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Stonewall girl collects tabs for wheelchair

By Jennifer McFee

A young Stonewall girl is on a roll towards her goal to provide a wheelchair for another child.

Eight-year-old Amaya Dawson returned home from the Children's Hospital on July 31, five months after she was involved in a head-on collision on Highway 236. She suffered a brain injury and severe spinal cord injury, along with broken bones in her neck, pelvis and eye area.

After an eight-hour surgery on the day of her accident, the neurosurgeon broke the difficult news that Amaya would be paralyzed from the neck down.

The remarkable young girl defied expectations and began moving her arms, head and shoulders on her own. She is now able to get around in a wheelchair — and she hopes to offer that same sense of freedom to another child.

Friends and family began to collect tabs towards a wheelchair for Amaya before they found out that Manitoba Public Insurance will be funding Amaya's wheelchairs for her entire life.

"While she was in the hospital, Amaya met with little kids that didn't have their own wheelchairs. They're quite expensive — \$5,000 to \$8,000 for a basic chair — so not every family can afford them. Also, not all families go through an experience where MPI pays for things, so it has to come out of their own pocket," said Alycia Dawson, Amaya's mom.

"Lots of times, they just rent a chair. Sometimes they're stuck in a chair that doesn't really fit them properly but they have to make do, which is not good for the body of a child or an adult."

Amaya came up with the idea to use the donated tabs to help another kid to get a wheelchair of his or her very own.

"She fully understands the fact that she's in a wheelchair now and her life wouldn't be the same without it," Dawson said.

"She basically can't imagine other kids not being able to have their own and being able to do all the things she can do."

Amaya is collecting tabs of any colour from pop and beer cans — and even from tins of salmon, tuna or pet food, which actually have larger tabs that weigh more.

"Our goal for right now is to collect enough for one chair," Dawson said.

"To buy a \$6,000 wheelchair, you would need about 9,500 pounds of tabs or 14 million tabs."

The tabs can be dropped off at the RE/MAX office in Stonewall, Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"My hope is that by spring, we would have enough for a chair," Dawson said.

"Amaya would like to be there when that child finds out that they'll be getting a chair of their very own."



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Amaya Dawson is collecting tabs to purchase a wheelchair for another child.



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Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission sets fall schedule

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission director Tom Chwaliboga and staff have released an activities schedule and all the favourites, including dancing, figure skating, pickleball and hockey, are back for another season with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Sunday afternoon: the arena will offer public skating (helmets mandatory for 13 and under) and Sticks and Pucks (helmets mandatory).

Monday: starting in October the Re-echka Ukrainian Dance Club practises at the community centre.

Tuesday: participants can enrol in Zumba at the community centre (7 p.m.) or yoga at the Arborg Curling Rink (7:15 p.m.).

Wednesday: yoga classes (9:30 a.m.) at the community centre; kettlebell fitness classes (6:45 p.m.) at the community centre; karate (7:30 p.m.) at the community centre and guitar lessons at the arena.

Thursday: 40-plus recreation hockey at the arena (\$85 per season or \$10



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The Arborg arena and recreation centre.

drop-in) from October to March.

Friday: adult learn-to-curl clinics in November.

Other programs on offer include pickleball, which starts in October and will be held on Thursdays (6:30-10 p.m.) and Sundays (2-5 p.m.), a drop-in fibre arts class on Mondays at 7 p.m. starting Oct. 5, youth curling for girls and boys in grades 6-10 starting Nov. 18, and the Arborg Skating Club's CanSkate program.

The recreation commission is offer-

ing a hockey program titled Hockey with Reims, a partnership between the commission and NHL goalie James Reimer, who grew up in the Morweena area. The program is open to girls and boys four to seven years old and will begin mid-January. It includes equipment, 45-minute hockey practices and certified coaches.

Registration for all programs will take place Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to staff from the recreation centre, staff from minor

hockey and the skating club will be on site to answer questions and register kids for those programs.

The recreation centre asks that only one person per family attends on registration day to ensure social distancing protocols can be maintained.

For more information, call the recreation centre at 204-376-5576 or email tom.abprc@mymts.net.

Gimli's wastewater treatment plant upgrade experiences more delay

By Patricia Barrett

The expansion of the Gimli wastewater treatment plant has once again experienced a delay and residents close to the plant may continue to experience noxious odours.

Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg and council informed residents about the delay in an Aug. 25 update posted on the municipal website.

The upgrade is about 86 per cent completed, and council noted that it's expected to be "substantially completed" over the course of the next few months.

"Despite all contractual means and methods to move this project forward to final completion sooner, we have experienced numerous construction delays for a variety of reasons that we will continue to proactively deal with on a day to day basis," council wrote in its update.

The potential for a "plant upset," which means the escape of noxious odours, is a consequence of the delay, council wrote, and nearby residents having to deal with exposure to the odours is something "we truly regret in every respect."

The plant upgrade and expansion were deemed necessary to treat wastewater from the Diageo distillery and to improve effluent that's pumped into Lake Winnipeg. The provincial and federal governments contributed funding to the project in August 2016.

In January of this year Daniel Tulen, a sub-contractor's

employee, filed a statement of claim in Manitoba's Court of Queen's Bench against the municipality, Diageo and two other companies hired to work on the plant after he was allegedly exposed to unsafe working conditions and suffered adverse health effects from exposure to hydrogen sulfide.

In March residents from the Aspen Park subdivision, which borders the wastewater treatment plant, demanded that council deal with the noxious odours frequently emanating from the plant and sickening them.

Council said at that time there were issues with the company performing the upgrade and the RM had to hire two different consultants to oversee the project.

In its update, council went on to say that a third sequence batch reactor, which will expand the capability and functionality of the plant, and a photoionization unit, which is designed to control odours, are required.

"According to the contractor of this expansion project, these components are six to eight weeks from being operable, provided all goes well with the commissioning process," wrote council. "Until these two components go into full operation, we will continue to take every measure possible to curtail a 'plant upset' and should one occur, to bring the situation under control as quickly and effectively as possible."

**Interlake Women's Resource Centre
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020**

**Gimli Recreation Centre
Curling Rink, 2nd Floor**

7:15 pm – membership purchase/renewal
7:30 pm – AGM

Due to COVID-19, all those wishing to attend the meeting must register by emailing the Centre at iwrc2@mymts.net or by visiting the Centre at 87-5th Avenue before September 15, 2020 (only those who have previously registered will be admitted to the meeting).

Along with your name we will require your email address, and your telephone/cell number. In the event that Board and Management decide to hold the meeting by video-conferencing you will be advised. Note that in the interest of safety, no refreshments will be served and no guest speaker will be in attendance this year.

Elections will be held for Executive Board positions as well as Community Representative positions.

**Arborg Bifrost Community
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Morden man “stranded” in support of STARS

Bernhard Teichroeb taking part in Rescue on the Island 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Bernhard Teichroeb joined three other Manitoba business and community leaders in the STARS Rescue on the Island this week.

Teichroeb, a sales and project manager with Wiebe’s Steel Structures in Morden, spent all day Wednesday “stranded” on an island in the Whiteshell.

He and the two other participants—Loewen Windows and Doors president Al Babiuk and RM of St. Anne councillor Sarah Normandeau—were armed with cell phones to use to earn their ride home by reaching out to their contacts for donations to the air ambulance service.

Teichroeb’s goal is to raise \$50,000 for STARS, which he credits with saving his daughter’s life three years ago.

“Without them she would not be with us today,” he said, noting his family have been involved as volunteers at various local STARS events in recent years as a result. “It’s an appreciation thing, trying to give back in thanks.”

Those volunteer efforts got Teichroeb an invite to last year’s Rescue on the Island reception.

“I took a look and I said, ‘Hey, yeah, I

could do that.’”

The importance of STARS—which undertakes hundreds of emergency and inter-facility patient transports across Manitoba each year—cannot be overstated, Teichroeb stressed.

“It’s a vital service,” he said. “It’s an absolutely necessary life-saving service.”

Teichroeb has spent the past few weeks reaching out to his contacts for donations in advance of the event. At press time he had already raised over \$16,000. He’s feeling pretty good about his chances of reaching his goal.

“I’m pretty confident we’re going to get there,” he said, noting he has a lot of calls planned for the day-of. “It’s all about just trying to putting the finishing touches on the work you’ve been doing for the last couple of months.”

He also feels he’s well prepared for whatever challenges STARS may throw at him on the island.

Participants in past years have been tasked with exercising their survival and medical skills to earn additional money towards their fundraising totals.

Rescue on the Island has raised more than \$1.5 million for STARS since 2013.

