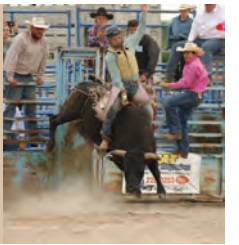




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Bifrost's Romafa Metal Works sizzles with innovative products

By Patricia Barrett

Necessity is the mother of invention, the saying goes, and that's never been truer for the RM of Bifrost-Riverton's metal-working shops, which got their start by taking on something that hadn't been done before to meet a unique community need.

And from that willingness to help solve problems came astonishing success with multi-national companies the world over looking to Bifrost to supply them with high-end specialty parts and products.

Romafa Metal Works is the youngest machine shop on the block — or rather the road (PR 326), which connects them all.

After working for 10 years as head of research and development for Vidir Vertical Storage Solutions, which specializes in automated vertical shelving, Romafa founder Ronald Kornelsen decided to start a home-based steel fabrication business about seven years ago.

Growing up on a dairy and grain farm taught Kornelsen to rely on himself when a piece of equipment broke whether or not he knew how to fix it.

"If the plough broke down, we would come home and my dad would have a way of fixing it. When you have a breakdown, you just fix it. That's



Gardewine North picks up and delivers for Romafa. Drivers Nick Anderson (left) and Cory Nevistiuk.

how we grew up," said Kornelsen, who took Reeve Brian Johnson and the *Express* on a tour of his recently expanded operation about 14 kilometres north of Arborg. "And by fixing it, we could see how it could be improved. We could see how something was not properly designed and we'd come up with a different idea."

Romafa differentiates itself from the



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Romafa owner Ronald Kornelsen (left) with Bifrost-Riverton Reeve Brian Johnson.

other machine shops (Vidir, Diemo, Swivel) by making air seeders, hog manure injectors and weed spraying booms out of stainless steel.

The beauty of stainless steel lies in its ability to withstand corrosion, and that's vital for agricultural equipment that dispenses fertilizer and other chemicals or organic material such as manure. Regular steel will corrode with age.

Kornelsen designs and builds the stainless steel air seeders for manufacturing company John Deere.

"We started with that four and a half years ago in the design stage. We didn't know anybody that was doing that and the needs were high," said Kornelsen. "John Deere customers and dealers were right away on our heels and wanted it before we were done. For John Deere to manufacture something out of stainless the way we do, their input and labour costs would become so very high. We can come in with much lower labour hours."

Reeve Johnson said corrosion comes at a high cost to farmers.

"The problem is much of the farm equipment that comes out is made of steel and it corrodes very quickly," he said. "For fertilizer applications, you want stainless steel. And we've got Romafa manufacturing these parts."

Corrosion also affects equipment used in the food processing industry, said Johnson. His crop processing facility — Johnson Seeds — has gone to all-stainless steel.

Romafa designs and measures all of its products using computer-aided design under the precise eye of design head Reynold Reimer. Then it "farms out" the cutting and bending

of the steel to bigger shops such as Diemo, which own expensive laser-cutting machines.

Romafa's 17 or so employees then weld the parts together. When stainless steel is heated, it loses some of its corrosive ability, so the final stage of Romafa's process is "pickling," which restores welded areas to their corrosive-resistant properties.

"Eighty per cent of our product stays in Canada and western Canada in the farming community, and a good chunk goes to the U.S.," said Kornelsen. "We have a little bit going to Australia and a few of our parts have gone as far as Kazakhstan."

Kornelsen is currently working with a company that's in the manure-spreading industry, and his team will be starting on a big project — a stainless steel manure injector — for a customer in the U.S.

Hog barns store waste in lagoons year-round, and in the spring after runoff the injector pumps the organic matter under the surface of the field.

In addition to the injector and air seeder, Kornelsen and his team have created another new product and word of the invention is spreading like a weed.

The Interlake's invasive weed control supervisor Fred Paulson had approached Kornelsen to see if he could design a stainless steel spraying boom that could be affixed to his work vehicle.

Yes, he could.

"It's a complete GPS weed-controlled arm that reaches out into the ditch," said Kornelsen. "The truck

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Arborg tractor pull organizer looking forward to this year's competition

By Gabrielle Piché

Summer crops are planted, school is winding down, and Arborg is preparing for a crowd of antique tractors to roll through its town once again.

The antique tractor pull will happen on Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21, but Darryl Hoepfner has been planning for it since last summer.

Hoepfner is on the Arborg Ag Society board of directors. He's been in charge of the tractor pull for over a decade, and he's been participating in the event for just as long.

When the antique tractor pull first began, only 14 tractors participated, Hoepfner said. In 2018, 88 tractors came to the show.

Participants choose a weight class for their tractor to compete in. The tractor then pulls its selected weight on a skid and tries to travel 300 feet. The minimum weight class is 4,000 pounds and under.

Though the general competition stays the same, Hoepfner said he's always looking for things to improve.

"I'm always trying to please every age in the crowd," he said.

To entertain a younger audience, Hoepfner hired motocross stuntmen to perform in between tractor pulls

last year. Keith Sayers FMX Shows will be back again this summer.

Over the years, Hoepfner has bought his own antique tractors. To participate, pullers' tractors must have been made before 1960.

Hoepfner has four tractors now, but when he started in 2007, he borrowed one.

"It stalled and sputtered," Hoepfner said. "I didn't get that far."

That evening, other pullers from the competition tinkered with the tractor and fixed it up for Hoepfner.

"The next day, I made it about three-quarters of the way down the track," Hoepfner said.

Hoepfner said it was this camaraderie that got him involved in Arborg's tractor pull. He owns Arborg Livestock Supplies and talks daily with locals. Participants of the tractor pull would come in and talk to him about the event, and they sparked his interest in the competition.

Now that Hoepfner's in charge of the tractor pull, people come into his shop and ask him questions about the event.

"Every day, they talk about it," Hoepfner said.

He said people ask about the rules

and offer to volunteer.

"A big part of the success is the volunteers that make it possible," Hoepfner said.

He has volunteers to cut grass, keep records and ensure everyone's in the right weight class, among other things.

"It's an awesome weekend because everybody just pulls together, works together, makes it all happen," Hoepfner said.

Hoepfner sees volunteers and fellow pullers at the tractor pull — and

he sees his family too. His nieces and nephews come to the event every year. He said he's trying to teach them his hobby.

"I let them drive my tractors," Hoepfner said. "It brings the younger generation to the circle."

People 12 and older can drive in the tractor pull, but if they're under 16, they need a parent or guardian to sign for them.

Arborg's tractor pull weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 20.



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Darryl Hoepfner is looking forward to competing in the Arborg Ag Society's tractor pull on July 20 and 21.

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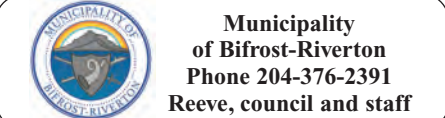
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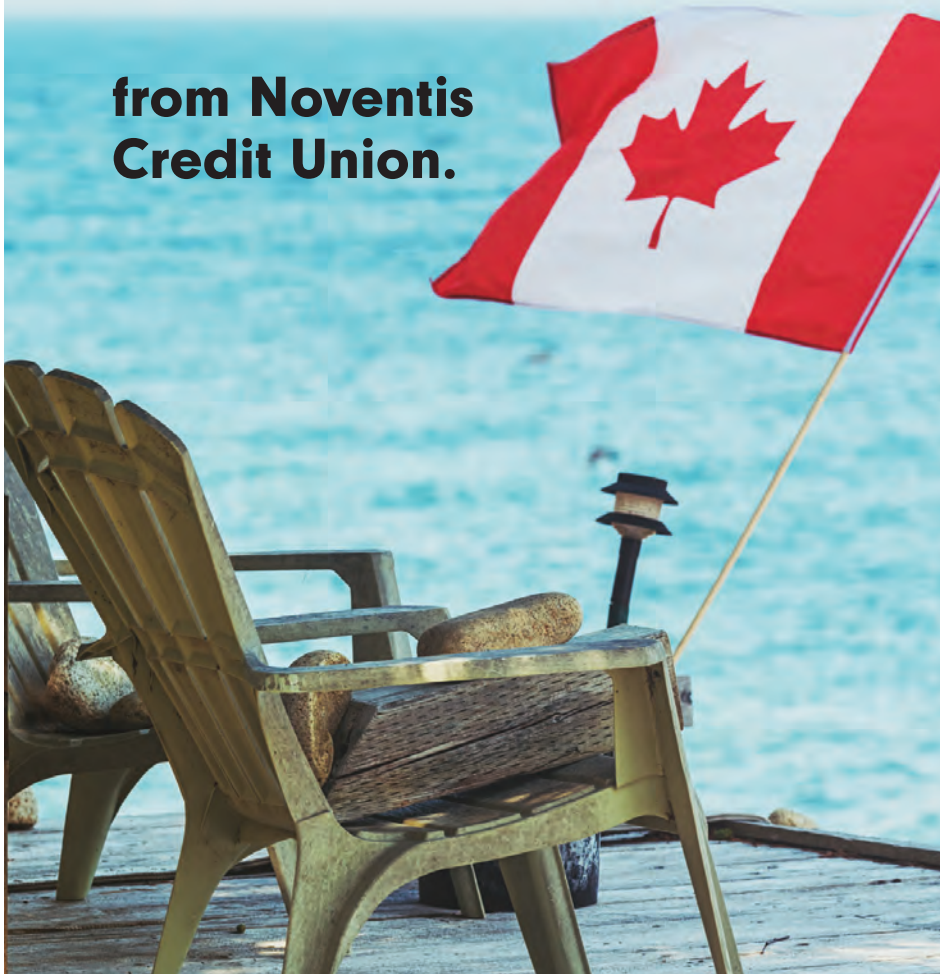


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Gimli going big for Canada Day; Huldudfolk to make appearance

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli's Canada Day Committee is gearing up for a smashing three-day celebration that includes science and spirits, music and art, food and tours of Lake Winnipeg and a picnic party with the seldom-seen Huldudfolk.

Canada Day Committee head Susan Holfeuer, who is also co-chair of the Gimli Ice Festival, took on planning duties this year and she's never been known for organizing small events.

"Go big or go home," said Holfeuer, who stopped to catch her breath between meetings to finalize the myriad of details that go into planning and executing multiple days of public fun.

Celebrations begin Saturday, June 29 with Spirit Fest, organized and hosted by Lenore Chartrand of Heaven Scent Flowers & Gifts. Visitors can immerse themselves in the spirit world from noon to 8 p.m. The event includes mediums, tarot card readers and healers.

Jammin' at the Dock (on the Gimli bandstand) gets underway at 7 p.m. that evening and features a variety

of musical acts. Musicians from the crowd will be invited to jump up on stage and showcase their talent.

On Sunday, June 30, the Gimli Yacht Club is teaming up with the Kiwanis Club of Gimli to host a fish fry and lake talk. Scientists will take to the podium at the club to give the straight goods on the state of Lake Winnipeg. Guest speakers include the Lake Winnipeg Foundation's director Dr. Alexis Kanu and the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium's Dr. Karen Scott.

The fish fry gets underway at 11 a.m. followed by an afternoon of harbour tours and a chance to head out to open water on LWRC's research vessel, the Namao. Bands will round out the evening's entertainment along with fireworks at dusk (rain date is July 1 at dusk).

Monday, July 1 is Canada Day and the Gimli Park pavilion will be a hive of activity for families. Kiwanis will be serving pancakes starting at 8 a.m. to get the crowds fuelled up for the big parade at 11 a.m. And big it is set to

be. Holfeuer said she's trying to break a previous year's record of 70 floats.

At noon, municipal and provincial dignitaries will take to the Gimli Park stage for a half-hour of serious reflection on our country followed by Cana-



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The Gimli Canada Day parade takes place Monday at 11 a.m.

da Day cupcakes courtesy of Gimli Sobeys.

And if you think the fun stops with the politicians, think again. Starting at 1 p.m., the committee has a Gimli's Got Talent show in the works and art buffs can check out the Gimli Art Club's giant mural that will be on display in the park.

How the committee managed to convince the normally shy Huldudfolk (supernatural beings or elves) into making a public appearance is top secret. The elves eschew the limelight, preferring to stay hidden among the volcanic rocks at Icelandic Park, as well as in the historical school house

in the municipal building. But they've agreed to venture out for a picnic in the park at 1 p.m.

Icelandic author Kathleen Arnason will be sharing some tales and the Kinettes will be painting the kids' faces and leading games big and small.

There will be a draw for two children's bikes sponsored by Home Hardware, Rona and Noventis Credit Union.

Holfeuer rounded up a team of 14 volunteers to help stage the event: Gimli Mayor Lynn Greenberg, Coun. Peter Holfeuer, RM of Gimli Assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove, Anders Kuus-selka, Gord Anderson, Norm Black, Olive Hnatiuk, Peggy and Clint Kennedy, Gayle Yatkowsky, Bill Szewaga, Cheryl Buhler, Fire Chief Gary MacGregor and Kim Schau.

