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Canadian actress and producer Wendy Crewson received an Alda Award during the Gimli Film Festival's awards reception July 27 at the Waterfront Centre. From left: UFMF Film Talk host and GFF programming chair James Borsa, GFF founder and chair Janis Johnson, retired Manitoba film commissioner Carole Vivier, filmmaker Norma Bailey, Wendy Crewson, Hayley Bristow, Buffalo Gal Pictures' Phyllis Laing and jazz guitarist Larry Rich.

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Actress Wendy Crewson honoured by Gimli Film Festival; female artists celebrated

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Film Festival honoured Canadian actress Wendy Crewson with its signature award, the Alda, during its awards reception July 27 at the Waterfront Centre.

The Alda is given to a filmmaker, director, actor or producer from Canada and the circumpolar nations for their outstanding contributions to cinema.

"Wendy, your body of work and everything you've done is absolutely phenomenal," said GFF founder and chair Janis Johnson, who presented Crewson with the stunning glass award.

Crewson is a compelling, emotive actress that tackles difficult parts and has earned several acting awards.

She's appeared in films such as *Perfect Pie*, *Better Than Chocolate* and the disturbing drama *Sex Traffic*. She's no stranger to Hollywood, appearing in *Air Force One* and *What Lies Beneath* with Harrison Ford and in the *Santa Clause*. Television credits include *Street Legal*, *The Sue Rodriguez Story*, *The Robber Bride*, *Flashpoint*, *24*, *CSI*, *Murdoch Mysteries* and *Saving Hope*.



Vera Houle from Aboriginal People's Television Network (left) with filmmaker Charlene Houle, who earned the GFF's Indigenous Sprit Award.

It all began in Winnipeg where Crewson and her family moved when she was 10 years old. Paying homage to the city's reputation for churning out a "huge volume" of talented artists, and thanking her teachers for encouraging her to dream of a life in the arts, she said she was lucky to have lived there.

Her first starring role was as the Vir-



Wendy Crewson earned the GFF's Alda Award for her outstanding contributions to film.

gin Mary in a Grade 6 Sunday school production of the Christmas Nativity in the basement of the Westwood United Church.

"As I gazed up at the bright, guiding cardboard star ... with my swaddled Chatty Cathy doll, I was transformed," said Crewson. "And I have been searching for strong female leads ever



Canadian actress Nancy Sorel earned the GFF's Best Performance by a Female Award.

since."

Cracking up the audience, the affable actress said it took her a few years to figure out that Virgin wasn't Mary's first name. "Details, right? Sometimes you don't see the whole story."

Playing strong protagonists gave her



Mike Maryniuk won the GFF's Best Manitoba Director Award for his film *The Goose*.

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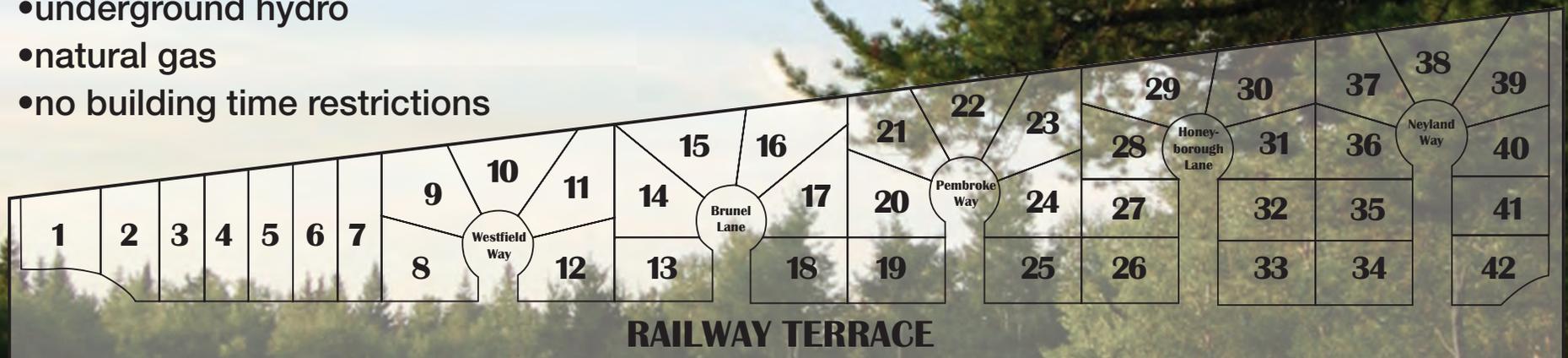
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the “courage” and “authenticity” to lead her own life, said Crewson, who took part in the festival’s The Future is Female mentoring program.

During her five years in Winnipeg, Crewson said she and her family would jump in the car every summer weekend and drive up to – you guessed it – Gimli.

“We would launch our tiny wooden boat right over there [pointing towards Gimli Beach],” she said, “and we would cling to the gunnels as we sailed through gale-force winds, all of us loving it.”

Johnson said the GFF is the only festival in Canada that’s made a point of supporting and recognizing the work of female filmmakers and females working in the industry.

Another talented and instantly recognizable Canadian actress who’s graced the big screen and the television screen is Nancy Sorel. She earned the GFF’s Best Performance by a Female Award for her role in the short film Platypus.

Sorel has appeared in films such as Heaven is For Real and I Love You, Don’t Touch Me! and countless television movies and series including Matlock, The Commish, Doogie Howser, M.D., Murder She Wrote, Highlander, The X-Files, Da Vinci’s Inquest, Keep Your Head Up, Kid: The Don Cherry Story and Less Than Kind.

“The one remarkable thing that really struck me when I first read the [Platypus] script was three young male filmmakers wrote and directed this, and the three lead characters were not just female, but they were mature females, meaning over 40,” said Sorel.

Having worked in the industry for over 30 years, Sorel said she’s had her share of ups and downs “being female,” and the Platypus role gave her hope for the future.

“I know things are going to get better and better thanks to those fine, talented young men,” she said.

GFF created a new award this year to honour the work of Indigenous filmmakers.

Winnipeg filmmaker Charlene Moore earned the Indigenous Spirit Award for her film When the Children Left, which chronicles the impact on the families of missing and murdered women, challenges stereotypes about Indigenous people and underscores the “injustices and crises” they still face.

“I feel that in the past, Indigenous people have been shown in ways that don’t necessarily depict our true realities and our true identities. With this film I wanted to showcase how much love there is within an Indigenous family,” said Moore. “When we talk about these really hard stories of Indigenous women or men going missing or being murdered, we don’t focus on the impact it has on the family and how that changes that family’s dynamics.”

Moore’s film also picked up the Audience Choice Award for Best Manitoba Short Film.

Other awards:

- The Jack Clements’ Livin’ the Dream Award went to Manitoba Film & Music’s CEO & Film Commissioner Carole Vivier for her long-standing and tireless work ensuring the future of Manitoba’s film industry.

- Mike Maryniuk earned Best Manitoba Director for The Goose.

- Adam Brooks, Matthew Kennedy and Connor Sweeney (Chowboys: An American Folk Tale) earned Best Male Performance.

- Best of Fest – Audience Choice Award went to nipawistamasowin: We Will Stand Up (dir. Tasha Hubbard)

- The Grand Jury Prize was awarded to international documentary Midnight Family (honourable mention: For Sama).

- Best Canadian Feature Film presented to When the Storm Fades (dir. Sean Devlin).



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT
Carole Vivier (centre) earned the GFF’s Livin’ the Dream Award. Buffalo Gals Pictures’ Phyllis Laing (left) and filmmaker Norma Bailey.

- Anita Lebeau earned the Best Manitoba Short Film – Special Jury Prize her short film Face Time. For more information, visit gimlifilm.com

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Arborg woman has knack to bring smiles to PCH

By Evan Matthews

The residents at Arborg Personal Care Home were all smiling last week, as one woman joined thousands of florists nationwide in celebrating the 19th annual Make Someone Smile Week.

Susan Eyolfson, former-owner-now-employee at Arborg Nic Nacs and Flowers, joined forces with a distribution company, Teleflora, in the celebration. Teleflora shipped containers to local florists, such as Arborg Nic Nacs and Flowers, who then received fresh flower donations from its local wholesaler.

