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James Douglas Lord Selkirk (left) and Peguis Chief Glenn Hudson at the re-enactment of the signing of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty of 1817. The treaty prescribed peace, order and mutual co-operation.

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# Sharing the land: 200th Anniversary of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty

By Patricia Barrett

Two hundred years ago, Chief Peguis offered friendship, food and protection to Scottish immigrant farmers and their families who had been evicted from the highlands and helped set down the terms of an agreement that offered to share land in the Red River colony.

The Peguis Selkirk Treaty of July 18, 1817, the first treaty signed in Western Canada, prescribed peace, order and mutual co-operation between the settlers, Chief Peguis' people and other Indigenous peoples.

In 1812, Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk, sponsored settlers' emigration to the Red River colony and signed the treaty five years later.

Peguis First Nation's chief and council welcomed the descendant of Thomas Douglas — James Douglas, Lord Selkirk — special guests and the general public to a re-enactment last Thursday of the signing of the treaty and explained its original intent.

"We didn't give up the land and we didn't sell the land: we made an agreement," said David McPherson, who told the story as the re-enactment unfolded at the powwow grounds. "And the one who held true to this agreement was the man called Lord Selkirk. We promised him the settlers would have a place to plant their gardens two miles from the riverbank. And it would be honoured that they would be safe. That was the agreement."

The Scottish Highland Clearances of the 18th and 19th centuries, in which hereditary landowners cleared the land of unprofitable farms and their inhabitants in order to make way for sheep and deer, parallels the displacement of Chief Peguis' people decades after the treaty was signed.

In 1907, the province of Manitoba relocated Peguis' descendants from St. Peter's reserve near Selkirk so that European immigrants could farm. The present-day reserve north of Hodgson is a low-lying, flood-prone piece of land.

"It [the treaty] didn't say to take our lands and to leave us with nothing," said McPherson. "In time Lord Selkirk himself realized the great tragedy that took place with the agreement he made, and that the treaty was broken not by him but those that followed."

The current Lord Selkirk, a Scottish Conservative politician, took part in the re-enactment, staged by the Manitoba Living Historical Society and Peguis community members, by signing his name on a photocopy of the treaty before speaking of Peguis' generosity.

"As for Chief Peguis and the Fifth Earl, that friendship was of enormous

importance, and the treaty is a very significant document," said Douglas.

"The alliance between Chief Peguis and Thomas Selkirk helped to ensure the survival of these struggling settlers whose lives hung in the balance during these months of ice and snow.

"When Thomas returned to Europe, he lay down from the scourge of tuberculosis and Chief Peguis always kept his word towards the settlers on the Red River. And he also acted with compassion and humanity."

Chief Peguis signed for a portion of land at The Forks. Chiefs of the Dakota, Assiniboine and Cree peoples also agreed to share a portion of their respective territories with the Scots.

"When the settlers began to arrive in 1812, we welcomed them and offered our help and food. We took them on our great buffalo hunts, shared in the fishing and offered our Indian corn given to us by the creator," said Coun. Glennis Sutherland. "The treaty signed with Lord Selkirk was an offer of peace and goodwill, where we saw our settler friends coming to this land with very little and needing a place to live. It was decided by Peguis as a way of sharing our land to live side by side in peace and harmony with all."

After the re-enactment, Douglas presented Peguis Chief Glenn Hudson with a headdress that was given to Douglas' uncle George as a token of the First Nation's friendship 50 years ago.

"I certainly appreciate the repatriation of it," said Hudson. "And I know it's something we'll cherish for many years and be in safe keeping here in our community."

Doreen McPherson, whose parents were among those who sailed by steamboat from St. Peter's reserve to present-day Peguis, said the commemoration was instructive.

"I think this is something the kids need to see, the ones today and the ones in the future, so they don't forget," said McPherson, a former principal of Peguis Central School.

Churchill Kewatinook-Aski MP Niki Ashton, who was among the special guests, said she hopes the commemoration paves the way for future reconciliation efforts.

"One of the ... things that really struck me today was the fact that many reflected on the generosity of Chief Peguis and First Nations people towards settlers," said Ashton, who's visiting various parts of Canada as she runs for leadership of the federal NDP.

"The promises of the treaty have not actually been [honoured] and the history of the people of Peguis has ob-



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Lord Selkirk repatriates a headdress his uncle was given 50 years ago as a token of the First Nation's friendship.



Doreen McPherson, flanked by her son David McPherson (moderator for the event) and daughter, examines a pipe said to have belonged to Chief Peguis.

viously been a very difficult one in terms of displacement, in terms of relocation and colonization.

"I think today was a very important day to commemorate the original intent but also for us to remember to embark on the journey of reconciliation. The Crown and the federal government has to live up to its commitments through the treaty."

In keeping with the spirit of sharing, the First Nation invited guests and spectators to the community hall after the commemoration for bannock burgers, stew and pickerel.

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# Gimli Glider exhibit takes flight with visit from heroic pilot

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Glider museum officially took flight last Sunday when the pilot who brought the powerless Air Canada jet to a safe landing at Gimli airport 34 years ago returned to town to help launch the exhibit.

Before hundreds of spectators at the harbour bandstand, Capt. Bob Pearson recounted the harrowing tale of how the Boeing 767 ran out of fuel midway through its flight from Montreal to Edmonton.

"This is a hell of a lot better than the first time we came here," quipped Pearson, who put his previous experience as a glider pilot to good use when the jet's engines failed.

In 1983, Canada was in the process of adopting the metric system, and ground crews had calculated fuel in pounds rather than kilograms. At

41,000 feet above Red Lake, Ont., the plane ran out of gas.

"We just had our evening meal and I can remember saying to [co-pilot] Maurice [Quintal], 'Well, for once everything's working properly,'" said Pearson. "And that's something we should never say."

Shortly after that, a low-pressure amber fuel warning light came on, and "a few minutes later, another beep-beep-beep and another light came on. That seemed to be too much of a coincidence on a brand new airplane."

Pearson said they hadn't any background knowledge of how the new onboard computer system functioned.

"I had no ability to troubleshoot," he said, "and I decided to divert the aircraft to Winnipeg. We must have been down around 35,000 feet and more



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Capt. Bob Pearson, who glided a powerless Air Canada jet into Gimli in 1983, cut the ribbon.



Gimli Glider museum president Barb Gluck spoke about her nine-year journey to launch the museum.

amber lights are coming on ... until the whole bank of lights were on. But the flight-management computers still showed plenty of fuel to get to Edmonton."

That's when the left engine failed. At 28,000 feet, the right engine failed.

"There was a loud bong and the cockpit went black," he said. "All these

beautiful instruments just simply disappeared. Maurice got into this incomplete manual to try to solve what problems we could [but] the flight-ops manual was very incomplete."

As they descended over Lake Winnipeg, Quintal, who has now passed

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# Province's delay in approving Arborg 80-bed PCH tests patience

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government has yet to give the go-ahead to a new 80-bed personal care home the RM of Bifrost-Riverton and the Town of Arborg want to build with provincial funding assistance.

The uncertainty has the RM worried about rising construction costs. The longer they wait, the higher the costs.

"Every year that it's dragged on, we have to find more matching funding," said Reeve Harold Foster during a July 12 regular meeting of council. "We're going to have to be looking at finances."

He said it's possible the delay could top up the cost by \$1 million.

The municipality, the Town, the Arborg Senior's Housing Corporation and the Arborg Chamber of Commerce have already laid the groundwork for the project, a process that took a number of years.

They hired Niverville-based consultant Gordon Daman from Red River Group Property Solutions and founded and refurbished the Central Interlake Training Centre in Arborg to train health care aides and nurses for the proposed facility.

Owen Eyolfson, president of Arborg's Chamber of Commerce, said the stakeholders have already trained several health care aides and, thus far, eight people are intending to enroll in the next year's intake.

"We have eight students from the Evergreen School Division who took the entrance exams for our health care aide [program] next February," said Eyolfson by text. "We just had our first class graduate at the end of June. We also received a letter of support from the IERHA for the LPN (licensed practical nursing) course to try to get that going even before there is an an-

nouncement."

They've also made headway raising public donations. Although council did not say how much revenue has been raised, one councillor indicated that it's "substantial."

Coun. Richard Chomokovski said the delay may affect the public's willingness to donate money towards the PCH.

"Everybody's in limbo," he said. "All we need is an announcement, which doesn't cost the government a penny. People around here are not seeing that announcement. [They're asking], 'What's wrong? Are they still going to do this?'"

Manitoba needs about 5,100 new personal care home beds by 2036 for ageing baby boomers, according to the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. During the 2016 election, the Conservatives committed to providing 1,200.

In addition to helping free up beds at the local hospital, the proposed Arborg PCH is expected to generate jobs for local and area residents, help retain younger people in the community through job growth and create economic spinoffs for the entire municipality.

The province has been asked to chip in roughly 35 per cent of the construction cost of the facility, as well as provide ongoing operating funding for medical staff.

"They have to watch themselves on the personal care homes," said Coun. Colin Bjarnason. "They had projects announced a number of years ago. There was a shovel in the ground in Lac du Bonnet and they just went and scrapped it. If they go ahead and do it somewhere else, can you imagine the uproar?"

