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Retired dairy farmer shares his happy place

Property owner shares his most valued belongings with the community

By Ligia Braidotti

The Arnes Farmer's Market located on PR 222, 16 kilometres north of Gimli, is the fruition of a dexterous wood-working retired dairy farmer who loves to be involved with his community.

Dennis Bobrovich had the vision for the farmer's market 12 years ago. Since he was tired of labouring as a dairy farmer, the idea spiralled from a conversation between him and his friends at a party. When the RM of Gimli gave him the thumbs up to set up a firm, Bobrovich went from milking cows to building booths with an abundant natural resource: wood.

"It's all done with what (God) gives us," he said.

A sign made of oak wood, and decorated with logs that beavers gnawed, points where the farmers market is. The spacious parking lot is taken by cars that come from all over to check the 25-plus regular vendors that make up this business.



The used books for sale are placed in shelves made by Dennis Bobrovich.

The Arnes Farmer's Market resonates Bobrovich's passion and inventive vision for each element that transformed it into a one-of-a-kind place

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EXPRESS PHOTO BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI

Bobrovich owns the property, the Arnes Trading Post and the Farmer's Market.



A variety of vendors sell fresh farm produce and call it their happy place.



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Old-time dances highlight socializing and fellowship

The renovated Farmers Hall hosts old-time dances on the last Wednesday of each month

By Ligia Braidotti

A recently renovated entertainment venue in Gimli has become another exciting destination for a favourite tradition among retirees.

The Farmers Hall located on Highway 231 is hosting Old Time Dances every last Wednesday of the month. The last one happened on July 26, and resident Carol Szewaga reported that more than 170 people attended the ball.

"We were all having a wonderful time," she said.

Szewaga and her husband Bill met the owners of the Farmers Hall, Elaine and Darrell Klym, at one of the hall's first events of the season during the

May long weekend and heard they would continue to host Old Time Dances at the new venue, just like the previous owners used to do in the old days.

Szewaga said people from all over the province have come to check out the place and join other dancers.

"They created a welcoming and inviting atmosphere that is apparent as soon as you entered the hall," she explained. "So it's got this new look, but they still have maintained the character and uniqueness of days gone by. It's a pleasure to dance on, and the acoustics are wonderful. They provide a great sound while the band is playing."

When Elaine and Darrell finished renovating the Farmers Hall and decided to open it again to the public as an entertainment venue, they wanted to do something for the community. They listened to a lot of feedback from the nearby residents.

"A lot of the older people popped by and asked us when we were going to have our Old Time Dances and we went 'I haven't even thought of that,' so we've just kind of responded to the

interest that's here," Elaine said.

"We would listen to what people wanted this place to be and see how we could go about making that happen."

Szewaga and her husband have gone through many Old Time Dances in Winnipeg and the Interlake and said the Farmers Hall has brought much joy to the community and the people

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More than 170 people attended the last Old Time Dances at the Farmers Hall in Gimli on July 26.



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MS supporters cycling for change this weekend

Family is grateful for the support received by the MS Society of Canada

By Ligia Braidotti

The life of a Gimli family has changed immensely by the effects of multiple sclerosis. But this unfortunate disease has strengthened their family's ties thanks to an event that raises funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

The 2017 Gimli MS Bike tour is a cycling event put on by the MS Society and takes place every year around the country with hundreds of cyclists completing a 135-kilometre ride in two days.

Shirley Isfeld has been riding for the MS Society for more than two decades with her team Pedals for Paula in honour of Paula Giesbrecht, her stepdaughter Brittany's mother, who passed away of cancer in 2011 and suffered from MS.

"It's a good reason to ride as a team and be part of something great together. It's a great event for a great cause," Shirley said.

For the last two years, they've also been riding in honour of Brittany who was diagnosed with MS when she was 26. Today, at 30, she said she is fortunate to have an awareness of the disease and hopes that with the MS Bike Tour young people become more aware of it too.

"When I got it, in my head I was young for that, and now as I've gotten older, there are a few of my friends that have started to feel the symptoms of MS and being diagnosed," Brittany explained. "I was aware enough to know because of my mom and because of knowing other people with the disease. And again, it was always the same story, little things building up and realizing that those little things were part of bigger things."

According to the MS Society, Canada has the highest MS in the world. The money raised in this event are invested in world-leading research that happens in Canada such as stem cell treatments, the causes of MS and to improve the symptom management, aside from improving the lives of those



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Hundreds will join the fight against multiple sclerosis this weekend when cyclists converge on Gimli on Aug. 26 and 27 for the MS bike tour.

affected by MS with support groups and resources.

Brittany said her mother spent thousands and thousands of dollars in treatment and medication, and the MS Society was a great support in that journey.

"The MS Society was always there every step of the way for her, giving her information and support groups, all the trial medications and working with the patients making sure their life is being the least impacted. It's nice to see that money being put to use."

To see hundreds of people ride long distances voluntarily is an inexplicable feeling, Brittany added. This event was even more significant for her as it brought her family together when her stepmother Shirley stepped up to support her mother.

"We were so close to the end of my mom's life. It was really neat to see how much love and support that you can get from something like this."

Brittany won't be able to ride this year but said

she is grateful for those who take the challenge. The goal this year is to raise \$403,000, and as of Aug. 21, the 2017 Gimli MS Bike had raised \$248,088.84 for the MS Society.

Originally, cyclists started cycling from Stonewall to Gimli and back, but this year the route will be slightly different. During the event, which takes place on Aug. 26 and 27, the teams will be starting in Gimli, riding south to Dunnottar, then north to Camp Morton and back to Gimli on Saturday. On Sunday they'll be leaving Gimli to Dunnottar and going back to Gimli again. New this year is a Challenge Leg where the cyclists will ride to the northern portion of the route a second time, adding 22 kilometres on Saturday's trip.

For more information, contact the 2017 Gimli MS Bike co-ordinator Mariell Barratt at 204-943-9595 ext. 4910 or at Mariell.Barratt@mssociety.ca or go to mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=5652&pg=entry.

Local talent on display for rodeo weekend in Ashern

Ashern rodeo to kick off Sept. 1

By Jeff Ward

Now in its third year, Ashern's Got

Talent will feature a bevy of local singing, dancing and musical performances during the Ashern rodeo next weekend.

The Inland Oceans Arts Alliance (IOAA) aims to give performers the opportunity to show their talent to a large audience at the annual event.

Organizer Elisa Hunt said that while the showcase isn't limited to musical acts, it just happens that they become the majority of the event. She said that any performance is welcomed but the area is home to many great singers and performers. The event is also a fundraising effort for the IOAA,

which is a non-profit organization.

Ashern's Got Talent takes place Saturday, Sept. 2 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Main Street and is free to attend. There will be a silent auction table for those interested in purchasing tickets.

Hunt said there are more activities during the show to keep the younger kids entertained while parents watch the show.

"We'll have a bouncy castle, face painting and an arts and crafts table. Our goal with every event we put on is to promote the arts and also get our name out in the community and get people interested in becoming a part of the organization," said Hunt.

There are no winners or prizes for

this talent showcase. She explained that she's run other talent shows that have prizes associated and didn't want this to be one of those events. This event is purely about the people and their passion for what they perform.

"This is just a fun celebration where everyone can come and enjoy themselves and have a good time," said Hunt.

The Ashern Rodeo brings hundreds to town so performers will have to shake off any stage fright before heading out. But if previous years' talent are any indication, there won't be any problems with that.

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Fisher Branch sidewalk project will provide safer travel for pedestrians

By Jeff Ward

Government funding announced last week will provide Fisher Branch pedestrians with a new sidewalk that will keep foot traffic off the highway.

The project received \$90,000 from both federal and provincial governments and will see the construction of a new sidewalk along Tache Street from Fisher Branch Collegiate to the Early Years School just under one kilometre away.

Today, that foot traffic walks on the shoulder of Tache Street where the speed limit is 50km/h and continues to be a threat for accidents.

RM of Fisher Reeve Shannon Pyziak said that this project has been on the LUD's wish list for 15 years and that the municipality is very excited to receive this funding. Both Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan and Interlake MLA Derek Johnson were in Fisher Branch last week to officially announce the New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities funding. The municipality will also be kicking in \$90,000 to fund this project.

"Once completed, it will provide a

much-needed safe path for students, seniors and the public that presently must walk on the shoulder of the very busy highway to access our collegiate and local businesses," said Pyziak.

Johnson said this project helps provide a level of safety that is important to the community. He added that the wintertime is when the current pedestrian situation becomes more dangerous. With the sun setting early, students could be walking on the road in the dark. When driving conditions are not optimal, it can be an unnecessary risk.