Then by hand, Eyolfson put together arrangements — largely made up of daisies, what Eyolfson calls the happiest flower — and delivered them on Thursday.

“They gave me an opportunity to ... create arrangements, as many as I wanted, and deliver them to people I thought would deserve them,” said Eyolfson, who made 48 bouquets for the PCH in total.

“The PCH home was such an obvious choice for me because sometimes they can’t get out and go find things themselves. And, yes, they get stuff brought to them — but more so for occasions. This felt appropriate.”

In total, local florists and volunteers delivered over 30,000 Teleflora “Be Happy Bouquets” to people across Canada and the U.S. during Make Someone Smile Week, according to its



Eyolfson delivered 48 bouquets to the personal care home.

website.

The community agreed, as many of the families did reach out to Eyolfson privately, after the fact.

So, too, did the PCH.

“The reaction from the residents was overwhelming. They couldn’t believe they were sent flowers,” said Karen Melnychuk, recreation co-ordinator at Arborg PCH.

“Families were so happy to see the reaction on their loved ones’ faces. What a wonderful thing to do for people.”

Eyolfson said she thought a lot about her mother-in-law, who had lived at PCH but passed away in June.

Eyolfson said the highlight of the day for her was when one resident thought she’d have to give back the container. When the resident learned



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Susan Eyolfson of Arborg Nic Nacs and Flowers donates a “Be Happy Bouquet” to an Arborg PCH resident with her granddaughter during Make Someone Smile Week.

it was hers to keep, she was overjoyed, according to Eyolfson.

“She said to me, ‘This is just lovely, dear. I’m just so happy. I love these. I suppose you’ll want the cup back,’” said Eyolfson, now in her 27th year as a florist.

“When I told her it was hers, she said, ‘Really?’ I thought that was cute,” she said, laughing.

Eyolfson said she couldn’t have

done the donation without the support of Arborg Nic Nacs and Flowers, and Mike Shachtay, who was behind her 100 per cent.

Eyolfson was the store’s previous owner for 10 years, and prior to that she also owned a shop called Flowers for Thought in Riverton.

“I wanted to stay working, and he wanted someone to stay on,” said Eyolfson. “It worked out perfectly.”



The “Gimli Farmers Market will relocate for the August 3rd market day only”.

Due to the Icelandic Festival on the August long weekend, we will be located on Hwy #9, in the empty lot next to the Co-op gas station.

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Newcomers can learn about water safety

By Jennifer McFee

Newcomers to Canada are invited to learn about water safety next week at Arborg Pool.

On Aug. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m., Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services will host a pool party at Arborg Pool (417 Ingolfs St.) while also sharing information about how to be safe at the pool and our lakes.

Eugene Zalevich, community growth settlement officer, said that the pool party has been held for many years.

“We’re surrounded by two lakes in the Interlake, and we have these newcomer immigrants who have

moved into the Interlake region,” he said.

“We want people to be safe in the region, so that’s the reason why we host such an event like this.”

The event is open to everyone in the community. Permanent status immigrants and refugees can attend for free. Otherwise, the cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

“They’ll learn about general water safety for a short time, plus have some fun,” Zalevich said.

Approximately 60 to 80 newcomer families live in the Interlake area between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg, he added.

“For the most part, I think most people are aware of the Arborg Pool,” he said. “It’s a great way to have a welcoming event for them to interact with other people in the community. They can meet new people and feel that they are included.”

Looking ahead, they will be hosting their Culturama event on Sept. 27 in Arborg as well.

Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services offers free services and resources to permanent residents to help them get settled in the region.

For more information about the pool party event, contact Zalevich at 204-378-5106, ext. 3.

Movie lovers flock to Gimli for annual film festival

By Gabrielle Piché

Movie lovers flocked to Gimli over the weekend for Manitoba's largest film festival.

Gimli Film Festival screened over 130 films from July 24 to last Sunday. This year's line-up was diverse — there were Icelandic films, Indigenous films, and films directed by women and people of colour. Festival-goers could watch Canadian features, including Manitoban-made movies.

This year was Luanne Kam's first time at the festival. She focused on getting to the Indigenous-made and international films.

"You can't see [them] in the local cinemas," Kam said.

The Winnipegger also had plans to attend some of the festival's masterclasses. Directors Liza Mandelup and Penny Lane spoke about their work in the film industry during the masterclasses.

"It's just amazing such a small town has these incredibly talented people right here," Kam said.

People who didn't want to pay for films could watch movies for free at Gimli Beach. This year, the movie category was "Summer School." Classics like *Mean Girls* and *The Breakfast Club* aired on a 35-foot screen over Lake Winnipeg for people sitting on the beach to enjoy.

Pat Simcoe-Rosenbaum volunteered at the film festival this year. She sat outside Aspire Theatre and counted



Debbie Kryswati scans people's tickets at Aspire Theatre during the film festival.

the number of people entering the building per film.

Simcoe-Rosenbaum said she enjoyed volunteering. It was her first time doing so at the festival.

"It's the chance to get to meet people."

Simcoe-Rosenbaum asked festival-goers for their opinions of the movies they'd seen after they walked out of Aspire Theatre.

"It's been interesting to see it from a different perspective," she said.

Organizers of the film festival wanted feedback too. Film-watchers were asked to rate the movie they'd just seen between one and five stars. They put their ratings on ballots and hand-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY GABRIELLE PICHE

Gimli Film Festival ran from July 24 to 28.

ed them to volunteers before leaving the theatre.

Simcoe-Rosenbaum said she thinks the film festival is a great event for movie lovers.

"It gives people the opportunity to come to a smaller, arts-centred community and really escape and just

chill."

Last weekend was the festival's 19th year running. People could buy passes to get into all films or they could buy tickets on an individual basis. A ticket for one film cost \$10.

Arborg Agricultural Society receives \$6,000 grant from province



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Lenore Olafson of the Arborg Agricultural Society received a cheque for \$6,038.32 from Interlake MLA Derek Johnson.

By Patricia Barrett

The provincial government awarded the Arborg Agricultural Society a grant to help support its successful fair and rodeo, which attracts people from across the region each summer.

Interlake MLA Derek Johnson presented a cheque for \$6,038.32 to the Ag Society's Lenore Olafson.

"As a province we sponsor a lot of ag fairs around Manitoba and that was one of them," said Johnson, who spoke with the *Express* at the Gimli Film Festival's opening night celebration last Wednesday.

The grant had been approved before the election blackout period, he said.

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The need to stay aware and vigilant

By Evan Matthews

Currently, everyone is aware of the manhunt going on in northern Manitoba for suspected killers Kam McLeod and Bryer Schmegelsky.

The two men are wanted in connection with three brutal slayings in northern British Columbia.

While people shouldn't live in fear, a situation like this one highlights the need to stay aware and vigilant with what's going on around us.

For days, it was suspected these men were hiding in the woods near Gillam, Man.

Yet, driving down the highway anywhere north of Winnipeg, the thought begins to creep into one's mind.

"Are they potentially here, somewhere?"

"Yeah, right. Fat chance. All the reports place them near Gillam."

However, the more recent reports

suggested someone might have inadvertently helped these men leave the area.

Why would someone ever help these guys?

They would help because they weren't informed, simply, and they weren't aware of who these men were and what they're suspected of doing. Granted, that's a guess, but why else would someone help them?

On Monday, reports have again surfaced that these men could be in the area near York Landing, Man., which is roughly 90 kilometres southwest of Gillam.

Canadian Forces and RCMP were dumping heavy resources into the area.

At press time, the *Express* would not be able to say for sure as to whether or not these men will be caught.

What's interesting is how the story's

narrative can change.

A week ago, so many of us thought the road ended in Gillam for McLeod and Schmegelsky. But they moved a great distance.

Wasn't their car found burning? How did they leave the area? Did someone give them a ride? Could they have a plan as to where they're heading next?

Not only is it important to read stories of interest like this and stay informed, but it's equally important to think critically.