According to consultant Gord Daman, the Arborg PCH proposal was

"very, very well received" by the government, and that Arborg is likely destined to become a long-term care hub.

"Of the various projects that have been presented to Manitoba Health," he said, "it's my understanding that Arborg's project was probably the most creative and helpful as far as establishing a real service hub in regard to long-term care, and also the re-purposing of the existing [40-bed] PCH at the hospital."

When the proposal was first set out, the RM and the Town planned on funding the entire cost of construction. But when the Tories took power in 2016, the plan changed.

By having a stake in construction, the cost of building a new PCH may be lower.

A spokesperson from the department of health said the focus is to "identify creative and unique funding models which could result in substantially lower capital and operating costs."

Daman said the province's capital contribution is limited to \$133,000 per bed.

"Communities basically have to fund the difference between that \$133,000 and what it would cost them to build," he said. "Every community is going to have a different model. For some communities, it may cost them \$250,000 [per bed] to build."

The current cost per bed for the Arborg PCH is about \$225,000, he said.

The \$92,000 difference (to be funded by the RM and Town) multiplied by 80 beds would come to \$7,360,000.

The province's contribution of \$133,000 multiplied by 80 beds would be \$10,640,000.

The new facility is to be built beside and connected to the current Assisted

Living building downtown so that it's an integrated structure with a central courtyard, food services and office space. The cost of the connecting structure will be funded through a mortgage and paid off through revenue generated from food and laundry services and the leasing of commercial space, said Daman.

The reason for the delay, he said, is that the government has its eye on fiscal restructuring, and Arborg's long-term care needs are not as pressing as those in other towns. Arborg had the foresight long ago to build an Assisted Living facility.

"The wait-time list for Arborg beds is not as high as other areas of the province," said Daman. "So what I anticipate happening is – [during] the first round of approvals, if they should come this fall – Arborg may not be on that list. They [the government] will probably only look at three this fall because of limited fiscal ability."

Despite the wait, the RM and Town would still be able to manage potential cost escalations, he said, because they've accounted for increases in their business plan.

Interlake MLA Derek Johnson said the year is not yet over, and there may be good news this fall.

"They can still announce it this year, just no funding this year."

With the Town and the RM providing the lion's share, Johnson said they can start building as soon as the announcement is made.

"The one in Arborg...doesn't need [government] funding for two or three years," he said. "They're doing 65 per cent of it, so that [government] funding wouldn't have to be announced until 2018. The project can still be started quite soon."

## Massive Community Wide Garage sale next weekend in Eriksdale

By Jeff Ward

The 26th annual Giant Community Yard Sale in Eriksdale is next weekend and organizers are planning new attractions to keep attendees busy throughout the day.

Keith Lundale, one of the organizers, said that the town of Eriksdale will be packed with visitors from all over the province looking to purchase unique items. The sale is one that attracts hundreds to the town in a very short time span.

The sale begins on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. sharp. Lundale said that seasoned regulars of the sale like to get

there early to have ample opportunity to buy.

Last year, there were 75 sites throughout the town that brought in \$20,000 in revenue to the vendors, Lundale said. Of that total, 10 per cent is give to the Eriksdale & District Chamber of Commerce since this is a fundraiser for them.

"All we've ever asked for is 10 per cent of your take and the rest is yours," said Lundale, who added that the chamber handles all promotions of the event and prints out a site map to help attendees navigate the area.

"Where do you get that type of ex-

posure for a garage sale? To have this many people come down and want to buy things is pretty unique and we've always had great turnouts, but the fact is we're always looking to add more things to do during the day."

Lundale said that this year he is organizing a cook-off at 4 p.m. that will finish out the day's events. He hopes that people will stick around for some good food and spend more time with in the town.

"Bring your picnic basket to the park and just sit around have some pops and a little cook-off," said Lundale.

The chamber uses the money the

event raises in a variety of ways each year. They donate \$500 annually to the Canada Day fireworks show and are responsible for keeping Railway Park blooming with new flowers annually.

Lundale said that those who want to register their site and be included in the map can contact either him at 204-739-3365 or Glen Heroux at 204-739-5398 to do so.

"I think this event really does well for our community spirit because everyone is involved. We have new people coming into our community who are excited to be here and it's just a fun event."



# Coldwell Reeve will fight government plan to close Lundar EMS Station

By Jeff Ward

Coldwell Reeve Brian Sigfusson said that he doesn't support the government's plan to reconfigure EMS services along Highway 6 and he will fight to make sure Lundar keeps its station.

Last month the province detailed a new strategy to improve response times for EMS. The strategy reduces the number of EMS stations in the province from 92 to 74, with Lundar's station being one of those cut. The plan is to have a new EMS station built in Eriksdale that will receive staff 24-7 along with all EMS stations in the province.

Sigfusson said that while he thinks building a new station in Eriksdale to further bolster the EMS reach in the region is a good idea, he believes getting rid of the Lundar station is a bad idea. The Lundar facility is staffed 24-7 with eight paramedics, and Sigfusson is concerned that without those staff in town, his residents are going to be less safe in an emergency.

"This doesn't sit well with me at all," said the frustrated reeve.

"We're not giving up on our station and I really don't know where they got the idea that this is better. There's no advantage in this system that takes

our ambulance away. And no one came to us and asked us before they decided this was the way to go."

The way the changes are supposed to work actually serves to increase coverage and reduce wait times, according to Interlake MLA Derek Johnson.

For instance, if the Eriksdale ambulance is sent out on a call, the St. Laurent-based team will drive up to Lundar to cover the gap. And if the Ashern-based team is on a call, Eriksdale and St. Laurent teams move north to compensate.

Johnson said that the belief is that it will be a quicker response time overall but admitted that with no testing of this having been done, there is no guarantee.

And that is one of the reasons Sigfusson is upset with the strategy. In his eyes, he's losing an EMS station due to changes that haven't

been tested. Sigfusson calls it frustrating and scary that Lundar could be losing service with no guarantee that the new approach is better than what is currently offered.

"They're talking about saving money and yet they're building a new building in Eriksdale to house this? Who's saving money here? I can tell you that if this goes through, it'll cost Derek his election," said Sigfusson.

Johnson said that it's his job to bring

"I CAN TELL YOU THAT IF THIS GOES THROUGH, IT'LL COST DEREK HIS ELECTION."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

The EMS station in Lundar could be shut down in favour of a new provincial strategy that would see a new station built and staffed 24-7 in Eriksdale. The province said that these changes will reduce wait times for an ambulance, but the reeve of Coldwell isn't convinced.

the concerns of his constituents forward to the government, whether he agrees with them or not. When asked if he agreed with the province's strategy on this issue, Johnson stopped short of saying yes or no.

"I agree with everyone getting a quick response time," said Johnson.

Sigfusson said that during the elec-

tion, the PC government and Johnson said numerous times that there will be no cuts to frontline services. He said he doesn't understand how this change doesn't count as a cut.

"It makes you think about what they'll take next," said Sigfusson.

The province has no timeline on these changes. When the announcement was made last month, provincial Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living Kelvin Goertzen said that the changes could take as many as 10 years to implement.

## Lundar RCMP look for at-risk missing youth

Staff

On July 19 at approximately 11:50 a.m., Lundar RCMP received a report of a missing girl from St. Laurent.

Kamryn Greyeyes, 15, was last seen on July 18, 2017, at 8:15 p.m., when she was dropped off at a residence in Winnipeg.

Kamryn is extremely vulnerable and at-risk for exploitation. She is known to associate with gang members. In the past, she has been known to frequent the area around Cathedral Av-

enue and Main Street in Winnipeg.

Kamryn is described as Indigenous, 5'5", 121 pounds, with long, dark hair.

Police are extremely concerned for Kamryn's safety and well-being. Anyone with information is asked to contact Lundar RCMP at 204-762-5088 or call Manitoba Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at [www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com) or text "TIP-MAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).



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## Everybody has a fishing story, good or bad

By Arnie Weidl

Hello good friends.

Oddly, two of the stories that came to us last week have to do with icy water or winter, but they do have pleasant endings.

Our first story comes from Gary Feenestra who I met at Breezy Point last Tuesday.

The wind pushed against Gary's back as he and his sons Ried and Heath launched their small boat into the Lake of the Prairies water.

Low cold grey clouds covered the sky. The rocks above the water had thin coverings of white snow. Gary didn't voice his concern about the wild waves knowing his boys wanted to fish so badly. Except for his grey hair the boys looked much like their dad with an air of confidence. The wind and waves were at their back now as Gary drove the boat south for the Dam.

Suddenly Gary saw a cluster of rocks baring themselves in the shallow between waves. Purely by reflex he slammed the motor into reverse causing a huge wave to engulf the back of the boat. Seemingly instantly the boat was gone from under Gary and he found himself in the water still holding his coffee cup. Looking around he saw Ried, Heath and the bow of the boat above water.

"Go to the boat boys, it's got foam, it'll float," dad cried out.