COVID-19 forced them to scale down the 2020 event, but the funds this year’s participants raise are no less vital, said STARS development officer Lori Derksen.



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Morden’s Bernhard Teichroeb is taking part in the STARS Rescue on the Island fundraiser this week.

“As STARS has experienced firsthand, this is not an easy time for fundraising, so we are sincerely grateful to Al, Bernhard, and Sarah for their commitment and perseverance,” she said, noting that all donations will stay in

the province.

To support any of the three Rescue participants, visit www.rescueontheisland.ca and click on their individual donation pages.

BellMTS to install cell service tower near Lundar

By Evan Matthews

Residents of Lundar and the surrounding area can soon expect access to Canada’s best national mobile network, according to Bell MTS one of the fastest in the world.

Andrew Parkinson, a senior manager for Bell MTS, said the proposed tower is part of the Bell MTS plan to deliver LTE Advanced wireless coverage along Highway 6 between Winnipeg and Thompson.

“Once completed next year, resi-

dents ... (in the) area will have access to Canada’s best network,” said Parkinson. “One of the fastest in the world.”

The tower is proposed half a kilometre east of Lundar on the north side of PR 419.

The RM of Coldwell council has been involved throughout the process, helping to determine land availability and the location best suited for Bell MTS’s needs, according to CAO Nicole Christensen. Council has

stated it is in favour of the project, she added.

“The new tower is supposed to provide the most (efficient) cell service to the community,” said Christensen. “We will no longer require the cell booster to reach from the Eriksdale tower.”

Bell MTS is inviting the public to comment or question the proposed tower location before Sept. 30. Parkinson added that the proposal is in compliance with Innovation, Science and

Economic Development Canada’s telecommunications policy.

Any residents of the area with comments, questions or concerns is being encouraged to contact Marshall Rasmussen, a consultant for Bell MTS, at feedback@medallionwireless.com or 604-469-6838.

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Candid about cannabis, THC and CBD oil

By Evan Matthews

Weed is legal now, but there still aren't as many people using marijuana-related products that maybe could and should be.

There is still a stigma seemingly attached to use of marijuana-related products, some of which have real medicinal value.

Case in point, a recent anecdote from someone in my life: A 73-year-old man — a staunch conservative Protestant Christian, law-abiding, blue-collar guy — has recently had an epiphany.

He had been suffering from terrible migraines daily since his early 20s. Without any quick fix, this man suffered with migraines — sometimes debilitating — for about 50 years.

His solution for the entire duration of that time, was to take upwards of eight Advil extra strength liquid gels a day, often while also having taken Excedrin.

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viding effective relief from pain and other migraine symptoms, but far more intense — as well as difficult for your body to process — than an Advil.

Of note, and for whatever reason (likely just following the law), this man was seriously against cannabis use for the majority of his life — until he recently was persuaded into trying CBD treatments for his migraines.

Cannabidiol (CBD) is an active ingredient in cannabis derived from the hemp plant but is not psychoactive, meaning it doesn't get a person "high." THC is the main psychoactive compound in cannabis that produces the "high" sensation.

All to say, there are products heavy in THC, which will get a person high. There are also products very low in THC but high in CBD.

In this one man's experience, he walked into cannabis clinic. He sat down with someone, described his symptoms, and he was told there might be something to help him.

He was prescribed a CBD oil, which

is to be taken sublingually (underneath the tongue) in the morning and at night.

Because the oil is CBD heavy, it has medicinal affects, but there is no THC, so he doesn't get high. It is strictly for medicinal use, which in this case is pain relief.

He was impressed by the fact that the "clinic" was not a cliché pot shop, in which he had to wait for the smoke to clear in order to see a long-haired, bearded man, sitting behind a beaded curtain displaying a peace sign and awaiting his order.

The result of the CBD oil? Better than he could have imagined. While expensive (\$90 for month's supply), he has not taken one Excedrin nor has he taken one Advil extra strength and no migraines.

If you're in pain or if you're struggling with sleep, as just a couple of examples, look into CBD treatments. It's natural, it's legal, it's accessible, and it seems to work. Don't let stigma prevent you from potentially being well.

Manitoba at 412 active COVID cases

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at 1.3 per cent at the end of the long weekend.

The province announced 15 new cases of the virus on Monday, including one in the Interlake-Eastern health region, six in the Prairie Mountain health region, one in Southern Health-Santé Sud, and seven in Winnipeg.

That brought the number of active cases to 412. Preliminary case investigations indicate that five of the new cases are related to close contacts of previously identified cases.

A total of 910 people have recovered from COVID-19 since the pandemic began in spring.

Thirteen people were in hospital with the virus at the start of the week, three in intensive care.

Manitoba saw its 15th and 16th deaths related to COVID-19 last week. The two women, who were in their 80s and 90s, were connected to the outbreak at the Bethesda Place personal care home in Steinbach. The care home last week had a total of 13 cases, including seven staff members and six residents. Four residents have died.

Outbreaks have also been declared at several care homes in Brandon and in Winnipeg.

The increase in the number of deaths in recent days "comes as a real reminder that we have to stay on guard," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

He urged Manitobans to continue to stay home if showing even mild symptoms of illness, follow good hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing with people outside your household, and wear a mask when distancing is not possible.

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Majority of Gimli council defeat proposal to expand Mordens' Meadows trailer park

By Patricia Barrett

The majority of Gimli council defeated a proposal to expand the Mordens' Meadows Trailer Park, about 18 kilometres north of Gimli.

The trailer park's owner, Blake Morden, asked council to rezone land that is currently designated agricultural to recreation resort and to also allow for a commercial resort to operate in the new zone.

Morden planned to build an additional 40 to 45 trailer sites on a 40-acre parcel at the park, which was built in 1972 and is open from May to the end of September.

Several residents, including Julie Ras, Gail Mastin, Blaine Froese, Steve James, Damon Kennedy, Melaney Robins, Bob Axford, Gail Morden, Fred Morden, Donna Lee Kruchak and John Chelle, registered to speak at a public hearing held Aug. 12. Many were opposed to the expansion. Council also received three letters of opposition.

Bob Axford is a resident of Mordens' Meadows and spoke in favour of the expansion during the hearing. He said the park is "one of the best-kept, well-groomed trailer parks," and is "regularly patrolled."

Donna Kruchak, who owns property near Mordens' Meadows, was

opposed to the forest being clear-cut and a swale that has already created an "ATV raceway." She also asked whether the wastewater treatment plant can handle a potential expansion at the trailer park.

Blaine Froese asked council to do its "due diligence when it comes to planning." He said there is no respect for the system "as the applicant has already commenced development." He also noted ATV traffic.

Mayor Lynn Greenberg voted in favour of the trailer park expansion, but he was defeated by councillors Peter Holfeuer, Cody Magnusson, Thora Palson and Richard Petrowski, who voted against it.

Other council news from August:

- A majority of council approved a Sandy Hook resident's request to remove old growth canopy (approximately six mature trees, dead trees and brush) on 11th Avenue to facilitate the building of a new dwelling on his property.

Council heard opposition to the proposal from J. E. Brousseau, a Sandy Hook cottage owner, who appeared as a delegation. He argued that if council approved the destruction of the trees, it would put "every street at risk of tree removal." He added that he had purchased his property because of



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Mordens' Meadows Trailer Park requested permission from council to expand the park.

the trees and questioned if other construction options had been explored.

Mayor Greenberg and councillors Palson and Petrowski approved the removal of the trees with conditions stipulating that the "contractor/owner shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the RM of Gimli from and against any and all claims that may arise as a result of the tree removal," that the removal be done by a certified tree service and that "all measures" be taken to "minimize the impact of the trees on 11th Avenue."

Councillors Holfeuer and Magnusson voted against the tree removal.

- Council approved Resolution No. 20 15 16 after a property owner requested permission to build a second access at 7 Dalvik Rd.

- A majority of council approved an encroachment agreement with Grant and Susan Boissonneault, who are building a residence on Willow Island Road. Coun. Holfeuer voted against the encroachment.

- Council approved Resolution No. 20 15 29 for progress payment 1 in the amount of \$189,665.39 plus taxes to K & L Contracting for the RM's new biosolids storage facility and lagoon decommissioning project.

- Council received a request from the Aspen Park condominium board to lower the maximum speed limit in the subdivision from 40 to 30 kilometres an hour and erect additional signage to reflect the change

"Periodic speeding in the park has been a problem. With the large amount of children living in the park, this has become a concern," wrote board director Susan Holfeuer in a

letter dated Aug. 20. "There are no sidewalks along the roadways which necessitates pedestrians walking on the road."

