the board has contracted the construction out to Winnipeg Builders.

The sod-turning ceremony marks the first shovel in the ground, as the old Oak Point Community Hall had burned to the ground on Oct. 5, 2019.

The original building was constructed in 1926, 93 years ago. Oak Point Community Club treasurer Dianne Appleyard said a local man did the original construction for \$20, with the kitchen not seeing another renovation until the 1960s.

In 1970, Appleyard said the club added an addition onto the building's west side, which included an indoor bathroom and a bar.

Having been used for old-time dances, potluck suppers, wed-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY HILDA ZOTTER

RM of St. Laurent Reeve Cheryl Smith, left, long-time Oak Point citizen Grace Appleyard, middle, and Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson pose for the ceremonial sod turning event on July 21.

dings, funerals, baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, etc., the community will welcome a new event centre and hub.

At the time of the fire, community leaders said the new building would be privy to up-

grades the old facility did not have, things like air conditioning, new hardwood floors, a new kitchen and updated washrooms with wheelchair accessibility.



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# Willow Island residents opposed to encroachment

By Patricia Barrett

Dozens of Willow Island residents are concerned that some Gimli councillors have set a precedent by giving public land to a couple so that they can build a lakeside home and a covered deck eight feet beyond their property line.

Ray Delbaere and eight other residents attended council's public hearing on July 8 and also presented a petition signed by 23 Willow Island residents opposing Grant and Susan Boissonneault's request to encroach on public land called Marine Parade, much of which is underwater.

"A number of us with properties on the island were quite upset with council's decision [3-2 in favour] and failure to recognize what we think is a serious issue, which is public land being given over to a resident," said Delbaere, who's lived on the Lake Winnipeg sandspit since about 1979. "We think this is unfair and we think there's an important principle here: people shouldn't just be given public land."

The Boissonneaults have owned the lot at 332 Willow Island Rd. since 2014. In a letter to council, they cited lot constraints, "cohesiveness" with surrounding properties and increased "value for the overall community" as reasons for requesting the eight-foot variance onto public land. They also said they don't want the additional expense of re-locating a septic holding tank in order to accommodate their home.

The couple also provided signatures of support from four residents.

Delbaere said it doesn't cost a lot of money — a few thousand dollars maybe — to have a septic tank moved.

Addressing the "cohesiveness" with surrounding properties, Delbaere said as far as he knows properties near the Boissonneaults that had encroached on Marine Parade were constructed without approval or variations prior to the build.

Not only will the new encroachment put the Boissonneaults' dwelling closer to the lake where high winds and strong waves could potentially undermine it, said Delbaere, but the covered deck will also interfere with sightlines.

"You get these big fall storms that come up and the wooden seawalls — the first ones built — were almost all undermined by high water. It can happen again. And if you have a deck there, you can't grow any trees," said Delbaere, referring to strengthening the shoreline with vegetation. "Ash trees grow naturally here."

Considering the assessed value of most lots on Willow Island plus the eight extra feet given to the Boissonneaults, Delbaere reckons council gave away roughly \$5,000 of public land.

"All of the lots are valued about the same here," he said. "And \$5,000 is a substantial value of public property just to let somebody take."

In addition to the 23 residents opposed to the encroachment, council received four objection letters.

Billy Brodovsky and Libby Yager wrote that they're opposed to the principle of giving away public land and also cited the effect on other's enjoyment of their properties.

"The proposed dwelling could easily be built within private property boundaries without encroaching on public land. Allowing new residences and covered decks to be placed up to [and] across



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF RAY DELBAERE

Delbaere said, as far as he knows, an adjoining property (pictured here) to a new development didn't apply for or receive a variation for its building that extends well onto public land called Marine Parade.

front lot lines creates an irregular and unsightly shoreline appearance," they wrote.

"It also restricts the views of neighbouring properties whose owners built well back of their lot lines to protect their properties from erosion and consider the impact on their neighbours."

Resident Corinne Larsen also wrote an objection letter, stating the Boissonneaults' lot doesn't have "unique" circumstances posing an obstacle to a dwelling and can easily accommodate a building further back on the property.

She added that the few residents who built beyond their property lines and asked for forgiveness after the fact shouldn't be used to justify further encroachments on public land.

"The few residences that were built up to and across property lot lines, without approved variances, cannot be used to justify new construction or renovations," wrote Larsen.