The icy water began stiffening Gary. He rolled over in his lifesaver vest to the boat and as all three men clung to the craft something came over Gary. He was filled with an absolute comforting conviction that they were going to come out of this OK. Luckily



**EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL**  
Kim Sager of St. Andrews with a pickerel caught at Hanusa.

the wind pushed the boat and men to shore. Once there, Gary rolled from the boat to a rock that felt surprisingly warm. Heath, with the strength of youth crawled from the water hailing a nearby van. The driver helped them into the warm van.

Finally the waters on Lake Winnipeg by Hanusa were restful instead of restless last Wednesday. Yet only one angler, Kim Sager, had caught a walleye when I showed up. She obligingly held it up for us to admire but didn't have a fishing story, however, Don Goldforb of Inwood fishing beside her did.

A few years ago he went out onto the lake with a commercial fisher friend to lift nets in January. They were far out and all one could see in the bright sunlight was the white ice pack meeting the blue horizon. They pulled nets boxing the fish and with the last box in their old bombardier they piled in

and his friend turned the key to start the engine. Silence! His friend went looking for the trouble but everything looked fine. Time wore on and it began getting dark and cold. In desperation, Don's friend tried the key again.

"There's something going on under me," Don remarked as he heard a faint "ticking."

They opened a panel and there lay a blackened broken wire. They twisted it together, turned the key and the old girl came to life carrying them rattling and rocking toward the lights on shore.

I was having lunch at a café by Lac du Bonnet last Friday and couldn't help overhearing a couple of guys joking about fishing. I asked if they had a story for us.

"Yeah, kinda," a well put together Kelsey McAuley with short brown hair chimed in. He lost no time describing how he and a buddy, by Kelsey's own admission, are the most laid back guys you'll ever meet were fishing downstream of Selkirk on the Red River. They were comfortably slouched down in their folding chairs with their rods in holders eating, drinking and doing absolutely nothing when a fish came by and had the audacity to strike Kelsey's baited hook. Since he was in no mood to do anything about it, he rolled his head toward his friend and asked, "you want to get it?" His buddy who we'll call Bert, grabbed Kelsey's rod and promptly tripped in the soft deep mud falling into the water.

Kelsey, still sitting called out, "is it a decent size?" "Yeah it's a big pickerel," his friend sputtered back. "I'll have it for supper," Kelsey proclaimed. "No it's mine," came back a casual retort.

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# RM of Gimli purchases and rents historic Greenberg House

By Patricia Barrett

RM of Gimli council purchased the Greenberg House, a heritage building beside the fire hall on Second Avenue, and will be renting the property all year long.

The purchase was made in order to obtain additional land for the new fire hall, which was completed last year.

"In that particular case, we purchased the land for future expansion of the fire hall," said Coun. Danny Luprypa during council's regular meeting July 12.

The 72 Second Ave. house was constructed in 1918/19, according to the RM's Building Inventory Form. The wood-frame building was considered to be in good condition at the time of a 2011 survey. It has a false dormer window on the front of the building, dark woodwork in the dining and living room and maple flooring. The veranda and the addition at the rear of the building were built in 1958.

The purchase first came to light during the RM's financial plan hearing in April at which the acquisition of the property was deemed a purchase priority.

The RM bought the property for \$200,000 and spent about \$15,000 on furnishings, said CAO Joann King by email. The whole of council had discussed the purchase and all had voted in favour of it.

During the July 12 meeting, council approved an additional payment of \$387.49 to K. Peiluck, who is Deputy Mayor Peter Peiluck's wife.

"It was probably for curtains and stuff," said Coun. Peiluck.

Until the fire hall expansion takes place, the RM will be renting the property.

"We have lots of properties we rent," said King. "Not necessarily residential property."

There is a three-night minimum stay at \$175 a



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The RM of Gimli purchased the Greenberg House for \$200,000 to obtain additional land for the new fire hall. The RM renovated the home for \$15,000 and have since listed it on Airbnb as a rental property.

night. A weekly stay costs \$1,100, and a monthly stay, \$4,000. The property is listed on Airbnb.

King said the rental proceeds will go into a special fund for the fire department.

Council is not sure whether they'll knock the

house down or re-locate it to another site when it comes time to expand the fire hall.

"Council will decide what will happen to it at that point in time," said Peiluck.

## > GIMLI GLIDER, FROM PG. 3

on, determined that the jet might not make it to Winnipeg. They were 30 nautical miles from Winnipeg and 14 from Gimli.

"I decided not to attempt Winnipeg," said Pearson. "I don't know to this day whether we would have made it."

Quintal proposed landing at an RCAF base in Gimli where he had once served as a pilot, and they "made a big sweeping turn and followed the shoreline until we spotted the airport."

Quintal, however, was unaware that part of the airstrip had been converted into a race track.

"I didn't see anything on the runway, just this patch of cement," said Pearson. "No emotion at the time, just a cold robotic feeling with tunnel vision, just focused totally on our speed and that piece of cement."

The lowering of the wheels was problematic because of the loss of hydraulic power, and the emergency handbook provided no answers.

"I told Maurice to hit the landing gear switch ... and ... it pulled the pins

on the gear doors. The doors flopped open and the gear fell out sideways, and the momentum carried it to lock over centre."

That drag somewhat slowed the aircraft, but Pearson said they were still going too fast (about 400 miles an hour) to attempt a landing.

"I didn't think we had enough distance left between us and the runway to get down," he said. "So I did what private pilots do — a sideslip."

"I slowed it to the speed that I thought would give us the longest glide, and I varied the sideslip at the last minute. We were at a steep angle — I would say a 45-degree-angle. [Passengers] on the left are looking at [people] standing [on the ground] looking up at them with their mouths open. People on the right are looking up into blue sky. It must have been a quite uncomfortable situation. I wouldn't want to be at the back."

Because of the loss of power, they could not deploy the wing flaps to slow the plane.

"We touched down fairly gently ... and I jumped on the brakes," he said. "The nose gear — from eyewitness — was back up at a 45-degree angle and it collapsed and we hit the ground. It sounded like a couple of double-barrel shotguns going off at our feet."

Pearson aimed the nose at a guardrail on the racetrack to slow the plane and everyone survived the landing.

"Everybody learned that day that there's two kinds of aircraft: there's powered gliders and unpowered gliders and we were both on one day," he laughed.

Although Pearson has not been part of creating the museum, he has donated several artifacts and will be offering more. He also encouraged people to donate parts of the plane they may have "hidden in their basements."

One thing he said he'd like to recover is his cap.

"If anyone around here has any artifacts — like my hat I never got back...."

Museum president Barb Gluck said the idea of a permanent exhibit sprang from tourists wanting to see parts of the plane and the landing strip.

"The roots of this are cemented in the seawall mural and the interest in it," she said. "The rest of it belongs to you and my team."

She thanked everyone who stepped forward to help support the museum, which is located in the Lakeview Resort.

"Without the donors, the corporations, the \$10,000 grant we got from the Manitoba government to finish off our displays, without the businesses we went to and bought our products from and were interested in supporting us — there's so many to mention, we just can't do them justice," she said.

## > FISHING, FROM PG. 6

"My rod, my fish" Kelsey pointed out. "Not anymore," his buddy uttered as he slung Kelseys' rod into the bulrushes and released the fish.

Come by next week won't you, bye now.



# Surge in hog virus cases alarms local pork farmer

By Maggie Wysocki

Since the first 10 cases of the deadly pig disease PEDv (porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus) were reported in southern Manitoba last month, the spread has only gotten worse.

As of Monday, a total of 60 farm sites in the province had been infected, according to the Manitoba Pork Council.

"We can't say that it's not spreading, but there's hope with the warmer weather we'll stop seeing more cases," said Andrew Dickson, general manager of Manitoba Pork.

PED virus can affect all pigs but it is primarily found in newborns. The disease is transmitted by feces found on infected farming equipment, feed, people and other organisms moving from one farm site to the next.

The virus isn't transmittable to humans nor will it affect the pork industry, says Dickson.

"Sometimes we just don't understand what happened or how it spreads ... biosecurity has to be up to snuff," he said.

Every other hour, Dickson says, he's in contact with government officials, determining what measures farmers should take next and sending out emails regarding precautions.

On the other end of those emails is East Selkirk farmer Doug Martin, who



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY MAGGIE WYSOCKI AND COURTESY OF METRO NEWSPAPER SERVICE

East Selkirk hog farmer Doug Martin says he's worried about the spread of the PED virus, which has hit 60 farm sites in Manitoba, because biosecurity regulations aren't implemented by the government and vary from farmer to farmer.

says he's worried about PED spreading since the implementation of biosecurity varies from farmer to farmer.

"It really depends on the farm and that's the problem. If there's any areas where your biosecurity is weak ...

a little speck of the disease can make everything explode," he said.

Keeping PED out of his farm has been exhausting and time consuming for him and his employees, Martin says.



"We have to restrict the amount of people that come to our farm and where we go to pick up supplies. We have to stop trucks on the road and spray the tires and make people wash their shoes before coming on the property," the fourth generation farmer said.

A few years ago, Martin remembers biosecurity being more diligent across the board because of federal law.

"There used to be certified truck washes for hog carries ... for some reason that stopped," he said.

With 1,200 pigs on Martin's farm, he estimates that if the virus hit any of his sows, feeders or piglets he could lose \$20,000 a week.

