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## Youth philanthropy

Arborg Early Middle School Philanthropist Club members sold handcrafted items at the Arborg craft and trade show during Winter Wonderland. All the proceeds were donated to Siloam Mission in Winnipeg.

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# Arborg unwraps 'Winter Wonderland' on Black Friday

By Teresa Carey

Arborg's Winter Wonderland attendees found themselves feeling rather wintry last Friday evening, in spite of exceedingly mild temperatures and with only a light dusting of snow on the ground, as they took part in the hustle and bustle of Christmas festivities on the town's Main Street.

This first-time event, held alongside Arborg's Black Friday, brought hundreds out for a number of events and to take advantage of sale pricing.

"Being the first year, I believe it was a good turnout" said Sue Bauernhuber, one of five members on the Winter Wonderland planning committee.

"(It's) something new (that) people have to get used to."

Library Park was the focal point and main gathering place, with activities taking place there from 5 p.m. until after 8 p.m. Parents and children stood by the warmth of the fire pit, while many marshmallows were toasted over the flames. Nearby, the Arborg Bakery food trailer sold hot dogs, warm beverages and mini donuts, with all of the proceeds going to the Arborg & District Christmas Cheer Board and the Arborg Street Fair.

Eyes were soon drawn to the stage where a handful of acts sang Christmas carols. Performers included members of the Fisher Christian Community Church, local children and others.

At around 7 p.m., a faint sound of jingling bells could be heard in the distance while Santa made his way to the park in a brightly coloured sleigh that was being drawn by a quad.

The sleigh, sponsored by the Arborg Legion, was impeccably crafted out of cardboard by Clem Morency, Bert Monchamp and Bert and Gail Mather and cost just a mere \$18 to make. The only thing that was purchased was a can of paint, said Monchamp.

Santa climbed out of his sleigh with a HO-HO-HO and with that, children started lining up at the stage to visit with him and to share their Christmas wish list. Each child received a bag of goodies and a photo with Santa.

Other activities included the lighting of a Memory Tree beside the stage. The tree was decorated with paper angels, which people had purchased in memory of loved ones. The angels will continue to be sold until Dec. 14 at Interlake Co-op and Arborg Pharmacy with all proceeds going to the Arborg & District Christmas Cheer Board.

A craft and trade fair was held inside the old Palson's building. Many hand-crafted goods were offered, including those made by the Arborg Early Middle School (AEMS) Philanthropists Club. Proceeds from their handmade bookmarks and other items were donated to Siloam Mission in Winnipeg.

As well, Alice Bjornson on William Street took home the honours of the best Christmas light display.



Alice Bjornson, was declared the winner of the Christmas light contest, sponsored by Home Hardware.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TERESA CAREY

Santa made a grand entrance in this cardboard sleigh. While it might not be durable enough for a trip around the globe, it stood up well for a visit to Arborg on Nov. 23.

play contest, sponsored by Home Hardware.

Throughout the evening, just over \$1,450 was raised with proceeds being split between the Arborg & District Christmas Cheer Board and the Arborg Street Festival.

Organizers are hoping to make Winter Wonderland an annual event providing a fun and safe way for children to ring in the winter season.



Young people enjoyed the mild weather and activities.



Paper angels were purchased for \$5 each, in memory of loved ones, and attached to the Memory Tree beside the stage at Library Park.



Children of all ages were delighted to meet Santa during Arborg's first-ever Winter Wonderland.



These young girls, coached by a parent, sang jingle bells at the library.



Extended hours and a Christmas open house brought shoppers in to Home Hardware for Black Friday specials.



The Arborg Bakery food trailer served hot dogs, warm beverages and mini donuts with proceeds being donated to the Arborg and District Christmas Cheer Board and the Arborg Street Festival.



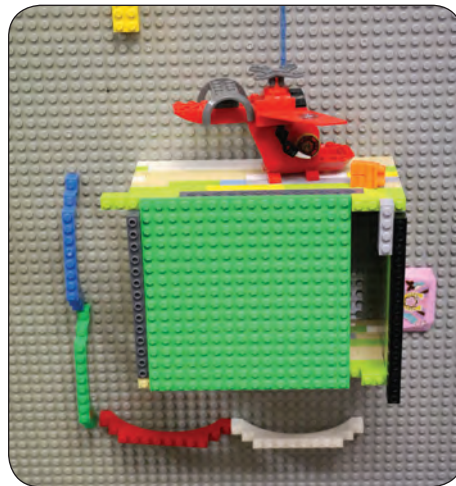
# Winnipeg Beach School creating young engineers

By Patricia Barrett

Winnipeg Beach School is creating the engineers of tomorrow through its Lego Club, which allows students to put their conceptual, design and spatial skills to work as well as practise team-building skills.

Once a week during second recess, groups of kindergarten to Grade 4 students have the opportunity to build anything they want, including big projects such as an entire town, a helicopter landing pad or a house.

"This year the parent council donated money to create a Lego wall for the kids to build," said vice-principal Alison Lubinski, who runs the program with Grade 7/8 teacher Jessica Svienson. "Kim Schau from Gimli donated about eight Lego kits to the school. The students can build standing up at the Lego wall or they can build on the boards (on the counter)."



Helicopter landing pad.

Lubinski said Lego Club has been "a real hit" with students, and it involves a lot of teamwork. Students learn from what other groups have built and are allowed to modify those creations or add other elements onto them.



Students are working on building a town.

"It's always evolving. Everyone can make it grow," she said. "Maybe has different ideas to see how they they're our future planners."



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Winnipeg Beach School vice-principal and resource teacher Alison Lubinski with Lego Club engineers (from left) Talon, Athena, Lane, Charley and Logan.

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# Commercial fishers denied resolution to alleged \$1-million fish heist



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Minister Rochelle Squires

By Patricia Barrett

As the first anniversary of the provincial Conservatives' open market fishery approaches, commercial fishers may never find out what action — if any — the provincial department of Sustainable Development took after they lost about \$1 million over the course of last December in an alleged fish heist.

Northern Walleye's Donald Salkeld, who was granted a fish dealer licence from the department, had thousands of pounds of fish shipped to America from the Ashern, Eddystone, Waterhen and Dawson Bay fish sheds. The fishers and a trucking company Salkeld hired claim they were not paid.

Salkeld had the fish sent to at least three American fish processors: Mike Schafer of Schafer Fisheries in Illinois, Stoller Fisheries in Iowa and Dan's Fish in Wisconsin. A fisher from the Eddystone shed told the *Express* in February that fish was transported in dirty fertilizer containers that had "brown sloppy liquid in the bottom," possibly contaminating the fish and putting consumers at risk.

When contacted a few weeks ago about the status of its investigation into the matter, Sustainable Development told the *Express* it's over and

"appropriate enforcement action has been taken." It wouldn't, however, provide any details.

"As this relates to an RCMP investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment on specific investigations and investigative methods, please contact the RCMP for further information," said a spokesperson by email.

The RCMP Winnipegosis detachment told the *Express* in March that it wrapped up its investigation into Salkeld and that the province was handling the case. The detachment confirmed last week that it had advised Skownan First Nation (which runs the Waterhen fish shed) that the case would have to be pursued through civil litigation and "since that time, we've not had any new requests ... from the province."

By way of a Freedom of Information request granted in August, it was discovered that Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires was aware on March 11 that the RCMP was no longer involved. And she had told the *Express* in January her own department was investigating.

The *Express* sent a follow-up email last week, asking why the department said it's an RCMP investigation. The same departmental spokesperson said: "Our previous statement was intended only to confirm that if any other investigation was underway it would be handled by the RCMP, and you should seek information from them."

It's unclear whether the department itself carried out the alleged enforcement and who was punished. That lack of accountability does not sit well with Lake Manitoba fisher Frank Kenyon.

"They won't tell you because they don't want to tell you the truth. When somebody doesn't want to tell you, it's because the truth will hurt them," said Kenyon, who's fished for over 50 years and helped run the WMM Co-op. "The Conservatives won't tell the fishermen what happened or try to get our money back or seize anything or do anything because it's very bad for them."

Kenyon said the department's own regulation states fishers are to be paid within a week of delivering their fish and that records are to be kept, but "none of that was done."

"And they let [Salkeld and Schafer] keep on having a licence. You have to remember

the fishermen didn't get paid the \$1.1 million, but there's another million in packing fees that the sheds never got paid. The people who hauled the fish never got paid," he said. "That fish left Manitoba and Manitoba lost \$3-4 million in resources. It was never reported and it went over the border. Fishermen didn't get EI; CEDF loans weren't paid off. Fishing communities are going broke, sheds are going broke because of this."

Kenyon said while he's grateful to the Conservatives for opening the market to competition — only because it forced the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation to raise its prices — they failed to protect fishers by requiring dealers to be bonded and didn't enforce the law.

"We're very disappointed that they betrayed us in the open market and didn't charge the buyers who didn't pay the fishermen," he said. "Here you've got buyers the province licensed, rotting semi loads of fish, not paying for fish, moving fish without a permit and they do nothing. Not even an explanation."

The fishers who dealt with Salkeld and Schafer — who put out a joint press release in December 2016 stating they were partners and were going to build a fish plant in Gimli — supported the Conservatives in the last election, said Kenyon, and the party has "some responsibility" towards them.

"You [Conservative MLAs] should have got off your ass and did something. We met with you, we begged you, we told you before you made all the [regulatory] changes then after again," said Kenyon. "So what is so special about Mike Schafer and Don Salkeld that they're above the law?"

Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires even met with fishers in Gimli and Eriksdale to ask how she could protect their industry and strengthen the regulation. Fishers told her to enforce the law and require future dealers to be bonded.

"And what does she do? She comes out with no bonding, no nothing," said Kenyon. "The biggest disgrace is the records from the lakes — Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis — are terribly incorrect because none of that fish was reported."

Months after the alleged heist, the American fish processors changed course. Kenyon said they told fishers they could have their fish back if they drove down to the States to get it.

In an April letter to Sustainable Development and Skownan's lawyer, Stoller said he'd lift his lien on the fish he received if his company was given an indemnity agreement. If no one

picked up the fish by June 1, he'd be forced to shut down his freezers.

