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A ride on the wild side



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Will Johannesson was checking to make sure mom and dad weren't too far away while he rode a motorcycle at the Wonder Shows midway Saturday evening.

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Vikings get unruly at Gimli's 128th Icelandic Festival

By Patricia Barrett

Equipped with axes, swords and spears, dozens of Vikings left their makeshift village near Gimli Harbour last Monday when one of Odin's ravens brought news of a parade. They split into large groups and marched uptown, threatening parents and wee children.

The Icelandic Festival's parade was a huge affair, attracting at least 1,000 people to the streets of Gimli to cheer on colourful floats. The last thing they expected were Vikings armed to the teeth.

In one particularly shocking display of unruliness, a Viking jabbed his spear at a senior who was simply minding his own business and trying to enjoy the festivities. A boy with a Spiderman cap witnessed the whole thing. Luckily, the coast guard, RCMP and Gimli's paramedics and fire department weren't too far behind; the poor man was frightened out of his wits.

Even the lady Vikings got into the action, brandishing hefty swords and daring parade-goers to try them on for size.

Some of the Vikings hoisted the sail on their warship and sailed blithely down Centre Street as though they were on their way to Scotland or Newfoundland. A lady Viking onboard gleefully toasted the crowd with her drinking horn.

There were plenty of Scottish pipers and a fierce-looking highlander from Folklorama's Scottish Pavilion in the parade, but they were seemingly unaware of the Vikings' misdemeanours. Ditto for the scores of local and area business owners who entered floats in the parade.

Most disturbing was the Vikings' swift embrace of 21st-century technology. One warrior, wearing what looked like a bearskin, confiscated somebody's Honda scooter (quite ill-suited to his fearsome height) and tore up Centre, weaving through floats this way and that, driving against the flow of traffic and swerving towards innocent children trying to retrieve candy from the street. He appeared to be communicating with kith and kin via a walkie-talkie affixed to the bike's handlebars.

Although our current-day leaders — Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk, Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon, Premier Brian Pallister, Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton and Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan — took part in the parade, they appeared utterly helpless against Vikings determined to engage with the people.



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Gimli's Viking Park pays homage to Icelandic and Indigenous cultures

By Patricia Barrett

The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba celebrated the launch of Viking Park — its legacy project — by Gimli Harbour last Saturday afternoon in conjunction with its 128th festival celebrating all things Icelandic.

The Viking statue, built in 1967, is the centrepiece of the park through which paths with commemorative bricks weave. Adding to its charms are large boulders reminiscent of Iceland's volcanic rocks, native plants and shrubs, a cultural wall recounting the history of Icelandic settlement and Indigenous assistance, rune stones and puzzles, elf houses (and their habitants who will live in the park) and trolls embedded within the rock faces.

A "rune key" is part of the circular cultural wall that faces the Viking. People can use the key to decipher the meaning of stones located throughout the park and then visit the festival's website to solve a series of riddles.

The idea for the park started three years ago after the 125th Icelandic Festival, which has been held in Gimli since 1932. The park's co-chairs began working with the RM of Gimli and



Commemorative bricks line the path around the park.



The Breakwater Garden consists of the old harbour wall built in the 1950s.

Betel Home Foundation (which own the land) and held meetings to gather ideas from residents to develop the land around the statue. HTFC Landscape Architects designed the park and Shelmerdine built it.

Kathi Thorarinson Neal, past-president of the Icelandic Festival and co-chair of the Viking Park campaign cabinet, along with co-chair Grant Stefanson, launched the iconic park along the shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Thorarinson Neal said the province made a "significant investment" in Vi-

king Park but did not provide a dollar figure. The festival and its campaign cabinet raised nearly \$1 million to build it.

"We have a lot to celebrate," said Thorarinson Neal. "We're about to officially open a place that offers an authentically Icelandic and mythical experience that everyone can enjoy today and for generations to come."

The Icelandic settlers gave Gimli its name, which means heaven, and

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Indigenous elder Ruth Christie (centre), whose forebears helped immigrant Icelanders survive, helped unveil an elf house.



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> GIMLI'S VIKING PARK, FROM PG. 3

the Viking statue was erected by the chamber of commerce to celebrate the settlers' spirit and their new homeland.

The park will enable visitors to learn about Gimli's unique heritage, said Thorarinson Neal.

Elder Ruth Christie, whose forebears helped Icelandic immigrants settle and survive in Gimli and Riverton in the 1870s, offered a traditional Indigenous blessing.

"It really does my heart good to know that my people are mentioned here, too," said Christie, who was an interpreter at Lower Fort Garry for many years. "People who soar are those who refuse to sit back and wish things would change. People with a vision initiate action because they are motivated by their beliefs."

"With the right kind of spiritual diet and climate, you can experience happiness many times over. May we be blessed this day the creator has provided and be grateful to our ancestors who have been an influence in our lives we live today."

Christie, who is of Scottish descent, also shared an ancient Gaelic rune, which pays homage to nature.

"Deep peace of the running waves to you," she said. "Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you."

Co-chair Grant Stefanson thanked

Thorarinson Neal for her determination to see the park through to completion.

"I can tell you there is no other place in the world that I would rather be than on the Viking statue base in this beautiful park," he said. "It was an idea that involved giving something back to this great community. It took a lot of effort and blood, sweat and tears. But now that we've got a finished product, we couldn't be prouder of the work that's been done here."

Stefanson also thanked a number of people who helped support the park and who contributed funds to its development: the board of the Icelandic Festival, whose past-presidents Cameron and Janice Arnason supported the project, as well as current president Robbie Rousseau, the festival's campaign cabinet, Angela Eyolfson from Betel Home, Mayor Randy Woroniuk, CAO Joann King and Coun. Danny Luprypa, MLA Jeff Wharton, the Richardson Family (lead donor), and Ernest Stefanson and Claire Gillis (major donors).

Wharton brought greetings from the province and paid homage to the community for its vision and support of the park.

"The Viking statue has been a natural place for gathering in our community for generations," he said. "This area has seen over 100,000 visitors annually, so extending the park around



The Viking statue is flanked by rocks and native plants.

the statue is a wonderful addition. It was an idea that took a lot of planning, determination and community support."

Mayor Randy Woroniuk thanked the Icelandic Festival for its gift to "not only us but to the world."

"This beautiful park honouring the early Icelandic settlers, who arrived on the shores of Lake Winnipeg with the dream of a better life, laid a solid foundation of which we are the recipients. As the RM of Gimli and the Gimli Chamber of Commerce work towards branding Gimli a four-season destination based on a Norse theme, this park and what it stands for will

be a keystone for that initiative. The visionaries and the donors and the volunteers — your dedication to this project is an example of how an idea became a reality and how we can work together to make Gimli a must-visit destination and a more prosperous community."

At the end of the dedication, the dignitaries and special guests unveiled an elf house.

"Elves are mythical creatures of cultural importance," said Stefanson. "We made sure we provided places in the park where those elves will be very comfortable and won't do too much mischief."

Manitoba Elvis festival remembers The King 40 years later



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Left photo: Manitoba Elvisfest organizer Dave Greene, right, of Moosehorn presented Steinbach's Corny Rempel with an Elvis print and wished him good luck when he competes at the "Ultimate Elvis Finals" in Memphis in August. Rempel recently qualified for the premier event after winning the Penticton Elvis Festival. Right photo: Saturday night, the Elvis impersonator wore the jumpsuit or 'trophy' he won in Penticton. Hundreds gathered to hear Elvis tribute artists get all shook up for the Gimli three-day festival this past weekend. Other Elvis impersonators included Kevin Chorney, Adam Tarnowski, Dave Greene, Daylin James, Harold Prosken, Jackson Tarnowski, Dan Shiner, Silvio Fontaine, Christopher Blaine and Jerry Barrett.

Eriksdale garage sale has treasures for everyone

By Jeff Ward

Hundreds of deal hunters converged on Eriksdale last weekend to take part in the 26th annual Giant Community Yard Sale, taking advantage of a sprawling selection of finds.

The yard sale turned the town of Eriksdale into a community-wide bazaar with 45 locations all within walking distance of each other. Potential buyers got there early and the town saw dozens of people pouring out of vehicles every few minutes to make sure they got a look at everything on offer.

The Eriksdale & District Chamber of Commerce uses this event every year as a fundraiser to help promote the community to its neighbours and to those farther away.

The items on sale are as varied as the people selling them. Toys for kids of all ages, tools, books, antiques, crafting items, jewelry and much more all traded hands last Saturday.

Eriksdale resident and longtime seller Gomer Plantz was at his usual location near Big Al's. Plantz has taken part in every yard sale since it started 26 years ago. It's familiar faces like his and the many other annual regulars that add to the community spirit of the event, which is one of the big reasons Lundale believes it has remained so successful over the years.

At press time, Lundale said there wasn't a tally of how much money was made in total or what the chamber's take of that was.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JEFF WARD

Gomer Plantz, left, hard at work making a sale on some antique tools.

Eriksdale Chamber kicks off summer market garden

By Jeff Ward

Make it, bake it or grow it is the motto of the Eriksdale Market Garden that is set to feature the best of what local producers and hobbyists have to offer.

Baked goods, artisan crafts and fresh garden produce are just some of the items locals will be selling every Saturday from now until Oct. 7. The market garden is an Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce Initiative and is in its third year.

Dolly Lindell, organizer of the Saturday staple, explained that the

idea is to bring people to the community, get them to shop locally and to see what else Eriksdale has to offer.

There is a five per cent fee on all goods sold this season, which will be used to support other chamber of commerce projects. Lindell said that the fee will be capped at \$150 total, so if a seller makes that much money or more, only \$7.50 goes to the chamber.