We can read about and educate ourselves on a situation based on what RCMP and media are telling us, but questioning how we got to this place (in the narrative) and where the story can go from here should be included as part of one's thought process.

letter to the editor

Bring back the death penalty

Re: Canada's Suspect Manhunt
26 July 2019

First, it is hoped there is no further loss of life in the pursuit of the two teenage suspects on the lam in Northern Manitoba. The RCMP and others are bravely scouring the land and know what they are doing, but is it possible the two could have hopped a train, under the cloak of darkness, to evade capture or tried to get to Hudson Bay area to snatch

a boat? Who knows. It is hoped that, once this is concluded, that it does not become a Hollywood movie to wrongly sensationalize tragic events and suffering of families. The entertainment world often capitalizes on stories and we should not be glamorizing El Chapo, Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, Clifford Olsen, etc., who should be labelled "non-persona" similar to the Christchurch senseless massacre.

We need a referendum on the death penalty with DNA evidence/accuracy convictions. Convicted pariah killers pollute society with their sick costs like Clifford Olsen, Robert Picton, Paul Bernardo and others.

Yes, there are many bleeding hearts who feel capital punishment is cruel and inhumane. Yet what about the merciless deaths of innocent lives by killers who have no respect for a human? How many tens of millions can we save in costs if we deployed the death penalty with expedience instead of lengthy delays by greedy lawyers and appeals? They linger in jail for decades to get food, security, dental care, essentials, conjugal visits, medicine, etc. while we have homelessness, joblessness, poverty and marginalized First Nations.

Why it is OK to kill a bear, preda-

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Even fishermen share recipes

Hi gang. I think we all get a kick out of humorous stories where old timers give less knowledgeable or younger anglers fishing lessons.

Remember the cat story from old Albert and Jim Kless two weeks ago? Well, here's a funny fishing story of one of our senior fishers toying with a younger angler.

Last Tuesday I met this great big wonderful, fun-loving guy, Daniel Klyne, who was shore fishing with friends at Breezy Point. He gave us this story.

Many summers ago, young Dan was shore fishing in Lake Manitoba by the Narrows beside an old grizzled-haired man sitting in a rickety folding chair puffing on a short tobacco-stained homemade cigarette. The water was silvery and placid. The afternoon was still and cloudy.

Suddenly, Dan's rod bent over as the line pulled into the water signifying a catch. He began reeling in steadily and soon, close to shore, the white sides of a big bass could be seen tossing above the surface.

"Oh boy, there's a nice big meal. If only I knew how to cook a bass," Dan shouted out to no one in particular.

The old timer shifted his thin frame in his chair, saying, "I know how to make a meal from that fish."

Dan was heartened as he landed it. He walked over to the old timer and introduced himself. "I'm Dan Klyne. How would you prepare a bass?"

The old man didn't offer his name and, with a reflective grimace, said, "First, you scale and clean the fish. Then you stuff it with a mix like a tur-

key for Thanksgiving and cook it on a maple board in the oven," he said.

"That sounds great," Dan marvelled. "Yeah, then you throw away the bass and eat the maple board cause it'll probably taste better than that bass would," the old timer said, throwing his head back in uncontrolled laughter.

Dan, shaking his head sideways, quietly picked up his gear, the bass, and got in his car. Once home, he stood at the kitchen counter looking at the fish in the sink.

There had to be a great recipe for cooking bass. Then it hit him and he Googled "bass recipes."

That night, he totally enjoyed his grilled, spiced catch!

A few days after meeting Dan, there came a late morning knock on my door. When I opened it, before me stood a young, tall, lanky, "drink of water" with long, dark, curly hair.

"I'm here with a delivery," he explained. As he brought my order in, he continually talked. I must confess I never paid much attention until I heard the words "spear fishing."

When he had done his work, I invited him to sit for coffee then asked if he was a fisherman. It turned out our new friend, Brennan Romaniuk from Winnipeg, had spent a fair amount of time travelling the world, ocean spear fishing with snorkelling gear.

Like most travellers, Brennan was eager to tell of his adventures, but the one fishing story he gave us I'm sure you'll find riveting.

Brennan was ocean-snorkelling and spear fishing with a travelling friend near Brisbane, Australia. He went to

get a fish for lunch while his friend stood on the rocky beach.

With his snorkeling gear, he waded into the water until it became strenuous. Then he set his diving mask and his mouth-piece and flopped into the water, kicking off with his flippers.

The water was fairly clear with restless heavy waves swirling vegetation and bubbles in front of his mask. He swam on the surface, seaward, looking down and readying his spear.

He could feel the waves that had just crashed ashore flowing under him back to the depths. A salt water bass darted from behind a rock below. He jackknifed down, aimed his spear and shot. He saw his arrow hit the fish as he swam deeper to it.

He sensed heavier water pressure and cold enveloping him. Instantly, an avalanche of outgoing riptide along the rock bottom caught him. Paralyzed for a moment, he watched rocks pass under him as the tide carried him in flight just above them toward the dark depths. Through the torrent tide carrying him, he could still see he had his fish on his spear line.

His teeth clenched hard on the snorkel's mouth-piece as his lungs and mind screamed for fresh air. Suddenly in front of him, a huge round



EXPRESS PHOTO ARNIE WEIDL
Dan Klyne of Winnipeg with his catch while boat fishing off the west shore of the Lake Winnipeg south basin.

boulder came into view, and because of the currents, they carried him over it and shot him straight up to the surface. Brennan spit out his snorkel, gasping, his emotions changing from the terror of drowning to relief.

He smiled as he heard his friend shouting from shore, "Will you quit fooling around and bring that fish in? I'm hungry!"

Till next week, good friends. Bye for now.

Lemonade for sale



EXPRESS PHOTO BY BAILLIE SINCLAIR
Seven-year-old Connor, right, squeezed lemons and made lemonade while his three-year-old brother Bryce helped his mom bake cookies last Thursday for their lemonade stand with temperatures hovering around 30 degrees C. The duo plans to use the money they made for a trip to Tinkertown in August.

> LETTER, FROM PG. 6

tory cougar, man-eating shark, killer crocodile and yet we give life sentences, etc. for those who deserve no mercy? The money we could save, give solace and swift justice, could be used for social programs. How much did Pickton cost us so far, or until he dies? The guess is more than \$400 million and counting. Heartless or otherwise, there is no reason for taking another life, including terrorism or domestic violence. We are doing many things wrong because of inane politics that come back to haunt us: global warming, societal

fissures, inequalities, intolerances, double standards, immigration abuses and other immutable topics.

Are my views alone? Don't bet on it and even some cops share similar. Talk to the surviving kin and inflicted communities who have been traumatized.

Never take the law in your own hands but lobby for change and cast your vote. Why don't we capture a killer animal and give it a life sentence in a zoo? Ask that question.

- Kerwin N. Maude

Party on the beach during Boardwalk Days

By Gabrielle Piche

A ferris wheel, popcorn, a parade — Winnipeg Beach was filled with things to see and do last weekend.

The town's annual Boardwalk Days began Friday evening with the opening of Wonder Shows midway and food trucks. The town parade drove through on Saturday morning while a Bon Jovi tribute band swung by Saturday evening.

The midway closed on Sunday, officially ending this year's Boardwalk Days.



Blair munches on cotton candy during Winnipeg Beach Boardwalk Days on July 26.



Fairgoers ride the dragon at Boardwalk Days. EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE PICHE



Sophie proudly displays the prizes she won at the fair.



People line up to buy tickets to the midway at Boardwalk Days.



Kids take in the view at the midway.

Keep water safety in mind this summer: Lifesaving Society

By Justin Luschinski

The Lifesaving Society of Manitoba wants new families to be safe while enjoying their backyard pool this summer.

The Lifesaving Society of Manitoba held a news conference during National Drowning Prevention Week last Monday, July 22 in the backyard of a Winnipeg home. The society focused on backyard pool safety, aiming to educate new Manitobans and help

prevent injuries that can happen at home.

According to stats provided by the society, most drownings in Manitoba happen on rivers, around 39 per cent, most of which could have been prevented with a life-jacket.

Dr. Christopher Love, the society's water smart co-ordinator, said they're focusing on backyard pools this year in an effort to be proactive.

"In Manitoba, it's not a huge con-

cern. But nationwide, one-third of child drowning deaths are in backyard pools. We're trying to avoid that trend here by being proactive," Love said. "Anecdotally, there's a lot of new housing developments and a lot of backyard pools being set up. It's important that new Manitobans are educated about pool safety."