"When it comes to the safety of our children, it really hits home if a child gets hurt," said Johnson.

The road will be built on the north side of Tache Street, although Pyziak said that she isn't sure when the construction will begin. She said that the LUD will begin working on the project right away and that there are a number of steps that need to happen before construction takes place.

The project will also include a foot bridge over the creek, which will keep future foot traffic off of the Tache Street bridge.

"IT WILL PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED SAFE PATH FOR STUDENTS, SENIORS AND THE PUBLIC."



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All three levels of government committed \$90,000 to fund a sidewalk north of Tache Street in Fisher Branch. The sidewalk will extend from Fisher Branch Collegiate to the Early Years School. Pictured from left, Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan, Fisher Reeve Shannon Pyziak and Interlake MLA Derek Johnson.

ALMS looking for clarification following cabinet shuffle

By Jeff Ward

The Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders (ALMS) is looking for clarification in the province's timeline on the proposed emergency channel following last week's cabinet shuffle.

ALMS president Jack King said that he's looking to make contact as soon as possible with the new provincial Minister of Infrastructure Ron Schuler. King said that he's been happy with the action on this file so far from the former minister, Blaine Pedersen, who is now the minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, but he wants to make sure that things continue to move in the right direction. He said it's important that the completion date he's been given of the fourth quarter of 2021 doesn't change.

King's organization represents nine beach associations from St. Laurent to Lundar and has been in direct contact with Pedersen before. The organization lobbies on behalf of stakeholders that were affected from the flood of 2011.

"We now have a new minister and I'm not sure what that means," said King.

"I'm looking for a sit-down with

the new minister to get a briefing on where they're at right now. Pallister said during the press conference that the route for the new channel would be determined coming out of the Indigenous consultations, which is a marked departure from what we heard in the open houses."

The press conference King is referring to was the Aug. 9 announcement of the Indigenous consultations on the preferred route for the channel. King said that his understanding was that the route was nearly set in stone, and Pallister's comments conflict with his understanding. And that is one of the big reasons he wants to get clarification.

King explained that this government has done just about everything they can do, in his estimation, to be proactive in addressing the lake level. Drawing more water downstream, drawing down the Shellmouth reservoir and

keeping the Fairford control structure open all winter have all been positives.

"I feel they've been fairly transparent with that as well, always posting the info on their website. Really, the things I'd like to know are, is their completion date still firm and the timeline for shovels in the ground. Really, all we're looking for is a clarification," said King.

Cabinet shuffles aren't uncommon, and it's conceivable that in a year's time, there might be a new face in the infrastructure role. During the Aug. 9 press conference, Pallister referred to the project as "one of the most significant infrastructure projects in a generation," and King said that it's

unlikely the government's attitude on that will change.

The channel is estimated to cost \$500 million and should begin construction next year following environmental approval and the aforementioned Indigenous consultations.

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Serving up practical jokes while fishing

Welcome my friends. The heat of late summers' unrelenting sun and dry wind lately has driven the fish to deeper, colder waters which meant our anglers, regardless of the fishing spot, generally have been going home empty handed. That was unacceptable to Art Reimer of Winnipeg who I met fishing with his friend "Mike" off the Hnusa pier a couple of weeks ago. (Arts' friends didn't want their names used so let's call them Mike and Peter). Art was a stocky, muscular guy with thick straight graying hair, a quiet mischievous air about him while Mike loved to talk. Apparently Art lived to play practical jokes on anyone he could so, there he was sitting at the piers' edge endlessly casting and reeling in when he saw a commercial fisher coming off the lake into the harbor with boxes full of pickerel.

That did it; he reeled in, got up striding over to the fisher and bought some pickerel. Dropping back into his fishing chair, an opportunity for a practical joke came to him. He called his buddy, "Peter," in Winnipeg and told him to get out to the pier right away because the pickerel were really biting. An hour and a half later Peter was sitting beside Art eagerly waiting for his first bite while he admired Arts' "catch." Art played along as the day wore to an end casually talking fishing as his pal began wondering why Art was the only one on the pier with fish! As he packed up his gear for the ride home Peter asked Art, "How about giving me a fish so I won't look so bad in front of my wife." "Sure, that'll be seven bucks," Art came back. "You would charge me

for a fish," his buddy asked? "Well, that's what that commercial guy over there charged me," Art explained in mock innocence. Peter stood shocked looking at Art realizing he had been had. "Oh Art," his pal exclaimed, "You either help me here or I'll never believe you again!" Art, laughing, totally pleased with himself made good saying, "Take all the fish home and tell your wife it was the best day of fishing you ever had!"

Downstream of Selkirk on the Red I met some folks fishing last week. Again, no one was catching any fish except Andrea Pshyk and her friend Phil. I tried to see what they were doing differently and all I could see was they had found a curved spot in the riverbank where the water was slightly "whirl pooling" about twenty feet out and that's where they were dropping their lines. Not far from Andrea and Phil I stopped to visit with Jaden a young, thin teen that had an unusual experience when he was fishing with a buddy on Tullibee Lake in Nopiming Park. He was cautiously stepping out on some slimy shore rocks to cast when his feet took for the sky and his back became acquainted with the slippery rocks in a very painful fashion. At that same instant Jaden's baited hook falling into the water, got a strike. Flat on his back getting covered in brown smelly "goo," he reeled his line as best he could. At water level it looked like he had a big green-brown small mouth bass. Soon that wiggling object was only a few feet away as he struggled to stand up. It was only then he realized he had a bass covered in a trail of weeds. When he cleared the weeds



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL
Andrea Pshyk holds up her catch near the Red River recently.

away he became the proud owner of a nice little six inch bass!

Close by Jaden was Bob Robichaud, a big guy with a shaven head and great sense of humor with a story that can only be described as "wow". Apparently he was fishing with friends some years ago a proper distance from the old fish ladder by the Lockport locks and along came a guy who started trying to pail fish from the ladder. Onlookers' couldn't believe their eyes! Then seemingly from nowhere an RCMP officer came casually walking up to the "pailer" and asked, "can I give you a hand?" "Mr. Pailer" turned and realizing who was before him dropped his pail and jaw at the same time as Bob and the other anglers tried to stifle fits of laughter. It went without saying; the remainder of the "pailers" day was not the best of his life!

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Governments invest \$300K in Gimli's infrastructure

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Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton and Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan were in Gimli last week to announce that the Manitoba government and the Canadian government were investing in important infrastructure in the Gimli constituency.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the Progressive Conservative government will be providing \$300,000 for Viking Park.

"Our government understands that small communities and their residents depend on investments in important local infrastructure projects," said Wharton.

"With the Small Communities Fund, we are supporting priority, local projects across Manitoba with investments in infrastructure that facilitates growth, improves the quality of life and boosts regional development."

Provincial funding will cover one-third of the overall eligible project costs, which will be matched by one-third contributions from the federal government and the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba.

"The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba is grateful to the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba for enabling us to undertake the next phase of Viking Park. Our goal is to work with partners and the community to ensure we all continue to enjoy this treasured community space for generations to come," said Kathi Thorarinson Neal, Icelandic Festival past-president and co-chair of the Viking Park Campaign Cabinet.

"The combined \$600,000 in funding provided by the federal and provincial governments will allow the beautification of Viking Park to continue," said Bezan.

"I want to thank MLA Jeff Wharton for his hard work and advocacy with the Pallister government and securing this funding for the Municipality of Gimli. The ongoing restorations will pay tribute to the Icelandic settlers of Gimli and create an interactive landscape that can be enjoyed by everyone. Viking Park represents an important part of our his-



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ANDERS KUUSSELKA

Left to right: Lorna Tergesen of the Viking Park Campaign Cabinet; Gimli MLA Jeff Wharton; Gimli Coun. Danny Luprypa; Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan; Tim Arnason of the Viking Campaign Cabinet; Kathi Thorarinson Neal, past-president of the Icelandic Festival and co-chair of the Viking Park Campaign Cabinet; and Robbie Rousseau, Icelandic Festival president.

tory, and the Small Communities Fund will enable the park to continue to be an educational destination for residents and tourists."

The Small Communities Fund supports priority public infrastructure projects in communities with fewer than 100,000 residents across Canada. The Manitoba and federal governments are using the fund to invest in 42 projects in 37 communities

across the province, with each of the two levels of government contributing more than \$10 million toward the estimated \$34.6 million in total project costs. The projects will improve drinking water, wastewater management, culture, tourism, recreation and public transit across Manitoba.

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that goes beyond the regular folding rectangle tables under a canopy.

"I had my vision of building it, and it's my happy place. It's like my heaven on earth," he said.

