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Film festivities

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From left filmmaker Meganelizabeth Diamond, incoming Gimli Film Festival director Aaron Zeghers, Tanya Zamzow and Perry Grosshans from the province of Manitoba were a number of guests at the GFF opening night at the Johnson's Hall on July 25.

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A howling good time for K9s in Gimli

By staff

It was another dog-gone successful dog party for Alec Baldwin and his family in Gimli on July 21.

For the past 11 years Alec and his parents Tanis Benson and Joel Baldwin have been hosting the annual event.

This year they were thrilled to have 37 dogs attend along with their owners and families. The dog party has grown since it's first year when they had 15 dogs and 22 people participate.

This year many of the dogs and their owners ran the agility/obstacle course and some tried Lure Coursing for the

first time, which is a sport for dogs that involves chasing a mechanically operated lure.

There were mini races, split into dog size categories for owners to run with their K-9 complete with treats and prizes for all.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY TANIS BENSON
Photos from top left, Alec Baldwin ran in the medium-sized dog mini race with his beagle Copper. Bottom left, there were 37 dogs and their owners and families attending the 11th annual Dog Party in Gimli on July 21. Bottom right, An obstacle course was set up for dogs and their owners to try.

Fisheries and Oceans continues upgrades of Gimli Harbour



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

The federal department of Fisheries and Oceans is reconstructing the south end of Gimli Harbour.

By Patricia Barrett

The federal department of Fisheries and Oceans' reconstruction of parts of Gimli Harbour is barreling ahead. Construction began this summer on the Pan Am Pier and Wharf 405, and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The Pan Am Pier upgrade includes the construction of a reinforced concrete deck, the installation of new wheel guards, a new lighting system and a new steel sheet piling wall, according to DFO's April 12 notice.

Wharf 405 consists of the steel sheet piling located at the end of the main wharf, and the upgrade includes the installation of new wheel guards.

Fishing boats and sailboats – along with temporary moorings – have been re-located to the southern end of the harbour wall while construction continues.

The federal government owns the harbour area and there is no cost to RM of Gimli ratepayers for the upgrades.

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Cult classic Phantom of the Paradise will never die

By Patricia Barrett

Let's not take this too seriously now. The Phantom of the Paradise, panned by critics when it was released in 1974 and a subsequent box-office flop across North America (except in Winnipeg), is pure entertainment, an over-the-top spectacle of love, revenge and the selling of one's soul for power and pleasure.

With its nod to classic literary works (Christopher Marlowe's Elizabethan tragedy Doctor Faustus and Oscar Wilde's 1890 novel the Picture of Dorian Gray), the Phantom is an ingenious send-up of the 1970's music industry and gothic horror flicks.

And like the film's club-goers who couldn't get enough of the Paradise and its pop culture hedonism, neither could the 1,500-plus crowd on Gimli Beach Thursday night when the Gimli Film Festival and sponsor RBC of-

fered a free screening of the flick on an 11-metre screen.

Judging by the word-for-word singalongs rising here and there amidst the fragrant wafting of marijuana,



Phantom of the Paradise ran for two years in Winnipeg. The movie was a cult classic with Winnipeggers.

beer, popcorn and high-end chocolate, as well as reported sightings of dead sparrows emblazoned on t-shirts, most people know the score, so to speak.

Written and directed by Brian De Palma and scored by Paul Williams, who wrote hit songs for Three Dog Night, the Carpenters, Helen Reddy and Barbara Streisand among others, the film is a Faustian tale of all that can go awry when you sell your soul to the wrong bidder.

Protagonist Winslow Leach (played by William Finley) is a geeky-looking composer (bottle-thick spectacles mandatory here) whose song-writing abilities are second to none. And doesn't his antagonist, the sexually deviant record producer Swan (played to utmost creepy effect by Paul Williams), know it.

Swan steals Leach's nearly completed Faust-inspired operatic score then

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The Interlake's Queen of Chocolate Doreen Pendgracs, with her cousin Don Kinash from Winnipeg, brought high-end chocolate to GFF's beachside screening and shared it with Phantom buffs.

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Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk to build on momentum



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Mayor Randy Woroniuk, at Gimli Harbour, wants to work with DFO and Viking Park to enhance the waterfront

By Patricia Barrett

After accomplishing nearly all of what he promised during his first election campaign, Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk said he's intent on taking economic development to the next level, building on the momentum he and his council created over the past four years.

His primary objectives for the next four years – should he be elected mayor in October – are focused on enhancing the quality of life in the municipality and opening up further opportunities for business development.

"I work for the community good. I want to see the community as a whole rise," said Woroniuk last week. "And I think we all need to work together, put ideas forward and make the community better for everybody."

He said he'd like to form a partnership with the department of Fisheries and Oceans – and has already held discussions with Viking Park's executive – to enhance the harbour front to attract even more tourism to the beachside town.

The federal government owns the land at the harbour; it's a "working harbour," serving the vital search and rescue missions of the Canadian Coast Guard on Lake Winnipeg, as well as hundreds of commercial fishers, the Gimli Yacht Club and pleasure craft owners.

Viking Park's executive would like to link its iconic park – perhaps with pathways – to the central business district, something with which mayor said he's fully on board.

"Recognizing that it's a working harbour, we need to have a means and a way of safely moving people through this area so that they can enjoy the harbour and connect to Viking Park," he said. "And that's going to take a partnership. We must be cognizant of the fact that we have no right to [develop] this without [DFO's] cooperation. So it's important we three work together."

Enhancing the business district through beautification is another project on the mayor's books. He said he's open to "outside-the-box" thinking as far as ways to get visitors to say, "Yeah, you need to go to Gimli because it's so unique."

Getting business owners on Centre Street – all

the way from Highway 9 to the lakefront and those in the central core – to work with council and the chamber of commerce is the first step. The creation of parklets (street patios) is one of the ideas that have come forward, and Woroniuk is interested in exploring it.

"It's important to work with the businesses and brainstorm ideas. How can we take our business district to the next level so that it becomes more of a destination place that people want to visit and have really good experiences here?" he said.

At the same time, he'd like to see Gimli become a more pedestrian and bike-friendly town, and that will entail creative ways to accommodate drivers and those much sought-after parking spaces.

The RM of Gimli is perhaps one of the most transparent municipal bodies in the Interlake, posting its monthly expenditures and documents of public importance on its website and responding openly to media enquiries on difficult issues.

That comes from the top. Woroniuk said it's always been his working style. He'll speak to anyone with concerns – by phone or face-to-face. But he said he won't engage anyone on social media, which can bring out the worst in humanity and perpetuate false information based on emotion rather than fact-finding (think Trump here).

Although stymied by a lack of funding from both the federal and provincial governments, Woroniuk said he's still intent on turning the Recreation Centre into a Wellness Centre, which formed part of his first election campaign. He wants to see an indoor walking track, balls courts and space that can be converted into an entertainment venue.

"It's something this community needs with our aging population. Our citizens deserve a modern facility to keep active and fit," he said. "Now's an opportunity to do it. The federal government has money and the province would step in, I'm pretty sure."

Woroniuk campaigned last term on building the aquatic centre and bringing affordable seniors' rental housing to Gimli, both of which came to pass. The pool just opened this year, and despite a few naysayers, Woroniuk said it's been an "unmitigated success." He also obtained a solid commitment from the province to build a 55-plus rental complex. Better yet, council is currently in discussion with a private developer to build affordable housing units.

Although new development at the Gimli Industrial Park is slightly on the uptick – the Arctic Blue fish plant is working towards certification – the mayor said council needs to ramp up growth at the park. And that doesn't mean selling land that will be used for storage, but attracting businesses that will create local employment opportunities. The mayor's growth plans also includes the airport, which he calls "under-utilized."

"We've been approached a few times in last four years about airlines. We really need to start promoting our airport whether it's for passenger service or for freight," he said. "And we were approached about using it as a cold weather testing station for electric cars."

Woroniuk is quick to point out that the growth Gimli has experienced over the last four years is not all down to him. He said he "couldn't have done it without council" and their working together as a team.

"In the last four years, we have increased economic

growth in this community through various festivals and events (Mercedes on Ice, Zombie Outbreak, etc.," he said. "We have a stronger economic picture in the wintertime than we've ever had. Should we get the mandate, we're going to continue that route, continue bringing economic activity and increasing Gimli's footprint provincially, nationally and internationally."

Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School Advisory Council to receive \$50,000



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Jeff Wharton presented Rosanna Cuthbert with the \$50,000 funding announcement for the sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School natural playground.

Staff

Hon. Jeff Wharton, MLA for Gimli announced the Manitoba government is investing in another important community project in the Gimli constituency on July 27.

Through community development programs such as Community Places the Progressive Conservative government is providing \$50,000 for a Natural Playground at the Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School in Gimli.

"I am very pleased that our government is making these investments in the Gimli constituency," said MLA Wharton "Projects like these make our communities stronger and improve the quality of life for Manitoba families."

MLA Wharton was joined by Rosanna Cuthbert, Principal of the SSES at an event in Gimli to announce this funding.

This funding announcement is part of a major investment in community development programs that support important community projects across Manitoba.

Eriksdale Creamery Days only two weeks away

By Jeff Ward

Eriksdale's annual Creamery Days and Rodeo is only a few weeks away and with dozens of fun events and activities on the roster it's shaping up to be a great weekend for attendees.