Love added the society has focused on swimming and impaired boat operating in previous years. Manitoba saw around 31 drowning-related deaths in 2016, with a death rate of 2.4 per 100,000 deaths a year. This is over double the national average, which has a 1.1 death rate per 100,000 a year.

The news conference held a demonstration of a safe backyard pool. According to the society, a pool needs to have a fence a minimum of 1.5 metres high, with gates at least 1.4 metres. The group advises that families should have another fence around the pool area itself to prevent children getting in unattended.

Some other tips include having a flotation device nearby, teaching children how to swim and never letting kids swim unsupervised.

Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires said the Manitoba government is making sure that new families are educated about pool safety.

"We heard the message today: all it takes is the time to quickly arrange a snack ... for a drowning to occur," Squires said. "The Manitoba Government partners with the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters. We are working with newcomer families, some who are enjoying their first Manitoba summer. Anything we can do to inform them about the dangers of the water ... is possibly preventing a drowning and saving a life."

Around 96 per cent of child drowning deaths were due to absent or distracted supervision. The society says any young children six and under should always be within arms' reach of an adult supervisor or lifeguard. The society said there always needs to be an adult supervising the swimmers and it must be their sole responsibility. It cannot be combined with cooking, using a phone or anything else.

For more information about water safety, visit lifesaving.mb.ca.

Gimli Community Health Centre Non Urgent Walk-In Medical Clinic

A non-urgent walk-in medical clinic will be available 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays.

The clinic will be open to accept walk-in patients starting May 18 until September 2, 2019.

Appointments for the non-urgent medical clinic are not necessary.



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Ponemah Beach Central Art Centre is growing – and it needs volunteers

By Gabrielle Piché

Ponemah Beach Central Art Centre (PBC) is in the midst of expanding its programming, and it's looking for volunteers.

The Village of Dunnottar took over the art centre two years ago. Since then, a committee of volunteers has worked on building PBC's number of arts and wellness activities.

People can attend art classes, join a quilting club and drop in at yoga, among other things. Every Wednesday, organizers at PBC host Koffee Klatch, a free event where people drink coffee, eat snacks and mingle.

Age Friendly Dunnottar holds free talks at the art centre some Saturday mornings. In the past, they've covered topics like gardening and birding.

PBC showcases local artists' work in exhibits and at its artisan markets. Interlake artists sell their handmade goods, like paintings and jewelry, in front of the art centre during these markets.

The PBC committee is looking for people who'd like to start groups on things related to the arts and wellness. Group types can range from slam poetry to painting to music.

Volunteers can also hold one-time events, such as paint nights or morning talks. If the event is free to the public, there's no charge to use the art centre.

People who aren't interested in hosting activities can still volunteer at the PBC in other ways.

The PBC committee currently has six members, and they're looking for more people to join. The committee oversees the art centre's operations.

The centre needs volunteers who can use social media for advertising



Ponemah Beach Central Art Centre is at 27 Central Ave. in the Village of Dunnottar.



Vendors sell everything from plants to preserves at Ponemah Beach Central's artisan markets.

and communication.

People who like to use their hands can volunteer to repair and maintain the art centre. It's one of Dunnottar's heritage buildings, and there are many things that need fixing.

Volunteers can sign up to do long-term maintenance work or short-term repairs. Dan Hope rebuilt the art centre's front steps. His volunteer position ended when he finished the task.

Jobs like Hope's don't require meetings — volunteers can just come and work.



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Dan Hope builds new front steps for Ponemah Beach Central Art Centre.

PBC has volunteers to set up their artisan market tents and tables. One local volunteer tends to the centre's garden.

PBC is open from spring to fall. Committee members post the centre's programming on their Facebook page, Dunnottar Station Museum & Ponemah Beach Central Art Center.

People wanting to volunteer at PBC can message organizers on the centre's Facebook page or call the Village of Dunnottar's town office at 204-389-4962. People who call can leave a message saying they want to contact someone at the PBC and they'll be connected.

Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church creates lasting legacies

Submitted by Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church

The Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church has taken on the initiative to create two new endowment funds — one for the Riverton Community Cemetery and one for the Hnausa Community Cemetery.

Working together through the Icelandic River Community Foundation, under the umbrella of the Winnipeg Foundation, members of the church recognized the importance of leaving this lasting legacy.

The new endowment funds will provide money for the maintenance, in perpetuity, for these cemeteries.

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The two endowment funds have been set up with seed money from the Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church. The parsonage at the church in Riverton is in the process of being sold, and the congregation wanted to use a portion of the money to create this legacy. The plan is that the church will match dollar for dollar any donations made to these endowments. For example, a donation of \$25 will be matched to make it \$50.

To ensure that every family gets news of this initiative, we are hoping that one person in each family will contact other family members to let them know about the endowment funds.

Donations can be sent to the Icelandic River Community Foundation (IRCF), Box 159, Arborg, MB R0C 0A0 or Hnausa Community Cemetery, Box 716, Riverton, MB, R0C 2R0 or Riverton Community Cemetery, Box 505, Riverton, MB, R0C 2R0.

Any donations sent should be marked "to Hnausa" or "to Riverton" so it goes to the correct endowment fund.

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If you have any questions about this endowment you can contact Carol Gudmundson 204-378-2367 (church rep) or John Sigurdson 204-378-2724 (treasurer of IRCF).

For more information on the IRCF, visit www.ircf.ca.

Gimli's community gardens in full bloom

By Patricia Barrett

Community gardeners were out watering and weeding last Wednesday evening after a steamy hot day.

The Gimli Environmental Advisory Committee oversees the gardens, which were started in 2009. The Rotary Club donated funds for the soil.

GEAC rents out 59 in-ground and raised-bed plots to the municipality's full-time and seasonal residents.

"We started adding raised beds several years ago for gardeners who wished to have a smaller garden," said spokesperson Lynda Dodunski. "We have 37 raised beds and 22 in-ground spaces."

The in-ground plots and raised beds are \$10 and the smaller raised beds cost \$5. Registration for a plot opens each spring.

"Our gardeners work very hard and there is a real sense of community among them," said Dodunski. "Unfortunately, there have been issues of vandalism and theft, which is very disheartening. As a result, we will be providing enhanced security measures this year."

The plots are located near the multi-purpose building at the north end of town.



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A little soak after a hot day.

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Street renamed in honour of Folklorama's 50th anniversary

By Gabrielle Piché

People gathered at The Forks last Thursday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Folklorama through the renaming of a popular street.

Forks Market Road was honorarily named Folklorama Way to recognize the multicultural event. Folklorama brings people from across the province together to celebrate different heritages and backgrounds.

Winnipeg mayor Brian Bowman announced the new street name. Brian Pallister, Manitoba's premier, also gave a speech at the event. Pallister

said Folklorama was his favourite Manitoban festival.

Ambassadors from Folklorama's pavilions swarmed the canopy at The Forks in their colourful traditional garb. There was dancing, music and mingling — a preview of the upcoming festival.

Folklorama begins on Sunday, Aug. 4 and runs for two weeks.

If any of our local dancers are performing at any the pavilions during Folklorama, please contact the paper at news@expressweeklynews.ca so we can share with our readers.



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Folklorama's Scandinavian ambassador for 2019 poses with ambassadors from the French-Canadian pavilion.



A number of musicians performed at the Forks during the honorary renaming of Forks Market Road to Folklorama Way. Folklorama's adult ambassador general and youth ambassador general hold the new sign displaying Folklorama Way. A number of dancers showed off their costumes and dances.

