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SSES singer-songwriters

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Sigurbjorg Stefanson Kindergarten students Lucia Borkowsky and Dekklyan Mishtak hum the melody of Two Black and White Puppies, a song their class helped write and arrange with the school's Artist in Residence.

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Artist in Residence turns Evergreen students into singer-songwriters

By Patricia Barrett

Sigurbjorg Stefanson Early School invited an accomplished musician to Gimli to serve as its Artist in Residence and teach students how to write songs, arrange and perform them.

Winnipeg-based singer-songwriter Lindsey White worked with students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 over a two-week period then had them perform their songs for parents, teachers and classmates last Friday afternoon.

The students showed great energy, enthusiasm and confidence performing five songs that showcased their storytelling abilities, abundant creativity, mastery of melody and harmony and skill with a range of instruments, including violin, guitar, triangle, clave (percussion instrument composed of wooden sticks) and tambourine.

"I want to make sure everyone feels heard and when there are lots and lots of ideas, as there are in these groups, it's not just not about collecting the ideas – it's about acknowledging and valuing them," said White, who performs 'groovy folk-rock' at venues and festivals across the country, including Gimli's Ship & Plough Pub and the Winnipeg Kids Fringe Festival.

White said SSES students were very original. Ms. Mager's Grade 3 and 4 class, for instance, wrote Crazy World, which was about a variety of animals behaving in ways you'd never expect, with some of the critters meeting Darth Vader from Star Wars.

"Elephant, climbing tree, in the country playing with green slime, cows flying, in outer space, going to see Darth Vader," went the closing lines. "Always be prepared with a light sabre when you see Darth Vader."

Darth popped out of nowhere while they were writing the song, said White, and it's her all-time favourite line.

"This group had a lot of energy and I felt I had to do what I could to match that," said White, who provides songwriting workshops to schools and

community organizations. "Matching it for 10 classes over two weeks was a lot of work, but that's the best kind of motivation. They're bringing it and I better bring it, too."

Stars Shining Bright was a dreamy, reflective piece featuring White on Piano, school Librarian Andrew Morican on a sweet-sounding violin and students on percussion.

White said the kids showed bravery performing in front of their peers and parents, and they were willing to try out different instruments.

"I can tell the music program here is spot-on because they recognized terminology I was using. And not only that, but they were able to easily play games like 'find the beat,'" she said. "They know how to use their ears. They're not just playing over top of their neighbour and being louder. It was more about, 'How can we make sounds that work?' And they got it when I was telling them about how professional singers breathe."

Assistant principal and teacher Krystal Isfeld said the school's music program talks about the role of musicians and prepares them for performing. The school holds annual concerts and takes part in the Evergreen Festival of the Arts.

SSES applies every year to the Manitoba Arts Council's Artists in the Schools Residencies Program, which funds the travel and living expenses of musicians such as White, as well as actors, dancers and visual artists.

"Every year they send out a catalogue and you can look up the different artists and contact the artist you're interested in and try to arrange something with them," said Isfeld. "Last year we had the Fabuki Daiko drummers. We've also had an artist that used recyclable materials and we made a huge mosaic. And we've had local singer-songwriter Kate Ferris perform at our school and one of her songs was turned into a book."

White said she'd love to come back to SSES as they made her feel "very



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Ms. Casper's students wrote and performed The Ice Cream Song.



Students in Ms. Poloski's class wrote and performed Dark Horse.

loved."

White will be posting the students' songs on her website. Visit lindseywhite.com



Singer-Songwriter Lindsey White.



Ms. Mager's Grade 3 and 4 class wrote and sang Crazy World.



Librarian and violinist Andrew Morican accompanied students on Stars Shining Bright.

William Prince covers Michael Buble for Junos 365 Sessions



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Peguis First Nation's William Prince can now be seen performing a cover of Michael Buble's 2006 Juno Award-winning single of the year, Home for a new 2018 Juno Awards promotional series online called Sessions.

By Jeff Ward

Former Peguis First Nation resident William Prince can now be heard covering one of Michael Buble's biggest hits, "Home," as part of the 2018 Juno Awards Sessions project.

Prince was nominated for two Juno Awards last year and won his first award for Contemporary Roots Album of the Year. The Sessions project has Prince giving his own take on Buble's 2006 Juno award-winning sin-

gle in a video now available online at www.CBCMusic.ca/junos. In the video, Prince talks about what the song means to him and why he chose the song as the one he wanted to cover.

"I genuinely loved the song when I first heard it on the radio and got to know a bit of Michael Buble's story. And sonically, it's such a pleasing tune to the ear. It's one of those soft-delivered but still ends up picking you up kinds of song," said Prince.

Earlier this year, Prince was featured in Mastercard's new campaign Start Something Priceless, which featured artists who have overcome challenges in pursuit of their music. In the video, which was played as a companion piece to last month's 2018 Grammy Awards and is a new brand movement for Mastercard, Prince discussed the barriers he faced and still faces as a First Nations person and the stigma attached to that identity.

Those artists came together to record a unique cover of the Willie Dixon song "You Can't Judge a Book

by the Cover," which also featured the talents of five-time 2018 Grammy nominee SZA.

In the documentary video about the making of the song, Prince explained that the stigma he spoke about is just a misconception and that he is trying to be beacon of hope for other First Nations people in his community.

"I'm trying to be that bright useful foot forward for the youth in my community, my family and everybody," said Prince.

The 2018 Juno Awards take place on March 24.



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Public hearing for Canada Sheep & Lamb expansion postponed

By Jeff Ward

The public hearing for the proposed expansion of Lunder-based Canada Sheep & Lamb last week was cancelled after the deal surrounding the sale of land didn't happen.

Coldwell CAO Nicole Christensen and West Interlake Planning District administrator Cherie Millar confirmed the cancellation of the meeting, which was scheduled for Jan. 31.

Millar said that Canada Sheep and

Lamb is now exploring expanding using a quarter of land they already own and that they will have to go through the process of presenting another technical review report to council.

Millar said that while they won't have to start the process over from scratch, it won't be until the end of February or the beginning of March at the earliest that another public hearing could take place.



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Gimli Coast Guard boathouse bylaw and harbour-front plan debated

By Patricia Barrett

The third meeting held between the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG), the RM of Gimli and community stakeholders to discuss a boathouse the CCG wants to build at Gimli Harbour centred on opposing interpretations of RM's zoning bylaw and calls for council to come up with a harbour-front development plan before the boathouse proceeds any further.

The federal government wants to build a 34.5-foot-high boathouse to protect and service the Vakta, its Lake Winnipeg search and rescue vessel. The 52-foot long vessel operates in all weather conditions during its April to November season, and CCG staff has rescued children pulled out into the lake by strong currents and recreational boaters and fishers stranded in stormy conditions.

Some opposition to the proposed structure arose after the CCG built the boathouse's concrete foundation in 2017 on an RM-owned lot it holds under a 19-year lease.

The RM organized two consultations this year to engage all stakeholders — the CCG, Harbour Authority, Yacht Club, Art Club, Viking Park, Waterfront Centre and New Iceland Heritage Museum — after it deferred its decision on the boathouse during a variance hearing held last October. The RM held a third consultation Jan. 29, inviting feedback from the general public.

Eighteen people — some of whom were stakeholders that had taken part in one of the prior sessions — attended the meeting.

Resident Gil Strachan challenged the RM's interpretation of its zoning bylaw, saying the land on which the boathouse is to be erected is zoned Open Space and a warehouse-type facility is not permitted unless the land is rezoned.

CAO Joann Murphy said rezoning isn't necessary because the boathouse "fits the zone" and "you can have buildings on Open Space."

The RM's former Assistant CAO Kristin Strachan, now co-manager at the Waterfront Centre, said "that type of building" isn't permitted in an Open Space zone.

Gil Strachan also said the RM failed to consult with the public prior to the completion of the foundation, and it looks like the project is a "done deal."

"Why wasn't the consultation taking place before it got to this stage?" he said. "I think it's very disrespectful that no consultation took place whatsoever."

In 2015, the federal government announced it would provide funding for the expansion and modernization of the Gimli Coast Guard station after



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The boathouse's reduced height and modified roof pitch will allow views to part of the harbour wall and moored boats.

initiating in 2011 an investigation into other sites around Lake Winnipeg, which included Selkirk and Hnaua. Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan made the funding announcement April 9, 2015, at Gimli Harbour.

During the Jan. 29 meeting, the co-manager and the president of the Betel Heritage Foundation/Waterfront Centre (BHF/WC) said they had submitted letters to council stating their concerns with the boathouse. Those include a lack of public engagement "when it should have" occurred, non-compliance with the zoning bylaw, "harm" to [Waterfront] condo owners' quality of life should their view of the harbour be blocked and lack of a long-term plan for harbour-front development.