Garden hours are from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every Saturday, weather per-

mitting, at the pavilion in Railway Memorial Park.

"I see a lot of other communities are doing this now as well and it's a great way to bring the community together and also attract new visitors," said Lindell.

"I will post on our Facebook page every Friday who is going to be there and what they're selling if I have that info. We usually have at least four tables set up from our regulars, but more are welcome."

Lindell said that people try to get there early to secure a spot under the pavilion, so they're covered from the sun. If you're not one of the first people, you should bring a table since there won't be one available for you.

Lindell said there is lots of space in the park, but the

space under the pavilion is prime real estate.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth can contact Dolly Lindell to register at 204-739-2628.

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Peter Obeinicki, right, give a history lessons on some of his pieces for sale.

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> ARNIE WEIDL Who invited the muskies for lunch?

Hi anglers and fishers.

Early last week when driving under the "blue bridge" along the Red River Road, I saw an SUV parked by a fishing trail to the riverbank. I pulled up behind it and, stepping out, sensed the musty smell and lapping wave sounds down on the river mud flats.

There, an average-sized guy with a dark brown beard tended his fishing rod. Music played from a radio sitting on a fallen tree. My voice echoed under the bridge as I asked how the fishing was. Our new friend Dan Slattery shook his head sideways, saying, "My dad's further down. Maybe he caught something."

We threaded through bush to a chap looking much like Dan, reeling his line in. We shook hands and began swapping fishing stories. Dan remembered a time when he caught a master walleye in this area. While he was trying to land it, three conservation officers came by. The officers stood by as spectators as Dan played the fish, but when he got it close to shore, it got stuck between some rocks. Without hesitation, one of the officers went into the water and grabbed Dan's line, angling it so he could land the fish. Good job, guys.

That afternoon, I ran over to Pine Falls and visited with anglers on the pier. A chap named Antonio Sousa of Winnipeg was the only lucky one that day and held his catch up for us to admire.

Days later, after trying unsuccessfully to find us a fishing story on the Hecla pier, I dropped into the General Store for a drink. There, I found Keye Dziad, a tall, thin, dark-haired, fine-featured young lad, behind the counter. Keye recalled a time when he was very young and an older family friend took him to the pier to fish and he caught a huge



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Antonio Sousa of Winnipeg with his catch at Pine Falls.

pickerel. It just went nuts, twisting and rolling, wrapping the line around its tail. Keye struggled not letting anyone help him and landed that pickerel on the pier tail first.

About a month ago, I met this great big wonderful Winnipeg guy, Eugene Emery, who spoke in a wheezy, gravelly voice as he gave us an unusual story.

Eugene, his friend (let's call him Bert) and four other guys went musky fishing in a seldom-fished pothole lake Bert knew of east of Big Whiteshell. Bert was kind of wild, so Eugene was only slightly surprised when Bert, at a certain point, drove the old crew cab truck they were in off the gravel road, through a ditch and into the bush, knocking down small poplar trees every which way.

Eventually, Bert hit a tree he couldn't drive over, so he told the guys to get out and start making a slash trail to the lake. They did, hacking for two miles, listening over their shoulders for Bert because Bert, without notice, every so often, would come charging up to them, causing them to scatter.

Finally, sweating and beat up, the guys made it to the lake. Bert got out of the truck, pointing to a boat that had been lying there for a few years and casually said, "You guys get the tools from the box of the truck. We have to rebuild the back of the boat. It got torn off the last time I was here."

They stood there, gawking, fantasizing ways to harm him. Without much choice, they rebuilt the back of the boat, put the gear in it, mounted a motor and off they went onto the cool clear water. Now, this was a lake full of humongous musky, and strange yet funny things can happen around musky, which Eugene pointed out to the crew.

"Don't hang your hand over the side of the boat just above the water," he cautioned, "or it might become musky lunch," he cautioned. "When you're landing a musky, don't be surprised if they come right at you diving, then jumping right into the boat."

As the sun journeyed westward, the crews' legs got tired from bracing against the boat as they caught and released muskies. Eugene had one more little surprise for the boys. He waited till they were taking a lunch break and the boat was still. When he saw what he was looking for, he nudged the angler closest to him and jerked his eyes toward the water. There, around the boat were giant muskies looking up at them. They do that.

So-long for now, gang.

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Operation Dry Water looks to end drinking and boating

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Drinking and boating accounts for approximately 40 per cent of boating-related fatalities on Canadian waterways. But in Manitoba, that number rises to 70 per cent.

To raise awareness and reduce alcohol related deaths, the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) and the Lifesaving Society Manitoba Branch is launching a new campaign entitled "Operation Dry Water" in hopes of putting an end to drinking and boating.

"Seventy per cent of boating fatalities are associated with impaired boating, and alcohol contributes to boating fatalities at more than three times the rate it does for driving fatalities in Manitoba," said Kevin Tordiffe, Lifesaving Society Manitoba Branch operations manager. "On average, Manitoba sees more drowning deaths a year than people who die from impaired driving."

With the summer boating season in high gear, it's the perfect time to remind Canadian boaters about the risks of drinking and boating.

Combined with sun, wind, waves and the rocking motion of the boat, the effects of alcohol on the water can be greatly increased.

"The CSBC, its partners and sponsors would like, through this and our other initiatives, to raise attention to the problem of boating under the influence and to remind boaters not to drink and boat," stated John Gullick, chair of the Canadian Safe Boating Council. "Operation Dry Water will focus on the potential risks of drink-

ing and boating, and remedies that are currently in place to discourage it."

Federal statutes dictate that, whether or not your craft is motorized, you can be charged with impaired operation of a vessel under the Criminal Code of Canada if your blood alcohol level exceeds the .08 threshold. This means you can be charged even if you are impaired while operating a canoe, and a judge is able to, upon conviction, suspend your boating privileges. But that's not all; it can get worse.

Some provinces have enacted legislation where drinking and boating can affect your automobile driving privileges. In Ontario, for instance, Bill 209 amended the Highway Traffic Act to also apply to "anyone operating or having the care or control of a vessel." As such, anyone found boating with a blood alcohol level above .05 faces an on-the-spot automobile drivers' licence suspension. Should the person's blood alcohol concentration exceed .08, upon conviction, an additional suspension of up to one year can be applied.

Operation Dry Water is aimed at reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities on the water while fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use while boating. The end goal? To achieve safer and more enjoyable recreational boating.

This initiative is made possible through support of Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

For information on boating safety, visit csbc.ca.



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RCMP staff Sgt. and Inland and Water Transport Co-ordinator Bob Chabot shows the safety equipment boats should be carrying at all times in Manitoba last Wednesday. The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) and the Lifesaving Society Manitoba Branch launched a new campaign, Operation Dry Water, in hopes of putting an end to drinking and boating last week.

letters

Leaf cutter bees move in across the road

Leaf cutter bees - alfalfa growers, within a week after these bees were put out in the alfalfa field directly across the road from our house, we were swarmed by them.

Our neighbours tell me we have to let them get used to their boxes for a week and then they will stay at home, so I would think that if they had done this, they would have stayed across the road.

Not so. Within a few days, they were here, hundreds of them, chewing all the flowers and plants. I have contacted my councillor and invited him over; no show. Well, this is an agricultural area, they all tell me.

True enough, but we all have a right to live in peace.

After the bees are gone for the summer, the wood pickers will come and start their damage on buildings. There are six residences within a half-mile of these bees. We have asked them to remove these boxes every night but have to beg and threaten to get it done. Government officials have told us if they take boxes away every night, there could only be 50 or so in the box — don't care — 50 less to eat my plants. It is our property, not alfalfa growers.

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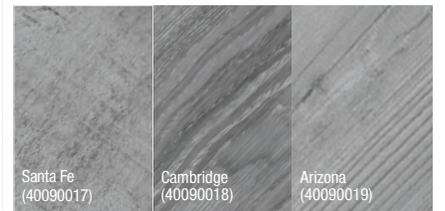
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EIA virus takes horse community by surprise

Eriksdale equestrian show cancelled

By Jennifer McFee and Jeff Ward

It's a rough trot for the horse community as it takes measures to prevent the spread of an infectious virus.

Equine infectious anemia is caused by a virus that only affects horses and is spread by biting flies, particularly horse flies.

For Dr. Neil Versavel of Equi-Tech Veterinary in Stonewall, the virus is nothing new. However, its resurgence has surprised many people in the horse community.

"We've known about it for a long time. It's documented as far back as the 1800s," he said.

"But the last horse positive for EIA in Manitoba was in the early '90s. We haven't had a positive horse in Manitoba for quite some time, so when a horse did come up positive, it was obviously quite shocking to the horse community."

Through testing that was mainly voluntary, five Manitoba premises have been identified as having horses infected with EIA: two in the RM of Armstrong, one in the RM of St. Andrews, one in the RM of St. Clements and one in the RM of Hanover.

"It's not super prevalent, but it's a reportable disease as far as the CFIA is concerned. So even if they're not sick or showing clinical signs, horses that test positive are faced with either a lifelong quarantine from all other horses or euthanasia," Versavel said.

"Similar to HIV in people, once the horse is infected with the virus, they carry the virus for life. So once they're infected, they're a risk to infect other horses around them. The fortunate thing about the virus is it's not easily

transmittable. It takes some period of time of exposure to contract the virus, so living with an infected horse is the greatest risk."

As for horse shows and rodeos, the current veterinary recommendation is that these events require all horses to have a negative Coggins Test, which is a screening test for an antibody response to the virus.

"If you have an event with 50 horses coming and all horses come with a negative Coggins Test, then the likelihood that you're going to pick it up is fairly low," Versavel said.

