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Participants and volunteers, including Keith Johnson, rode their bikes, walked and jogged in the pouring rain at the annual Terry Fox Run in Arborg last Sunday.

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Women's Resource receives truck load of veggies from Marble Ridge Colony

By Jeff Ward

A truck filled with dozens of boxes and bags of fresh corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers pulled up to the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre recently to help feed Interlake families in need.

Hampers are being filled with the farm fresh produce and anyone coming into the centre will be benefiting from the extremely generous donation from the Marble Ridge Colony.

In total, there were 24 boxes of tomatoes, 25 bags of corn, six boxes of cucumbers and nine boxes of peppers donated by the Hutterites.

Janice Postlethwaite, who works at the centre, said she's never seen a donation of this kind before. Colony members explained to her over the phone that they had more produce then they needed and didn't want it to be ruined by frost.

"So, they picked everything on their field and drove it over to us — it was amazing," said Postlethwaite.

"We've been giving it out all week and our hampers are full of fresh produce that we'll hand out today. I was surprised when they called but I was really surprised when they brought a whole truckload."

Postlethwaite explained that they do receive other donations of garden

EXPRESS PHOTO BY SHEENA LETEXIER

An extremely generous donation of fresh produce from the Marble Ridge colony showed up at the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre earlier this month.

produce at this time of year as well and that it really helps out. Families who use the hamper program at this time of year also have to spend their money on new school supplies and other related items, so their means are stretched much farther.

The Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre currently has 64 families using the program and last week they all loaded up with good, healthy food.

Fisher Branch RCMP respond to vehicle-pedestrian collision

Submitted

On Sept. 14 at approximately 9:45 p.m., officers from the Fisher Branch RCMP received a report of a vehiclepedestrian collision that occurred on Provincial Road 224 in the community of Fisher River.

The investigation has determined that a vehicle, being driven by a 63-year-old female from Fisher River, was heading northbound when it struck a 30-year-old male, also from Fisher River, who was walking in the northbound lane. The driver of the vehicle stopped at the scene and immediately contacted police. The 30-year-old was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Alcohol and speed are not believed to be factors in the collision.

Fisher Branch RCMP, along with assistance from a forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate. Donations are always accepted at the centre.

"The things that we need often are toiletries like shampoo. Those items are typically pretty expensive so we're always in need of things like that," said Postlethwaite.

If you would like to donate to the Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre or if you'd like more information, you can call 204-768-3016.







Eriksdale linemen to compete in Kansas for international competition

By Jeff Ward

An Eriksdale Manitoba Hydro lineman and his teammates are off to Kansas City next month to compete in the International Lineman's Rodeo after a second-place finish at their local competition a few weeks ago.

The Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills. The first Lineman's Rodeo was held in September 1984, with 12 participating teams from Kansas and Missouri. The rodeo has grown to over 200 teams and 300 apprentices.

Mike Law works for Manitoba Hydro as a lineman, otherwise known as a powerline technician, and recently competed in an annual competition his local union hosted. Law competed in a series of events with his teammates Kyle Moman and Brian Kingsley, who also have Interlake connections, and finished second among their peers.

The team competed in events like the pole climb, the hurtman race and others. Events typically have the team working as quickly as possible while avoiding errors — or deductions, as they're called, — in order to post a solid time. The first- and secondplace winners get a trip to Kansas City next month to participate in the competition with all their costs covered.

Law, whose team also won second place last year, said that it's usually a perfect score that wins it, so

the margin for error is basically zero.

"It's a very tough competition because you want to post a good time, but the slightest mistake can cost you the whole thing," said Law.

"We had one mistake on the first event where we did something out of order and we thought we had lost the whole thing right there. But we were able to stay perfect after that and ended up in second place."

Law said the event in Kansas City is hard to describe because of how massive it is. Literally thousands of linemen come together for one weekend, Oct. 10-13, to compete in events and take in a large tradeshow. Last year, Law and his team came in 41st overall and fifth place in their division.

"We knew they only called people to the stage in the Top 5 so when they called our name, we were really shocked. To be in the Top 5 is a huge accomplishment," said Law.

Placing in the Top 50 teams is also a big accomplishment, too, given the sheer volume of participants in the competition, and it's one that Law and his team are very proud of.