Every booth, shelter, barn, flowerbed, including the sign, were created by the man's talented hands. Bobrovich cut down the trees, transported the trunks and built the booths himself.

The 120-acre property is where Bobrovich was born and raised and lives today. He used his creativity to transform the farm into a state-of-the-art market. It all started with only two vendors, but he said word of mouth was so effective that soon people started signing up for a spot.

After almost 10 years, Bobrovich doesn't have a committee and manages the market by himself, which he feels is working wonderfully.

"This is my market. Committees, they argue and fight. This way I'm

happy. In my heart, this is my happiest place in my life, and it makes people happy, and it's just how it is. I don't like arguing. I don't like anyone fighting, and I don't want that," he explained.

"When someone wants to make a decision, it's made within seconds. I talk to you, and the decision is made. We don't have to go to a committee, and all the vendors become family.

It's a labour of love, and Bobrovich said he is not looking for anything other than providing a place for people to be happy and do what they like. Every booth he walks by, vendors greet him with enthusiasm, some even with a warm hug — a clear evidence of his accomplishments.

Oriana Marinelli is a Winnipegger that has been with the Arnes Farmer's Market since the beginning. She sells burgers and hotdogs at the food centre during the weekend but owns and runs Osborne Florists in the city during the week. She has a little trailer

she stays in on the weekend and said it would be sad if she didn't have the farmer's market.

"If I didn't have this, I'd be probably stuck in the house. Here you're outside with nature. I get to enjoy, look at the green, talk to people, have fun, make connections, I've gotten lots of flower orders from it," she said.

"I think it's a huge plus for the community. It brings the community together, and he is giving back. People like coming here and they call it their happy place."

The Arnes Farmer's Market has a variety of vendors such as antique furniture, homemade doughnuts, baking, freshly handpicked garden vegetables, clothing, used books and more. The market will remain open for the rest of the cottage season Saturday and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arnes-Farmers-Market/266859336660052> or call 204-642-5411.

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Faith and fortitude in the face of trial

Arborg Christian Fellowship's new pastor and his wife a shining example

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg Christian Fellowship church's new pastor and his wife arrived in June equipped with years of life experience and unwavering faith in God despite the trials and tribulations they've experienced along life's journey.

Pastor Maarten Gerritsen, along with his wife Linda, is now settled in Arborg after having been chosen to lead the non-denominational church that serves about 20 families.

"It has been a fascinating journey, full of twists and turns and definitely with God in control because otherwise we never would have ended up here," said Maarten, who chatted with the *Express* about life, faith and transition to small-town living at the couple's home.

The church had been without a pastor for about a year and it sent out an advertisement, which caught Maarten's eye just as he was set to graduate with a Master of Divinity from Providence Theological Seminary in Otterburne, Man.

"They said they wanted a 30-year-old with 30 years' experience," he laughed. "I didn't really fit that profile. I think [they also wanted somebody] in the pulpit who had been around the block a couple of times. I wasn't just a 24-year-old coming out of school. I'm 51. We [Linda] had some life experience and that made quite the difference. We both came to the table with a story about how God intervened in our lives, and it's an important story because it shows God's grace."

That story sounds like something out the Book of Job, where good people suffer horrendous calamities but triumph in the end because of their love for God.

Maarten was born and raised in the Netherlands. Linda grew up in Thompson. After they married, they lived in the western European country for about 12 years until 2013 when Maarten was accepted into the four-year seminary program.

The affable couple met in cyberspace when the Internet was just an infant.

"We were both using [in 1998] one of the earliest instant-messenger programs, before Facebook," said Maarten. "Linda at the time was in Thompson, and I was sitting in the Netherlands. This program had a button called random chat, a ridiculous idea but lots of fun. She pressed the

button and my nickname came up."

Finding they had a common interest in literature, they began chatting regularly. The following year, Linda invited Maarten on a road trip through Western Canada.

"I planned it very well in case he happened to be an axe-murderer," Linda laughed. "We stopped with friends along the way."

It turned out that Maarten wasn't an axe-murderer but an engineer who specialised in designing computer systems for dredging-ships, a necessity in the Netherlands where two-thirds of the country lies below sea level.

The road trip was propitious: Maarten proposed in 2000.

"He still married me," said Linda, referring to the loss of her legs and an eye in a plane crash on Lake Winnipegosis in 1982. "Amazing, eh?"

Linda was a 19-year-old nursing student at the time of the ill-fated flight, which took the life of her friend and left her struggling to stay alive for a day in sub-zero temperatures.

"I had gone to a youth retreat called Youth Quake at Caronport in Saskatchewan and I wanted to go back [to Thompson] to see my friends on spring break. A friend of mine who owned a plane flew us there.

"We had a great weekend, and on our way back we left Swan River and hit a snowstorm ... and we crashed on Lake Winnipegosis. It was -21 Celsius. I was there for 23 and a half hours. My legs were broken and frozen. I lost both my legs below the knee and my right eye."

Linda went on to earn a B.A. in psychology and a bachelor of social work and now helps Maarten minister to the needs of the church community.

Maarten's transition from engineer to pastor began after he was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm in 2007, which required two surgeries at one of the best neurological hospitals in The Hague.

"I was biking home and 200 metres from home I suddenly had a massive headache like I have never had before," he said. "This was a headache with a capital H."

Linda took him to hospital, where a CT-Scan showed dark fluid in his brain, indicating bleeding. He underwent an endovascular embolization (the blocking of a blood vessel), whereby a wire is inserted from an ar-



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Pastor Maarten Gerritsen and his wife Linda arrived in June to join the Arborg Christian Fellowship church.

tery in the groin up to the brain. When that failed to control the bleeding, Maarten underwent brain surgery.

"The aneurysm was as big as my thumb," he said. "When you have a bicycle tube with weak rubber and you start pumping up the tire, there's a bulge that starts growing. That's what happened to the blood vessel in my brain and it started leaking."

The near-death experience made him question the deeper meaning of life.

"It changed my whole view of life. I was a Christian at that time — we were going to church — but I was a passive Christian, which was OK. But after that, I realized life is not something we can take for granted. It's by the grace of God that we live, and especially with Linda's story — God was there. And God was also with me there in intensive care. That changed my relationship with God and Christ. It stirred something in me."

Two years after brain surgery, Maarten was elected to serve as elder at the couple's evangelical church. When they decided to emigrate from Holland, Maarten wondered what he could do in Manitoba.

"One of the things Maarten said after his aneurysm was 'building ships doesn't do anything for eternity,'" said Linda. "He hadn't decided what to do, yet he knew that [engineering] was going to come to an end and he'd go on to do something else."

Arborg's rural lifestyle and close

proximity to the city fit the couple's needs.

ACF arranged a telephone interview with Maarten then invited him to preach for three Sundays as part of his candidacy.

"Because we were there three Sundays, we got to know the people," said Maarten, who speaks three languages and can read biblical Greek and Hebrew to a certain extent. "Arborg Christian Fellowship is really a very warm, loving community."

ACF has been serving the community for over 25 years. In addition to worship, it offers adult Sunday school, a kids' club and hosts special events and feasts.

Maarten's goal is to emphasize what it means to be God's people in the community.

"Church is not just something we do on Sunday morning," he said. "I'm building relationships ... building bridges between people. The Gospel was never meant to be kept between four church walls. It's the Good News of Christ dying for us on the cross, and that needs to be brought into the community."

The church has an "open door" policy to anyone who feels a need for Christ or who is dealing with personal or spiritual crises.

"We are open to everybody," said Maarten. "We are basically a hospital for the ones in need. We want to be a lighthouse for Christ in the Interlake."

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Premier Brian Pallister fine-tunes cabinet team

Submitted

Premier Brian Pallister announced changes to the provincial cabinet today to assure a stronger focus on key government priorities in preparation for the fall legislative session.

"This fine-tuning of our cabinet team will allow our government to focus more effectively on the priorities of Manitobans," said Pallister. "I am very satisfied with the integrity and commitment of our cabinet and caucus, and the progress we have made to fix our finances, repair our services and rebuild our economy. We are meeting the challenges we were elected to tackle. This is the right team for the next phase of our mandate."

The premier announced a restructuring to create two new departments — Indigenous and Northern Relations and Municipal Relations — out of the existing Indigenous and Municipal Relations department.

"We are dedicating full ministers to these portfolios because of the enormous importance of each to ensuring our province's full prosperity and quality of life wherever Manitobans live," said Pallister.

Jeff Wharton (MLA for Gimli) will be sworn into cabinet as the new minister of municipal relations and Eileen Clarke (MLA for Agassiz) will become minister for Indigenous and northern relations.