The event kicks off on Aug. 17 with the little britches rodeo and the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association Sanctioned Jackpot Horse Shoe Tournament at the McEwen Park Rodeo Grounds. An old time country dance with The Country Pride Band as live entertainment will also take place at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre which will ring in an action packed weekend of fun.

For those who didn't party too hard a free pancake breakfast will happen bright and early at 8:30 a.m. the next morning with the opening of the market garden following the meal. The parade begins at 11 a.m. with the

theme of "family coming home" and a colour theme of blue and white. From noon onward there will be a barbecue, live entertainment from the Third Chins, Loa and Iris Thorkelson and Al Wiebe and Cara Westfall. A kids zone will feature bounce inflatables, face painting and more.

The Eriksdale Creamery Museum will be open all day for tours, home living exhibits, a silent auction and ice cream. The rodeo grounds will feature a tractor pull, more kids activities and mutton busting from the Heartland Rodeo.

Sunday's lineup features the same fun kids activities and the finals for the mutton busting competition.

Those wanting more details can find programs at the RM office in Eriksdale. You can also visit www.eriksdalemuseum.org for a full list of events and ticket prices.



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO

The Eriksdale Creamery Days parade begins at 11 a.m. on Aug. 18.

RCMP respond to 72 calls in 31 days in Ashern

By Jeff Ward

Ashern RCMP responded to 72 calls for service in a 31-day period, which represents a 20 per cent increase in calls from this time last year.

Sgt. Richard Marshall explained that there has been a large number business break and enters and theft from vehicles in Ashern over the last month and that the RCMP is looking

for public assistance in identifying the suspects. Marshall said that the RCMP will be releasing surveillance video of some of the incidents in an effort to find the people responsible.

The increased calls have put strain on the Ashern detachment, but Marshall said that more concerning to the RCMP is the effect these incidents have on the public's perception of the

safety of their community. Marshall said the community of Ashern is safe and he wants the public to come forward with any information they have.

These types of incidents, Marshall explained, typically come from a small group of people.

"We need people to confirm who it is, so we can get the criminal process started," said Marshall.

Marshall added that spikes in activity like what Ashern is seeing do happen every now and then but said that it has been busier compared to last year.

If you have any information into the recent incidents in Ashern you are asked to call the police. Ashern RCMP can be reached at 204-768-2311.

Ashern Lagoon expansions tendered, work to begin soon

By Jeff Ward

At the last West Interlake regular council meeting the tender for the Ashern Wastewater Lagoon Expansion was awarded to Tri-Line Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$404,150.

The project had been discussed since February when the RM entered into an agreement with Ronald Geisler to expand the current site to four cells. Geisler signed into a land swap deal with the RM to transfer the 20 acres over to the RM for the expansion in exchange for just over 100 acres of municipally owned land. CAO Larissa Love explained that council felt the deal benefited both parties equally as Geisler would be paying taxes on 100 acres of land previously untaxed. Love added that the expansion does render more of his land inert and kills future development because of regulations around what can and can't be built within the vicinity of a lagoon. The current, three-cell set up is adequate in most scenarios but in the instance of another flood or a sustained period of heavy rain, the lagoon could overflow. Back in February, Reeve Randy Helgason said that even a heavy spring runoff could cause issues with the current setup. The lagoon sits just west of town at the end of Main St. And is an open-air design.

Helgason said that the RM had a pre-construction meeting with the contractors last Friday and that he's glad the

project is moving forward.

In other council news:

- Council supported the re-establishment of the Ashern Community Development Corporation and appointed Ashern EDO, Clayton Gibson to carry out that task.
- Council approved a quote from Eriksdale Ready Mix for a grader shop pad in the amount of \$6,780; the purchase of a brush mower from T.I.C in the amount of \$27,900 plus taxes; a corporate sponsorship package for the Ashern Rodeo in the amount of \$275 and the purchase of four new XTS 5000 radios from Alcom Electronic for the Eriksdale Fire Department at a cost of \$595 each plus taxes.

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Kelvin Shepherd to retire as Manitoba Hydro President and CEO

Submitted by Manitoba Hydro

The Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board (MHEB) announced recently that Kelvin Shepherd has informed them of his decision to step down as President and CEO and retire from the Crown Corporation effective Nov. 16, 2018.

Shepherd joined Manitoba Hydro in December 2015 after serving five years as President of MTS Inc. from 2010 to 2015. He joined MTS Inc. in 2000 and held various senior positions in the company including President Consumer Markets for MTS Allstream, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Technical Officer and Vice-President of Network Services. Prior to joining MTS, Shepherd was Chief Technology Officer for SaskTel.

"It was a difficult personal decision for me to leave Manitoba Hydro," said Shepherd. "I am very proud of the team of hard-working people at the utility who I have been privileged to lead. Like any job, the position of CEO comes with both good and bad that one must accept and manage. I have enjoyed my time at Manitoba Hydro

and have done my best to lead our company through both the challenges and opportunities we have faced, but I know in my heart that now is the right time to move on to a new stage in my life."

During his time at Manitoba Hydro, Shepherd oversaw the completion of the Bipole III Reliability Project, many new customer service initiatives, and the streamlining of the corporation by over 800 positions through Manitoba Hydro's Voluntary Departure Program, anticipated to save the company over \$90 million per year in operating costs. He also oversaw significant progress on the Keeyask Generating Station in northern Manitoba, and continued to work with the company's wholesale marketing division to expand energy exports in both Canada and the United States.

"This has been a very satisfying career," Shepherd said. "I have been fortunate to have interesting work with great companies. I have also made it a priority to give back to the communities I have worked in to help those

less fortunate than myself through volunteer activities. In retirement, I'm looking forward to a more relaxed pace, continuing my volunteer work and spending more time with my wife Debbie."

Marina R. James, the recently-appointed chair of the MHEB, said, "Kelvin has been an invaluable asset to both myself as the new chair of the board, and to Manitoba Hydro as a corporation. He has played an exemplary role as the CEO of this company, and on behalf of the board and the government, we want to thank Kelvin and wish him the best for a long, healthy and happy retirement."

James said that the search for a new President and CEO is already underway, and that Shepherd has agreed to stay until Nov. 16 to ensure an orderly and smooth transition.

She added that the corporation under Shepherd's guidance operates with a strong senior leadership team that has the experience to help guide the company forward after his departure.

RCMP warn of email extortion scam appearing in the province

Submitted

The RCMP in Manitoba have started to receive reports of a cyber-extortion where suspects are sending emails to victims that reference a real password. The email states the suspect has infected the victim's computer with a virus that has allowed the suspect to control the webcam. The suspect threatens to release a video of the victim taken while they were watching pornography to the victim's contact list. If the victim pays a certain amount in Bitcoin, then the suspect will not release the video. This is a scam that has been around for a while. The suspects

do not have video of the victims, and victims should not be afraid to report this crime to the police.

What is causing some new attention to this previously seen scam is the use of an actual password the victim has used in the past. There are many ways the suspects could have gained access to these passwords – data breaches and hacking are two examples. If you are still using the referenced password for anything, make sure you change it immediately. It is recommended to change all passwords regularly to protect yourself from any type of hacking or scam. The web re-

source www.havebeenpwned.com is a great way to check if your data has been breached.

It can be startling to see an email with your password in it from someone threatening you. The RCMP does not want you to become a victim. If you have received this email, or any similar emails, DO NOT PAY and make sure you report it to the police so we are aware of the scams targeting our communities. Also report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

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RCMP remind boaters it's never okay to be impaired on the water

Submitted by Canadian Safe Boating

While drinking and boating accounts for approximately 40 per cent of boating-related fatalities on Canadian waterways, in Manitoba the number is 64 per cent. In 2018, the Canadian Safe Boating Council along with our enforcement and Search & Rescue agencies are also concerned about the potential impact of legalization of recreational marijuana and the increase in use and abuse of prescription narcotics on boating incidents and fatalities.

To raise awareness and reduce impairment-related deaths, the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) is launching year 6 of an initiative called "Operation Dry Water" Its' goal is to stress the importance of Boating Sober.

With the summer boating season in high gear, the Aug. 4-6 long weekend is the perfect time to remind Canadian boaters about the risks of impaired boating. Combined with sun, wind, waves and the rocking motion of the boat, the effects of alcohol and drugs on the water can be greatly increased.

"Each year I look at the new Drowning reports, a common trend appears; Boating is a significant contributor to drownings, and the majority had alcohol as a factor in those deaths," said Lifesaving Society - MB Branch Acting CEO Kevin Tordiffe. "Please, this

year let's all make an effort to reduce these numbers; boat sober, wear a lifejacket and maybe this year, if you see someone boating and drinking, don't stay silent."

"Summer is all about having fun, and being out on the water is one great way to do that," said S/Sgt Bob Chabot of the Manitoba RCMP. "However, that fun can come to a crashing halt if someone gets seriously injured or dies because of a decision to boat while impaired. The RCMP will be out on the water during Operation Dry Water to help keep it safe, which will keep it fun."

"The CSBC, its partners and sponsors would like, through this and our other initiatives, to raise attention to the problem of boating under the influence and to remind boaters to boat sober," stated John Gullick, Chair of the Canadian Safe Boating Council. Operation Dry Water will focus on the potential risks of impaired boating, and remedies that are currently in place to discourage it.