"We fear this development will create a loss of heritage and legacy for our future generations and ... any harbour front development should follow a long-term plan, which is as yet not in place," wrote co-manager Ross Bailey in a letter dated Jan. 17.

President Roy Eyolfson read out his letter, dated Jan. 29, informing council that the Waterfront Centre's board "sought legal advice regarding the breaches that occurred and will be pursuing further action should the breaches not be corrected."

Eyolfson also said the Landmark Apartment building, which is next to the boathouse site, was not contacted about the project. BHF/WC owns the Landmark.

Murphy said as far as the residents' view is concerned, the only way to guarantee lakefront view is to buy a "lakefront lot. We get the [same] situation in residential areas where people get upset when somebody puts a two-storey building in front of their property instead of a bungalow and that impacts their view."

Mayor Randy Woroniuk addressed the calls for a harbour-front development plan that arose after the CCG laid the foundation and which cited a decades-old waterfront plan proposed by the council of the day.

"I'm curious as to why [a boathouse] was OK in the 1998 waterfront plan," said Woroniuk. "Everybody throws this waterfront development plan at me for a piece of land the RM doesn't own. It's owned by two other [entities]. And the [boathouse] is in the exact same spot [in the old plan]."

The RM cannot develop harbour-front land, or a plan for it, because it doesn't own it. The federal government owns the entire harbour and dockside land. The province owns most of the land in the in-

ner area — land on which the CCG's accommodation, storage and administration buildings sit, as well as the Yacht Club, Art Club and Harbourmaster's building.

The general belief that it's within the RM's power to develop the harbour-front may have arisen 20 years ago when the Town of Gimli council (prior to its 2003 amalgamation with the RM of Gimli council) appropriated federal government land that was underwater to build a knoll called Bill's Hill (in honour of the mayor of that time).

The town used material it dredged up from the harbour to construct the hill, perhaps not realizing it had taken over Crown land, said Murphy and Eastern Interlake Planning District CAO Nancy Thom, who agreed to meet with the *Express* a few days after the public consultation. The town was required to "rehabilitate damaged fish habitat" that resulted from its appropriation.

Murphy and Thom presented a 1983 survey of the harbour that's on file at Land Titles (Plan. No. 17335, Parcel D, water lot and wharf site), showing the area owned by the federal government.

The RM owns four lots that front First Avenue (PT. 28, 29, 30 and 31). The CCG leases PT. 28 on which it intends to build the boathouse and which is beside Landmark apartments. The other three lots are used as parking on which whitefish boats are currently stored. They will be moved to the CCG's southern lot, creating more parking space.

Even if council were to rule against the boathouse, the federal government could override municipal law based on a 1973 clause that's set out in the RM's zoning bylaw:

"The Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada are not bound or restricted by any requirement of this By-Law. Said Governments are encouraged, however, to permit only those developments and uses of land which are consistent with the requirements of this By-Law."

The CCG's boathouse proposal did not contravene the RM's bylaw, including its initial proposal for a 37.9-foot structure, said Thom. The EIPD could have allowed that height as it was not in excess of the 35-foot maximum recommended for Open Space zones. Had it been, say, 60 feet, the EIPD would have questioned the proposal.

The RM's zoning bylaw lists various "uses" under Open Space zones, including fair grounds, trailer

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funding supports our citizens.

To facilitate these reforms, we are making it easier for organizations to access provincial grants. A single-window intake portal is one way we are ensuring funding is best delivered to front-line organizations. This will simplify the application process for organizations seeking assistance and reduce administration costs at the same time.

Grants to non-profit and community-led organizations continue to be a priority and will remain eligible for funding. Just recently, our government announced \$1.4

million in new funding for local organizations in addition to \$2.6 million announced last December in support of non-profit and community organizations. This funding included \$200,000 for the Gimli Aquatic Centre.

Manitobans can be assured our government will provide budgeted funds directly to grassroots organizations in our communities instead of wasting money on additional layers of administration.

Jeff Wharton, MLA for Gimli and Minister of Municipal Relations



MLA for Gimli Jeff Wharton

New physicians improving access to emergency departments

Submitted

Nineteen new family physicians now working in communities throughout Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (RHA) are ensuring more reliable access to health-care services in the region, including a significant increase in physician coverage of emergency departments, the region announced today.

"Physician leadership, team-based

models of care and community engagement in physician recruitment and retention are improving the accessibility of health-care services for residents of the Interlake-Eastern RHA," said Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living. "Across rural and northern Manitoba, family doctors play a significant role in establishing a strong foundation for reliable and sustainable health

care. Not only are these new primary care doctors providing consistent and sustainable health care across the Interlake-Eastern region, they are also participating in on-call rotations in the region's emergency departments."

Arborg, Ashern, Beausejour, Eriksdale, Gimli and Pinawa all saw increased physician emergency department coverage between September 2017 and December 2017 compared to

the same period the previous year. Eriksdale, Beausejour and Arborg experienced the most significant increases to their emergency department coverage during the same period (an increase of 73, 37 and 36 per cent, respectively, in hours worked compared to 2016).

"Neighbouring communities — one

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Sustainable Development releases list of licensed fish dealers

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial department of Sustainable Development released to the Express a list (current as of Feb. 2) of individuals and companies that have been issued a Manitoba Fish Dealer Licence.

"Fisheries has provided the attached list of licence holders," said a departmental spokesperson by email, "however, work is still underway to have the information posted online."

Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires said mid-January she'd make public a list of licensed fish dealers so that fishers could undertake their own investigation of the dealers before deciding whether they want to provide fish to them.

Four fishing sheds — Ashern, Ed-dystone, Waterhen and Dawson Bay — supplied fish to Donald Salkeld of Northern Walleye Inc. over the course of December and are owed about \$1 million. Waterhen filed a complaint with the Winnipegosis RCMP, alleging Salkeld defrauded them of \$320,000, and Iowa-based fish proces-

sor Stoller Fisheries alleged Salkeld owes it about \$100,000 for services rendered. Squires said last month the department launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding non-payment. Salkeld still holds his dealer licence.

Sixteen fish dealers have received a licence so far. The Express added in brackets the registration or operating location or contact details of select dealers.

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RATION (Winnipeg processing plant)

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9. INDEPENDENT FISH COMPANY (Winnipeg)

10. LORNE HUHTALA (Waterhen Winter Fishermen Inc., Skownan)

11. NORTHERN WALLEYE INC. (Petersfield)

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Sometimes all you need is a jig

Welcome, fellow fishers.

Once again last week, I found myself standing outside a fishing shack in the drifting cold on the south Lake Winnipeg ice, shouting back and forth with the habitants inside about their unusual fishing experiences. This time it was a portable one and the zipper door was frozen stuck. A voice came from within, belonging to Ken Prouty of Selkirk. After introductions, he shouted a story of a friend from Dauphin who told Ken about when he was at the Dauphin Country Festival. He was driving one of the singing stars around, and during the course of their tour, the star (who shall remain nameless) said he hadn't fished much and had never winter ice fished. Ken's friend, who had an outrageous sense of humour, told the singer that he would like to go ice fishing, too, but didn't know how to get the fur off winter fish!

When the singing star was back in the States, during an interview he was asked if he had done any winter fishing in Canada. The somewhat gullible star responded that he hadn't because he didn't know how to "de-fur" winter fish. A crew member quickly sprang to his aid, whispering he'd been fooled.

Sometime later, the driver in Dauphin got a call from the singer who told him he wanted to go fishing with him when he got up there for the next festival but that he should hang onto the side of the boat really tight when they were on the water because now he knew about "furry" winter fish!

Standing outside Ken's tent, I laughed as his partner Rita Caya inside the tent called out that she also had a funny little story about her parents. Seems they loved fishing but her father would not bait his own hooks. Mom had to do it! Well, they were out on the water one



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Slavi Kozyer and Vladimir Kukhnyak from Kazakhstan, now Canadians, with a nice mess of perch caught in Gull Lake.

time and Rita's mom caught a fish so big it broke her rod as it was torn from her hands to be lost in the water. Adapting to the situation, dad worked the one remaining rod and mom baited the hook as needed!

On the way back to Selkirk, I stopped at Gull Lake by Stead and met two guys, Vladimir Kukhnyak and Slavi Kozyer, who had immigrated from Kazakhstan, coming off the lake. They were happy to show the nice mess of perch they had caught.