Other changes to the Manitoba Executive Council are as follows:

- Ron Schuler (MLA for St. Paul) – minister of infrastructure;
- Cliff Cullen (MLA for Spruce Woods) – minister of Crown services and government house leader;
- Blaine Pedersen (MLA for Midland) – minister of growth, enterprise and trade;
- Cathy Cox (MLA for River East) – minister of sport, culture and heritage; and
- Rochelle Squires (MLA for Riel) – minister of sustainable development and minister responsible for francophone affairs and status of women.

The following ministers remain in their current portfolios:

- Brian Pallister (MLA for Fort Whyte) – premier and president of the executive council; minister of intergovernmental affairs and international relations;
- Heather Stefanson (MLA for Tuxedo) – minister of justice and attorney general; Keeper of the Great Seal of the Province of Manitoba; deputy premier;
- Kelvin Goertzen (MLA for Steinbach) – minister of health, seniors and active living;
- Ralph Eichler (MLA for Lakeside) – minister of agriculture;
- Cameron Friesen (MLA for Morden-Winkler) – minister of finance; minister responsible for the civil service;



Ralph Eichler (MLA for Lakeside) will remain as minister of agriculture.

- Ian Wishart (MLA for Portage la Prairie) – minister of education and training; and
- Scott Fielding (MLA for Kirkfield Park) – minister of families.

The premier noted the overall size of the cabinet remains the same, reflecting the ongoing effort to set a tone at the top in respecting the use of public resources of Manitobans.

In addition to the new changes to executive council announced Aug. 17, Premier Brian Pallister also announced changes to the legislative assistants serving members of cabinet.

"Earlier today, our government proudly announced changes to the team that will help us transition into the next phase of our mandate," said Pallister. "I am pleased to announce changes to our



Jeff Wharton (MLA for Gimli) has been sworn in as minister of municipal relations.

group of legislative assistants, who serve an important role supporting cabinet ministers as they carry out their respective mandates. I am joined by all members of cabinet in thanking our legislative assistants for their dutiful commitment to the province and integral support to our government."

Andrew Smith has been newly appointed as the legislative assistant to Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox. Sarah Guillemard will now serve as the legislative assistant to Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen. The remaining legislative assistants retain their assignments.

The position of legislative assistant is filled by MLAs in caucus in order to support cabinet ministers and also



Derek Johnson (MLA for Interlake) has been sworn in as legislative assistant for Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler.

provide the assigned MLAs with experience associated to cabinet.

The complete list of legislative assistants is as follows:

- Guillemard (MLA for Fort Richmond) – Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen;
- Janice Morley-Lecomte (MLA for Seine River) – Families Minister Scott Fielding;
- Kelly Bindle (MLA for Thompson) – Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Blaine Pedersen;
- Derek Johnson (MLA for Interlake) – Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler;
- Smith (MLA for Southdale) – Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox; and
- Rick Wowchuk (MLA for Swan River) – Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires.

> OLD-TIME DANCES, FROM PG. 3

coming from other places. She added she and her husband are on the dance floor the entire time.

There's no need for previous dance experience to join the Old Time Dances, Szewaga commented, and many people come only to socialize.

"For those that love the Old Time Dances like we do, they enrich our lives and also of so many others. There's a social aspect to it as well, and many long lasting friendships have been

formed at events such as these."

Szewaga also said Elaine and Darrell revitalized a place that holds dear memories to many locals.

"Several couples that we know were also married at the Farmers Hall and it being 40 to 60 plus years ago, it was unbelievable to see the reaction of these people that were married there after the spectacular restoration and the memories that the hall holds for them," she continued.

The Old Time Dances happen from 1 to 4 p.m. every last Wednesday of the month. The next one takes place on Aug. 30. The admission fee is \$15 with lunch included. The Farmers Hall also provides a cash bar. They will have a special Old Time Dances session during the September long weekend on Sun., Sept. 3.

To learn more about the Farmers Hall and their events, call 204-296-0540 or go to www.farmershallgimli.com.

> FAITH, FROM PG. 8

The couple is very much attuned to the non-spiritual issues in their new community.

They found themselves confused by the health-care system (a nurse at one hospital wasn't able to suture a cut Maarten suffered at the Beaver Creek Bible Camp and they had to travel to Ericksdale), the lack of Internet service in the hinterland and flooding.

"When I hear of the flooding that goes on, something has to be done," said Maarten, referring to the need to dredge the mouth of

the Icelandic River in Riverton. "When you have good water management of your river, that shouldn't happen. It costs too much."

Although he hasn't yet been tapped for his engineering expertise, Maarten may find himself one day at the mouth of the Icelandic dealing with flood waters.

Visit the church's website at arborgchristianfellowship.com or its Facebook page. Summer service starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and fall/winter service starts at 10:45 a.m.

Creamery Days celebrate historical community monument

By Jeff Ward

Eriksdale's annual Creamery Days Fair and Rodeo organizers saw hundreds of people come to town to celebrate, have fun and witness the unveiling of a new community monument.

Andrea Sweetland said that she was very happy with the turnout for the weekend. Since joining forces with the rodeo, she believes this year to be the biggest Creamery Days celebration.

The weekend featured dozens of activities including a parade, market garden, horseshoe tournament, barrel racing, barbecue, tractor pull, museum tour and many rodeo events. Rob McLane & Against the Grain provided a full set of live music in spite of a bit of rain and hail.

"The rodeo had great attendance. The museum was busy. Everything was busy," said Sweetland.

"I don't think you could ask for a better weekend, really. And we had great attendance at the monument dedication as well, and that was a really special moment."

The community monument is a stone slab that details the history of Eriksdale's first settlers. The site of the monument sits next to the foundation of Manny's Shack, which became an overnight refuge for newcomers to the area. Peter Emmanuel settled there in 1905 followed by his parents, Jonas and Matilda Erickson, a few years later. The community monument basically marks the spot where Eriksdale began and is important for future generations to know their history.

The shack and monument rest on land currently owned by Mark and Nicole Jeffers, who have generously allowed the public to view it at anytime. Sweetland said that Nicole Jeffers even planted flowers around it so that it really stands out.

"We also had six members of the Erickson family come and be with us as well. I figured we had about 60 people take pictures next to it while we were there and I know many more have gone after as well," said Sweetland.

In the year of Canada 150, while many across the country are recognizing the history of the nation, smaller more localized celebrations like this monument dedication are scaling that down. To be able to walk over to a spot in the grass and say "this is where Eriksdale began" is a profound thing.

For Sweetland and many other Eriksdale residents, this monument cements the history of the community for all to see for decades to come.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ANDREA SWEETLAND
Four generations of Ericksons attended the community monument dedication last weekend.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY ROBERT E. WILSON

Greenberg remembered with first annual memorial walk

Inaugural walk raises \$1200 for EBN and Humane Society

Staff

Friends and family of Bernice Greenberg celebrated her love of animals and her want to help others at the first annual memorial walk last Saturday.

Approximately 80 people took part in the inaugural walk raising over \$1,200. Friends gathered outside of Gimli's Robins Donuts during the walk for a photo before heading up the street towards the Viking statue and then back to Evergreen Basic Needs. Bernice's husband Lynn Greenberg provided hotdogs and hamburgers for those taking part in the walk while EBN volunteers did the barbecuing. Anders Kuusselka and the Nex Gen Connexions provided entertainment.

Lynn Greenberg was happy with the turnout and said Bernice would be happy to help Evergreen Basic Needs and the Gimli Humane Society. Lynn Greenberg also said that the walk will take place in September next year.

"Bernice loved cats and dogs and all animals. If we ever went to someone's house and there was a dog barking and growling, Bernice could always calm it down. She would just put her hand out and start talking and that dog became her friend almost immediately," said Lynn.

Evergreen Basic Needs was also something Bernice believed in and supported. Lynne felt it was fitting to honour Bernice with a memorial walk after she lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on Nov. 28, 2016.



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Friends and family gathered in Gimli last Saturday for the first annual Bernice Greenberg Memorial Walk in support of Evergreen Basic Needs and the Gimli Humane Society.

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History comes to light at Winnipeg Beach legacy project

By Jennifer McFee with files from Lana Meier

A new replica lighthouse acts as a beacon to shed light on an important aspect of history in Winnipeg Beach.

Crowds gathered on Saturday afternoon for a ribbon-cutting and plaque-unveiling celebration for a full-size replica lighthouse, which began as a way to mark the town's centennial celebrations in 2017. Gordon Driscoll initiated the legacy project after visiting Peggy's Cove and envisioning how great it would be to have a replica lighthouse at Winnipeg Beach.