- Council passed Resolution No. 20 15 05 to accept a quote from Hugh's Electric in the amount of \$15,500 plus tax for installing the electrical for the Viking Park "car charge."

- Council passed Resolution No. 20 15 06 to accept a quote in the amount of \$3,350 plus tax for a speed reader board from ATS Traffic.

- Council monthly indemnities and expenses for the period ending July 31 were \$14,308.98.

- Coun. Petrowski declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the public works department's pay period ending July 25. Net payroll deposited for employees was \$1,027.62. The nature of the conflict wasn't provided.

- Coun. Thora Palson declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the

public works department's operator C pay period ending July 25. Net payroll deposited for employees was \$1,292.26. The nature of the conflict wasn't provided.

- The RM didn't respond to Express questions by press time about upgrades to Gimli water treatment plant and the amount of a grant the province recently announced.

- The RM didn't respond to a request for information about whether council amended the RM's zoning bylaw to change the designation of a parcel of land running along PR 519 in Sandy Hook from agricultural to residential resort.

Free fuel for a year



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Co-op Win Your Fill 2020 Contest winner Joe Stoyanowski won free fuel for a year after purchasing a minimum of 30 litres of fuel at the Arborg gas bar. Stoyanowski received \$2,000 in Co-op gift cards. Pictured left to right: Sheila and Joe Stoyanowski, Andrea Masiak (Co-op gas bar manager) and Jordan Cook (Co-op general manager).

"ASKED COUNCIL TO DO ITS DUE DILIGENCE WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING."

Lakeshore staff 'confident' heading into school year

By Evan Matthews

Despite some Public Health orders having changed over the last couple of weeks, Lakeshore School Division staff are feeling good about the upcoming school year.

Don Nikkel, superintendent of HR and alternative program director, said the division has its policies and procedures in place to proactively avoid COVID cases but also has protocol to follow if or when a COVID case arises.

"We're confident things are going to go well. Every one of our staff seems to be getting more excited and more confident," said Nikkel, emphasizing again the division continues to work in close collaboration with Public Health.

"Even in the last three days, as our teachers have returned to the buildings to start planning, everyone's comfort level with the protocols we have in place ... things are starting to make sense."

A letter from Dr. Brent Roussin

Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer, Dr. Brent Roussin, reminded parents and caregivers in a letter — available on the Lakeshore School Division website — to have faith in the system and to remain calm, rational and vigilant.

"Everyone is working to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Manitoba, but we will see cases linked to schools," Roussin wrote.

"Be assured that Public Health investigations begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory case.

"If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 linked to your child(ren)'s school, parents of students who may have been exposed will be contacted by Public Health officials and given instructions for self-isolation (quarantine); testing may be recommended. If you are not contacted by Public Health officials, your child(ren) were not deemed to be exposed from this case and no further action is required," he wrote.

Symptom and exposure screening questions are available on the division's website.

Proactive planning and confirmed cases

Some of the last-minute preparations have included socially distancing student seating arrangements, Nikkel said as an example. Whereas in years past seating arrangements haven't necessarily mattered, teachers and bus drivers alike will be keeping track of where students have been sitting in case of contact tracing.

In cases where a student has tested positive, public health will advise the school that the student attends, according to Nikkel. Public health will then do an assessment as to



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An example of a teacher's classroom, in which the students' desks have been set up in a socially distanced fashion. Once students are seated for class, they can opt to remove their masks.

who has been in contact with each student (known as contact tracing).

"Public health has a big role in our operations," said Nikkel. "Our role is to help provide accurate information to parents and communities and to make sure our buildings are safe."

Ensuring the schools are safe places is one of the division's top priorities at the moment. Nikkel said that while a no-risk environment doesn't exist, low-risk environments do.

"We feel we've done what we can in following public health guidance to create a low-risk environment," said Nikkel.

Nikkel also mentioned the division's three pillars. "Physical distancing. Hand hygiene. If you're sick, stay home," he said.

Lakeshore School Division is fortunate enough to have larger buildings to accommodate its populations, Nikkel said, making social distancing a non-issue in classrooms.

The division will also implement other precautionary measures such as increased cleaning cycles for custodial staff; ensuring surfaces are properly sanitized restricting public access to schools;

avoidance of large group gatherings such as assemblies; as well as staggering student transportation.

It's always a good reminder to wash your hands, Nikkel said, and stay home if you're sick.

Nikkel also said in cases where kids are being kept home sick, parents are being asked to use the provincial online screening tool to encourage people to be tested when necessary.

Masks mandatory in some instances

Where social distancing is not possible, Nikkel said masks are now mandatory.

"Masks are mandatory when two metres of distancing cannot be maintained. It's a really important message for our students, our parents and our communities," said Nikkel.

"In a situation like we have in Lakeshore's buildings, our classrooms often can maintain two metres. In our classrooms, when those students are seated, they will not have to wear masks.

"It's only situations where someone may come within those two metres, they will have to don a mask," he said.

If a student is on a school bus, Nikkel said it's mandated all students on the bus wear masks.

First day back to school is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Update on volunteers and part-timers

The division had been looking for staffing help as recently as August.

Positions like part-time bus drivers, educational assistants, substitute teachers and support staff were needed, but Nikkel said the division is now feeling confident in its numbers.

"It's been great to see. It's felt like our communities have rallied around the division," said Nikkel. "We're very pleased with the responses, happy and thankful."

However, he said the division would always welcome more help.

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Camp Arnes hanging on as accredited camps suffer serious financial setbacks

By Patricia Barrett

Accredited camps across the province have been hit hard by the COVID-19 shutdown and ensuing public health restrictions, and while some are currently operating, they need to find new revenue streams in order to survive.

Camp Arnes, about 21 kilometres north of Gimli, is an accredited year-round camp on Lake Winnipeg that has managed to carry on despite having had to cancel programs, scale back its operation and transition to a new way of offering the camp experience.

Earlier this year provincial public health prohibited kids under 18 years of age from staying overnight at camps and banned groups of over 50 people.

Audrey Hicks, the camp's director of training and education, said the suspension of camp in March when COVID first struck and the move to operating under strict public health orders has taken a heavy financial toll on the camp, but they're determined to survive.

"From March to June we had no income because we got shut down completely. But we're still here and have managed to keep going. And that's our plan — to keep trying," said Hicks. "We're looking at every avenue of support to help us financially survive through this until we can start bringing in income again."

Camp Arnes offers a variety of kids' programs including swimming in its 99-person-capacity indoor pool, archery, sumo wrestling, horseback riding, ziplines, a 30-foot-high wooden beam and high ropes, tobogganing and snowshoeing. It also hosts groups including churches, schools, boy scouts and cadets.

Hicks said donors have "kept the camp going" during COVID, along with federal government support programs for staff, but the camp is still faced with paying property tax to the Municipality of Gimli, insurance, hydro bills and staff who remain on the payroll.

Because Arnes has had to transition from its normal overnight camps with hundreds of kids to only day camps, in which a limited number of kids take part in activities and leave at the end of the day, the camp has lost over 90 per cent of its revenue.

"It's curtailed us so much that we're only sitting at about five per cent of the normal business we usually do," said Hicks. "But our expenses are not five per cent, so we're trying to figure how we go through this time and keep ourselves operating to the point where we can have the same amount of guests again that we normally do."

When COVID infections began to decline in July, Arnes began holding day camps that month as well as in August. It was also able to open its chalet to groups (under 50) that were part of a family unit and its campground, which is open until the end of September. The maximum group size is not, at this point, expected to change as the camp enters its fall and winter operating season.

Winter is a boon time for the camp. Its heated saltwater pool is used for swimming lessons for kids in Arborg, Riverton and Gimli, adult aquatic exercise programs, lifeguard training and the Special Olympics swim program. The camp also offers plenty of winter-related activities for kids, including cross-country skiing, building snow houses and traditional Icelandic fishing on the lake.

"We run 12 months of the year and usually have 12,000 guests that come between September and June," said Hicks, who teaches first aid, life guarding and swimming at camp and in towns in the Interlake. "We normally have schools that come all through the week and other groups on the weekends, and at any given time we could have more than 200 people on site all through the winter."

Some of the positive things that have come out of the COVID experience, said Hicks, are the financial donors and volunteers donating their time to help the camp complete work projects such as painting. One volunteer mowed most of the camp's lawn all summer.

But the camp is in the midst of trying to figure out how to "stay afloat" this winter while continuing to follow public health orders and still end up being around next year, she said.

"It's not just us. It's every camp in Manitoba," said Hicks. "When COVID shut us down, it shut everybody down."