"At those events where they don't require a negative Coggins Test, horse owners can do things like put a fly sheet on their horse and use fly spray. Another recommendation is to minimize the amount of time that they're at the event. That being said, the risk of transmission at an event like that is low. It's not impossible, but it is fairly low."

In general, he said that most rodeos are managing to still run, but a lot of the horse shows associated with the rodeos are being cancelled.

"Things really hit a feverish pitch about a week before the Selkirk fair and rodeo. They did require negative Coggins testing for that event, but then a week later, the Morris stampede didn't," Versavel said. "So it's been variable from event to event whether Coggins testing is required."

In addition, the upcoming Eriksdale equestrian show has been cancelled to prevent the potential spread of EIA.

Ruby Stuart, one of the organizers of the annual event, said the recent outbreak of the disease has the horse



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North Interlake show organizers have decided to cancel the remainder of shows this year because of the equine infectious anemia virus.

community concerned.

As a result, a decision was made to cancel the show and prevent horses from travelling to the area to curb the transmission of the disease. Stuart said it's important to keep the disease from spreading, so cancelling the show was the responsible thing to do.

"We want to prevent the spread of the disease by avoiding grouping horses together," said Stuart.

"The North Interlake Show circuit all got together and decided it would be best to cancel the remaining shows for this year because of it. We've personally never seen it, but I remember a lot of people in this area lost horses when the virus was around back in

the day."

Many owners have already had their horses tested and checked for infection, with the vast majority coming back negative, Versavel noted.

"There has been a pretty substantial response in the horse community and a lot of the testing has already been done," he said.

"But if people had any concerns about their horse being exposed or they wanted to be certain that their horse was OK and not a risk to any of their other horses, it's a simple matter of getting a vet out to do a Coggins Test."

Steep Rock Beach Park entry gate now complete

By Jeff Ward

Seasonal and casual campers will now have their sites and belongings kept a bit safer with the completion of Steep Rock Beach Park's new high-tech security fence.

The new fence was completed at the park recently and will use electronic key passes to grant entry when the gate is closed.

Lana Iwanchuk, one of the campground managers, said the gate will be closed from 11 p.m. until 8 a.m. starting a few weeks from now. She explained that the gate will add an extra layer of security to the park during

the evening and will restrict traffic at night.

Over the next few weeks, campground staff will be handing out the passes to seasonal campers, who will get two pre-programmed cards. The cards allow for campground staff to know who is coming in and out of the park during times when the gate is closed.

Iwanchuk explained that for the remainder of this camping season, there will be no charge for park entry but that in 2018, a charge to enter will come into effect.

"The board will decide what the fee

is going to be and it hasn't been discussed yet," said Iwanchuk.

"We want the park to always be a positive experience for people, and having another layer of security for peace of mind will be good."

Iwanchuk said the idea behind the gate has always been so that campground staff can have more control over who comes in and who goes out during the night hours.

"Especially in the night, we don't want people coming in who don't have any reason to be here," said Iwanchuk.

The RCMP and EMS will get their

own codes and cards so that they can gain access in an emergency. Iwanchuk said the gate won't be a hindrance to any emergency personnel trying to gain entry.

Iwanchuk said that the system is new and that there could be some hiccups along the way. She hopes people are patient if there are any problems.

"We want to let people get used to the idea before we start to open and close by our schedule. It's a change we're hoping is seamless," said Iwanchuk.

Meleb Catholic Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

Submitted

The Meleb Church committee would like to cordially invite the public to the St. Michael's of Archangels Roman Catholic Church 100th anniversary mass, commencing Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. in Meleb.

In 1989, the church was transferred by Archbishop Exner of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg to the RM of Armstrong. It was declared a municipal historic site on Oct. 10, 1989. A church heritage committee was struck to restore and preserve the building with

the help of grants and donations of cash, volunteer labour, machinery and materials.

On Sept. 30, 1990, a Thanksgiving mass was celebrated in the newly restored church. A plaque on the side of the church was dedicated on Sept. 29, 1991, in memory of Polish settlers of the district.

While a traditional service will be held, the annual mass serves as a celebration to the area's storied pioneers.

Introductory greetings will be brought on behalf of Selkirk-In-

terlake-Eastman MP James Bezan. Other dignitaries in attendance will include Jeff Wharton, MLA for Gimli, and Minister Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside.

Following mass, the minister will present a congratulatory plaque to chairman Elmer Keryluk.

A short lunch will be served at nearby Meleb-Park-Cumming Schools Reunion Park.

For more information contact committee member Ryan Werbicki at 204-451-2900.



St. Michael's of Archangels Roman Catholic Church will its celebrate 100th anniversary mass, commencing Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. in Meleb.

Regional Health Authority board appointments

Submitted

The Manitoba government has made several appointments to the boards of the province's five regional health authorities, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced this past Tuesday.

"Regional health authority boards guide the important work of providing the right care in the right place at the right time," said Goertzen. "These new board members will help guide health care as we work to strengthen our system and improve access to consistent, quality care across the province."

Under The Regional Health Authorities Act, the minister appoints directors to each board. Board members must ensure the organization complies with applicable legislation, regulations, provincial policies and ministerial directives.

New board members include:

- Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority:

- Jillian Whitford (Saint-Georges), a retired, bilingual city councillor, economic development officer and former employee of Tembec, and
- Glen West (Selkirk), department manager with Manitoba Hydro.

- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority:

- Maj. Catherine Harris (Winnipeg), a retired Salvation Army officer,
- Victor Giesbrecht (Winnipeg), president of Trikor Builders and a realtor with Maximum Realty,
- William (Bill) Baines (Winnipeg), president and chief executive officer of AML Wireless Networks Inc.,
- Bryce Matlashewski (Winnipeg), an investment advisor with National Bank Financial, and
- Dawn Daudrich (Churchill), owner

and operator of Lazy Bear Lodge.

- Northern Health Region:

- June Chu (Wabowden), owner and operator of the Silver Leaf Hotel and Motel,
- Angela Enright (Snow Lake), a consultant on economic development, international trade and real estate, and
- Mary Head (The Pas), a member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and the manager responsible for natural resources.

- Southern Health-Santé Sud:

- Tammy de Rocquigny (St. Claude), a bilingual registered nurse.

Board reappointments include:

- Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority: Margaret Mills, chair (Pinawa), Oral Johnston, vice-chair (O'Hanley), Judy Dunn (Dugald) and Brian Magnusson (Winnipeg Beach);

- Prairie Mountain Health: Cheryl Bjornson (Ste. Rose du Lac) and

Duane Whyte (Swan River);

- Northern Health Region: Judith Kolada (Thompson), and

- Southern Health-Santé Sud: Elin Czeranko (Langruth), Debbie Iverson (Carman) and Konrad Narth (Zhoda).

The minister noted the selection of board members is based on a range of knowledge and skills, in areas such as governance in public-sector, private-sector or not-for-profit boards, government structures and processes, law, business, finance and accounting.

The minister thanked outgoing members for their service.

Ashern youth faces charges after string of break-ins

By Jeff Ward

A string of break-ins involving eight Ashern businesses and one residence has ended with the arrest of a 14-year-old Ashern youth.

RCMP spokesperson Paul Manaigre said that between July 5 and 17, there were a series of eight break-ins reported to the Ashern RCMP.

Manaigre added that, for privacy reasons, the locations of theft are being withheld. However, he did say that an arrest was made following the investigation of one of the incidents.

The youth is facing two charges: one for break and enter and the other for theft under \$5,000. The youth was released on an undertaking and is set to appear in court in Ashern on Aug. 9 and again in Winnipeg on Aug. 22.

Manaigre added that since the arrest, there have been no further break-ins and that in instances like these, it's almost always the same people committing the crimes.

"It would be unusually high if they were all random break-ins. But it's more likely it's one group targeting

the area," he said.

Manaigre said that the RCMP are always wanting residents to be vigilant and to call them with any information they may have. Most often, he said, people will hold onto information because they don't feel it is relevant.

"Let us make that determination ourselves. Many times we get info that seems inconsequential but turns out to mean a lot. We work off of information, and the more we have of it, the better we can do our jobs," said Manaigre.

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Manitoba para athlete makes waves during Canada Summer Games

By Patricia Barrett

The Canada Summer Games sailing competition in Gimli had spectators lining the harbour wall to watch athletes from across Canada go sail-to-sail on Lake Winnipeg.

Able-bodied and para athletes from each province and territory hit the water for a week of intense competition, battling each other as well as the elements.

The heat earlier in the week affected some of the sailors, but it was the wind that really challenged them later in the week.

Para athlete Bryson Foy, who's a member of the Sail Manitoba Race Team, competed against other para athletes in the mixed single-handed 2.4m competition. The wind literally let him down on Thursday.

"This is the fourth day of racing, so we should have had two races every single day. And today was the first day we had one race," said the 17-year-old para athlete, who has been sailing for six years, four of those competitively. "The wind was just so light we couldn't start a race. It's not class legal to start with too little wind."

Too much wind can also hamper a race.

"It's a safety concern with too much wind," said Foy, whose home club is Gimli. "They don't let us go out. Or if we're out, they'll send us in."

Gimli harbourmaster Cindy Blicq, who's a competitive sailor on an all-woman team from the Gimli Yacht Club, said the competition uses boats of various sizes.

"There's different classes of boats on each of the courses. Some of them are bigger and they've got spinnakers on them as well, like those colourful sails you see when we [Yacht Club] race on Wednesday nights," she said. "There's Lasers and there's also the boats that athletes with disabilities use, the 2.4s, which are a little white boat."