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with you a meeting with a wonderful couple, Erika and Trevor Catchpole, in their ice shack on the Red by Lockport. If you remember, Erika gave us that funny story of losing her watch at No Good Lake. What I couldn't pass on at the time was a fine story Trevor had, so here it is. Years ago, he did some guiding in the summer at Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge east of Norway House. Apparently, one

of the many American anglers who was about to come to the lodge went to his local fishing gear shop and bought just about every lure and other gear that could possibly be used, including the biggest tackle box that was ever made. He stuffed his gear in it and got on the plane.

It was a wonderful early morning as Trevor sat waiting in a boat by the camp pier for our American fishing brother. It was warm without a breath of wind, the sun was just coming up over the horizon and the only break in the silence was the gentle sound of tiny water ripples lapping against the side of the boat. There came our American friend lumbering down the pier, lugging his monster tackle box. Huffing and puffing, he got the box into the boat, settled into a seat facing Trevor, opened his box and said, "Well, what kind of lures are we going to use for walleye today?"

Trevor looked at him a little dumbfounded. He didn't want to hurt the guy's feelings, so he went to his box of lures and pulled out a common jig. He held it out to him saying, "Down south, you probably fish mostly for bass and you need a lot of different lures, but up here, this is it — one jig and maybe some bait!"

Our southern fishing friend was crestfallen. All these purchases were for nothing! He sat quietly for a moment. Then, being the good sport he was, he slowly closed his giant tackle box, heaved it up onto the pier and said, "OK, let's do it your way!"

Now, my friends join me in thanking Erika and Trevor for their stories and wishing them joy in their relationship because, you see, Erika found Trevor on the computer when looking for a fishing partner and, boy, did that work out!

Till next time. Bye for now.

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Ashern landfill expansion should be completed this year

By Jeff Ward

Ashern's landfill is ready for a long overdue expansion this year, according to West Interlake Reeve Randy Helgason, who explained that the current site is busting at the seams.

Helgason called it one of the biggest projects for Ward 2 this year, the other being the lagoon expansion. For the landfill, he said that sometime in the mid-aught, council had explored expanding the landfill to include a new cell. The plan was shelved after the engineer working on it passed away, but the need persisted.

Stantec Consulting is currently in the design phase for the project, which Helgason said could see shovels in the ground as early as May.

CAO Larissa Love explains it's not as simple as digging a hole in the ground. Groundwater levels, material for base construction, drainage requirements, roadwork and the thickness of low permeable are all part of the current phase.

"They'll also drill test holes to make sure there is the right amount of clay for a base, and if there isn't, we have to go with a synthetic barrier," said Love. "We know from the landfill area

that there is a lot of clay in that area already, so it shouldn't be an issue. A synthetic barrier does cost more money, so we'd like to avoid it," said Helgason.

It's estimated that the expansion cell could cost as much as \$700,000, but the price tag, Helgason said, is cheaper than shutting down the landfill and turning it into a waste transfer site. The reeve said that the province would likely force the landfill to shut down in a year's time because it simply can't hold any more garbage. Without an expansion, the RM would need to pay someone to haul trash away.

"Residents won't notice the effect of having a new expansion, but they would notice not having one on their taxes. That \$700,000 would be gone quickly if we had to haul garbage away," said Helgason.

Part of Stantec's criteria is a design that covers 20-year population projections. So this is a problem that, once the new cell is complete, goes away for 15 or more years before a council needs to look at another expansion.

Love said that right now a much more regular compacting of the garbage currently on site is keeping the landfill open. That won't work forever,

"RESIDENTS WON'T NOTICE THE EFFECT OF HAVING A NEW EXPANSION, BUT THEY WOULD NOTICE NOT HAVING ONE ON THEIR TAXES."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

West Interlake Reeve Randy Helgason stands in front of the overflowing Ashern landfill that will have a new cell built later this year.

which is why council wants this completed this year.

That 20-year lifespan might grow, as well, as council encourages and invests more in recycling. Helgason said that garbage diversion in the form of composting and recycling would keep more trash out of the landfill, thus prolonging its life.

"We have our EDO Clayton Gibson working on some recycling projects that will benefit us," said the reeve.

Helgason said that he would like the entire project completed before the October election.

"This way the new council, whoever they are, don't have to worry about finishing this."

> BOATHOUSE, FROM PG. 4

parks, golf courses, religious buildings, care facilities and special needs housing. Gimli harbour, which was established around 1908, falls under "Marina" use.

Thom said she had issued a foundation permit to the CCG on Jan. 12, 2017, based on the boathouse having satisfied zoning criteria and compatibility with structures one expects to find at a marina.

"All the uses associated with a marina would include boat storage and buildings like a yacht club and small craft harbour buildings," said Thom. "So [a boathouse] is compatible with the surrounding area."

Murphy said when opposition arose to the boathouse's original height and boxy appearance, the RM asked the CCG to participate in a variance hearing.

"We put them through the variance process even though they were not

required to do that, and they agreed to participate," she said. "When we came to the variance hearing, it was decided we would defer our decision based on a community consultation and the Coast Guard agreed to that. The [CCG] participated in every single one of these consultations ... and were willing to compromise."

The CCG reduced the boathouse's height to 34.5 feet and modified the

pitch of the roof so that it will provide partial views of the harbour wall (from the top floors of the Waterfront). It also added stone cladding to the base.

Resident Suzanne Barrow, who had concerns about reduced parking at the harbour, said she liked the modified design.

The RM gave all stakeholders an opportunity to present their concerns, said Murphy, and that included the Landmark Apartment building — despite Eyolfson's contention it wasn't

consulted. Heather McNeil of Cornerstone Enterprises manages the Landmark for BHF/WC, and she had forwarded her concerns to the EIPD.

Thom said McNeil had "concerns with ... flammables in the building, but didn't have any issues with the building itself so long as there were measures taken to protect [Landmark] if there was a fire."

The RM said it may render its decision on the boathouse at council's Feb. 14 meeting.

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Everybody's talking about your family at the NIHM

By Patricia Barrett

You wouldn't pull out a photo of your Granny and expect a passerby on the street to stop and listen to a story about her immigration to Canada. But allow an artist to put her portrait on a gallery wall and everybody will be asking about her.

That was the scene last Thursday evening at the New Iceland Heritage Museum when Winnipeg Beach artist Julia Penny hosted the Opening Reception of her portrait exhibit on immigrants.

Titled *From All Walks of Life*, the exhibit showcases 100 people who immigrated to Canada from a countries across the world.

"I was very nervous beforehand," said Penny towards the end of the evening. "I thought only two people are going to turn up because it's so cold. And I'm feeling relief now because a lot of people didn't know what they looked like. I hadn't shown them the portraits ahead of time. It was exciting to go to different people and ask, 'Is it Ok?'"

Betty Jackson thought her family's portraits were more than OK.

"It's like a treasure to see them on the wall," said Jackson, referring to her grandfather James Jackson, his wife Sarah Ann and their three children James, Minnie and Sarah, who left County Armagh, Ireland, for Canada at the turn of the last century.

A number of strangers crowded around Susan Heathcote as she spoke about her journey to Canada with her husband Colin, who has now passed on. The couple emigrated from England in 1962 aboard the *Empress of Canada*, and settled in Brandon before moving to Gimli.

"It's a little bit tear-jerky seeing him," said Heathcote. "It will be 50 years this June that I've been in Canada."

Heathcote's granddaughter, Abigail

Heathcote, said "it's really cool but kind of strange" to see her grandparents on a museum wall.

"It made me feel good when I saw the picture (of Poppa), and it's good to know that people are still remembering him," she said.

In another part of the gallery, 94-year-old Gunnthora, who left Iceland in 1963 "just to experience Canada" was of two minds about her own portrait when someone asked what she thought of it.

"Don't be scared of me," said Gunnthora, making everyone laugh.

"This is very much like you," said one woman.

Gunnvor, who emigrated from Iceland in 1970 and is part of the exhibit, started reading Gunnthora's story aloud and said she loved the portrait.

The portrait of a Polish woman known only as Baba, who came to Manitoba in the early 1900s, piqued Gimli resident Svala Thrastardottir's curiosity.

"I think it's sad she doesn't even have a name. Her name is lost," said Thrastardottir, who immigrated to Canada from Iceland.

Thrastardottir did not have her portrait done for the show, but if she had, her biography would have explained how she served as a firefighter for 10 years, a prison officer for 15 and ran her own ballroom dancing studio in Iceland.

To Thrastardottir, the life she imagined Baba having lived was far more fascinating.

"You can see from her hands – look how big they are – how worked they are," she said. "They are worn hands."

Visual artist Helma Rogge Rehders, who lives in Winnipeg Beach, couldn't get used to seeing herself on the gallery wall.