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Take a Viking Voyage at the 130th Islendingadagurinn



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Recently listed as one of the best small towns to visit by Canada.com, Gimli is ready to host the 130th Icelandic Festival of Manitoba – Islendingadagurinn on the August long weekend, August 2nd to 5th, 2019. The theme for the Festival this year is “Take a Viking Voyage / Farið í Víkinga Ferðalag,” and Icelandic Festival President, Grant Stefanson, reflects “we are all on a variety of literal and figurative voyages throughout our lives. We hope that you will take the time to think about your voyages and our voyages together as we celebrate Icelandic culture in Gimli. The Icelandic Festival weekend is the perfect

time to embark on a voyage with friends and family and enjoy some valuable time together under the sun in Gimli.” Arts and culture are important aspects of Icelandic culture and new events for this year include an Icelandic Fashion Show, on Saturday at Waterfront Centre - Johnson Hall, where traditional and modern Icelandic garments will be modeled and refreshments will be served. The Art Show is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, and past winning entries from the Icelandic Festival collection will be on display at the Art Show, Saturday to Monday at George Johnson Middle School, and at the Music

on the Rooftop event on Saturday at Waterfront Centre – Johnson Hall, featuring Signy Janelle Arnason. A partnership with the Gimli Film Festival will bring screenings on Saturday of Icelandic films, *Woman at War*, (*Kona fer í stríð*) and *The Deposit*, (*Trygð*), to Waterfront Centre – Lady of the Lake Theatre. Vingólf Beverage Gardens is back in the Gimli Harbour area, Friday to Sunday, and festival-goers can enjoy drinks, including Icelandic beer and specialty Brennivín and Crown Royal cocktails. The food truck area is close by, hosting many different vendors with a great selection of food. After last year’s success we will be hosting a 50/50 draw once again, with draws taking place on each day of the Festival. Tickets can be purchased online at fundinchange.ca/icelandicfestival

and from Festival volunteers on the weekend. The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Lilja Dögg Alfreðsdóttir, the Icelandic Minister of Education, Science and Culture, who will be presenting the Toast to Canada during the traditional program at Gimli Park starting Monday at 2 p.m. The Festival is honoring our long-time volunteer and past President, Tim Arnason, who will present the Toast to Iceland. We are honored to hear greetings from this year’s Fjallkona (Maid of the Mountain), Margaret Thorlakson Kernested, and Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon. Enjoy live music all weekend long starting Saturday evening at the Harbour Stage, as Sebastian Gaskin and Efflo kick off the festival. On Saturday afternoon children can play with BIG GAMES

in the harbour area. Sunday’s Alternative Folk Festival features Aurora Peiluk and Keiran Bjornson, Brooke Palsson, Slow Leaves and Ariel Posen. Phase Two of Viking Park has been announced, and together with the RM of Gimli and Betel Home Foundation, the Icelandic Festival has maintained a beautiful, culturally rich space around the famous Viking statue. The park, filled with elves, trolls and other nods to Norse mythology, is unlike any attraction outside of Iceland, and has put Gimli on the map as a destination location for visitors travelling to Manitoba. Donor opportunities are still available. Speaking of Vikings, Islendingadagurinn wouldn’t be complete without the Viking Village. Reenactors live like authentic 800 A.D. period Vikings by the Harbour Park Hill during the festival and will ‘battle’ Friday at 3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Monday at 1 p.m. The Village is open Friday to Monday to visitors interested in seeing Norse jewelers, wood carvers and other demonstrations of authentic Viking life. Enjoy authentic Icelandic food at Amma’s Kitchen at the Cultural and Heritage Pavilion at Gimli Park. The Wondershow Midway and Rides opens in Gimli Park on Friday night and runs until Monday. Saturday features Beach Volleyball, Islendingadaunk, sandcastle contests on the beach and the chance to ‘Get Dinged’ by dressing up in a traditional Viking costume, eating a piece of Hardiskur (dried fish), drinking “Islendingadagurinn”, and showing us your best Viking roar! On Sunday runners can participate in the new 5 Kilometre

race, the 51st 10 Mile Road Race and 27th Jan’s 1 Mile Fun Run. The park hosts the Culture and Heritage Pavilion, Music and Poetry in the Park and the Fris-Nok tournament. Monday the parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Centre St and 7th Ave. and travels through town ending at Gimli Park. Family sports begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Traditional Program gets underway at 2 p.m. in Gimli Park. The festival offers affordable events thanks to the support of all its sponsors, including the Government of Canada, the Government of Iceland, the Province of Manitoba, the RM of Gimli, Honest Agency and corporate and individual donors. For a full program of events please visit icelandicfestival.com, or download the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba’s free app for Android and Apple devices.

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EICD registers opposition to Siglavik-Miklavik wetland destruction

By Patricia Barrett

After several months of media coverage on the destruction of rare coastal wetlands in the Siglavik area, the East Interlake Conservation District sent a strongly worded message to Sustainable Development minister Rochelle Squires, urging her to put an end to the “blatant” destruction.

The area is of both “high ecological value” and “high economic risk,” wrote EICD board chair and former Armstrong reeve Gary Wasylowski July 11 on behalf of the executive board. The wetlands defend the lake by sequestering pollutants but are prone to flooding, which threatens housing developments along their edge. Despite those facts — and agreements made in partnership with municipalities, the provincial government and planning districts — development continues.

“As Minister of Sustainable Development, we know that you are aware of this,” wrote Wasylowski. “We are

asking you ... to take immediate action to prevent the continued blatant destruction of these irreplaceable ecosystems.”

Wasylowski could not be reached for comment by press time.

After watching a development on Sunrise Drive proceed over the past few years, Siglavik area residents Jeff and Muriel Smith became part of an environmental group called People for the Preservation of the Willow Island Coastal Wetlands and began pressuring Squires to put a stop to what they estimate to be four acres of infilled wetland and the digging of an estimated 100-metre-long canal.

Through freedom of information requests to the RM of Gimli and the province, the Smiths and members of P4P said they could find no evidence permits were issued for the development before it began, and that two successive provincial governments gave it their approval, along with the municipality, despite it going against



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

An estimated 100-metre-long canal was dug out of coastal wetland in the Siglavik area.

planning and environmental legislation.

Sustainable Development issued a cease and desist order for the canal in late March, but the developer has municipal approval to construct a residence.

In 2014, the then-provincial department of Conservation and Water Stewardship asked the EICD to assess the developer’s proposal. The EICD had said no development on that parcel of land should proceed and had issued a resolution stating it is “rare coastal wetland at high risk of flooding.”

Thirty property owners in Siglavik-Miklavik subdivisions sustained damages from flooding in 2010 and applied for disaster relief.

“Allowing continued development in these areas is proving very costly to the taxpayers of Manitoba,” Wasylowski wrote.

Despite warnings from government, Wasylowski wrote that he himself has seen developers flout the law and carry on because they know enforcement is weak.

“As chair of the EICD and as a former municipal Reeve, I have knowledge of several instances where, despite warnings from all levels of government, developers push ahead in flood-prone areas and when they are eventually flooded, require emergency measures and then ask why the government allowed the flooding to occur,” he wrote. “This has resulted in some extremely expensive litigation processes.”

Developments temporarily halted by the province usually start up again after a period of time because there are no serious consequences for destroying wetlands, wrote Wasylowski. The EICD has seen it happen in the

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Ranching a rite of passage

By Evan Matthews

Not many 18-year-olds can say they've been ranching their entire life but for Sonny Clearsky, that's the truth.

Clearsky can't remember a time where he and his family were not raising bucking bulls.

"I learned a lot from my dad, Murray Clearsky, and other stock contractors. I sit back and watch and learn something new every day," said Clearsky.

"Now that I'm older, I started doing a lot more of it myself."

Clearsky lives at Waywayseecappo First Nation Reserve, where the ranch is located, but his mom lives in Teulon.

On the ranch, Clearsky said he's raised roughly 50 longhorn cattle, 40 bucking bulls and what he called "a bunch" of horses.

"A lot goes into raising these animals. We start with them right from Day 1. Some of them have been purchased, but most of them are from right here, born and raised on the ranch," said Clearsky.

"Their moms and dads were all bred to buck, too, so I guess you could say they're taking after their parents. ... There is a lineage there, a whole fam-

ily. The brothers and sisters will grow up to buck, too. Everyone will," he said, chuckling.

The animals grow up to be yearlings, and Clearsky said once they reach roughly two years of age, he starts to buck them.

Bucking is the process of teaching a bull to buck, which involves placing 50-pound dummy on the animal's back. They learn to buck for about three to four seconds. According to Clearsky, "it's just a start."

By four years old, they start bucking real people "like cowboys at a rodeo."

Once his animals are of age, Clearsky supplies rodeos — mostly in Saskatchewan but in Manitoba, too — with the animals they need to put on a successful showing.