Federal statutes dictate that boaters can be charged with Impaired Operation of a Vessel under the Criminal Code of Canada if they are found to be impaired. Under current and proposed legislation, human-powered craft are not excluded from the definition of a vessel and, so, are subject to the same penalties. Some provinces



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Canadian Safe Boating Council's Operation Dry Water launches this Saturday, Aug. 4. RCMP check three people on a Jet Ski on the Red River while members of the Winnipeg Police Service look on.

have enacted legislation where impaired boating can affect your automobile driving privileges.

Operation Dry Water is aimed at reducing the number of impairment-related accidents and fatalities on the

water while fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use while boating. The end goal? To achieve safer and more enjoyable recreational boating.

letter to the editor

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Cattle farmers won't benefit from certified sustainable beef

Dear Editor,

I was rather underwhelmed by recent press regarding McDonalds starting to sell "certified sustainable beef".

Claims that this is the first such program in the world don't bear much scrutiny. Having read the program production protocols, I can assure you they are considerably less rigorous than those I was meeting for the Scottish Farm Assurance program in the early 1990s.

My experience with that program

doesn't encourage me that there will be any benefit to Canadian cattle producers from this program in the long run. The Scottish model similarly encouraged early participation with the promise of market premiums, yet once a critical mass was achieved the premiums disappeared and anyone that wasn't "Farm Assured" had their produce discounted in the marketplace.

I predict Canada will follow the same path as Scotland with the cattle producer left to shoulder the bur-

den of ongoing costs and regulation to meet the standards in perpetuity for no financial benefit. With only \$20 per head being used as the bait in the trap -- and this being paid to the feedlot operator -- the rancher likely won't get enough to buy a Big Mac the day he is in town selling his calves!

What really rankles me though, is that farmers and ranchers must be certified as having production practices attaining a certain level of environmental and operational sustainability - for McDonalds! The same McDonalds whose menu items are generally considered junk food contributing to the obesity epidemic and include a throw away Chinese made

plastic toy with every "kids meal"? I'd like to know where the sustainability, environmental or otherwise, is in this case, and who is auditing them?

I think the real driver of this program is fulfilling the desire of agri-food processors and retailers to environmentally "greenwash" their corporate images in the eyes of the consumer. What they are really trying to buy for \$20 is the trusted reputation farmers and ranchers have built up over generations. I'm sorry, but mine isn't for sale and I won't be participating in any such scheme.

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The story about the cheesecloth minnow net

Hi gang.

Shuffling through the drifts of Zebra Mussel shells along the shore of Grand Marais I could see a family sitting in chairs by the water with their long fishing rods pointed to the sky.

Lake Winnipeg was placid and low, very low. I noticed they had cast their baited hooks far out for deeper water as I approached them.

"Hi," I called out to a chap who seemed to be the father. His short, curly light brown hair was streaked with white, his quick and light hearted manner spoke of a man at one with his surroundings. He rose from his chair extending his hand saying, "Rory Jones; you're Arnie, how's it going?" We shook hands as he introduced me to his fiancée, Wendy and daughters Angela and Emily who greeted me with warm smiles. "Well," I said, "it would be going really great if you had a story for your fishing brothers and sisters." I could tell he was thinking as we commenced idle conversation about playing around water when we were kids. Then his eyes lit up. He told of a time when he was about ten years old, he and a school buddy used to go to the local store and buy loose knit cheesecloth then wade into the water knee deep and holding

the cloth between them would walk forward catching minnows for bait. Other times he said, when friends and family needed more minnows, they would get longer lengths of the cloth and with a number of folks holding the netting under water in the shape of a big horseshoe with the "legs" toward shore; others would walk into the water between the "legs" slapping the surface scaring the minnows into the net. Then the net handlers would drag it to shore full of jumping minnows.

I thanked Rory for his stories and on my way home stopped at Lockport where I met Ray Lester from Winnipeg. He was bending over the guard rail reeling up a nice bass as I arrived. When I asked him if Lockport was his favorite place to fish his sense of humor kicked in as he said, "It is now!"

Last Friday I had the pleasure of meeting a couple of good sports on the Hecla village pier. The warm sun washed the smooth light grey deck of the pier as I strode toward a guy and gal in chairs, their fishing rods in holders. I called out, "I don't see a string over the side of the pier holding some fish." "No, nothing," the guy with well developed muscles, a rugged face and grey mustache returned. Soon at

their side I handed them my card. He looked at it smiling, "I guess you want a story. We've got one and it's kind of about fishing. I'm Rick Buffie and this is my wife Janet. We're from Selkirk." His ready, casual way of talking made it easy to listen to him. There was something about him though, he moved and talked like an athlete. I also couldn't help catching a familiar knowing glance he cast across the water at Black Island occasionally. He went into their story as Janet, his wife, a pleasant lady with light brown hair sat by his side offering extra bits of their experience. Rick began. Years ago when they were about to be married he bought two raffle tickets for prizes at a local store in Selkirk. Rick, being a considerate fellow, made out one ticket for Janet with her soon to be married last name on it. She won! They got a call to come pick up her prize of a boat, motor and trailer! That's right, hers! They were beside themselves with joy. They drove to the store and before them in the parking lot stood a beautiful new gleaming white trailer carrying a sparkling blue and white boat with a shiny black motor perched on the back of the boat. I stood beside Rick and Janet watching the warmth in their eyes as they



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Winnipegger Ray Lester with his bass catch at Lockport.

went back in their minds to that wonderful moment. Again I noticed Rick looking out at Black Island with that faint smile on his face. He returned to their story laughing as he exclaimed that for thirty years, every time he wanted to take the boat to go fishing, he had to ask Janet for permission! I couldn't hold my curiosity back any longer. "Rick," I implored, "what is it about Black Island that seems important to you?" "Well, you see Arnie" he explained, "when I was a kid I worked at the silicon plant in Selkirk and that sand came from Black Island over there. It was my job to handle these big bags for fill-up as the sand came down a chute. If you didn't pull the chutes closing trap door at the right second you got a face full of sand dust!

Till next week, so-long friends.

IERHA and province issues water advisory for Gimli Beach

Staff

The medical officer of health for Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority, in conjunction with Manitoba Sustainable Development, issued a water advisory on July 26 warning the public to avoid entering the water at Gimli Beach, Loni Beach and South Beach until beach water samples confirm no evidence of surface water contamination.

Construction activities in the town of Gimli on July 24 resulted in damage to the municipal waste-water treatment system and the release of untreated waste water into the town's storm drains with possible outflow into the Gimli Beach area.

Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk said Sunday the utility was told to "maintain a specific depth and accidentally deviated from that depth and punctured the line."

"It was an unfortunate accident," said the mayor, "and it's all been taken

care of."

The beaches were sampled for E. coli on July 25 with results received the same same day. All three beaches were monitored daily until the situation is resolved.

This event does not affect other beaches in the Lake Winnipeg South Basin. The waste-water treatment system has been repaired and no further release is expected.

There is no impact on the town's public water system.

The RM was notified by the province that the water is fine, Woroniuk added.

Members of the public who are concerned they may have signs or symptoms of waterborne illness, such as nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, should be advised to seek medical attention.

For more information on recreational water quality including advisory signs and monitoring results, go to www.manitoba.ca/beaches.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A private utility accidentally bored into a sewer line on Centre Street, in Gimli and may have caused raw sewage to run into Lake Winnipeg through an outflow on the beach.

Valhalla Beach never sleeps: ATVs, barrier removals and public reserve mowing

By Patricia Barrett

Valhalla Beach “never sleeps” is all one property owner would say when asked about the latest tension that’s arisen in the Lake Winnipeg cottage/residential community in the RM of Bifrost-Riverton.

Last year a furore arose over the ongoing destruction of trees and undergrowth along the shoreline. This year ATVs driving on the beach and in the water, as well as the surreptitious removal of large rocks used to deter motorized vehicles, has riven a fragile peace, according to property owners who contacted the Express a few weeks ago, but who don’t want to be identified for fear of retaliation.

The municipality does not have an ATV/Off-Road policy or bylaw, said the RM’s CAO Cindy Stansell last week, but is aware of the vehicles ripping around.

“The beach, however, does not fall under our jurisdiction,” she said. “It is recommended that residents in the area contact the RCMP.”

The municipality was told about the removal of the rock barriers, which occurred a few weeks ago, she said, and it sent out staff to investigate.

“We have inspected the area and have determined that unauthorized work did occur,” said Stansell. “Work that occurred on municipal property (removal of boulders to prevent ATVs) will be replaced.”

Sources say there are two major areas that have become a hotbed of strife: north of Road 124 N (Valhalla Beach Road), which is a public reserve, and south of 124, where one property owner is alleged to have grandfathered rights to the beach.

With Lake Winnipeg about two feet lower than last year, sand bars have appeared and quads have taken advantage of it. One source said it’s become a “volatile” situation with ATVs allegedly going out of their way to thumb their noses at property owners.

The RM’s public works manager Jason Comeau said someone removed a boulder (barrier) from an RM-owned walking path that divides the north and south sub-divisions, which run along Pelican Drive.

“The municipality has new ‘No Motorized Vehicles Allowed’ signs on order and will be either placing a rock or posts back within the pathway,” he said last week.