But by ensuring he maintains thorough biosecurity measures, he's confident PED won't affect his farm and he hopes the best for other local and area farmers too.

## Métis Days to celebrate community culture next weekend

By Jeff Ward

The annual celebration of Métis culture is set to take place next weekend in St. Laurent at the Métis Grounds for the first time in more than 10 years.

Organizers say that given the recent rejuvenation of the St. Laurent Métis Grounds, this year will be the first in more than a decade where the entire weekend event is hosted there.

Organizer Juliette Lavallee said the event will feature dozens of activities and begins Aug. 4 with a new attraction, CWA Wrestling. Saturday events begin with a parade that Lavallee said will be one of the most exciting in recent years.

Awards are up for grabs for best-decorated golf cart, quad and kids' bikes as well as awards for the best Métis family float. There will also be a jigging competition, square dancing

and a strong man competition.

"We're just trying to provide as many fun family-friendly activities as we can for the weekend," said Lavallee. "We'll have food vendors coming as well, and this year we added a Little Miss Métis pageant that I think will be really fun. Last year we had around 2,500 people come out to the event and I think we can expect similar numbers this year."

Métis Days is an important event as it represents the culture of a large majority of St. Laurent residents. The community is the largest Métis community in the world and, as a result, Lavallee said many Métis people from all over Canada converge in the small town to celebrate their beloved culture.

A Saturday evening social with live music from The Darren Lavallee Band and Sunday mud-bogging will round out the weekend's events.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JULIETTE LAVALLEE

The Lil Bitty Steppers along with the Métis Club Traditional Dancers, Manitoba Métis Spirit Steppers and the Norman Chief Memorial Dancers featuring Kevin Chief will be performing at St. Laurent Métis Days.

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# Tempers flare at Valhalla Beach over use of public reserve

By Patricia Barrett

Cottagers at Valhalla Beach have become embroiled in a dispute over the use of a municipal public reserve, resulting in "altercations" and damages to a boat.

At a regular meeting July 12, RM of Bifrost-Riverton councillors discussed how to bring peace to the troubled region.

A public reserve is an area of land set aside for public recreational use. Some Valhalla residents seem to have become downright possessive about it.

CAO Cindy Stansell and Assistant CAO Kim Furgala – who've fielded the majority of calls from the warring factions – provided the low-down on the situation, which goes something along the lines of the following:

Sparks began to fly when an unidentified number of seasonal residents began cutting down trees on the re-

serve, ostensibly to make access to the shoreline easier and to get a better view of the lake.

That prompted calls to the municipal office from tree-loving residents nearby.

Into the mix came a third provocateur, who liked the convenience of parking his boat on the reserve after a day on the water.

A woman belonging to the tree-cutting clan took exception to that and had words with the boatman. They had an "altercation" when she told him he couldn't leave his boat on the reserve. He may have told her to take a long walk off a short pier.

A few days later, the boatman found holes drilled into his vessel's hull.

The tree-cutting woman denied having drilled the holes. And after an intensely spirited exchange with the boatman, she told the RM office that she had called the RCMP.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Property owners at Valhalla Beach are contesting the use of a public reserve.

The *Express* was unable to make contact with the residents.

"This has become a bigger issue now," said Stansell. "We have received correspondence from the [tree-lovers]. They would like us to investigate the ability to subdivide and then assign [the reserve] as a public forest so that no one can cut any trees and can't cut any grass."

The tree-cutters, however, have allegedly ceased their clear-cutting operation.

"She said they haven't been around," said Stansell. "They've been on vacation and they haven't done any more clearing."

The RM has a tree-removal policy that requires anyone wishing to cut down trees to first contact the administration office for approval.

"We attended the site," said Stansell, referring to herself and Furgala. "It is a really nice area. You could maybe develop that into something. I talked to somebody not involved in the issue...who resides further down in the development. I asked her, 'In your opinion we have this public reserve, what would you like to see?' She talked about having the trees and that it's

nice to see the wildlife there."

In the meantime, it's getting out of hand, she said. "I think we...should put up a sign on that cleared area that says public reserve, no ATVS, quads and no boat launches."

Coun. Donald Vigfusson said signage just might do the trick.

"I don't think this should be brought our attention every month," he said.

Deputy Reeve Dave Shott said people should realize it's a public reserve and that it's "not your private property. And you cannot have people go drill holes in boats."

Reeve Harold Foster indicated he was on the side of the tree-lovers.

"There's a forest there and it can stay that way," he said. "I don't like to see people cutting down trees. I don't really have a problem with underbrush because underbrush is ticks and mosquito country."

The Reeve said he'll pay a visit to area residents to try to resolve the issue.

Council agreed that a de-escalation attempt is in order before – as one councillor put it – a "woodpecker with an electric drill" really goes to town.



MAP COURTESY OF THE RM BIFROST-RIVERTON

The circled area shows the municipal public reserve land that is being disputed resulting in altercations and damages to a boat.

## TV series being shot in Selkirk seeks extras

Staff

A Manitoba-based casting company has put out a call for extras for a television series currently being shot in Winnipeg, Selkirk and surrounding towns.

According to Kari Casting's website,

the CBC television series entitled *Burden of Truth* centres around Joanne, a fast-rising attorney who leaves her fancy big-city corporate job to tackle a controversial case in her hometown.

The series was written by Brad Simpson and is being directed by Jeff

Woolnough. The cast includes Kristin Kreuk and many more.

They started shooting on July 4 and are expected to wrap up on Oct. 19.

For more information and how to apply to be an extra, visit [karicasting.com](http://karicasting.com) or email [info@karicasting.com](mailto:info@karicasting.com).

According to their website, Kari Casting has been providing extras casting services in Manitoba since 2001, including major studio and independent films, television, commercials, music videos and more.



# Interlake born photographer capturing Interlake beauty

By Jeff Ward

Lundar-born photographer Cody Fjeldsted's Instagram profile reads like a love letter to rural Manitoba as his posts become more popular along with the places he photographs.

During some stormy Interlake weather last week, Fjeldsted captured an incredible photo of two lightening bolts splitting the sky open. He said he took the photo at 3:01 a.m. exactly on July 17 on Deerhorn Line near Lundar.

Fjeldsted explained that he actually saw a much more brilliant bolt the strike before he took the photo, but his settings were wrong and the photo was blown out. The shot was taken on a Nikon D5300 with an ISO of 100, f2.8 and a 10-second exposure time on an 11-16mm lens pulled wide.

The photograph was picked up by a popular Instagram account called Night Photography, which asked to post the photo to their 221,000 fol-

lowers. Fjeldsted's photo, at the time of writing this article, has been liked over 10,000 times. The account typically shares photos from exotic locations around the world and major cities, so to see Lundar in the same company as Tokyo, New York City and Iceland is pretty cool.

"I'm proud to say that I'm from Lundar and I do love showing it off in photos," said Fjeldsted.

"I like when people can see things from a different point of view. Like Lundar Beach, I'm sure people have seen a sunset there hundreds of times, but then they see a photo of mine and are blown away. It's like it's a completely different

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place."

Fjeldsted works as a teacher in Winnipeg but said he would like to make the jump to photography full time one day. His Instagram profile is growing in popularity, now reaching nearly 1,500 people. As a result, it's gotten

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EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CODY FJELDSTED

Lundar photographer Cody Fjeldsted snapped this incredible photo of lightening last week near Lundar. Fjeldsted's photo has gone viral on Instagram, receiving over 10,000 likes on the app.

## Eriksdale Pharmacy opens second location in Ashern



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Peter Mikhail will continue to manage his Eriksdale-based pharmacy with his wife, while his business partner Mike Eied will manage their Ashern location.

By Jeff Ward

Ashern residents now have another option for pharmaceutical needs with the expansion of Eriksdale's Peter's Pharmacy.

Owner Peter Mikhail opened a second location at 18 Main St. in Ashern earlier this summer. Mikhail will continue to manage the pharmacy in Eriksdale while his friend and business partner Mike Eied will manage the new location. Mikhail said that he is excited to bring great customer service and an inviting new storefront to Ashern.