It will be Clearsky's animals featured at the Eriksdale Creamery Days and Rodeo from Aug. 16 to 18.

Previously, Creamery Days was a one-day event, but Eriksdale Museum committee member Diane Bottrell said it expanded to a three-day event six years ago in order to include the rodeo.

Keeping with the theme of family, Bottrell said accessibility to the event is important to the committee.



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Sonny Clearsky will have a number of his stock animals at the Eriksdale Creamery Days and Rodeo from Aug. 16 to 18.

"Our event is very family oriented. We want to keep admission reasonable. We want people to bring the whole family."

Many of the events are free, according to Bottrell, with the main exception being at the McEwen Rodeo Grounds. For a family pass, it's \$25 a day.

Friday will include an old-time dance at the Eriksdale Rec Centre from 1 to 5 p.m., with barrel racing and a horseshoe tournament in the evening.

Saturday kicks off with a free pancake breakfast, also at the rec centre. Four Mile Road will play Saturday night.

Sunday is the finals for the tractor pull and rodeo.

However, activities for the rest of the weekend aren't lacking, as Bottrell said there will be events and activities for all ages, including a tractor pull and rodeo for adults plus a bouncy castle, kiddie train, face painting and glitter tattoos for kids.

But, ultimately, Bottrell said the highlight is watching the animals and the cowboys.

Clearsky agrees, since he said he's found his calling.

"I like working with animals, It's a dream job," said Clearsky. "I wouldn't trade this for anything else."

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past.

"EICD is aware of similar incidences that have occurred in the Interlake in which developers filled in and destroyed wetland and riparian areas without the proper permits or environmental assessments," he wrote.

"When neighbours complained to the provincial and local authorities, temporary stop work orders may be issued, but in the end the development was allowed to proceed, sometimes at a smaller scale than originally designed but with no fines or consequences for the destruction caused by the non-permitted work."

Given such lax precedent, developers are aware they can start a project without following the "proper permitting route."

Manitoba has lost about 70 per cent

of its wetlands to developments and agricultural activities.

The *Express* asked Squires how she'll proceed with regard to the EICD's request. A departmental spokesperson said the department is working on a response to the letter.

As for the current status of the Sunrise Drive development, the spokesperson said "there has not been any changes or further development on the site and, therefore, there is nothing further to add at this time."

The spokesperson did not answer a question about whether the developer was subject to any penalties for destroying the wetland.

The EICD's letter to Squires is posted on the RM of Gimli's website under its July 24 agenda.

Winnipeg Beach Curling Club's golf tournament a swinging success



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On July 21, the Winnipeg Beach Curling Club held its 21st Annual Golf Tournament at the Inwood Golf and Country Club. The tournament winners were Tyler Demule, Colton Lott, Kadriana Sahadiak and Dale Lott. "We had a total of 25 teams, which was a great turnout," said Candace Reykdal. "This year we held a putting contest, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Congrats to Troy Bennett on taking home this prize. Overall, the tournament was very successful. The club is very grateful for all the donations we received, for all who came out and golfed and supported us, and to Eddie Waluk and his crew at the Inwood golf course."



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Cadets soar high after graduating from aviation and aerospace course

By Gabrielle Piche

School's out for air cadets who spent three weeks at Gimli Cadet Flying Training Centre.

The cadets graduated from a basic aviation technology and aerospace (BATA) course last Friday. Cadets marched around the gym of Dr. George Johnson Middle School in a graduation parade and received badges showing they'd finished the course.

Cadets learned about aviation and aerospace in classrooms. They took notes to learn the curriculum.

However, it wasn't all studying. The teens got to make rockets and go stargazing. Girls in the program made a Christmas tree out of green boxes. They used a small rocket as a tree topper.

The cadets were split into two flights, Dragon and Cobra. The top cadet in each flight received an award at grad.

Cadet Pearce took the award for top Cobra flight cadet. He got it based on his personal development and his ability to support others.

Cadet West-Derpack was named the top Dragon flight cadet for similar reasons. He also won the Esprit de Corps award for caring for others.

Cadet Gillert won the award for top overall BATA cadet. This was given based on Gillert's knowledge of the course material and his ability to ap-

ply the information to real life.

There was also an award for top flight, which Cobra cadets happily accepted.

Many graduates said they planned to continue their studies as an air cadet.

Colte Wheeler, 14, said he wants to join the air force. His favourite memory of the BATA course is stargazing.

"I got to see Jupiter, Saturn, the moon," he said.

Wheeler had no interest in observing the planets before going to Gimli. Now, he's thinking about buying a telescope.

Kit Naomi Aquino, 15, said she plans on being an air cadet until she's too old to continue. Youths can be in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets program until they're 19.

Aquino said it was bittersweet to finish the BATA course.

"I'm sad I'm going to be leaving all my friends, but I'm happy that I graduate, and we get a cool badge," Aquino said.

Tanessa Rohovich, 16, said she became close with her peers in Gimli right away.

"Just the few weeks you're there, you feel almost like family," she said.

The course officially came to a close as Lt.-Col. Ken Mills handed each cadet their graduation badge.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY GABRIELLE PICHE

Cadets stand in formation during their grad parade.



From left: Julia Reyes-Moya, Emma Cherney, Hannah Ha, Candace Huffman, Samantha Zhang and Ella Wawryk celebrate together after their graduation ceremony.



The course's colour party waits for the graduation parade to begin.



Cadets march around the gym of Dr. George Johnson Middle School during their graduation on July 26.



Cadets were given badges for passing the basic aviation technology and aerospace course.



Cadets who took the basic aviation technology and aerospace course in Gimli pose for a group picture together after graduating.



Cadet Pearce receives the award for top cadet in the Cobra flight.



A cadet waits to receive his graduation badge.



Samantha Zhang before receiving her badge.

Gimli Film Festival getting bigger and better with age

By Patricia Barrett

The only rural beachside film festival in Canada is clearly on an unstoppable trajectory, attracting more film fans this year than ever before in its history and selling out on its second day.

And to put it all in motion, film buffs and filmmakers gathered at the Waterfront Centre last Wednesday to celebrate the Gimli Film Festival's 19th birthday.

GFF chair Janis Johnson, a retired Conservative senator, had the far-reaching vision to found a film festival in her hometown. On opening nights, she's known to fret a little bit about how it will unfold.

"Stop drinking your water, Janis, it's all good," quipped GFF board member and RBC employee Michelle Aikenhead, who emceed the reception.

To add to its burgeoning star power and eventual "world domination," Aikenhead said a popular movie magazine put GFF in the No. 8 spot out of the 25 coolest film festivals in the "whole universe."

Attendance increased by 10 per cent (13,031 people) over last year and the festival upped its number of film offerings to 141. It also helped broaden festival-goer's cinematic horizons through its offering of outside-the-box experimental films.



RBC community manager Coreen Pusiewich said RBC Foundation provided a \$600,000 gift to the Lake Winnipeg Foundation in conjunction with the Gordon Foundation.

For the past two years, the festival has broken new ground by focusing on female filmmakers and females working in the industry. Eighty-five of this year's films were women-directed, comprising 60 per cent of the total films shown.

"We're continuing our women-centred initiatives to bolster women filmmakers," said Johnson, who took to the podium to thank sponsors and volunteers for their support. "Over half our films are directed by women. The future is female. We are the first in the country to do this, and we've



Festival founder Janis Johnson (centre in white trouser suit) with members of the GFF board.

been doing it for the second year in a row."

Gimli Coun. Thora Palson, who attended the reception with Deputy Mayor Richard Petrowski, said GFF has certainly broadened her horizons.

"I want to say, on a personal note, that having the opportunity to see films here in Gimli at the Gimli Film Festival has changed my perspective on the world and on life," said Palson. "And to have that opportunity here in little Gimli is truly, truly incredible."

The festival has created at least 10

local full-time staff jobs. And it brings in tourism dollars, which helps support local businesses.

"It's so exciting to see the festival driving tourism to Gimli," said Gimli MLA and Minister of Municipal Relations Jeff Wharton, who brought greetings from the province. "It gets people to come out and see this beautiful part of our province."

Sponsors of the film festival include RBC, which is in its eighth year now. RBC sponsors the ever-popular outdoor screenings on Gimli Beach and the \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Award.