Bryson Foy, with his mom Stephanie Jeffrey, trains in Gimli with the Sail Manitoba Race Team. The para athlete and his fellow competitors faced some wind challenges on Lake Winnipeg during the competition.

Sailors take part in single-handed sailing competitions, double-handed and para sailing.

"They'll start one class of boat," said Blicq, who volunteered last year with the Canada Summer Games to help out with the hundreds of spectators in town. "Then they'll start the next group. And all the competitors in that group will be on the same type of boat. They just do the start and whoever is first is first. If they break a rule ... they might mark them down a little bit."

With one more race day to go, Foy was upbeat about the competition.

"So far it's awesome," he said. "We had some heavy winds. I was in fourth place, tied for third. I was only a few points behind. But today was a little bit lighter [wind], so I didn't do as well as I thought I was going to. But fortunately we only did one race, so that means I only slipped down one time instead of two, which is good."



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Bryson Foy sailed into Gimli Harbour after one race on Thursday. The wind was too light for a second race.



From left: Alberta sailors Rachel Kortbeek and Brianna Brand with sailor Bryce Kristjansson, whose home club is Gimli.



Manitoba and Quebec pull ahead of Saskatchewan.



Para athletes (in white boats) return to Gimli Harbour after racing Thursday.

Arborg Street Festival will get the blood pumping

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg will be taking to the street Aug. 18 and 19 for its annual Street Festival, offering residents and tourists plenty of entertainment, food and friendly (and not-so-friendly) competition.

The festivities kick off Friday night at 8 p.m. when The 2 Man Band takes to the stage at Library Park, followed by fireworks at dusk.

Main Street, which will be closed to vehicular traffic, will be a hub of activity all day Saturday, starting with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

A stage show featuring the Reechka Ukrainian Dance Club, Partners in Time Dance Club, Zumba dancing

and singer Britney Gallichon will get underway at 10 a.m.

People can dance in the street when bands Rolling Thunder, Home Brew Line, Our Souls and Northern Royals take to the stage in the afternoon or take part in one of several street-hockey tournaments.

The ever-popular CWE wrestlers will be whipping up the crowds with their fearless flips, flying leaps and devious antics from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by Sumo wrestling from 4 to 6.

A kids' fun zone, dog show, chili cook off and scavenger hunt will round out the day.



Old time rock n' roll



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Guests were treated to some loud, energetic old school rock 'n' roll this past Saturday when Giants of the River headlined at Winnipeg Beach's outdoor stage. The band played songs from their favourite bands including the Sheepdogs, Black Keys, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin and The Stones along with some of their original songs like "Hell Raiser" and "The Bone." Organizers have entertainment planned every Saturday throughout the summer from 7 to 10 p.m. On the bandstand next Saturday is AR Cash specializing in Johnny Cash and June Carter with the Beaver Band taking the stage on Aug. 26 and Rocket 88 on Sept. 2.

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Ritz on Churchill and trade

By Harry Siemens

The topic of the Port of Churchill came up on Twitter and raised a tweet storm that involved former ag minister Gerry Ritz, now the international trade critic in opposition.

Since Gerry knows more about it than I do by a long shot, I asked him to set the record straight for me:

“There’s a lot of misinformation out there that just doesn’t seem to get through to people. We [Harper’s Conservative government] had come forward with a package for Churchill as part of our northern strategy,” he explained, “noting that the port needed upgrades, the rail line, of course, required to be brought up to heavier standards so that they could move product.

“Over the years, the CWB had a subsidy for any product moving north through Churchill. We continued that for five years, and that was going to run right through to the end of the 2017 crop year. But two, three years ago, it all dried up to the point where they weren’t even shipping average tonnage anymore. I think the one year, it was less than 200,000 tons, simply because the rail line had been let go to the point where they couldn’t even run trains on it economically.”

Ritz said the package their government put forward addressed both the airline capacity in Churchill — a \$14-million package they used to increase their capacity — and a \$32-million package for the rail line and port, which Omnitrax was supposed to

match. The provincial government was also going to chip in, bringing the pool to close to \$100 million.

It never happened, though. There was a contract, of course, but it’s unenforceable: when a company hasn’t taken the money, there’s nothing to enforce.

“Having said that, it’s unfortunate to see it go back as it has,” said Ritz. “But in the meantime that Churchill was stagnating, the capacity of every other port and freight logistics line in Canada was upgrading to the point where the capacity is there to handle it, and that is unfortunate for the long-term value of Churchill.”

So, really, at this point, it looks pretty bleak, doesn’t it, as far as the railroad and the port?

“Well, I’ve seen numbers as high as a quarter of a billion dollars to bring the rail line up to some capacity,” said Ritz. “The problem always has been with Churchill is the backhaul. The railways don’t want to run empty one way ... having said that, they don’t have container capacity up at the port,” he said.

“I know they talked about shipping oil, but, again, the rail line would take that type of construction, those kinds of dollars, and then you’d have actually to have a capacity at the port to handle oil. One of the things that Churchill never did take seriously was they had to become a push port as opposed to pull. What that means is they needed to double their capac-

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Sailing athletes honoured during Summer Games medal ceremony

By Patricia Barrett

Athletes from across Canada competing in the 2017 Canada Summer Games sailing competition in Gimli took to the stage last Friday evening to receive their medals and celebrate their achievements.

The sailing event wound up Aug. 4 after a week of competition on Lake Winnipeg that saw 60 sailors challenged by high temperatures and low winds.

Athletes in five sailing classes — Female 29er, Male 29er, Laser Radial, Laser and Para mixed 2.4 — earned bronze, silver and gold medals.

Vikings from the 128th Icelandic Festival (whose opening coincided with the medal ceremonies) and the City of Winnipeg Squadron 402 marching band led the athletes, coaches and

dignitaries from the Gimli Yacht Club to the harbour bandstand for the ceremony.

Before the medal presentation got underway, Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton brought greetings from the province and congratulated the athletes.

“We know this is your first step towards your Olympic dreams,” he said. “We wish you continued success in your sailing futures.”

Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk thanked the 150 volunteers who made the sailing competition a success.

“Your hundreds of hours of dedication and support made the sailing competition for the 2017 Summer Games a huge success,” he said. “The amazing athletes’ village at Gimli High School and the incredible venue at the Gimli Yacht Club made Gimli



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Para athletes Aaron Wong-Sing (Ontario, silver), Joe Gerlinsky (Saskatchewan, gold) and Siobhan MacDonald (Nova Scotia, bronze).

proud.”

The village housed and hosted 80 residents for 10 days during the sailing competition. The village was open for the athletes as well as a number of coaches and managers who have converged on Gimli from July 28 to Aug. 5.

Julianna Roberts, Gimli consultant for the Canada Summer Games, and her team of volunteers took care of every aspect of the athletes’ needs during their stay. Approximately 30 volunteers provided services and support to the athletes 18 hours a day.

Over the last several months, Gimli High School underwent several updates to prepare for the Canada Summer Games including renovations to the male shower room, the addition of a wheelchair ramp in the music room and a new stainless steel counter in the cafeteria. The Canada Summer Games made these and other renovations possible and all are a permanent legacy of hosting the games in Gimli.

Classroom desks were cleared out and in their place, dorms were set

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up for the athletes. Eighty-two single beds were supplied by the Canada Summer Games and were arranged in classrooms with a maximum of six beds per classroom.

Aramark Foods handled the food preparation and catering on site. Meals were prepared in the home economics room and served in the school cafeteria. Athletes had a robust choice of fresh, healthy foods, wholesome meals and special bagged lunches to take with them while they participated in racing activities on Lake Winnipeg.

During their stay in Gimli, athletes participated in a number of planned activities at the village and enjoyed

the town of Gimli, its restaurants and services and local museums. Athletes and supporters also had the opportunity to take the Gimli Film Festival and the Gimli Icelandic Festival.

In the Female 29er class, Emily Bugeja and Hannah Kathleen Smith from B.C. earned bronze; Georgia Stein and Chloe Congourdeau from Ontario earned silver; and Audrey Staples and Caterina Kunz from Quebec earned gold.

In the Male 29er class, Cameron Baird and Alec Baird from Quebec earned bronze; Galen Richardson and Jake Adair from Ontario earned silver; and Cameron Shaw and Justin Timmins from Nova Scotia earned

gold.

In the Laser Radial class, Lea Desgroseilliers from Quebec earned bronze; Lauren Sullivan from Nova Scotia earned silver; and Clara Gravely from Ontario earned gold.

In the Laser class, Justin Vittecoq from Quebec earned bronze; John Owen from B.C. earned silver; and Matti Muru from Ontario earned gold.

In the 2.4 Para Mixed class, Siobhan MacDonald from Nova Scotia earned bronze; Aaron Wong-Sing from Ontario earned silver; and Joe Gerlinsky from Saskatchewan earned gold.

Evan Johnston from the Canada Summer Games council thanked Gimli for hosting the event.

"As a part-time Gimli resident, thank you very much to the community, par-

ticularly the Yacht Club. I know there had been a lot of work put in and, from what I can tell, it's been a pretty smooth process."

He also thanked the athletes for their dedication.

"This could be the pinnacle of your athletic career," he said. "Ninety per cent of our Olympians are Canada Games' athletes. Sixty per cent of our medals in Rio were won by Games' athletes. It's a truly remarkable achievement, and I'm proud to be part of this."

Manitoba was in sixth place overall in the medal standings (as of Aug. 6) with 18 medals (2 Gold, 8 Silver, 8 Bronze), according to the Summer Games' website. The Games run until Aug. 13.



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While buying preowned vehicles is less risky today than it might have been two decades ago, there is still some risk for buyers who purchase cars that are not brand new. The following tips can help Interlake motorists find preowned vehicles that suit their needs and budgets.