To help make his dream a reality, Driscoll recruited Gayle Halliwell, who pitched the legacy project to Winnipeg Beach Mayor Tony Pimentel. The town provided financial and strategic support for the project and successfully secured additional support from Manitoba Parks.

The \$14,000 project was completed in time for Canada 150 celebrations, with funding contributions also coming from private donors and fundraising efforts. Volunteer builder Andy McKendry and his wife Twyla built a 30-inch scale model, complete with a light, and donated it for a raffle that raised \$3,000.

Built entirely by volunteers, the replica lighthouse stands an impressive 30 feet high, nestled in a nook between the Winnipeg Beach tennis courts and the Boundary Creek Marina. It features a small solar light and can be spotted across the water at night from as far away as the Winnipeg Beach campground.

The nine-person build team logged 500 hours over two summers to create the lighthouse, with hard work from Jeff Scott, Boyd Halliwell, David Primmer, Jeff Wood, Andy McKendry, Mike Adam, Tony Pimentel, Kevagh Scott and Jim Pringle.

At Saturday's event, Gayle Halliwell thanked the town and the volunteers for their ongoing support, drawing attention in particular to the tireless work of Jeff Scott, David Primmer and Boyd Halliwell.

"These men together logged 400 of the 500 volunteer hours it took to lay out the site, frame the building, shingle the structure, shingle the structure, install the railings while running up and down ladders for two summers," said Halliwell during the Heritage Weekend celebration.

She acknowledged sponsors Mike Shachtay, Ken and Wendy Muracz, Neil and Samantha Grower, Dean Thorkelsson, Lake Agassiz Marina, Peter Bjornson, Nic Munday of Noventis Credit Union and Westshore



Jeff Wharton, MLA for Gimli, congratulated the Winnipeg Beach Lighthouse project volunteers.



Devon Bullee, left, and his wife Janelle Brick, right, pose in period dress with Gayle Halliwell.

Community Foundation for their financial contributions.

A special thanks also went out to Fred Grushka of Grushka's Gutters, who helped install the railings at the top of the lighthouse.

At the event, Halliwell shared the history of the original Winnipeg Beach lighthouse, which stood at the end of long wooden pier located at the entrance to the harbour. For more than 40 years, it helped to guide tour boats, private vessels and fishing fleet into safely into the Boundary Creek Marina.

By the mid-1960s, the lighthouse had seen better days due to the ravaging effects of Lake Winnipeg. As a result, the pier was replaced with a stone breakwater and the lighthouse was sold. It was moved south across the ice to Chalet Beach, where it still stands today.

Currently, Johann Sigurdson owns the original lighthouse, which has been built into the construction of his



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY LANA MEIER SUBMITTED

David Primmer, far left, and Boyd Halliwell, far right, hold the ribbon while Jeff Wharton and Mayor of Winnipeg Beach Tony Pimentel make the official cut.



Project building volunteers included Boyd Halliwell, David Primmer, Jeff Wood, Andy McKendry, Tony Pimetel, Kevagh Scott, Jim Pringle and Norm Wolk. Missing from the photo Jeff Scott and Mike Adam.

home. Sigurdson allowed committee members to come into his home to take measurements to create the life-size replica. The new plaque features several photos of the original lighthouse, provided by Dean Thorkelsson and Gwen Harp.

During Saturday's ceremony, gold sponsor Wendy Muracz took a moment to thank everyone involved in the construction of the lighthouse, which is sure to become a destination for visitors and a backdrop for photos.

"The planks and bricks of our boardwalk, which lead in this direction, serve as a gift or celebration of those past and present. Many people have walked or travelled along this route and will now notice this gem along the way," Wendy said.

"Thank you again to the volunteers, organizing committee, other donors and others involved in the completion of this project. May we enjoy the sunshine upon the lighthouse as well as its bright light shining for all to behold in the evening and through the night.



A plaque detailing the history of the lighthouse was unveiled at the ceremony.

In addition, Gimli MLA Peter Bjornson shared his thoughts at the celebration.

"As a life-long resident of the Interlake and a teacher of history, I really appreciate and value the symbolism and the historical significance of lighthouses to our lakeside communities," he said. "This beautifully restored lighthouse will proudly stand as a testament to the history of the community and the heritage of our lake."

> YOUR FARM

New investments in research technology at the U of M to help dairy industry

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The governments of Canada and Manitoba are partnering to invest more than \$1.4 million to expand scientific research capacity at the University of Manitoba's Glenlea Research Station dairy barn, Federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler announced.

"Our government understands the key importance of science and food research to keep our agricultural sector on the cutting edge," said MacAulay. "This investment will contribute to a robust Canadian dairy industry and help meet growing demand for high-quality, sustainable food while strengthening the middle class."

"The renovations and equipment upgrades being made at Glenlea Research Station will allow the university to continue its important research in the area of animal nutrition, health and welfare," said Eichler. "We are proud to be a partner in this investment, which will enable faculty

and students to further their understanding of the dairy industry while contributing to the sustainability and advancement of Manitoba's livestock sector."

Funding will allow the University of Manitoba to expand its dairy facility through a repurposed swine barn and install a new automated milking system, free stalls for dairy cattle, dedicated spaces for calves, milk collection tanks, above-ground manure storage, new flooring and related laboratory equipment.

The ministers noted the new equipment will ensure the dairy research facilities meet industry standards and support the growth of value-added dairy processing in Manitoba. The project is expected to go to tender later this year.

"This investment enhances our researchers' ability to develop holistic practices that will produce safe, affordable and healthy food for Canadians. It will also provide students with an outstanding hands-on learning ex-

perience in exceptional facilities," said Digvir Jayas, distinguished professor and vice-president (research and international) at the University of Manitoba. "Supporting our world-class Glenlea Research Station ensures University of Manitoba researchers can continue their work that is relevant to producers, consumers and the economy. It's a great investment, and we welcome the public to come and visit the station and learn more about what goes on at it."

The Dairy Farmers of Manitoba (DFM) is also making a substantial investment in the barn renovation project.

"Dairy Farmers of Manitoba is proud to invest in the renovation of the Glenlea Research Station dairy barn, to further expand our support of dairy scientific research in Manitoba," said Henry Holtmann, vice-chair, DFM. "We have long understood the value of investing in research to advance our industry by continually providing milk of the highest quality, excellence

in animal care and improving environmental stewardship."

The dairy industry in Manitoba generates over \$250 million in farm gate revenues.

Funding for this project will be provided through the Growing Forward 2 (GF2) Growing Innovation – Capacity and Knowledge Development Initiative. It provides financial assistance to lead and implement innovation in Manitoba's agriculture, agri-food and agri-processing sectors.

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture under Growing Forward 2.

For more information on Manitoba's agricultural programs and services, follow the Twitter account at www.twitter.com/MBGovAg.

For more information about the University of Manitoba Glenlea Research Station, visit www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/dept/animal_science/index.html.

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Arborg street festival



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The Arborg Street Festival was a frenzy of activity last Saturday. Pictured clockwise from top left: Kitten-faced Clara Kulbacki blowin' bubbles in the Arborg Bakery Kid Zone; Canadian Wrestling Elite superstars were in town for a fourth year; Arborg Bakery's staff show of their signature burger the "Double Heart Attack"; the young and young at heart watched the wrestling; Marlene Monkman and her husband Dave with a pair of raccoon mitts made by Marlene; 50-50 sellers Tammy and Tammy from Arborg; growling puppy Dale Penner; Homebrew Line from Riverton including Taylor, Gordie, Mitch, Brady, Trevor and Dick; a large crowd enjoyed the entertainment from the sidewalk; the wrestlers on the ropes; and Meagan Klym, left, enjoying her manicure form Tanya Grimolfson, owner of Powder Princess Mobile Spa.