Manitoba Camping Association's (MCA) executive director Kim Scherger said COVID and public health restrictions have affected its members "very badly." Not only are thousands of kids losing out on going to camp, but also regular staff — some undertaking camp leadership training — and volunteers.

Unwilling to completely sacrifice their operations to COVID, many camps have gotten really creative to continue delivering the camp experience to kids, she said. But by no means does that mean they're flourishing.

Of MCA's 35 province-wide accredited camps, Scherger said 19 transitioned to creating some sort of day camp, with three of them already operating exclusively as day camps.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY AUDREY HICKS

A community volunteer (left) and a camp staff member spruce up the outside of Camp Arnes' dining hall last month. Donors have stepped in to help the year-round camp continue operating, but it's struggling financially.

Some are operating only a few days a week while others are weekly.

"The reason camps are struggling is that they're set up to do overnight camps, not day camps," said Scherger, who's been with MCA for four years after serving 25 years as a camp director. "A lot of our camps — like Arnes — are over an hour from the big metropolis of Winnipeg where a lot of kids come from or are miles from towns. To get parents to commit to do that drive five days a week is tough."

To get around that some camps have taken "camp to the people," she said, travelling to towns in their region and staging a "pop-up camp" in a local park or other spot where they can offer programs for a day.

"But those activities were offered at a very discounted price because campers weren't coming in. Camps were running a deficit," said Scherger. "What we're hearing is it's about a 30 to 40 per cent deficit. So definitely there will be a huge deficit for our camps this year going forward."

Some camps that were too far from communities to do day camps got grant funding to undertake work projects such as creating new trails, cutting up trees that fell during storms and repairing infrastructure rather than programming.

Scherger said camps are unsure whether they'll be able to survive to next year. Even with no kids, they still have to pay bills and maintain their properties.

"At this point we don't know yet. A lot of camps are waiting to see what will happen going forward. With public health saying no overnight camps in the foreseeable future, that will threaten [revenue]," she said. "A lot of camps have income in fall, winter and spring and if they can't do overnights with school groups, church retreats or

what have you, they'll have zero income unless they get donations."

To make matters worse, camps haven't been able to undertake their annual spring or fall fundraising dinners because of gathering size limits. MCA itself has also had to cancel its own fundraisers and lay off two-thirds of its staff. And thousands of dollars worth of advertising brochures that camps created are sitting idle as they can't predict what's going to happen.

Scherger said MCA had already reached out to the provincial government earlier this year but hasn't been able to get a meeting to discuss the industry's concerns.

On average 50,000 kids in Manitoba attend accredited camps every year (there are also unaccredited camps in the province but are not represented by MCA). Accredited camps maintain strict health and safety guidelines and are monitored for compliance, she said. And 2,000-plus staff and volunteers could also lose out should camps fold.

"We would like to be able to sit around the table with the province to discuss how we can make this work. But so far, we haven't been let in," said Scherger. "We're saying, 'we're the ones who know camps, so let us come talk to you.' Camps need some money to survive and we're trying to tell that to the provincial government. Some of these camps are on the line where they might have to shut down and sell off the camp because they can't survive."

A spokesperson for the province told the *Express* that MCA "is welcome to request a meeting with government at any time," and that the province has "a number of programs available to help," including the Summer Student Recovery Jobs Program and the Back to Work Manitoba initiative (which ends Oct. 31).

Tigers in town: When salamanders roam the streets

By John Gavloski

In late August and early September, interesting amphibious creatures start emerging from some of the ponds in southern Manitoba and wandering through nearby towns.

Such is the case for the barred tiger salamander. On a recent trip to St. Leon in early September, we saw 12 tiger salamanders in about an hour, including several that were on roads in the community.

St. Leon is known for its late-summer salamander emergence. There are four species of salamanders in Manitoba, but the barred tiger salamander is the species most likely to be encountered in our area.

In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the interesting biology and some of the beneficial ecological roles of tiger salamanders.

Getting to know Manitoba's Salamander

The barred tiger salamander, sometimes called the western tiger salamander, is a relatively large salamander, about 33 centimetres in length. It is one of the largest terrestrial salamanders in North America, although some species that spend their whole life in water get bigger.

They are common west of the Red River, especially in the Prairie Pothole region. Another species called the Eastern Tiger Salamander is uncommon in Manitoba. They occur east of the Red River to edge of the boreal forest. A small salamander called the blue-spotted salamander (getting to about 13 cm in length) can be quite common in some areas of eastern Manitoba.



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Barred tiger salamanders can be spotted in Manitoba in late August and early September.

The fourth species of salamander in Manitoba is the common mudpuppy. They are large (getting to about 50 cm) and all stages live in water. They like lakes, rivers and streams with rocky bottoms.

Refusing to become an adult

Salamanders belong to a class of animals called amphibians. Frogs and toads are also amphibians. Amphibians start out as eggs, followed by a larval stage, which become adults. The egg and larval stages occur in the water in salamanders, while adults of some species, such as tiger salamanders, live on land.

The lifespan of salamanders is not well known, but most can probably live more than 10 years. Adult barred tiger salamanders move to ponds and mate early in spring, often by the end of April. Eggs are attached to submerged vegetation and hatch in

three to four weeks. How long larvae live varies. Some larvae may grow large enough to become adults by late-summer. In permanent ponds, larvae may continue to grow and develop for several years before becoming an adult.

Some individuals will remain permanently in the larval form yet become sexually mature and breed. This is referred to as neoteny. Whether adults emerging from ponds in late summer are young from eggs in spring or the result of larvae that have lived for several years is not known.

Salamanders are predators. Larvae hunt for tiny aquatic animals as soon as they hatch and progress to larger prey as they grow. Food may include fish, tadpoles, cricket nymphs, grasshoppers, moths, flies, beetles and earthworms. They may even occasionally be cannibalistic.

When approached, they have some interesting defensive behaviours. When we first encountered them, they were always on the move. But when we got close, they would always stop moving. Occasionally they would raise up on their hind legs, arching and waving the tail. Tiger salamanders have a poisonous tail gland, which produces a toxic milky secretion for self-defense.

Observing salamander emergence from their ponds in late summer is an interesting experience. Given the levels of grasshoppers that have been developing in Manitoba over the past few years, some of the ecological services of salamanders should also be appreciated.

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Lily Pad Cruisers celebrate 20th anniversary

Car enthusiasts fix vehicles and raise funds for local charities

By Katelyn Boulanger

The Lily Pad Cruisers established their car club in Petersfield, MB in twenty years ago this September when a group of seven friends started to get together to discuss their love of classic cars.

"Sitting one day just having coffee with a bunch of guys. [We thought] why don't we have our own car club here. There are lots of vehicles in the area so that's how it started we had seven members and how we have 80," said Marcel Lemire, the presidents of Lily Pad Cruisers.

The club was named after the Lily Pad Restaurant with the intention that members would then have a place to come and meet. Now members meet throughout the summer at the A&W in Selkirk and Hunts Roadhouse in Petersfield though COVID-19 did affect this this year.

"The first car show that we held was at the restaurant itself and we used the grass and I think that there were

only 11 cars in that very first show. It wasn't until the year after because the first year it was too late for a show and then it just progressed and we decided to use the park across the road and that's our home base," said Lemire.

Over the twenty years the club has grown to the point that they can give back to the communities that their members live in specifically they have supported the MS Society of Canada, the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and palliative care services with funds from their shows and other events.

Their annual car show, which is the second Saturday of July in Mallard Park in Petersfield and has attracted more than 130 cars in previous years, is open to members and non-members alike to enter and of course everyone is invited to stop by and look at the vehicles. This is also one of their major yearly fundraisers.

"The general gist of the club is now that we have 80 members everyone brings something to the table. Every-



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Above: (left to right) Dale Hiscock, Faye Drummond, and Marcel Lemire with a 1956 Ford Fairlane. Below: A sign celebrating the club's 20th anniversary.

body had a different trade in their lifetime. Most of our people are retired so if you ever have any trouble that you don't know how to fix, you just send it to us. We put it on the email list. You might get 79 answers because you also have your own opinion," said Lemire.

He also says that the club benefits its members in the camaraderie that he believes keeps the club growing and strong.

The oldest cars that have been a part of the club over the years have spanned from 1911 into modern vehicles as they accept members with interest in all types of vintage or antique vehicles.

"A classic car according to the MSRA is anything that's 25 years old and worth more than \$5,000 especially if your looking to put a collector plate on your vehicle. Some of them fall

close to that and some are way off," said Lemire.

Dale Hiscock the group's treasurer thinks that the club has lasted all of these years because of the combined interest of the group as well as their willingness to support each other and other car clubs in surrounding areas.