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\$9.5 million LOTTO MAX ticket purchased in Winnipeg Beach



Don Humniski

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A Winnipeg resident redeemed a winning free play in Winnipeg Beach.

Don Humniski was shocked to discover he won \$9.5 million on his LOTTO MAX free play for the June 14 draw. He joked that he's also grateful to be still standing after learning the news.

"I saw that a Manitoba ticket had won \$9.5 million on the LOTTO MAX draw the previous night, and I said wouldn't it be funny if we won," the Winnipeg resident said. "I checked my numbers a couple minutes later, and I nearly fell backwards into the ditch!"

"I called my wife and told her she might have to call 911 for me," he laughed. "I was freaking out and shaking. I was completely stunned!"

Though the initial shock was almost enough to knock him off his feet, Humniski said the feeling was soon replaced with another emotion — relief.

"All of a sudden, it dawned on me that we'll never have to worry about anything financial ever again," he said. "Knowing that we're set feels like a huge weight is being lifted off my shoulders."

The happy winner said he has a few plans for his winnings.

"I told my wife I would get the air conditioning fixed in her old car. I joked with her about that for a little while. One of the first things we'll do is find her a new car," he said, laughing.

"My wife and I are also going to retire so we can spend more time with our family. We're going to make sure we're set up for our future."

While on his way to his family's cottage, Humniski redeemed his free play prize at Ford's Grocery, located on Highway 9 in Winnipeg Beach. The winning numbers were 4, 11, 20, 22, 37, 44 and 49. His ticket also won another free play.

> METAL WORKS SIZZLES, FROM PG. 2

drives along the road and sprays weeds we need to get rid of."

In addition to the RM of Bifrost-Riverton, the RMs of Armstrong, Pipestone, Wallace-Woodworth (Virden) have the Romafa weed arm, and Selkirk has ordered one.

The odd thing about the area's machine shops is that they don't compete against one another. They specialize in different lines and help make parts for one other, which in turns bolsters their businesses and allows them to create employment.

"Ninety-nine per cent of our product is agricultural-related. Diemo has a lot of agricultural products as well, but we're not competing with them. We're working together. In fact, if it wasn't for the bigger shops, small guys like us would have a very hard time," said Kornelsen.

"It allowed us a much lower start-up cost because we can go to the neighbours and they will cut steel for us and they will bend it for us, and we'll do all the welding assembly and marketing. We don't have to have millions of dollars to get started. As a community we have great benefits working together like that."

Another boon to Kornelsen's business will be the complete re-building and paving of PR 326, which runs right outside Romafa's door. The province

has committed to upgrading 19.7 kilometres of highway to help the machine shops and ag producers cope with dust and transportation-related costs.

The highway, which has weight restrictions imposed in the spring, can be hazardous to trucking companies and couriers who pick up and deliver parts and products on a daily basis.

"The upgrading will make a huge difference, and in many ways, it will make this community much more productive," said Kornelsen as he and his wife treated employees and guests to birthday cake and coffee in the company's kitchen.

With his willingness to tackle whatever problem individuals and big companies throw at him, Kornelsen said he's seen his business do exceptionally well. And despite not having spent very much on advertising, word-of-mouth has brought "significant" companies to his door.

"I had the vision to serve the community and be a man that could repair and fix their problems, and that's how we got into this," said Kornelsen. "And I'm confident to say that it is the good Lord that showers [this success] down upon us."

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Stats say slow down

By Evan Matthews

It's not uncommon to be driving down the Interlake's highways and see a vehicle growing larger in your rearview mirror at a rapid rate.

So many people drive with excessive speed, and for what? It saves you 10 minutes, maybe? If you're late, you're late. Speeding isn't going to change that.

Last week, just north of Eriksdale on Highway 6, RCMP caught a woman travelling 178 km/h in a 100 km/h construction zone.

The woman was fined \$2,092 and issued a serious driving offence notice, which results in a licence review with Manitoba Public Insurance.

Excessive speeding, distracted driving and driving under the influence are senseless behaviours.

The annual number of fatalities on Manitoba highways total roughly 40, according to MPI spokesperson Brian Smiley. The vast majority of those fatalities are related to speed, distracted driving and/or impaired driving, he said.

More specifically, the number of fatalities and serious injuries on Inter-

lake Highways 6, 7 and 8 may surprise you.

Keep in mind, Highway 6 runs from the City of Winnipeg's Perimeter all the way to Thompson. Highway 6 has seen six fatalities and 12 serious injuries between 2016 and 2019, according to MPI stats. In addition, RCMP issued 1,730 speeding tickets on Highway 6 over the past two years.

Highway 7, which runs from the Perimeter north to Arborg, has seen three fatalities and two serious injuries over the same three-year span. Speeding has been less of an issue on Highway 7, as RCMP only issued 180 tickets over the past two years.

Lastly, Highway 8, which runs from the Perimeter Highway north to Hecla-Grindstone Provincial Park, has seen two fatalities and six serious injuries over the three-year stretch, according to MPI stats, while the RCMP issued 813 speeding tickets over the last two years.

MPI spokesperson Brian Smiley also stated if a driver is travelling 50 km/h over the posted speed limit, RCMP will immediately issue a serious driving offence notice, with driv-

ers licence suspensions taking affect rather quickly. Smiley said MPI can slap hefty suspensions on licences as early as two weeks into the process. Depending on the driver's history, speed at which they were caught, and so on, suspensions can end up being as long as nine months.

A fine for a serious driving offence cannot be determined until a conviction happens in court, but as we've seen in the last week, they can be expensive (upwards of \$2,000).

MPI does not have location-based data but sees an average of 3,000 convictions related to distracted driving, according to MPI statistics, too.

According to the AAA Foundation, drivers who text are up to eight times more likely than non-distracted drivers to be involved in a collision and drivers talking — either hands-free or using a hand-held device — are up to four times more likely to be involved in a collision.

Nobody is perfect, obviously, but it's important to remind ourselves of how avoidable tragedies can be.

Know the stats, be responsible, and know that while we all seem to think it can't, it can happen to you.

Safe travels.

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Correction

By Evan Matthews

In the June 20 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, the article titled Roger Champagne returns home; movie to be shot in Fisher Branch appeared with a number of errors.

Champagne's first name should have been spelled Rodger. Champagne clarified his company "wants" to shoot the movie titled *Gift Exchange*, not that they definitively will shoot it.

It was stated in the article that the movie would be released in the fall

of 2021, but Champagne clarified the "target date" would be in fall of 2021, but its release could come later.

The article also stated that in order to qualify for the Courage to Compete Award, all a young person would have to submit a letter to Champagne via his website stating why they want to attend Champagne's event: Argentina versus Chile in a friendly soccer match at LA Coliseum, a Hit Song Productions event.

Champagne clarified, the letter should not just be about why the young person wants to go to the event but should also detail the young person's future career plans and goals,

whether it be in media, the arts or sports. They must also provide two references.

The article stated Champagne's company, Hit Song Productions, is working with Netflix to produce a documentary about the production of the Sept. 5 match.

Champagne clarified the company Hit Song Productions pairs with is unconfirmed, but it would be "with distribution by a company such as Netflix."

The *Express* apologizes to Rodger Champagne, and our readers, for any confusion.

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Manitoba's Premier Pallister calls an early election

By Evan Matthews

Manitobans will head to the polls on Sept. 10, Premier Brian Pallister announced.

On Wednesday June 19, the premier of Manitoba — flanked by his team of Progressive Conservative MLAs — announced the next provincial election.

“Over three years ago, Manitobans overwhelmingly entrusted us with a clear mandate to fix the finances, repair the services and rebuild the economy,” said Pallister.

“We inherited a mess. But together, we have made real progress. The deficit is cut by more than half. Health-care and education investments are at a record high. And we did so without raising one single tax on Manitoba families.”

Manitoba has 57 electoral divisions also known as constituencies or ridings, according to www.manitobaelection.ca. Red River North, Selkirk, Lakeside, Interlake-Gimli and The Pas-Kameesak (Peguis) make up the Interlake region's five divisions.

An elected member of the legislative assembly (MLA) represents each division. The Manitoba Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission meets every 10 years to review boundaries under the authority of The Electoral Divisions Act, and the 2019 general election will be the first election after re-defining some of Manitoba's divisions.

In the northern Interlake, The Pas-Kameesak is one of the newest ridings, which includes the west side of

Lake Winnipeg, according to Elections Manitoba's website.

Familiar faces

Much of Premier Pallister's incumbent government has announced they will be running again in 2019, including Jeff Wharton (Red River North), Ralph Eichler (Lakeside), Alan Lagimodiere (Selkirk) and Derek Johnson (Interlake-Gimli).

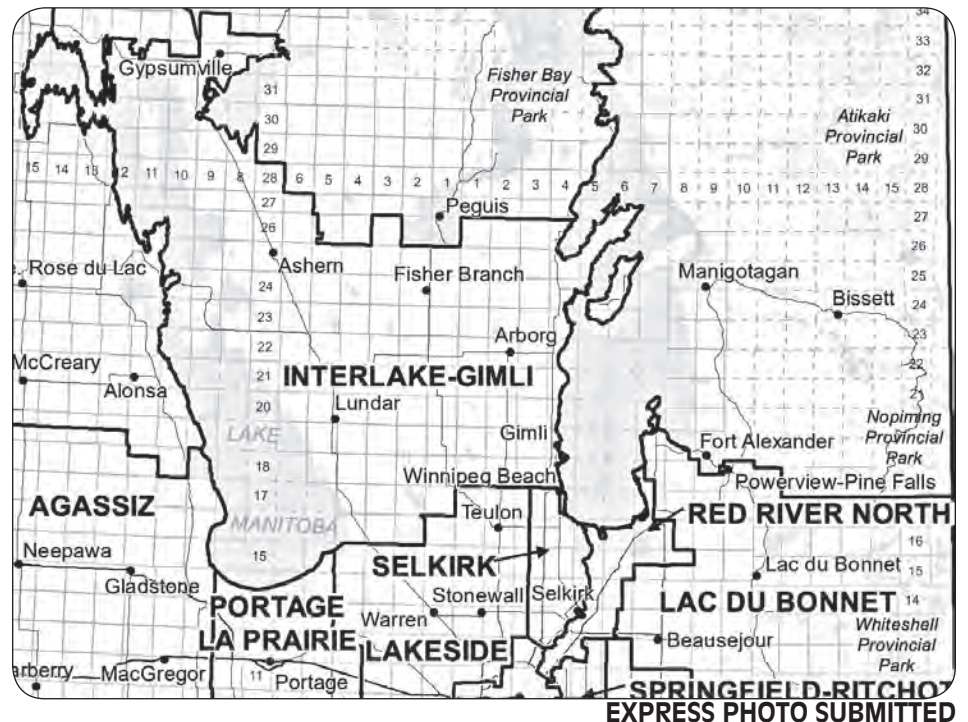
The Red River North division will now include the municipalities of East St. Paul and St. Clements, according to incumbent MLA Jeff Wharton, who at present is running unopposed. The new division will bring his campaign to the complete opposite side of the lake from where he had been previously, he said.

“We've already been in the new area quite a bit, while still supporting constituents of Gimli because I'm currently the MLA until the writ drops, but the campaigning never stops,” said Wharton.

“I'm so pleased to have had the opportunity to serve. ... I was a councillor in Winnipeg Beach and my goal was run for provincial office. I want to continue down that path, and meet the people of my new riding.”

Similarly, at present, Lakeside's incumbent MLA Ralph Eichler is running unopposed.

“We want to make sure we're listening to Manitobans. ... We've achieved near 90 per cent of our mandate, and we're looking to refresh that. We want to listen to ... the issues that are important to Manitobans,” said Eichler.



The Interlake has five electoral regions including the Red River North, Selkirk, Lakeside, Interlake-Gimli and The Pas-Kameesak (Peguis). EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

“So far, it sounds like returning more money to Manitobans, income, having money in their pockets rather than the governments, that's an important one. That'll be the focus, while building the economy now and in the long-term.”

Both incumbent MLAs for Selkirk and Interlake-Gimli, Alan Lagimodiere and Derek Johnson respectively, declined to comment by press time.

However, both have been confirmed as 2019 candidates by Elections Manitoba.

Potential new faces

NDP candidate Mitch Obach will contest Lagimodiere in Selkirk, with no other candidates named so far.

Another NDP candidate, Sarah Pinsent, will contest Derek Johnson for a provincial seat in the Interlake-Gimli division. No other candidates have come forward yet.

In the new riding, Pas-Kameesak — which encompasses Chief Peguis First Nation — the NDP's Amanda Lathlin will take on the PC's Ronald Evans, pending any other candidates coming forward.

Fisher Branch under boil water advisory

By Evan Matthews

The community of Fisher Branch is under a boil water advisory due to a failure in the disinfection treatment process.

The province issued the advisory on June 19, which said the failure — caused by a broken chlorine pump — allowed poorly treated water to enter the distribution system.

“The equipment required some attention, and the Office of Drinking Water advised us to put out an advisory,” said Fisher Branch's chief administrative officer Kelly Marykuca.