Kenyon said the fishers didn't fall for what they considered to be another scam. They won't take back fish that may be contaminated and that the Americans themselves can't sell because word got out that it may be tainted, not to mention "stolen." Even if the fish isn't contaminated, how would the sheds determine whose fish is whose, let alone sell year-old fish?

Kenyon said Mike Schafer phoned him a few weeks ago, admitting "nobody will buy the fish" and that's why he can't pay the fishers. Schafer also asked him "to get the fishermen together" because he wants to buy their fish at a "very good price."

"So I says, no problem, Mike. You can get the fish if you put two months' advance in a trust fund," said Kenyon. "'Oh no,' he says. 'You have to ship me the fish and then I'll process it and sell it to my wholesalers and then I can pay you.'"

NDP environment critic Rob Altemeyer said he doubts Sustainable Development did anything about Salkeld and Northern Walleye despite all the talk about protecting the fishery.

"Was it a private scolding from the minister that it was a bad thing to steal \$1 million from [primarily] Indigenous people?" said Altemeyer, who failed during question period Nov. 22 to get both Squires and Premier Brian Pallister to tell the legislature how they dealt with the fiasco.

"All of the fish dealer licences expire on Nov. 30 of each year, so I invited the premier to declare that Northern Walleye's fish dealer licence would be suspended and [the company] would not have their licence renewed as of that date."

The premier declined.

Industry analyst and Lake Winnipeg commercial fisher Bill Buckels said it's in the public's best interest to learn the outcome of the department's alleged investigation.

"I'm disappointed at the lack of transparency in the matter. If they're not transparent, we can't verify accountability," said Buckels. "People have a right to know what the outcome of the investigation is."

And he said it would only be fair to Salkeld, who's been the focus of much public attention, to have his name cleared if he's innocent.

"If Donald's not responsible, then the department should say he's done nothing wrong. They owe them that. He's got a right to know if he's been found innocent," said Buckels. "If he's guilty, say so."



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# The coffee shop can kill your community

By Patricia Barrett

If you want to kill your community, take a can't-do attitude to your local coffee shop and help take down new business owners with progressive ideas. Attitude can either kill or breathe life into a community, according to Doug Griffiths, who's affectionately called a "community therapist" by municipal clients he's worked with across North America.

Griffiths, a former Alberta MLA and current university teacher, is the best-selling author of *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*. He was guest speaker at the Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce's gala dinner Nov. 17 in Arborg that attracted over 180 people, including mayors and reeves.

Griffiths delivered a superbly entertaining, humorous 90-minute presentation about the small-town psyche, revealing 13 things municipal leaders, business people and citizens do to ensure their communities remain stagnant and prevent success from encroaching on their way of life.

As CEO of his consulting firm 13ways Inc., Griffiths visits communities across Canada and the United States, taking the pulse of small-town folk, listening to their concerns about development that isn't — or that could be — occurring and pushing them to find what out what makes them unique.

"Every single community has something that makes it unique. That's a competitive advantage. What makes

you unique is your strength," he said.

After presentations, he said he's usually asked by municipalities to help them understand their challenges and why they're not succeeding.

"I don't have a set format," he said. "I tailor everything for the community to help pull them up out of their doldrums."

Griffiths had the audience laughing at archetypal killers that go by the name of NIMBY (not in my backyard), NOPE (not on planet earth), CAVE (citizens against virtually everything) and FEARS (fire up everyone against reasonable solutions), all of whom "Live in the Past," which comes in at No. 8 on his kill list.

"Don't Attract Businesses (especially those that compete with yours)" comes in at No. 2. Griffiths told a tale of two similarly sized towns. The owner of the only grocery store in one town told him he was struggling to make ends meet. The owner of a grocery store in a town with two stores told him he was "doing pretty good."

"That didn't make sense to me. Then it struck me what it was: competition. Competition gives us price, quality and better selection and service," said Griffiths. "People go down the road to the community with the two grocery stores."

"Shop in Other Communities," slotted in at No. 5, riffs on that theme. Consumers are urged to shop locally, yet they make a point of shopping out of town. And that's down to the local

coffee shop.

"This is what happens. You open a business, you pour all your equity into starting the business. You're really excited because you're going to grow the business, employ people and grow the community's economy," he said.

"And then in the coffee shop — the most evil place on earth where nothing positive is ever said and very little truth is ever spread — they start to talk and say things like, 'I can't believe they'd invest all their equity in something like that. That business can't be supported by our economy. What a stupid idea. No, I'm not going to shop there.' And the business goes broke."

On the "Don't Cooperate" front, No. 7 on the list, Griffiths gave a real-life example of a town that wanted to build a new community hall, but three competing fundraising groups held up the process for years because "each one wanted to build their own hall, they wanted their name on it and they didn't like each other."

The groups competed for the same community volunteers, the same donation dollars, the same provincial grants and held fundraising suppers on the same night. "They competed for 10 years and you know what happened? Nothing," he said. When they agreed to co-operate, it took one year to get the hall built.

Griffiths said it's not up to federal-provincial-municipal partnerships to save a community; he puts the onus



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT  
Doug Griffiths spoke at the Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce's gala dinner about 13 ways to sabotage a community.

squarely on the shoulders of everyone living there. "Don't be angry; realize you're doing it and stop it," he said.

Griffiths' 13 tenets of killing a community are: (1) Ignore water quality and quantity (2) Don't attract businesses — especially ones that compete with yours (3) Don't engage youth (4) Deceive yourself with slogans that say your community is the best one to live and work in (5) Shop in other communities (6) Don't beautify your community (7) Don't co-operate especially when you want to fundraise for a new building (8) Live in the past (9) Shut out your seniors (10) Reject everything new (11) Don't welcome outsiders (12) Grow complacent (13) Don't take responsibility. Visit [www.13ways.ca](http://www.13ways.ca) for more information.

## Province announces contracts for outlet channels project

Submitted

Two engineering firms have been awarded the contracts for engineering design and construction oversight for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels project, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced Friday.

"The Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels project is vital to protect Manitobans who have sacrificed so much because of flooding," said Schuler. "Better water control means better protection against flooding for these Manitobans, and the sooner this work begins, the better."

Hatch Ltd. was awarded the Lake Manitoba engineering design and construction oversight contract. The Lake Manitoba channel includes the flood protection channel, water control structure and preliminary design of two bridges. TREK Geotechnical Inc., Stantec Consulting Ltd. and Dillon Consulting Ltd. will assist.

KGS Group was awarded the Lake St. Martin engineering design and construction oversight contract. The Lake St. Martin channel includes the flood protection channel and water control structure. WSP Global Inc. and North/South Consultants Inc. will assist.

The provincial government recognizes the vital importance and urgency of this project, given previous flood events around Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin. Severe flooding in 2011 and 2014 resulted in extensive damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure in the province, as well as emergency evacuations in the communities around Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin. The flooding resulted in

thousands of evacuations, damage to homes and properties, significant economic disruption, and billions of dollars

in costs for response and recovery.

The overall cost of the project is \$540 million, the minister noted.

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## Province announces transitional framework for horse-racing industry

### Submitted

After analyzing the recommendations outlined in the final report from an external review of Manitoba's horse racing industry, the Manitoba government has brought forward a three-year transitional plan to enhance the sustainability of the horse racing industry, Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler announced Friday.

"The breeding, training and racing of horses in Manitoba is a significant economic activity that supports agricultural linkages and attracts visitors to our province," said Eichler. "Our government is taking important steps to ensure the horse racing industry remains stable and secure now and in the future."

In 2014, the previous government and the Manitoba Jockey Club (MJC) reached a court ordered settlement, which ensured the province provide MJC with annual supplemental grants for a 10-year duration:

- \$5.4 million for years one to four;
- \$5.25 million for years five and

six;

- \$5 million for years seven and eight;
- \$4 million for year nine; and
- \$3 million for year 10.

The Manitoba government will collapse the remaining five-year framework into a three-year transitional structure for the Manitoba Jockey Club. The Manitoba Jockey Club, the Manitoba Horse Racing Commission and the Manitoba Great Western Harness Racing Circuit will have their funding maintained at current levels for the next three racing seasons to provide adequate time to develop a long term strategy.

"This new transitional structure will provide important continued stability for horse racing in Manitoba," said Darren Dunn, CEO, Assiniboia Downs. "We believe the strategy announced today validates the significant contributions, as outlined in the recently released report that the horse race industry makes in the province

through jobs, tax creation, tourism and agricultural impacts."

"As standardbred horse people, we are appreciative of both public and government support for the horse racing industry" said Mike Williams, president, Manitoba Great Western Harness Racing Circuit. "In partnership with the Manitoba government, we will look at this transition period as an opportunity to continue searching for viable options for a completely sustainable standardbred industry in the future."

The Manitoba government will work in collaboration with stakeholders on future actions related to the sustainability of the horse-racing industry. The minister thanked all of those who contributed feedback and insight into the review in addition to the consultants for their work.

The final report can be viewed at [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/surveys-and-consultations/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/surveys-and-consultations/index.html).

## Olanzapine approved for paramedics to treat methamphetamine users

### Antipsychotic medication will reduce risk of psychosis for users

#### Submitted

A new drug protocol will allow paramedics to administer Olanzapine to agitated people who have used methamphetamine and are at risk of suffering psychosis, Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced on Monday.

"Paramedics have seen first-hand how a person's behaviour can quickly change when they're using meth," said Friesen. "By granting paramedics the ability to administer Olanzapine,

we are giving them another tool to protect their patients, themselves and others."

The new drug protocol, approved by the provincial Emergency Medical Services and Patient Transport Medical Advisory Committee, will come into effect in early December. Olanzapine, an antipsychotic medication, is already used in a variety of clinical settings. The drug helps lessen or prevent the severity of symptoms, such as agitation, for meth users.

"Paramedics are often first on scene," said Helen Clark, chief operating officer of emergency response services and chief allied health for Shared Health. "Giving them the option to use Olanzapine allows paramedics to help reduce the patient's agitation, their risk of psychosis, and the risk of harming themselves or others."

Manitoba is the first jurisdiction in Canada to sanction the use of Olanzapine by paramedics, who provide oral disintegrating tablets to consenting patients following consultation with a supervisor. This practice is currently used in Australia.

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## From fishing to friendships

By Arnie Weidl

Hi folks.

It was pleasant driving along the winding #320 snow-covered gravel road beside the Red River early last week.