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### Friday, August 4, 2017



#### CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Food, Crafts, Vendors  
FRIDAY, 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM,

#### VIKING VILLAGE

LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
FRIDAY - 1:00-5:00 PM,

#### WONDER SHOWS MIDWAY AND RIDES

LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Food, Vendors, Entertainment  
FRIDAY - STARTS AT 5:00 PM,



#### SIGUR RÖK - LIVE MUSIC

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour Stage  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Music  
6:00 PM UNTIL 12:00 AM



#### WONDER SHOWS MIDWAY AND RIDES

LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Food, Vendors, Entertainment  
SATURDAY - STARTS AT NOON



#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

LOCATION: New Horizons Centre  
CATEGORIES: Food  
SATURDAY - 8:00 AM - NOON

#### BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

LOCATION: Gimli Beach North  
CATEGORIES: Sports  
CHECK IN - 8:30 AM - STARTS - 9:00 AM



#### SANDCASTLE CONTEST

LOCATION: Gimli Beach North  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Contests  
REGISTRATION - 9:30 AM, START - 10:00 AM



#### VOLUNTEER MEETING

LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Saturday, August 5, 2017

#### CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Food, Crafts, Vendors  
SATURDAY - MONDAY, 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

#### VIKING VILLAGE

LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
SATURDAY - 11:00 AM-5:00PM



#### FINE ARTS SHOW

LOCATION: George Johnson Middle School  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Entertainment, Contests  
NOON TO 5:00 PM

#### CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour Stage  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Music  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

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## August 5, 2017



### BIG GAMES - OVERSIZED BOARD GAMES

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



### ISLENDINGADUNK

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment, Sports  
2:00 PM

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LOCATION: Lakeview Hotel and Resort, Wave Patio  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment  
3:00 PM

### VIKING BATTLE

LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment  
SATURDAY- 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM



### SATURDAY NITE AT THE PIER - LIVE MUSIC

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour Stage  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Music  
6:30 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

### MUSIC ON THE ROOFTOP - LIVE MUSIC

LOCATION: Waterfront Centre, Johnson Hall  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Music  
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

### FIREWORKS

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment  
10:30 PM



## August 6, 2017

### CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS

LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Food, Crafts, Vendors  
SATURDAY - MONDAY, 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

### VIKING VILLAGE

LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
SUNDAY - 11:00 AM-5:00PM

### WONDER SHOWS MIDWAY AND RIDES

LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Food, Vendors, Entertainment  
SUNDAY - STARTS AT NOON

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

LOCATION: New Horizons Centre  
CATEGORIES: Food  
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM - NOON



### FINE ARTS SHOW

LOCATION: George Johnson Middle School  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Entertainment, Contests  
NOON TO 5:00 PM

### VIKING BATTLE

LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment  
SUNDAY - 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM



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CATEGORIES: Sports, Contests  
DATES: 06-08-2017  
REGISTRATION - 6:30 - 7:30 AM, STARTS AT 8:00 AM



### JAN'S ONE MILE FUN RUN

LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Sports, Contests  
REGISTRATION 7:30 - 8:15 AM, STARTS AT 8:30 PM



### AMMA'S KITCHEN

LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Food, Crafts  
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM,



### ICELANDIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE PAVILION

LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Food, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM,

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# FESTIVAL EVENTS

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## Sunday, August 6, 2017



**FRIS-NOK TOURNAMENT**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Sports, Contests  
REGISTRATION - 12:00 PM, START - 1:00 PM



**ALTERNATIVE FOLK FESTIVAL - LIVE MUSIC**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park, Main Stage  
CATEGORIES: Food, Vendors, Entertainment, Music  
6:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT



**OUTDOOR VIKING ZUMBA CLASS**  
LOCATION: Viking Statue  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Sports  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## Monday, August 7, 2017

**CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS**  
LOCATION: Gimli Harbour  
CATEGORIES: Food, Crafts, Vendors  
SATURDAY - MONDAY, 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**VIKING VILLAGE**  
LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
MONDAY - NOON-4:30 PM

**WONDER SHOWS MIDWAY AND RIDES**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Food, Vendors, Entertainment  
MONDAY - STARTS AT NOON

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
LOCATION: New Horizons Centre  
CATEGORIES: Food  
MONDAY - 8:00 AM - NOON

**FINE ARTS SHOW**  
LOCATION: George Johnson Middle School  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Crafts, Entertainment, Contests  
NOON TO 3:00 PM

**VIKING BATTLE**  
LOCATION: Harbour Park Hill  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment  
MONDAY - 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

**AMMA'S KITCHEN**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Food, Crafts  
MONDAY, NOON TO 4:00 PM

**ICELANDIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE PAVILION**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park Pavilion  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Food, Crafts, Vendors, Entertainment  
MONDAY, NOON TO 4:00 PM



**PARADE**  
LOCATION: Gimli Rec Center  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment, Contests  
REGISTRATION - 9:00 AM  
START - 10:00 AM

**FAMILY SPORTS**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park  
CATEGORIES: Entertainment, Sports, Contests  
12:20 PM - 2:00 PM



**MUSIC AND POETRY IN THE PARK**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park, Main Stage  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment, Music  
START - 1:00 PM



**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park, Main Stage  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Contests  
1:40 PM

**TRADITIONAL PROGRAM**  
LOCATION: Gimli Park, Main Stage  
CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Entertainment, Music

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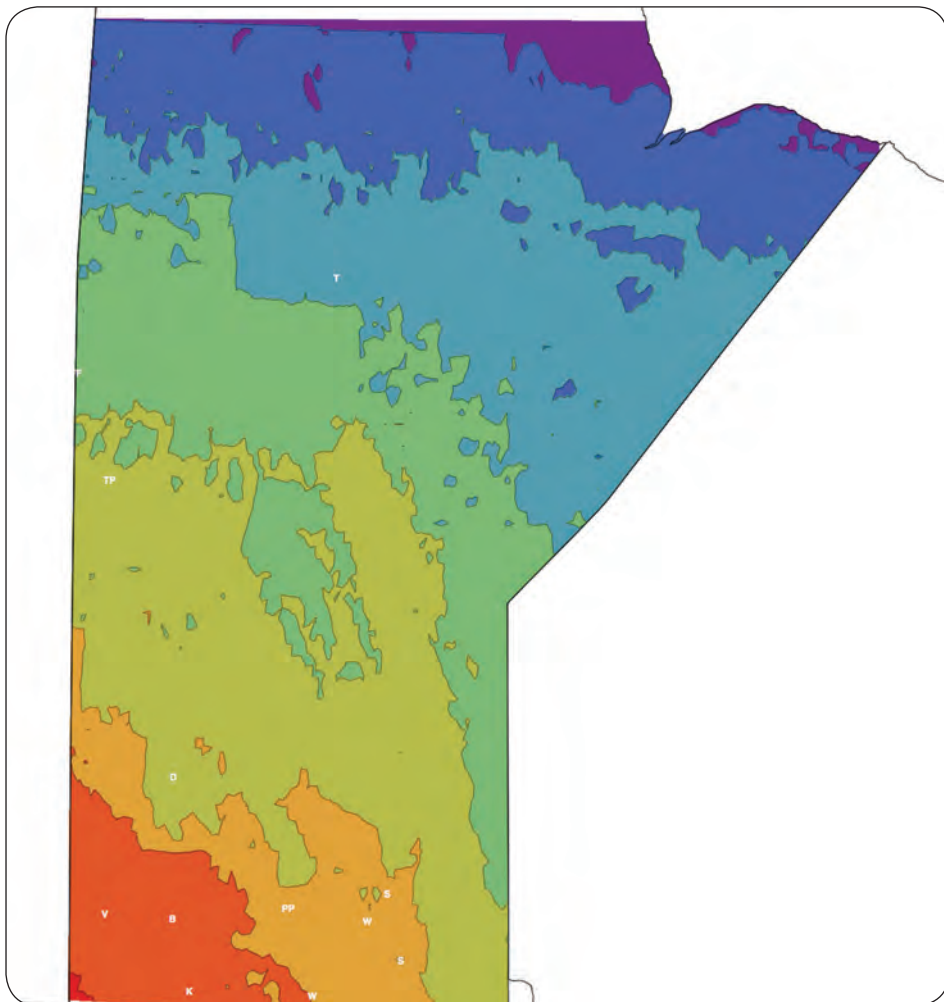
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# Solar Manitoba looking to the Interlake to grow business



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A solar irradiation map shows that the Interlake and much of southern Manitoba is prime for harvesting solar energy. On this map, the red and orange areas will yield more solar energy.

By Jeff Ward

A Manitoba company is looking to the Interlake as a big opportunity to bring solar power to agricultural producers looking to hedge their energy

costs.

Vice-president of Solar Manitoba Alex Stuart said that his company is looking at agricultural producers all over the province as a means of

expansion following the successful installation of a solar array in MacGregor earlier this year.

Tim Sawatsky's farm and home now run entirely on solar power, which in turn slashed his costs for electricity and heat from Manitoba Hydro. Stuart said that many producers are looking to make a similar change given the reduced energy rates and longevity of the solar system. Taking a look at a solar irradiation map shows the Interlake among the highest for potential energy gains in the province.

"The question we ask is, would you buy 30 years' worth of power today?" said Stuart.

"And not just at a price comparable with today's rates, but better. Would you have bought 30 years' worth of gas 30 years ago? I think most people would say yes because their investment works out well in their benefit in the long run, and that's what we're talking about."

Karen and Allan Sabados run a greenhouse business in Clarkleigh and have photovoltaic panels that help offset their energy costs for heat and electricity. Their business isn't entirely run off of solar, but enough of it is to notice a difference in the monthly bill. Allan Sabados said they purchased the materials themselves about five years ago and have since been reaping the benefits of solar power.

For the Sabados, the financial impact was less important than the impact their energy usage has on the environment. They try to use biodegrad-

able materials wherever possible and do their best to lessen their impact on the environment.

"Basically, for the type of heat we need, we have to burn something, wood pellets or oil to create electricity. But this little thing just sits there and creates heat and it's just wonderful. I suppose other than the shadow it casts, it has zero impact," said Allan Sabados.