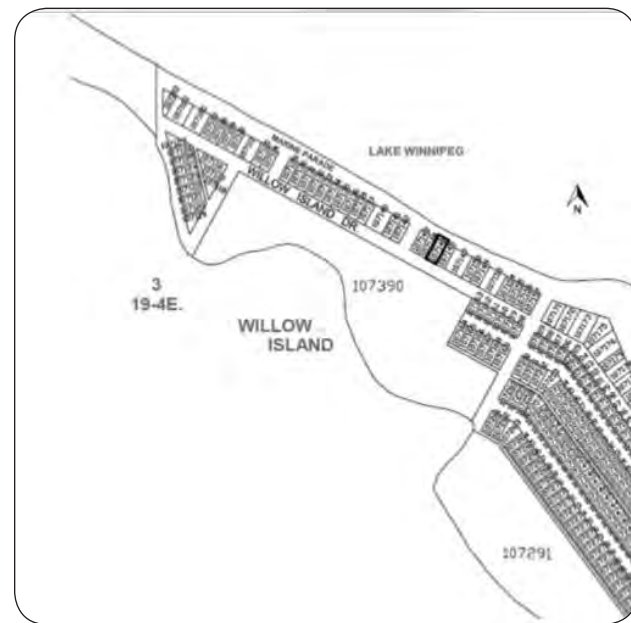
Mayor Lynn Greenberg and councillors Richard Petrowski and Thora Palson approved the encroachment while councillors Cody Magnusson and Peter Holfueuer voted against it.

Mayor Greenberg told the *Express* the Boissonneaults' dwelling won't extend as far out towards the lake as the dwellings that encroached on Marine Parade, and that it won't block anybody's sightlines other than their own.

"There are two houses on either side of [the Boissonneaults]. If there were no other houses beside them, or if there were houses beside them and they were set quite a way back, then I wouldn't have supported it," said Greenberg. "The [Boissonneaults] will have part of their view to the right blocked because there's a two-storey cottage beside them."

Greenberg said he also welcomes additional tax revenues so that the RM doesn't have to raise taxes.

"I told people straight out at the hearing that [the Boissonneaults] have had that lot for many years



Map of Willow Island.

and they have an old trailer on it that they stay in. Now they're going to build a brand new beautiful home that will increase the tax base," said Greenberg. "If we keep turning people away and saying no to everything, then it doesn't look like we're open for business."

Delbaere said anyone with a lot worth about \$150,000 will eventually build something, and the impression he got at the hearing — the fear of turning down an encroachment request and having nothing built — doesn't hold up.

"Councillors who voted for this should be held accountable for their decision. They didn't really explain to my satisfaction why it should go ahead except that it would cost the owners a little bit more money," said Delbaere. "Saving somebody some money but [failing] to establish principles is upsetting."



# Sensational photo

EXPRESS PHOTO BY JOCK MCCRACKEN

Jock McCracken of Sandy Hook captured the Comet NEOWISE over Lake Winnipeg on camera on July 12. Comet NEOWISE was discovered on March 27 of this year and is a long period comet which could be seen for multiple nights. McCracken is an amateur birder, photographer and astronomer who grew up with telescopes in his home. "This comet then became a sensation since comets are not viewed very often. Most do not survive the sun encounter and end up as fuzzy blobs that are hard to see. This one did — although not spectacular as some famous comets in the past. The comet is an icy snowball that circles the solar system in irregular orbits. Comets are viewable nightly but they are moving so will be in slightly but predictable locations nightly. Meteorite or meteors are seen as instantaneous streaks of light as the Earth passes thorough streams of dust and particles usually left over from comets passing through," said McCracken.



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# Vidir Storage creates adjustable field hospital bed

By Patricia Barrett

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a worldwide trend for setting up field hospitals to cope with overwhelming patient numbers, Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions created a fully adjustable field hospital bed.

The manufacturer, located about 18 kilometres north of Arborg, has already attracted customers for its bed, with the Canadian government purchasing 100 beds that are destined for eastern Canada.

Health-care workers can easily adjust the height of the bed to work comfortably on a patient and also adjust the position of the patient by either raising the torso if the patient is experiencing breathing problems or raising the legs to reduce swelling.

"There's never been anything like this before," said Vidir's talent acquisition and public relations specialist Carissa Rempel. "When COVID hit, we realized there was a huge need for hospital beds with IV poles, and we reached out to a government organization to see what was needed and how we as a manufacturer could help."

Vidir Storage builds motorized ver-

tical storage and display units and carousels, supplying industries such as medicine, government, retail and construction in over 40 countries around the world.