Grahamdale to lose a ward in the next election

By Jeff Ward

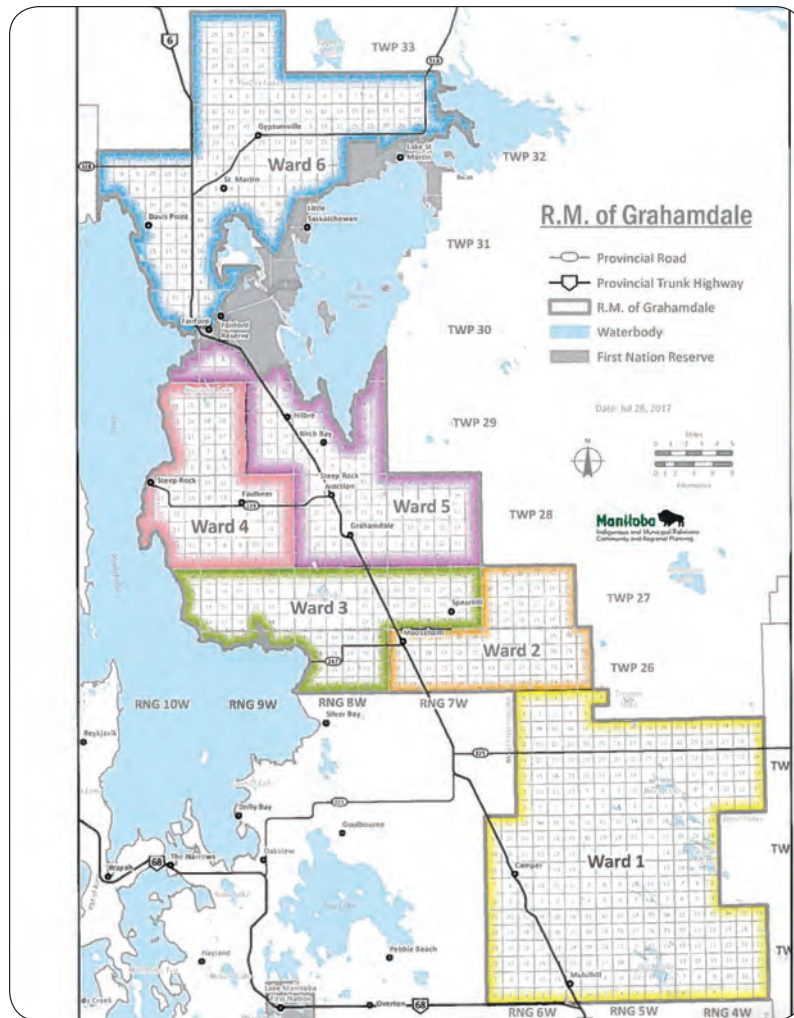
The RM of Grahamdale will be one ward smaller in the next election as council prepares to eliminate Ward 7 next month as they give third reading to a new bylaw.

The bylaw will establish a new ward system for the municipality that will divide the area into six wards.

Much of the land that currently makes up Ward 7 is being converted to reserve status for both Little Saskatchewan First Nation and Lake St. Martin First Nation. This conversion has been ongoing for a few years through Treaty Land Entitlement, allowing for former Crown land to be converted into reserve status, which is happening for Lake St. Martin First Nation.

In the case of Little Saskatchewan First Nation, the land the Little Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation privately owned is being converted. That land will first become Crown land first before it gains reserve status.

What remains of Ward 7, according to CAO Shelly Schwitek, will be combined with all



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If council approves their new bylaw, this is how the Ward system will look for the next municipal election in the RM of Grahamdale.

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Water pumps are fairly simple devices that circulate engine coolant/antifreeze around the engine and out to the radiator. Like any mechanical device, they eventually wear out. Although having a cooling system service done on schedule with your Local Independent Service Provider will extend the life of your water pump and its seals and gaskets – it will eventually fail and need to be replaced.

Those water pumps that are driven by the timing belt (the belt that controls when your engine intake and exhaust valves open) are attached directly to the engine block. The timing belt system has a protective cover. The serpentine belt and all the accessories are located over the timing belt cover. So getting to the water pump requires the removal of a lot of parts – which then need to be replaced.

When the water pump must be replaced, it is a good idea for Interlake drivers to go ahead and also replace the timing belt, timing belt tensioner, and idler pulleys. First, because the timing belt may have been contaminated by leaking coolant; second, there is a schedule for replacing your timing belt and Interlake drivers might as well make the modest additional added expenditure while everything is taken apart to avoid the same labor cost down the road.

A broken timing belt can lead to a very expensive engine repair, so it would serve you well to replace it when your Local Independent service provider advises you to change your water pump.

By the way, the reverse is true as well: When you are replacing your timing belt on schedule go ahead and replace the water pump at the same time. It would be a shame to spend the on one of these replacements only to have to do it all again in a few months because the other then needs replacement. Do them at the same time and start the clock over for both.

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Gimli youth engagement leader reflects on business

By Jeff Ward

With the summer nearly over and Manitoba Youth Job Centres (MYJC) all over the province closing up, the engagement leader for Gimli took the time to look back on what was a successful summer campaign.

Chloe Coates said that over the last few months she's seen strong numbers of youth for the Odd Job Squad and has made strong connections with local businesses.

She explained that Gimli has been hopping this summer with increased activity due to Canada 150, and that meant the demand for employees was high. Coates made contacts and found youth to fill a variety of jobs in construction, food services, municipal and retail.

The Odd Job Squad, which caters to youth ages 12 to 15, provided valuable experience for first-time workers by hosting events like a Freezie sale on the beach and barbecues. Once supplies are paid for, youth split the profits of those efforts with each other.

"Many of them haven't had their

first job yet, so we work to get them that experience," said Coates.

"The good part for them is that it's very flexible. They don't have to commit to a full-time job. If they want to be a part of it and have time, they're more than welcome to join."

Coates explained that one of the things she'd like to see increase for next year is the use of the centre's resumé and cover letter writing workshops. She said that this summer those services weren't used, except for one instance.

"I'm not sure if the students I spoke with knew that it's an important part of applying for work but I hope to see more next year come by for that," said Coates.

Coates said that she is very appreciative of the help and support from her sponsoring committee, training and employment services. She is also grateful for the volume of job orders that were placed with the centre.

"The MYJC program depends on the partnership with community members and our success is due largely to you," said Coates.

"MANY OF THEM HAVEN'T HAD THEIR FIRST JOB YET, SO WE WORK TO GET THEM THAT EXPERIENCE."



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CHLOE COATES

Chloe Coates said the summer was a productive one for the Manitoba Youth Job Centre in Gimli.

Gimli Model Fest celebrates planes and people



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL

The 14th annual Gimli Model Fest attracted spectators from across Canada and pilots from around the world for the three-day festival. Model airplanes, helicopters and 3D models were all buzzing around Gimli on the weekend for what might just be one of the most unique model air shows in the country. Left photo: John Wiebe from Altona with his hand-crafted, jet engine powered flying machine. Right photo: Tom Gretzinger and his B-25 MITCHELL.

Catch the Wave

Interlake art tour takes place Sept. 2 and 3

By Jennifer McFee

Art enthusiasts are already looking forward to catching the wave during the much-anticipated tour of artists' studios in early September.

On Sept. 2 and 3, dozens of artists will throw open their doors to welcome the public during the Interlake Wave Artists' Studio Tour.

One such artist is Alan Lacovetsky, who has been involved in the tour since its inception. He's no newcomer to the art scene, since he's been doing pottery for the past 42 years.

As a young man, he moved to one of the Gulf Islands in British Columbia, where he was seeking a sustainable art form that people could use and that he could trade for other products or services. He was living on the beach without any electricity or running water, so he built a small wood kiln since he didn't have any other source of fuel.

"That's been my specialty right from Day 1. I fire my work in a wood-burning kiln, and that's quite special because it's very different than any other form of firing," he said. "It's the ancient form of firing and it's how most pots over history were fired."

Over time, Lacovetsky made his way back to Manitoba to study fine arts at the University of Manitoba. From there, he went to Nova Scotia to further his studies before he moved to Australia, where he lived for 18 years. For many years, he worked with a renowned potter in Australia, helping him to fire his wood-burning stove.

Eventually, he returned to Manitoba and bought a place with his wife in the scenic vicinity of Oak Hammock Marsh.



Lacovetsky will have numerous pieces of his pottery on display during the tour.

This fall, he will be teaching two classes in ceramics at Brandon University. In the past, he has also taught at that University of Manitoba as well as at a university in Thailand. Throughout the course of his career, Lacovetsky has travelled and worked throughout Southeast Asia, Korea and China, where he is heading right after the Wave tour. Last year, he was invited to work in Croatia, and he's hoping to return there to build a wood-burning kiln in a small village.

"You never know where it's going to take you," he said. "I've been invited quite a number of times to take part in international events. Each time, it seems like I'm the only one representing Canada. I'm feeling very proud."

Closer to home, Wave tourists can meet Lacovetsky in person at his studio next to Oak Hammock Marsh, where they can view his large wood-burning kiln and watch him work with his foot-powered wheels.

"The advantage that people have when they come on the Wave tour is that they see the artists in their studios. I will have fresh work that's just come out of the kiln days before," he said.

"Every year, we get tons and tons of people com-



EXPRESS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Alan Lacovetsky will open his studio next to Oak Hammock for the Interlake Wave Artists' tour Sept. 2 and 3.

ing out and touring around. A lot of people take two days, going up one way to Gimli. They stay over night and come back down towards the city the next day or vice versa. People love to get out of the city to go on the Wave."