Law said he doesn't expect to win and, truthfully, he isn't going to be ultra-competitive but rather will enjoy the celebration of the work they do.

"I say that but when it comes time to compete, I'll probably get into it more seriously because you want to win, and you want to do well for your team back home," said Law.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY CHERYL LAW Brian Kingsley and Kyle Moman work on a mock powerline while Mike Law guides from below during a lineman competition qualifying them to compete Internationally.

Chase the Ace awards new winner with pot over \$17K

By Jeff Ward

Lundar resident Garland Magnusson pulled the ace at the Lundar Legion's Chase the Ace a few weeks ago and won himself a cool \$17,551.

There were still 20 cards to choose from when Magnusson pulled the lucky card. The lottery works by having



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participants purchase tickets that are thrown together into a drum and one is pulled. Whoever's ticket matches up with the one pulled gets to walk up to the table and selects a card from the deck in hopes of choosing the Ace of Clubs to win the pot. Magnusson said there was no real thought of strategy in his choosing and he just walked up and pointed to a card.

"I just walked up, pointed and walked away," said Magnusson.

"I didn't even look at the ace, but I saw my sister-in-law's eyes get big as saucers and I asked her if I had won. When she said 'yes' I just started laughing."

Magnusson had actually chosen a card during this round already when there was still nearly a full deck. He had also chosen a card from the last round as well but was not the lucky winner. Scott LeStrat took home the previous Chase the Ace with a pot of just over \$60,000.

The event is a fundraiser for the legion, which uses the money for improvements to the building to make sure that it remains for generations to come. Magnusson said that it's important to support the legion.

"It's very important to support them because the legion supports our town in a lot of ways and there are very good people running it," he said.

Magnusson works for Sigfusson Northern and is routinely away from Lundar for work, but if he is in town on a Friday night, he'll be at the legion ready for Chase the Ace.

Even now, after having won, Magnusson said he will still attend and support the legion when



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED Garland Magnusson holds the Ace of Spades that won him over \$17,000 at the Lundar Legion's Chase the Ace.

he is in town.

"As long as they have it, I'll be there to support it."

As for what he'll do with the money, Magnusson said he doesn't really have big plans and that it'll be waiting for him if and when he needs it. He did treat himself to a new set of golf clubs to use at Lundar Golf Course.

South Interlake ATV Club celebrates 10 years

By Jennifer McFee

The South Interlake ATV Club is marking a milestone 10-year anniversary, and it welcomes others to join in the fun.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the group will host a 10th anniversary celebration ride and lunch. The event is open to current and past members, as well as prospective new members.

Riders will meet at the Woodroyd picnic site and staging area at 9 a.m. and will leave at 9:30 a.m. From there, they will ride up to Broad Valley, where they will enjoy a catered lunch by Country Harvest Inn. The event will also feature a draw for door prizes, and riders will have the chance to participate in a poker chip run.

The long-standing club got its start in 2008 when a group of dedicated ATV enthusiasts wanted to improve the recreational opportunities for riders in the South Interlake area while also bolstering the acceptance of all-terrain vehicles.

In 2009, the club signed a 25-year lease and management agreement for the Interlake Pioneer Trail, making it the first designated ATV trail in Manitoba.

"The trail itself was a rail line established back in 1914 and was last used by trains in the 1980s. The rails were removed and sold in the early 1990s. The trail's original name was the Prime Meridian Trail, and when it was changed to the Interlake Pioneer Trail, proposals were taken for groups to manage and maintain the trail," chairperson Suzanne Otte explained.

"The newly formed SIATV club forwarded a proposal and it was accepted with limitations that two sections of the trail be deemed non-motorized."

The following year, the club secured grant money with the help of ATV Manitoba. With the grant, they were able to buy picnic tables, animal-proof garbage receptacles and regular garbage cans, trail signs, posts, hardware, outhouses and trail-head sign kiosks. Volunteer work crews from the South Interlake ATV Club put up signs and set up rest stops, picnic areas and staging areas along the trail.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED Suzanne Otte was part of the South Interlake ATV team that signed the historic Interlake Pioneer Trail. The club is hosting a 10th anniversary ride on Sept. 29.

"The Interlake Pioneer Trail is a multi-use trail which sees ATVers, hikers, birdwatchers, geocachers, mountain bikers and horseback riders in the summer. ATV traffic is permitted from May 1 to Oct. 31," Otte said.