Public works also removed overgrowth from the path and will be laying gravel before the new barriers are erected.

The other “unauthorized” activity occurred to the north of Road 124, land that Comeau said is owned by the province (Sustainable Development, Parks), not the municipality.

“Someone using a tracked machine (skid steer)



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To the north of 124, skid steer tracks can be seen in the sand and boulders pushed up against the bank

was taking large rocks off of the shoreline and placed them against the bank along a certain property,” said Comeau.

The Express received photos from a person in the area, showing the tracks in the sand and the rocks piled up against the bank, creating a throughway for ATVs.

Last year, over 20 property owners made public their displeasure with two sets of seasonal residents who, between them, clear-cut about an acre of trees and scrub from a public reserve along the shore so that they could have a view of the lake from their cottages, situated more than 300 feet away from the water. That destruction could potentially hasten shoreline erosion and threaten properties, as well as diminish property values. It also created a wind tunnel that damaged some of the remaining trees during storms. The concerned property owners had presented council with a petition and sent a delegation to its November meeting.

Shoreline vegetation is something the Lake Winnipeg Foundation calls the lake’s “last line of de-



A property owner to the south of Road 124 erected a sign indicating ownership of the beach.

fence.” It prevents harmful agricultural nutrients (phosphorus, nitrogen, etc.) from entering the water and contributing to algal blooms, and keeps the banks stable.

The clear-cut area, which once resembled a manicured golf course, is slowly springing to life, with the hacked and shaven stumps of maple, ash and poplar trees sending out little shoots, and the native shrubs making a comeback now that the RM has put its foot down and started enforcing its tree-removal policy, according to a few property owners the Express contacted to find out how the clearing is coming along.

One of the seasonal residents, however, has allegedly been making a path with a lawnmower, insisting on having his/her own ingress despite a number of narrow public paths that had already been long established for people to access the water’s edge. The RM staked the entrances to those paths this spring and has been notified about the latest mowing.

Moosehorn Community Pride shaping up to be a fun day

By Jeff Ward

Next weekend hundreds of Grahamdale residents will descend on Moosehorn to take in the municipality’s annual community pride event and invitations are extended to anyone who wants to join.

Each year a different community within the RM of Grahamdale hosts Community Pride and this year it’s Moosehorn’s turn. The event takes place next Saturday, Aug. 11 and starts at 8 a.m. at Moosehorn Community Hall for a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Moosehorn Fire Department. The day continues with bed races at 10 a.m. and a parade at 11

a.m. before moving to the park in town with dozens of more activities. Kids games, face painting, glitter tattoos, blow up bouncers, an art show and craft sale, yard sale, volleyball tournament and more.

“We’ve been working on this plan since December so we’re getting very close to seeing it all happen. It takes a lot of work to get everything set up but we have such great volunteers here in Moosehorn,” said June Huska one of the organizers of the event.

Huska said that communities typically go all out for Community Pride because it takes a few years for the event to come back to your town. Communi-

ties are on rotation and Huska wants to make sure that they hit it out of the park.

While the event is called Moosehorn Community Pride that doesn’t mean you have to be from Moosehorn or even Grahamdale to participate. Huska said that it doesn’t matter what town you call home, you’re invited and encouraged to drop by and have fun.

“You wanna bring people together with events like this so we hope to see people from all over come and celebrate with us,” said Huska.

Little engine that could: Gimli Film Festival setting the pace

By Patricia Barrett

The largest rural film festival in Canada, and the only one in a beach-side town, celebrated its 18th run last Wednesday evening as filmmakers, dignitaries and volunteers gathered at Gimli's Johnson Hall and raised their champagne glasses to cinematic story-telling and all those who bring it to life.

For the first time in its history, the festival broke attendance records, attracting 12,400 film buffs over the five-day run. It saw a 16 per cent increase in total box-office revenue, a 32 per cent increase in festival pass sales and a 27 per cent increase in rush seating.

The festival showcased 111 films this year, 46 per cent of which were made by women. And it got off to a "record start" with pre-sale tickets, according to MC and GFF board member Michelle Aitkenhead.

Festival founder and retired Conservative senator Janis Johnson said the success of the festival comes down to Gimli's willingness to go all out to make the event shine.

"It's the way people in this community and our volunteers and sponsors – and everybody from the industry – have worked to make this little engine run year after year," said Johnson to about 200 people attending the fete. "It's just been remarkable. And we're going to keep going. There were years I thought that would never happen."

She thanked local volunteers Lisa Martin, Carol Magnusson (from Lifa Home store), Paula Hahlweg and Lori McGraw for spending countless hours decorating the venue, which was bathed in a soothing filmy blue light and dotted here and there with seagulls overhead. The décor crew spent 39 hours alone making the seagulls out of Styrofoam.

The festival had a record number of premieres this year, said Aitkenhead, who works for RBC, with 21 Manitoba, 10 western Canada, five Canada and six world premieres.

Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon thanked the



GFF Executive Director Leona Johnson, whom the mayor called a little ball of fire, checks the weather on the coldest night in three months.

festival's board, filmmakers, sponsors and volunteers for "enhancing life" in Gimli.

"As someone who has enjoyed this beautiful community for most of my life, I have been delighted to watch the growth and development of this festival over the last 18 years," she said. "The women and men who first made this festival possible inspired Manitoban [filmmakers] to believe in their dreams, to believe they could give life to their vision right here."

The GFF is an important partner in Manitoba's film industry, which sees on average 67 films, television and web-based productions every year, said Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton. In 2016/17 alone, the industry generated \$127 million in economic activity.

"Over the past 10 years, our media production industry attracted over \$1 billion in production activity to Manitoba," said Wharton.

Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk called the festival "iconic" and GFF's executive director Leona Johnson – who's handing over the reins to Aaron Zeghers after three years at the helm – a "little ball of fire" for her indefatigable efforts to organize and promote the festival to filmmakers around the world.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT
GFF founder Janis Johnson (black dress) with the festival's board members.



Terry Burgess
RBC sponsored the free screenings on Gimli Beach and the emerging filmmakers and competition.



From left Marielle Wharton, Ernest Stefansson and Claire Gillis from Pharmasave (sponsors) and MLA Jeff Wharton.



Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon cracked up the crowd by saying she brought her own premier - Gary Filmon - to the festival's other premieres.



GFF founder Janis Johnson (right) with executive director Leona Johnson share some good-natured ribbing.



The décor crew from left Paula Hahlweg, Lisa Martin, Carol Magnusson and Lori McGraw spent 39 hours making seagulls and other decorative items.

Gimli Film Festival honours filmmakers for outstanding industry contributions

By Patricia Barrett

The Gimli Film Festival paid tribute to three outstanding filmmakers who've set the Manitoba cinematic scene ablaze during its awards banquet last Saturday night at Johnson Hall.

Festival founder Janis Johnson presented the Alda (which means wave in Old Norse) to Guy Maddin, whose experimental feature films and shorts have earned him countless awards, including a Genie, a Gemini, an Emmy and a National Society of Film Critics Experimental Film, along with international recognition and adulation.

"Beginning with screenings on a bedsheet in the backyard of a neighbour's cottage in Loni Beach [Gimli neighbourhood], his films and experimental multimedia projects have grown in ambition and sophistication as to be shown at film festivals, museums and cultural institutions from Toronto to Sao Paulo and New York to Paris," said Johnson to over 100 filmmakers and special guests.

"And it is a point of pride for our own film festival here in Gimli that we took part in the growing swell of enthusiasm for Guy's works by showing his early and major films."

Among Maddin's breathtaking filmic repertoire are *Tales from the Gimli Hospital* (1988), *Archangel* (1990), *Dracula, Pages from a Virgin's Diary* (2002), *the Saddest Music in the World* (2003) and *My Winnipeg* (2007).

"[Gimli's] been a place of incredible enchantment my entire life, and now to marry up my boyish jonesing for enchantments with my actual profession as a filmmaker here under one rooftop – the Gimli Film Festival – is really perfect," said Maddin.

His creative spark was influenced by his Icelandic heritage, he said, and experiences growing up in Winnipeg's West End, where his mom and aunt ran a beauty salon in the days of roaring "helmet hairdryers."

"Everyone was telling stories at a very loud volume in that Icelandic sing-songy accent, and no one could hear each other. They seemed to be just monologuing, but there were lots of narratives and narrative fragments, and it took me many years to figure out many people they were talking about were dead, some were living and some I could only figure out were going to be living someday," he said, cracking up the audience. "Past and



Shelagh Carter earned the Best Manitoba Director Award.

present and future were all deliriously jumbled and that Icelandic sense of story was there in the beauty salon. And it's here in the streets of Gimli."

Phyllis Laing of Buffalo Gal Pictures presented filmmaker and Winnipeg Film Group founding member Elise Swerhone with the Jack Clements Livin' the Dream Award for "paving the way" for Manitoba's filmmakers and inspiring women to enter filmmaking at a time, several decades ago, when a meagre .03 per cent were cinematographers.

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Swerhone presented director Shelagh Carter with the first-ever GFF Best Manitoba Director Award, courtesy of the Director's Guild of Canada, for her film *Before Anything You Say*.