Rempel said Vidir's design and engineering teams are known for their innovative and flexible approach to challenges and that helped the company continue to operate when markets around the world began to collapse because of COVID and millions of people lost their jobs.

"We have an amazing team and it's exciting to work with people who are creative and willing to be innovative and open to trying new things," she said. "The final outcome was better than what anyone expected would be produced."

Because some field hospitals may lack electricity or have limited access to power, Vidir created a power-free, manually adjustable bed. And it's different from the beds used in emergency field hospitals, which utilize a non-adjustable, steel-framed cot with a mattress, said Mario Fontes, Vidir's director of sales and marketing.

"Our beds were engineered and designed from scratch so that you have



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF CARISSA REMPEL

Vidir's director of engineering Dimitri Caldeira worked with the team to create a fully adjustable field hospital bed.

the same adjustability you find in a hospital bed," said Fontes.

Its portability is another key feature that distinguishes it from standard cot beds, he said. Vidir's beds are collapsible, taking up less space when storing and during transportation.

"When you're shipping them in a semitrailer or a container overseas, they're very compact. You might get 10 [standard] hospital beds in a semitruck because you can't collapse them or stack them the way you can with our beds. Our beds' vertical footprint is smaller. And because they're made of heavy-duty steel, they can be bumped around a bit when they're shipped."

The beds also come with a six-inch or eight-inch hospital mattress (regulation fire resistant, antibacterial), IV pole and side rails.

In addition to the Canadian government's purchase, Fontes said Vidir has already had inquiries from other countries, notably the United States.

"We've seen interest out of the U.S., but so far no purchases," he said. "We just started promoting the beds in early summer so it's brand-new on the market."

New cases of the deadly virus have been surging ahead by 1 million a week in recent weeks. Over 16 million people have been infected worldwide with about 650,000 dead (Source: Johns Hopkins University as of July 27).

America leads the world in the highest number of new infections and the highest fatalities (over 4 million infected and 147,000 dead). Some

regions have re-imposed lockdown measures after people began disregarding physical distancing guidelines, leading to further spread of the infection.

As the Manitoba government loosened lockdown restrictions and people began travelling and gathering in groups, new COVID infections began to ramp up. Over the past few weeks almost 60 new infections have been identified and two people are in intensive care. Twenty new cases alone were identified last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some infections cannot be traced back to a source, meaning the virus is circulating in the wider community.

Rempel said Vidir can easily turn out 100 beds a week and can likely "ramp it up further" if needed.

"It quite easy for us to produce a lot of beds," she said. "And that's something that's really needed: to produce and ship product quickly."

Vidir's innovation will make Manitoba — and Canada — self-sufficient should the pandemic grow worse and there's a need to set up field hospitals, she said.

"I know there was a huge fear — when COVID was first hitting, our border was closed down and a lot of our medical products were coming from other countries — as to what do we do if there's a shortage," she said.

"So it's definitely good news to know we can make these products in Manitoba and that we have the capability to take care of our country."

For more information about the bed, visit Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions at [www.storevertical.com](http://www.storevertical.com).

## Matlock developing popular crafts show

By Roger Newman

Catherine Mather wants Village of Dunnottar residents to know each other better.

She achieved that goal last Saturday when she staged a well-attended arts and crafts show at the Matlock Store. The exhibitors and their booths started in front of the store and stretched around the corner into an adjoining parking lot.

"One of my objectives was to introduce more people to each other at a pop-up market," Mather said. "I also wanted to create more awareness of the Matlock general store and post office, which has served the community for decades."

An exhibitor at the market was Mather's husband Michael Kowalchuk of the North 30 company, a maker of custom guitars and other woodwork products. Judging by the turnout, the couple will be back to make sweet music at an annual Matlock market.



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Catherine Mather organized a pop-up market at Matlock last weekend.



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## Interlake Blue Jays blast St. Boniface

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays played one of their best games of the season against the St. Boniface Legionnaires Sunday evening at Fines Field.

Interlake blasted St. Boniface 10-0 in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action to snap a three-game losing streak.

Last Friday, Interlake lost 15-4 to the Pembina Valley Orioles in Stonewall. Pembina Valley led 8-2 after the first inning and 11-3 after four innings.

Interlake's Ben Anderson scored twice while Liam Allen and Keenan Allen also crossed home safely.

Anderson and Liam Allen each had a run batted in.