Almost at the end of the road, I saw two men standing beside their trucks talking, one in a very animated way.

I pulled over, lowering my window, and was about to ask if they had come off the ice with any fish when I noticed the crests on their jackets said Absolutely Canadian Outfitting.

"We caught a few jacks but threw them back," responded a tall, thin guy with long, curly blond hair.

Sensing they wanted to talk, I pulled off the road, got out and walked up to them offering my card.

We shook hands as the tall chap said, "I'm Gord Cybulski and this is my business partner Terry Belhumeur from Gunton. We guide fall duck and goose hunters on Terry's property by Oak Hammock and ice fishers around southern Manitoba in the winter."

"I've been guiding for years," said Terry, a quiet, very fit man with a warm, soft voice.

"Yeah, I met him about 10 years ago. We clicked and have been working buddies ever since," Gord chimed in.

We stood in the middle of the road, alone, surrounded by the quiet overcast outdoors. Though we talked of fishing, what got me was their true friendship.

True friendship appeared to be just as important to a married couple my grandson Keenen Park and I watched walking back to shore on the west side of Lake Winnipeg a few days later.

We were sitting in Old Red, looking

east across the sleek glare ice at the many portable ice shacks spotted far out when we noticed two tiny black dots on the horizon.

With binoculars, I made out a man and woman walking in, pulling a fishing gear sleigh.

"Let's wait for them and see what they caught" Keenen urged.

"OK," I agreed, settling back in my seat.

Old Red's engine idled, giving warmth as we waited, watching the wind send snow skipping across the ice. In time, the dark dots became people whose legs could be seen moving rhythmically.

As they made shore, we left the truck and I called out, "How was the fishing?"

"Not a darn thing," the guy exclaimed.

"I think I know you," I responded.

"Yeah, we're Darcy and Joanne Geirnaert from Winnipeg Beach," he replied.

Bundled up in snowmobile suits with hair escaping from the sides of their toques, they had a young strength that seemed to serve them well during their long trek back to shore.

"We were out a half-mile with 10 inches of ice, only six feet of water and not a fish to be caught after three hours," Darcy proclaimed. Joanne silently gave her husband an understanding caring smile.

"Well, that's part of the game, I guess," I reflected, trying to make them feel better.

I didn't have the heart to let him know I had been to Balsam Bay earlier and met a couple who, along with others, had caught a lot of fish.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL

Curtis Schneider, left and Amanda Fadun with one of their "snowy pickerel" catches off Balsam Bay last week.

I had spotted myself by the Balsam harbour road, which allowed me to see at least 20 ice shacks spread out on the ice pack. That's when I saw a young couple coming into shore, troubled in a funny predicament. The forceful northern wind at their backs was pushing their sleigh amidst their legs like a playful puppy making walking precarious.

However, their plight ended as they rounded the bend of the rock berm into the dock bay, which broke the wind. They picked their way to the unstable shore ice. The guy burdened with the tent pack on his shoulders and the girl pulling the sleigh with all their fishing gear carefully wobbled to the safety of solid land. I drove up to their car as they began loading their gear, got out and introduced myself.

They were in high spirits having enjoyed a good catch. But more than

that, there was a charm around this couple who were so obviously taken with each other as they threw tender glances back and forth while we talked.

When I asked if they had a fishing story for us the young man said, "I'm Curtis Schneider and my girlfriend is Amanda Fadun. I have a little story for you. My folks have a cottage at Granite Lake where I went summer fishing for the first time as a boy with an older neighbour," he said.

"I got what I thought was a snag, so the neighbour took my rod and hauled up hard only to see a giant jack leap from the water far in the distance. The neighbour promptly handed the rod back to me, saying, 'Good luck, kid' and walked away!"

Curtis never said whether he landed that jack!

Till next week. Bye now.

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"With rising concern around methamphetamine use and its associated psychosis and aggression, we are facing a time where critical action is required," said Dr. Ginette Poulin, medical director of the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM). "This enhanced protocol will be an important contribution to responding to the devastating effects of methamphetamine use and empower first responders safely support patients in

distress."

The decision to expand the use of Olanzapine was welcomed by the Paramedic Association of Manitoba, which represents all licensed pre-hospital practitioners in the province.

"We are pleased to see that paramedics across the province will be able to administer Olanzapine in cases of known or suspected methamphetamine use," said Brent Bekiaris, chair of the Paramedic Association of

Manitoba. "These patients can quickly develop paranoia and exhibit violent behaviour even while being assessed, so additional treatment options are needed."

The use of Olanzapine is the latest in a growing number of initiatives announced by the Manitoba government to help combat rising levels of drug use. This includes the opening of five Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine clinics throughout the province, which have seen nearly 400 people since the first location opened at the

end of August.

Additional mental health beds and women's treatment beds have been opened at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg and the AFM centre in downtown Winnipeg, respectively. The government has also issued a request for proposals (RFP) from Manitoba-based residential treatment centres to treat people with co-existing mental health and addictions problems who would otherwise be sent out of province for care.



# Gimli to launch pond hockey tournament on Lake Winnipeg

## Gimli pond hockey tournament scheduled for Feb. 2 and 3

By Patricia Barrett

After a demo event at last year's Gimli Ice Festival, a pond hockey tournament on Lake Winnipeg proved to be so popular that the event's organizing committee is getting set to launch its first public tournament in early February.

The Gimli Falcons 4 on 4 Pond Hockey Committee is encouraging people to put together teams and start registering for the event.

The initial event — which included a game between the RCMP and the local fire department — was held to help raise funds for a new outdoor multi-sport complex at Gimli High School where the tennis courts are currently located. The committee wants to continue its fundraising efforts for that project.

"Once it starts rolling, pond hockey is huge," said Kim Malchuk, who sits on the committee and is a school trustee with the Evergreen School Division. "It's big in Europe and the States and for people who are part of a lake community."

Minnedosa in western Manitoba, for instance, will be hosting its 13th annual tournament. Malchuk said she thinks the town has raised about \$150,000 for local causes.

The committee will be offering adult men's games, co-ed and youth aged 15-17, and is hoping to attract players from the city and from across the province. It plans to build three or four sheets of ice, install a warm-up hut with hay bales and serve hot drinks during the games. One of the committee's members even got his hands on a mini Zamboni (a small tractor with a water tote) to groom the ice.

"When we did the demo tournament at the Ice Festival, we learned what works and what doesn't," said Malchuk. "This is the lake and it cracks

so we want to ensure that everyone is safe on that ice. We'll shave it right down and constantly water it so there are no cracks."

The committee is currently waiting for approval from the Gimli Harbour Authority to build the rinks in the protected harbour area.

In addition to raising funds for the multi-sport complex, Malchuk said the committee would like to see some of the funds go to local athletic groups such as the skiing, curling and minor hockey clubs and perhaps the cadets and band programs.

"We want to keep the money in the community to help these organizations, who quite frankly are struggling every year with fundraising," she said. "And as a parent, like many parents whose child is involved in a lot of things, it's very financially stressful, especially around this time of the year."

The tournament will help attract more out-of-town visitors to Gimli during the off season, said Malchuk, and help generate revenue for local businesses.

"I know the tournament is only on one weekend, and it'll be small to start off with, but as it grows we could see this being a good thing for the town," she said. "We want to help increase tourism to Gimli at different times of the year. Over those two days, people might rent a room, eat here, shop here and fill up with gas. It will give a boost to the local economy."

The committee is hoping local businesses will contribute a small item to a swag bag each participant will receive.

The Gimli Falcons 4 on 4 Pond Hockey is scheduled for Feb. 2 and 3. Visit its Facebook page to register or call Kim at 204-642-7031 or email falcons4on4@gmail.com.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Kim Malchuk is co-ordinating a pond hockey tournament in February in Gimli on Lake Winnipeg.



The Pond Hockey Committee is raising money to create a multi-sport complex on the tennis court site at Gimli High School.

# Lakeside Lions to hold annual Cookie Walk

Submitted by Ed Winiarz

The Lakeside Lions Club of Winnipeg Beach Dunnottar carries on and following the motto "We Serve" as part of Lions Clubs International. L. C. The club has over 1.7 million members in 190 countries around the world.

The Lakeside Lions Club received its charter as the first Co-ed Lions Club in Canada Oct. 30, 1987, starting with

18 founding members, one of which remains a member today.

We serve our Eastern Interlake communities in many ways by way raising funds at various events.

The main event is the 16th annual "Cookie Walk" being held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winnipeg Beach Legion hall.

The Cookie Walk will have a huge

variety of Christmas cookies and baking along with a silent auction, loonie toonie table and a hot lunch for purchase.

With funds raised to date, the Lions have donated to breakfast programs, playground equipment, youth soccer shirts and equipment along with other youth sports.

The group also contributes towards

medical needs including hearing aides, eye glasses, custom wheelchairs, insulin pumps, blanket warmer and blankets for Betel Home.

Everyone is welcome to support the Cookie Walk.

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# Manitoba government continues on road to recovery

## Submitted

The Manitoba government remains committed to the important work of fixing the province's finances, repairing services and rebuilding the economy. This message was delivered by Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon as she outlined the government's ambitious plan in the throne speech marking the commencement of the fourth session of the 41st sitting of the legislative assembly.

"We have embarked on an ambitious plan to make Manitoba the most improved province in Canada," said Premier Brian Pallister. "Though we have made good progress over the past two years, much work remains to be done. We will continue to confront our challenges and face them together, united by the unshakable belief that better days are ahead — that a brighter, more prosperous future awaits our beautiful province."

The premier noted the province continues to make progress toward returning to balanced budgets, while also providing tax relief for Manitoba families and small businesses. The province is committed to making communities safer, protecting vulnerable Manitobans, and continuing to improve health care, education and social services, he said.