"I'm a little overwhelmed," said Carter, overcome with tears. "So many people here have helped and inspired me, and you might even not know it. If you have a passion and you have the people around you who will support you – because you can't do it alone – [you can succeed]."

Erika Ulrich won RBC's \$10,000 Emerging Filmmaker Award for her film *Palm House* (Eternal Youth).

Bing Liu's *Minding the Gap* earned the Best of the Fest Award.

Erica Daniels won the Manitoba Short Film Audience Choice Award, presented by Manitoba Film and Music, for *Run as One – the Journey of the Front Runners*.

John Barnard won the Audience Choice Award for his film *Bachman*.

Best Performance by a Male Artist



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT
GFF founder Janis Johnson presented filmmaker Guy Maddin with the Alda Award



Kim Perring (left) and Susan Stevenson had a grand time at the GFF Awards ceremony Saturday night.



Buffalo Gal Pictures Phyllis Laing (right) presented the Livin' the Dream Award to Elise Swerhone.

went to Alfonso Lora in *Piece of Mind*. Best Performance by a Female Artist went to Samantha Cahatol in *Piece of Mind*.

The Winnipeg Film Group presented several awards during its 48-Hour film contest.

Director Taylor Brown's film *Refraction Sector* won Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor. Director Alex

Petroff picked up the award for Best Score (by Ross Budgen) in the film *LOVE*. Director Sara Bulloch won Best Sound for the film *Scroll*. Editor Ryan Steel earned Best Editor for *Cease and Desist*, and Director Tyrone won Best Cinematography for the film *SHIBA*.

For more information on awards and films, visit the GFF at gimlifilm.com

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Intro to Trades giving Fairford man skills to pursue his career

By Jeff Ward

The five-month program from Red River College designed to give students a base set of skills in three major trades is giving Fairford's David Stagg a look at his possible future career.

Stagg said that living on the reserve has meant routine bouts of unemployment and that he is looking for something permanent. Stagg wants to build a future and provide for his kids and knows trades people are always in demand. He explained that he has a background in carpentry which is one of the three trades currently being taught at the RRC mobile classroom in Ashern. Stagg was drawn to the course because he would have a certificate to show for his efforts when complete and an expedited path to further education at RRC.

"It kinda opens up a door for me to apply at Red River for a course in carpentry," said Stagg.

"I enjoy this class and I'm trying to take as much as I can get out of it. You just try to keep an open mind with all trades that are being taught at the moment. I was leaning to carpentry but as the course goes on I want to keep my options open."

Stagg doesn't need to decide right away what he wants to pursue and will have plenty of time to decide if he wants to continue and what he'd like to study further.

Mike Vallee is one of the two instruc-

tors for the course along with his wife Sheryl. They are both licensed trades people with decades worth of experience in both carpentry and plumbing. Vallee said that he did a course in Saugeen First Nation before coming to Ashern for plumbers and will be moving on to Peguis next spring to offer the Intro to Trades course there as well.

Vallee said that he really enjoys being able to teach what could be the next wave of, in the case of the Interlake, sorely needed tradespeople.

"Everything here is self-contained, I don't even need power really," said Vallee of the mobile classroom.

"So, they get the basics of the three trades... so in plumbing how to fix a toilet all the way. How does the plumbing underneath the kitchen sink or bathroom sink; how does that all work? This is the kind of stuff we're dealing with."

Vallee explained further that students are also required to draft blueprints and have them approved before going to the build phase. Students are currently putting the finishing touches on their Adirondack chairs.

Stagg said that his experience in the course has been enjoyable so far. Working with his hands, creating and learning new skills is something he really values. He said that he also really appreciates the fact that he now has the knowledge to fix issues around his

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EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JEFF WARD

David Stagg puts the finishing touches on his Adirondack chair for RRC's Intro to Trades program in Ashern.

house when they come up.

Stagg said he would recommend this course to others looking to broaden their horizons and find a career path that fits them.

"I'd recommend this kind of course for other people because like I said on

the reserve you only have a job for a few months and you're sitting unemployed for a while. After this is over you can at least go for another course or find an apprenticeship," said Stagg.

Intro to Trades completes at the end of October.



The RRC mobile classroom can be transformed to teach a number of different trades but is being used to teach carpentry, plumbing and electrical work in Ashern.

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The incredible life cycle: a Monarch butterfly metamorphosis



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A monarch caterpillar feeds on nothing but milkweed leaves; the caterpillar lays down a silk-like mat and then attaches itself to the mat with its cremaster where it sheds its skin for the last time as it passes from the larva to the pupa or chrysalis; the caterpillar will then transform into a beautiful butterfly in approximately a month.

Staff

Metamorphosis is the series of developmental stages insects go through to become adults. Butterflies and moths have four stages of life: egg, larva (the caterpillar stage), pupa (the chrysalis phase in a butterfly's development), and adult.

It takes a monarch butterfly just 28 to 38 days to complete its life cycle, with warmer temperatures generally being responsible for faster development.

Monarch females lay their eggs on milkweed, the only plant monarch caterpillars can eat. The eggs are laid singly and generally on the undersides of leaves. The eggs are very small (about the size of the periods at the end of the sentences on this page) and are white in color. Each egg is attached to the leaf by an adhesive fluid that is applied to the egg as it is being laid. Four to six days after the eggs are deposited, they will hatch. Immediately after hatching, the caterpillar is so small it can barely be seen. It grows very fast though, feeding on nothing but milkweed leaves.

A monarch caterpillar can eat enough Milkweed in one day to equal its own body weight. Just 9 to 14 days after hatching from its eggs, a caterpillar will be about 2" long and fully grown. A caterpillar has eight pair of legs (three pair of true legs on its thorax and five pair of prolegs on its abdomen).

A monarch caterpillar sheds its skin five times during the larval stage. Similar to the way a snake sheds its skin when its body has outgrown the skin, a caterpillar does the same. A new, larger skin is always waiting under the one that is shed. See the caterpillar's shed skin laying just behind its tail end?

When the caterpillar is full grown it usually leaves the milkweed plant. It crawls (sometimes 20 or 30 feet away

from the milkweed) until it finds a safe place to pupate. The caterpillar lays down a silk-like mat and then attaches itself to the mat with its cremaster. The caterpillar allows itself to drop and then hangs there, upside down in a J-shape, for about one full day.

The caterpillar's skin is shed for the last time as it passes from the larval (caterpillar) stage to the pupa (chrysalis) stage of metamorphosis. Under the caterpillar's skin this time is a jade green casing which is called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, which is only about an inch long, the caterpillar will miraculously transform into a beautiful butterfly.

Immediately after the skin is shed, the chrysalis is very soft. Within an hour though, it hardens to become a protective shell for the caterpillar inside. Looking at the picture, you can still see the rippled body of caterpillar in the newly formed chrysalis on the left. The chrysalis on the right has hardened to become a beautiful jade green shell. Dramatic changes occur inside the chrysalis. The mouth parts must go from being those required for chewing (what the caterpillar needed to eat milkweed leaves) to what a butterfly will need: a straw-like tongue used for sipping nectar from flowers. And a creepy, crawling insect will become a flying insect, one of the most beautiful insects on earth!

In just 9 to 14 days the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly is complete. Through the chrysalis, you can now see the orange and black wings of the monarch butterfly.

With no visible signs to signal the emergence of the butterfly from its chrysalis, the chrysalis suddenly cracks open and out comes the monarch butterfly. Its wings are tiny, crumpled, and wet. The butterfly clings to its empty chrysalis shell as hemo-

lymph, the blood-like substance of insects, is pumped through its body. As the hemolymph fills the monarch's body and wings, they enlarge. Right now, this monarch is extremely vulnerable to predators because it is not yet able to fly.

About one hour after emerging from its chrysalis, the monarch's wings are

full-sized, dry, and ready for flying. Here a newly emerged monarch uses its straw-like tongue, called a proboscis, to sip nectar from Hardy Ageratum (*Eupatorium coelestinum*). Four to seven days after emerging from its chrysalis, a monarch butterfly is old enough to mate.....and so begins the life cycle of the next generation.



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Thousands take in Winnipeg Beach Boardwalk Days

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Winnipeg Beach Boardwalk Days kicked off Friday night and featured live music on the bandstand each evening, including 'Dreams&Rumours' a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band drawing thousands to the free stage. Wonder Shows featured the annual midway along with the traditional food vendors. Saturday morning welcomed the town parade, while Saturday dusk provided spectators with a brilliant fireworks display. The weather was Manitoba perfect and no mosquitoes. Everyone was having a great time and the evening concerts added music, dancing, and ambiance for the huge crowds.



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Winnipeg Beach municipal election results

Staff

The Town of Winnipeg Beach posted their 2018 municipal election results on their website on July 28.

Tony Pimentel was declared Mayor of the Town of Winnipeg Beach by acclamation and Larry Banks, Pat Green, Daryl Carry, and Frank Masi were elected for councillors.

Total votes: Larry Banks 529, Pat Green 435, Peter Dykes 234, Frank Masi 344, Daryl Carry 411, Frank Figler 237, Ryan Reykdal 297.

David Lobban was the Senior Election Officer for the Town of Winnipeg Beach.

West Interlake crafting by-law to deal with pet abandonment

By Jeff Ward

Numerous complaints of dogs attacking residents, animal waste and roaming animals have been heard by the West Interlake council and work is being done now to craft a new by-law to deal with it.