Stuart said that the install costs on their system is \$3 per watt of power. A ballpark estimate puts a 100 kilowatt system at \$300,000. But through the Manitoba Hydro rebate program, customers can receive \$1 per watt, which brings the cost down to \$200,000 out of pocket for the customer. While these costs are high, Stuart explained that the customer is pre-buying energy at a rate that is less expensive than what Hydro is offering now, and that won't increase over time.

"So while Hydro's rates might increase, the customer's will stay the same. And this is why agricultural producers are a big focus for us right now because they're already familiar with hedging and are interested in doing that with their energy," said Stuart.

Sabados believes that solar is becoming more interesting to people because of the cost-saving implications and because people are more cognizant of the effects on the environment. And he expects to see it become more ubiquitous in the coming years.

## Threshing Day wheat growing at the Ashern Museum

By Jeff Ward

Wheat grown by the Ashern Pioneer Museum board is now shin-high and is well on its way to a bumper crop come Threshing Day on Sept. 3.

The wheat was planted by volunteers Dennis Skoropata, Buddy Bergner and Randy Budge on June 2 and has been growing naturally since then.

The museum board wants the wheat to grow like it did many years ago. To get that authentic experience, they're leaving it up to Mother Nature to help out.

The wheat being grown will be used for Threshing Day in 2018 as the board has a store of wheat already from last year.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

The Ashern Pioneer Museum will harvest the crop of wheat for the 2018 Threshing Day.

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him more exposure. Fjeldsted's photo stream consists of many landscape and wildlife shots. Pulling focus, playing with perspective and colour make extraordinary visuals from ordinary things.

As for the editing process, Fjeldsted said he tries to keep his post-produc-

tion tweaking to a minimum. Most of the time adjusting contrasts, brightness and cropping the images are what he does. He wants to let the images speak for themselves and tries to have each photo be as close to how his eye saw it as possible.

"The camera will interpret light and

colour different than your eye and I want my photos to be natural. For the lightening bolt, for instance, the photo came out blue but in real life it was bright white. So I reduced the blue in the photo to make it more like how I saw it with my eyes," said Fjeldsted.

The photographer plans to continue to take photos of all the places he visits and post them to his Instagram. He

said he will definitely be shooting the Interlake more.

"I like returning to the backroads I used to drive with my friends or the places I went hunting with my dad, trying to shoot them in an interesting way," said Fjeldsted.

Anyone interested in checking out Fjeldsted's work on Instagram can search his username cody.fjeldsted.



# Ashern Museum holds hidden gem of town model

By Jeff Ward

In the year of Canada 150, many people are taking time to look back at the history of the country and of their local communities. And one of the best ways to do that for Ashern residents is to view the scale model of the town as it was more than 70 years ago.

The model sits in a building at the far end of the Ashern Pioneer Museum and is a re-creation of what the town looked like in the mid 1940s.

The modeller who built the replica is Willie Yanke, who said that it started as a hobby and quickly became a passion. Yanke had a love of building models, and following his retirement, he wanted to take up a big project.

His idea was to recreate the town of Ashern as it was in the '40s. He worked mostly from some photos and from his own memory, having been born and raised in Ashern.

It took him the better part of a year to build all of the models and carve the roads. His vision was to give people a time capsule, like a three-dimensional

picture of the area that could be used to see how the community had grown over the years.

"I did it because I enjoyed it," said Yanke, looking over the creation more than 20 years after he built it.

"When I retired, I moved everything out of my old barn and used that space to build this. When we sold the farm, I couldn't take it with me because it was so big, but the museum wasn't ready to take it at the time, so I had to break it down and store it until they were. It looks different now than it did when it was in my barn because of that."

Although he is proud of the model, Yanke does wish it could've stayed together as it

was originally. Yanke used Styrofoam to carve the roads and sidewalks in the original version of the model but those had to be tossed when he dismantled it after selling the farm.

Yanke aimed to keep everything as perfect as possible, and he wanted to find an era-appropriate train for



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

Twenty years ago, Willie Yanke modelled the town of Ashern as it was in the early 1940s. His passion project is proudly displayed in the Ashern Pioneer Museum as a piece of history that shows the town's growth.

the tracks and fuel pumps for the gas station that fit the time. He worked hard to keep the shape and size of the buildings to scale.

"I think the school was actually in a different spot but very close to where

it is now. It's hard to remember all those years ago now," said Yanke.

For anyone wanting to see the model, the Ashern Pioneer Museum is open throughout the summer from Tuesday to Sunday.

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# NDP leadership candidates tackle rural health care, the environment and fish

By Patricia Barrett

Candidates for leadership of the Manitoba NDP held a forum in Gimli July 20 at the Recreation Centre, addressing issues of prime importance to Interlakers.

Steve Ashton and Wab Kinew outlined their approach to revitalizing the party, addressed the Conservative government's austerity measures undermining the health-care system and municipal infrastructure projects, and spoke about threats to water quality and the dismantling of the fishery's single-desk model.

Ashton, 61, MLA for Thompson (1981-2016), joined the NDP when he was 17. He left no one in doubt about his passion for the party and its track record.

"I'm proud of what we've done in rural Manitoba and proud of what we've done in this area," he said, referring to investments the former NDP government made in health care, highways, education and municipal infrastructure projects, as well as passing legislation protecting waterways from hog barn operations. "I can tell you our No. 1 goal as a party has to be to reconnect with rural Manitobans."

Kinew, 36, MLA for Fort Rouge and a member of the NDP for about a year and a half, said the party lost its connection to a lot of people in the province, and that's how we ended up with a "mean premier."

"We have to spend the next three years rebuilding that trust," he said. "The next NDP government has to look different than the last NDP government."

Both candidates agreed on several issues, recognizing past mistakes and the need to find common ground to overcome divisiveness in the party, but differed slightly on why they want to run for leader.

Ashton said his primary reason is to

protect medical services.

"I saw what he [Pallister] is doing to our health-care system," he said. "I did decide to do something about it, not to sit on the sidelines."

Kinew said his primary reason is to help the disadvantaged obtain a "pathway" to post-secondary education and a better life.

"They had the smarts. They had the work ethic. They had the will; they just needed a little help finding the way," said Kinew, referring to his wife's mother, who had received tuition assistance under the Pawley government of the 1980s. "That's the good that a New Democratic government can do. But what we're confronted with today is about more than just trying to make the world a better place."

Citing the unsustainability of the health-care system as it now stands, Kinew said he would introduce a "modern, progressive vision" that focuses on unique needs such as diabetes and renal health, and a program to help keep people healthy at home.

"That means investing in universal Pharmacare, mental health coverage ... and that we invest in primary prevention, diet, exercise and ... [free] up resources for acute care needs," said Kinew. "If we keep people healthy at home, there's less need for hospitalization and the overall system stands to benefit."

Ashton said he would ensure all Manitobans have access to medical services.

After the forum, the *Express* asked each prospective leader how he would tackle ongoing staffing crises in Interlake ERs.

Kinew said doctors from other parts of the province should be brought in to cover Interlake ERs, and Ashton said improving bursary and on-the-job supports would entice doctors to practise in rural and northern com-



Steve Ashton



Wab Kinew

munities.

Ashton also cited the effects of cost-cutting "chaos" that's currently erupted, something that may dissuade doctors from wanting to practise in Manitoba.

"When you're competing — not just across Canada but across the world — for doctors, you cannot afford to have this kind of uncertainty."

On the environment, Ashton vowed to reinstate the moratorium on hog barns if the Tory's Bill 24 should pass this fall. Kinew took it a step further, promising to improve the monitoring of hog barns.

As for the imminent demise of the single desk fishery (through Bill 23), Ashton said it's "about the few, not the many."

The Conservatives want to dismantle marketing boards in general, he said, as they had done with the Wheat Board, now owned by a Saudi Arabian and American corporation.

"Those marketing boards are what we [NDP] fought for ... to have pro-

ducers have control and get the benefits from their hard work. There's a handful of fishers that will benefit from it. And let's not forget, [FFMC] provides marketing across the world for Manitoba's fish."

As part of the caucus that delayed the final reading of Bill 23 until this fall, Kinew said he will "continue to be there for the fishers of Manitoba ... because I know we have to listen to them and ensure their livelihood is preserved."

Former Interlake MLA Tom Nevakshonoff, who attended the forum, said he's worried about the effects austerity will have on future growth.

"You can't progress by stifling and gouging," he said. "Governments have the responsibility to carry those types of burdens. We recognized that. That's why the NDP governed for as long as it had in this province, and I think we'll be back."

The leadership candidates will hold forums in Thompson on July 24 and in Winnipeg on July 26.

## Great Manitoba Food Fight seeks aspiring entrepreneurs

### Competition features new alcoholic beverage category

Submitted

Aspiring Manitoba entrepreneurs with creative ideas for new foods or alcoholic beverages are invited to enter the 11th annual Great Manitoba Food Fight (GMFF), Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler announced Monday.

"Manitoba is home to many budding entrepreneurs with a passion for food and drink and the skill to create innovative and delicious new products," said Eichler. "The Great Manitoba

Food Fight is a fun and exciting way to find a new group of talented Manitobans who are ready to take the next step and turn their culinary creations into a possible career and a profitable food or drink-based business."