- Do your homework. Drivers rarely buy brand new vehicles without first researching the makes and models they are considering. Whether they are checking a vehicle's safety ratings, gas mileage or warranty terms, buyers know that such research is essential to making the most informed decisions. Preowned vehicle buyers should be just as diligent as new car buyers, researching the vehicle's initial assessments and ordering a vehicle history report to determine if a vehicle they're considering has been in any accidents and how many drivers have previously owned the car. Buyers also should research manufacturer warranty terms to determine whether the original warranty is still in place or if they will need to purchase a new one.

- Develop a realistic budget. Budgets are important whether buyers are purchasing brand new or preowned vehicles. But while new car buyers can reasonably expect their maintenance costs to remain low for a few years, preowned vehicle buyers, especially those purchasing cars without warranties, should expect to deal with repairs sooner than they would if they were buying brand new cars. Leave some room in your budget for repairs and then look for vehicles that fit your budget. Maxing out your budget could prove disastrous if your car needs repairs sooner than expected, and if repairs are a long way off, you are still saving money.

- Make sure you are getting the best price. Preowned vehicle prices may be more flexible than the prices of brand new cars, but it's still up to buyers to ensure they're getting the best price. Resources such as Kelley Blue Book (www.kbb.com) and the Edmunds.com True Market Value (TMV)[®] pricing tool can help buyers make the best buying decisions. Using such resources is quick and easy and can help buyers quell any concerns they might have about overpaying for preowned cars or trucks.

- Insist on a pre-purchase inspection for vehicles not designated as certified preowned vehicles. Before making an offer on a preowned vehicle, buyers should insist on a pre-purchase inspection performed by their own Auto Service Professional. If private sellers or dealers selling uncertified preowned vehicles resist your efforts to get a pre-purchase inspection, walk away and continue your search elsewhere.

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HEARTLAND RODEO

The Heartland Rodeo takes place on Saturday afternoon starting at 3:00 pm at the McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds, with local competitors. The finals start at 2:00 pm on Sunday.

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Takes place at the McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds. Weigh in from 12-2:30 pm Saturday, at the Rodeo Grounds. Contact: Roy @ 204-739-3237 The Tractor pull starts at 3:00 pm on Saturday with finals on Sunday at 12:00 am.

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10,000 lbs. and Under	10,000 lbs. and Over

Modified Tractors - Fun Pull

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Home Living Section

Junior Division (17 years & under)

Painting/Crafts

- 1. Finger Painting 8" x 10" (3 yrs. & under)
- 2. Colouring - Free hand (3 yrs. & under)
- 3. Finger Painting 8" x 10" (4-5 yrs.)
- 4. Craft - any medium (4-5 yrs.)
- 5. Page from a colouring book (4-5 yrs.)
- 6. Collage - paper only (4-5 yrs.)
- 7. Painting - any medium (6-7 yrs.)
- 8. Craft - any medium (6-7 yrs.)
- 9. Page from a colouring book (6-7 yrs.)
- 10. Collage - paper only (6-7 yrs.)
- 11. Painting - any medium (8-9 yrs.)
- 12. Craft - any medium (8-9 yrs.)
- 13. Drawing - any medium (8-9 yrs.)
- 14. Gift Wrapped Parcel - using colours Red & White (8-9 yrs.)
- 15. Painting - any medium (10-11 yrs.)
- 16. Craft - any medium (10-11 yrs.)
- 17. Drawing - any medium (10-11 yrs.)
- 18. Gift Wrapped Parcel - using colours Red & White (10-11 yrs.)
- 19. Painting - any medium (12-17 yrs.)
- 20. Craft - any medium (12-17 yrs.)
- 21. Drawing - any medium (12-17 yrs.)

Baking

- 4 (four) uniform pieces on a plate (use bag to cover, no plastic wrap)
- 22. Cookies, 4 chocolate chip (6-7 yrs.)
- 23. Cookies, 4 chocolate chip (8-9 yrs.)
- 24. Cookies, 4 chocolate chip (10-11 yrs.)
- 25. Cookies, 4 any kind (12-17 yrs.)
- 26. Decorated Cupcakes, 2 (two) - Canada 150 (11 yrs.)
- 27. Decorated Cupcakes, 2 (two) - Canada 150 (12-17 yrs.)

Horticulture

- 28. Plant in an unusual container (1-11 yrs.)
- 29. Plant in an unusual container (12-17 yrs.)
- Mud Pie in a pie plate decorated with natural materials. (leaves, flowers, stones, etc)
- 30. Mud Pie (1-11 yrs.)
- 31. Mud Pie (12-17 yrs.)

12 years - Adult

- Photography/Crafts**
- One Framed Coloured Snapshot 4"x 6" (Section 1-4)
- Section
- 1. Farming in action
- 2. Summer Bloom(s)
- 3. Rodeo Time
- 4. Community Event
- 5. Scrapbook Page, 1 page, any theme
- 6. Scrapbook Page, 2 page, any theme
- 7. Craft, any medium

Baking

- 4 (four) uniform pieces on a plate (use bag to cover, no plastic wrap)
- Section
- 8. Slice, any kind made with peanut butter
- 9. Butter tarts, homemade shells
- 10. Tea Biscuits
- 11. Shortbread cookies, any kind

Preserves

- 250 ml or 500 ml jars - Unsealed jars, lug caps & wax seals not accepted
- Section
- 12. Jam, any one kind
- 13. Jelly, any one kind
- 14. Bread and Butter Pickles
- 15. Pickled Beets

Prizes for each category are:

- 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$4.00 3rd - \$3.00

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Entry forms and tags may be picked up at the Creamery Museum or requested by emailing eriksdalemuseum@gmail.com.
- 2. Only one entry in each section is allowed from each exhibitor.
- 3. Put all ages on tags for Junior Division. Age as of August 18, 2017.
- 4. Exhibits will be accepted at the Creamery Museum from 4:00-6:00 pm, Friday August 18th
- 5. Exhibitors are to pick up their exhibits at 3:00 pm, Saturday, August 19th
- 6. If unable to pick up items, please make arrangements to have entries picked up. The Museum is not responsible for any article left after 4 pm Saturday, August 19th
- 7. The Eriksdale Museum is not responsible for broken or lost items.

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ADMISSION

- Friday - FREE Saturday - FREE (Creamery Museum Grounds)
- Saturday & Sunday (McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds) - \$10/Day (6yrs - adult)
- \$25/Day Family Pass (2 adults & 2 children, additional children 6yrs & over \$5)
- \$18/Weekend Pass (6yrs-adult) 5yrs & under FREE with supervision

ERIKSDALE CREAMERY DAYS
Fair and Rodeo Program 2017



FRIDAY - McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Manitoba Barrel Racing Association - Sanctioned Jackpot
Horse Shoe Tournament
Beer Gardens and Canteen open

SATURDAY

8:30-9:30 am - Free Pancake Breakfast @ Eriksdale Rec Centre (Sponsored by the RM of West Interlake & Prepared by Eriksdale Fire Dept.)
10:00 am-2:00 pm - Market Garden - under the Pavilion in Railway Memorial Park
11:00 am - Parade Starts "Canada 150 Theme" Red & White
11:45 am - Monument Dedication at the location of the original "Manny's Shack". Eriksdale was named after the Erikson family who owned the land where Eriksdale was established.
Map Coordinates - 50.868328, - 98.109361
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Creamery Museum Grounds
Opening Remarks and Guest Speakers
BBQ - Eaglets Daycare Co-op Inc. Fundraiser
Entertainment - The Third Chins & Country Pride (subject to change)
Kids Zone - bouncing inflatables, face painting & more
Car Seat Safety Inspection by the Eriksdale Fire Dept. members

In the Museum - home living section exhibits, museum displays, silent auction, quilt display, ice cream & more (please sign our Museum guest book)

3:00 pm - McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds
Tractor Pull (Weigh in 12-2:30 pm at the grounds)
Kid's Activities - bouncing inflatables, kiddie train & more
Canteen (supper specials) & Beer Gardens Open
5:00 pm - Heartland Rodeo with local competitors
Mutton Busting - at intermission
Following Rodeo - Recording Artist - "Rob McLane & Against The Grain"

SUNDAY

12:00 noon - McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds
Tractor Pull, Canteen and Beer Gardens Open
1:30 pm - Kid's Activities - bouncing inflatables, kiddie train, & more
2:00 pm - Heartland Rodeo Finals with local competitors
Mutton Busting - at intermission
3:00 pm - 50/50 Draw - Maximum payout \$1000.00. Get your tickets at the canteen. Lic. #6558.

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'It's still unbelievable'

By Kit Muir

Riverton's Chase the Ace lottery winner says she'll be going back to try her luck again once the fundraiser returns.

Heather Moar of Selkirk won the \$108,809 pot at the Riverton and District Friendship Centre's Chase the Ace lottery on July 15.

"When they provided me the cheque, I said for sure I'll be coming back," said Moar.

Moar says she hopes they wait until the end of the summer to reintroduce the lottery because she'd like to spend the rest of her summer Saturdays camping.

Moar and three friends had a pact to share the winnings. Every weekend for the past two months, they would make their way to Riverton and each pitch in \$40 for tickets. Moar's winning weekend was the only time Moar had to represent the group alone. The other three were out of town.

"Even just that day, I was having car trouble," said Moar. "And I considered turning around."

Moar says she's glad she pushed through and made it to Riverton. She bought \$160 worth of tickets with her and her friends' money and left with a cheque for \$108,809.

"It was unbelievable," said Moar. "It's still unbelievable, to be honest."