"Oh, it's odd. I usually get a shock if I see my name, or when I have a show



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Helma Rogge Rehders emigrated from Germany in 1966.

and have my picture," said Rogge Rehders, who came to Canada from Germany in 1966.

Rogge Rehders was born in a small town close to Hamburg during the Second World War and doesn't remember the hardships of the time.

"I had a charmed childhood. I can't remember anything. The hardships were only shown in our pictures," she said. "But it was worse after the war."

Visual artist Gayle Halliwell, whose Swedish-born grandmother is part of the exhibit, said the portraits spark conversation among strangers and

lead to the sharing of stories.

"I was chatting with people about their family portraits, and in every single one of those conversations, we started to trade stories about the experience of our families, about the depth of the whole immigrant experience, and how we share this common history of trial and courage," said Halliwell. "And I said to Julia, 'The show is not just about the visual, it's an experience. It's about sharing stories with other people.'"

The exhibit runs until Feb. 28.

> ER, FROM PG. 5

example being Eriksdale and Ashern — are benefitting from team-based models of care that involve groups of doctors sharing schedules and working together to increase coverage of emergency department shifts at hospitals in both communities," said Ron Van Denakker, CEO of Interlake-Eastern RHA.

Pinawa is benefitting from a similar arrangement, with shifts in that community's emergency department being filled by doctors based in Pinawa and those practising in the surrounding area, added Van Denakker. And three new doctors in Gimli, as well as the placement of a physician assistant in the community's emergency department, have supported extended access to emergency care in recent months.

The RHA is seeing a reduction in the

number of non-urgent patients seeking care in the region's emergency departments now that residents can access more timely clinic appointments.

"In 2018, Interlake-Eastern RHA will continue to strategically align the placement of new recruits in communities where additional care providers will not only improve access to primary care but will also increase the reliability of emergency care in our emergency departments," said Van Denakker. "We look forward to 12 new doctors beginning to practise in our region this year and will continue working with communities and our primary care and expanded care clinical teams to welcome these new doctors and ensure they are appropriately supported as they build their rural practice."

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Thousands visiting IERHA website to view ER schedules, CEO says

By Lindsey Enns

Thousands of community and area members seeking information about their emergency care options are now simply turning to the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's (IERHA) website.

The health authority's emergency department schedules, which include the region's 10 hospitals, can be accessed by visiting ierha.ca or by calling 1-866-267-5818. As of Tuesday morning, the schedules for the last half of January and from Feb. 1 to 15 had been posted. According to those schedules, a doctor is always available in Gimli, Selkirk and Stonewall while other regions see varied doctor availability. Teulon is currently the only hospital without an emergency room department.

"It's been quite a process to get to where we are right now so that we can provide the public with the safest possible care that we can," said IERHA CEO Ron Van Denakker. "We would prefer not to post this on a website because, ideally, wherever we have emergency departments, we would prefer to have doctors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so that's the dream."

Emergency departments in the IERHA require a doctor available on site to deliver care. When an emergency department is not accepting patients, there will be a green sign posted indicating emergency department services are not available. If you see this sign, you can go inside and speak with

nurses about your care options.

The IERHA started posting their emergency department schedules online in September 2016. Since then, they have garnered thousands of hits to their website. In 2017 alone, the schedules received nearly 40,000 hits. From Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, 2018, they recorded 506 hits.

"It's been truly remarkable in terms of how many website hits," Van Denakker said. "I can tell you from talking to people across the region, a lot of people are using these things."

"We've shared that feedback with our docs and they've gotten consistently better with providing us with as much information as they can."

According to the IERHA's website, those unsure if they should be visiting an emergency room are asked to speak with a registered nurse at any time by calling Health Links at 1-888-315-9257. Calling 911 is always the best choice if you require life saving care.

Those with a health condition that isn't urgent can also call Health Links, make an appointment with their regular health care provider or a primary care clinic, including Selkirk's QuickCare Clinic by calling 204-482-4399. Those who don't have access to a regular care provider can phone the Family Doctor Finder at 1-866-690-8260 to be connected with one.

When it comes to their recruitment efforts, Van Denakker said the IERHA is still working on at-



Interlake-Eastern RHA CEO Ron Van Denakker

tracting more doctors to keep their emergency departments open and hospitals staffed.

He added that 12 new doctors are expected to start working in the region sometime this year.

Official story on Hawaii's false missile alert changed

By Jeff Ward

The official story on the ballistic missile false alarm in Hawaii on Jan. 13 has changed as Hawaiian authorities and the Federal Communications Commission released new information that stated the employee who pressed the button to send the alert thought the island was under attack.

The story made international headlines back in January, and the official story then was that the wrong button was pushed during a routine shift change.

Fisher Branch residents Allan and Denise Caners were among those who received a text message that explained a ballistic missile was headed their way. The couple was on vacation with friends at the time.

The story around the circumstance of the mistake that sent thousands into panic has changed, and *The Washington Post* reported last week that the employee mistakenly interpreted a practice drill as a real attack.

An official investigation into the incident has brought light to the exact way in which this situation unfolded. The FCC stated in their report that the night-shift supervisor had planned to

run a drill for the day-shift workers. A misunderstanding between shift managers meant that the day-shift manager was not prepared to supervise the test when it occurred the next morning.

The drill means playing a message to the emergency workers that contained the phrase "exercise, exercise, exercise," but it also includes the phrase "this is not a drill," which is the language used for real missile alerts. The FCC report stated that the employee who sent the text did not hear the part that said it was an exercise.

The FCC report stated that it took only three minutes for the day-shift supervisor to receive the false alert, and seven minutes after it was first broadcast, it was stopped. However, there was no contingency for how to handle a false alarm, which meant it took another 26 minutes for officials to agree on how to inform the public that there was no threat. It then took another 14 minutes for the message to broadcast letting the public know it was a false alarm.

"What happened on Jan. 13 will never, ever be repeated again," said Gov. David Ige.

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Former Selkirk resident launches How to Interlake video series

By Lindsey Enns

In an effort to rediscover and reconnect with the region she grew up in, a former Selkirk resident is putting herself through the paces to learn more about what it means to be from the heart of Manitoba.

Kit Muir is the creator and host behind an online video series about the Interlake and its people entitled *How to Interlake*.

In each episode, which she uploads to her Facebook page "*How to Interlake*," an Interlake community member teaches Muir something representative of the region they call home.

So far, the episodes have included how to make vinarterta in Gimli, how to band birds at Oak Hammock Marsh and how to blacksmith with Cloverdale Forge. In her latest episode, which launched last week, she spends time with Selkirk resident Marlena Muir learning about the im-



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Kit Muir, right, spent some time with Selkirk resident Marlena Muir learning about the importance of a traditional hand drum and how to play it for an episode of her online video series, *How to Interlake*.

portance of a traditional hand drum and how to play it.

"With the videos, I am trying to do them with a range of people and dif-

ferent experiences," Muir said.

Muir started the project in September 2017 as her Independent Professional Project for the Creative Communications program at Red River College in Winnipeg.

"I just wanted to showcase what the Interlake has to offer. I wanted to share that with other people," she said. "I grew up in Selkirk, I grew up in the Interlake ... so, really, the project came from my love of the Interlake and the communities I grew up in and also to promote the Interlake to both people outside the Interlake as well as people who may not realize all the incredible things that we have to offer."

Muir added she plans to upload two more episodes before the end of March.

To check out episodes she's uploaded so far, visit the "*How to Interlake*" page on Facebook.

Oak Hammock Marsh unveils new exhibit to help mark World Wetlands Day

By Justin Luschinski

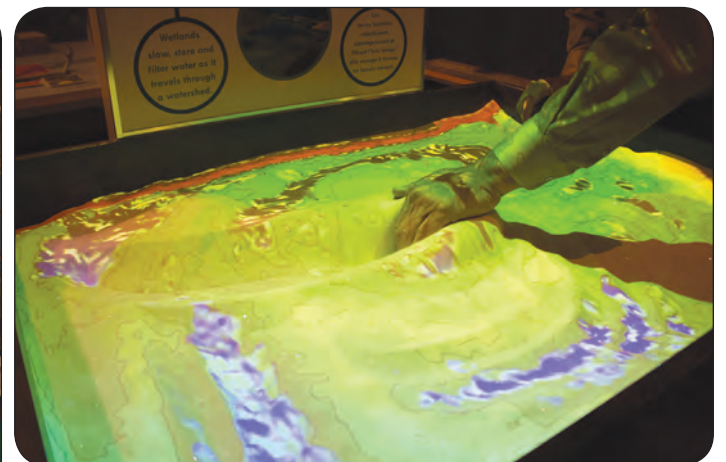
Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre celebrated World Wetlands Day with some new activities and exhibits this year.