“The public notice is for whoever is (using) town water.”

The boil water advisory will remain in effect until the water supplied by the water system no longer presents a risk to public health, the advisory read, with no definite timelines listed.

Though, the advisory did say residents would be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.

Residents should boil water for at

least one minute if using water for drinking or making ice, preparing beverages (including infant formula), preparing food (including washing fruits and vegetables), and brushing teeth, according to the advisory.

However, the advisory said boil water is not required for laundry or washing dishes, and providing a person isn't ingesting the water, it can be used to wash, bathe or shower.

All commercial, public and permitted facilities, examples including res-

taurants, health-care facilities, day cares, personal care homes and other private facilities providing food and water services, must follow water use recommendations from the advisory.

For questions and concerns, contact the Fisher Branch water system at 204-372-6393, or the regional drinking water officer at 204-642-6134.

Fact sheets are also available at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater.

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Don't let husbands touch the fish

Hi anglers, how was your week? I was in the Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg last week visiting someone very dear to me when this not too tall, blond haired, bustling, happy, bundle of energy came whirling into the room. It turned out she was Nurse Marianna and as she attended to the fine lady in the bed she began talking endlessly about fishing. I sat silently, listening to her stories, and when I felt it was appropriate I reached into my pocket and offered her my card. "Oh" she said looking at it, "If you want a story I've got one!"

She carried on attending her patient as she recalled back in 1996 she went fishing with her "then husband" on their honeymoon on the narrows between the Big and Little Whiteshell Lakes. It was a sunny, windy day with choppy waves bouncing their small boat all about. Marianna's line had

not been out that long when she felt a nervous tug. She hauled up sharply. The trembling line drew tight. Young exuberance took over and she reeled in furiously, squealing with excitement, seeing a large perch with its wet green-black stripped sides glistening as it leapt, twisting wildly in the air. Marianna wrapped her legs around the tossing boats bench seat and leaning overboard, grabbed the perch by the gill holding it high, its slimy length slapping against her forearm.

"There's a master!" Marianna shouted with great satisfaction. Her husband took it from her and examined it for a moment. Then to her shock he threw it overboard! "No," he said, "too small!" Marianna, though upset said nothing but bent to her tackle box bringing out a fish measuring tape. She laid it against her forearm which was covered with the perches slime and as far as she was concerned that fish was a master! As Marianna continued to care for my loved one, she uttered, "That was the last time I let my "then husband" touch my catches!"

Few things warm my heart more than witnessing a trembling child screaming with joy when they first catch a fish. It was a warm, hazy, calm day on the Hnausa pier not long ago where a chap waved for me to stop my car as I arrived to visit with the many anglers pursuing their favorite pastime. He bent toward me as I lowered my window saying, "My son Ryder just caught a walleye. He saw the sign on your car that you write the fishing column in the Selkirk Record,

the Express and Stonewall Tribune and really wants be in the papers with his fish." "You bet," I said getting out of the car. "I'm Corey Kowalchuk from Oak Hammock and that proud young fisherman is my son Ryder," he exclaimed. The lad was so excited, he was shaking as he tried to gaff and hold up his catch. "Take your time," I tried to calm him. His dad came to his side and when he felt Ryder had a good grip on the fish, signaled me. I quickly took the picture. Corey and I got to talking after and he told me that his fun is teaching the young ones in the family to have patience when fishing.

Anglers were elbow to elbow along the Red River bank by Lockport last Sunday when I stopped by to pass the time with some of them. As I parked, I saw a tall, heavily built chap taking a long fishing rod and tackle box out of the back of his truck. A young lad who looked much like him stood beside him. "You going to try your luck?" I called out. Our new dark bearded friend looked over to me and the sign on the door of my car illustrating my fishing column, smiled, saying, "Hope to." He and the boy casually strolled over to me as I asked if he had a fishing story for the papers.

"Well," he started, staring out at the roaring, frothy water spilling over the dam, "I remember a fishing incident with my dad upstream from here when I was a kid that brought us closer together." "By the way I'm Brad Muise and this is my son Kingston. We're from Argyle," he put in as



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Corey Kowalchuk and son Ryder of Oak Hammock with Ryder's catch at Hnausa.

he went on describing how his dad had bought a brand new rod and had taken him, with his little kid's rod for their first fishing outing. At the river's edge his dad cast out while Brad watched. Dad's baited hook barely hit the water when the head of a jackfish appeared taking it with a vicious swipe. It turned, diving, tearing dad's rod out of his hand. We stood there, shocked! When dad recovered he was tempted to strip down and go after his new rod but Brad implored his father not to. "I don't want you to get hurt dad," he cried out!

See you next week my friends.



STAGE SET FOR SUMMER SEASON

Gimli's A-Spire Players will present 10 plays over eight weekends during the 14th summer season of a community theatre group entertaining audiences since 1992.

The season - featuring plays by the A-Spire and other Manitoba theatre companies - will open on the June 28-30 weekend with Time Boom's production of "Oh Fudge", a comedy of murder, mayhem and unrequited love set in Gimli in earlier times. It will close on the Aug. 30-Sept. 1 weekend with the A-Spire's interpretation of "Halfway There" by leading Canadian comedy playwright Norm Foster.

Variety will spice a season that also includes the return of perennial Gimli favourite Shoestring Players and a tribute to Johnny Cash by the Interlake Players. Further details of the program may be obtained from the A-Spire's facebook page. Reservations and inquiries can be made by phoning 204-642-8079 and tickets will be available at Tergesens a week before each show.

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A non-urgent walk-in medical clinic will be available
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Appointments for the non-urgent medical clinic are not necessary.



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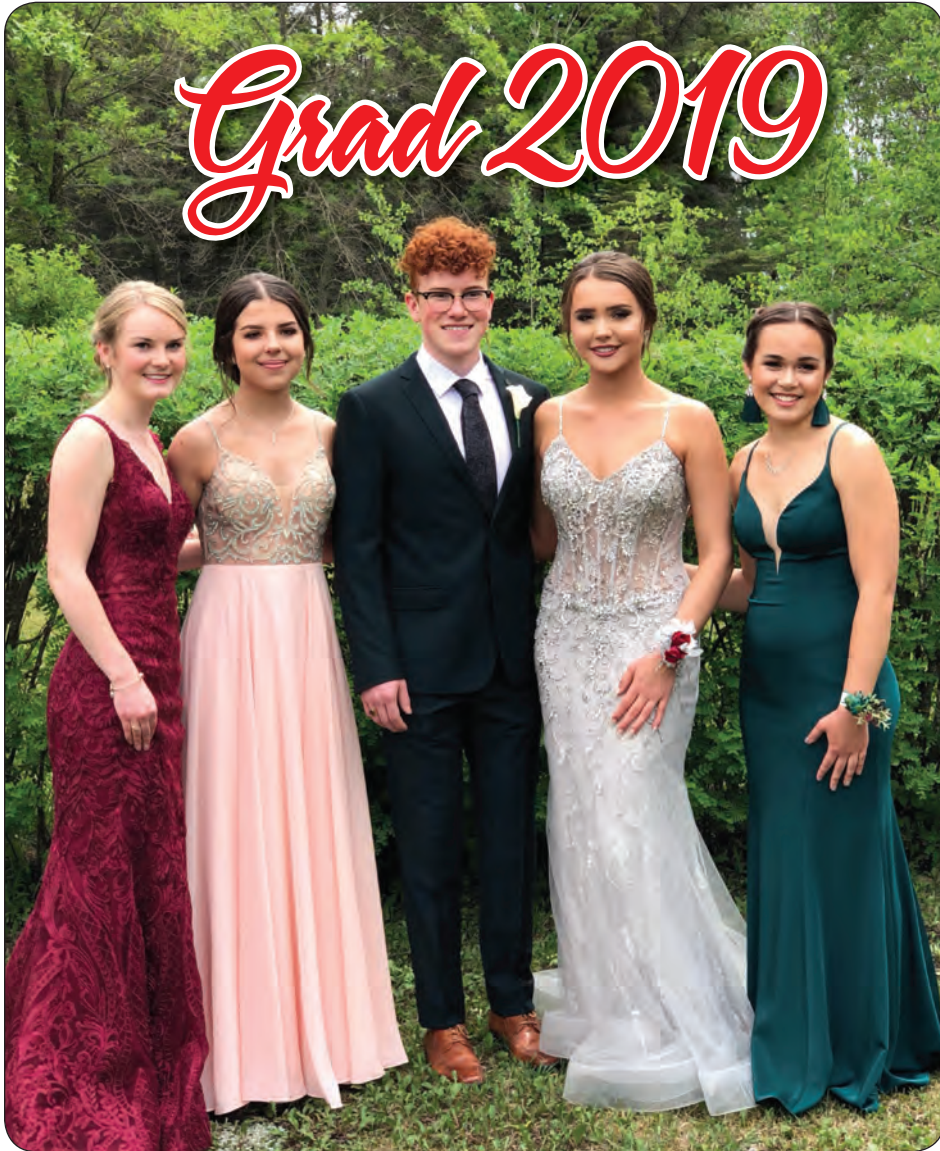
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Fond memories for Fisher Branch graduating class

By Evan Matthews

Fisher Branch Collegiate's most recent graduates are set to take on the world.

Teresa Moore began teaching in Fisher Branch five years ago when the 13 graduates of 2019 were attending Grade 8.

"The subject I taught them was science. It was not my favourite subject to teach, nor was I their favourite teacher. I'm pretty sure a couple of them said they hated me. ... I was so mean," said Moore, who went on to mention very specific heartfelt stories about each and every one of the grads.

"Don't worry. We've all moved on since then. ... To be honest, the most endearing nickname I've been called by this class is mom.

"We've truly become a family. ... I wish every one of you the best, in the so many amazing times ahead (of you)."

The valedictorians, Kiara Shergold and Geneil Tacad, spoke about their graduating class and the many times they've shared and the hopes they have for the future.

This year's 13 graduates took home roughly \$32,000 in scholarships and bursaries, according to the awards list. Of the 13 graduates, all students graduated with more than the 30 credits required by the Province of Manitoba.

Awards from non-profits and societies included the Chaika Dance Club, Ashern Royal Canadian Legion 57, Lakeshore School Division, Ukrainian Farmers Co-op, Fisher Branch Filipino Community, Poplarfield Community Club, Fisher Branch Women's Institute and Lakeshore Teacher's Association.

Awards in memory of past (and current) community members and alumni included Karen Abas, Olga Grouch, Joanne and David Smith, William



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY EVAN MATTHEWS

The Fisher Branch graduates of 2019.



Valedictorians, Kiara Shergold and Geneil Tacad



Kiara Shergold



Geneil Tacad

Zubatiuk, Verna Wallack, Patti, Sean and Bogdan Witzke, Horatio Alger, Dr. Sonja Bruin, Leanne Kochan and Nancy Swenty.

Awards sponsored by corporations included Interlake Café, J's Hairstyling, International Pollination Services Canada, RM of Fisher, Smith's Auto-tech, Interlake Auto and Tractor Parts, Minh's Restaurant, Noventis Credit

Union, Fisher Branch Pharmacy, Interlake Forage Seeds, Sylvan Genetics, Nutrien, King Buck Inn and Bifrost Seeds.

The day's big winners were Kiara Shergold, Geneil Tacad and Laine Vandersteen.

Shergold walked away with a total of \$9,950, including medals for the highest mark in pre-calculus, English and biology. She also won the Governor

General's Medal for highest overall average in grades 11 and 12 combined.

Tacad took home a total of \$6,950, including medals for the highest mark in English, chemistry and French, as well as a plaque for the Schulich Leader Scholarship.

Vandersteen also won big, totalling \$6,200.



Laine Vandersteen



Thirteen graduates received their diplomas at this year's ceremony in Fisher Branch.