Local businesses such as Gimli Pharmasave and numerous individuals, such as Ernest Stefanson, Claire Gillis and James and Krista Morden also sponsored the festival this year.

Next year is GFF's 20th anniversary and organizers are looking to the public for their feedback on what should be featured. Visit GFF online at gimlifilm.com

FAST FACTS:
 Total attendance = 13,031
 Indoor Theatre Attendance = 6,181
 RBC Beach Film Attendance = 4,950
 Increase in Individual Ticket Sales = 10%
 Total Films = 141
 Manitoba-made Films = 62
 Woman-directed Films = 85
 Feature Films = 41



From left: Joelle Doucet, RBC marketing manager, Hilary Wong, RBC banking advisor, with guest Lois Casper



Gary Nelson (left) and Steven Foster of the Directors Guild of Canada, Manitoba district.



Gimli Coun. Thora Palson.



Winnipeg Beach seasonal residents Dan and Noni Rosenblat (left) and James and Krista Morden. The Mordens sponsored the opening night films.



From left: Derek (Interlake MLA) and Tara Johnson, Dr. Keith Sigmundson, and Marielle and Jeff Wharton (Gimli MLA).



Ernest Stefanson and Claire Gillis sponsored the Northern Lights film series.

Gimli Glider draws people from across the world to meet Capt. Bob Pearson

By Patricia Barrett

The amazing feat of Capt. Bob Pearson, who glided of an engineless Air Canada passenger jet onto a former RCAF runway in Gimli 36 years ago, drew people to Gimli from across the world last week to meet the man in person and visit the exhibit created in his honour.

The Gimli Glider Exhibit opened three years ago after a group of dedicated local volunteers with a passion for the miraculous story began collecting pieces of the original Boeing 767 from a Mojave Desert aircraft graveyard and compiling the recollections of people who were on the “runway” – it had long been converted into a motor sports raceway – the night of July 23, 1983.

Capt. Pearson, a down-to-earth guy and a superb storyteller, chatted with aviation fans, a soon-to-be commercial pilot and a very special pilot-in-waiting at the Exhibit’s annual fundraising dinner last Tuesday.

Nathan Nichols from San Antonio, Texas, said, “yeah,” he’s going to be a pilot. The glider superfan is only six years old, but he knows everything about Air Canada Flight 143, how that fateful day unfolded and how it ended with 61 passengers and eight crew living to tell the tale.

What was his reaction when he first learned about Capt. Bob’s amazing technical feat?

“I was like, how could this happen? This is unbelievable,” said Nathan, who saw a glider program on TV. “How did this plane land without the nose gear? Then I watched the video and I keep playing it over and over.”

Nathan’s dad, John, said his son watches the videos they bought him so frequently that practically everyone in San Antonio knows about the Gimli Glider story.

“All his aunts and uncles, his cousins, his grandparents – they can also be considered experts on the Gimli Glider because Nathan’s made us watch the videos so many times,” said John.

Nathan said his grandmother then told him about the Miracle on the Hudson – an Airbus passenger jet that hit a flock of Canada Geese in 2009, lost engine power and was “glided” into the Hudson River – and he’s now torn between the two stories.



Gimli Glider pilot Cpt. Bob Pearson with commercial pilot-in-training, Rohan Bomb.

“I don’t know which to choose,” said Nathan.

The deciding factor might be a model of the glider: “I need a new Gimli Glider model because I lost mine,” he said.

The young pilot-in-waiting amazed onlookers earlier in the day when he took the yoke of the flight simulator at the Glider Exhibit and, without breaking a sweat, landed the airliner “dead centre” on the runway.

Capt. Pearson called Nathan to the podium after dinner and presented him with a Gimli Glider T-shirt.

Pearson also chatted with a pilot on the verge of earning his commercial licence. Rohan Bomb – yes, that’s his surname, and attention passengers, he’s going to be known as Capt. Bomb – came from Brisbane, Australia, to train in Steinbach.

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Bomb, who has his private pilot licence, said technology helps pilots fly, but it really comes down to atmospheric conditions and a pilot’s ability to

think on his wings, so to speak, without relying exclusively on technology.

“We have to feel the wind,” said Bomb.

Keynote speaker Capt. Rick Braun, a retired Boeing 747 chief technical pilot, entertained guests with a number of flight stories after dinner.

In 2011 Braun and his co-pilots made history by flying across the Atlantic in a Boeing 747 cargo plane run on bio-fuel. They were destined for the international Paris Air Show.

Boeing didn’t exactly receive a warm



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Cpt. Bob Pearson presents Nathan Nichols with a Gimli Glider T-shirt. The-six year-old glider fan came from San Antonio, Texas, to meet Pearson.

welcome when it touched down in Paris, said Braun. A bit of “politics” in the form of aircraft manufacturer competition was the likely reason the plane was held up for hours on the tarmac.

Braun fielded questions from guests. Some asked about the role of technology in the design of aircraft. Boeing made the news recently when 737 Max airliners crashed in Indonesia and Ethiopia. A sensor that measures the angle of the plane’s nose malfunctioned and forced the nose down. The pilots were unable to take back control of the plane.

Over the course of the three-hour dinner, emcee Peter Grant regaled the guests with glider factoids and backstories. He told a highly amusing – but apparently true – story of the aftermath of the Gimli Glider’s landing.

Air traffic control had called the Gimli RCMP to have them send out officers to the motor sports park and report back on the status of the glider. RCMP cordoned off the plane but couldn’t stay on the tarmac all night. Could someone get an Air Canada maintenance crew from Winnipeg to come out to Gimli to take care of their plane? So, Air Canada rounded up three mechanics and two electricians

for a late-night run up to Gimli.

“And they get in the van and they drive like mad and they run out of gas in Winnipeg Beach,” said Grant. “They ask someone, ‘Can we buy some lawnmower gas?’ And the people say, ‘What are you doing here?’ They say, ‘We’re from Air Canada and one of our planes landed in Gimli.’ ‘Why did it land in Gimli?’ ‘Because we ran out of fuel.’ ‘So why are you here?’ ‘We ran out of fuel in our car.’ ‘Excuse me, are you sure you’re from Air Canada?’”

Glider Exhibit president Barb Gluck said the “backstories” are what makes the exhibit so special. She informed guests that the board received grant funding to purchase digital wands for exhibit visitors.

“We were very happy to see that our attendance to the day’s events and dinner continue to bring visitors to the area to learn about the famous landing. It’s always such fun for our volunteer staff to meet people from around the world,” she said a few days after the dinner. “Nathan and ‘Capt. Bomb’ were a real treat to meet, and we won’t soon forget them.”

The Gimli Glider Exhibit is located in the Lakeview Resort on First Avenue and Centre Street.

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Einarson having a ball on the diamond

By Brian Bowman

Kalli Einarson has had a chance to play a lot of baseball this year.

After suiting up with the University of Calgary Dinos, Einarson's St. Boniface Legionaires are currently in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League final with the Elmwood Giants.

At press time, Elmwood led St. Boniface 1-0 after winning Game 1 by a 5-4 score in eight innings on Sunday evening. The Legionaires led the game 4-0 after scoring three runs in the top of the sixth inning before the Giants mounted the wild comeback.

"It was a little bit of a heart-breaker but it was a good game all around," said Einarson, a Gimli product, Monday afternoon.

Despite the tough opening-game loss, Einarson is really enjoying competing for a MJBL championship.

"It's a lot of fun, especially since our team wasn't the greatest to start the year," he said. "We actually started 2-8 in our first 10 games and then in the

month of June we made a pretty large comeback. I think we only lost once in the month of June and we ended up finishing in third place.

"The league's competitive enough that it keeps me in shape for university ball. I'm having a lot of fun and I'm making a lot of new friends in the league."

St. Boniface reached the final after defeating the Pembina Valley Orioles 3-2 in their best-of-five semifinal series. The Legionaires won the final two games of the series by scores of 18-1 and 4-3.

"They could have closed it off in Game 4 in Morden but we ended up beating them 18-1 in that game," Einarson said. "It was a real eye opener and it showed a lot of (character) with our team. So that's why losing Game 1 (to Elmwood) isn't that big of a deal for us."