The speech from the throne highlighted key government priorities:

- bringing forward a new Referendum Act to restore the rights of Manitobans to vote on major tax increases, and provide a framework for calling and conducting a referendum;
- implementing a plan to reduce wait times for procedures such as joint replacement, cataracts and diagnostic imaging;
- developing Manitoba's first ever provincial Clinical and Preventive Services Plan;
- implementing a comprehensive plan to address the Virgo report's key recommendations and guide improvements to mental health and addictions services across government;
- enhancing supports for victims of domestic violence with two new pilot programs and introducing legislation to pilot a first-in-Canada family resolution service;
- releasing an action plan for economic growth, informed by the review conducted by Dave Angus and Barb Gamey, in the coming weeks;
- establishing a lead entity to support economic growth and development in the north;
- delivering a renewed Travel Manitoba tourism strategy;

- supporting seniors by constructing 1,200 additional personal care home beds by 2025;

- helping keep children and families together and bringing forward legislative changes to The Child and Family Services Act and The Child and Family Services Authorities Act;

- improving accountability for results in the justice system and beginning in 2019, reporting annually on key measures such as recidivism rates, time to disposition of offences and custody counts;

- introducing an Immediate Roadside Prohibition Program to allow police to address lower-level alcohol-related cases more quickly using administrative penalties;

- bringing forward legislative amendments to allow the safe testing of autonomous vehicles on provincial roads;

- modernizing the Consumer Protection Office to improve client service;

- suspending further expansion of gaming pending a review of the province's gaming strategy;

- launching the Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education and conducting the first in-depth review of Manitoba's child education system in decades;

- preparing for Manitoba's upcoming sesquicentennial and launching one of the first Manitoba 150 projects in partnership with the Hudson's Bay Company History Foundation;

- making new investments in capital modernization and training to assist the agri-food sector in capitalizing on global market opportunities in protein extraction;

- enhancing resiliency of the province's natural infrastructure to climate-change challenges such as flooding, storms and wildfires;

- bringing forward regulations to better plan the use of water resources and enhance drainage, conserve wetlands and store water within local watershed districts;

- advancing construction of the Lake Manitoba Outlet without delay; and

- implementing a new governance and funding framework for the continued success of Brandon's Keystone Centre.

"Manitoba's road to recovery is a long one, requiring both courage and care," said Pallister. "We will continue the work we've begun. We remain committed to improving Manitoba and the lives of all Manitobans."

To read the speech from the throne visit <http://gov.mb.ca/thronespeech>.



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# Local artist pays tribute to Humboldt Broncos

By Ligia Braidotti

Art is a powerful tool to eternalize an image and pay homage to people, places, and things that have meaning to the artist.

The tragedy that killed 16 of the Humboldt Broncos in April affected everyone in different ways. This sad incident moved people from all over Canada to pay their tributes to the Saskatchewan hockey team, and Warren airbrush artist Dale Lawrence from Uncle D's Airbrushing and Design also joined the initiative and donated his services.

Lawrence explained a friend who works for the RCMP, Cpl. Jason St. Pierre, contacted him a while ago and wanted a tribute to the Broncos on the tank of his motorcycle. After going back and forth with some ideas, Lawrence executed his art and painted a player with wings and a horse crying as well as praying hands with a jersey and a pair of skates and the memorial site.

"All sides have something different," he said.

Lawrence also had the support from Frank Sofanovs from Sofanovs Restoration in Woodlands. He donated the

clear coat, and then the artist shipped it back to his friend who is going to take the motorcycle to games and events.

Lawrence, who originally aspired to be a comic book artist, has been doing airbrushing on vehicles that come from all across Canada and Manitoba since 1996.

"Art was always something that interested me, and I saw airbrush art, and I really liked the way that it looked," he said, adding airbrushing allows him to work in all kinds of surfaces. "When you do oil painting or acrylics, it's usually just on canvas. The thing I like about airbrushing is that you can put it on anything."

Lawrence said when he was working on the Broncos tribute, he tried to paint everything thinking about the team's motto "Humboldt Strong" and to do it with a sense of hope and faith and moving on with strength.

"I was heartbroken to hear about all those kids, just out for a hockey game to have a good time and for it to end like that and so many lives lost in what could've been a preventable thing," he said. "It was heartbreaking. I didn't want to make anyone sad. I



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Dale Lawrence uses art to pay homage to people, places and events. Lawrence recently painted a motorcycle in honour of the Humboldt Broncos bus accident.

wanted it to focus on the team."

Lawrence had done other tributes in Manitoba. He painted a mural at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 in Stonewall in remembrance of those who fought in any war and a wall for a friend who is an air traffic controller and likes Second World War airplanes.

"I like helping out and donating my services to legions and the armed forces, RCMP and firefighters and I like donating my time to churches

too," he explained, adding he does a lot of painting on motorcycles for veterans.

"It was great to put a mural at the legion (in Stonewall). I like doing (Second World War) and Remembrance Day kind of mural. I've always had a love for history, and I think it's important not to forget where our freedom comes from."

To learn more about Lawrence's work, go to <https://www.uncledsairbrushing.com>.

## Festive season kicks off this weekend in Gimli

By Roger Newman

Gimli is gearing up for a busy pre-Christmas weekend.

A variety of activities will kick off the festive season at a number of venues around town taking part in the RM of Gimli's "Re-Discover Christmas."

Brittany Isfeld is co-ordinating the event while others are being run independently by community organizations.

Stories with Santa at the Gimli Regional Library and a Christmas market at the New Iceland Heritage Museum begin at 11 a.m.

The first-ever Christmas Craft and Trade Fair at Gimli High School runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and differs from regular trade shows in that some students have taken tables to raise money for charity and for projects like an educational trip to Europe.

The Gimli Art Club open house is also Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will kick off the club's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Other activities during the day include a kids scavenger hunt at Kris' Fish and Chips, an adult scavenger hunt with registration at the Lakeview pier lounge, Selfies with Santa, face painting and carolling at Kaffe Haus, a 5:30 p.m. parade and lighting of the community Christmas tree at 6:30 p.m. at the bandstand.

Festivities Saturday will conclude with an ugly sweater party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Viking Inn, and there will be sleigh rides on the street on both Saturday and Sunday.

Isfeld, meanwhile, has extended the deadline for entries in the "Light Up Gimli" residential decorating contest to Friday, Dec. 1. First prize of \$1,000 Gimli Gold shopping dollars will be presented Dec. 18.

Householders in the running so far are Sandra Kurzydio, Karen Bitner, Judy Dudar, Michelle Bucklaschuk, Gord Gowie and Glen Stevens. There will also be a plaque and bragging rights for the best lit neighbourhood.

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# Chair elected to spearhead Gimli Age Friendly program



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Gimli Age Friendly Committee members working for a better community include, left to right, Jennifer Campbell-Moore, Brittany Isfeld, chair Valeria Swanson, Coun. Thora Palson and Karen Bowman.

By Roger Newman

Valerie Swanson has been re-elected as chair to lead Gimli's Age Friendly Advisory Committee in implementing its 2019 program.

Swanson was chosen at the recent annual meeting of a committee dedicated to improving the quality of life for Gimli citizens of all ages. Since the early 2000s, it has carried out its mandate by providing advice to the RM of Gimli council and undertaking a variety of community projects.

Gimli Coun. Thora Palson, the guest speaker at the meeting, said the committee has met all milestones set by the provincial government, which launched the Age Friendly move-

ment. Citing accomplishments to date, she said the committee has presented awards to Gimli businesses, hosted two luncheons for community volunteers, published a community

directory and successfully supported construction of a Manitoba Housing seniors complex scheduled for the New Horizons Centre parking lot.

Projects on the drawing board for 2019 include an updated community directory, another volunteer recognition event and efforts to help people with disabilities.

"Our goal is to make Gimli a better place for all residents so they will have the resources to stay connected to the community," said Palson, who added that this will partly be accomplished by networking with other local organizations.

Swanson will lead a newly elected executive that includes vice-chair Brittany Isfeld, secretary Karen Bowman and Palson as treasurer. Isfeld is Gimli's economic development assistant and Bowman is Evergreen Basic Needs finance manager. Other commit-

tee members include director Jennifer Campbell-Moore and Marlene Whitby of the Interlake Women's Resource Centre; Brenna Philp, Gimli Rec Centre programmer; Isabel Peterson of the New Horizons 55-Plus Centre; Jan Keryluk of the Interlake-Eastman Regional Health Authority; and freelance journalist Roger Newman.

Swanson, director of the Gimli Senior Resource Council, said she would like to hear from others interested in joining Gimli Age Friendly in its efforts to improve the community. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Basic Needs.

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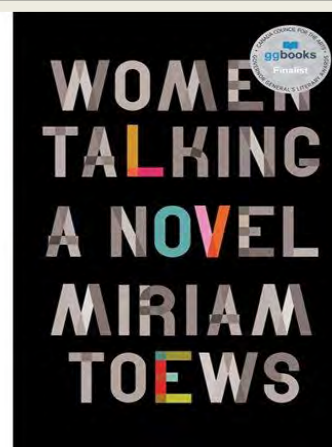
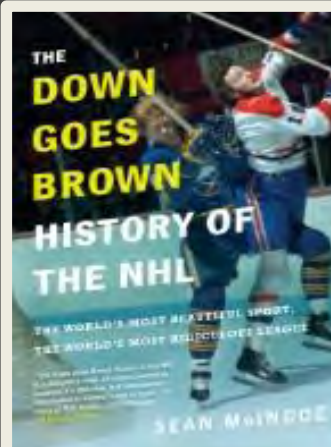
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## African Swine Fever spread remains top of mind

By Harry Siemens

The spread of African Swine Fever remains high on the North American radar.

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, said that while the impact on the market is somewhat subdued right now, the issue remains the largest source of uncertainty as producers monitor the spread of the illness in China and Europe.

"I think that, regarding the deferred months, the spring and summer prices for 2019 are probably being supported by the idea that in

the longer term we expect more information and the implications might be positive for North American producers," Fulton said. "But there's still a great deal of uncertainty.

"The latest news suggests that the spread of the disease is far greater than what the Chinese officials are reporting," he added.

The official outbreak count is at 50, but news broke recently of infected sausage found in travellers' luggage or on travelling routes to both Japan and Taiwan, which "suggests that the disease is already well into the production

systems and spread possibly further," Fulton said.

Given the uncertainty in China, there is potential for significant improvements on forward prices.

"I suggest pricing in incremental targets, possibly in the neighbourhood of an additional 10 to 20 per cent of production, \$10 per CKG improvement in price," Fulton said.

Swine fever concerns aside, the successful conclusion of the United States-Mexico-Canada trade negotiations and Canada's ratification of the CPTPP is good news for Canadian pork producers.