"In the winter, the trail is maintained by Snoman from Nov. 1 to April 30 for snowmobilers who purchase trail passes."

The scenic 106-kilometre trail passes around Argyle and then through Inwood, Sandridge, Narcisse, Chatfield, Poplarfield, Broad Valley and ends up in Fisher Branch. Along the way, trail users will find amenities such as outhouses and picnic tables, as well as garbage and recycling containers.

Trail access from the south starts at Highway 67, which features a newly developed small staging area.

"There is also a staging and picnic area north of the town of Argyle. The Woodroyd staging area and picnic site was once a stock yard/train station and was developed with a grant from Community Futures. The site features a loading ramp, a brand new picnic shelter, an outhouse, recycling and garbage containers," Otte said.

"If you are looking for a different way of exploring the Interlake, whether it's by ATV, horseback, hiking, biking or geocaching, the Interlake Pioneer Trail has got something for you."

Over the years, the South Interlake ATV Club has received community recognition along with awards from the Interlake Tourism Association in 2011 for promoting tourism in the area. In addition, the RM of Woodlands provided recognition awards in 2014 and 2015.

With a focus on giving back, the club hosted the Ride for Dad from 2013 to 2015 and won awards for being the top fundraising team all three years.

Looking ahead, the club hopes to boost its membership by encouraging people to come out to the 10th anniversary celebration.

"If anybody is interested in the club or joining the club, they would be welcome to attend and then hopefully become future members," Otte said.

"Typically we've done this ride in the early summer in the end of May or beginning of June. We called it the Iron Man Ride. This year, with the fire ban earlier in the season, we weren't able to do the ride so that's why we're doing it now in September."

Anyone who would like to join the festivities for the 10th anniversary celebrations can RSVP to Otte at sotte@hotmail.com by Tuesday, Sept. 25. For the Sept. 29 event, everyone is asked to bring \$10 cash for lunch and \$5 if they'd like to participate in the poker chip run.

The club is also planning its end-of-season ride and barbecue in Portage la Prairie on Oct. 13, and anybody who decides to become a member is welcome to participate.

"The club has accomplished a lot in 10 years," Otte said, "and we are looking forward to growing the membership and the sport of ATVing in our area." For more information about the South Interlake ATV Club, visit www.siatvclub.com.

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Low-flying plane spotted near Hwy 6. doing authorized surveying

By Jeff Ward

A low-flying plane spotted along Highway 6 last month was doing authorized surveying, according to RCMP who received several complaints about the aircraft.

Lundar RCMP Sgt. Richard Marshall explained that his detachment, as well as Ashern's and Gypsumville's, received complaints last month about the aircraft. Residents were concerned that the plane, which was flying extremely low, was about to crash. Marshall said the RCMP attended multiple scenes of a potential crash to find nothing

"We contacted Transport Canada who confirmed that these flights were happening," said Marshall.

"The plane was authorized for these low flights to do survey work. Due to a number of calls and Facebook comments, we advised the public and the RMs that this aircraft was allowed to do this as an exception."

Marshall explained that planes have to stay above a certain height, but in this case, this plane was given special consideration to fly low. Marshall added that he wished the pilots had informed them of the surveying as it did strain RCMP resources to continue to go out and investigate the calls.

Marshall said that plane finished its surveying last week





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Submitted The province has established pre-set fines for cannabis-related provincial offences as part of ongoing efforts to make Manitobans aware of the laws and their consequences, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced recently.

"Our government is committed to protecting the health and safety of Manitobans as we manage the consequences of the federal government's decision to legalize cannabis," said Cullen. "Our government has introduced a number of laws relating to cannabis in the interest of public safety and these fines ensure we are open and transparent with Manitobans about the consequences of breaking the law."

The pre-set fines include offences related to:

supplying cannabis to a young person under age 19

growing recreational cannabis in a residence in Manitoba

smoking and vaping cannabis in provincial parks

transporting cannabis, if not properly stored

consuming cannabis in or on vehicles, including off-road vehicles

Manitoba establishes pre-set fines for cannabis-related offences

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failing drug-screening tests for both novice and supervising drivers as part of the graduated driver licensing program.

The pre-set fines largely mirror similar penalties in place for alcoholrelated offences, Cullen said. Tickets for these offences range from \$113 to \$2,542, based on the severity of the offence.