On July 22, the Blue Jays were edged 7-6 by the Carillon Sultans. Carillon

trailed 4-3 in the fifth inning when they turned the game around with four runs.

Interlake's Andrew Everitt had a strong game, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored and 2 RBIs. Other Blue Jays' runs were scored by Liam Allen (two) and Cole Olfert.

Interlake's Jeremy Wasileski knocked in three runs while Jayden Allary had the Blue Jays' other RBI.

Interlake, now 7-6 and in fifth place in the eight-team league, will hit the road for four consecutive games.

The Blue Jays will battle the Elmwood Giants on Wednesday (7 p.m.), Winnipeg South Friday (7 p.m.), and the first-place Altona Bisons on Monday (1 p.m. and 4 p.m.).



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JOANNE PROCTER

The Interlake Blue Jays' Keenan Allen slides into home plate safely against the St. Boniface Legionnaires in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action last Sunday in Stonewall. Interlake won the game 10-0.

## Interlake Orioles drop doubleheader to Carillon

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Orioles dropped a doubleheader to the Carillon Sultans in Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association 18U "AAA" action last Saturday at Fines Field.

Carillon won by scores of 4-3 and 15-3.

Last Thursday, Interlake was outscored 11-9 by the Bonivital Black Sox in Stonewall.

On July 21, Interlake was defeated 8-2 by Winnipeg South.

The Orioles, now 3-9 and on a four-game losing streak, will host the Elmwood Giants this Thursday at Quarry Park. First pitch is 7 p.m.

In 15U "AAA" action, Interlake lost 8-7 to the North Winnipeg Pirates on

Friday in West St. Paul.

Last Wednesday, the Orioles were defeated 11-9 by Winnipeg South in Balmoral. On July 21, Interlake was beaten 12-3 by Red River in Balmoral.

The Orioles (1-6) will host Red River again Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. before battling the Bonivital Black Sox on Friday for a 6:30 game at Provencher Park.

The 13U Orioles, meanwhile, lost 17-4 to Winnipeg South last Thursday.

On July 21, Interlake was defeated 9-1 by Red River. Those two teams hooked up again this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time.

Interlake (0-8) will visit the St. James A's this Thursday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

The Interlake Orioles' Cale Woods takes a nice cut at a pitch during U18 'AAA' action against the Bonivital Black Sox last Thursday in Stonewall. Bonivital outslugged Interlake 11-9.

## MJHL's Neepawa Natives changing their name

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Neepawa Natives are changing their name.

Neepawa will begin the process of looking for a new team name and logo after the team's board of directors decided it was time for a change.

The decision was made on July 21 and announced the following day. The new name will go into effect for the 2021-22

season.

The process of changing the name will include research and input from different community members, stakeholders, and fans of the team.

"We appreciate your patience and support as we go through this process," read a statement on the team's website. "Going forward, we want the focus to be on the work we do in our community and our commit-

ment to improving on the ice as we prepare for the upcoming season."

Neepawa has been a member of the MJHL since 1989.

The Morden Redskins of the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League are also debating a name change while the NFL's Washington Redskins and the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos recently announced they are making changes.

## Impact plays to 1-1 draw with Central Plains FC

Staff

In most years, the Interlake Impact would be in the middle of their Manitoba Major Soccer League schedule in late July.

But this, obviously, isn't most years.

The Impact played their first MMSL 4th Division regular-season game of the season last Friday,

playing to a 1-1 draw with Central Plains FC in Portage la Prairie.

Kyle Reenders scored for the Impact while Brandon Weir replied for Central Plains FC.

Interlake is back in action this Friday when it takes on Winnipeg FC at the University of Manitoba. Game time is 9 p.m.



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The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** in the Council Chambers in Inwood in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:30 PM.**

Dated at Inwood, in Manitoba this 22th day of July, 2020.

Corlie Larsen, Secretary  
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#### THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI BY-LAW NO. 20-0019

Being an amendment to the Gimli Zoning By-law No. 11-0013, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Gimli Recreation Centre  
45 Centennial Road  
Gimli, MB

DATE & TIME: August 12, 2020  
7:00 pm

APPLICATION: RMG-20-01R

AFFECTED AREA: Pt. 4-21-4 EPM Being Pt. Lot 13, S.P. Plan 44952  
WLTO and Pt. NW 1/4  
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All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, P.O. Box 1400, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0 on or before the 9th day of September, 2020.

DATED at Stonewall, Manitoba this 27th day of July, 2020.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LINDA GEORGIA ROSS, late of the R.M. of Gimli, in Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices, 72A Centre Street, P.O. Box 6500, Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0, on or before the 31st day of August, 2020.