"We seem to have reached the tipping point a little bit concerning positive trade news, in particular with the signing of the USMCA agreement. That still hasn't factored into markets yet," Fulton noted. "The hope is that we will get a resolution to the steel and aluminum tariffs which would see the Mexicans lift their tariff on U.S. pork, which has [made] a material difference to market prices in the last five months or so."

Fulton adds he thinks things are still a long ways off from getting any trade resolution with China. It seems as though there's a pretty big gap, even though it's encouraging the U.S. and Chinese governments continue to talk.

The signing of the CPTPP agreement, meanwhile, bodes very well for Canadian producers, in particular into Japan.

"That will cement a matching of the advantage that the EU producers had signed in a bilateral agreement with Japan and will be a significant advantage over U.S. producers regarding their percentage of an applied tariff," Fulton said.

If nothing changes, Canadian producers will have an advantage in that market, but he suspects that it may be short-lived.

With that in mind, hog commentator Jim Long said the European swine industry is in general not currently profitable.

Depending on which country, profits are on either side of just breaking even. The feed grain price has increased in Europe partially due to lower crop yields.

"We get little sense that there is much if any European expansion in the swine sector," Long said.

It amazed Long when attending the EuroTier Trade Show in Hanover, Germany recently how many swine equipment manufacturers were there. The options for buyers are numerous.

"There was a sense of back to the future with numerous equipment options for what some would call animal welfare," he said. "Farrowing, pens, numerous options for loose sow housing, straw spreading machines, lots of different toys for pig pens etc. Rules on housing, space allocation, castration, tail docking are just some of the factors that continue to drive up the European cost of production."

Long said talking to the Chinese visitors with many of the largest swine production companies he got a real sense that the effect of ASF long-term on China is undetermined.

While at EuroTier, Sichuan—the last large hog producing Chinese province (60 million head a year)—had its first ASF case. "The question is with all pig producing provinces in China confirming ASF in their pigs, how will that affect interprovincial trade extremely restricted the last few weeks," Long said. "This restriction has created market differences of over \$100 U.S. per head between provinces mostly depending on hog supply relative to packer capacity within a province."

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# Winnipeg Beach Legion honours members at awards dinner

By Roger Newman

Bless them all — the long and the short and the tall.

This sentimental phrase from a Second World War song sums up the joy last Saturday at the Winnipeg Beach Royal Canadian Legion Branch's 90th anniversary awards dinner.

There was a full house to honour the veterans and volunteers who have maintained the branch in the same building on Hamilton Avenue since the doors opened on Sept. 24, 1928. The charter members were a dozen veterans who served in the First World War that ended a decade earlier. They, of course, are long gone, but they have been succeeded by a vibrant branch membership and ladies auxiliary that totals between 150 and 200 people including 17 veterans.

"The building has remained almost the same except for an addition on the back," says Cindy Stewart, who is the branch's current membership chairperson.

It is a building that gets a great deal of use by its members.

"The recreation program includes darts, cribbage, whist and weekly floor curling," said army veteran Bob

Abar, who is a life member after having served the branch for 25 years including a four-year term as president from 2010-14.

Many members take full advantage of the branch's opportunities, which also include serious events like Remembrance Day and the annual poppy campaign to assist veterans..

"I have had a lot of fun and satisfaction from belonging to the beach legion," says another life member Adolph Sabeski.

The accent at the Saturday dinner was on recognizing beach legionnaires who make all the enjoyment and satisfaction possible. Presiding at the head table were branch president Lorraine Andrushuk, vice-president Velma Darroux and awards chair Stephen Troubridge, plus representatives from the provincial and district commands who brought greetings to the awards night before the presentations were made.

The legionnaire of the year award went to Vera Ginter, while a life membership was presented to Lorraine Andrushuk. Medals or bars were awarded to Jim Stewart, Cindy Stewart, Velma Darroux, Clint Kennedy,



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Decorated legionnaires at the awards night were, left to right, Adolph Sabeski, Clint Himmels, Jim Stewart and Norman Andrushuk.

Adolph Sabeski, Mike Woolman, Chris Mulroy and Helen Frovich.

Presentation of service pins was another major category. Recipients were John McDonald, 50 years; Helen Gouzecky, 45 years; Jim Genick, 30 years; Charmaine Wilson, 20

years; Minnie Owens, 15 years; and Alain Beauregard, Teresa Beauregard, Shawna Leflar and Beth McLean, all five years. Numerous certificates of appreciation were also handed out to thank legionnaires for their contributions to the branch.



President Lorraine Andrushuk, membership chair Cindy Stewart and vice-president Velma Darroux checked the agenda before proceedings began.



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## RCMP are warning snowmobiles to ride safely

Submitted by RCMP

Every year, RCMP officers are called to scenes where snowmobilers have been badly injured or have lost their lives. Last year, six Manitobans died in snowmobile collisions. This year, we want everyone to ride safe while

enjoying the outdoors so they make it home safely to their families.

Here are some tips to help keep snowmobilers safe this winter:

- Know your abilities and ride

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# Dunnottar briefed on STARS air ambulance

By Roger Newman

The Village of Dunnottar Council saw stars at its November public meeting last Wednesday.

Council heard a detailed presentation from Shandy Walls, a fundraiser for the STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) air ambulance, which flew 720 missions in Manitoba last year.

Walls came to Dunnottar to thank council for its support of a Winnipeg-based service, which picks up critically injured patients and rushes them to major hospitals..

"The service was started by an Edmonton doctor, who was convinced he could have saved many more patients had they arrived half an hour earlier," said Walls, who is a former RM of Springfield municipal councillor. "The idea caught on and spread from Alberta to Saskatchewan and then to Manitoba in response to a 2009 flood."

STARS representative said Dunnottar and other East Interlake communities are benefitting from air ambulance service, including flights to highway accidents in the past year. As recently as two weekends ago, both the Winnipeg Police helicopter and the STARS flew at night to the site of a RM of Gimli-area crime scene where a 20-year-old woman had been shot. Unfortunately, the young woman died from her injuries but the police were able to arrest



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ROGER NEWMAN

The STARS air ambulance representative Shandy Walls met with Dunnottar council to talk about the importance of the service.

a suspect in a nearby field with the assistance of the helicopter.

Walls said modern inventions like night goggles have made a huge difference by enabling STARS pilots to fly safely in the dark. She said the Edmonton doctor initially financed the air ambulance service by selling baseball caps, but today it is funded

50 per cent by governments and 50 per cent by the public and corporations in a program that includes two major fundraisers a year.

All this money is needed to finance the \$13-million budget and increasing amounts of equipment for four person crews composed of two pilots and two paramedics. Crew resources now include an on-board blood supply and an ultrasound machine to diagnose bleeding and possible other complications.

"We appreciate all the support and annually hold an open house where the public can meet staff at our Winnipeg Airport base," Walls told council.

## In other business:

- Given first reading to new or updated by-laws governing animal control, refuse, sewage, off-road vehicles, unsightliness, noise and enforcement. Details of the bylaws are available on the municipality's website.
- Appointed Mayor Rick Gamble as Dunnottar's representative on the Selkirk-based Red River Planning District.
- Agreed to advertise in the Interlake Artists Wave tour brochure at a cost not to exceed \$175.

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within your limits. This will allow you to always be in control of your snowmobile.

- Always check the weather conditions before you leave.
- Always ride in groups and let people know where you're going, the route you will be taking, and when you expect to return.
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and eye protection. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm and dry.

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- Ride sober. Don't drink or consume drugs before or while snowmobiling.

## Dr. R.C. Patel retires after 45 years of service to Gimli and surrounding area

This November, Gimli Community Health Centre's Dr. R.C. Patel retired after providing nearly 45 years of dedicated service to the Interlake-Eastern RHA. Dr. Patel began his practice in Gimli in 1973 and is well-known by colleagues and patients alike for his conscientious, sincere and empathetic care of his patients as well as patients of his colleagues.

He is especially well reputed for continually going above and beyond in caring for his patients. At times he would see patients seven days a week and would even accept calls from home when emergencies arose. Upon his arrival in Gimli in 1973, he undertook to continue in his primary specialty, obstetrics, having had a huge obstetrical practice in his beloved country, Uganda. He has delivered many of the community's babies, going on to offer care to those same children into their adulthood.

What many people may not know about Dr. Patel is his dedication and generosity to community and his philanthropy in so many areas. He was particularly devoted to supporting worthy causes within the Hindu community. He was known to regularly invite his staff to come to temple with him and donated significant funds to support the following causes: the Swaminarayan Temple in Toronto, Winnipeg's Raj Pandey Hindu temple and local Sportcentre, the development of an Encyclopedia on Hinduism, a heritage centre for abandoned girls in Rishikesh, the Devka University for Indigenous Women and the creation of a neonatal intensive care unit at Swami Yogi Maharaj Hospital. Within Manitoba, he also provided significant donations to establish a local walking track for seniors and donations in support of the Johnson Memorial Hospital and the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

On behalf of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, thank you Dr. Patel, for your many years of dedicated and compassionate service to the people in our region. We wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.



Interlake-Eastern  
Regional Health Authority

## More than \$12,000 raised



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Coldwell Reeve Brian Sigfusson, right, presented a \$1,264.23 gift from the municipality to Coldwell Lunder Community Foundation chairperson Brian Thomas. The donation is from rebates that the municipality received, which are designated annually to support various community initiatives. The CLCF 24-Hour Giving Challenge on Nov. 17 was very successful thanks to the many supporters that embraced the event. A total of 56 gifts were received, 15 new donors, totalling \$12,416.92 after applying the provincial government and the Winnipeg Foundation stretch dollars. The generosity of the community is overwhelming and continues to grow along with awareness of what the foundation is about and the impact it can have in a community.





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# RDFC receives boost to Aboriginal language program

By Teresa Carey

After a space of three years without an Aboriginal language program, the Riverton and District Friendship Centre (RDFC) has received federal funding to offer language classes for two years.

The Canadian Heritage grant of over \$90,000 will also support the development of teaching materials which will serve long into the future.

RDFC's goal is to preserve and revitalize the Ojibway language in the community and surrounding areas. Despite the fact that many elders speak the language, they have not passed it on to the younger generation. This program may help to remedy that.

The classes, which run on Monday and Wednesday evenings, will include the language co-ordinator and an elder whose teachings will be incorporated during classes. An early childhood teacher will be available to work with young children of the participants. The teacher will use games and activities in the Ojibway language.