Moar says she intends to put some of her portion aside for her son's educa-

tion as well as spend some of her winnings on a small camper.

After paying off bills, Moar says she and the other winners are planning to host a barbecue for 62 of their closest family members and friends.

"It couldn't have come at a better time for all four of us," said Moar.

What are the chances?

By Jeff Ward

Was Riverton's Chase the Ace a statistical improbability?

With the successful end of a Chase the Ace fundraiser in Riverton a few weeks ago, I thought it would be interesting to go over the math on just how unlikely this finish was.

The event organized by the Riverton & District Friendship Centre (RDFC) was a routine Chase the Ace lottery. The RDFC left both jokers in the deck so the game began with 54 cards.

Each week, a lucky winner would get to draw once card from the deck in hopes of drawing the Ace of Spades, winning whatever pot had accumulated. The winner on July 15 was Heather Moar from Selkirk who had only three cards remaining in the deck when she drew the ace of spades, taking home a pot of \$108,809.

Even with three cards remaining, the odds were not in Moar's favour as she only had a 33.3 per cent chance to pick the right card.

When the game begins, there is an



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Heather Moar of Selkirk, pictured second from left, holds up her Chase the Ace winnings, totalling \$108,809 at the Riverton and District Friendship Centre on July 15.

equal chance of picking the right card as there is of picking any other card. The probability of pulling the Ace of Spades on the first draw is 1/54 or a 1.923 per cent chance. These are very low odds that get incrementally better week after week as more cards are eliminated from the deck.

There is a 5.55 per cent chance that the game continues until there are only three cards remaining. To calculate this, we have to take each round and multiply them together. So 53/54•52/53•51/52 and continue that string until we get to the 3/4, which is the round where Moar pulled her winning card.

So while it's not likely the game continues that long without the right card being pulled, it is nearly three times more likely to happen than pulling

the ace on the first try.

Imagine lining up all 54 cards on a table and assigning each a number from one to 54. The cards have been shuffled into a random order and you have to choose. Now it doesn't matter if you have the freedom to choose any card you want or are told to take the first card on the table; the probability of success is the same.

As a comparison the odds of winning the Lotto 6/49 are 1 in 13,983,816.

The RDFC used this lottery as a fundraiser to help forward their mission of offering youth and senior activities, supporting area breakfasts programs and food banks. It doesn't take a statistician to know that the money they raised in Riverton will have a lasting and positive impact on the community.

Province being encouraged to commit to pro carbon pricing plan

By Jeff Ward

The Manitoba Carbon Pricing Coalition is urging the provincial government to introduce a carbon-pricing plan in 2018 and many organizations have joined the cause.

There are 10 organizations in the coalition so far, and many of them push an agenda of a more energy efficient, sustainable and green province. Their concerns on the issue of climate change are many and instead of proposing policy, the coalition opted to educate and inform about carbon pricing and the benefits it would have.

Curt Hull, program manager at Climate Change Connection, said during the coalition's Aug. 3 press conference on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature that the costs and impacts of carbon pollution are real and they are increasing. He added that by putting a price on carbon pollution, it makes these cost become more visible and tangible.

"We're seeing with groups that are against the tax that they don't seem to be very well informed," said Hull.

"So we sat down and instead of coming up with policy suggestions, we decided to focus on what is really important. So we want the public and the government to understand these six points and they should be able to see how important it is to put a price on carbon."

The six agreed-upon principles detail the need for urgent action to be taken as human activity is changing the climate. The coalition believes that putting a price on carbon is a necessary part of combating climate change and that the price must increase over time to remain effective. They want the pricing plan to be applied uniformly across all jurisdictions and want the long-term outlook to be economically beneficial for the province.

Hull said that the government can accomplish all of these things and

that the "polluter pays" strategy is a good one.

In June, an anti-carbon tax coalition formed with support from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), the Canadian Taxpayers Association and the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association. Their message was to resist any and all forms of a carbon tax and to convince the province to say no to the federal government's carbon pricing plan. That plan would see a tax starting at \$10 per tonne, or roughly 2.2 cents on a litre of regular gasoline. That number grows to 11 cent per litre in all provinces minimum by 2022.

The CFIB's position on a potential tax is that it would harm the competitive nature of small business in Manitoba. This new coalition doesn't agree.

"Simply put, it'll hurt our competitiveness long term to stay out of a plan like this. With the 2015 Paris Climate Accords, the entire world signed their

names that we are moving toward a fossil fuel free future. That's where everyone is putting their money and that's where we're growing. Taking action now puts us into a better competitive position in the future," said Hull.

The most recent Angus Reid poll on a carbon tax showed that 60 per cent of Manitoban's do not support the federal government's carbon tax plan. Hull said that he understands people will be resistant to a new tax but believes that much of the opposition comes from simply not being informed.

"If they can see how much money it is and where it will go, it will help deal with a lot of the uncertainty around it. When B.C. introduced their tax in 2008, it was similarly unpopular, but now it's the second most popular tax after corporate tax," said Hull.

The province has yet to unveil their carbon tax strategy.

Gimli improves beach access for physically challenged

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli rolled out Mobi mats along Gimli Beach a few weeks ago so that people with physical challenges can access the sand and dip their toes in Lake Winnipeg.

Mobi mats are portable non-slip polyester mats that can be placed over soft, unstable surfaces, enabling those in wheelchairs to access areas they were hitherto unable to navigate. The mats can also be used by parents with young children confined to strollers and by people who require walkers or canes.

The RM actually rolled out the mats last year to little fanfare. This year, Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk wants to emphasise how important they are to beach-goers.

"When we did the research on them — there was a town in Ontario that did it first — there was a real psychological boost to people who can't go near the water because of the sand," said Woroniuk as he showed the *Express* the mats last Friday evening. "Gimli being a tourist community with a lot of sand, we thought that's a really good idea."

The town purchased three "fairly pricey" interlocking Mobi mats, each about 50 feet in length, for the south end of Gimli Beach near the public washrooms and the red dock. They form a single strip of firm blue carpeting that extends from the paved sidewalk near a public parking lot to the water's edge.

Another accessibility issue the RM tackled was the sidewalk itself, which runs parallel to the beach.

The mayor said he had been asked to go for a walk with a woman in a wheelchair, whereupon he saw the town from a "totally different perspective."

"When you walk our streets or sidewalks with two legs, you don't get the perspective of someone's who's in

a wheelchair. There were tree roots sticking out of this asphalt," he said, referring to the stretch of sidewalk from the library to the south-end washrooms. "That was an impediment to her, to people with walkers. Someone even with a limp would have difficulty. So, slowly over time, we're trying to address all these issues."

The next step is to enable those in wheelchairs to actually get into the lake. The mayor said he had read an article from Saskatchewan Parks that featured large wheelchairs specially designed for water.

"They've got big tires on them, and the person goes from one wheelchair to this one and is able to go in the water," said Woroniuk. "These wheelchairs are designed for soft turf, but you can also wheel them right into the water."

The RM is currently pricing the wheelchairs and considering purchasing two next year.

Although the mayor doesn't know how many people in wheelchairs live in or visit Gimli every year, having the chairs will improve the inclusiveness of the resort town.

"If it helps one person to enjoy the lake, we'll do it," said the mayor. "We take this for granted."

People with physical challenges won't be the only ones benefitting from the Mobi mats. Kayakers who have to drag or wheel their boats through the long stretch of sand down to the water will also find access much easier.

Tergesen's General Store owner Stefan Tergesen was a case in point, wheeling his kayak down the mats for a leisurely sunset paddle on the lake just as the mayor arrived.

"It's a little tougher in the sand," said Tergesen. "It's nice that it's close enough to the beach, just a few blocks away."

The mayor said the RM plans to im-



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk said the RM invested in Mobi mats so that the physically challenged could access the sand and the water.



This place was full of roots and you could not get over them in a wheelchair unless somebody pushed you, said Mayor Randy Woroniuk along the Gimli beach sidewalk.

prove signage along the beach so that those approaching it near the library

or the Lakeview Resort will be aware of the south-end Mobi mats.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 12

ity, so they get it up there while everything's frozen through the winter and then load the boats and out they go.

"They've got about 250,000 ton of storage, as I understand it, and they should have doubled that, and they could have started then handling fertilizers and so on, maybe on a backhaul, but they never did put the money into it."

On the topic of trade, Ritz said the feds have a new start-up date, Sept. 21, for Canadian European Trade Agreement CETA. Ninety-eight per cent of what they negotiated will come into

effect that day. There's still some work that needs doing at the state level in Europe, and, of course, all the provinces in Canada too, but it's done and locked and loaded as the Harper government had done it, except some of the required adjudications.

NAFTA, meanwhile, is under the gun right now. They're putting together a huge team of people.

"My concern there is too many cooks spoil the stew sometimes, and it's who has the authority or the responsibility actually to do anything," said Ritz. "It encourages me that they've an-

nounced Steve Verheul as the lead negotiator. Steve, bar none, the best in the world. He will get the job done for us, but he needs a mandate actually to make that happen, and there are some concerns and will be continuing to hold hearings at the International Trade Committee to make sure they have the capacity to do the job they're asked to do."

Ritz said the lack of movement on TPP disgusts him when they had completed it and signed in principle. All they had to do was continue to move forward with ratification.

"With the Americans pulling back, it's even more important that Canada takes that on," he said. "It gives you a huge bargaining chip in dealing with them on NAFTA when you have access to that Pacific rim."

"Diversity in your trade portfolios is important as diversity in your stock portfolio. I can't understand why they're pulling back on that. The lead negotiator for TPP, Kirsten Hillman, has now been named as a deputy ambassador with NAFTA tasks in Washington. They're pulling all the people out and not moving forward."