Reeve Randy Helgason said that the issues, while not rampant, are still concerning and he and his council plan to deal with this by creating a new by-law that will require all pet owners to license their pets. The by-law, which is still in a discussion phase during meetings, would also likely feature authorization of a designated enforcement officer who would capture and impound stray animals, and fine their owners who are acting in contravention of the by-law. Helgason said that once the by-law is in place, when future issues of stray pets come up, their tags will make it far easier to locate the owner.

"It's not an epidemic... but if you have a by-law in place and licensing then you could better control that," said Helgason.

While a lot of the issues of pets roaming around are pretty benign, like dogs or cats getting loose from their owner's yard or home and running away, there are more disheartening situations afoot as well. The Reeve explained that he's seen a number of animals driven out to the area he lives

and just dumped on the side of the road and left.

"For whatever reason pet owners decide that they wanted to get a pet and six months later the pet is all of a sudden twice as big. For whatever reason they take the pet out and they drop it off.... I like dogs and I don't know how people could do that."

Helgason added that he lives half a mile off a PTH and knows that when he sees a dog or cat wandering around that it's likely it's been abandoned.

The by-law is supposed to make sure that animals aren't being abandoned by their owners and that when people decide the take on the responsibility of owning a pet that they're doing so with the best interest of that animal in mind. Seeing the cruelty of abandoned animals doesn't sit well with the Reeve.

As for a timeline on the proposed by-law there isn't one at this point. Helgason said that there is still discussions to be had about the language of it and how it would work, but did say that before the fall election is when he'd like it on the books. Perhaps not for their next council meeting in August, but in September.

Museum receives original illustrations



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Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre board member Wayne Furgala, left, and Lawrence Romaniuk.

Staff

Lawrence Romaniuk, son of Gus Romaniuk, recently donated 20 original India ink illustrations to the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre from his late father's 1954 autobiography, "Taking Root in Canada".

Gus's book recalls his arrival in Canada from Ukraine in 1912 to a "strange new land" - Canada. He and his wife Emily settled in Riverton in the 1920s. The book and its illustrations are a tribute to all those early settlers and hardy pioneers from the village of Riverton and the surrounding area up to the mid 1950's.

The illustrator, Gordon Dale, depicts Gus's early years which were filled with hardship, poverty and tragedy for his family and many others.

To view, the Riverton Transportation and Heritage Centre is open Wednesday to Saturday this summer.

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frames him for coke possession. Leach busts out of prison and forces his way into Swan's company headquarters only to get his head mangled in a record-pressing machine. Disguising his horrific disfigurement with a bird-like helmet he finds at Swan's club, Leach (now the Phantom) goes postal, unleashing a reign of terror against Swan and his lurid performers.

After a short foray into '50s Rock 'N Roll, the film segues to glam-rock (without forgetting plenty of sexually exploited bikini-clad women) when Swan introduces, Beef (played by Gerrit Graham), who is destined to become his club's piece de resistance.

A cross between Queen's Freddie Mercury and Alice Cooper, Beef emerges from a coffin during Swan's media conference to announce the opening of the Paradise. Beef's campy, pelvis-thrusting theatrics and diva-like strutting turn Leach's serious score into an all-out musical farce.

Slicing through Beef's shower curtain with a dagger and silencing him with a toilet plunger to the mouth (echoes of Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho), the Phantom threatens to kill him if he doesn't pack it in. Beef tries to flee the Paradise, but Swan's henchman strong-arms the quivering rocker back onstage. That nets Beef a live cremation before hundreds of hooped-up club-goers when the Phantom fires off an electrified stage prop in the shape of a lightning bolt.

Any film plot would fail without an ultimate prize for which both the protagonist and antagonist compete. In this case it's Phoenix (played by Jessica Harper), an innocent young woman who can actually sing Leach's songs the way he intended them to be sung.

Phoenix holds fast to her principles (nope, she won't exchange sex for stardom) until Swan pushes her on stage (after Beef's corpse is doused with a fire extinguisher) and she gets her first taste of audience adulation.

Wanting more, she offers herself up to Swan for official communion. Little does she know the Phantom is watching it all through a skylight atop the roof of Swan's swanky mansion. Overcome by the agonies of unrequited love, the Phantom plunges a dagger through his heart.

Oh, but he can't die, you see, because the contract he signed with Swan (to complete his score) was forged in blood, and it sucked him down into the soul-selling bargain Swan made with the Devil for youth and power (shades of Dorian Gray). The Phantom has become a parasite who'll live as long as his host does.

You can see where that's going to go. And it does in De Palma's finale, a blood-letting debauch and biblical Sodom and Gomorrah played out on the Paradise's stage.

The moral of the story is this: be careful when you sell your soul because paradise isn't always what it's cracked up to be.

Winnipeg was the only North American city that kept the Phantom alive for two straight consecutive years after its launch. And over the next few decades, it became a cult classic - but only in Winnipeg and in Paris, France, reasons for which no one knows.

"It's incredible how well the picture has done here, but it only happened in Winnipeg, nowhere else," said a booking executive for the film's Canadian distributor at the time. "In Vancouver, the film lasted only one week. It went a week in Calgary. Only a week in Edmonton and then people stopped coming. But in Winnipeg they never stopped." (Source: Doug Carlson's website).

About 20,000 Winnipeggers bought the Phantom's soundtrack, which earned it Gold status in Canada.

Gimli Mayor Randy Wroniuk, who attended the beachside screening with his daughter Tanya, was one of them. He saw the Phantom at the Hyland Theatre on the corner of Main and Lansdowne in Winnipeg's North End when it opened in '74.

"I still love it," said Wroniuk. "One of the most heartbreaking things that ever happened to me was when I lost the album during one of my moves."

\$108K in provincial funding for communities in the Gimli riding



Gimli Motorsports Park Race Track Ken Hilash and Jeff Wharton.



Riverton Curling Rink Shawn Magnusson and Tyanna Mytz and Wharton.



Village of Dunnottar Mayor Rick Gamble, Wharton and Dory Walker.

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli MLA and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced July 25 that \$108,630 in provincial funding will be allocated to community enhancement projects in the Gimli constituency.

Funding through the Community Places, Partner 4 Growth and Home-town Manitoba programs will sup-

port projects in Gimli, Riverton, Winnipeg Beach and Dunnottar. Wharton met with community representatives last week.

"I am very pleased that our government is making these investments in the Gimli constituency," said Wharton in a July 25 news release. "Projects like these make our communities stronger and improve the quality of life for

Manitoba families."

The funding will be used for the following projects:

- Racetrack repairs at the Gimli Motorsport Park
- Track facility improvements for the Manitoba Karting Association
- Heater installation at the Riverton Memorial Arena
- Renovations to the Riverton

Curling Club

- Community Centre upgrades, water tower rejuvenation, banners for Main Street and walking trail interpretive signs for the Town of Winnipeg Beach
- Well and pump system for Dunnottar.

Local athlete takes on fitness challenge in support of Lake Winnipeg

A 70th birthday to remember

Submitted

John Sawchuk is swimming, cycling and running his way to his 70th birthday to draw attention to the health and fitness of people, and the health and fitness of Lake Winnipeg.

Sawchuk's goal is to complete 777 kilometres of swimming, biking and running in just 28 days, beginning on July 26 and ending on Aug. 21, his birthday. He is also using his challenge to raise funds for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF).

Sawchuk lives in Winnipeg and cottages at Wanasing Beach.

"My dad built the cabin that my wife and I now own. Our summers have been spent swimming, sailing, boating, water-skiing, fishing and just enjoying the beach. Our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends have also enjoyed cottage life there. However, the health and fitness of Lake Winnipeg has declined significantly over the years, and will continue to do so unless changes are made," he said.

"In tackling my endurance challenge, I hope that others reflect on their own health and fitness and what can be done to maintain and improve it. I also want to increase the awareness of the condition of our Lake Winnipeg, and what can be done to help its health and fitness."

Sawchuk has been physically active his entire life. In the late 1980s he began running marathons and in 2005 he completed his first triathlon; he has since participated in approximately 40 triathlons, including the 2014 International Triathlon Union World Championships in Edmonton.

The Purejohn70 Challenge will consist of four-day segments each totaling 111 km, repeated seven times as follows:

- Day 1: Swim 1 km
- Day 2: Cycle 100 km
- Day 3: Run 10 km
- Day 4: Rest

"John's challenge is a fitting tribute to Lake Winnipeg," says Alexis Kanu,

LWF's executive director. "Meaningful change requires sustained commitment, even when the challenges seem daunting. I'm encouraged to see a lake-lover making the connection between his personal actions and our collective responsibility for the health of this vibrant, living ecosystem."

The Purejohn70 Challenge online fundraising campaign has launched and Sawchuk's goal is to raise \$7,777 in donations. Supporters are encouraged to make a special 70th-birthday donation – for every \$70 donation received, LWF will send Sawchuk a birthday card. Online donations can be made through the Purejohn70 Challenge CanadaHelps page, www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/35800.

The Purejohn70 Challenge will take place at various locations in Winnipeg and around Lake Winnipeg. More information is available on the Purejohn70 Challenge Facebook page – including updates on planned routes for supporters interested in swimming, cycling or running with Sawchuk for all or part of a challenge segment.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED
John Sawchuk will swim, cycle and run his way to his 70th birthday in support of Lake Winnipeg.