The new fines align sanctions for novice, supervising and other drivers in the GDL program. The new sanctions will require these drivers be able to pass a drug-screening test while having care or control of a motor vehicle, mirroring the restrictions currently in place for these drivers in relation to alcohol consumption.

"As a government, we understand that drugged driving is every bit as dangerous as drunk driving," said Cullen."The new drug-related restrictions for novice drivers ensure that we treat cannabis just as seriously as we treat alcohol for drivers that are just learning to safely operate a vehicle."

Similar to the prohibitions around liquor, legislation will prohibit smoking and vaping cannabis in provincial parks in shared public spaces such as roadways and beaches. Additional restrictions will be implemented within government-operated locations in parks including campsites in campgrounds, outdoor spaces adjacent to yurts and vacation cabins, canoe routes and trails, along with remote outdoor locations, as well as backcountry trails and campsites.

Certain exceptions will apply to medical cannabis along with private residences and cottage lots located within provincial parks. There will also be exceptions surrounding commercial establishments, where owners and operators can establish their own rules surrounding cannabis use for their patrons.

By establishing pre-set fines, it allows those charged to voluntarily pay their fine without having to appear in court, said Cullen, adding that this ensures less court time spent on cannabis-related offences for judicial officials and police officers.

Livestock producers to receive additional funding to combat dry conditions

Submitted by Manitoba Agriculture

The Manitoba government is taking another step to help livestock producers who have been affected by dry conditions across the province, Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler announced last Friday.

"Manitoba Agriculture supports our livestock sector across the province, and we recognize that many areas are feeling the effects of the hot, dry summer," said Eichler. "Effective management of both surface and groundwater sources used for livestock production

is essential for ensuring the health and longevity of the livestock, pastures and associated water sources."

Ag Action Manitoba - Assurance: Beneficial Management Practices provides targeted incentive programming to agricultural producers and select industry service providers to advance the adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that reduce identified environmental risks, improve agro-ecosystem resilience, build public trust and improve environmental sustainability of farm options in Manitoba.

The Managing Livestock Access to Riparian Areas BMP provides funding for livestock producers to protect surface water. Recognizing that limiting livestock access to surface water may require alternate water sources, clarifications have been made to the BMP to enable funding for water source development.

New eligible costs to the BMP include:

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A monster catch to end the day

Hi fellow fishers.

I've always felt a quiet comfort being outdoors in the cool, still, grey, overcast days of fall. It was just such a day last week as I stood by the landing at Balsam Bay watching a small boat, its little old motor making a muffled putting sound, carrying three anglers gliding through the motionless glassy water into harbour.

Their voices came across the bay in the damp air, two of them congratulating the other on his "big fish."

I walked over smiling, merging into the conversation with the question, "How big?"

The taller, more talkative of the three looked at me and then at the sign on my car door showing the papers carrying my fishing column and said, "We've been out there since daybreak and never caught a thing until we started coming in. Then Paul got this monster."

"Could I get your names and a picture of your catch for the paper?" I asked.

"Sure," the tall guy, Matt, said." Chris Voreduse and I are twin brothers from Winnipeg and our friend Paul Devigne is from Alberta."

"That fish puts me in mind of the size of fish the commercial fishers around Lake Winnipeg's south basin are catching as they go into a third week of a good fall fishing season," I said. fishing on the ice this winter then," said Matt as they climbed into their truck after securing their boat and headed down the road.

A few days later on the Selkirk waterfront, I saw a thin, bespectacled chap with straight grey-streaked dark hair sitting in the back of his SUV, the back door up with his rods line in the water. When I asked him if he had a story for his fishing brothers and sisters, he fell silent for a while then came to life.

"I was sitting just like this a few winters ago on the Netley Creek ice," our new friend Greg Smith began, "getting my auger ready to make ice holes when I noticed a guy leave the holes he had been using and move away about a dozen car-lengths to make new ones. I thought 'What the heck?' I put my auger away, moved to his old holes and dropped my baited lines in. Instantly, I felt a hard pull on the rod in my hand. I reeled in quick and up popped a three-foot jack.

"Now that I think about it," Greg mused, "I should have been nicer and not held the jack up to my luckless fellow angler hollering thanks. He turned his back on me and I guess I don't blame him."