World Wetlands Day marks the day when world leaders signed a document in Ramsar, Iran, to ensure the conservation of wetlands around the globe. The document was signed on Feb. 2, 1977, and it recognizes the large role that wetlands play in the ecosystem.

Jacques Bourgeois, the centre's marketing and promotions co-ordinator, said people need to know how important the marsh is to the environment in Manitoba.

"When the snow melts, the water has to go somewhere. If there are no more wetlands, it goes into rivers, into the waterways, and causes big problems," Bourgeois said. "When there's a few wetlands in the landscape, there are huge benefits. That water will replenish the groundwater. It'll provide a place for the fauna, among other things."

This year, the centre celebrated



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Nine-year-old Eva Wasserman, left, plays with a new augmented reality sand exhibit at Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre on World Wetlands Day last Friday.

World Wetlands Day with activities such as snowshoe tours in the marsh, a special game of shuffle duck and a new exhibit. Attendees can now interact with an augmented reality sand exhibit, which allows the user to create their own topographical map with sand and see how water would interact with their creation.

Nine-year-old Eva Wasserman from Winnipeg stopped by the centre with her grandmother last Friday. As she was playing with the augmented reality exhibit, Wasserman said that the wetlands are very important.

"I love this (exhibit) ... I think the wetlands are really important. They help clean the water ... I really like

coming (to Oak Hammock Marsh)," Wasserman said.

Wasserman's grandmother said her granddaughter loves talking to her classmates about the centre and that she's always excited to stop by.

For more information about the centre, visit oakhammockmarsh.ca.

Ashern Minor Hockey to host squirts tournament this weekend

By Jeff Ward

This Sunday, Feb. 11, five squirts hockey teams will battle it out on the ice at the Ashern Arena during a fundraiser for Ashern Minor Hockey.

The tournament starts at 10:30 a.m. and features teams from Ashern, Ste. Rose, Peguis, Fisher River and Lake-

side, whose teams have players ages four to six. The entry fee was \$250 per team but one of the organizers, Tyler Geisler, said that the registration costs are almost entirely rolled back into prize. There will be a silent auction and loonie stick to help raise funds for Ashern Minor Hockey during the

event. Each player on each team will receive a goodie bag filled with candy, Hockey Life coupons and a shiny gold medal for their participation. Awards will be given out for the All-Stars of each team at the end of each game during the tournament as well.

"At that age, everyone is a winner

and it will be a fun event for the players and the families will love watching their kids skate around," said Geisler.

There is no admission fee to watch the tournament. Geisler said that he hopes people drop by and support the teams, minor hockey and the arena.



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Skaters go toe-to-toe at STARSkate Regional Championships

By Patricia Barrett

Skaters from across the Interlake and southern Manitoba had spectators on the edge of their seats during the 2018 Skate Canada Manitoba Interlake Regional STARSkate Championships held last weekend in Gimli.

The Skate Interlake (Gimli) club hosted the two-day competition at the Gimli Recreation Centre where skaters competed in element, dance, pair, creative and interpretive events, as well as short and long free skates, which are set to music and have no required elements.

Skaters showcased their mastery of jumps and spins including the axel, toe loop, sit spins and salchows in their bid to take home a ribbon or medal and become eligible for the Manitoba STARSkate championship in Hazelridge on March 3 and 4.

Mary Ellen McDonald was the controller for the event, recording what elements were executed while assessing the technical aspects of each skater's performance, including the level of difficulty. A panel of judges awarded marks for each performance.



Rochelle Steinmetz, Skate Interlake competed in the Star 5 Women's 13 & over free program.



Jenica Sul of the Arborg Skating Club performs her solo in Star 6 Women's.

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Spring flood risk remains low for Interlake



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By Jeff Ward

Manitoba Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced last week that the potential risk for spring flooding is low for most of the province.

Manitoba's Infrastructure and Hydrologic Forecast Centre updated their 2017 fall conditions report that was released in early December, which stated that soil moisture levels before the winter freeze-up were normal to drier than normal in most regions. Add to that lower than average winter precipitation and it is creating a much more positive outlook for Interlake residents this spring. Lake Manitoba remains within its desired operating range of 810.5ft to 812.5ft and currently sits at 811.97ft. That number is trending slowly down and the Fairford River Water Control Structure remains wide open, allowing water to leave the lake.

"As Manitobans know, weather conditions in our province can change on a moment's notice. Our government will remain ready to act

if heavy winter precipitation, a fast snowmelt or heavy spring rainfall occurs," said Schuler.

"For now, though, we have reason to be cautiously optimistic about what's ahead for most parts of Manitoba this spring."

One thing the province is concerned about over the remainder of the winter is possible ice jamming. In their updated report, the province states that below-normal temperatures and lack of sufficient snow cover is creating thicker than average ice, which could have difficulty breaking up on its own. The province said that it will conduct "detailed ice thickness measurements in the coming months and ice-cutting and icebreaking programs in the areas most prone to ice jamming."

"The first detailed flood outlook will be released in the latter part of February," said Schuler. "Floods are caused by a combination of unique circumstances and there is a risk of over-estimating or under-estimating the flood potential too far in advance."

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Lundar's WMM Fisheries Co-op still believes in open market

By Jeff Ward

Both WMM (Lake Winnipegosis, Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin) Fisheries Co-op president Amanda Stevenson and vice-president Frank Kenyon say they believe in the value and freedom of the open market, even with the trouble some fishers have had in the early going.

Since the province opened the market on Dec. 1 of last year, four fisheries, Ashern Fisheries Co-op, Dawson Bay Fish Packers, Eddystone Fisheries Co-op and Waterhen Winter Fishermen Inc. have been embroiled in a serious controversy that has them allegedly missing as much as \$1 million in payouts from both Donald Salkeld (Northern Walleye Inc.) and Mike Schafer of Schafer Fisheries. This situation, which is still unfolding, is a black eye, Kenyon said, on the benefits to the open market.

It's a frustrating scenario that still gets him very upset.

In spite of all that, however, both he and Stevenson said that the benefits of an open market far outweigh that of the former Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) monopoly.

"Our goal was to never get rid of [FFMC]," said Stevenson.

"Honestly, we are happy to be selling to them now because we have a

choice. The power is back in the fisher's hands. If I don't like the prices, or I find someone who can offer me something different, I can go and sell to them. That's always been what we've been after."

Kenyon explained that he's seen a change in FFMC since the market has opened. Prices have gone up and the experience of dealing with the corporation has been much better. Stevenson believes the reason behind this is that FFMC has to stay competitive; they're not guaranteed every commercially caught fish in Manitoba anymore.

Kenyon said that since the market has opened, there have been more fish from Lake Winnipegosis being sold. He said he's seen more fishers out on the lake and net sales have been way up.

"There are guys coming back to fish who haven't been fishing in years and we're already getting more money for our fish. Jackfish, pickerel and whitefish are all up," said Kenyon.

For Stevenson, the benefit to the open market has always been about choice. She explained that being forced into a relationship robs fishers of their power to make a living, and now that the market has opened, she

"THERE'S HOPE NOW. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING BUT POSITIVES FROM THE OPEN MARKET."



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WMM Fisheries Co-op president Amanda Stevenson, right, and vice-president Frank Kenyon feel there are benefits to the open market as well as the Fresh water Fish Marketing Corporation.

said it feels like a whole new world.

"There's hope now. I don't see anything but positives from the open market. We have more money coming in, more options and more local fish being sold. More options means more opportunity," said Stevenson.

If there is one thing that has been learned from the recent controversy it's that fishers now know to be very careful with who they deal with. Both Kenyon and Stevenson said they

would never work with either Salkeld or Schafer again, the latter of whom they have both worked with before in 2011 when their co-op attempted to sell mullets to Schafer. Their trust in both Salkeld and Schafer has eroded, but their optimism in the open market is strong.

"We can go and work with anyone now. We're in charge of who we want to deal with," said Kenyon.

Manitoba Merv predicts early spring



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Manitoba Merv popped out of his den at Oak Hammock Marsh last Friday morning and didn't see his shadow, which means Manitobans are in for an early spring.

By Justin Luschinski

Manitoba's famous weather forecasting groundhogs made two very different predictions on how long winter's going to last this year.

Manitoba Merv, the stuffed groundhog at Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre, popped out of his den last Friday morning to make his Groundhog Day prediction. He looked around briefly and didn't see his shadow, which means that Manitobans are in for an early spring.

"It's his 24th prediction, and he's been right every single time, except for once," said Jacques Bourgeois, the interpretive centre's marketing and promotions co-ordinator. "So I'd say that's a pretty good track record."