St. Laurent fish packing plant looking forward to final approval

By Jeff Ward

After a year of adapting their plan and strategy, Wildnorth Fisheries Limited is one step closer to being able to pack and sell some of the best freshwater caught fish in the world.

Wildnorth Fisheries Limited director Eva Luk explained that she and her company did a lot of work to reconfigure and reimagine their business plan from what it was just a year ago. Back then the plan was to operate a fish processing plant and take in a few different varieties of fish. Now that strategy has been streamlined and a smaller approach is being taken. The plant will use the attached garage at the Lakeview Garden Restaurant as a fish packing plant and will only accept jackfish in round form to begin with. Luk explained that she and her company have always deeply valued the input from fishers and the community of St. Laurent. They want to take their concerns into consideration and create a “beehive of activity” around their business. At the July 18 regular meeting, St. Laurent council voted in favour of a conditional use application that would allow the company to retrofit the attached garage from the Lakeview Garden Restaurant as a fish packing plant.

“We had to do some course corrections and change course pretty quickly,” said Luk.

“Having my partners from overseas involved, we quickly decided that it’s

wiser to start small because we don’t want to bite off more than we can chew right now. And I think starting small is a wise decision. We want the community to be comfortable with us.”

Luk said that she’s seen the opportunity here for a decade and for her it’s about selling the best quality freshwater fish to the world market. They’re using this small beginning as a building block to something bigger. Luk still sees processing in their future, but wants to have a methodical approach to getting there.

Luk explained that their company is currently waiting to hear back from Manitoba Infrastructure, who had concerns about the business’s potential impact on the traffic on Hwy. 6. Once they hear back, if the green light is given, they will begin retrofitting the garage to suit their needs.

Luk said that staffing would be anywhere from three to five employees during the winter season and that they would like to hire locally.

“At the very minimum it will be full time for the winter fishing season, which runs from November to March which we want to take advantage of.”

Staff will be in charge of weighing fish on electronic scales, recording the weights and loading the fish into totes ready for transport.

Another benefit to fishers is that the packing facility will accept their fish in round, which means that fishers



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JEFF WARD

The Lakeview Garden Restaurant’s attached garage will soon be retrofitted to become a fish packing plant operated by Wildnorth Fisheries Limited.

will not have to go through the process of dressing the fish. Straight from their nets and into the facility means that fishers will be able to shave many hours from their daily work duties. Luk explained the decision to accept round jackfish was easy to come to.

“We eat everything, we eat the head and the tail. We have to produce what the customers want and the custom-

ers want the head on.”

Wildnorth Fisheries Limited are geared towards what the consumers want, Luk explained. They plan to sell Lake Manitoba caught fish in Manitoba, the U.S.A and China.

Luk said that if everything goes well they will be open for packing in time for the Winter fishing season in November.

GoManitoba answers commuting call in rural Manitoba

Submitted

As Greyhound services leave Western provinces, GoManitoba’s ability to connect Manitobans to share the ride becomes more crucial. This online service from Green Action Centre enables users across Manitoba to connect with others to share a ride. Carpooling could help address the gap for Manitobans in rural and northern communities.

Launched last September, GoManitoba already has over 1,000 users. The powerful technology matches potential drives and passengers to carpool together. The Single Trip Matching feature of GoManitoba is a perfect fit for those looking for a one time trip for an appointment, event or other inter-community travel.

To use GoManitoba, individuals create profiles of their trip and then can reach out through the service to ideal matches to arrange to share the ride. Users never see the exact start or end

point of their matches, just an approximation. Only after messaging through GoManitoba can users make the choice to meet a good match in real life, much like Kijiji matches buyers and sellers.

Program coordinator Heather Mitchell notes that “GoManitoba provides a checklist of things to do to have a safe, effective carpool, from meeting in a public place and checking references and insurance, to talking about music preferences in the car. This ridesharing technology is used by millions of users around the world, and no safety issues have occurred to date.”

“We have seen a strong uptake of users within Winnipeg and the Metropolitan Region, but we know the potential of this service is largely untapped,” says program coordinator Beth McKechnie. “With people in rural and northern Manitoba trying to find carpool partners for their trips on social media, we see GoManitoba’s

ability to efficiently and safely find a good match. With GoManitoba, you don’t need a social media account, and you don’t have to follow a long chain of comments to try to find a ride, or someone to share a ride and expenses with you.”

“Carpooling is an effective way to commute when transit and cycling aren’t an option, and it’s been around for as long as people have been moving,” agrees Mel Marginet, who also works with GoManitoba. “But with new technology, and a better acceptance of the sharing economy, we see GoManitoba as a powerful tool to fill the gaps in our sprawling province, where mass transportation just isn’t good business for a private enterprise. I grew up in rural Manitoba myself, and carpooling is something we did for travel for sports, socials and meetings. GoManitoba simply makes finding a partner easier.”

GoManitoba uses the RideShark

technology, which is based out of Ottawa and used around the world. Green Action Centre was able to unlock the technology in our province thanks to the businesses and organizations that bought into the technology with a customized subsite. They include: Assiniboine Credit Union, The City of Winnipeg, The Forks, Health Sciences Centre, Investors Group, Red River College, The University of Manitoba, The University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Metropolitan Region and St. Boniface General Hospital.

The loss of Greyhound services across Manitoba have left many individuals without options. GoManitoba is already available to help fill this gap. As a free service not requiring a social media account, and province wide support, Green Action Centre looks forward to assisting more Manitobans to find solutions through the options provided by GoManitoba.

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Time for Self

someone calls for an hour-long chat when you are busy, simply tell him or her you only have a few minutes. If someone makes repeated demands on your time, it is better to tell them that you are not going to have as much time for them as they would like, than to hold simmering resentment. If friends or relatives act as though you owe it to them to be there when they want you, it is time to take yourself back.

No one owns another human being. Parents definitely have the right to set guidelines and assign jobs to their children. However, that kind of power ends when the children are grown and gone to live on their own. Friends may naturally choose to support one another, but support cannot be an obligation. No one should be mad at you if you decide to do something that you want, rather than spend time with them. To do so is to invoke guilt, in an attempt to control you. When this happens, you are no longer free to be yourself in the relationship, and the joy and spontaneity are gone. Further, when you respond out of guilt and duty, you begin to lose touch with your own feelings. Think how wonderful it is when someone surprises you with a card or gift for no particular reason, except their desire to show appreciation for your role in their lives. How special it is when you know it is not because it's their "turn", or because they expect you to do the same. There is so much to see and appreciate in this lifetime. There are sunsets to watch, flowers to smell and loved ones to hug. Make these kinds of things a priority, even if it means others have to wait.

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How much time do you spend talking on the telephone to someone you'd rather not be talking to? How often do you visit with people that you really don't like spending time with? My clients frequently comment about how little time they have to themselves and bemoan the fact that they have many obligations to others. This is a typical complaint in our society, because we have been trained to care what others think. We worry that others may speak badly of us if we don't behave as they'd like us to. However, constantly responding to others when our own needs go unfulfilled may attribute to poor self-esteem, depression, anxiety, irritability and resentment. Certainly responding to others in our lives is a positive value but consider how things have changed over the years.

In the old days, it was not uncommon for neighboring farm families to lend a hand to one another. Perhaps once in a while you'd help out at the church too. Now, you must contend with your parents, your in-laws, the soccer team, the skating association, the parent/teacher group, the cubs or brownies, the sorority, the community league, fundraising for various causes and perhaps sitting on a board or two. (I forgot to mention the full-time work commitment and maybe some overtime.) Your most effective survival skill may be the ability to effectively use the word, "NO." The ability to say "yes" only when we truly mean it is the flip side of this skill. Your time is a precious commodity, and you must allocate it carefully. Even if time is not the issue for you, it is still important to stop making yourself do things that you do not want to be doing. If



Grown-Up Tomato Mac and Cheese

Cook over medium-high heat 20-22 minutes, or until pasta is done, stirring occasionally.

In bowl, combine 2 cups cheddar cheese, Pecorino Romano cheese and corn starch. Reduce heat to medium; stir milk, cheese mixture and sauce together with cooked pasta. Cook 5-7 minutes, or until cheese is melted and mixture is thickened, stirring frequently.

Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese and pepper; serve immediately.

Tip: This stovetop method eliminates the need to drain the pasta after cooking. The starchy pasta water gets stirred in and helps create an extra-rich sauce. Elevate this dish by sprinkling crushed Parmesan cheese crisps on top before serving.

- Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 8
1 box (16 ounces) gemelli pasta
4 cups water
2 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded, divided
1/2 cup (2 ounces) Pecorino Romano cheese, grated
1 tablespoon corn starch
1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Traditional Pasta Sauce
2 teaspoons cracked black pepper
In large pot, combine pasta and water.



Mini Turkey Sloppy Joes

Recipe courtesy of Honey and Birch

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 8

- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 pound ground turkey
1 cup carrots, finely diced
1 medium green pepper, diced
1 medium red pepper, diced
1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Chunky Marinara Sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon ground mustard
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

8 mini buns

In large skillet over medium heat, heat extra-virgin olive oil. When hot, add onion and garlic; sauté until onion is translucent.