For more information about Lacovetsky and his artwork, visit www.alanlacovetsky.com. For more information about the Wave artists' studio tour, visit www.watchthewave.ca.

Annual corn roast and dance in Eriksdale this weekend

By Jeff Ward

Succulent, buttery ears of corn by the dozen will be roasted next Sunday for Eriksdale's annual recreation centre fundraiser.

The annual corn roast began in 1954 and has been a late summer staple that has seen a resurgence of popularity over the last few years.

The event is split into three parts. An old time country-dance begins at the Eriksdale Recreation Centre on Sept. 3 at 1 p.m. with live music by Country Pride. A supper of pork loin, roasted corn and sides starts at 5 p.m. and an evening dance runs from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Organizer Jerry Saunders said that he expects to see approximately 250 people out throughout the day and for the dance and supper. Saunders said the profit from last year's event was a few thousand dollars and the money raised goes towards building maintenance and future renovation projects.

"It's just nice to see the community together in one space having fun, which is what the rec centre is for," said Saunders.

"This is an event we've been doing for more than 60 years and it's always fun. When it started back in the '50s, Art and Lucy Lindell had it in their barn, which is still standing today. But it got so popular that they moved it to the rec centre and let the board handle it."

Saunders explained that the community centre has been raising money and is due for upgrades to the canteen and exterior, which will hopefully happen this year. The importance of continuing to upgrade and modernize the facility is something that is top of mind for board members, since they all want it to be a space that will cater to events for years to come.

"We're trying to upgrade, stay in the loop and keep things current. Things have changed a bit for what the needs of halls like this are and we want to

stay on top of that," said Saunders.

Tickets are \$12 for the dinner only and \$15 for the old-time dance but can be purchased together for \$20.

Dinner tickets for kids eight and under are \$6. Evening dance tickets are \$10 each and all tickets are available at the door.

> GRAHAMDALE, FROM PG. 15

of Ward 6 that is north of the Fairford Bridge. Everything in Ward 6 south of that point will be joined with Ward 5. This move will take place, once the bylaw is approved, during the next municipal election and will reduce the number of councillors by one position. Council will do a third reading at their next regular meeting on Sept. 14 at 9 a.m.

"Council had to look at it and decide if they were going to do anything, and this was the direction they chose," said Schwitek. "When you spread out our map and look at it, this made the most sense in terms of changes. There was a lot of discussion back and forth looking at maps and trying to break it down. Fairford Bridge acts as a natu-

ral divider, so this approach made the most sense."

John Halchuk is the councillor for Ward 7, and while the council seat he holds will no longer exist after the next election, the good news is he can run in any ward. There are no limitations to where a potential candidate lives and which ward they run in.

The other four wards will remain the same.

Schwitek said that since the flood of 2011, council has known that this scenario of land transfer was going to happen. It shrinks the tax base for the municipality a little bit, and the CAO said they will notice it in the bottom line but it will not be a significant financial loss.

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Manitoba wins bronze at 16U girls' baseball championship

By Brian Bowman

Team Manitoba won their final game of the season – and it resulted in a bronze medal – at the 16U Girls' Invitational Baseball Championships in Vaughn, Ont.

Manitoba took home the bronze after edging Nova Scotia 5-4 in a thriller Sunday afternoon.

"It's really nice (to bring home a medal)," said Manitoba assistant coach Darrell Humeniuk from Ontario Monday evening. "They won silver last year and bronze this year, which is really good to see. It was a good effort by the girls, especially our Interlake girls."

"As a coaching staff, we were really impressed with them."

Manitoba won the game against Nova Scotia in dramatic fashion, scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a walk-off win.

Even Disney couldn't have written a better script for Team Manitoba.

"(The comeback win) was quite impressive," Humeniuk said. "It was a good game, a tight game, a one-run game all the way along. They were up and we were up."

Manitoba led 3-2 after five innings but surrendered two runs in the sixth.

Arborg's Jamie Johnson had a hit and an RBI in the bronze-medal game while Teulon's Jacey Ledochowski scored a run.

Johnson was very deservedly named Manitoba's most valuable player for the tournament.

"Our local girls had a really good weekend," Humeniuk enthused. "Jamie has been the workhorse for our team. She's an older girl and a leader on the team. She's a lead-by-example type of leader."

Manitoba was forced to play for the bronze medal after getting doubled 10-5 by Alberta in a semifinal game



Arborg's Jamie Johnson was named Manitoba's MVP for the tournament.

earlier in the day.

Johnson belted a base hit, scored a run, and added an RBI while Ledochowski also had a hit. Stonewall's Megan Humeniuk added a walk.

Manitoba started the tournament last Thursday with an impressive 18-6 victory over Saskatchewan, scoring seven runs in the top of the sixth inning.

The game was called after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Manitoba trailed 2-1 after three innings but broke the game wide open with eight runs in the fourth.

Johnson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI. She also pitched an inning and 2/3s to earn the win.

Ledochowski had two hits and two runs scored while Humeniuk also had two hits, a run scored, and an RBI.

Manitoba then made it two wins in a row Friday with an exciting 2-1 triumph over B.C. That victory over a very good B.C. team put Manitoba



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JOANNE JOHNSON

Team Manitoba won their final game of the season to win bronze medals at the 16U Girls' Invitational Baseball Championships in Vaughn, Ont. Interlake players and coaches included left to right, Darrell Humeniuk, Jacey Ledochowski, Megan Humeniuk, Jamie Johnson and Rod Ledochowski.

in the driver's seat for the rest of the tournament.

B.C. took a 1-0 lead in the top of the sixth inning but Manitoba battled back to plate a run in the sixth and seventh innings for the walk-off win.

"Our girls did what they had to do to get the win," Darrell Humeniuk said. "It was a really well-played game and a close game."

Johnson pitched 6 1/3 spectacular innings, allowing just six hits and two walks while striking out four. Megan Humeniuk entered the game as a pinch runner and later scored in the sixth.

Manitoba was blanked 19-0 by Quebec later that evening and then crushed the host team, 17-1, on Saturday morning.

"We didn't play very well (against Quebec) and that Quebec team is a

really strong team," Darrell Humeniuk admitted. "They were really well put together and they hit well, fielded well, and pitched well. They were a really good team."

But Manitoba looked like a great team in their dominating 16-run victory over the host squad.

"(It was great) to come back the next morning and lay it on the host team when we needed to," Darrell Humeniuk said. "We needed to win that game to get into the medal round and they came back and played hard and didn't show any signs of the beating that we took the night before, that's for sure."

Megan Humeniuk had a great game against the host squad, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored while Ledochowski had two hits, a walk, and three runs scored. Johnson added a hit, walk, and an RBI.

Stonewall set to host 21U women's baseball championship

By Brian Bowman

Stonewall is all set to host Baseball Canada's 21U Women's Invitational Championship this week.

The five-team tournament begins today and wraps up Sunday.

Manitoba's roster includes Teulon's Jade Ledochowski, Grosse Isle's Kaitlyn Holod, Garson's Brittney Langlais, and Arborg's Jamie Johnson.

Johnson is fresh off being named Manitoba's most valuable player at the U16 baseball championships last week in Ontario. Manitoba earned a bronze medal at that elite tournament.

Manitoba's U21 team will begin play today with a 12:30 p.m. game against Ontario at Quarry Park's Fines Field.

Friday will see Manitoba battle B.C.

at 9 a.m. and then Quebec at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Manitoba will wrap up round-robin play with a 12 p.m. game against Nova Scotia.

Semifinal games will be played at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday will feature the bronze-medal game at 10 a.m., followed by the gold-medal contest at 1 p.m.

Admission for the tournament is \$10

(day pass adult), \$5 (student/senior day pass), \$25 (weekend pass adult), and \$15 (student/senior weekend pass).

Children under five years of age are admitted free of charge.

For those who cannot personally attend games at the tournament, the action will be livestreamed through the Manitoba Sports Network.

Female players skating to Boston Shamrocks' program

By Brian Bowman

Fans that want to watch some of Manitoba's top women's hockey talent will have to plan an eastern road trip this winter.

A total of 10 girls from Manitoba and Ontario have been recruited to play hockey this season for the Boston Shamrocks in the Junior Women's Hockey League. The JWHL consists of 10 teams — six U.S. ones and four Canadian — including the Balmoral Hall Blazers in Winnipeg.

The Shamrocks have both a U19 and U16 program.

Among those players making the jump south of the border are Stony Mountain's Ashley Hodge-Hirschfield and twin sisters Keyara and Keyanna Lea, formerly of Riverton.

All three players suited up for Balmoral Hall last season.