"We're out there. Please come and join us and support the societies in our communities," said Faye Drummond the club's vice president.

More information about the club can be found at lilypadcruisers.ca, memberships are \$25 a year and contact details for memberships can also be found on the website.

The group would also like to thank all of the members of the community and businesses who have helped to sponsor them, and their events over the past 20 years.



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Elizabeth Dueck Memorial Park in Arborg nearly completed

By Patricia Barrett

A park that's being built in memory of the mother of an Arborg family, who are well known for funding community improvement projects, is nearing completion.

Sid Dueck and his sister Trudy and their families created the Elizabeth Dueck Memorial Park last year.

COVID-19 stalled work on the park, said Sid Dueck, but if all goes to plan the family is hoping to cut the ribbon this fall.

Contractors are currently in the process of enhancing the landscaping in the park, which was formerly used as a play space for a daycare that was housed in the adjacent Kinsmen building.

"We're putting in sidewalks and lawns, trees and a couple of picnic tables to make the park really family-friendly," said Dueck. "And we're making the swings that are there usable."



The landscaping in the park has been transformed from a pebble base to lush grass and winding concrete sidewalks.



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The new park is close to a residential neighbourhood.



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The wheelchair-accessible swing.

The barren ground under the kids' swings was upgraded with pea gravel last year and the centrepiece of the park — a wheelchair accessible swing funded by Dueck's company Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions — was also installed.

"It's close to a residential area and we want it to be a park that's beautiful and a place where everyone can come and enjoy it," said Dueck. "We may get some nice warm weather yet so people can enjoy it."

The park is behind the Kinsmen building, which is now owned by the Town of Arborg and is being transformed into a training centre for an upcoming licensed practical nursing course.

Seeing the benefit of having some recreation and green space for both kids and workers in the central core, town council agreed to fund some of the park project.

"The Dueck family had presented a proposal to work with the Town on upgrading the park and ... we are providing a grant towards the project," said chief administrative officer Cindy Stansell. "It's going to look really nice once it's completed."



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On grill over medium heat, cook burgers on each side until no longer pink in center and internal temperature reaches 160 F, about 15 minutes.

Heat macaroni and cheese according to package instructions.

Place patties on buns and top each with 1/4 cup macaroni and cheese, 2 teaspoons barbecue sauce and fried onion straws.



Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 48
1 package (24 ounces) Bob Evans Original Mashed Potatoes
1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
4 ounces diced jalapeno peppers, drained
8 ounces taco flavored tortilla chips
2 large eggs
6-8 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
sour cream (optional)
Stir together cold mashed potatoes with Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses and diced jalapenos.
Scoop 48 tablespoonfuls of potato mixture and place on parchment- or

Crunchy Jalapeno Potato Poppers

wax paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate 15-20 minutes.

In bowl of food processor, pulse tortilla chips to fine crumbs or place chips in large, zip-top bag and smash using rolling pin. Pour crumbs into shallow bowl.

Beat eggs and pour into separate shallow bowl. Set aside.

In fryer or Dutch oven, heat oil to 350 F.

Remove mashed potato scoops from refrigerator and roll into balls. Roll each mashed potato ball in flour, tapping off excess. Once potato balls are coated in flour, dip each into egg, allowing excess to drip off, then into tortilla chip crumbs, making sure to coat evenly. Set on clean baking sheet. Discard excess flour, egg and tortilla chip crumbs.

In hot oil, fry small batches of mashed potato poppers until golden brown, 30-40 seconds. Remove from fryer and place on paper towel to drain excess oil. Repeat until all poppers are cooked. Serve hot with sour cream, if desired.

Note: To reheat poppers, bake 6-8 minutes at 350 F.



8 ounces rotini or medium shell pasta
5 tablespoons butter, divided
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
1 cup milk
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups shredded Swiss or Gruyere cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Pumpkin Mac and Cheese

1/4 cup breadcrumbs
Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and set aside.

Heat oven to 375 F.

Grease 1 1/2-quart baking dish. In 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt 3 tablespoons butter. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in evaporated milk and milk; cook until mixture is thickened and smooth. Stir in pumpkin, salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Remove from heat; whisk in cheeses until smooth. Stir in cooked pasta; toss to mix well. Spoon into baking dish.

Melt remaining butter; stir in breadcrumbs to coat well. Sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake 30 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly and mixture is golden.



ASK THE MONEY LADY,

I am in the process of getting a Will but am not sure who I should pick for an executor. Should I use a family member or a friend? Any tips?

Colin

Great question Colin. A friend or a family member – it all depends?

This will be the person who controls and manages all your assets that you leave behind and will have a legal obligation to carry out your estate plan. Your executor will secure all your assets, make investment decisions if necessary and file your final tax return. It is important for you to choose the right person to be your executor, and to consider the person's competency and age, availability and location, trustworthiness and dependability.

Please do not choose an executor that does not reside in Canada. This could have legal and/or tax implications depending on your provincial legislation. Under Canadian tax law, an estate is considered to be a trust and we do not want the tax residency of a trust to be questioned if the primary management and control takes place by a non-resident. This will trigger your estate being disposed of its assets as a non-resident, subject to capital gains tax, possible withholding tax, loss of enhanced dividend tax treatments, and even being subject to the rules and regulations of the foreign country where your executor resides. Of course, in situations where an estate is subject to tax in two or more



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jurisdictions, tax conventions and foreign tax credits may be available to reduce the overall tax burden. Non-resident executors may also be restricted when it comes to investment instructions over the estate's Canadian investment accounts since this can be viewed as the executor controlling foreign assets. It may also require the executor to report this on their own personal taxes. For example, a US resident who is acting as an executor of a Canadian estate maybe required to file various US reporting forms and it is a good idea to seek professional assistance to ensure compliance. Another example is in Ontario. If an executor is not a resident of Ontario or a Commonwealth country, the executor is required to obtain a bond. The out-of-town executor could get a bond from an insurance company – but would have to apply and pay for this. Legal, taxation and financial advice should always be considered.

Let's face it, you worked hard for your money Colin, and the last thing you want is our government (or any other government) getting their hands on your estate. No one would intentionally put their assets in jeopardy. Speak to your advisor or estate lawyer to find out if the person you want as an executor is the right choice.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

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Meet the candidates for Grahamdale by-election

By Evan Matthews

Four candidates are running for of reeve in the RM of Grahamdale council.

The candidates are Orville Philippon, Diane Price, Pat Allen and Craig Howse.

Senior election official Sandra Falk told the *Express* a forum would be up to the candidates to organize.

Candidates put their names on the ballot after former Reeve Clifford Halaburda stepped down, citing health concerns for his departure.

Deputy Reeve Randy Sigurdson has filled the role since.

Voters are encouraged to consider mail-in balloting to reduce physical attendance on polling days, according to

the website.

Applications for mail-in balloting are available on the RM of Grahamdale website, Facebook page and at the office. A copy of government-issued photo identification is required to be submitted along with the application.

For more information about mail-in balloting, email Falk at seo@grahamdale.ca.

Election Day is Monday Sept. 28 at the Moosehorn Community Hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Masks are mandatory upon entry.

Advanced polls will be the same times and location but on Friday, Sept. 11.

Information about voting is posted on the RM of Grahamdale's website.



Craig Howse

a political election before? If so, when?

This is my first time running in a political election. That being said, I believe I will bring a fresh outlook and ideas that will benefit the RM.

4. In your opinion, what are some of the major issues facing the community?

The major issues that I see and would like to address are:

- The declining population in the area
- The rising cost of running such a vast RM
- High taxes

5. In your opinion, what are the best/strongest assets in your community?

First and foremost, the people are the biggest asset of the RM. I have met some unique people in my travels and would like to point out the sense of community here in this RM is like no other. From Mulvihill to Gypsumville, you will always receive a friendly wave on the highway or a simple hello at the coffee shop.

There is one other asset I would like to spotlight during my campaign, the natural beauty of the RM. It is no secret that the hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational aspect of the RM are what keep people living in the area.

6. If elected, what do you hope to achieve during

the last half of this term?

If elected Reeve, I would like to see these things through by the last half of the elected term:

- Lower the mill rate as much as feasible
- Remove ward boundaries (figuratively) and facilitate better cooperation between wards when it comes to resources and planning
- Better managed and focused budgets for RM functions
- Cut costs and unnecessary spending
- Pursue avenues to develop highspeed internet infrastructure in some communities
- Exploration and promotion of future developments

7. Why should voters support you?

I believe voters should support me because I will put as much time and effort as possible into being their Reeve. I promise to run an open and accountable RM while maintaining an open-door policy for the taxpayers. Any suggestions or concerns will always be heard.