Add ground turkey to pan. Break up meat and stir frequently until meat is browned. Add carrots, green pepper and red pepper. Cook 5 minutes so vegetables can begin to soften.

Add marinara sauce, Worcestershire sauce, ground mustard, kosher salt and black pepper. Stir and bring to boil. Reduce heat so it simmers; partially cover pan. Cook 10 minutes.

Serve on mini buns.



Quinoa Penne with Savory Tomato-Basil Sauce

Chunky Garden Vegetable Pasta Sauce
1 1/4 cups tightly packed fresh basil leaves, chopped, divided

Cook pasta as directed on package.

In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add shallots; cook 5-7 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Add garlic, tomatoes and paprika; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in sauce and basil, reserving small amount of basil for garnish.

Drain pasta; add to sauce mixture. Mix well. Cook 1-2 minutes until heated through. Sprinkle with reserved basil before serving.

Tip: For extra protein, add 1 pound sliced, grilled chicken when stirring in pasta.

- Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8-10 minutes
Servings: 6
12 ounces (about 5 cups) uncooked quinoa penne pasta
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large shallot, chopped
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1/4 cup oil-packed sundried tomatoes, drained and chopped
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply

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Impact edges Red Devils United in MMSL action

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Impact made the trip into north Winnipeg Sunday evening a worthwhile one.

Interlake played a solid game in a hard-fought 3-2 victory over the Red Devils United in Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 6 action.

Dalen Penner scored twice for the Impact while Benny Wiens tallied on a penalty kick with about 18 minutes remaining in the game.

Jongmin Kim and Minwoo Kang replied for Red Devils United.

The Red Devils took a 1-0 lead but Interlake battled back with a pair of goals. The United then tied the score at 2-2 with a penalty-kick goal.

"It was tight," said Wiens of the game. "We had a couple of key guys missing and one of our players was injured and another player received a red (card)."

Interlake was forced to play about half of the game with just 10 players due to the red card. But, despite playing with one fewer player, the Impact did an extremely good job controlling the ball.

It was a great character win by the Impact.

"I couldn't believe how we ended up playing with 10 men," Wiens said. "We controlled the pace (and) we had possession of the ball somewhere around 60 per cent of the possession in the second half with 10 men.

"The guys really stepped up and played hard."

With the win, Interlake improved its record to 7-2-1 and the Impact now has 22 points to occupy third place in the 10-team division.

Interlake trails first-place Jedinstvo FC (9-1-1) by six points and second-place Sporting Club Mosaic (8-2) by just two points.

The Impact and Sporting Club Mosaic have played one less game than Jedinstvo FC heading into this week's slate of games.

Wiens likes where Interlake is in the standings heading into play this month but he admitted the club would love to finish second and move up a division next season.

"It's tough seeing us in third because that's one spot out of promotion," he said. "But, hopefully, we can climb into the top two so we can get promoted to the next division next year."

Interlake is currently third in the division with goals scored (28) and they have allowed a league-low eight goals.

The Impact will continue to win games if they continue to stifle opposing team's offences.

"(Our defence) is best in the division, by far," Wiens said with hesitation. "Defence has been absolutely breakthrough for us this year. It's the last thing that we worry about when we go in and play a game.

"We're making it a key thing to bring



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Impact's Dalen Penner attempts to head the ball in Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 6 action last Sunday.

everyone back when we're defending, so we have an easier breakthrough and don't give up the ball for a counter attack.

"It's an 11-man effort to defend."

Interlake will be back in action Aug. 11 when they travel to Portage la Prairie to play the ninth-place Cobras at Republic of Manitoba Park.

Game time is 2 p.m.

Collings ties for fourth at senior men's golf championship

Staff

Carman's Bruce North led from start to finish on his home course at last week's Manitoba Senior Men's Golf Championship.

North fired an opening-round 68 and followed that up with a 71 and 75 to finish at 1-over 214.

That was five strokes better than Minot's Randy Westby and nine ahead of Winnipeg's Mike Walker.

Matlock's Garth Collings and Winnipeg's William Parker finished tied for fourth, each at 12-over 225.

Collings carded rounds of 76, 73, and 76.

The provincial team that will represent Manitoba at the National Senior Men's Championship from Aug. 6-9 in Bathurst, N.B. are Collings, Walker and another player to be announced at a later date.

Meanwhile, Winnipeg's Rhonda Orr pulled out a two-stroke victory over Winnipeg's Tammy Gibson at the Manitoba Senior Women's Golf Championship last week in Carman.

Orr shot an 80 during Wednesday's final round while Gibson had an 82.

Off finished the 54-hole event at 23-over 239.

Stonewall's Barb Lafleche finished third at 32-over 248. She carded

rounds of 82, 82 and 84.

Rounding out the top five were Winnipeg's Matty Leung and Geraldton's Karen Saarimaki, both finishing at 36-over 252.

The provincial team that will represent Manitoba at the National Senior Women's Championship from Aug. 28-30 in Fonthill, Ont. will be Orr, Gibson and Gail Kennedy.

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The 21U Women's Baseball Championship fast approaching

By Patti Hacault

It is a remarkable tribute to Baseball Manitoba's Fiftieth Anniversary Year to be hosts of a Canadian National event in Manitoba at a premier venue.

The team players are honing their skills and organizers are putting finishing touches to the second phase of the 21U Women's Invitational Baseball Championship.

The August 9-12 tournament will be held at the Fines Field in Stonewall under the organizations of a dedicated committee in partnership with Baseball Canada and Manitoba Baseball, along with the Town of Stonewall.

This tournament represents so much more than just playing baseball. It is creating opportunities for young women, creating an initiative, and encouraging women to set their goals high and be willing to work hard to achieve their dreams. It is also a stepping stone for our players to gain exposure on the national stage and the Canadian Women's Baseball teams.

This year the tournament will host teams from Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Mani-

toba.

Admission for the weekend includes: Day Pass - Adults \$10 / Students and Seniors - \$5, and Weekend Pass - Adults \$25 / Students and Seniors - \$15. Children under five are free.

The opening ceremonies will be held on Thurs., Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Along with the parade of athletes, umpires and officials, the opening ceremonies will include local fiddler Brenton Thorvaldsen, playing during the opening ceremonies.

Team Toba team players include: Amber Baker (Strathclair), Brittney Langlais (Garson), Caitlin Wilkinson (Eddystone), Caitlin Culleton (Vassar), Mikayla Nordman (Winnipeg), Jade Ledochowski (Teulon), Lauren Bray (Ste. Rose), Olivia Sheldon (Ste. Rose), Jamie Johnson (Arborg), Laura Kilbrei (Arborg), Sarah Moir (Winnipeg), Megan Humeniuk (Stonewall), Zoe Hicks (Boissevain) and Jacey Ledochowski (Teulon).

The coaching staff consists of Jeremy Culleton (head coach), Marc Bissonnette (assistant coach) and Jason Miller, Executive Director of Baseball Manitoba.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY JOANNE JOHNSON

Back row, left to right: Jamie Johnson (Arborg), Jacey Ledochowski (Teulon), Jade Ledochowski (Teulon); front row, Brittney Langlais (Garson), Laura Kilbrei (Arborg) and Megan Humeniuk (Stonewall).

Pirates 1-2 at Midget 'AAA' baseball provincials

By Brian Bowman

There will be no return trip to the nationals this year for the North Winnipeg Pirates Midget "AAA" baseball team.

North Winnipeg finished with a 1-2 record at last weekend's provincials in south Winnipeg.

"We're a little disappointed because I thought we could have done better," said Pirates' head coach Gary Dear. "We had our chances."

North Winnipeg began action Friday evening with a tough 3-2 loss to South Central.

The Pirates scored both of their runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

North Winnipeg had runners on second and third with two outs in the seventh but could not bring in the tying run.

Nathan Slaby pitched a great game for North Winnipeg in the losing cause.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't give him any run support," Dear lamented. Losing that first game of the provincials in such close fashion was a tough way to start.

"It's so hard when you start off with that loss because now you're changing your pitching rotation," Dear explained.

North Winnipeg was then defeated

12-7 by Winnipeg South on Saturday morning. The Pirates trailed 3-0 after the first inning but battled back to take a 5-3 lead.

Winnipeg South rebounded, however, to score five runs in an inning to take an 8-5 lead.

The Pirates showed no quit in their next game Saturday afternoon, out-slugging Pembina Hills 11-10.

"It makes you feel a little bit better when your one win came against a team that was in the finals," Dear said. Pembina Hills reached the final where they lost 6-3 to Bonivital.

Pembina Hills will now advance to the westerns in north Vancouver while

Bonivital will head off to the nationals in Fort McMurray.

Despite the 1-2 record at provincials, this was a real good season for the Pirates.

"I thought we had a great year," Dear said. "North Winnipeg has never finished first in the Midget league before. That was something nice for us to do."

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OBITUARY

Minnie Chomokovski

Peacefully, on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Arborg Hospital, Minnie Chomokovski at the age of 92 years, passed away.
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TOWN OF ARBORG PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the **2019 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 7, 2018. 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:

- 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;
- set out which of the matters referred to in Subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given 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 to hear applications on **Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 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 27th, 2018**.

Dated at Arborg, in Manitoba, this 2nd day of August, 2018.

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