With Calgary, Einarson had his share of playing time with a Dinos'

team that finished with a 19-9 record. Calgary struggled early in the season but got better and better each week.

They wrapped up their season by winning five of their final seven games.

"It was kind of a rebuilding year so hopefully next year is better," said Einarson, an outfielder. "Most of our players are in their second years going on to their third and there's obviously freshman like me going in their second year. We have a good, solid group of people that are the same age so we should grow together and hopefully by our third and fourth years we can do something big."

The talent level is really good amongst university teams, said Einarson.

"You see a lot of good baseball players," he said. "I think there were two players drafted to the MLB."

Away from baseball, Einarson said the move from Gimli to Calgary has



Kalli Einarson

been a smooth one.

"I love Calgary," he said. "It was a real easy move. I live on residence and have made a lot of new friends very quickly so I felt a lot more comfortable."

Giants slay Blue Jays in MJBL semifinal series

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays, at times, were their own worst enemy against the Elmwood Giants.

Elmwood defeated Interlake 10-5 last Thursday in Stonewall to win their Manitoba Junior Baseball League best-of-five semifinal series 3-1.

"It was close," said Blue Jays' head coach Adam Kirk. "We were winning, at one point, 5-4 and then the wheels fell off and we made some errors and they took advantage of it. We walked some people. It was the same thing that we've done all year. If we could get out of our own way and make plays, we're a baseball club."

Two of the Interlake's losses in the series were by a single run.

"I'll give them credit for sticking with it but we really, really played four games where, if we had just one inning and one call go our way, that series is over in three," Kirk said. "They prevailed and their 20-3 and a first-

place team (during the regular season) but we had them on the ropes."

Interlake was offered an opportunity to go to westerns because one Manitoba team could not attend.

At press time, it was not known, though, if the Blue Jays had accepted that offer.

The Giants, meanwhile, took a 2-1 series lead with a 7-6 victory at Koskie Field last Wednesday.

"We had just as many errors as we had runs that game," Kirk lamented. "You take off one or two errors and we win that game easily."

Interlake will have five players — Baily Proctor, Brennan Cheasley, Derek Petrasko, Jason Peltz and Emerson Klimpke — age out of junior baseball.

There's a lot of talent that will be missed from that group next season.

"It's quite a big part but we have some younger guys that are coming up," Kirk noted. "But I thank those third-year guys that are moving on

because they helped make our program better and put the Blue Jays on the map. Hopefully, they continue to play senior (baseball)."

In the other MJBL semifinal series, St. Boniface defeated Pembina Valley 4-3 last Friday to win their best-of-five semifinal series in five games.

At press time, the MJBL final had Elmwood leading St. Boniface 1-0 in their best-of-five series after a 5-4 win on Sunday.

Game two of the series was played Monday while Game 3 is set for Wednesday (7 p.m.) at Koskie Field.

On an individual note, the Blue Jays' Ben Anderson was named a 2019 MJBL all-star outfielder.

"Bennie is a five-tool player," Kirk said. "He has speed, he has an arm, and he plays in centre field and catches everything. He hits for power and he hits for average. He had a really good year and hit the ball hard all (season). He definitely makes a differ-

ence for us when he is out there."

The other 2019 MJBL all stars included the Elmwood Giants' Tyler Wood (designated hitter), Riley Treger (utility), Garrett Graham (outfield), Zach Delaquis (second base), Brett Boudreau (third base) and Owen Harms (shortstop), St. Boniface's Nathan Agar (outfield) and Adam Senden (first base), St. James' Austin Pistawka (catcher), Pembina Valley's Branden Hatley (left-handed pitcher) and Carillon's Zach Giesbrecht (right-handed pitcher).

The 2019 MJBL award winners were: top hitter - Tyler Wood, Ken Prodonick manager of the year - Ed Kulyk, Jack Hind top pitcher - Branden Hatley, Carey Candy MJBL MVP - Tyler Wood, umpire of the year - Ashton Liske, Jacobucci Domes Sportsmanship & Ability - Troy Kembal, Len Gzebb, top defensive player - Austin Pistawka, and Jack Thompson rookie of the year - Zach Giesbrecht.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the Village of Dunnottar has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 44 Whytewold Road, Dunnottar, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act*:

Application for revision

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

Application requirements

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office at the address below, or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at 44 Whytewold Road

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **September 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** in the council chamber of the Village of Dunnottar at 44 Whytewold Road to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is August 26, 2019.

Dated at Dunnottar, Manitoba this 29th day of July 2019.

J.M. Thevenot
Secretary to the Board of Revision
Village of Dunnottar
Box 321
Matlock, Manitoba R0C 2B0



TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the Town of Arborg will be open for public inspection during regular business hours at the Municipal Office at 337 River Road no later than August 8, 2019. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The Assessment Act*.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION 42(1)

A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

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 - servicing it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 10:00 AM** in the Town of Arborg Council Chamber, 337 River Road.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, August 26th, 2019.**

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 1st day of August, 2019.

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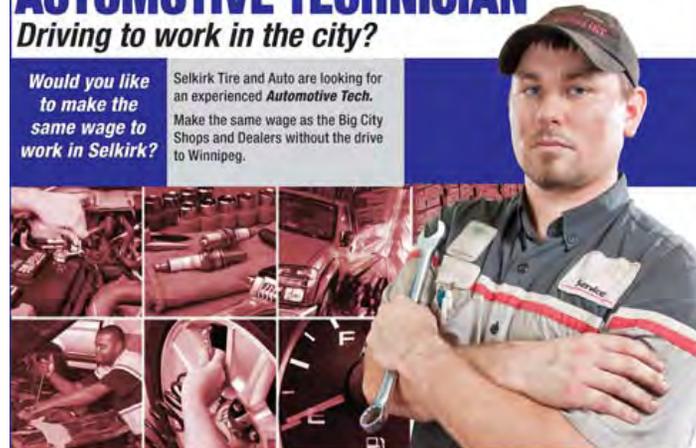
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MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with section 42 & 43 of *The Municipal Assessment Act*.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by:
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice under subsection 41(2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary,
 at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Monday, August 26, 2019.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2019
Cindy Stansell - Secretary, Board of Revision
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
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Announcements



SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT



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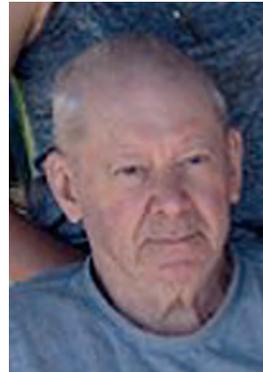
A Come & Go Bridal Shower in honour of Michelle Kostuik, bride-elect of Benjamin Nudds will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Supper will be served. As Michelle and Ben reside in Toronto, ON monetary or gift cards (Hudson's Bay, Rona, Costco, etc.) would be greatly appreciated.

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Stevens - Ouellette

The family of Ovide Ouellette (Frenchie) would like to thank everyone for the hugs, cards, messages, meals, flowers, baking, food, gift baskets and heartfelt expressions of sympathy shown to us following his passing. Thanks, also, for the many donations to the Wheels of Hope, and to all our friends and family who gave their time making the Celebration of Life a very special day - one we will always remember. Everyone who shared this day with us holds a special place in our hearts. Your support during this difficult time is very much appreciated and a great comfort to us. -Lori, Nicole and Harley



OBITUARY

John Thomas Smith
August 15, 1937 - July 20, 2019

It is with great sadness the family announces the peaceful passing of Smitty after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Karen; his children Lucille (Scott), Glenn (Corrine) and Robert (Kristine). Smitty is lovingly remembered by his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by his two brothers, five sisters-in-law and friends.

All those that knew him will remember he had a witty humor, a courageous spirit and a compassionate heart.

The family wishes to thank his wonderful health care team who cared for him.

In keeping with Smitty's wishes, there will be no formal service. Arrangements entrusted to

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Gary Einarson

A Celebration of Life for Gary Einarson will be held on August 4th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Minerva Hall.

OBITUARY

Stanley John Welchinski

Peacefully, on Friday, July 26, 2019, our dad, Stanley Welchinski, passed away at the Gimli Community Health Center, at the age of 88 years.

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