"It's a great opportunity and I'm very excited to go," said Keyara Lea last weekend. "This (move) makes sense because there is a lot more exposure in Boston."

Hodge-Hirschfield can't wait to experience the big city of Boston.

"I am so excited," she said last Friday. "All of the facilities that we have are top notch and the coaching staff is so friendly and so down to earth. They're easy to talk to and they bond with us very well."

"I'm head-over-heels excited — I just can't believe it."

Hodge-Hirschfield said having the Lea sisters going to Boston along with her will make the move a whole lot easier.

"We all live in the same house together so you have those extra people to have your back to make it easier to break the ice and make new friends quicker," she explained.

"To go to a new city, a new country,

by yourself would be really hard."

All three girls will be going into Grade 12 next month. They are excited to be studying at a U.S. prep school and hopeful to play university hockey the following year.

The girls visited Boston back in July and played in the Beantown Classic, an elite college hockey showcase. Because they played for Balmoral Hall last year, the speed of the game — and quality of play — was no surprise to them.

"Balmoral Hall plays in the same league as the Boston Shamrocks," Hodge-Hirschfield noted. "So the level of the play was the same, but I think it's going to be a better experience on the east coast. There are way more schools and (opportunity for) exposure there."

Away from the rink, the girls had a chance to see what Boston has to offer. And it's quite a bit different than their hometowns here in Manitoba.

"It's such a change in the environment," Keyara Lea said. "The people ... and the city is so much bigger. There are so many more places to explore. It was so scary at first but it's so beautiful where we're living over there — I think it's just an amazing opportunity and I'm so glad that we're going to be able to experience it."

Hodge-Hirschfield was also impressed with what Boston has to offer.

"It's a beautiful city," Hodge-Hirschfield enthused. "The harbor, the garden centre, and Fenway Park, we went there with some of my teammates and (visited) some other places. It's just so nice (and) it has the old-fashioned looking buildings. Everything is so nice — it's such a beautiful city."

The Shamrocks, meanwhile, are preparing for the 2017-18 season with a



Keyara Lea



Keyanna Lea

new Director of Hockey Operations, Canadian Sean Fisher, at the helm of their Under-19 and Under-16 women's teams.

The Kingston, Ont., product was previously an assistant head coach for the University of Manitoba Bison women's hockey program.

"At first, we didn't know Sean was going (to Boston) but when we found out (that was great) because we knew him and talked to him before when we were talking to the Bison coach," Keyara Lea noted. "Finding out that we knew somebody from home was going to be our coach, it made us even more excited and less nervous. It was awesome finding out that he is going to coach."

Hodge-Hirschfield echoed Lea's sentiments regarding Fisher's coaching ability.

"I feel that Sean's going to be a really good coach," Keyara Lea predicted. "He has already gotten a lot of exposure for me so far and I can't

thank him enough for what he's done for me. I really think it's going to be a good year and he's going to push us ... to our limits as much as he can to get us to the next level.

"Because he coached the Bisons, he knows a lot of CIS coaches so it's better than having all American coaches that really don't know a whole lot about the CIS."

"Even if I don't (get) a Division I scholarship, I would still be pleased with myself playing CIS hockey."

The Shamrocks' goal is to get their players ready to play university hockey in either Canada or the U.S. And that's definitely the goal for Hodge-Hirschfield and the Lea sisters.

"That's the whole reason why we're going out there," Keyara Lea stressed. "We want to get more exposure to the Division I schools and me and Keyanna are looking to go to the same school so we can stay together."

"It's going to be hard to find that one school that is going to take us in."

Interlake hosts successful Thundergate to start football season

By Brian Bowman

There is no better way to start a football season than how the Interlake Thunder hosts its annual Thundergate.

The Thunder had four teams in action last Saturday as part of Stonewall's Quarry Days.

"We had a really good time," said Thunder president Joel McDonald. "We had some awesome crowds — it was really well attended. (Quarry Days) creates a bigger and better atmosphere. We do a pretty good job already and when we have a big event

like this, the kids are amped up and it just makes it a little bit bigger for us."

The crowds were a good mix of locals and people from out of town for the always-exciting Quarry Days.

"With Quarry Days, there's always some families and friends in from out of town," McDonald noted. "That increases our attendance a little bit and I think the out-of-town folks brought other people in as well."

Fans enjoyed a beautiful day and some great football action. Interlake teams did not fare so well on the scoreboard, however, as all four Thun-

der teams lost.

Still, McDonald said he saw a lot of positives — and some great talent — on the Thunder teams at all four age levels.

The Midget Thunder, meanwhile, did not play last Saturday but will be looking to get the Interlake into the win column when it visits the Green-dell Falcons this Saturday at 3 p.m.

"We're really excited about the season," said McDonald, the defensive coordinator on the Midget Thunder. "We have a full 40-man roster and we have a lot of second-year guys and

lots of depth.

"We're really excited about the season."

The Midget Football League of Manitoba is struggling with just four teams operating for the 2017 season. The St. Vital Mustangs and the Sunrise Coyotes are the other two teams in the league.

Those two teams will play each other Saturday at 7 p.m. in St. Vital.

The Thunder's Midget home opener will be Sept. 10 (4:30 p.m.) when they host the Mustangs.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON



TENDER



The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton invites tenders for the following projects:

- 1) Rd 133N Between Rd 1E & 2E, North side ~ 1 Mile Ditch cleanout & place material on road surface.
- 2) Rd 5E between 135N & 138N, West side ~ 3 Miles Ditch cleanout and installation of culverts
- 3) Sidewalk Construction within the Village of Riverton approx. 123 meters - Destruction and complete removal of current sidewalk and reconstruct new sidewalk.

Tender packages are available at the Main Office or through email. Sealed bids marked with project name and clearly displaying the bidder's name will be received by the undersigned until 12:00 pm on September 7, 2017.

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

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Public Works Manager
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRAHAMDALE

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2018

Public notice is hereby given that the 2018 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale has been delivered to the Municipal Office and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 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, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43 (1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by
 - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
 - (ii) serving it upon the Secretary,

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

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday October 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

The Applications must be sent to the address printed below:

Dated at Moosehorn, Manitoba, this 17th day of August, 2017.

Shelly Schwitek, Secretary
Board of Revision
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OBITUARY

Darrell Stanley Zolinski
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It is with deep sadness that the family of Darrell Zolinski announces his passing at the age of 52 after a one year battle with brain cancer.

Darrell was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba to Stanley and Lillian and grew up in North Kildonan along with his sister Candace and brother Darcy. Darrell played hockey and soccer and enjoyed bowling at a young age and displayed his mastery of the accordion at music competitions. Beginning in his early years, Darrell enjoyed a life-long friendship with his "lawless partners in crime" Doug, Brian, Craig and Jim.

While still in his teens he joined the Canadian Forces Military Reserves and ultimately became fully enrolled in 1985. Darrell became a Radio Operator and began a full and distinguished military career that saw him serve his Country all over the world including Nicosia, Cypress; Lahr, Germany; Visoko, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Qunaytirah, Syria; and Kabul, Afghanistan, along with domestic postings in Borden, Calgary, Winnipeg, Kingston and Thunder Bay.

It was during his final posting in Thunder Bay that he met and married the love of his life and his soul mate, Lynn. Together they led a very active life and enjoyed their winter home in Florida. Darrell retired from military service at the rank of Warrant Officer in 2013. He continued to serve the community as a Communications Officer for the OPP until 2015. Shortly thereafter, they decided to settle in Rembrandt, Manitoba.

Darrell never hesitated to put others first regardless of the circumstances or risks and we are so very proud of his selfless service to the people of Canada and of the world. On one of his many trips home Darrell and his Dad crafted a replica clay oven as a permanent addition to the Heritage Village in Arborg, Manitoba.

Throughout his life, Darrell had an unparalleled thirst for knowledge, a love of literature and a passion for electronic gadgetry. His vast collection of books, electronic and scientific gizmos would amaze anyone. He was loved for his warm and gentle soul and very strong sense of family. He had a deep intellect and sense of humor that will forever leave us all blessed for simply having him in our lives.

Darrell will live on forever in the hearts of his beloved wife Lynn, step-son Sean (Maria), granddaughter Rosalie, parents Stan and Lillian, sister Candace (Dwain), niece Danielle and nephew Andrew, brother Darcy, niece Miekko and nephew Matthew. Darrell will be missed by his mother-in-law Kathy, father-in-law Joe, along with many uncles, aunts, cousins and a large extended family. Darrell was pre-deceased by step-daughter Deanna.

A memorial and celebration of Darrell's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 25th at Silver Community Hall.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Graham and Dr. J. Beiko and to those that cared for Darrell throughout his illness.

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