GMFF is sponsored by the Manitoba government, in partnership with De Luca's Specialty Foods Store and Food and Beverage Manitoba. This year's event features a new alcoholic beverage category, in support of the growing craft beer and spirits indus-

try in Manitoba, the minister noted.

The competition provides entrepreneurs with an opportunity to fast track their products to commercialization by competing for product development and service awards. In addition to pitching their product to a panel of judges, participants must submit an application form that outlines how they would commercialize their new product.

Ten applicants will be selected to compete in the food portion of the

competition and three will be selected for the new pub competition. Judges will select gold, silver and bronze winners in the food category, with prize money ranging from \$13,000 to \$3,500. A single winner will be selected in the craft beer and spirits category, with a \$5,000 prize. The competition will be held on Sept. 20 at De Luca's, 950 Portage Ave., in Winnipeg. The entry fee is \$50 and the application deadline is Aug. 4. Applications not accepted will have their entry fee returned. To apply for the Great Manitoba Food Fight or for more information, visit [www.gmff.ca](http://www.gmff.ca) or call 204-841-4084.



# Eriksdale women trace family names on historical quilt

By Jeff Ward

A nearly century-old quilt made by the Union Church People of Eriksdale has created some buzz around town as an intriguing mystery unfolds while area women try to identify all families included on it.

The quilt, which was raffled off as a church fundraiser, contains 77 squares with names of families who lived in Eriksdale at that time. Estimates of the age of the quilt have it being made sometime around 1920-1923, but an exact year and date is unknown.

The quilt was given to Carole Boychuk last fall by its former owner Earl Rutherford, whose grandmother won the quilt when it was raffled off. Boychuk said that when Rutherford first gave her the quilt, she wasn't quite sure what to do with it, but once she started showing it around and looking more closely, she started to get more interested.

A bit of a mystery formed as locals tried to figure out who some of these families included on the quilt were, and an attempt to trace their family trees began. The problem with that was that the quilt is very old and much of the markings have faded away. Some of the family names might as well be invisible, but that hasn't stopped them from trying.

Sandra Hogue, Brenda Heroux and Gail Holmes had the bright idea of using the light from their cell-phones to shine through the fabric. In doing this the light would shine through areas where embroidery holes had been previously, making it easier to read the names.

"When they told me how they figured it out, I was kind of blown away," said Boychuk.

"I never would've thought to do that. I really assumed the names were lost forever. But now we have all of them written down we just have to figure out who they are and that's not so easy. The family of James is one none of us recognize at all."

Boychuk said that Kay Forsyth and Lil Jeffers had a lot of input and helped verify the names with their knowledge of the history of the area. Boychuk recreated the names on a large piece of paper to keep track of them and also has written out a sheet that goes down each column of names.

In the middle of the quilt is a photo of the old Union Church, which burned down in 1936 and rested on land where the Eriksdale library is today.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANDREA SWEETLAND

This quilt is nearly 100 years old and holds the names of all the families that contributed to a Union Church People fundraiser. Verifying the names has been a fun mystery to solve for several Eriksdale women.

With only a few names left to trace, the women are getting closer to having the quilt decoded. Boychuk explained that it's been a lot of fun to take such a deep dive into local history to understand who these families were and what they did. She's been reading through and making notes in her history books to see what pops up.

The quilt will be hung inside the Eriksdale Creamery Museum in the building adjacent to the cream-

ery itself for all to see. With Creamery Days right around the corner and Canada 150 now half way through, the quilt is a timely piece of Eriksdale history.

"This is kind of a perfect time to talk about this quilt because many of us are looking back already. I hope people come by and see it and I hope it jogs their memory and they can help us figure out these last names," said Boychuk.

## Walk for Water gearing up to mark 10th anniversary

By Maggie Wysocki

Since 2007, lake-lovers have been participating in the Walk for Water — an annual fundraising event in support of a healthy Lake Winnipeg.

This year's walk on Sunday, July 30 in Dunnottar and on Sunday, Aug. 13 in Victoria Beach will mark a decade of citizen-led action and the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) is gearing up to celebrate the success.

"We tend to hear a lot of doom and gloom about the future of the lake but we're trying to stop that. The walk is about raising a glass to Lake Winnipeg because it definitely deserves it," said Alexis Kanu, LWF executive director.

Participating is easy and it's not too late, says Kanu,

explaining participants can either create an online campaign to raise money or pledge in person and bring their completed form to the walk.

"The funds go towards our grants program, funding for teachers to take their classes on field trips, watershed organizations ... a little bit of everything," she said.

Over the last 10 years, the Walk for Water has raised more than \$10,000 and Kanu says it's become a family tradition for many.

"Coming together to take part in Walk for Water every year is our way of giving back. We walk to raise awareness of the issues and to raise funds to support worthy projects to protect Lake Winnipeg for future generations," said Janet Sampson, who

has been participating in the Victoria Beach Walk for Water since 2008.

The walk's 10-year anniversary isn't the only exciting part of this year's fundraising efforts either. This year, the LWF will also host a brand new event, Lake Bash 2017.

The event is scheduled for Aug. 18 at Farmers Hall in Gimli and will feature food, live music, a cash bar and dozens of silent auction prizes.

"It's super exciting. It's a partnership with Farmers Hall and they're very community-minded folk and they want to get the people in Gimli out celebrating the lake," said Kanu.

To participate in the Walk for Water or Lake Bash 2017, visit [lakewinnipegfoundation.org](http://lakewinnipegfoundation.org).



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## Junior Blue Jays' season ends to Sultans

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays knew the Carillon Sultans would be a tough opponent in their Manitoba Junior Baseball League best-of-three first-round playoff series.

And they were tough.

Carillon swept the series in two games, winning 10-0 at home and then 5-4 in Stonewall last week.

"Game 1 was just one of those things where it was 2-0 in the (fourth) inning and then, I think, our youth showed," said Blue Jays' assistant coach Kent Klimpke. "We had a few errors in the field and then things just snowballed on us. The game just got away from us."

Carillon turned a close game into a rout by scoring four runs in the fourth inning and then added four more in the fifth.

The game was called after just five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. The Sultans outthit the Blue Jays 12-2.

"We just weren't hitting the ball like we had been lately," Klimpke complained.

Game 2 was a much more competitive game between the two clubs.

Baily Proctor's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning with Emerson Klimpke on base gave the Interlake a 4-3 lead.

But Carillon came right back, scoring two runs in the top of the seventh in their final at-bat.

"We talked after the game that (if we won) Game 2, it's a shootout in Game 3 and anything can happen," Klimpke said. "It was disappointing for the boys. They knew they had to just close out a half an inning and get three outs."



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Blue Jays' catcher Brennan Cheasley tags out a Sultans' player at the plate during Manitoba Junior Baseball League playoff action last week.

While the opening-round loss was a tough one for the Blue Jays, the future looks great for this club. The team has everyone eligible to come back next year and a ton of young talent is expected to return.

"In 90 per cent of our games, we started eight rookies on the field," Klimpke noted. "As long as we get the group back, the next few years to come are very optimistic as to what our results are going to be."

Klimpke said the Blue Jays' coaching staff is determined to grow their program and open to recruiting talented players. They want a junior baseball team in the Interlake for many, many years to come.

The MJBL is a very good league with a plethora of talent.

"It's a very good league," Klimpke said. "We had five of our boys go to the MJBL all-star game at Shaw Park and that was a great experience. It opens a few more doors for these kids."

Klimpke said the Blue Jays' program gives talented players a chance to play junior baseball in their own community instead of being dispersed to other teams throughout the league.

"That's not right," Klimpke charged. "We need them to be playing at home, playing for their local community, and building on this community for years to come."

"It's so critical not to lose these kids."

## Steelers set up GoFundMe page to raise money

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers have turned to social media to help raise money to erase some of its lingering debt.

The local junior "A" hockey club has come up with a "Restore the Steelers" program, organized by club president Jordan Fillion.

Within that program, the Steelers have set up a GoFundMe page with the goal of raising \$80,000.

"We're looking to retire \$80,000, but obviously our debt is a lot higher than that," Fillion said Monday afternoon. "It's a small bite-size piece of what we're looking to get rid of."

As of early Monday evening, the team had raised \$7,500 through two separate donors on its GoFundMe page.

Gerry Hogue, a former Steeler, do-

nated \$500 while an anonymous donor chipped in a whopping \$7,000.

"It's going very well so far," Fillion said. "We have \$7,500 so far, so it's been going fairly well. We were fortunate to get (the \$7,000 donation) and hope that there's more to come."

The GoFundMe page to raise money for a hockey team is a unique initiative but one that is currently being tried in the U.S. at the collegiate level.

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association women's conference, which includes teams like Bemidji State, Minnesota, Minnesota-Duluth, and Minnesota State, has setup a wcha.rallyme.com with the hopes of reaching their goal of raising \$140,000 by mid-March.

The Steelers were unaware that the WCHA had come up with a similar

fundraising idea.

"We thought that with everything going on with social media in today's world and with the 50 years of the Steelers' alumni and fans in different parts of the world, we thought it was the best way to allow us reach out and get support from our local community and the community afar," Fillion explained.