Quilts that make difference

Lakeside Quilters show in Gimli on Aug. 12 and 13

By Ligia Braidotti

A local Argyle woman is turning her hobby into a charitable deed.

Shirley Campbell has been doing quilts since her teenage years. Today, the retired farmer practises her hobby with friends and gives it to those close to her.

"It's not a cheap hobby," she said.

Campbell added a quilt is not something you can sell, and since she doesn't have kids or grandkids, she gives them to her friends. So she had an original idea. She is calling on her friends and asking them to make a monetary donation to a charity of their choice or to her favourite charity, Paige Procter's Coffee House to End Cancer, in exchange for a quilt.

"If you ask people, 'Can I make a quilt for you?' they may not be interested to the extent that they would be willing to pay everything at cost because it's not everybody's way to spend their money," she said,

saying the idea has been well received by her friends. "If I say it's for free they say 'Oh no, you I can't make me a quilt for free. We can't have that.'"

Campbell, who's been sewing with her close friends for 10 years, fills her spare time with fabrics and threads and she says no money can pay the amount of effort put in each quilt she makes. Having people donate money to charities is the only way they can pay up the time she spends working on them, which usually take one to

two months, she said.

Making quilts is a happy hobby joy for Campbell. Her favourite part is shopping for different fabrics. She and her husband have travelled many places in Canada and said she likes to go to the local fabric stores to see what they have different and buy those that she feels are special.

"Lately I've been working with really fine material. I just love going shopping for material," she said. "I get to go to quilt shops all the way from British Columbia to Nova Scotia.

"It's a really fun hobby."

Campbell creates her own patterns and said each of her quilts has a story. She explained she doesn't follow many directions and likes to feel free to create designs of her own inspiration.

She has done all kinds of quilts from baby quilts to queen bed size ones. She explained she puts the pieces together little by little. First, she cuts a few squares and

triangles, puts them together and checks how they look. If she likes the design, that's when she starts to replicate and cut the fabric until it reaches the desired size or until she runs out of material.

"I don't strive to make something beautiful. I strive to make something that is very pretty and has a charming look about it."

Campbell is very involved with her community. In 2000, she made a wall-hanging quilt with an original applique

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Argyle Homecoming: Wall-hanging quilt Campbell made for Argyle's Homecoming in 2000. The applique is a picture of the old RM.



A quilt with Campbell's original flower appliques in squares.

que picture of Argyle in the "good old days," as she described. The piece was auctioned off in a silent auction during Argyle's Homecoming that took place that year.

"When I am working on these quilts, I get quite intensely involved in creating the design and using beauti-

ful fabrics to make that design come alive. It's a wonderfully absorbing hobby," she said.

A few of her quilts will be displayed at the Lakeside Quilters show in Gimli on Aug. 12 and 13, and she will be helping out there on Sunday afternoon.

Protect your eyes from the solar eclipse Aug. 21

By Jeff Ward

The upcoming solar eclipse will be a sight to see, but without the proper protection, it might be difficult to see anything else afterwards.

On Aug. 21, North America will see an eclipse of the sun that in some areas will be an extremely rare total eclipse. Manitobans will only see 70 per cent of a total eclipse, which means that at no point will the sun be safe to look at without protection. For those wanting to see the eclipse, special glasses called Rainbow Symphony Eclipse Shades must be worn

to avoid damage to the eyes.

Winnipeg optometrist Dr. Irene Mestito-Dao said that even sneaking a peak at the eclipse could be harmful and there won't be anyway of knowing that any serious damage has occurred.

"You won't feel anything when it's happening and even a few seconds could cause serious damage," said Mestito-Dao.

"Normally when you look at the sun, it's too bright and you have to look away, but it'll be much darker with the moon in the way and people might

feel like they can look without glasses. That's very dangerous and even a few seconds of looking can be harmful."

Mestito-Dao said that one of the things parents need to watch out for is that their children aren't looking at the sun without glasses. She said that it should be stressed that kids aren't looking at the sun without glasses to avoid serious harm. She said parents should be vigilant in watching their children during the eclipse to avoid eye damage.

Aside from the precaution, Mestito-Dao said that these eclipses are very

exciting to see first hand. An eclipse of some kind takes place at some point on earth once every 18 months on average, but it might take years before Manitobans see another one. A total solar eclipse is a much rarer phenomenon and is the only time people can look directly at the sun with no harm done.

Glasses can be purchased for \$3 each at the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg or can be purchased from your optometrist. Supplies are limited.

Steep Rock Community Club celebrates new pickle ball court

By Jeff Ward

The town of Steep Rock was hopping with visitors last weekend as the community club board hosted an event to celebrate their new pickle ball court with a free breakfast, barbecue and lessons in the new game.

Approximately 230 people came down to the pavilion in Steep Rock last Saturday for the free pancake breakfast that was a smashing success. Steep Rock Community Club treasurer Gord Keith said he never expected to see that many people come out but was glad that so many did.

The event was partially a Canada 150 celebration and partially a grand opening of the community's new pickle ball court. Keith said that the court has been very popular in the community since it was installed back in July, and he and the rest of the board are happy it's being used so much.

"This is why we put it here, so that people could use it and have fun," said Keith in between flipping burgers for the afternoon barbecue.

"We've been getting such good feedback and I see people using it all the

time. Before we got to work on this project, the site was just an unsafe eyesore in the old curling rink. But now it's vibrant and people are here having fun."

The other board members are also extremely happy with the court and have been enjoying playing the easy-to-learn game of pickle ball. The game is similar to tennis but with much less of a physical demand. Keith explained that he's seen seniors and young kids out on the court and that the board wanted to create something that all ages would enjoy.

One of the nice side effects of having this court is that it is unique to the area. No other town has a court like this. So if residents of other communities are interested in playing the game, they

have to go to Steep Rock. Keith said that having an attraction that brings in people from outside the community is never a bad thing.

"When we look at this area now with the court and pavilion and then what we plan to do to rejuvenate the playground, the future is bright. And we'll keep working to make sure that we add to this area. We all love it out here and we want to share that," said Keith.

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EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JEFF WARD

The Steep Rock Community Club board are thrilled the new pickle ball court is getting so much attention and that people are having fun using it. From left: Gord Keith, Bev Johnson, Bev Yanke and Craig House.



Pickle ball is a fun game similar to tennis but with less physical demand. Teams take turns serving a large plastic ball to each other trying to score points. Games are quick and easy to pick up.

Great Trail helps commuters connect with nature

By Maggie Wysocki

Whether you're a cyclist, cross-country skier, hiker or leisurely walker, you can now travel across Manitoba via the newly connected Trans Canada Trail (TCT).

"It's a celebration of Canada and Canadians and a wonderful connection to the outdoors and our culture," said Steve Demmings, executive director for the TCT.

Rebranding itself as The Great Trail, the TCT began as a dream in 1992. Once completed, it will become the longest network of its kind, running along 24,000 kilometres of multi-use recreational trail.

The 193 kilometres of Manitoba's trail is called the Red River North Trail, running throughout much of the Interlake. Local and area residents can take it from Birds Hill Provincial Park along the floodway to Lockport, north at River Road to Lower Fort Garry and throughout East Selkirk. The trail was completed on June 11.

Manitoba is the seventh province to have a connected path, follow-

ing Newfoundland and Labrador, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan.

"It's a work in progress because of the nature of our country so it's really diverse. You have to appreciate that this is an inter-generational project," said Demmings, explaining the trail will continue to evolve and change over the years.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, Canadians throughout the country will celebrate the official connection of the Great Trail from coast to coast at community-hosted events.

"There will be music, food trucks, public figures speaking ... we really want to increase the awareness for people to use the trail," Demmings said.

Five community events will take place throughout the Interlake, including a celebration in the Lower Fort Garry parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a celebration at the Tyndall Village Recreation Centre from 2 to 6 p.m.

For times and locations of all five

Interlake events, visit redrivernorth-tourism.com.

Though progress will continue to be made on the trail for several years, Demmings says it's a perfect route for commuters to take to work or school.

"It will connect you to nature, no matter what way you like to travel," he said.

Selkirk resident Jesse Walker says the trail has become exactly that and is a safe and quick way for him to commute to friends' homes.

"I ride it at least three times a week, so it's really cool to have this path that I can pretty much take anywhere I need," the 28-year-old said while biking to Birds Hill Park from Selkirk.

At some points in the trail, Walker says he has to get off his bike because of rough conditions, but The Great Trail free app on his phone has helped him to know exactly where riding will get tough.

"It's great. It shows a full GPS map of all the trails and you can track your activity too," he said.

Many Canadians have already made



EXPRESS PHOTO BY MAGGIE WYSOCKI

The Great Trail in Manitoba was completed on June 11 and will be connected throughout the country on Aug. 26.

the pledge to cross the entire trail, and Walker says he dreams of joining the pack one day too.

"It would be super cool to see our country that way," he said.

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Kirk named MJBL manager of the year

Staff

The Interlake Blue Jays impressed a lot of people with their return to the Manitoba Junior Baseball League this past season.

And some of that recognition came to the forefront last week at the MJBL's annual awards banquet.

The Blue Jays' Adam Kirk was very deservedly named the league's top manager for this past season.

Kirk guided Interlake to a 7-16-1 record to finish seventh in the eight-team league. The Blue Jays were then swept in a first-round, best-of-three playoff series by the Carillon Sultans.

As well, the Interlake's Emerson Klimpke was nominated for the MJHL rookie of the year award. That award was won by Carillon's Liam Lenton.

Klimpke hit .328 with 72 plate appearances during the regular season with 15 runs scored and four RBI.