However, over at FortWhyte Alive, Winnipeg Wyn predicted six more weeks of winter. Despite the unfavourable prediction, the staff gave him a nice snack afterwards.

Bourgeois said that while there is no direct scientific evidence backing up these predictions, there is some truth to the tradition.

"I actually spoke with some weather specialists, and there might be something to the predictions. If there's a clear sky around this time in February, that usually means that there's an arctic cold front, and winter will last longer," he explained. "Whereas if there's an overcast, it might mean that there's a low front coming in, and it'll get warmer."

Oak Hammock Marsh is also celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The centre's official opening took place on May 1, 1993, with construction beginning in 1991.

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Carruthers defeats McEwen in Viterra championship final

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 2018 Viterra Provincial Men's Curling Championship ended with a clash of the titans.

The top-seeded Mike McEwen and Reid Carruthers faced off at the finals in Winkler Sunday afternoon.

After falling to McEwen in the championship game the past two years running, Team Carruthers pulled off a 7-6 win to earn a seat at the Brier next month.

"I was trying not to get too excited about playing in the final and the thoughts of getting to go to Regina and getting back to the Brier," said Carruthers after the game. "But I guess after two years of McEwen winning and beating us and deserving to go, it was one of those things where we had to work a little bit harder and it tastes a little bit sweeter after not going for a few years."

Sweet as well, perhaps, was getting the chance to beat McEwen himself, as he unexpectedly returned to the ice to throw third stones for the final game after being hospitalized for most of the tournament with a nasty case of chickenpox.

"Seeing Mike out here today, I was almost speechless, and at the same

time, we had mentioned in the meeting that we might see him," said Carruthers, whose team had been flawless with six wins heading into the final. Team McEwen, meanwhile, skipped by third B.J. Neufeld for much of the week, had conceded to Carruthers 7-3 in the 1-2 qualifier before beating out Team J.T. Ryan 6-2 to earn the right to defend the title.

"I had texted [McEwen] this morning and got one line back," Carruthers said. "We normally text a lot, so it made me wonder: does that mean this guy is getting suited up?"

"Sure enough. It shows a lot about his character, his courage to put himself out there after not playing and leaving it all on the line," he said. "It put the pressure almost a little bit more back on us because now we've got to play against the No. 1 team in Canada with their skipper back."

Still, it was clear Team McEwen weren't quite at their best.

"You could kind of tell that if Mike was feeling normal they would have put a lot more pressure on us," Carruthers said. "He played really, really well considering the circumstances he was put in."

The match saw McEwen battle back



EXPRESS PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

B.J. Neufeld, right, and Matt Wozniak help a rock into the house Sunday afternoon during the 2018 Viterra Provincial Men's Curling Championship game.

from Carruthers' lead of 6-3 after seven to make it 6-6 heading into the final end.

There, Carruthers used his last rock to get the winning point.

Carruthers alongside Braeden Moskowsky, Derek Samagalski and Colin Hodgson will represent Manitoba at the Brier March 3-11 in Regina.

McEwen, Neufeld and teammates

Denni Neufeld and Matt Wozniak still have a chance to make it to the Brier if they win the event's wildcard play-in game March 2.

That would suit Carruthers just fine. "There's a very, very solid chance," he said. "If that's the case, there's going to be two Manitoba teams just like there was at the Scotties, and that's pretty cool."

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Steinbach Pistons	49	39	8	1	80	244	106		
Virden Oil Capitals	50	33	15	2	68	215	153		
Portage Terriers	48	31	13	1	66	196	129		
OCN Blizzard	48	26	16	5	58	169	150		
Winkler Flyers	49	29	20	0	58	162	133		
Selkirk Steelers	48	25	19	3	54	162	166		
Winnipeg Blues	48	23	19	4	52	171	180		
Swan Valley Stampeders	46	21	20	5	47	145	155		
Neepawa Natives	49	21	25	2	45	173	199		
Dauphin Kings	49	12	35	1	26	119	223		
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	50	7	39	3	18	116	278		
KEYSTONE HOCKEY LEAGUE									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Peguis Juniors	30	23	3	1	47	208	93		
Arborg Ice Dawgs	28	17	7	4	38	128	93		
Fisher River Hawks	29	3	24	2	8	76	240		
North Division									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
OCN Storm	30	24	3	2	50	252	113		
Cross Lake Islanders	28	10	17	1	21	175	170		
Norway House North Stars	31	5	25	1	11	105	316		
South Division									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Selkirk Fishermen	31	25	3	3	53	149	79		
Lundar Falcons	30	14	12	4	32	131	124		
St. Malo Warriors	29	13	12	4	30	118	100		
North Winnipeg Satellites	30	14	15	1	29	120	134		
AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Wild	41	35	4	1	72	261	89		
Brandon	42	35	5	0	72	222	102		
Bruins	41	28	10	2	59	175	121		
Eastman	42	24	14	2	52	172	141		
Thrashers	42	24	17	1	49	161	164		
Yellowhead	41	22	17	2	46	143	122		
Pembina Valley									
Southwest	41	21	16	2	46	161	156		
Central Plains	40	16	18	2	38	157	167		
Parkland	41	15	23	1	33	133	183		
Kenora	41	14	23	0	32	132	162		
Interlake	40	9	28	2	21	96	204		
Norman	41	3	37	0	7	110	315		
AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Monarchs	30	26	2	0	54	198	63		
Selects	30	21	7	0	44	159	100		
Hawks	29	20	8	0	41	149	84		
Warriors	30	13	17	0	26	111	134		
Sharks	29	8	18	1	19	69	123		
Lightning	30	0	29	0	1	34	216		
AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA			
Sharks	31	25	3	0	53	169	64		
Monarchs	32	25	5	1	52	164	81		
Hawks	31	23	8	0	46	214	87		
Selects	30	21	8	0	43	144	72		
Lightning	32	8	24	0	16	97	182		
Warriors	31	4	26	0	9	75	183		
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE									
GP	Reg W	Reg L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts			
Winnipeg Avros	29	16	5	-	8	-	48		
PV Hawks	30	17	8	-	3	2	42		
Westman Wildcats	28	13	9	-	3	3	35		
Yellowhead Chiefs	30	11	10	-	3	6	34		
Eastman Selects	29	13	11	-	-	5	31		
Central Plains	30	9	15	-	2	4	26		
Interlake Lightning	28	2	23	-	2	1	9		

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Lightning lose pair of road games

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning had no trouble scoring early in both road games last weekend.

But after scoring the first goal in both games, their offence suddenly dried up.

The result was a 6-1 loss to Southwest on Saturday and a 5-1 defeat against Yellowhead Sunday.

In Sunday's loss, Interlake took a 1-0 lead just 2:33 into the game as Eric Krywy scored, assisted by Bryce Krauter and Hunter Halcrow.

The Chiefs' Brian Mentuck answered with a goal midway in the opening period and then Jake Poole scored on the power play early in the second.

Yellowhead's Logan Wotton and Parker Johnson added power-play

goals early in the third and then Colby Joseph closed out the game's scoring.

On Saturday, Krywy scored 4:20 into the game as Krauter and Dylan Fontaine assisted on his goal. Krywy leads the Lightning in goals scored with 14.

Leighton Holstein tied the score midway in the first period and then Callum Fortin, Cory King and Holstein tallied in the second. Tyson Kozak and Tanner Andrew scored in the third.

Interlake hosted the Winnipeg Bruins on Wednesday evening and then the Winnipeg Wild will visit Teulon on Saturday (7 p.m.).

Interlake will then host the last-place Norman Northstars on Sunday (2 p.m.).

Jones defeats Einarson to win Scotties Tournament of Hearts

By Brian Bowman

Kerri Einarson came one win away from winning a Scotties Tournament of Hearts championship.

Einarson's wildcard team, which curls out of East St. Paul, was defeated 8-6 by Manitoba's Jennifer Jones on Sunday in Penticton, B.C.

It was Jones' sixth Scotties' title.

Einarson led 4-2 after five ends but Jones scored a pair in the sixth. Einarson added singles in the seventh and nine ends while Jones scored a pair in the eighth and 10th end.

"I was trying to leave her a tough shot (in the 10th end but) she didn't have to throw her last one which sucks because I really wanted to make her throw her last (shot)," said Einarson on the Curling Canada website.

"I didn't really have much of a shot to hide around."

Jones will now represent Canada at the 2018 Ford World Women's Curling Championship in North Bay, Ont. from March 17-25.

Einarson, third Selena Kaatz, second Liz Fyfe and lead Kristin MacCuish,

won a wildcard game against Chelsey Carey of Calgary to get the 16th and final spot in the Scotties.