DATED at Gimli, Manitoba, this 29th day of July, 2020.

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## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR HEAD OF COUNCIL (REEVE) IN A MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION R.M. of Grahamdale

Please be advised that a municipal by-election will be held on **Monday September 28th, 2020** for the office of Head of Council (Reeve).

To obtain a registration form contact the Senior Election Official at:

Sandra Falk, SEO  
cell: (204) 768-0069  
email: [seo@grahamdale.ca](mailto:seo@grahamdale.ca)

Dated at Moosehorn, MB this 20th day of July, 2020.  
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## VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2021 Assessment Roll for the Village of Dunnottar has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 44 Whytefold Road, Dunnottar, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act*:

### Application for revision

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property; or
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

### Application requirements

43(1) An application for revision must

- a) be made in writing;
- b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- d) be filed by
  - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office at the address below, or
  - (ii) serving it upon the secretary, at 44 Whytefold Road

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **September 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** in the council chamber of the Village of Dunnottar at 44 Whytefold Road to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is August 24, 2020.

Dated at Dunnottar, Manitoba this 27th day of July 2020.

J.M. Thevenot  
Secretary to the Board of Revision  
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## OBITUARY



### Allan Morley Bruce

On Thursday, July 16, 2020, Allan peacefully passed away at home with his family at his side. He lost his 26 year battle with prostate cancer and a one and a half year of bone cancer.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Elaine of 54 years; children Dianne (Alvin) Kopp, Heather (Don) Jones and Jamie; his grandchildren Owen (Chelsey) Kopp, Andy (Laura) Kopp, Montana (Devon) Jones, Brooklyn (Sam) Jones; two great granddaughters Izabella and Sophie. Allan is also survived by his brothers Richard (Estel) and David (Carol); brothers-in-law Fred (Mary) Bezemer and Allan Bezemer; sisters-in-law Georgina (Rodney) Eichel and Linda Bezemer.

He is predeceased by his parents Jim and Ruth Bruce; brother Stanley; sisters-in-law Linda Bruce, Jackie Bezemer and Anne Bezemer, and brother-in-law Robert Bezemer.

Allan was born in Eriksdale, MB on June 16, 1937 and moved to Ashern in 1957. As a young man he worked for farmers and later as a painter for Manitoba Pool Elevators, painting the town names on the side of elevators. He became a well driller in his early twenties, helping his father. For a few short years he worked for the Town of Ashern in the maintenance department. Allan also drove the school bus for a few years. He tried building basements, but it was too hard of work so he went back to drilling wells and built his business over 60 years.

Allan was a community minded person. He helped haul logs from north of Gypsumville to be sawed into rafters for the new Ashern Arena. He was on the Building Committee and President for the new curling rink, fire fighter and Fire Chief, member of the Brotherhood of the Elks, Ashern Legion and the Ashern Leisure Club.

He loved curling, shuffle board, going on casino trips, card playing, fishing and music. He became a "snowbird" for the last 20 plus years and travelled the USA. He fell in love with Yuma, Arizona and they spent 20 winters there. They also travelled to Alaska, Yukon, the east coast of Canada and the US. He enjoyed every mile of it.

We would like to send a special thank you to Helen Webster and her Home Care nurses Cassandra and Renjin, Dr. Sabri, Peter's Pharmacy for all their care and helpfulness and John and Karen Gray.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba Foundation Inc., 675 McDermot Ave., Room ON1160, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9.

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## OBITUARY



### Glen William George Goodridge

Glen William George Goodridge passed away peacefully July 9, 2020 after a short illness.

In his final years, Glen was a resident at the Northcott Care Centre in Ponoka, AB. Glen was born and attended school in Eriksdale, Manitoba. After school he joined the RCN (5 years) and then the RCAF (10 years). Glen was very proud of his service time. After serving in the Forces, Glen worked in agriculture and farming in BC and Alberta and drove truck, as well as being an independent business owner until retiring to Ponoka, AB.

Glen is survived by his wife Joyce Goodridge, a resident at Northcott as well. Glen has four sons, Terry, Bill (Kristin), Howard (Sally) and Randy; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, dispersed between the western provinces. He also leaves behind a sister, Faith Wruck (Chilliwack, BC). Glen was predeceased by his

parents William and Edith Goodridge; wife (Ena Watson) and wife (Doreen Naswell).