The program is free of charge and is open to all ages and cultures, creating an inclusive circle. Anyone who is interested can drop in and does not have to wait for a new session to start.

"It's been come and go lately. It makes it a little bit tricky (but) I don't want to discourage anyone," said Martine Sawanas, cultural co-ordinator at RDFC who teaches the language classes. "I can always stay afterward to answer questions."

At this time, 15 people have signed up, a number similar to classes held in previous years. The youngest student is nine years old, while the eldest is over 70.

The Ojibway language has seven vowels and a syllabic alphabet with 68 main symbols that denote combined sounds and a number of small symbols that represent single sounds. There are no R or L



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY

Martine Sawanas is the cultural co-ordinator at RDFC. Fluent in Oji-Cree, she is heading up the Aboriginal language program at the Friendship Centre.

sounds in the language.

Sawanas encourages people to learn what interests them. Some students may want to learn certain words or phrases, for example.

Beginning students may learn classroom phrases, names of animals and how to count from one to 10.

Intermediate level students are more into sentences and will learn to write the syllabics and may be given homework.

"We have fun with it," she said. "Everyone's learning is different. One is hands-on. Another hits the books and is fine with it."

Sawanas is fluent in Oji-Cree, having been raised by her grandparents in a remote fly-in community in Ontario. Her grandparents, both, read and write the language and even owned a Bible that was written in syllabics.

Sawanas believes it is vitally important to keep Aboriginal languages alive.

"The language is being lost so fast — faster than we can revive it. It's important to keep it going," Sawanas said.

"I don't have anyone to speak to so being able to teach it is good for me. It brings it back," she added.

Sawanas explained that there were once 200 hundred Aboriginal languages in Canada. That number has dwindled to 74 today, with only three — Ojibwe, Cree and Inuktitut — which are surviving with any strength.

"The others are extinct," she said.

"Learning the language is important because it's a part of who we are as a people," said Sawanas. "Learning your own language is important to know. (It is about) self-identity. You should know something about yourself and the language is a part of it. It's going back to your roots," she explained.

Sawanas feels non-Aboriginal people can also find value in learning the language.

"We're such a mix (of cultures) everywhere you go. It's nice to know another language and be able to communicate," she said.

## 4-H Canada receives multi-partner investments in helping youth

By Jay Poulton, 4-H Canada

4-H Canada is proud to announce a two-year multi-partner agreement that supports the emotional and physical well-being of rural youth across Canada through the creation of the 4-H Canada Healthy Living Initiative, beginning in spring 2019.

Employing the 4-H Canada positive youth development approach, the first year of the initiative will see the creation of resources and tools that will support youth facing mental health challenges and communicate how to access resources or recognize when a peer needs support.

The second year of the initiative will focus on physical health, nutrition and well-being. This approach will help support youth, not only in navigating the challenges they face but in offering opportunities to develop their strengths and focus on wellness.

The healthy living initiative is in response to the critical needs of youth in rural communities in Canada. Young people living in rural and remote communities are at greater risk of experiencing

struggles related to their mental and physical well-being and also lack the resources and services that might be available to those in more urban areas. The goal of this initiative is to support the 25,000 4-H youth members across Canada to lead lives that balance emotional, mental and physical health and remove barriers to access.

As part of the two-year commitment, 4-H Canada will also deliver webinars and workshops and assist in the creation of resources that will be made available for the over 7,700 4-H volunteer leaders that are critical mentors and role models in adult-youth partnerships. These resources will train volunteers and offer resources that help recognize youth in distress and provide the access to support they need. Thanks to the generous support of initiating partner Farm Credit Canada along with UFA Co-operative Limited, Corteva Agriscience™ Agriculture Division of DowDuPont, and Cargill, who have agreed to put over \$150,000 collectively toward this ambitious initiative.

"The Healthy Living Initiative means offering

youth not only the tools and resources to face challenges but also opportunities to learn how to thrive," says Shannon Benner, 4-H Canada CEO. "As a positive youth development organization, 4-H Canada continually strives to understand our members and develop programming that meets their needs. We are truly grateful that so many partners have joined us in helping to create the resources that leaders can use to make a difference in the lives of youth across Canada."

"This is an investment in young people who will play a large role in shaping the future of Canadian agriculture," says Michael Hoffort, FCC President and CEO. "To help them reach their full-potential we are supporting a program that contributes to the mental and physical well-being of our next generation of farmers and agribusiness professionals."

To learn more about 4-H Canada and its commitment to positive youth development visit [4-h-canada.ca](http://4-h-canada.ca).



# Cowling-Mason receives EDAM Award of Distinction

By Jo-Anne Procter

Warren's Lana Cowling-Mason was honoured with the Economic Developer's Association of Manitoba (EDAM) Award of Distinction on Nov. 8 at an awards ceremony in La Broquerie.

Cowling-Mason who has been the general manager at Community Futures West Interlake for the past four years was recognized for her career contributions of a practitioner that has made a significant impact in community economic development and the areas that they serve.

For Cowling-Mason, those career milestones have included the development of a \$3-million recreation complex, creation of a 28-child day-care facility, initiation of a \$1.8-million industrial park and facilitating more than \$500,000 in municipal infrastructure efficiencies.

"Lana's career illustrates the potential that exists for practitioners in rural Manitoba that have a strong vision for the future of their communities," said EDAM president Marilyn Crewe. "Over the past number of years, Lana has been a 'go to' resource for many of our members as her scope of experience and demonstrated success helps

to redefine what is possible at a community level."

This year Cowling-Mason's played a role in developing the province's first certification program for economic development officers. The eight module "Community Edge" training program provides a strong foundation not only for practitioners but also for elected officials and municipal administrators to frame their program.

A humbled Cowling-Mason told the *Express* that it was an honour to be recognized for the award.

"This work only happens through the work of many amazing community volunteers, elected officials and organizations," she said. "I have been so lucky to be a part of it."

Prior to her position with Community Futures West Interlake, Cowling-Mason was the RM of Woodlands economic development officer since 1999.

The EDAM Award of Distinction is awarded annually to an individual in the field of economic development whose accomplishments have made a significant contribution in the field of economic development and demonstrates exceptional best practices such as providing leadership, mentorship and motivation to fellow community



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CARLEIGH BABIAK PHOTOGRAPHY  
EDAM president Marilyn Crewe (left) presents the 2018 Award of Distinction to Lana Cowling-Mason (middle). The Construction Association of Rural Manitoba sponsored the award, represented by executive director Karen Roe (right).

development practitioners, cultivating community economic development in Manitoba.

# The 'Rifle' helps raise funds for a Reggie Leach Museum

By Teresa Carey

Hockey fans everywhere will be excited to learn that they could win a pair of tickets to any regular Philadelphia Flyers game during the 2018/19 season, regardless of where that team is playing.

The generous offer is thanks to Riverton's own Reggie Leach, also known as "The Riverton Rifle," who came up with the idea to help fundraise for a new museum addition at the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre.

Leach is donating the tickets along with some other prizes, which are being raffled off at the same time. The second prize is an autographed Reggie Leach jersey, third prize is an autographed Shoot-To-Score jersey (in any of six styles) donated by his son Jamie, and the fourth prize is an autographed book authored by Reggie Leach himself.

The Heritage Centre fundraising committee hopes to raise \$6,000 through the raffle ticket sales. This will be the first step toward their target of \$20,000 which, once reached, will give them the footing to apply for grants. It is the first of many fundrais-

ers, said committee member Corinne Magnusson, who is also Leach's niece.

In about five years' time, Magnusson hopes work will start on an addition to the existing railway station museum. The addition will measure 30x50 feet, the same size as was a part of the original train station.

The plan is to turn the addition into a Reggie Leach Museum, something that has Leach's full support.

"I know I have a lot of stuff I could put in there," Leach said in a telephone interview. "I'm very interested in having some of my stuff in there."

Leach said such a museum is a good idea and will help make Riverton a better place. He has been hard at work doing his part by selling raffle tickets as well.

"I've sold my 10 books," he said.

Raffle tickets, which are being sold for \$20 each, can be purchased through Magnusson or from the Riverton and District Friendship Centre.

The odds of winning are pretty good as only 600 tickets have been printed.

A draw will take place in Riverton on Dec. 4 at the Riverton Hall where the local friendship centre is hosting a seniors luncheon. For Leach fans, this



EXPRESS PHOTO BY TERESA CAREY  
The Riverton Transportation and Heritage organizing committee is raising funds for an addition to be turned into the Reggie Leach Museum.

will be an exciting event, and a win-win-win from any angle, since the hockey great himself will be in town

to do the draw.

"Whether he knows it or not, he'll do the calling," Magnusson confirmed.



# sports & recreation

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## Thunder's Simard, Perrie win major league awards

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder did a lot of winning on the football field on their way to a perfect season and a league championship.

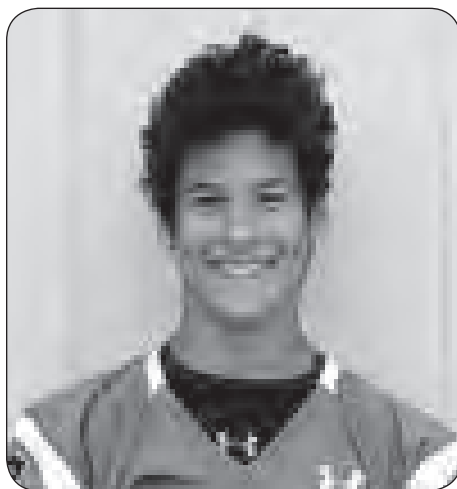
They also did a lot of winning at the recent Rural Manitoba Football League's awards banquet.

The Thunder's Gabe Simard of Fisher Branch was named the league's top offensive lineman while Graeme Perrie of Stonewall was selected as the league's Rookie of the Year.

The 6-foot, 295-pound Simard was a dominating force on the Thunder offensive line this past season while Perrie rushed for 645 yards and nine touchdowns.

Perrie also had 158 yards receiving and a TD.

Interlake's nominees for major awards were Colton Nedotiafko (most outstanding player - offence), Colton Meisner (most outstanding player - defence and Norris Aitken Memorial Award), James Crate (most outstanding player - defensive line), Tanner McCallen (most outstanding player



Graeme Perrie

- special teams) and Cordell Sumner (Parker Guy Memorial Award).