Fisher Branch Scholarships

Macy Abas:

- Broad Valley Catering (Furthering Education)
- Chaika Dance Club (Graduating Member)
- Karen Abas at FB Health Centre (Furthering Education in Nursing)
- Olga Grouch Memorial Award (University & Science)

Scott Barrett:

- Medal – Highest Mark in Applied Math
- Medal – Highest Mark in Physics
- Interlake Café (Furthering Education)
- Joanne & David Smith (Furthering Education & Former Student)
- William Zubatiuk Memorial Award (Most Improved from grade 9 to grade 12)
- Ashern Royal Canadian Legion #57 (Most Congenial Grad – chosen by grads)
- Olga Grouch Memorial Award (University & Science)

Dominic Cochrane:

- J's Hairstyling (Skilled Trade)
- International Pollination Services Canada Inc. (Skilled Trade)
- RM of Fisher (Skilled Trade)
- Verna Wallack (Creativity, Innovation & Positive Attitude – chosen by grads)
- Smith's Autotech (Skilled Trade with a minimum average of 70%)
- Interlake Auto & Tractor Parts Ltd. (Furthering Education)

Jovan Hamrlik:

- Medal – Highest Mark in English Lit
- Medal – Highest Mark in Law
- Minh's Restaurant (Furthering Education)
- Patti, Sean, & Bogdan Witzke (In Memory of Urbain and Charlotte Chaput)
- Lakeshore School Division (Proficiency Award)

Danya Prus:

- Medal – Highest Mark in Essential Math
- Ukrainian Farmers Co-op (Furthering Education)
- Noventis Credit Union (Furthering Education)

Kiara Shergold:

- Medal – Highest Mark in Pre-Calculus
- Medal – Highest Mark in English
- Medal – Highest Mark in Biology
- Governor General's Medal for highest marks in Grade 11 & 12
- FB Filipino Community (Valedictorian)
- Poplarfield Community Club (Furthering Education)
- Ukrainian Farmers Co-op (Furthering Education)
- FB Women's Institute (tied for 1st place)
- Olga Grouch Memorial Award (University & Science)
- University of Manitoba Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship – Tier 2
- Horatio Alger Scholarship (Overcoming Adversity)

Geneil Tacad:

- Medal – Highest Mark in English
- Medal – Highest Mark in Chemistry
- Medal – Highest Mark in French
- Plaque – Schulich Leader Scholarships (STEM student)
- Dr. Sonja Bruin (Furthering Education in Medical Field)
- FB Filipino Community (Valedictorian)
- Ashern Royal Canadian Legion #57 (Most Congenial Student – chosen by grads)
- Leanne Kochan (French Frog Award)
- FB Filipino Community (chosen by group)
- In Memory of Nancy Swenty (Humanitarian Award chosen by Grads)
- FB Women's Institute (tied for 1st place)
- Noventis Credit Union (Furthering Education)
- University of Manitoba (Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship)
- Olga Grouch Memorial Award (University & Science)
- University of Manitoba Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship – Tier 2

Laine Vandersteen:

- Patti, Sean, & Bogdan Witzke (In Memory of Urbain and Charlotte Chaput)
- Fisher Branch Pharmacy (Furthering Education)
- Interlake Forage Seeds (Furthering Education in Agriculture)
- Sylvan Genetics (Most Credits)
- Chaika Dance Club (Graduating Member)
- FBC Middle Years Student Council (Furthering Education & Student Council involvement)
- RM of Fisher (Furthering Education in Agriculture)
- Ukrainian Farmers Coop (In Memory of Walter Wowchuk)
- Fisher Game & Fish (Graduating Member)
- Nutrien (Furthering Studies in Agriculture)
- CUPE Local #3206 Al Hummel Memorial Scholarship (child of parent member)
- Bifrost Seeds Ltd. (Furthering Education in Agriculture)
- Mazergroup Ag Excellence Scholarship
- Olga Grouch Memorial Award (University & Science)

Kapri Walashek-Neault:

- Patti, Sean, & Bogdan Witzke (In Memory of Urbain and Charlotte Chaput)
- Chaika Dance Club (Graduating Member)
- Stocki Trucking (Furthering Education)
- Lakeshore Teacher's Association (Furthering Education)

Cassidy Webb:

- Chaika Dance Club (Graduating Member)
- Karen Abas at FB Health Centre (Furthering Education in Nursing)
- Ukrainian Farmers Co-op (Furthering Education)
- King Buck Inn (Furthering Education)

Arborg grads reminded to say what they feel, they matter

By Evan Matthews

It was standing room only at the Arborg Community Hall last Saturday, as family, friends and administration bid farewell to the class of 2019.

The (former) students entered the hall one by one, as they had their names announced, proceeded down the aisle and took their seat on stage.

Randy Semenek, principal at Arborg Collegiate Institute, quoted his favourite author as he said his goodbyes.

"Be who you are. Say what you feel. Because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind," said Semenek.

"On stage today, we have academics, athletes, musicians and dancers, comedians, mechanics, artists and so much more. ... Some risks will pay off, and some will not.

"But despite all the different (personalities) we have here, I can't think of a more cohesive group. ... Appreciate that this room full of people will always cheer you on, celebrate your successes and pick you up when you fall."

Principal Semenek made sure to note for the grads that when they were born in 2001, the top movies were *Shrek* and *Lord of the Rings*, and the top songs were *Fallin'* by Alicia Keys' and *Can't Fight The Moonlight* by LeAnn Rimes.

From the first day of kindergarten to competing on high school sports teams and writing their final exams, Semenek highlighted the roller coaster ride and said the students had been "wonderful representatives" of the high school and the community.

This year's 20 graduates took home roughly \$33,000 in scholarships and bursaries, according to the grad ceremony's scholarship document.

Awards from non-profits and societies included the Evergreen School Division, the Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Arborg and Riverton Band and Choral, the Association for Community Living, the Esjan Icelandic Chapter, the Evergreen StudentVoice, the Evergreen Teachers' Association, the Snoman Committee, the CUPE Local 3164, the Riverton and District Friendship Centre and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161.



Brittney Kroeker received the Governor General's Medal (for the highest average throughout grades 11 and 12 combined); won \$2,000 in entrance scholarships to the U of M, the Bifrost Seeds Scholarship, the Nutrien Ag Solutions Scholarship and the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship.

Awards in memory of past (and present) community members and alumni included just one, Margrét Bjarnason.

Awards sponsored by corporations included Arborg Family Dental, Bifrost Seeds, Interlake Co-Op, the Municipality of Armstrong, the Municipality of Bifrost Riverton, Noventis Credit Union, Nutrien Ag Solutions, the Town of Arborg and Vidir Solutions.

The day saw quite a few big scholarship winners, including Max Cockerrill, Jillian Friesen, Brittney Kroeker, Sage Stoyanowski, Darci Mowatt, Amanda Stogrin, Zoe Magaway, Kirsten Stobery, Jenica Sul, Nolan Paulson, Liwell Delos Trinos and Nori Sigvaldason, all of whom took home a minimum of \$1,000.

Paulson won the Vidir Solutions Scholarship for \$1,000, while Sul won \$1,000 entrance scholarship to the Canadian Mennonite University.

Stobery and Sigvaldason won \$1,100 and \$1,750 respectively to the University of Winnipeg on entrance scholarships.

Kroeker won \$2,000 in entrance scholarships to the University of Manitoba, while also taking home the Bifrost Seeds Scholarship, the Nutrien Ag Solutions Scholarship,



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY EVAN MATTHEWS AND ANDERS KUUSSELKA
The Arborg Collegiate graduating class of 2019.



Nolan Paulson



Darci Mowatt



Nori Sigvaldason



Sage Stoyanowski



Kirsten Stobery



Zoe Magaway

the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, in addition to winning the Governor General's Medal (for the highest average throughout grades 11 and 12 combined). Her winnings totaled \$6,500.

Stoyanowski walked away with a total of seven awards, including the Evergreen School Division Award, the Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Award, the Arborg and Riverton Band and Choral Scholarship, the CUPE Local 3164 Award, the Esjan Icelandic Chapter Award, the Evergreen Student Voice Award and the Evergreen Teachers' Association Award, totalling a monetary amount of over \$2,000.

As valedictorian — partnered with Connor Yarema — Stoyanowski delivered some final words to her peers.

"Today we stand together, the class of 2019, looking toward our future and reflecting upon our past," said Stoyanowski.

"Some people don't have much faith in the next generation, but I think our class has done (and will continue to do) a good job of proving people wrong."

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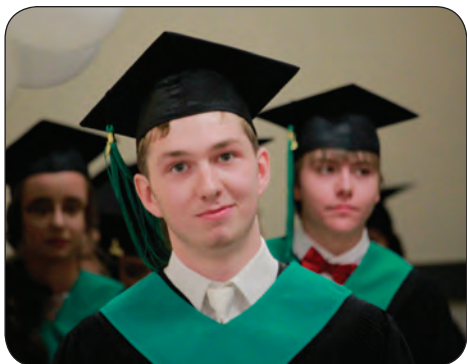
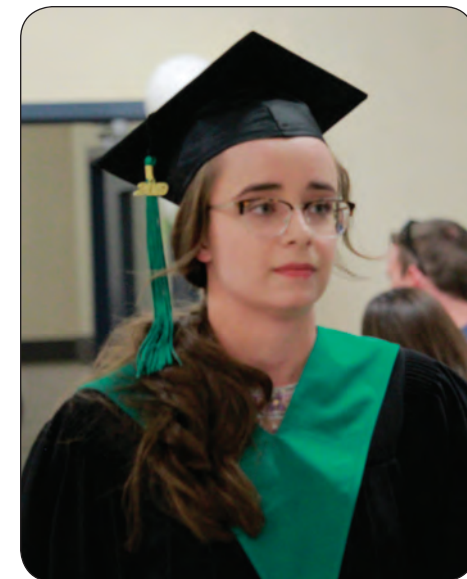
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Nori Sigvaldason - Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award, Association for Community Living Award, Municipality of Bifrost Riverton Award, University of Winnipeg Entrance Scholarships

Max Cockerill - Association for Community Living Award, Chown Centennial Scholarship, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 3 - Queen Elizabeth II

Brittney Kroeker - Bifrost Seeds Ltd. (\$1000), Governor General's Medal, Agricultural and Food Sciences Centennial Entrance Scholarship, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 3 - Queen Elizabeth II

Sage Stoyanowski - Evergreen Student Voice Board Member Award, Evergreen Teachers' Association Award, Esjan Icelandic Chapter, CUPE Local 3164 Award, Arborg Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award, Evergreen School Division Awards, Arborg and Riverton Band and Choral Post Secondary Scholarship, Tier 3 - Queen Elizabeth II

Amanda Stogrin - Interlake Co-Op Scholarship, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 2 - Guertin Centennial Awards

Zoe Magaway - Noventis Credit Union, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 1 - Hogg Centennial Award

Liwell Delos Trinos - Margrét Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

Kirsten Stobert - Noventis Credit Union, University of Winnipeg Entrance Scholarships

Brittney Kroeker - Nutrien Ag Solutions

Darci Mowatt - Winston Menard Scholarship, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 2 - Guertin Centennial Awards, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Bursary Award, Riverton & District Friendship Centre Bursary, \$1,000.00

Blaise Johannesson - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 161 Bursary Award

Connor Yarema - Snoman Youth Scholarship

Jillian Friesen - Town of Arborg Award, University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships - Tier 3 - Queen Elizabeth II

Jenica Sul - Canadian Mennonite University Entrance Scholarship, Arborg Family Dental Award

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Lundar grads prepare for change at graduation ceremony

By Gabrielle Piche

Eighteen graduates from Lundar School threw their caps in the air at Lundar's curling rink on Friday.

The students heard several speeches during the ceremony. Lawrence Grzenda, Lundar School's principal, spoke to the grads first.

Grzenda spoke of change.

"Many of you were telling me of how anxious you were and nervous," Grzenda said. "These are natural feelings. They are common when we are going through change."

Change is always happening — but Grzenda believes the grads have the skills to face their futures.

"I have seen you deal with change and succeed before my eyes," Grzenda said.

Next, Donny Thorkelson spoke on behalf of Lakeshore School Division. He gave the grads encouragement, telling them they could overcome challenges through hard work and support.

The grads chose Raya Pool as their guest speaker. Pool, who is now Lundar School's early years principal, taught the grads over the course of their academic careers.

But when the grads first walked through the doors in kindergarten, they were met by their teacher Pool. It was her first year in the role.

Pool described the grads in kindergarten. Riley Wirgau and Joseph Christensen argued over farming practices. They continued these debates throughout school. Jared Olafson and Dylan Lynch liked to remind other kids of the rules.

Pool also taught the grads from Eriksdale when they were in Grade 3 and 4.

"They have big ideas and big questions about the world," Pool said.



Valedictorians Nolan Smith, left, and Emily Weatherburn.



Taylor Kauppila accepting the Noventis Credit Union Scholarship.

Pool reminded the grads of the research they did in class, based off of questions the students had asked. One memory: the kids learned that beavers do not beat their prey to death with their tails.

She also taught the grads math in grades 7 and 8, and she was a school counsellor.

"You guys, as a collective, have had many life experiences — multiple experiences that most people don't go through until they're well into their 50s or 60s," Pool said.

Pool shared some advice with the grads, including a reminder to be nice to others. The advice came from the



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Lundar Collegiate graduating class, back row, left to right: Dylan Lynch, Adam Mikula, Taylor Kauppila, Callie Farthing, Karley Thorsteinson, Darbie Desjarlais, Caitlyn Marshall, Halli Monkman, Amber Eyolfson, Abigail Ryden, Payton Law, Nolan Smith and Jared Olafson; front row, Courtney Bishop, Tyler Kauppila, Joseph Christensen, Riley Wirgau and Emily Weatherburn.



Abigail Ryden gets a scholarship from the Royal Canadian Legion's Eriksdale branch.

grads themselves when they were in Grade 1.

Emily Weatherburn and Nolan Smith delivered the valedictorian speech. During their speech, they gave short quips that related to inside jokes the grads understood.



Raya Pool speaks to the grads.

"Being able to tell multiple stories about each person up here makes graduating that much more special," Weatherburn said.

Smith couldn't imagine graduating with anyone else.