He was very independent and often remarked on how many places he had lived in his life, Manitoba, Ontario, BC, and finally settling in Alberta. When Glen was able, he loved to drive and enjoyed chatting and quipping with all that he met. Glen was an avid supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion. We will miss his humor and attention to details.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion.

## OBITUARY



### Ida Hobden (nee Forster)

Peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2020 at Percy E. Moore Hospital, Mom (Ida) passed away surrounded by her loving family.

Mom leaves behind her children Debra (John), David (Mona), Donna, Jim (Phyllis), Kathy (Bill), Lori (Rick), Irene (daughter-in-law), and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. Also to mourn her loss is her sister Betty, brother Randy, sister-in-law Rhoda, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Fred, parents John and Thelma Forster, brother Bob, son-in-law Edward, and sister-in-law Glenda.

Celebration of life for Mom will be held at the Harwill Hall in Harwill, MB on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with James Thiessen officiating.

Special thank you to Percy E. Moore Hospital, Health Science Centre and the Grace Hospital for their care of mom during her stay.

Everyone is welcome respecting COVID restrictions.

Following mom's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Stars Ambulance 155-A W Hangar Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3J 3Z1

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## OBITUARY



### Jean Martin

It is with great sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Jean Martin, age 89 years of Arborg, on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Arborg and District Hospital, with family by her side.

Mom will be deeply missed by her children Dennis (Sheila) and their daughter Kaelyn, (Tim) great-grandchildren Sawyer and Ethan, Jim (Sheila) and their children Kyle (Kalynn) and great-grandchild Nova, and Stacey (Sam) and great-grandchild Brody, Larry (Janice) and their children Nick (Chanelle), Matt and Rebecca, Donna (Joe) and their children Jordan (Carlea), and Chelsea (Andrew), Dinah (Wayne) and their children Chantal (Caelan), Tia (Colton), Diana (Christopher).

Mom was born to Alex and Tekla Yaremus of Skylake on November 8, 1930.

She was predeceased by her husband Nick and grandson Kristopher. She had six siblings, Mike (deceased), Mary (deceased), Dora (deceased), Adam (Irene), Steve (deceased) and Olga (deceased).

Mom and Dad were married in 1951, and farmed in Hamerlik/Poplarfield District. Mom enjoyed looking forward to spring time. New baby calves, turkeys and planting a huge garden. She was famous for her doughnuts along with the perogies and cabbage rolls. In her later years she enjoyed cutting grass, planting flowers and driving her Kubota. She enjoyed her winters for seven years going to Maui to visit Diana and son-in-law Christopher. She also enjoyed her trips to Hamilton, Victoria and Las Vegas visiting with family.

The family would like to thank the ambulance attendants, Dr. Mann and the staff at the Arborg Hospital for their care and compassion. A special thank you to our sister Diana and Christopher for looking after Mom the last seven months.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic a private family service will be held.  
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## OBITUARY



### Edna Ann Fudge (nee Darechuk)

Edna Ann Fudge (nee Darechuk) left us on July 17th, 2020.

Edna was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. She married James Edward Fudge (Jimmy) on February 5th, 1955. Edna and Jimmy made many dear lifelong friends and enjoyed travelling throughout Europe during their 'Air Force years'. After their wonderful sojourn in Europe, Jimmy was posted to Winnipeg, MB. On Jimmy's retirement, they settled in Gimli. Friends and family will remember Edna for her gentle kindness, her generosity, and for her love of gardening, cooking, knitting, and entertaining.

Her children will sorely miss the profound comfort of Edna's abundant, unconditional acceptance and love. There are many friends, neighbours, and family, who enjoyed the humble and generous gifts of Edna's hand knit, cozy slippers, and her baking.

Edna is survived by her loving children and their spouses, Wanda and Bob (Winnipeg), Donna and Rick (Belleville, Ontario), and Linda and Eric (Gimli). Also surviving Edna are sisters, Elsie and Joyce.

Edna was predeceased by her husband Jimmy, sister Nellie, and brothers Peter and Harry.

The family greatly appreciate the dedicated staff of the Gimli Betel Home Foundation, the Gimli Community Health Centre, and Dr. Adeniyi Adegbesan, for their professionalism, care, and compassion.

For those wishing, donations in Edna's name may be made to The Gimli Humane Society, Box 1999, Gimli, MB, R0C 1B0.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no formal service at this time. Instead, friends and family will gather to share stories and memories at a later date, to be chosen when COVID restrictions allow.

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