8. Have you been involved in local community service clubs, volunteered for a charity(ies) or taken part in other local community causes?

I have been actively involved in community functions over the years. I have been a member of the Grahamdale Community Club and the Faulkner Ball Club. I am currently a member of the Moosehorn Curling Club and the Steep Rock Community Club, where I was recently elected president. These experiences have given me insight into the dealings of various areas throughout the RM.

9. What do you like to do in your spare time?

Outside of work, I like to enjoy what the RM has to offer. Some hobbies of mine include hunting, fishing, tending to the yard and lending a hand with various projects within the community.

10. Anything else you would like to share.

Over the last 33 years, I have worked from one end of the RM to the other. From this experience, there are not many roads in the RM I have not traveled on and from that, I have vast knowledge of the area that makes up the RM of Grahamdale.

I would like to end by thanking the other candidates in this election, it will require a huge commitment of time and effort from whoever wins. Having options that represent different opinions and views is never a bad thing. I would also like to thank the community for giving me the opportunity to run for Reeve in the RM of Grahamdale. Finally, please vote in this election to ensure your voice will be heard!

4. In your opinion, what are some of the major issues facing the community?

This big drain going through the RM is a huge issue. Along with the farmers (being expropriated). They're not being treated fairly by the government. I'd like to advocate on their behalf. Another issue I'm hearing about is the need for more personal care home beds in this area. Ashern is the location of the hospital, and I think it's something that needs to be looked at.

5. In your opinion, what are the best/strongest assets in your community?

Steep Rock Beach Park, and tourism. It's our diamond. It's because Lake Manitoba is as nice as it is. We should be using that to our advantage.

6. If elected, what do you hope to achieve during the last half of this term?

I hope as a council, we can help fix up the issues with government for our farmers who are being expropriated, and asked to leave their homes. I really hope we can do something with that.

7. Why should voters support you?

I know what it's like to be reeve, and it's not a pretty job. I have experience dealing with provincial government. After the flood hit, I worked on a file that helped relocate houses on Lake St. Martin. We did a lot of work... I have a lot of experience. It doesn't scare me, dealing with other levels of government.

8. Have you been involved in local community service clubs, volunteered for a charity(ies) or taken part in other local community causes?

Name one, and I've probably been on it. When I ran a business, I was a part of the Ashern Chamber of Commerce; I've been on the Steep Rock Beach Park board for over 20 years; I'm all about volunteerism. I've helped with the Ashern Rodeo, etc. I've done many community initiatives.



Diane Price

1. Provide a brief biography of yourself.

I was married for over 40 years, and I just lost my husband a year and a half ago. We raised four children. I was in a 24-hour business for over 30 years, managing (a) gas bar, usually managing around 50 employees. I was reeve in 2011 when the flood hit us.

2. What community do you live in? How long have you lived there?

I live in Moosehorn, and I've lived here for 42 years.

3. Have you ever run in a political election before? If so, when?

Yes, in 2010. I won the position of reeve.

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9. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I don't really have a hobby. I'm a caterer. When I gave up my restaurant, I didn't quit catering. I get a lot of enjoyment out of it. It's probably my biggest hobby, or what I do most in my spare time.

10. Anything else you would like to share.

I've always had something for the underdog. If I find an underdog, I'm usually there trying to help. That goes for a family who has experienced a fire, or volunteering with the ambulance service, that's what I pride myself in doing. I don't know why, but I just do it.



Orville Philippon

1. Provide a brief biography of yourself.

I grew up in Winnipeg, and worked for the family business until moving to Hilbre in 1980. I farmed, and I ran a welding and machine shop there until 1999 when my (late) wife, Maretta, and I took over managing Steep Rock Beach Park.

2. What community do you live in? How long have you lived there?

We live in Steep Rock Beach Park full-time, since 2012, so eight years.

3. Have you ever run in a political election before? If so, when?

Although I have never been personally held a political position, my wife sat on the RM of Grahamdale Council for 15 years. Most of that time she held the position of deputy reeve. I can't help but feel that some of the knowledge she gained has rubbed off on me.

4. In your opinion, what are some of the major issues facing the community?

Major issues in our community include the Lake Manitoba diversion, and the impact it is having on our farmers and the community at large. Another issue is the impact the influx of tourists has had on the town of Steep Rock due to its rising popularity amidst the COVID crisis. The mill rate is also very high; I could go on and on.

5. In your opinion, what are the best/strongest assets in your community?

Our best and strongest assets in our community, by far, are the people driving our farming and tourism industry. Together they keep our small businesses productive.

6. If elected, what do you hope to achieve during the last half of this term?

If elected, I hope to find a solution to lowering the mill rate, while working with the province on the Lake Manitoba drain in the last half of this term.

7. Why should voters support you?

Over the many years dealing with people in our community in my business and at (Steep Rock Beach Park), I feel I can represent them fairly as reeve, and ask for your support on Sept 28.

8. Have you been involved in local community service clubs, volunteered for a charity(ies) or taken part in other local community causes?

Over the years I have served on the Co-op board, been involved in the Birch Creek Windriders Snowmobile Club, as well as the Falkner, Grahamdale, Hilbre and Steep Rock community clubs. I also partake in the local Pride days over the years.

9. What do you like to do in your spare time?

N/A

10. Anything else you would like to share.

You can phone or message me at 204-768-0028. Thank You.



Pat Allen

1. Provide a brief biography of yourself.

I am 67 years old in October.

I grew up just out of Mulvihill and have lived in the area my whole life. I farmed with my father for many years. In my early 30s I met and married my wife of 35 years. We purchased the farm when my dad retired and raised our three children, two boys and one girl. We sold the cattle in 2006 and I went to work as a heavy equipment operator until 2018 when I retired.

2. What community do you live in? How long have you lived there?

Mulvihill. 67 years.

3. Have you ever run in a political election before? If so, when?

I ran for Councillor of Ward 1 in the RM of Grahamdale and held that position for 17 years, until I went away to run machinery in 2006.

4. In your opinion, what are some of the major issues facing the community?

Some of the major issues facing us are a declining population and rapidly rising costs of operations. The general aging of farm operators and no real incentives for younger people to take over. We need a plan for economic development that will strengthen our tax base and take a bit of the burden off the general rate payer.

5. In your opinion, what are the best/strongest assets in your community?

Our people are our greatest asset. They always seem to rise to every occasion or disaster, whatever the case may be they have each other's backs. We also have a large and beautiful area lending itself to tourism, hunting, fishing, camping.

6. If elected, what do you hope to achieve during the last half of this term?

If elected I hope to continue the work the present council is performing and lead to the best of my abilities.

7. Why should voters support you?

I feel I have a good general working knowledge of the way council should work and the time to commit to see it through.

8. Have you been involved in local community service clubs, volunteered for a charity(ies) or taken part in other local community causes?

I have been on the executive and also served a term as president of Eriksdale Curling Club. I've also done a term as president of Eriksdale Legion Branch 140. I served on numerous boards and committees in my 17 years on council.

9. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to spend a lot of time outdoors. My wife and I like to go fishing and camping. We want to travel more with our trailer, but we will have to wait until this pandemic settles down. I also enjoy stick curling, snowmobiling, and in quiet times I also do some cross-stitch.

10. Anything else you would like to share.

I want to wish all of the competitors the best of luck and please get out and vote. The mail in ballot at this point is probably the easiest way to do it. Contact the RM office for details.

Hockey Manitoba cancels Female U18 Program of excellence for 2020-21

Submitted by Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Canada announced the cancellation of the 2020 U18 Women's National Championship last Thursday which was scheduled for this upcoming November in Dawson Creek, B.C.

The U18 Women's National Championship acts as the final phase of the Provincial Program of Excellence and sees the best U18 female athletes come together to compete at the provincial level.

As a result of this decision, Hockey Manitoba has cancelled all programming related to the U18 Program of Excellence for the 2020-21 season. Hockey

Manitoba will now move forward with the scheduling of selection camps for the 2021 Program of Excellence leading to the 2021 U18 Women's National Championship.

For the 2003-born female athletes, the cancellation of the 2020 Program of Excellence takes away a final opportunity to represent Manitoba at the national level and compete for a national championship. While this will be disappointing for these athletes, Hockey Manitoba would like to wish them success and good health as they move into their final year of U18 high performance hockey and the many op-

portunities that await them in the future.

More information on the U18 Program of Excellence can be found on the Hockey Manitoba website and any questions can be directed to Dustin Stewart, U18 director of operations.

The Female Program of Excellence is designed to provide high-performance female players with the opportunity to develop advanced skills as well as an introduction to the concepts needed to play at an elite level. Players from the Program of Excellence go on to play at the CIS, NCAA and international level.