Principal Grzenda handed each stu-

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Payton Law, Taylor Kauppila and Caitlyn Marshall pose in their grad gowns on June 21.



Riley Wirgau, Dylan Lynch and Nolan Smith take a picture together before their graduation ceremony.



Halli Monkman holds Willow's leash before leaving for the grad ceremony.



Tyler Kauppila gives a bouquet of roses during the graduates' rose ceremony.

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dent their diploma. Scholarship sponsors came on stage to congratulate the Grade 12s receiving their awards.

Taylor Kauppila took home the Governor General's Medal. To win the medal, the student must have the class' highest GPA, combining marks

from grades 11 and 12.

Kauppila received a number of other scholarships, including the Chown Centennial Scholarship. The University of Manitoba gave Kauppila the scholarship because she'd graduated with an average about 85 per cent and will take a full course load at school next year.

Several other grads accepted schol-

arships. Jared Olafson got the title of male athlete of the year for his contribution to Lundar School's sports teams.

After graduates received their diplomas and awards, they took time to hand out roses to people who'd sup-

ported them through high school. When they got back to the stage — some with tears rolling down their cheeks — they threw their caps in the air, officially marking the end of a significant chapter in their lives.



From left: Courtney Bishop, Karley Thorsteinson, Darbie Desjarlais, Caitlyn Marshall, Halli Monkman, Abigail Ryden, Callie Farthing, Emily Weatherburn, Taylor Kauppila, Payton Law and Amber Eyolfson.



From left: Jared Olafson, Adam Mikula, Dylan Lynch, Joseph Christensen, Riley Wirgau, Tyler Kauppila and Nolan Smith.



Lawrence Grzenda presents Jared Olafson his high school diploma.



Lundar Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Darbie Desjarlais

Subject award medal for highest mark in Current Topics in First Nation, Métis and Inuit Studies

Halli Monkman

Subject award medal for highest mark in Essential Math

Jared Olafson

Male athlete of the year

Callie Farthing

Lundar School Scholarship

(awarded to a deserving student continuing their education)

Lakeshore Teachers' Association Scholarship (awarded to a deserving student continuing their education)

Taylor Joseph Christensen Memorial Scholarship

Nolan Smith

Coldwell Lundar Community Foundation's Cal & Dorothy Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Payton Law

Coldwell Community Foundation Inc. Scholarship

Grettir Co-operative Amateur Athletic Association Scholarship

Ladies Aid Bjork Scholarship

Lundar Elks Scholarship

Lundar Legion Scholarship

Manitoba Métis Federation Lundar Local Scholarship in memory of Simone Desjarlais

Noventis Credit Union Scholarship

Abigail Ryden

Eriksdale Legion Scholarship
Little Lady's Scholarship
IBEW Local 2034 Scholarship

Emily Weatherburn

Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship
Eriksdale Legion Scholarship
Lundar School Scholarship

Amber Eyolfson

Subject award medal for ELA
Transactional 40S

Taylor Kauppila

Allan Forsyth Foundation Scholarship
Chown Centennial Scholarship
Governor General's Bronze Medal
Horatio Alger Association Scholarship
Interlake Co-op Scholarship
Lakeshore School Division

Proficiency Award

Noventis Credit Union Scholarship

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U of M Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship

Caitlyn Marshall

Brendan Moman Memorial Scholarship
Fjola Johnson Scholarship

Gudjon Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Lundar Elks Scholarship

Lundar Legion Scholarship

2018 Keith and Davilyn Award for Physics 40S

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Gimli High School graduates the toast of the town

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli High School's Grade 12 students were the toast of the town last Thursday when they threw an all-day graduation celebration.

Before the official ceremony got underway, the 69 graduates gathered on Gimli Beach with family and friends for photos and some high jinks. They then revved up their engines and paraded through town with the Gimli fire department as escort, and waved and cheered at well-wishers gathered along the route.

The grads gathered at the Gimli Recreation Centre, where over 400 family, friends and community organizations gathered to celebrate their achievements and present them with scholarships and bursaries.

"We reflect and remember the first time you came to Gimli High School, Class of 2019. You were a collection of big personalities and big voices. We had big victories and we faced big



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Gimli High School class of 2019.

challenges," said teacher Jay Nickerson, who acted as co-emcee with band director Rob Chrol. "You filled our halls with all that was good and brave. We watched you grow for four years, from the trauma of Grade 9 to the pride of sitting on the stage this afternoon."

Chrol injected a bit of levity into the three-hour ceremony by pointing out — in the manner of a flight attendant — all the exits in the overly hot and stuffy hall and how to remain calm during an emergency. He then paid tribute to the grads' perseverance to their studies and their kindness.

"I think back to the great desire you showed to keep going especially when things got tough," said Chrol. "You knew when to buckle down and work hard, but you knew how to play hard, too."

GHS principal Leona Groot spoke fondly about the grads' strengths and unique character, singling out each student by name for special recognition.

Groot presented Braden Yablonski with the Governor General's Award for academic achievement. Yablonski maintained a grade point average of 97 per cent and also received a number of scholarships and bursaries from community organizations.

Evergreen School Division Supt. Roza Gray, whose daughter was



Braden Yablonski, with principal Leona Groot, earned the Governor General's Medal for highest academic achievement.

among those graduating, remarked wistfully on how quickly the grads grew up.

"We have trouble accepting what our eyes are telling us because it's difficult for our hearts to accept that our young children are now teenagers who will move on to adventures without us," she said.

Gray said she's confident that as the grads face new challenges, they'll help make the world a better place.

"I'm confident you have the skills and the passion to overcome the barriers my generation has created to a healthy, sustainable world," said Gray. "Grads, you fill me with me hope. Parents, as we give our children up to the world, I can't help but think what a



Braden Yablonski and Isabelle Stevens make their way to the podium.

lucky world." The division saw 17 additional students graduate with a Mature Student Diploma earned through its successful adult education program.



Jasmine Henry earned the Tim and Delphine Arnason Scholarship for high achievement in music.



Grad procession.

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Grads applaud their peers who won awards.



Grads have a chuckle when the emcees reveal some classroom secrets.



Winnipeg Beach Mayor Tony Pimentel presented Meadow Bochurka with a Town of Winnipeg Beach scholarship.



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Jordan Einarson received his diploma.



Gimli High School students head up Centre Street June 20 on their way to graduation.



Jayda LaRocque, Kaitlin Weidl, Jessica Greene and Emily Legall.



Sinead Gibbs, with MLA Jon Gerrard, earned several awards, including the Manitoba Young Liberal Scholarship.



Jaxson Groot received his diploma.



Turner Spakowski earned the Automobile Services of Gimli, Power Mechanics, Award.



Band director Rob Chrol added a little levity to the proceedings.



This grad couldn't stop studying despite graduating.

2019 Scholarship Recipients

Barylski Gina	Evergreen School Division
Bochurka Meadow	Brandon University Entrance, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary, Lakeside Lions of Winnipeg Beach & Dunnottar Lifetouch Canada
Bucklaschuk Tyson	Evergreen School Division
Cowell Josh	University of Manitoba Entrance, University of Manitoba Sigurbjorg Stefansson Memorial
Gibbs Sinead	Gimli District Health Auxiliary, Kiwanis Mel Osborne Fellowship, Manitoba Young Liberals, Noventis Credit Union Gimli, University of Manitoba Entrance, University of Manitoba Skuli Johnson for English
Giesbrecht Tyler	Interlake Communications, Jessica Brown Memorial
Gray Mia	Camp Morton Ladies Aid, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary, R.M. of Gimli, St. Michaels Catholic Women's League, University of Manitoba Entrance, University of Manitoba BMO Financial Group Leader of Tomorrow
Groot Jaxson	Gimli Lutheran Centennial
Heathcote Abbegayle	Gimli Seniors Resource, Hailey Dugay Memorial, Kristine Kristofferson Memorial, RCL Gimli Branch #182
Henry Jasmine	University of Manitoba Entrance
Huston Arabella	Eleanor Melsted Memorial, Evergreen Band Boosters, Noventis Credit Union Gimli, RCL Gimli Branch #182, Tim & Delphine Arnason, University of Manitoba Chown
Iliencko Skyelar	M.A.S.T.A.R.S. Victor P. Thiessen Memorial, Everett Lloyd Memorial
Johannesson Kassie	Jeff Wharton Citizen, Noventis Credit Union Winnipeg Beach, University of Manitoba Entrance
Johnston Elizabeth	Westshore Foundation
Jonasson Brady	CUPE Local #1912 Betel Home, University of Manitoba Entrance
Kakepetum Brianne	Camp Morton Ladies Aid, Evergreen School Division, Jessica Brown Memorial, R.M. of Gimli
LaRocque Jayda	University of Manitoba Entrance
Lebel Sophie	BBP Music
Leochko Kolbie	Evergreen School Division
McPherson-Chambers Mackayla	CUPE Local #3164, RCL Winnipeg Beach Branch #61 Ladies Auxiliary, R.M. of St. Andrews, Town of Winnipeg Beach, University of Manitoba Entrance
Nedotiafko Colton	Nicholas Melnychuk Scholastic
Pemkowski Destiny	Evan David John King Memorial, RCL Gimli Branch #182
Pemkowski Emily	Gimli Art Club, Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family, Noventis Credit Union Winnipeg Beach, Rotary Club of Gimli
Porteous Melissa	University of Winnipeg Entrance
Porteous Samantha	Evan David John King Memorial
Rusak-Chambers Madalin	RCL Gimli Branch #182, RCL Winnipeg Beach Branch #61
Spakowski Turner	Camp Morton Ladies Aid, Canada Iceland Foundation Margrét Bjarnason Memorial, Evergreen Teachers Association, RCL Gimli Branch #182, R.M. of Gimli, University of Manitoba Entrance, Westshore Foundation
Stevens Isabelle	Hnausa Harbour Authority, Rotary Club of Gimli, Westshore Foundation
Strachan Tre	CUPE Local #1912 Betel Home, Gimli District Health Auxiliary, Inspire Ted Rogers Scholarship, Kiwanis Matching Post-Secondary, R.M. of Gimli, University of Manitoba Entrance, University of Manitoba Harold A.C.
Tarnowski Presley	Johnson Chemistry, University of Manitoba Skuli Johnson Math Award
Thorkelson Evan	Hannes Kristjanson Memorial, University of Manitoba Entrance
Yablonski Braden	Automobile Services of Gimli
Braden Yablonski	Evergreen Student Voice Award
	Viking Masonic Lodge & Masons of Manitoba
	Gimli Knights of Columbus, St. Michaels Catholic Women's League
	Peter Froese Legacy, University of Manitoba Entrance
	Albert Kristjanson Music, BBP Music, Evergreen Band Boosters, R.M. of Armstrong, Ted Jeremy Memorial, University of Manitoba Entrance
	Governor General's Medal

Prepared for life: Riverton Collegiate grads 'un-messable'

By Patricia Barrett

Teaching staff, community organizations and members of the Berens River and Bloodvein First Nations paid tribute last Friday to Riverton Collegiate's graduates for their academic achievements.

Principal Erin Furgala encouraged her 15 graduates to strive to become the "best version of themselves" as they continue on with post-secondary studies, enter the workforce or start families.

"I have confidence that our children, these graduates, can walk out the doors of our school and out of the supportive arms of our community and be able to stand up tall and say, 'I have the power to make decisions, I have a purpose for my life, I can succeed and I am loved,'" said Furgala to about 300 people attending the ceremony at the Riverton Hall.

To honour National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), and to remind her grads that learning never ends, Furgala told them a story about Nanabush, a half-human, half-spirit figure from Ojibwa legend. Having flaws common to all humans, Nanabush wanted to become smarter the lazy way without realizing life is a continuous process of learning and that one must make choices along the way in order to find



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Riverton Collegiate Class of 2019. the best path forward.

The collegiate accepts students from both Berens and Bloodvein so that they can complete the high school curriculum.

Berens River educational co-ordinator Rachel Swain thanked collegiate staff and members of the community for the "tremendous support" they gave to their students. She also honoured Berens' graduates Serena Flett, Luke Berens and Ryder Campbell for their academic accomplishments. She encouraged all the graduates to continue building their own personal ladder of success.

Loretta Dorion from Bloodvein First Nation thanked collegiate staff for going the extra mile for their students and members of the Riverton community who opened their hearts and doors to billet them.

"Brad and Debbie Kornelsen opened up their home to [graduate] Dora [Innerst] for the past three years. Thank you so much," said Dorion. "It's caring people like you that really make the home placement program work for us."

Graduate McKenna Barkman won the Governor General's Medal for outstanding academic achievement, maintaining a grade point average of 96 per cent. Barkman also delivered the valedictory address.

The grad's guest speaker, teacher and vice-principal Rob Jantz, said they made their teachers, friends and relatives proud, and put paid to the notion that instruction comes only from the top down.

In a light-hearted and collaborative exchange, grads corrected Jantz when he made up words such as "un-messable" while describing their fortitude



Bailey Magnusson and Aidan Grimolfson gave a toast to their classmates.