Interlake also had 13 players who will play on Team East at the all-star game in the spring: Meisner, Brandy Linklater, James Crate, Benjamin Olafson, McCallen, Eric Zotter, Nedotiafko, Graeme Perrie, Gabriel Simard, Sumner, Josh Charison, Brady deLaroque and Karsen Karish.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Thunder's Gabe Simard (63) of Fisher Branch was selected as the Rural Manitoba Football League's Top Offensive Lineman.

## Interlake whips the Wolves

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning Bantam AAA hockey team had a great time in Thompson last weekend.

Interlake swept the Norman Wolves in their two-game series, winning by scores of 8-3 on Saturday and 3-0 Sunday.

In Sunday's win, Kaydyn McMahon scored a second-period power-play goal and then Karson King and Austin Lourenco tallied in the third.

Zach Meadows made 33 saves for the shutout.

On Saturday, Interlake held period leads of 2-0 and 3-1 before scoring five third-period goals.

Peyton Bateman led the Lightning with three goals and an assist while McMahon and Alexander Kaczoroski each had two goals and a helper.

Hayden Wheddon chipped in with a goal and an assist.

Joey Lies, with a pair, and Ian Snooks replied for Norman.

Dawson Cowan made 38 saves for the win.

Interlake hosted the Hawks this past Monday but no score was available at

press time.

The Lightning will then play the Eastman Selects on Thursday (7:30 p.m.) in Arborg.

Interlake will continue its busy schedule with games against the Cougars on Saturday (8 p.m.) in Stonewall and at the Brandon Wheat Kings Sunday (3:30 p.m.)

In U17 Midget Prep action, Interlake lost 4-1 to the Monarchs last Thursday in Stonewall.

The Lightning's Andrew Henry scored the only goal in the first period with the assists going to Rhett Woods and Owen Forbes.

Joey Bielik and Hayden Forrest replied for the Monarchs in the second period and then James Hooton and Ethan Clements added third-period goals.

Interlake's Jackson Kummen made 46 saves in the game.

The Lightning will play the Monarchs on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Stonewall and then will take on the Sharks next Wednesday (8:30 p.m.) at Gateway Arena.

## Peguis knocks off Norway House twice

Staff

The Peguis Juniors made sure that the Norway House North Stars' first win of the season didn't come at their expense.

Norway House still remains winless on the season after getting swept in the two-game weekend series in Peguis.

The Juniors won games by scores of 7-1 on Saturday and 9-6 Sunday.

In Sunday's game, the two teams were tied at 4-4 after 40 minutes but Peguis outscored the visitors 5-2 in the third.

Quinton Flett and Ethan Daniels each had two goals and three assists while Tyrome Spence-Bair chipped in with a goal and four

helpers.

Sundance Paul had two goals and an assist while Dylan Bird-Wilson (goal, two assists) and Nicolas Murdock (three assists) also had three-point games.

Evan Thickfoot scored Peguis' other goal.

Dray Flett made 46 saves for the win.

In Saturday's victory, Spence-Bair and Daniels each scored twice and had four assists while Quinton Flett netted a hat trick to go with three helpers.

Flett stopped 29 Norway House shots for the win.

Peguis, now 4-4-0-1, isn't back in action until Dec. 8 when it hosts Cross Lake. The two teams will play again the next afternoon.



# Wayde Johannesson is bolstering Dauphin blueliner

By Roger Newman

Gimli's Wayde Johannesson has found a new hockey home with the Dauphin Kings in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL).

Johannesson, a 20-year-old defenceman in his final season of junior eligibility, joined the Kings this fall after riding a roller coaster that mixed elation with tragedy last season.

Johannesson's happy to be in Dauphin, but remaining etched in his brain are the dramatic events of last year. The 2017 season showed early promise when he was traded from the Waywayseecappo Wolves of the MJHL to league leading Nipawin Hawks of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL). Everything went smoothly until spring when his Hawks were battling in a playoff series with the Humboldt Broncos before 16 Humboldt players and staff were killed in a horrific bus crash on their way to a game in Nipawin.

Left in shock, the Nipawin players were given two days to visit their parents before starting the league final against Estevan Bruins. They went on to win the Saskatchewan Championship in a gruelling seven-game series with the Bruins. But still mentally and physically spent without much of a break, they lost the regional final to the Steinbach Pistons in a six-game series where Johannesson had a goal and two assists.

He says the memory of the bus accident will always be there, but he takes great satisfaction from wearing the ring he and his team earned by win-



Wayde Johannesson says winning a Saskatchewan provincial junior hockey championship ring is his biggest hockey achievement to date.

ning the Saskatchewan Championship last winter.

"That would be my biggest hockey achievement to date," said Johannesson, who developed his skills with Gimli Minor Hockey and the Interlake Lightning teams.

When last season was over, Johannesson had the luxury of considering his options as a free agent.

"I chose the Dauphin Kings because they showed the most interest in me," said the highly ranked defenceman who is closer to home and playing lots of minutes under the tutelage of veteran junior coach Doug Hedley.



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Gimli's Wayde Johannesson is enjoying his last season in the MJHL playing with the Dauphin Kings.

He thinks Dauphin can rise from its mid-pack position in the 12-team MJHL league and also hopes to be chosen to strut his stuff for university scouts at the annual Manitoba-Saskatchewan junior player showcase in the new year.

"I'd like to win a hockey scholarship to a Canadian or American university — it doesn't matter which," said Johannesson, whose Kings have already played twice in the Selkirk Steelers rink and will be back for a third time before the end of the season.

Johannesson will be back to Gimli this spring to live with his mom and

dad Keith and Amanda while working for his father's construction-landscaping business. In the summer he enjoys to talk hockey with his younger brother Troy who is rising through the minor hockey ranks. It's also likely the Dauphin D-man will teach at a Winnipeg hockey school to keep in shape for next season.

"I would like to keep playing hockey for as long as I can," said Wayde Johannesson, whose ultimate ambition is to make it to the NHL with his current favourite team the Philadelphia Flyers.

## Lightning lose pair of Midget female games

By Brian Bowman

Goal scoring continues to be a problem for the Interlake Lightning Midget female hockey team.

Interlake score just two goals in a pair of losses last weekend.

The Lightning were defeated 3-1 by the Central Plains Capitals on Friday and then beaten 5-1 by the Yellowhead Chiefs on Saturday in Stonewall.

Juliana Davis, Levi Derkatch, Joie Simone, Emmalie Thompson and Sadie Wood scored for Yellowhead.

Interlake's goal scorer was not listed on the league website at press time.

In Friday's loss, Taylor Kristjanson scored Interlake's lone goal in the second period, assisted by Brenna Barylski.

Barylski leads Interlake in goals

scored (three) and points (seven).

Maegen Inman, Paige McArthur and Mia McKee replied for Central Plains.

Anya Epp made 28 saves in the losing cause.

The Lightning has scored just 13 goals this season through 14 games. Interlake has also been shut out six times this season.

The Lightning are back in action

Wednesday (7:15 p.m.) when they play the Winnipeg Avros at the Seven Oaks Arena.

Interlake will then host Central Plains on Friday (7:30 p.m.) in Stonewall.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., Interlake will battle the Winnipeg Ice at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

## Riverton reaches quarter-finals of volleyball provincials

Staff

The Riverton Patriots lost 2-1 in the quarter-final of the McDonald's "A/AA" junior varsity boys' volleyball provincials on Saturday in Flin Flon.

The Hamiota Huskies defeated Riverton by scores of 29-27, 19-25, 15-6.

Riverton placed second in its four-

team pool with a 2-1 record. The Patriots swept the Boissevain Broncos 2-0 (25-21, 25-23) and defeated the MacGregor Mustangs 2-1 by scores of 21-25, 25-20 and 15-12.

Riverton was beaten 2-0 (18-25, 16-25) by the Treherne Tigers.

Gabrielle Roy Les Roys won this

year's provincial title with a 2-0 (25-16, 25-23) win over the Rosenort Redhawks.

The Green Valley Pirates captured the bronze medal after beating the Goose Lake High Raiders 2-1.

The provincial all stars included Martin Feliciano (Goose Lake),

Noah Boschman (Green Valley), Will Driedger (Green Valley), Nicoles Carter (Gabrielle Roy), Eyob Siemens (Rosenort), Jonah Dueck (Rosenort).

The provincial MVP was Reece Clark of Gabrielle Roy.



# Lightning losing streak reaches seven games

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial hockey team's losing streak has now reached seven games.

Sunday afternoon saw the Interlake Lightning drop a tough 4-3 decision to the Central Plains Capitals in Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League action in Portage la Prairie.

Interlake led 3-2 in the third period but Central Plains mounted a comeback with goals from Riley Borody and Cameron Trimble.

Trimble's game winner came with just 1:58 remaining in the third.

Emmitt Farebrother and Matthew Vandel, on the power play, scored first-period goals for the Lightning and then Chase Barkley added a second-period power-play goal.

Alex Cattani and Stephen Grahn, with the man advantage, scored the Capitals' other goals.

Interlake was outshot 39-20 as Josh Bond took the loss.

On Saturday evening, the Lightning took it on the chin in a disappointing

9-1 home loss to the Southwest Cougars.

Trailing 3-0 in the first period, Kaden Stewart scored the Lightning's lone goal, assisted by Cody McMillan.

Callum Fortin (three), Landon Roberts, Cory King, Cody Gudnason, Braeden Lewis, Riley Gudnason and Tyson Kozak scored for Southwest.

Kozak finished the game with five points while Fortin added four.

Chris Fines made 47 saves as Interlake was outshot 56-16.

Southwest was 3-for-9 with the man advantage while Interlake was blanked in three chances.

Life doesn't get any easier for the Lightning as Interlake will play the Winnipeg Thrashers, currently tied for second place with the Yellowhead Chiefs, on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) at Gateway Arena.

Interlake will continue its four straight games on the road against the Brandon Wheat Kings on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and the Parkland Rangers Sunday (1:30 p.m.) in Dauphin.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Kaden Stewart scored the Lightning's lone goal against the Southwest Cougars last Saturday. Interlake lost 9-1.

# Ice Dawgs downed by Fishermen in CJHL action

Staff

The Arborg Ice Dawgs did a great job shutting down the Selkirk Fishermen for 48-plus minutes on Saturday evening.