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Interlake Impact undefeated in past three games

Staff

The Interlake Impact is now undefeated in their past three Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division games.

After a pair of impressive wins to close out August, the Impact played to a 1-1 draw with NexGen SA last Thursday at the University of Manitoba.

Eric Plett scored Interlake's goal.

With the tie, the Impact are now 2-3-1 on the season to sit in a four-way tie for fifth place in the nine-team division.

Interlake is just two points back of fourth-place Elmwood FC with a game in hand.

The Impact played YFC Saints this past Monday but no score was available.

Interlake is back in action Friday when they take on Richmond FC at Shaughnessy Park in north Winnipeg. Game time is 7 p.m.



The Impact's David Gonzalez, left, chases after a loose ball.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Impact's Brendan Reimer does some fancy footwork to move the ball while teammate Armando Peralta looks on during MMSL action last Thursday at the University of Manitoba. Interlake and NexGen SA played to a 1-1 draw.

Manitoba Junior Hockey League awards expansion franchise

Submitted by the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced last Friday that an expansion franchise has been awarded to 50 Below Sports + Entertainment for the upcoming 2020-21 season.

The new franchise will operate within the Winnipeg market.

The 12th MJHL franchise will enhance the flexibility needed to provide a schedule that reduces travel and assists with divisional alignment; both critical components to executing the MJHL approved Phase II Return to Play Plan, read a statement.

"50 Below Sports + Entertainment, along with all of our member clubs, have really stepped up and put the players first to provide safe and competitive development conditions," said Kevin Saurette, MJHL commissioner. "These are trying times as teams continue with necessary preparations for the difficult season ahead as we are all committed to developing our players in a safe, structured and responsible environment."

Adding a second team in Winnipeg, led by a strong management and ownership team, provides further de-

velopment opportunities for Manitoba hockey players to play elite Junior "A" hockey within the province.

With the announcement, the MJHL returns to a 12-team league for the first time since the 2002-03 season.

Please stay tuned for further exciting announcements from 50 Below Sports & Entertainment regarding the new Winnipeg MJHL Franchise in the coming days.

MJHL set to release 2020-2021 schedule

The 2020-21 COVID-19 season schedule has been finalized and will be significantly modified from previous seasons to mitigate risk of spread or potential contact between multiple teams while allowing for minimal disruption of the schedule in the event of a positive COVID-19 case. Full schedule announcement will be made this week.

MJHL regular season to begin Oct. 9.

MJHL main camps will begin Sept. 18 with no more than 34 players in attendance. Teams will play no more than three exhibition games in advance of the MJHL regular season.

Prospect camps are currently being held by MJHL teams in advance of Sept. 18 and are following the MJHL Return to Play - Phase I Guidelines which have been in place since June 26. Full contact is not permitted during these camps.

As is the case for everyone throughout the province and beyond, these past months during the COVID-19 pandemic have placed significant financial stress on each MJHL team and community. Additional stress will be felt as each organization prepares for what will be required for the upcoming season to ensure we return to hockey in a safe, controlled and responsible manner.

Each organization is to be commended for their absolute commitment to providing elite development oppor-

tunities both on and off the ice in the face of these financial challenges with the health and safety of all involved always being the No. 1 priority. Teams will need and deserve all the support they can be afforded during this difficult time as we prepare to return to the game we all love.

"THESE ARE TRYING TIMES AS TEAMS CONTINUE WITH NECESSARY PREPARATIONS."

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2-4 (Check in at 1:30)
Quarry Park

Contact: Blaine Shewchuk
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In accordance with Section 48(2) of The Manitoba Councils and School Boards Elections Act, I hereby declare notice is given that a vote of the R.M. of Grahamdale will be taken to elect a Reeve from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the office of Reeve:

- Diane Price
- Orville Philippon
- Pat Allen
- Craig Howse

Voting Place

Voting Place will be open for voting on Monday the 28th day of September, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:
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MOOSEHORN MANITOBA

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Advance Voting

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend the proper voting place on Election Day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the following place:

September 11th, 2020 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
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Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0
Email: seo@grahamdale.ca
Fax: 204-768-3374

A voter applying to vote by sealed envelope will receive a ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official. Regular Post ballot packages will not be mailed after September 17th 2020.

Last day to apply to vote by sealed envelope is September 25th, 2020.

Sandra Falk,
S.E.O. R.M. of Grahamdale
(204) 768-0069 Fax (204) 768-3374
Email: seo@grahamdale.ca
Dated at Moosehorn, MB this 18th day of August, 2020.



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Mail-in Balloting

- Voters are encouraged to consider mail-in balloting to reduce physical attendance on polling days.
- Applications are available on the R.M. of Grahamdale website (http://grahamdale.ca/), Facebook page and at the R.M. of Grahamdale office.
- A copy of Government Issued Photo ID is required to be submitted along with the application.
- These applications can be administered at the R.M. of Grahamdale Office, where persons can vote between August 31st -September 25th, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30.
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- A drop-box is located at the R.M. of Grahamdale Office should voters wish to drop off ballot packages, anytime during the closed office hours.
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6	2	1	7	5	3	4	8	9
8	5	3	4	9	6	1	7	2
9	7	4	2	8	1	3	6	5
5	9	2	3	8	1	7	4	6
1	7	9	6	4	2	2	8	5
3	4	4	8	5	7	9	2	6
1	9	6	9	8	2	4	5	3
4	3	4	7	3	9	5	6	8
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Sudoku Answer

N	E	R	T	N	P	E	N	E
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L	V	H	D	I	R	P	S	U

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Aurochs
5. Central Dravidian language
10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Well known constellation
16. About aviation
17. Bowfin genus
18. Proper
19. Expression of annoyance
20. Cabbies
22. Bro or sis
23. Spiritual leader
24. Where football coaches work
27. Old TV part
30. A way to color
31. Touch lightly
32. Surround
35. Breached
37. Aristocratic young woman
38. Dry ravine
39. Hebrew measurement units
40. Supporter
41. Type of sword
42. Influential Irish playwright
43. Witch
44. Flower cluster
45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
46. Psychedelic amphetamine
47. Actors' group
48. Cool!
49. Salts
52. Group of SE China
55. Illuminated
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Employed
63. Japanese ankle sock
64. Fishing fly
65. Some pheasants are this
66. Literary name for Ireland
67. Must have
68. A way to write
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. American state
2. Hindu model of ideal man
3. Type of acid
4. Drenches

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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52	53	54				55			56		57	58	59
60						61			62		63		
64						65					66		
67						68					69		

5. "The Raven" writer
6. Emerged
7. Alpha Centauri: __ Centaurus
8. Democratic Presidential candidate
9. Hostelry
10. Fathers
11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
12. Member of a Semitic people
13. Lesotho monetary unit
21. Lots
23. Jewish address corresponding to "Sir"
25. Male parent
26. A way to get
27. Body part
28. Seam in an organ
29. Landlocked African country
32. Process for producing ammonia
33. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
34. Bogged down
36. Native American tribe
37. Unfashionable person
38. Female grunts
40. Well known
41. Gurus
43. Norse mythological site
44. Tell on
46. __ Farrow, actress
47. Cotton fabric
49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
50. Clouds
51. Satisfies
52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
53. Phil __, former CIA
54. Japanese seaport
57. Female horse or zebra
58. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
59. Trigonometric function
61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
62. Insecticide

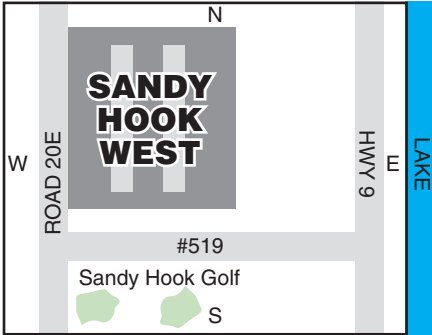
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OBITUARY



Jamison "Jamie" LeBleu

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness, the family of Jamison, "Jamie" LeBleu, announces his unexpected passing at home on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the age of 25 years.

Jamie will be lovingly remembered by his parents Kim and Tracy, his sisters Kierra and Lauren (Peter Buhler) and his girlfriend Nicole Desautels. Jamie will also be fondly remembered by his great-grandmother Doris, grandmother Darris (Jeff), grandpa Bob, uncle Jordan, aunty Kate, auntie Bobbie, uncle Norm, Sandra, Ian and Kaylee as well as numerous cousins, extended family and dear friends.

Jamie was predeceased by his nana Eileen LeBleu, "grampa" Fred Fial and aunty Ronalee Milne.