Einarson carried the momentum from that victory to finish atop the Pool "A" standings with a 6-1 record. One of those wins was a 9-4 decision over Jones. It was Einarson's first win over Jones in 18 meetings.

Einarson and her rink quickly became a fan favourite at the Scotties.

"When they were cheering for us it just gave us so much more energy to keep going," Einarson said. "That's truly awesome. I really appreciate the fan support. It gives you goosebumps every time they cheer for you."

"We played well. We had a few shots we'd like to take back here, but that's OK. I'm really proud of my team and myself for doing so well this week."

Jones defeated Einarson 9-7 in the Page Playoff 1-2 game to advance directly to the final. Einarson, meanwhile, outscored Nova Scotia's Mary-Anne Arsenault 12-9 in a wild semifinal Sunday morning to advance to the championship game.



EXPRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF CURL CANADA

Kerri Einarson's rink quickly became a fan favourite at the Scotties after earning a wild card spot and finishing atop the Pool 'A' standing with a 6-1 record.

Eagles provincial bound



Provincials

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The Riverton Eagles Atom hockey team will be representing the Interlake at the Provincial "C" playoffs which will be hosted by Grand Plains (Grandview and Gilbert Plains) on March 9-11.

Riverton swept a best-of-three series with Fisher Branch in the semifinal playoffs and then defeated Stony Mountain in two straight games in the championship series.

Pictured in the back row are Ryan Ostertag and Kevin Johnson (coaches), Emily Danielson, Payton Mowatt, Tristan Klatt, Victor Lee, Tytan Johnson, Skylar Farrington, Colin Cormack and Lloyd Roche (coaches).

Middle row: Darren Mitchell, Tavyn Sigurdson, Jake Selkirk, Madden Mowatt, Alex Ostertag, Ryder Triska, and Simon Mitchell.

In the front row is goaltender Braedan Cormack while Anne-Drew Sigurdson is missing from the photo.

Gray leads Lundar to KJHL victory over St. Malo

By Brian Bowman

The Lundar Falcons' Landon Gray is the type of player that can take control of a hockey game.

And he did that on Saturday, scoring three goals to lead Lundar to a 6-2 victory over the St. Malo Warriors in Keystone Junior Hockey League action.

Gray scored the first two goals of the game in the first period and then completed his hat trick with 2:50 remaining in the third.

The Falcons' Dennon Sichevski scored in the second period to give Lundar a 3-0 lead and then Koby Carriere and Brett Jocelyn tallied in the third.

St. Malo's Brady Allan scored a shorthanded goal in the middle frame and then Shaquille Houle added a power-play goal in the third.

Reece Jones made 32 saves for the win.

On Jan. 30, Lundar lost 3-2 to the North Winnipeg Satellites.

Conner Grunsten scored the game winner midway in the third period. Sichevski had tied the score at 2-2 just four minutes earlier.

Lundar grabbed a 1-0 first-period lead on a goal by Gray but North Winnipeg answered with second-period goals by Sebastian Wylie and Braden Zamrykut.

With the split last week, Lundar now has a 14-12-0-4 record and 32 points to sit in second place in the South Division standings.

The Falcons will play the Hawks in Fisher River on Friday and then will battle the Satellites again next Tuesday in Winnipeg.

Both games start at 8 p.m.

Synchronized skating championships slide into Stonewall this weekend

By Brian Bowman

Stonewall's Veterans Memorial Skating Complex will be a very busy place this weekend.

The Stonewall Skating Club and the Skate Canada Manitoba Section are hosting the 2018 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships.

There will be 17 teams with over 350 skaters ranging in age from 5-56, from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario coming together to compete.

Prairie Regionals is held annually in five regions across the country. Prairie Regionals provides a developmental and competitive experience for synchronized skating teams at all levels. The event will showcase passion and excellence within figure skating and will display remarkable athletic achievements.

"This is a huge event that the Stonewall Skating Club and its families have been asked to host on behalf of Skate Canada Manitoba and we are honoured," said Tara Glaspey, the event chairperson, in a media release.

"Stonewall and area residents and businesses have rallied together to represent and support our club so

that we may offer a successful, empowering event. This is certainly not something you are going to want to miss as there will be so much talent to take in, prizes and draws to be won as well as much, much more."

This competition provides teams the opportunity to qualify for the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior categories.

The top team in each of the five qualifying categories in every Region may advance to the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships. This national competition will take place from Feb. 23 to 25 in Oshawa.

Grosse Isle's Brittany Palmer will be competing with her University of Manitoba team against a team from Saskatoon this weekend. The winner will advance to nationals.

The U of M squad, which includes 14 skaters, has been to two other competitions this year. One was in Mississauga while the other was held in Beausejour.

Palmer said the teams from Ontario and Quebec are very, very good.

"They introduced (synchronized

skating) much earlier," she said. "And there are more skaters to pick from. It's tough for us to compete against them."

Palmer, 20, is eagerly looking forward to competing in front of family and friends in Stonewall. It is her second season with the University of Manitoba team.

"It's super exciting for me because I'm from the area," she said. "My family and friends can come out and watch whereas the other competitions are in places like Toronto. It's pretty special for me that my family can come watch."

Shauna Marling, executive director of Skate Canada Manitoba, thanked the Stonewall Skating Club and its volunteers for hosting this exciting and fun event.

Marling explained that synchronized skating is a specialized discipline of skating involving groups of eight or more skaters performing various group formations and maneuvers.

The objective is for the team to perform as one unit by executing circles, blocks, lines, wheels and intersections in unison to the music while dem-

onstrating quality edges, power and flow.

Non-qualifying events are also integrated into the competition. This provides an opportunity for very young to adult skaters to participate in the event.

Eight levels are represented starting from Beginner I and II up to Pre-Novice and Adult I-II. This provides the participants the opportunity to watch higher level skaters and to experience the challenges and personal growth involved in competing at each level.

Skaters experience self-satisfaction in achieving competitive goals while learning about Canada and meeting competitors from across the region. Skaters also experience the camaraderie of traveling as part of a team.

Tickets for the 2018 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be available at the door during the competition.

The prices are \$5 (adult daily pass), \$3/senior daily pass, \$3/student (ages six to 17) daily pass. Children under the age of six are free.

Peguis stops Storm with shootout victory

Staff

The OCN Storm and Peguis Juniors put on a doozy of a show Friday evening.

Peguis outlasted OCN with a wild 7-6 victory as Michael Markus was the lone player to score in the shootout.

Peguis trailed 4-1 after two periods but came out flying in the third, scoring four goals in the first 6:59 of the period.

After OCN regained the lead with a pair of goals, Peguis' Keenan Daniels-Webb tallied to tie the score at 6-6 with 3:59 left in regulation time.

Daniels-Webb was very good for Peguis, scoring that key goal to go along with three assists. He now has 16 goals and 43 points in just 18 games.

Keifer Tacan had a goal and two assists while Romano Paul, Quinton Flett, Tyrome Spence-Bair and Storm Swan also scored for Peguis.

Devon Tobacco (two), Ethan Stuckless, Troy Head, Bryson Werbicki-Mallet and Noah Butler replied for OCN.

Luke Penner made 44 saves for his eighth win of the sea-

son. He has a solid 2.47 goals-against average and .924 save percentage.

With the win, Peguis improved its re-

cord to 23-3-0-1. The Juniors will play the Storm twice this weekend.

The two teams will hook up Saturday

(8 p.m.) and then Sunday (1:30 p.m.).

Midget tournament champs



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JOANNE JOHNSON

The Teulon/Arborg boys won the Steinbach Midget Meltdown tournament Feb. 3-4. The Tigers defeated River East Black 5-2 to win the championship game. The boys defeated Steinbach 3-1, tied River East White 2-2 in round-robin play and then beat River East White a second time 6-5 in overtime. Ryan Hill scored with 0.3 seconds left. Pictured, back row, left to right: Coaches Daryl Gislason, Jeff Manchulenko, Brett Gulay, Jon Anslow, Jayden Roche, Bryce Good, Dylan Chartrand, Thomas James-Davies, Jared Sweetland, Brody O'Neill; front row, Dalton Johnson, Chris Stogrin, Ryan Hill, Bret Huta, Michael Merpaw, Carter Keil, Noah Johnson, Davis Sigurdson, Odin Domino and Brett Davies. Missing from the picture Brandon Prus-Olson.