Fillion stressed that the organization needs more fans to come out and attend their games to increase revenue. The second-year Steeler president expected it to be a tough battle to survive financially in the junior hockey world.

"It's happening Canada-wide," he noted. "It's not unique to the Selkirk Steelers at all. A lot of the MJHL teams are in the same boat and a lot of the

CJHL teams are in the same boat. We need to restore the Steelers and get the payables under control and move forward with a very strategic budget to try to stay on track."

Fillion was quick to point out that this is not a "save the Steelers" fundraiser.

"We're not going anywhere," he stressed. "It's a one-time 'Restore the Steelers' (fundraiser) and let's move forward."

The Steelers, meanwhile, will be hosting a social this Saturday on the ice surface at the Selkirk Rec Complex. Cost for the event, which will run from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m., is \$20.

That admission price includes a ticket to a Steelers' regular-season home game this upcoming season.



# Pirates advance to 18U 'AAA' baseball nationals

By Brian Bowman

The North Winnipeg Pirates Midget team picked the perfect time to play their best baseball of the season.

And now they are off to the nationals in London, Ont.

The Pirates were outstanding last weekend at the provincials in Winnipeg, defeating Bonivital 8-6 in the championship game.

"This is an unbelievable feeling," said Pirates' head coach Gary Dear Monday morning. "I'm still in shock and so is the other coaching staff. All of the kids and parents are also in shock after the whole season went down for us."

North Winnipeg, whose roster includes Gimli's Kalli Einarson, played like a champion-type team throughout the four-day tournament.

"It was unreal," Dear stressed. "We played the best ball that we have all year and we played how I knew we could. We had 17 losses throughout the year and when I check back in the book, 15 of those losses were because of our mistakes that cost us."

"I told the kids, 'If you don't make mistakes, then you can play with anybody.'"

The Pirates came out swinging the bats extremely well in the final, scoring five runs in the first inning.

"That was huge," Dear said. "It was the best thing that could have happened."

North Winnipeg later increased its lead to 8-2.

To reach the finals, the Pirates blasted the Winnipeg South Chiefs 10-0 in a semifinal game. Ben Anderson earned the win for North Winnipeg against the team that he tried out for earlier this summer.



Kalli Einarson, left, and Jayden Allary of the North Winnipeg Pirates won the Baseball Manitoba 18U 'AAA' provincial title last Sunday.

North Winnipeg earned a spot in the playoffs after finishing 4-1 in pool play. The Pirates started action Thursday morning with a huge 15-3 win over Bonivital and then lost 8-4 to Parkland later that evening.

The Pirates would not lose another game, however, at the provincials. North Winnipeg crushed Oildome 10-3, doubled Carillon 4-2, and blasted Brandon 12-2.

On an individual note, Interlake players played a huge role in leading



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER

Gimli's Einarson makes the throw from third to first to get the out.

the Pirates to the provincial title. Liam Allen was terrific, said Dear, hitting .666 while Jayden Allary pitched very well against Oildome.

Gimli's Kallie Einarson was great at the plate all weekend, said Dear, and Nathan Slaby was very good on the mound against Bonivital in the opener.

"The local boys did extremely well for us," Dear noted.

North Winnipeg will now busily prepare for the nationals, which will begin Aug. 17. It will be the Midget

Pirates' second trip to nationals in the past five seasons. They also made an appearance at the westerns during that time.

It will be interesting to see how the Pirates match up against the top 18U talent in Canada.

"I have no idea what to expect because I didn't expect to get this far after the regular season that we had," Dear admitted. "But I know it's going to be a tough battle when you're playing against the other provinces' elite players."

## Impact strikes down Tri-S Strike Force

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Impact's losing streak didn't last very long. In fact, it was just one game.

After losing 2-0 to the North Winnipeg United on July 14, the Impact bounced back nicely to trounce the Tri-S Strike Force 3-0 in MMSL 5th Division action last Saturday in Selkirk.

Dean Dueck, Benny Wiens and Adam Schmidt scored for the Interlake.

With the victory, the Impact im-

proved to 7-3-1 and now has 22 points to occupy second place in the 10-team division.

Carmania SC leads the division with a 9-1 record and 27 points heading into this week's slate of games.

North Winnipeg sits in third place with a 6-3-1 record and 19 points.

Interlake will play Elmwood FC on Friday at 9 p.m. at Shaughnessy Park and then will battle Matix FC on Sunday (5:30 p.m.) at Buhler Recreation Park Field 3.



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The Interlake Impact's Dean Dueck scored a goal in his team's 3-0 win over the Tri-S Strike Force.



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### Assets:

- Experience developing curriculum and instructing at a post-secondary level
- Certificate in Adult Education

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### Assets:

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## OBITUARY



Mary Catherine Einarson  
(nee Lyons)

March 5, 1926 – July 23, 2017

It is with deep sorrow, that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, amma and lang amma. Mary passed away with her granddaughter Linzy at her side at the Arborg Personal Care Home.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Elaine (Darren); granddaughter Linzy (Adrian); grandson Cole; daughter-in-law Diana; grandson Matthew, granddaughter Brittany (Greg); great grandchildren Maddie, Kenzi, Elli and Wyatt; brother Doug Lyons (Vera); sisters-in-law Sigga Helgason, Begga Johannesson, Ellen Sigurdson, Bernice Eyjolfson and brother-in-law Raymond Ostertag. And special to her Randy Sokil, Nicole and Chad; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Clarence; son Ken; granddaughter Nicole; brothers Ken and Bill, sister Florence; brothers-in-law Marino Helgason, Kris Johannesson, Helgi Sigurdson and Stoney Eyjolfson and sister-in-law Josie Ostertag.

Mary was born March 5, 1926 to Vera and Percy Lyons and raised in Trochu, AB. She graduated nursing in Calgary, AB and nursed throughout Alberta before her and her friend took a job in Gods Lake Narrows, MB. It was there she met the love of her life, Clarence. After a wedding in Red Deer, AB they settled in Riverton, MB and she continued nursing in Arborg, MB and often using her kitchen table to mend small injuries for the community.

She was a kind and gentle person, who enjoyed nursing right until retirement. She was the happiest spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at family parties, enjoying watching how full of life they were.

Mary was active in the Riverton Hnusa Lutheran Church all her life, giving a helping hand to everyone.

The family wishes to thank the Arborg Personal Care Home staff for their kindness and caring of our mom.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Riverton Hnusa Lutheran Church, Riverton Cemetery or Hnusa Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be held at the Riverton Hnusa Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Those we love don't go away.  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near.  
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Goda Nott Elskan

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Gilbart Funeral Home, Gimli in care of arrangements.



Sam Keen, author of *Fire in the Belly*, uses the term to describe those of us who are searching the regions of inner space, and sees the challenges as vast as those of the astronauts who explore outer space. He also uses the phrase "shifting tectonic plates of our culture" to describe some of the massive changes that are occurring around us.

These terms could just as easily be used in describing relationships and family life. The crises that seem to come up sometimes seem as unsettling as the earthquakes that cause so much destruction and the need to rebuild afterwards. Sometimes in our own lives we see only the surface chaos, without truly understanding that it is a reflection of shifts that are happening at a much deeper level. Sometimes these shifts are necessary, and functional, and it does no more good to be angry with the one who is shifting than it does to get mad at the earth for causing the earthquake.

What are some of these deep level shifts? Well, some start early, when the toddler discovers the power residing in the little word "no," we know that something has changed. This is more than simply being oppositional. The child is experiencing his or her separateness from the parents, and in a sense is discovering a mind of his/her own.

The turbulence of adolescence is certainly an indication of major shifts occurring beneath the surface. The adolescent wanders through that no-man's land between childhood and adulthood, is in the midst of an evolutionary process from which an adult identity will begin

## Seeing Beyond

to emerge, is struggling with the meanings of masculinity and femininity, freedom and responsibility and is also being asked to make decisions about future vocation. We must not define the resulting tremors as the problem, and simply try to eliminate them.

Another type of shift may occur when the mother, having given birth to a few little ones, and after several years of diapers, cleaning, up at night, and more cleaning, begins to become disenchanted with her role. While she is home by choice, and would not change this, nonetheless her energy has been drained, and she needs more support now from the husband. He, meanwhile, has become nicely settled in the routine of going to the office, knowing that she has taking care of everything at home, and looks forward to evenings and weekends so that he can relax. She now realizes that she is on duty sixteen hours per day, seven days a week, with no time to relax. (In fact she can't remember what that is!)

Suddenly there is rumbling, and while it might look like she is reneging on the deal, or that he is taking advantage of her, in actual fact it is time for a shift, and working that out can actually strengthen the marriage.

So, when trouble starts, if we can stay away from blame and judgment, and focus instead on finding out what it is that needs to shift, and then if we can facilitate the shift, we can come through it with a lot less destruction in our relationships and our families.

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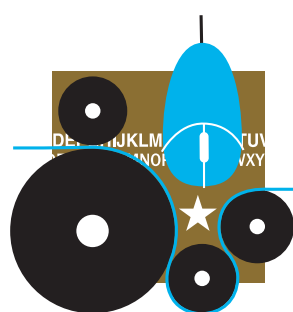
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