Principal Erin Furgala presented McKenna Barkman with the Governor General's Medal for highest academic achievement. Barkman also delivered the Valedictorian address.

in the face of challenge and knew the exact phrase he was alluding to when he spoke of Shakespeare's character Polonius providing advice to his son (To thine own self be true).

Delivering a quasi-sermon on the omnipotent cell phone and encouraging grads to reject "iPhoney" and "cell-fish" tendencies, Jantz said he hoped they would regularly find a place with no internet service.

"When you find yourself with no bars, may you breathe in, look around and tether yourself to gratitude. Better yet, put yourself in airplane mode and notice the little things that will begin to appear around you," he said. "Treasure those things."

Evergreen School Division Supt. Roza Gray told the grads they can be great at anything provided they're willing to work at it every day, and to reflect on and learn from daily experience as "it's the ordinary days that shape us into who we are."

Dozens of generous individuals and community organizations supported



Serena Flett received her Mature Student Diploma.

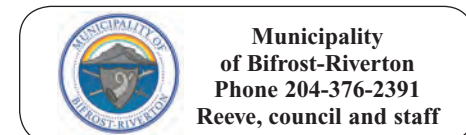
the grads through scholarships and bursaries, which were presented during the ceremony.



Riverton grads.



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Denali Sigurdson received a bursary from Westshore Community Foundation member Ruth Ann Furgala.



Dalton Johnson received the Merit Contractors Association award from Don Bodnarus.



Educational coordinator Rachel Swain from Berens River recognized Ryder Campbell for his achievements.



Helen Kristjanson presented Dalton Johnson with the Stefan V. and Runa Sigurdson Award.



David Ostryzniuk from Arborg Legion #161 presented Aidan Grimolfson with a scholarship.



Amy Johnson received her diploma.



Retired bus driver Percy Marks presented Alyssa Marks with the Nutrien Ag Solutions Scholarship.



Riverton teacher Tammy Einarson presented McKenna Barkman with the Sophie Hurdal bursary.



Caps away, we're grads!

Riverton Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Berens River First Nations Gifts by:

Luke Berens, Ryder Campbell, Serena Flett
Bloodvein First Nations Gifts by:
 Dora Innerst

Community Education Coordinator Rachel Swain
 Private Home Placement Coordinator Loretta Dorion

Amy Johnson

Student Voice Representative Award
 Riverton Co-op Bursary
 Chown Centennial Scholarships

Trustee Ruth Ann Furgala
 Retail Manager Darlene Yaremus
 RCI Teacher, Shivani Agnihotri

Aiden Grimolfson

Arborg Royal Canadian Legion #161

Comrad David Ostryzniuk

McKenna Barkman

Sophie Hurdal Memorial Bursary
 Noventis Credit Union Scholarship
 Erosion Award
 Margrét Bjarnason Memorial Scholarship
 Evergreen School Division Award

RCI Teacher, Tammy Einarson
 Senior Relationship Manager 1, Jody Johnson
 Production Manager ECBVerdyol, Neil Fletcher
 Elva Simundsson
 Trustee, Ruth Ann Furgala

Addison Farrington

Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Bursary

Councillor Chad Johnson

Bailey Magnusson

Margaret Johnson Memorial Bursary
 Katelyn Friesen Memorial Scholarship
 Eleanor Melsted Memorial Award
 Evergreen Teacher's Association
 Riverton Elks #530 Bursary
 Hnasa Harbour Authority Bursary
 C.U.P.E. 3164 Scholarship

Retired REMS Teacher, Jeannette Roche
 Parents, Roger & Anita Friesen
 RCI Teacher, Kayla Mellen
 REMS Teacher, Noreen Barkman
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 Vice President, Chris Einarson
 Chair, Cyndi Sigurgeirson

Alyssa Marks

Nutrien Ag Solutions Scholarship
 Arborg Agriculture Society Scholarship
 Bifrost Seed Scholarship

Percy Marks
 Rose Marks
 Chris Nordal

Denali Sigurdson

Westshore Community Foundation

Volunteer, Ruth Ann Furgala

Dalton Johnson

Noventis Credit Union Scholarship
 Merit Contractors Association of MB Scholarship
 Vidir Solutions Inc. Scholarship
 Arborg-Riverton Band & Chorale Award
 Evergreen School Division Award
 Stefan V and Runa Sigurdson(Wpg Fdn)
 Municipality of Bifrost Riverton Bursary
 Richard (Dick) Cain Memorial Scholarship
 Jarred Gislason Award for Sustainable
 Community Development
 Jeff Wharton Citizen Award

Senior Relationship Manager 1, Jody Johnson
 RCI Teacher, Don Bodnarus
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 Volunteer, Ruth Ann Furgala
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 Councillor Chad Johnson
 Richard Cain
 Product Manager Neil Fletcher

Constituency Assistant for Jeff Wharton,
 MLA of Gimli, Tammy Axelsson

Ashern graduates encouraged to take the world into their hands

By Becca Myskiw

Twenty-four students graduated from Ashern Central School last Saturday.

Principal Bobby Ellis was the master of ceremonies started the graduation with a toast to the graduates and their parents.

"Parents, you have done so well in raising these young men and women," said Ellis.

Ellis stepped in as principal at ACS in January after Darlene Willets became the superintendent of Lakeshore School Division and said he was extremely proud of the 2019 graduates.

Each year, ACS gives an appreciation award to one of their main contributors and this year Ellis presented Noventis Credit Union with the award as a thank you for their contributions to the school and graduates.

Willets gave her own address as the Superintendent but got emotional while speaking to the students she watched grow up.

"I watched you walk in as bright-eyed Grade 9s," said Willets. "And now you are all young adults."

Willets said she had promised herself she wasn't going to cry, but she pulled out a tissue partway through her speech as the tears started to flow.

Mackenzie Gibson and Sydney Russell were the class valedictorians and gave an address that showed the chemistry between all the classmates.

"From taking that first bus ride and thinking it was the best thing ever," said Gibson as she started to cry. "Oh no, I'm sorry."

Russell and Gibson laughed off their tears and continued with their speech.

"So go out and take the world into your hands because it's waiting for

you," said Gibson at the end of the address.

Gibson put together a slideshow of each grad growing up. It shared their baby photos, toddler photos and funny ones that showed each grad's personality.

The ACS grads collectively received a lot of awards during the ceremony. Jerney William was the recipient of the LSD Proficiency Award.

The proficiency award is awarded to one graduating student of each school in the division. They are chosen based on contribution to the school and community, overall academic performance, and essentially being a well-rounded student.

Ellis presented William with the award that comes with a \$400 scholarship. William plans to go to the University of Manitoba for business, where the award will likely be put to good use.

The Governor General's Academic Medal is also given out every year to one student from each graduating class in Canada with the highest grade point average. Ellis presented the bronze medal to Colton Meisner on behalf of the Governor General of Canada.

Meisner also received two Top Academic Student awards along with many others and plans to go to the University of Manitoba for Engineering in the fall.

Derrick Blaze Gould received the award for Most Congenial at the ceremony. Ellis presented the award on behalf of Royal Canadian Legion #57.

Congenial means to be a pleasant, friendly and enjoyable person. Gould received \$250 along with the award.

Ellis also presented Samantha Meisner with the \$1,000 2019 Inter-



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Graduated!

national Executive Council Scholarship Award. Meisner had to write an essay for the scholarship on the topic of how she envisions labour unions improving the lives of working people and was chosen based on her academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, career goals and essay performance.

Meisner plans to go to Brandon University and take Science and Teach-

ing, where she'll put the award to good use.

The grads walked out of the hall to the song "High Hopes" by Panic! At The Disco, then went outside into the sun to toss their grad caps to the sky.

Almost half of this year's graduating class plan to further their education while the other half is taking a gap year or heading straight into the workforce.



Valedictorians Sydney Russell, left, and Mackenzie Gibson give their address.



Colton Meisner was the recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal along with many other awards including the Top Academic Award.

Ashern Collegiate Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Benjamin Baumgartner: Entering University/College from Noventis Credit Union

Mackenzie Gibson: Valedictorian from Dr. Yale of Ashern Eye Care, Volleyball Achievement Award from ACS Volleyball Club, Entering helping profession from In memory of Linda Fletcher, Al Hummel Memorial Scholarship from CUPE Local 3206

Derrick Blaze Gould: Automotive Technology — Top Contributor from Bumper to Bumper, Vocational Excellence from Boilermakers, Vocational Excellence from Vocational Teachers' Association of MB, Most Congenial from Royal Canadian Legion #57

Jerney William: Entering Business from 431 The Wedding Company, Lakeshore Proficiency Award candidate from LSD

Samuel Jones: Applied Diagnosis Strategies 40S from Alf Cuthbert PAC, Vehicle Systems Part 1 40S from KCL General Repairs, Vehicle Systems Part 2 from Whitetail & Walleye Game & Fish Assoc.

Leah Kalden: Music 40S from ACS Band Program, Entering university/college from Noventis Credit Union

Samuel Keeley: Deserving student from In memory of Linda Fletcher

Braiden Laquette: Deserving student from David Pischke Memorial Fund

Adam Malcolm: Excellence in Apprenticeship from Roadrunner Auto

Kay Meisner: Volleyball Achievement Award from ACS Volleyball Club

Colton Meisner: Biology 40S from Ashern Esso, Physics 40S from Ashern Petro, Pre-Calculus Math 40S from Ashern Pharmacy Dispensary, Top Male Athlete from Ashern Insurance Agencies, Top Academic Student from Goodwill Industries, Top Academic Student from Lifetouch Canada, University of Toronto Book Award from University of Toronto, Schulich Leader Nominee from The Schulich Foundation, Entering University from Graymont Western Canada, Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship from University of Manitoba, Governor General's Academic Medal

Samantha Meisner: Essential Math 40S from A.M. Bruce Drilling, Musical Achievement from Moosehorn Community Club, Second highest academic student from Sharptail Motor Inn, Second highest academic student from Lifetouch Canada, Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness honourable mention from The late Eric and Hilda Hjartarson, Entering university/college from Lakeshore Teachers' Association, 2019 Int'l Executive Council Scholarship from Boilermakers International

Jaydean Nickel: English 40S from Moosehorn Consumers Co-op, Excellence in the Arts from Ashern Subway, Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness honourable mention from The late Eric and Hilda Hjartarson

Faron Ross: Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness winner from The late Eric and Hilda Hjartarson

Sydney Russell: Valedictorian from Dr. Robert Yale of Ashern Eye care, Top Female Athlete from Ashern Chicken Chef, Volleyball Achievement Award from ACS Volleyball Club, Musical Achievement from Moosehorn Community Club, Student Leadership Award from ACS Staff, Citizenship/Athletic from Tim Hortons



Winnipeg Beach School dedicates new sandbox to Nicolina Ammazzini

By Patricia Barrett

Staff and students at Winnipeg Beach School, along with members of community organizations, unveiled a memorial on Monday in honour of six-year-old Nicolina Ammazzini, who passed away from cancer last July.

With the generosity of community donors, the school installed a sandbox in its playground in Nicolina's memory, and her family donated a beautiful stone-carved bench.

Nicolina developed cancer when she was two years old and battled the disease while she attended junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 1.

The sandbox memorial was spearheaded by Nicolina's kindergarten teacher Beverley Braga in remembrance of Nicolina's love for a sand table that was set up in her classroom.

Because the school did not have an outdoor sandbox for the kids to play in, Braga pursued the idea of having one built, thinking it would be a loving tribute to the "vibrant" girl.

"She was full of life and was so well natured. She was a happy, bubbly little girl who brought smiles and laughter everywhere she went," said Braga during the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was attended by Nicolina's family, friends, classmates, teachers and members of the community. "She bravely fought cancer for five long years. She was the toughest and bravest little girl you ever met."

Last September, the school organized a Terry Fox Run in Nicolina's honour. They made banners with photos of the young girl and carried them through town and along the boardwalk overlooking the lake. They also unveiled a memorial plaque in her honour and helped gym teacher



Kindergarten teacher Beverley Braga and Nicolina Ammazzini.

and counsellor Posie McDevitt create a "wall of love," which contained photos of Nicolina with her friends and teachers and heartfelt messages to their cherished friend.

Braga said supportive and generous local and area businesses stepped up to help her make the "dream come true," and the Evergreen School Division gave the school permission to have it built on the grounds.

Braga singled out Marc Palsson, owner of Gimli's RONA Building Centre, for supplying all the building materials, Eddie's Gravel Supply owner Kevin Bochoruka for supplying the sand, gravel and geotextile fabric and her "wonderful neighbour Dave Magnusson" for building and assembling the sandbox on site.

Bus driver Larry Banks got out his Bobcat to prepare the space for the sandbox, and the school's parent advisory committee donated money for sandbox toys. The Winnipeg Beach



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Winnipeg Beach students play in the new sandbox.



The memorial bench was donated by Nicolina's parents. It's inscribed with the words: Nicolina. Brave and Strong. October 21, 2011 - July 27, 2018.

Lakeside Lion's club supplied two plaques dedicated to Nicolina.