But they had trouble containing them the rest of the game — and it cost them a victory.

After the first two periods were scoreless, Colton Davies gave Arborg a 1-0 lead just 13 seconds into the third.

Thomas Mironuk tied the score at 9:45 of the period and then Selkirk took a 2-1 lead when Dawson Courchene tallied just 1:34 later.

Couchene had a great game, finish-

ing with three points.

The Fishermen sealed the win when Evan Bedard scored into an empty net with Arborg goalie Gavin Love pulled for an extra attacker.

Love finished the game with 41 saves while Selkirk netminder Riley Bannerman made 24 stops.

Arborg played at the North Winnipeg Satelites on Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Ice Dawgs' next game is Friday at 8 p.m. when they visit the Warriors in St. Malo.

Arborg will then play Selkirk on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) at the Rec Complex.

The Lundar Falcons, meanwhile,

edged St. Malo 5-4 in overtime on Friday evening.

Zac Bone netted the game winner in OT.

Lundar led 4-2 late in the third but St. Malo tied the score with goals from Tyrel Bueckert and Logan Unger just 1:43 apart.

Bone scored twice for Lundar while Dennon Sichewski had a goal and two assists.

Josh Wilkinson chipped in with a goal and an assist and Josh Eardley also tallied.

Evan Wuerch and Logan Bueckert scored St. Malo's other goals.

Chris Lesage made 37 saves to im-

prove his record to 5-2-2 with a 3.44 goals-against average and .916 save percentage.

The game scheduled to take place on Saturday between the Falcons and the North Winnipeg Satelites in Lundar was postponed.

It will be rescheduled at a later date, according to the league website.

The Falcons, now with 18 points on the season to occupy third spot in the five-team league, are back in action Saturday (8 p.m.) when they host the Warriors at the Lundar Arena.

# Support our Officials and #ThankTheStripes on Dec. 7-9

Submitted by Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Manitoba is launching its #ThankTheStripes initiative again this season in an effort to recognize, acknowledge and show support to our 1,600+ on-ice officials from across the province. Dec. 7-9 has been identified as the weekend to promote this initiative, and we are asking leagues, associations and all members to actively get engaged!

Without our on-ice officials, quite simply, we do not have a game. Officials at all ages and levels of hockey work tirelessly to ensure that our

game is safe, fair and played within the rules.

Hockey Manitoba asks all members to support and respect our officials throughout each and every season; however, let's come together on Dec. 7-9 to pay special attention and appreciation for everything they do.

Here are some simple things you can do to #ThankTheStripes:

- Use social media to post messages and pictures, always using #ThankTheStripes.
- Provide officials with some snacks before or after your game.

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**OBITUARY**



**Arnold Alexander Eyford**

Suddenly, on November 19, 2018 in Winnipeg Beach, MB, Arnold Alexander Eyford passed away at the age of 67.

Arnold was born on January 2, 1951 in Eriksdale, MB to Jörundur Árni 'Jerry' Eyford and Marjorie Eileen Smith. He grew up on the Eyford family farm in Vogar, MB, attended one-room schoolhouses at Siglunes and Hayland, and later went to high school in Eriksdale. Arnold loved sports, and played hockey and baseball in his youth. On the ice he was a stalwart defenceman who had the uncommon ability to shoot both left and right-handed. He was a member of eight championship senior hockey teams with the Eriksdale Mustangs of the Western Interlake Hockey League. However, as much as he loved hockey, baseball was his passion. Arnold played first base and outfield for the Siglunes Baseball Club, and had many fond memories of long summer days playing

ball at country picnics, especially the Siglunes Sports Day.

Arnold farmed with his father, fished on Lake Manitoba with his good friend Raymond Larson, and drove a school bus. In 1982 he began his 33 year career with Canada Post, following the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who were all rural mail carriers or Postmasters. Arnold began as Postmaster in Vogar, but in November 1986 took over the post office in Winnipeg Beach and remained there until his retirement in February 2016. He was a friendly, dedicated, and conscientious public servant who went the extra mile for his patrons. Arnold was particularly proud of the money that he raised for children's charities during fundraising drives at the post office, and was recognized by Canada Post for his efforts.

On October 26, 1974 Arnold married Heather Anne Weir of Peterborough, ON. Arnold and Heather were married for 44 years and raised three children. A dedicated husband and father, Arnold put the needs of his family first. He spent many hours on the road driving to his sons' hockey games and his daughter's figure skating competitions. Arnold coached many kids' hockey and soccer teams. One of his fondest coaching memories was the 2000-2001 season, when he was behind the bench for the Gimli Vikings Midget Interlake league championship.

In his retirement Arnold enjoyed car trips to visit family, especially his grandchildren, and old friends. He loved taking pictures of anything and everything that interested him, and kept meticulous records of daily happenings. His friends will remember the hockey and baseball statistics and stories that he recorded and shared. Arnold was a jovial and light-hearted person with an infectious smile who loved sharing a joke.

Arnold is survived by his wife Heather; sons Ryan (Aleisha) and Regan (Kelly); daughter Leanne; four grandchildren, Lilja, Benjamin, Eliana, and Ezekiel; his sister Arlene, and brother Allan. Arnold was predeceased by his mother Eileen in 1985 and father Jerry in 1997.

The family would like to thank the first responders who attended to Arnold for their kindness and compassion.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Gilbert Funeral Chapel in Gimli, MB on Friday, November 23 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westshore Community Foundation (Box 395, Gimli, MB, R0C 1B0) or a charity of one's choice.

Condolences, pictures and videos may be left on his tribute wall at [www.gilbartfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilbartfuneralhome.com)

Gilbert Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



# Announcements



**OBITUARY**

**Collin Bruce Graham**

**March 16, 1981 - August 12, 2018**



Dear Collin. This is a letter to you from all of us who loved you and to all whom you loved.

You were born with a gleam in your eye, ready to show the world your determination and your talents; a beautiful son for parents, Bruce and Lois, a happy playmate and lifelong best friend for 15 month old Kreager and big brother three and a half years later to Anthony. You loved growing up on the farm, playing sports and providing fun and laughter for the Binscarth and Russell schools and St. Matthew's Sunday School, Binscarth. The loss of your thumb at 13 in a farming accident, your parent's divorce, and the death of your friend, Curtis, hurt deeply your sensitive heart but you eventually found your way. You used your natural ability, stubbornness, and eagerness to succeed at a job well done, for welding, (Keewatin College and Howard Moulson), oil rigging, mechanics and carpentry. This led to many amazing inventions. Tree services with your dad led to your independence in the tree industry and your transition into metal roofing and siding. Your smile and sense of humour gave joy to others. We are so proud of you, Collin, and all your accomplishments. Collin died tragically at his jobsite in Lynn Lake leaving us all heartbroken. Tim and James from your crew, and Barry and Lloyd and others there are devastated, along with Clarence at Rollworks Inc. Thank you to all who worked so hard trying to save Collin. Collin, you felt the pain when others hurt so you can understand why we cry. You had unfinished dreams of jobs not done, (Oakburn church was next on your list), a home at Rossman Lake and children around your knee. So many people have said what we already knew. You had a passionate and compassionate heart of gold and a desire to help all you could. Collin and Tom had spent November and December working together in Lynn Lake and then Collin spent the winter and spring renovating his mom and Tom's home near Winnipeg Beach, Kreager's in Courtenay, BC and doing jobs in rural Manitoba and Rossburn areas. Tom said, "Collin's work is immaculate." You are engrained in our home and hearts, dear son, and we will love you forever, Collin, for the loving and conscientious person that was you. We are so thankful we had you for 37 years. We miss you so and the Jets games will never be the same without your passion. Rick Thom and staff at Braendle Bruce Funeral Service of Russell kept us together with their professional glue and loving care. Heartful thanks. Binscarth Community Hall, Organist Phyllis and extended Community Choir, and Jean Thompson (godmother) and her lunch committee honoured us at your service August 20. Heartfelt thanks. Rev. Wendy Thom, we thank you for your lovely service and compassionate ministry. God is good. Alan Sawaryn, we were honoured to hear you sing, "Wish You Were Here" for Collin, your friend. Heartfelt thanks. The wagon carrying Collin's urn was pulled by his little nieces, Lyla (seven), Abigail (five), Kara (four), Ellie (two) and Wyatt (one), daughters of Kreager and Vanessa. Collin's nephew, Domi (three months), was carried by parents, Anthony and Joan. The poem, "The Divine Touch", and hymn "On the Way Together", (tune of Onward Christian Soldiers), both written by Collin's grannie, the late Winifred N. Hulbert Kreager, were used in the service. Collin's mother, Lois, and his brother, Kreager, did the Eulogy followed by a slide presentation. Mourning Collin are dad Bruce Graham (Tracy McManus), mom Lois (Kreager) Graham (Tom Douglas), brother Kreager (Vanessa) and daughters, brother Anthony (Joan) and son, Grandma Velma Graham, the Graham aunts and uncles, Dianna (Don), Joy (Harris), John (Enid), Henry (Kathy), Uncle Peter; the Graham cousins, Morgan; Travis (Katrina), Riley and Sandy; Jacquie (Dwight), Derrik (Jennifer) and Mark (Brandi); Justin, Preston and Mitch; Lois' deceased sister Ann's husband Bob Olson (Ginny); Great-Uncle Rod and Aunt Edith Graham and family. Collin had many very special friends who miss him dearly. The Rossman Lake golfers will forever remember his passion for the game, his hole in one and the clubhouse awning. Collin loved his time at the lake where he felt such joy and peace. Terry and Connie Hanreck loved him like a son. He loved you, too. Collin is now reunited with Grandpa Harry Graham, Grannie and Grandad Winifred and Nelson Kreager, and his Auntie Ann (Kreager) Olson.

Donations in Collin's memory were to The Children's Wish Foundation or the Binscarth Park and Pool. Private interment took place October 12, 2018 in the Binscarth Cemetery.

"To Know Him is to Love Him"

Thank you deeply for the heartfelt expressions of sympathy given us after the tragic, accidental death of our beloved Collin. We are stronger because of you. Thank you to Brenda and staff at Arbuckles for accommodating us after his service. We mourn deeply but we know Collin would want a smile on our face and to get on with our living. Loved forever and never, ever forgotten. Collin's Family and Loved Ones

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