Meanwhile, St. Boniface's Garret Virtue was named the league's top pitcher. The MJBL's most valuable player award went to St. James' Cole Armstrong.

The other award winners included

St. James' Austin Pistawka (defensive player of the year), the A's Brady Nault (batting champion), David Forde (umpire of the year), Altona's Nate Smith (Halford Award), St. Boniface's Garret Virtue (David Bowles bursary) and Brandon's Clark Whelpton (Jacobucci Domes Award).

The MJBL all stars were Pistawka (catcher), Elmwood's Adam Nocita of West St. Paul (first base), St. James' Wyatt Kemball (second base), Armstrong (shortstop), Elmwood's Drake Pilat (third base), St. James' Troy Martynuik (utility/designated hitter), Brandon's Marshal Burgess (outfield), St. Boniface's Nathan Agar (outfield), Nault (outfield), Altona's Nate Smith (left-handed pitcher) and Virtue (right-handed pitcher).

On a team level, the Brandon Marlines and St. James A's will represent the MJBL at the Western Canadian Baseball League Championships, which begin this Friday through Sunday in Brandon.

The MJBL all stars, meanwhile, will be competing at the national in Ottawa from Aug. 17 to 20.



Adam Kirk was named MJBL manager of the year.



Emerson Klimpke was nominated for rookie of the year award.

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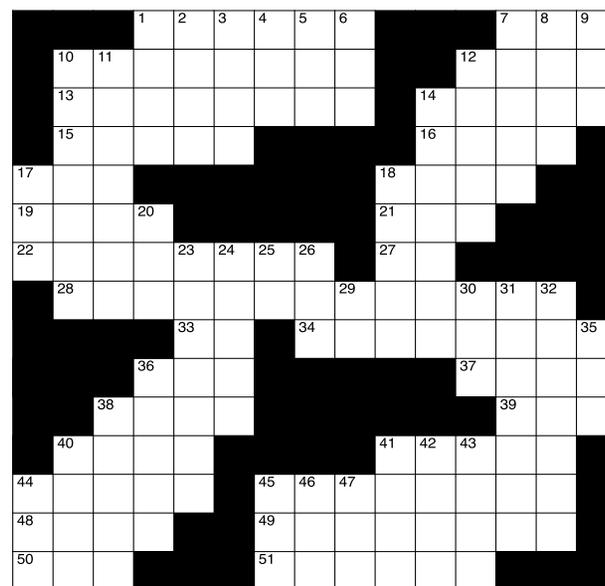
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14. Female MMA fighter VanZant
15. Proverb
16. Urban gym
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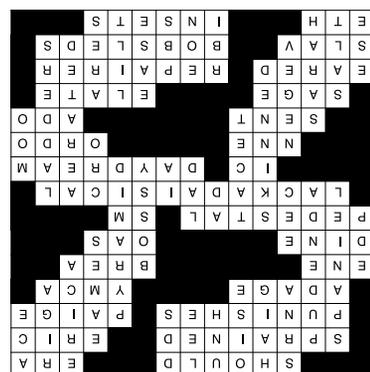
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19. Go out to eat
21. Oral allergy syndrome
22. Where some are put
27. Spiral galaxy
28. Lethargic
33. Integrated circuit
34. Let your mind wander
36. Midway between north and northeast
37. Nomadic palace
38. Posted
39. Trouble
40. Wise
41. Make happy
44. Dog-___: worn or battered
45. One who fixes
48. Central European
49. Sleighs
50. Exponential time hypothesis
51. Puts within

CLUES DOWN

1. Typically noncoding molecules (abbr.)
2. Former Secretary of State
3. River in Belgium and France
4. Unnilhexium
5. "Fall Guy" actor Majors
6. Tooth caregiver
7. Lucci character "Kane"
8. Latvian capital
9. Pet detective Ventura
10. Sporting dog
11. External genitals
12. "The Secret Room" novelist
14. Ancient wonder
17. Electronic data processing
18. Autocratic
20. Defunct European organization
23. Removed flesh
24. Indicating silence
25. Commercial
26. Chap
29. Farm state
30. Chief research officer
31. Poked holes in
32. Chutes and ___



35. What cows say
36. A desert in southern Israel
38. Isaac's mother
40. Sodium
41. Absence of effort
42. A way to articulate
43. Greek god of war
44. Midway between east and southeast
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46. The longest division of geological time
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TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Assessment Roll for the Town of Arborg has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 337 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The 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:

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- set out which of the matters referred to in Subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by

- delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
- serving it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications on **Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 at 10:00 AM** in the Town of Arborg Council Chamber, 337 River Road.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, August 28th, 2017**.

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 10th day of August, 2017.

Lorraine Bardarson, Secretary
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Town of Arborg
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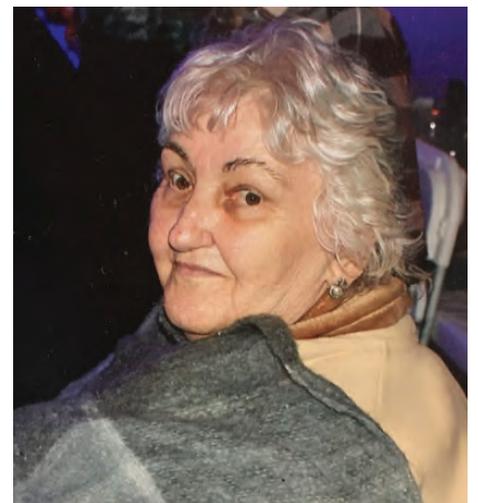
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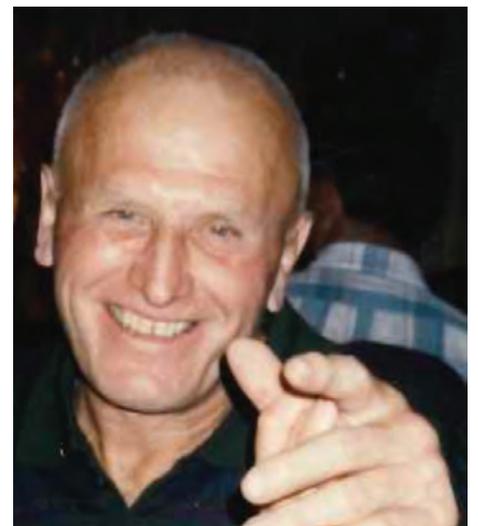
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1/2 cup shredded fresh basil

Heat well-oiled cast-iron or nonstick 10- or 12-inch frying pan over medium heat 5 minutes.

Divide dough in half; roll one half into round 1 inch smaller than diameter of pan. Cook dough in hot pan until dough begins to rise and bottom starts to brown. Using metal spatula, turn carefully. Layer half the tomato slices over dough; scatter half the mozzarella over top. Lower heat to medium-low; cook until mozzarella melts.

Using metal spatula, transfer pizza to cutting board. Sprinkle with salt; drizzle with half the olive oil. Cut into wedges; sprinkle half the basil over top.

Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Mary Ann Esposito

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Makes: Two 9- to 10-inch pizzas

1 pound store-bought pizza dough, at room temperature

1 ripe tomato, thinly sliced

1/4 pound fresh mozzarella cheese, diced

coarse sea salt

2 tablespoons Filippo Berio Extra

Blueberry Key Lime Cheesecake Bars



Blueberry Pie Filling, divided

1 container (8 ounces) whipped topping, thawed

key lime slices (optional)

Place baking sheet on bottom rack of oven. Fill halfway with water. Heat oven to 325 F. Line 9-by-13-inch pan with foil and spray with nonstick spray.

Using food processor, pulse cookies until crumbly. Stir together crumbs and butter. Press evenly into bottom of prepared pan.

Beat cream cheese until creamy. Add sugar and sour cream, and beat again until smooth. Add key lime juice, zest and flour, and beat until mixed thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat gently after each. Add green food coloring to cheesecake mixture, if desired.

Spread cheesecake batter evenly over crust in pan. Add 1 cup of blueberry pie filling over top of cheesecake. Use butter knife to gently swirl pie filling into cheesecake. Do not let knife go through to crust.

Place pan on oven rack above tray of water. Bake 45-48 minutes. Remove immediately and place on wire rack for 1 hour then place in refrigerator until completely chilled.

Cut into 24 squares and serve with whipped topping, remaining pie filling and key lime wedges.

Recipe courtesy of Inside BruCrew Life blog

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 45 minutes

Servings: 24

Nonstick cooking spray

30 vanilla cream-filled cookies

1/4 cup butter, melted

3 packages (8 ounces each)

cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup sour cream

1/3 cup key lime juice

1 tablespoon key lime zest

1/4 cup flour

3 eggs

green gel food coloring (optional)

1 can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf



The Time is Now

to another human being creates instant dividends. It is like making a huge deposit in our savings account. Regardless of how low it has been for the preceding months or years, one big deposit changes things. It works the same way in our "quality of life" savings account. Whereas it may take a lot of time to accumulate money, it need not take time to accumulate "quality of life" dividends. The decision to release old anger, bitterness or resentment takes only an instant. Resisting that decision makes it seem like a lengthy process, but once you let go of the resistance, the decision comes easily.

I believe it comes easily because deep down, at the core of our essence, I think that we all desire harmonious relationships, and to be able to give and receive love. And our capacity to give love and expand our ability to understand others compassionately is infinite.

Although it may sound melodramatic, a good way to focus on the quality of your own life is to ask yourself a question, "If I were to die suddenly tomorrow, would I be leaving my relationships in a state that I would feel good about? Are there people in my life who would forever wonder if I really loved them? Is the statement that I am making with my life the one that I really mean to say?"

If it's not, the time to start changing is now. You may only need to walk into the next room, or pick up the phone. Do it.

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