"It is because of the great community spirit and support here at Winnipeg Beach and Gimli that this was all possible," said Braga. "It is much appreciated."

Braga also thanked her husband Cris for helping her launch the project, helping build the sandbox and

spreading the sand, and WBS principal Jamie Gilbert for "believing in me and all of his understanding and support."

"Nicolina is greatly missed by all," said Braga, "especially her little friends Ryder, Carson, Kailyn, Matthew, Brooke, Asher, Knoxley, Mya, Maximus, Richard, Tanner and her best friend Lily."

Gimli's Heaven Scent store to host town's first-ever Spirit Fest

By Patricia Barrett

The owner of Gimli's Heaven Scent Flowers & Gifts has organized a full day of spiritual relief as part of the town's non-stop Canada Day long-weekend celebrations.

Lenore Chartrand has all the spiritual bases covered for Gimli's first-ever Spirit Fest. It will be an outdoor event, taking place on a cool, shady green beside her Second Avenue store.

"I have 14 readers coming out, from mediums and card readers to palm readers and face readers," said Chartrand, who offers fresh floral arrangements with festive-sounding names such as Hooray for Summer and Epic Bloomers, as well as crafts made by Manitoba artists. "And I'll have a few

booths set up for healing. One lady is an animal healer and I have another that does energy healing."

Local artisans will also be on hand for the event, and Heaven Scent will be open.

"I've also invited a musician who'll be playing classical music on his guitar," said Chartrand, "just to set a nice relaxing atmosphere for everyone."

She's also working with local restaurants to provide food at the event.

Spirit Fest takes place Saturday, June 29 from noon to 8 p.m. at 77 1/2 Second Ave.

Visit Heaven Scent online at www.heavenscentflowers.ca or call 204-642-9334 for more information.



Lenore Chartrand has organized a spiritual fair at her store on June 29.

Beware of scammers pretending to be Manitoba Hydro employees

By Gabrielle Piché

Manitoba Hydro is warning customers to watch for scammers who separate people from their cash by pretending to work for the company.

Scammers contact Manitoba Hydro's customers via phone or email, or by coming to customers' houses. Most of the time, scammers call their targets.

A fake employee says they'll cut off their target's service if that person doesn't pay them in a short period of time. Normally, the scammer asks the customer to pay by prepaid card.

They might ask for customers to pay with a PayPal account, by wiring a cash payment via Western Union or by giving a credit card number.

Scammers may use fake caller IDs and appear to call from Manitoba Hydro's number. Their callback numbers might have a recorded version of the company's greetings.

Manitoba Hydro calls customers who owe the company. They can threaten to stop providing services if the customer does not pay their bill.

However, Manitoba Hydro does not accept payment over the phone. Representatives won't ask customers to buy prepaid cards or wire money.

Some scammers offer Manitoba Hydro's customers devices or services that could save the consumer money or energy. Manitoba Hydro does not cold

call its customers to sell products or services.

If you feel uncomfortable giving personal information over the phone, hang up and call the number on your monthly bill, Manitoba Hydro said on its website.

Interlake-Gimli MLA Derek Johnson shared a post from the utilities company about the scams.

"The reason for the repost is to make people aware prior to it becoming an epidemic problem," Johnson said.

He said he shared the post on Facebook after seeing it on Twitter. This way, more people online will know about the hoax.

"If they're on social media, they can be aware of it before something takes place and they lose money," Johnson said.

He said so far, nobody from the Interlake has called him saying they lost money to people pretending to be from Manitoba Hydro.

"People that are usually part of a scam feel embarrassed after and don't come forward," Johnson said.

People who are worried about their service being disconnected can call Manitoba Hydro's Credit and Recovery Services at 204-480-5901. Customers who want to check if their Manitoba Hydro bill or visit is real can call 204-480-5900 or 1-888-624-9376.

People wanting to learn more about utilities scams can visit www.utilitiesunited.org.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY GABRIELLE PICHE
Scammers pretending to be from Manitoba Hydro call people to get money.

Gimli's cable TV system is going HD

The town of Gimli's cable TV system is going HD, thanks to CommStream and the Interlake Communications Co-op.

This July, the Gimli cable network

will launch high-definition TV, replacing almost all of its current analog channels with crystal clear, high-definition channels. Existing customers of the Interlake Communications Co-

op will get the first taste of HDTV, and in August, the rest of Gimli will be invited to enjoy the new service.

"Through years of investment, upgrades, and hard work, we are proud to say we can deliver some of Manitoba's fastest internet and now affordable HDTV to the town of Gimli," says Trevor Finch, sales director with CommStream.

"The new HDTV service in Gimli will be robust, featuring more than 40 channels, including local news, the top specialty channels, and sports," Finch says. "And yes, we will have TSN for Jets and Bombers, and the local news and weather channel will stay in place."

Gimli's HDTV service will start with a base set of channels, and future upgrades will bring interactive channel guides, upgraded channel packages and PVRs. Those features will roll out over the next several years. The HDTV service will be between \$65 and \$75 per month, well below comparable packages on satellite services.

Gimli has had a local cable network for decades. Since 1984, it has been managed by the Interlake Communications Co-op. In 2013, the Co-op entered into a partnership with CommStream to update and manage the cable system, with the end goal of

delivering affordable high-speed internet and HDTV to the people of Gimli. High-speed internet has been available for several years now, and CommStream is finalizing its latest upgrades to bring HDTV to Gimli.

"Gimli has been in need of top-end internet and HDTV services for years," says Ken Arnason, vice-chairman of the Interlake Communications Co-op. "By partnering with CommStream, people in Gimli can now enjoy the same benefits of a big city but in a small community."

The HDTV channel lineup, pricing, service availability and bundling with internet will be available soon on CommStream's website. Customers will also be able to see the new service in action and get more information at Wave Electronics in Gimli.

About CommStream

CommStream is a Manitoba-owned and operated internet service provider specializing in bringing digital services to under-served areas in Manitoba. Using top-end technology and a focus on personalized service, they deliver high-speed, high-value digital services for home and business customers, including internet and HDTV to more than 38 communities in Manitoba. Visit them online at www.commstream.net.

Celebrating our heritage



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PAUL BAILEY

Mrs. Vandersteen's Grade 7 and 8 class from Riverton Early Middle Years School listens intently to Penny Ross, the divisions Aboriginal coordinator, as she talks about traditional Indigenous teachings. Last Friday, June 21 was National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Interlake Co-op giving back



On June 14 at the Lundar Fair, members of four local 4-H clubs — Lundar, Dolly Bay, Interlake Trailblazers and Lakeside 4-H Beef Club — were pleased with the prices they got for steers they sold at their annual sale. Cynthia Wirgau, Lundar Ag-Society representative, accepted a cheque for \$2,500 from Interlake Co-op's Tori Goodman (branch manager at Eriksdale) and Jordan Cook (general manager). The generous donation from Interlake Co-op helps with future events like the steer sale and other agricultural events they host throughout the year.

Pictured here are a number of the kids, along with Wirgau accepting a cheque from Interlake Co-op's Goodman and Cook.

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Selkirk RCMP target Interlake drug trafficking networks

Submitted by the RCMP

Project Deteriorate began in November 2018 and was undertaken by officers of the Selkirk General Investigation Section.

Police discovered a drug trafficking network being operated from within Selkirk and the City of Winnipeg, which was believed to be supplying drugs to the various communities throughout the Interlake region.

On June 19, 2019, officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the City of Winnipeg. As a result of this investigation, officers seized over two kilograms of methamphetamine, a quarter of an ounce of fentanyl/heroin, \$25,000 in Canadian currency, a Chevrolet Trax vehicle and a conducted energy weapon.

"The impact of this investigation is far reaching and has affected the drug supply chain to various Interlake communities," said Insp. Allan Hofland, officer in charge of Selkirk RCMP. "Our communities are seeing the negative impacts that stem

from the drug trade such as property crime, assaults, robberies and home invasions."

The following subjects were arrested and remanded into custody on the following charges:

Larry Albert Pottinger, 34-year-old male from Winnipeg:

- Trafficking methamphetamine
- Trafficking heroin
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 x 2
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 x 3

Connie Amanda Barker, 36-year-old female from Selkirk:

- Trafficking methamphetamine
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 x 5
- Possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon

Lise Chantalle Malenfant, 53-year-old female from Selkirk:



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Selkirk RCMP discovered a drug trafficking network, which is believed to be supplying drugs to various communities in the Interlake.

- Trafficking methamphetamine
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 x 7

The RCMP remains fully committed

to enforcing laws against illicit drugs to their fullest extent as those who produce and traffic illicit drugs destroy lives, homes and communities.

The investigation is continuing as we anticipate making further arrests and laying additional charges.

Arnes man facing break, enter and theft charges

Submitted

Winnipeg police have laid charges in connection with more than a dozen break-ins at city businesses over a 2.5-year span, saying the police service is putting more resources into combating property crime.

Police believe \$100,000 in cash was stolen and another \$100,000 in damage was caused to the businesses in a series of break-ins between Jan. 7, 2017, and June 18, 2019.

"So a total loss to people of \$200,000," said Winnipeg Police Service Const. Rob Carver, who said investigators with the major crimes unit were tasked with investigating.

"This was a large complex investigation," said Carver. "Lots and lots of business, lots of work that went into it from an investigative standpoint."

Carver described the theft operation as "fairly sophisticated" and well planned, saying the businesses were targeted because it was thought they would have cash on site.

"Substantially more money on site, for various legitimate reasons, than you would have in a cash float or a till."

Police said the investigators went to a break in at a business in the 400 block of Lagimodiere Boulevard at around 1:05 a.m. Wednesday and arrested a suspect.

Arnes resident Cary Scott Preston, 42, is facing a list of charges, including multiple counts of break, enter and theft — place and disguise with intent. He is in custody.

A second man, 56, was arrested and charged with two counts of break, enter and commit — place. He was released on a promise to appear in court.

Carver said police are taking a more targeted approach to property crimes, with dedicated investigators.

"We do have a separate section now within major crimes that will specialize in smaller property crimes because we're certainly seeing a spike

in those numbers over the last while," he said, explaining what's behind the strategy.

"When you look at the way crimes are committed, it's not an infinite universe," he said. "If you're looking at a rash of break-ins in a particular neighbourhood, we may not know who's doing it, but we can tell you that it's limited to a finite number of people."

Carver said the goal is prevention. "It's a small number of people, and if we can figure out who's done a couple of them, we can usually, if we can make an arrest, stop a potential for an ongoing series of crime."

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Impact edged by SC Riot

Staff

A slow start for the Interlake Impact resulted in a Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 5 loss against the SC Riot in Winkler on Sunday.

Interlake trailed 2-0 in the first 10 minutes and suffered some injuries during the game in a tough 2-1 loss. The Impact did not have substitutes to replace the injured players.

To their credit, Interlake hung in there and cut the deficit in half when Eric Plett scored a nice goal from 25 yards out in the second half.

With the loss, Interlake is now 5-1-2 and remains in first place with 17 points, a point ahead of North Winnipeg United (5-2-1).

The Impact will be looking to get back in the win column when they play Les Blues (2-2-3) on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex in south Winnipeg.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Interlake Impact remain in first place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 5.

Regular seasons soon to wrap up for Orioles' teams

Staff

The regular season for Interlake Orioles "AAA" baseball teams will soon be wrapping up.

Interlake's U18 team has just two games left on its schedule. The Orioles will play at the Winnipeg South Chiefs on Thursday and then will visit the Elmwood Giants on Monday. Both games will start at

7 p.m.

Last Thursday, Interlake lost 7-5 to Elmwood at Quarry Park.

The Orioles (3-11) then played the North Winnipeg Pirates on Monday and then took on the St. James A's Tuesday. No score from either game was available at press time.

In U15 action, Interlake lost 10-7 to the North Winnipeg Pirates last Wednesday in Balmoral. The Orioles (3-11) were scheduled to play the Carillon Sultans on Saturday but a 0-0 score was listed on the league website.

Interlake will host the St. James A's on July 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Credit Unions of Manitoba Scholar Athlete Awards presented

Staff

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, with support from Manitoba's Credit Unions, announced the winners of the 2018-19 Credit Unions of Manitoba High School Scholar Athlete Awards last week.

The four winners were Selkirk's Asha Gurney, Warren Collegiate's Madeline Boonstra, Oak Park's Lauren Bartlett, and Sanford's Dawson Mann.

These \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to graduating high school student-athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and competed in at least two interscholastic sports.

Other criteria included school, community, volunteer, and citizenship activities.

Among the 37 students nominated this year were Riverton Collegiate's Dalton Johnson and Arborg Collegiate's Nori Sigvaldason.

The presentation took place at a ceremony hosted by Her Honour, the Honourable Janice C. Filmon, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, at Government House. Awards were presented by the Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon, MHSAA president Mr. Chris Gudziunas and Mr. John Hamilton of Credit Union Central of Manitoba.

MJHL releases regular-season schedule

Staff

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League released their 2019-20 regular-season schedule last week.