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- Submits incident reports in a timely matter
- Maintains the Systems Binder on a daily basis
- Assists in training team members through shadowing, direction and feedback of guard critiques

Qualifications:

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- Uses all required safety devices and personal protection equipment
- Reports accidents and injuries to supervisor as soon as possible
- Participates in safety training and safety inspections
- Suggests methods of preventing hazards to safety committee

Skills:

- Good communication skills as this position deals with the public on a daily basis
- Ability to work well with others, have initiative and be flexible
- Ability to work alone and make decisions with minimal supervision
- An understanding of sports, recreation and leisure services in the R.M. of Gimli

Please submit resume with detailed skill set and references, by 4:00 p.m. February 16, 2018 to:

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT INDEFINITE TERM OPPORTUNITY

Position: Facility Maintenance Operator

40 hours per week. Position will require evenings and weekend shifts.

The Facility Maintenance Operator, under the direction the Manager of Parks and Recreation Services will assist in the operations and maintenance of the Gimli Recreation Centre and other municipal park spaces and buildings.

Duties:

- Operation and maintenance of a 180-ton refrigeration ammonia plant
- General facility cleaning duties - floors, bathrooms, common areas, etc.
- Hockey and Curling ice maintenance
- Building maintenance on various public buildings throughout the municipality
- Development and maintenance of sports field, including grass cutting
- Maintenance and beautification of playgrounds, park and recreational spaces, including Gimli Beach

Qualifications:

- Must have a Power Engineers Refrigeration Class Certificate or higher, as issued by the Province of Manitoba
- Beneficial qualifications - Arena / Curling Ice Level I, Ice Making Certificate

Skills:

- Good communication skills, as this position deals with the public on a daily basis
- Ability to work well with others, have initiative and be flexible
- Ability to work alone and make decisions, with minimal supervision
- Wide range of skills to perform a variety of maintenance duties required for the position
- An understanding of sports, recreation and leisure services in the R.M. of Gimli
- Previous experience in Recreation, Public Works or Arena setting would be considered an asset
- Preference will be given to those with experience in the following trades: carpentry, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and ice making

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Please submit resume with detailed skill set and references, by 4:00 p.m. February 16, 2018 to:

Chris Hornby

Parks & Recreation Services

Rural Municipality of Gimli

45 Centennial, PO Box 1258

Gimli, MB R0C 1B0

Email: chornby@rmgimli.com

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI INVITATION TO TENDER

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Noon

The Rural Municipality of Gimli is accepting tenders for the following:

- 1) SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF LIMESTONE AGGREGATE:** for the supply and delivery of limestone aggregates; to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli, or hauled to stockpile at the Public Works Shop yards, as directed by the Municipality. The material to be applied in one main haul approximately during the period of June 1, 2018, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2018.
- 2) GRAVEL HAULING & LOADING:** for the hauling of gravel to be deposited on municipal roads throughout the RM of Gimli from the pit located in SW25-20-3E. The material to be applied in one main haul during the period of June 1, 2018, until completed. Additionally, there may be spot hauling continuing until December 31, 2018, approximately 12,000 cubic yards. While the Municipality would normally be responsible for loading, contractors are asked for the option of supplying a loader.
- 3) GRAVEL CRUSHING:** for the gravel crushing and stockpiling at the pit located in SW25-20-3E. Traffic Gravel to Department of Highways Specifications, approximately 14,000 cubic yards.
- 4) 2018 EQUIPMENT RATES:** the RM of Gimli is seeking proposals from qualified bidders for hourly rates on various types of privately owned equipment for the purpose of establishing pay rates and hiring order of private equipment for the 2018 works season ending March 31, 2019. Contractors who do not submit pricing and/or do not hold a valid business licence or business tax will not be considered for municipal projects.
- 5) DUST CONTROL:** Application of Magnesium Chloride or Calcium Chloride dust control product. Product must be Magnesium Chloride Liquid or Calcium Chloride Liquid with a 30% to 35% Brine Solution and an Anti-Corrosive Inhibitor to meet Corrosion Rate of less than 4.0 mils per ASTM G 4-84. Bidders may provide a quote for one or both. The product shall be available for delivery to various locations in the Municipality from June 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018, as required by the Municipality.

Detailed tender packages complete with specifications are available to interested bidders on the RM of Gimli website, www.gimli.ca, or at the Municipal Office, 62 2nd Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Any questions or concerns related to the tenders can be directed to:

Darcy Hjelmeland

Manager of Public Works and Utility Operations

Rural Municipality of Gimli

Phone: (204) 642-6688

publicworks@rmgimli.com

The RM of Gimli reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the tender in the best interest of the RM of Gimli in its sole discretion. Lowest bid may not be accepted. Council may consider a 10% price variance for local bidders. Contractors must comply with Municipal requirements for liability insurance, WCB coverage and business licensing to be eligible to be awarded the contract.

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The Evergreen Foundation of Manitoba Inc. will receive nominations for induction into the Evergreen Foundation Hall of Fame.

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We extend our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown our family during this difficult time. The phone calls of concern, hospital visits, sympathy cards and donations in memory of Rob, are all truly appreciated. We also send our gratitude and thanks to the doctors and nursing staff in Winnipeg and especially here in Gimli, for your care and compassion.

-The Olson family

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The Fisher Branch Rec Center would like to say thank you to all the sponsors, talent, volunteers and the community support given towards the CFY Talent Show. It was a total success, raising more than \$17,000.

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Look for information regarding Family Fun Day. Let's keep the good times coming!

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Topigs Norsvin is hiring for Delta Canada

Positions: Research and Development Manager
Farms Manager
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Swine Supervisors
Swine Technicians

Location: Woodlands, Manitoba

Topigs Norsvin is constructing Delta II, a new high tech genetic nucleus facility in Manitoba, Canada that will drive genetic progress in global selection lines. High precision technologies such as CT scanning, camera technology and automatic feed intake recording equipment are used to select the best individual animals. We are looking for applicants who together with the global GN team have the ambition to set the standard in our world leading genetic program.

Position Summaries

The Delta II Research and Development Manager is accountable for the genetic and production performance of Delta II, with health, genetic progress and product quality being the key drivers. Effective management will be achieved through leadership and strong communication between all departments as well as great collaboration and coordination with other members of the Topigs Norsvin Canada team and departments within Topigs Norsvin worldwide. Key responsibilities; managing a team across multiple locations, production and quality control, research and development activities, HR and administrative management. Qualifications; post-secondary degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in Genetics, Agriculture or Business.

The Delta II Farms Manager is accountable for the production and performance of the Delta II facilities, with health, genetic progress and product quality being the key drivers. Effective management will be achieved through daily supervision and production oversight with strong communication between all departments. Key responsibilities; managing a team across multiple departments, production and quality control, HR and administrative management. Qualifications; degree or diploma in Agriculture or Business.

The Genetic Supervisor is part of the Topigs Norsvin team carrying out day to day activities within the GN barn. Effective results will be achieved through daily supervision and production oversight with strong communication between all departments. Key responsibilities; animal health and welfare, daily data collection and evaluation, implementing protocols, selection of breeding stock, health and safety and biosecurity. Qualifications; post-secondary degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in Genetics or Agriculture.

The Delta II Swine Supervisor is part of the Topigs Norsvin team carrying out day to day activities within the Delta barn. Effective results will be achieved through daily supervision and production oversight with strong communication between all departments. Key responsibilities; animal health and welfare, daily data collection, implementing protocols, selection of breeding stock, health and safety and biosecurity. Qualifications; degree or diploma in Agriculture.

The Delta II Swine Technician is part of the Topigs Norsvin team carrying out day to day activities within the Delta barn. Key responsibilities; animal health and welfare, daily data collection, health and safety and biosecurity. Qualifications; degree or diploma in Agriculture.

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Salary: depending on experience plus annual bonus. Benefits: comprehensive benefits package including health and dental and registered pension plan (50% employer:50% employee).

If you want to be part of a progressive, world leader in swine genetics please email your resume to: mike.shaw@topignorsvin.ca, highlighting which position you are applying for. For further information please see; www.topignorsvin.com/careers

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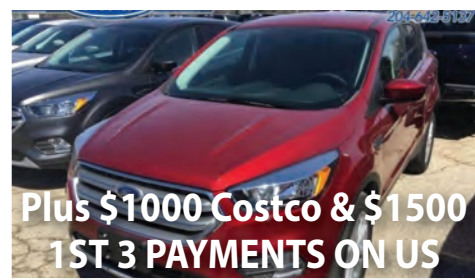


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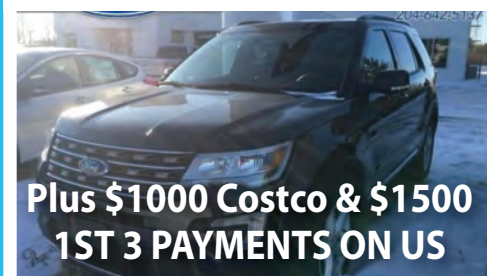


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