Immediate cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held in Jamie's honour on September 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, Manitoba. Due to COVID restrictions, please contact kim.lebleu@gmail.com if you would like to attend the service. The service will also be live streamed via his obituary at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations in memory of Jamie may be made to a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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TOWER LOCATION: The proposed tower is located approximately 8km North West of the intersection of HWY 6 and HWY 68

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OBITUARY



Pamela Menard
(nee Doll)

Peacefully, on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at the Betel Home in Gimli MB, Pamela Menard, aged 89 years, beloved wife of the late Donald Menard passed away.

Pamela joins her special angels daughters Jackie, Val and son Jeff; her parents Bill and Mabel Doll; and brother Maurice and his wife Barbara.

Pamela is survived by her brother Jerry Doll (Ivy) and her children Mark, Donna and Steven along with 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren and many more family and friends.

A graveside service will take place at the Hecla Cemetery on Friday September 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



OBITUARY



Mae Adrienne (d'Arcis) Warcimaga
September 13, 1949 - March 24, 2020

Mae passed away suddenly, with family by her side at the Selkirk General Hospital, due to too many health complications.

Mae was born September 13, 1949 to Olive and Walter d'Arcis. Mae was predeceased by her parents, Olive and Wally; brothers Lynol, Harley and Ivan.

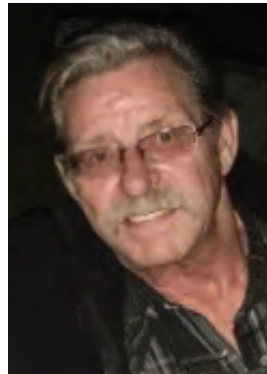
Left to mourn her passing is her spouse Roland; brothers Eric and Arnold; sisters Mariah, Shirlene and Wanda; her children Cheryl, Kevin, Karen, Crystal and Steven; grandchildren Kyle, Jordan, Brandon, Micheal, Aaron, Kaden, Dakota, Skylar, Olivia, Randy, Savanna and Zander.

Service for Mae September 13, 2020 at 5 p.m. Church of Nazarine, 25 Main St. Riverton. Come and Go lunch 6-8 p.m. Mask are mandatory.

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Harry Vandenberg
1957 - 2020

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Harry Vandenberg of Winnipeg Beach, who passed away on September 2nd with his family at his side.

He has left to cherish his memory his loving wife Kathy, his children Cody, Christy (Dustin Bochorka,) Chelsey and Kathryn. Along with his brother Neil, grandchildren Billie, Andrew, Alexis, Gage, Kash and first great grandson Ryker.

For most of his life Harry was a dedicated R.S. Welder of UA Local 254 and in his off times he enjoyed driving truck.

Harry had many great memories of his times riding his Harley. He especially enjoyed his times in Mazatlán, Mexico and the friendships he made there.

Harry was loved and respected in the community for his big heart and his willingness to always help out. He will be deeply missed by many.

The family would like to thank the staff at Gimli Johnson Hospital. And a very special Thank-you to HCAs Betty C. and Debbie P. and Nurse Debbie B. for their extra caring attention.

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Claudia Krawchuk, Fraserwood\$499.00	Henry T. Friesen, Arborg\$1727.95	Melissa Markusson, Gimli\$399.00
David & Judy McDougall, Ashern\$399.00	Jocelya & Tony Hayka, Arnes\$499.00	Stacy Markusson, Gimli\$2,637.00
Tammie McQuoid, Arborg\$1,049.00	Carl Johnson, Riverton\$749.00	Darrin Mitcheel, Riverton\$1,703.95
John Miller, Broad Valley\$69.95	Darryl & Jeanette Lazarok, Poplarfield.....\$599.00	Bert & Vera Osborne, Arborg\$279.00
Ronald Plett, Arborg\$499.00	Jason Loewen, Arborg\$59.90	Ashley Prince, Peguis\$20.00
Frank Reimer, Arborg\$658.00	Janet Porth, Gimli\$1759.00	Glen Tamoto, Sandy Hook\$1,179.00
Dave & Eileen Shott, Arborg\$98.00	Candace Sigurdson, Riverton\$499.00	Rick Weins, Arborg\$649.00
Fern & Phillip Sinclair, Peguis\$279.00	Tracy Sigvaldason, Arborg\$299.00	Cornelius Weins, Arborg\$59.00
Phillip Thorkeison, Arborg\$599.00	Deila Sinclair, Koostatak\$1599.00	Roger and Christine Abuda, Arborg\$849.00
Stanley Wallach, Poplarfield.....\$399.00	Isabel JToy, Lundar\$469.00	Will and Shelly Ashley, Arborg\$193.98
Phillip Bauernhuber, Arborg\$1,900.00	Cynthia Webster, Gimli\$449.00	Darryl and Doris Bear, Peguis\$2,647.00
Simonetta DeISante, Riverton\$529.00	George & Maria Wiebe\$51.00	Dwight Dilts, Stonewall\$1,828.00
Danielle & John Weedon, Riverton\$1,799.00	Debbie & Adrian Zelenitsky, Gimli\$858.00	Lil Firman, Gimli\$2,068.00
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Alan McKay, Arborg\$349.00	Delbert & Luwana Brandt, Riverton\$1,799.00	Chris and Jennifer Kristinsson, Gimli\$919.00
Zentih Poole, Arborg\$848.00	Barb & Menno Friesen, Riverton\$559.00	Bjani and Elaine Marteinsson, Riverton\$399.00
Barb & Menno Friesen, Riverton\$559.00	Pat Dudrak, Arborg\$499.00	Bruce and Candace McKinnon, Eriksdale\$1,669.00
Mary Dunlop, Gimli\$109.00	Linda Williams, Peguis\$339.00	Stephen and Liz Murdock, Koostatak\$70.00
Jean Harrison, Arborg\$1,988.00	Eugene Feschuk, Gimli\$2,227.00	Lorne and Susan Smith, Gimli\$1,173.95
Roxanne Roche, Arborg\$1,868.00	Ida Jean Buck, Hodgson\$26.75	Faye Stevenson, Peguis\$1,739.95
Ernie & Lucille Stabner, Eriksdale\$1,349.00	Glen & Phyllis Stevenson, Peguis\$877.00	Walter and Charlene Stevenson, Peguis \$154.98
Nancy Woychshyn, Arborg\$499.00	Don & Betty Johnson, Arborg\$1,299.00	Renate Van Der Molen, Eriksdale\$1,632.10
Donna & Ray Andert, Gimli\$899.00	Patricia McCallum, Gimli\$569.00	Delores Wallbridge, Peguis\$2,186.00
Will Ashley, Arborg\$479.00	Joyce Bielik, Riverton\$29.95	Al and Gloria Wiebe, Poplarfield\$152.94
Jake Barkman, Riverton\$619.00	Marvin Olson, Arborg\$29.95	Irene Zazulinski, Fraserwood\$279.00
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Elaine Bolter / Geoff Crew, Sandy Hook\$999.00	Sandra Jonasson, Arborg\$549.00	Stephen & Liz Murdock, Koostatak\$841.00
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Natalia & Roger Eyoitson, Riverton\$1638.00	John Paul Avison, Arborg\$679	Duane Loewen, Arborg\$199.59
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Perry & Genni Hibbert, Arborg\$479.00	Jim Dingwall, CampMorton\$1,308	Sharon McLeod, Gimli\$1385.97
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Rick & Sheila Johnston, Arborg\$349.00	Jason Hudson, Riverton\$1,278	Lorna Friesen, Arborg\$599.00
Bertha Jonasson, Arnes\$769.00	Darlene Jonsson, Gimli\$359	Teddy Ferkel, Sandy Hook\$699.00
Donna Jonasson, Arnes\$399.00	Ruth Kennedy, Arborg\$549	Darrell and Donna Thaddeus, Koostatak \$138.00
Jeanette Kist, Gimli\$121.87	Benita Muzyka, Arborg\$388	Joyce and Glenn Peden, Gimli\$1,019.00
	Archie Thompson, Arborg\$549	Lilja Macaulay, Gimli\$829.00

GRAND TOTAL TO DATE \$269,471.18

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Due to the nature of this sale, we felt a brief explanation is essential.
At closing, 6 p.m. Sat. Sept 26th we will tally the 20 days of paid sales and divide by 20 to get the average daily sale. The day which is closest to this daily average, without going over it, will be the day which ALL qualifying purchasers will receive their purchase amount back, taxes excluded.
In the case of credit card (Smitty's, Visa, Mastercard) purchases, we will issue a credit immediately.
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• All purchasers on free day will be notified and receive their full refund by Friday, Oct. 2, 6p.m.
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