MJHL opening weekend is slated for Sept. 20-22, featuring 10 games and 10 teams throughout the weekend with the exception of the OCN Blizzard who will get started Sept. 26.

The Selkirk Steelers will play their first game Sept. 20 when they host the Virden Oil Capitals at

the Rec Complex.

The regular season will consist of 60 games in a balanced schedule, with each team competing against each other six times (three home games and three away). The regular season will conclude on March 1.

The Steelers will play a pair of off-site games at Peguis First Nation this upcoming season. Visiting opponents for the off-site games will be the

OCN Blizzard (Oct. 27) and Waywayseecappo Wolverines (Jan. 26).

In a change from recent years, the Old Dutch MJHL Players Showcase will move to the fall, hosted Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex in Winnipeg. The third SJHL-MJHL Showcase will be held Jan. 21-22 in Regina with no MJHL games scheduled from Jan. 19 to 23.

Clinic chair makes treatment easier for Gimli home care patients and staff

Submitted

Thanks to a \$2,236 donation from the Westshore Community Foundation, Gimli's home care clinic was able to purchase a new clinic chair that makes treatment easier for both the patient and staff.

In January 2018, Gimli Community Health Centre opened its home care clinic for home care clients from Gimli and surrounding areas, who are mobile or able to be driven by family, book regular appointments with this clinic rather than waiting for a nurse to visit them at home.

Pamela McCallum, executive director of the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation, says the new chair adds benefits for both patients and staff.

"Due to mobility issues, many of home are clients find it challenging to hop onto and off of an exam bench. This clinic chair allows clients to easily and comfortably be repositioned from sitting to lying down. The chair's ease of entry and exit has enhanced client safety by reducing the need for step stools and it also allows nurses to easily maintain a more comfortable body position during what can often be a lengthy dressing change."

Tristin Tergesen, chair of the Westshore Community Foundation, spoke

to why the foundation felt it was important to continue supporting Gimli's home care clinic.

"The Westshore Community Foundation is happy to provide a \$2,236 grant towards the purchase of a new clinic chair for the Gimli home care clinic. This contribution to the health of our community is consistent with our mandate of 'Building a Lasting Legacy.'"

McCallum also adds how nice it is to see community foundations come together.

"Working with the Westshore Community Foundation for the second year in a row shows the positive impact of community groups working together — we are the essence of what community stands for; we take care of each other."

Last year the Westshore Community Foundation purchased a \$1,700 exam table for the clinic.

This home care clinic provides additional support to local and surrounding home care clients requiring regular health care from home care nursing staff. Other home care clinics are operating in the communities of Beausejour, Teulon, Oakbank, Pine Falls, Selkirk and Stonewall.

For more information on the founda-



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Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation executive director Pamela McCallum, left, Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation board member Dave Cain, middle, and Westshore Community Foundation chair Tristin Tergesen.

tion and how it benefits the region's residents, visit the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation on Facebook, the website at www.iehf.ca or contact Pamela McCallum at pmccallum@ierha.ca.

Shaken pilot discovers second family in dramatic play

By Roger Newman

A Gimli favourite — Winnipeg's Shoestring Players — will present the play *Closure* when they take the stage on the July 5-7 weekend at the A-Spire theatre on Second Avenue.

Shoestring, a popular community theatre company since the late 1960s, have been bringing their dramas and comedies to Gimli since the early 2000s. Their initial visit sparked the idea for a summer theatre festival that started in 2005 and now draws community drama groups to Gimli on summer weekends from June to September.

"We first approached Gimli's A-Spire Players because we wanted to combine a play with an out-of-town bonding weekend for our company," recalls Shoestring veteran Peter Spencer. "We were looking for an adventure and an opportunity to add to the revenue we make in Winnipeg."

That certainly worked out because Shoestring has returned more than a dozen times since its Gimli debut. This July, it will present *Closure*, a drama about a now elderly RCAF pilot who learns late in life that he fathered a British son while serving overseas during the Second World War. The peace of the pilot, now a retired businessman, is shattered when the adult son tracks him down in Canada and also reveals the RCAF veteran has a previously unknown granddaughter and great grandson.

Closure was written by playwright Ron Blicq, who came to Canada as a wartime child evacuee, settled in Winnipeg and now a long relationship with Gimli. His tale about the bewildered pilot is directed by Katherine McLennan with a cast of Peter Hudson, Cheryl Moore, Andrea Marantz, Josh Marantz, Carol Stephens, Connor Hopper and Jack Szabo.

"We received standing ovations during five shows we recently did in Winnipeg," reports Shoestring veteran Peter Hudson.

Tickets are on sale at Tergesens a week before the shows, and reservations can be made at 204-642-8079. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2.30 p.m. Sunday.

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A bewildered war veteran learns he fathered a second family overseas.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI REVISED WASTEWATER RATES GIMLI WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

June 3, 2019

The Rural Municipality of Gimli (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised wastewater rates for Gimli Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 18-0029, read the first time on February 27, 2019. Rates were last approved in 2016 in Board Order No. 104-16.

The current and proposed wastewater rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
	By-Law 14-0011	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1
Quarterly service charge	\$ 22.63	\$ 22.71	\$ 22.63	\$ 22.71
Wastewater \$/cubic metre	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.35
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 40.59	\$ 40.94	\$ 40.59	\$ 40.94
Commodity Charge per REU	\$ 65.44	\$ 66.49	\$ 65.44	\$ 66.49
Quarterly REU charge**	\$ 88.07	\$ 89.20	\$ 88.07	\$ 89.20
Septic Haulers \$/cubic metre within RM	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.38	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.38
Septic Haulers \$/cubic metre outside RM	\$ 5.95	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.95	\$ 5.75

*Based on 13.5 cubic metres
**Based on 197 cubic metres per year

Note: The RM has applied for wastewater rates only; all water rates including Urban Area, Pelican Beach Area and Gimli Industrial Park Area remain unchanged.

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 18-0029. Please review the proposed By-Law at the Municipality for detailed information.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Municipal office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Gimli's application for wastewater, rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **July 3, 2019**.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- the public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

"Original Signed By:"

Rachel McMillin

Assistant Associate Secretary
Manitoba Public Utilities Board



Town of Arborg INVITATION TO TENDER Sidewalk Construction

The Town of Arborg is accepting tenders for **Sidewalk Construction**.

A detailed tender package is available for pick up at the Town Office, 337 River Road in Arborg, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Deadline for tender submission is **Noon on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019**.

The municipality reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the project in the best interest of the municipality in its sole discretion.

Lorraine Bardarson, CMMA, Chief Administrative Officer
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI INVITATION TO TENDER CLOSING DATE: Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Noon

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

1. **SIDEWALK TENDER:** Concrete sidewalk renewal, uni-stone renewal and curb restoration at various locations within the Urban Centre (former town area), including removal of existing concrete where necessary and landscaping with top soil and seed to pre-construction condition.

2. **STREET REPAIR TENDER:** Asphalt street cuts in various areas within the Urban Centre (former town area).

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
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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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OBITUARY



Lawrence Einarson

The world has lost a kind and gentle soul. After a short but courageous battle with cancer, Herman Lawrence Einarson passed away peacefully with family by his side at the Gimli Community Health Centre on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the age of 87 years.

He is lovingly remembered by his sister Inga Solmundson; sisters-in-law Thorunn, Kathy and Ollie Einarson as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Halldor and Clara; sisters Gudrun (Einar), Ethel (Mundi); brothers Stefan, Halldor, Jonas (Shirley), Gordon and infant brother; brother-in-law Hope Solmundson; nephew Lorne Markusson and nieces Jolene Einarson and Cheryl Garraway.

Lawrence was born December 29, 1931 at Arnes on the family homestead Vatnsnes. In addition to farming he commercial fished briefly with his brothers Steve and Halli on Great Slave Lake and Lake Winnipeg, and operated a mink ranch as a young man. Lawrence was a man of many talents and there was not much that he could not fix. As a youngster he enjoyed constructing things from go carts to wood working creations. This continued throughout his life and he became a gifted wood worker, sharing many of his many treasures with family and friends.

Lawrence was a very self-sufficient and independent person, who, due to his kind and generous nature, was ready to help anyone in need. He was an active community member serving as a 4-H leader, maintaining the Arnes Church, a member of Arnes "The Point and Beyond" book committee in addition to various other roles.

He was proud of his Icelandic heritage and enjoyed his visit to Iceland. He grew prize winning tomatoes, loved nature and waited each spring to feed the orioles and hummingbirds.

Lawrence enjoyed local musical events, visiting friends and auction sales. His hospitality was second to none and his door was always open and coffee with friends and family was a regular occurrence.

Special thanks to Kelvin and Kelly, Frode and Tamara for their care and sharing their home with him when he was in need. Also many thanks to the Home Care workers, nurses and staff at the Gimli Health Centre. All the visits by neighbours, family and friends were greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Arnes Cemetery, Box 3545, Gimli MB, R0C 1B0 or to Cancer Care Manitoba.

"Goda Nott Elskan Min"

Memorial Service will be held at the Arnes Community Hall, Arnes, MB on July 2, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Interment will follow at the Arnes Cemetery.

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

Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



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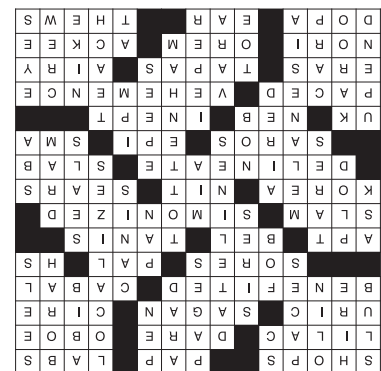
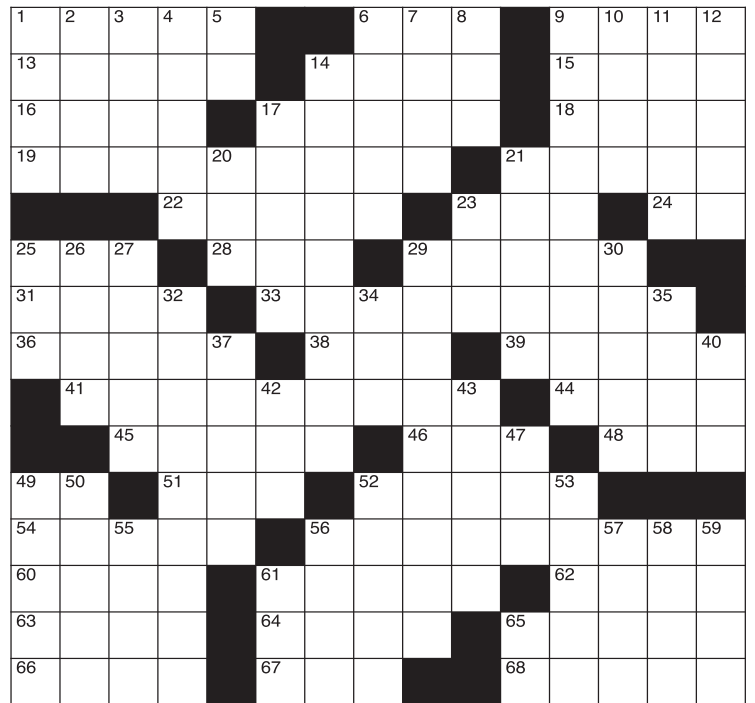
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stores
6. Worthless entertainment
9. Where scientists work
13. Pretty flower
14. A way to act
15. Double-reed instrument
16. Type of acid
17. Famed astronomer
18. Smooth, shiny fabric
19. Profited from
21. Secret clique
22. Infections
23. Crony
24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
25. Suitable

28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
29. Ancient city of Egypt
31. Basketball move
33. Polished
36. There's a north and a south
38. Egg of a louse
39. Once-ubiquitous department store
41. Portray precisely
44. Thick piece of something
45. Period between eclipses
46. Indicates near
48. Investment account
49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
51. Beak
52. Void of skill
54. Walked back and forth
56. A display of passion
60. Geological times
61. Type of restaurant
62. Spacious
63. Edible seaweed
64. Utah city
65. Tropical tree
66. Nervous tissue compound
67. Body part
68. Muscles and tendons

3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
4. Footsteps
5. The Palmetto State
6. Books have lots of them
7. Diverse Israeli city
8. It's mightier than the sword
9. Confines
10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
11. Idaho's highest peak
12. Prevents from seeing
14. Determine time
17. Father children
20. Tab on a key ring
21. Dog genus
23. Peter's last name
25. Request
26. Walk heavily
27. Allowances
29. English football squad
30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
32. South Pacific island region
34. Unaccounted for
35. Small taste of whiskey
37. Ventilated
40. Helps little firms
42. One of means
43. Fencing swords
47. Inches per minute (abbr.)



Crossword Answer

CLUES DOWN

1. Draw out wool
2. Give someone a job

49. Turn upside down
50. S. African semi desert
52. Dutch names of Ypres
53. Instruct
55. Oily freshwater fish
56. Italian river

57. Sneaker giant
58. The men who man a ship
59. Some need glasses
61. Body part
65. Indicates position

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