For some unknown reason, the Winnipeg Beach harbour complex, every once in a while, provides us with an extraordinary story. Last Saturday, it happened again.

I was surprised to see maybe 30

cars parked by the north beach. As I stopped, two guys came up beside me. "What's going on?" I asked one chap.

He smiled widely behind dark glasses. White stubble showed on his face. Though of average stature, his upper body was overly developed.

"We're a group of wind surfers and parasailers. We check different spots around the south basin looking for high waves and on shore winds and today this is the perfect place for an afternoon of sailing. In the winter, we go kite boarding when we pinpoint an area on Lake Winnipeg that has small snow drifts and proper wind," new friend Roland Rioux from Winnipeg said as we talked at length. Then something he said caught my attention.

He said because their group comes and goes quickly from one community to another, the locals assume any garbage left on the shore or ice was theirs. Nothing could be further from the truth, Roland insisted, because they take special care to practise good outdoor housekeeping. I asked him if their group would consider joining the Manitoba Ice Fishing Association since we, too, promote not leaving garbage on the ice. We continued talking and when I asked if he had a fishing story for us, he gave something I had never heard before.

Their group takes special pains not to parasail anywhere there are carp in the spring. As we know, these fish



EXPRESS PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Paul Devigne with his great catch off the waters of Balsam Bay.

jump out of the water to clean their gills or roll on top of the water when spawning. As Roland pointed out, the last thing a parasailer wants to do is hit something and "go over the handlebars."

He remembered once a carp surfaced right in front of him when he was flying along. His skag on the bottom of his board hit the fish. Roland turned, collapsing his parasail, ran his board onto the sandy shore and found that carp to make sure it wasn't suffering.

Good for you, Roland.

If you can, come by next week, friends. Bye now.

"Well, maybe we'll all have great

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To be eligible for funding under Ag Action Manitoba – Assurance: Beneficial Management Practices, applicants are required to complete an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) to assist them to manage risk on their farm operations with respect to water quality and supply, soil health, air quality and biodiversity. Producers have until Feb. 15, 2019, to submit their EFP Statement of Completion.

Applications for several BMPs will be accepted on a continual basis throughout the fall, the minister said.

"Weather conditions have created a challenging summer for many livestock producers across the Prairies. I commend Minister Eichler for launching this program to help Manitoban producers improve the environmental sustainability of their operations," federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay said today.

Producers can contact their local Manitoba Agriculture office or call the department (toll-free) at 1-84-GROW-

Correction

In the Sept. 7 edition of the *Express Weekly News*, we published the article "WIWCD sapling program now accepting applications" and stated that applications can be sent to Sabados Greenhouse when completed.

However, in actual fact, all appli-

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cations must be sent to the WIWCD office at 9 Main St. in Lundar for processing. Applications can also be emailed to admin.wiwcd@mymts. net or faxed to the office at 204-762-5862. All applications must have the applicant's signature on them.

The *Express* apologizes for any confusion this might have caused.

Gimli mayor subjected to defamatory post on What's Up Gimli

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli Mayor Randy Woroniuk was the victim of a doctored election poster that was posted Aug. 14 on What's Up Gimli (WUG), a publicly accessible Facebook site that's drawn some criticism from community members and users of the site for allowing other users to demean, harass and bully people.

The *Express* obtained the image of mayor's defaced election poster, posted by a Laura Elliott and which shows him with a marijuana joint hanging out of his mouth with the caption "RANDY WORONIUK AS YOUR High MAYOR." With the image are comments made by Art Zuke, one of WUG's three administrators, saying: "Laura Elliott, you win the internet today!"

The mayor said his lawyer told him the image constitutes defamation of character and is a federal offence. The municipality's Senior Election Officer Dave Lobban and the RCMP have seen or been provided with the image. In addition to character defamation, defacing election materials is a federal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

The mayor, a retired provincial conservation officer, said he can shoulder criticism, but the defaced election poster has gone beyond the pale.

"There are some things that go beyond proper behaviour and this is one of them," said Woroniuk Monday. "I don't smoke cannabis and I don't deserve to be associated with it. I don't do any drugs."

The mayor said Lobban, on his own initiative, sent out a communique to all municipal election candidates after he had been informed about the image by someone from the community. Lobban indicated that tampering with campaign signs – even on the Internet – is subject to both civil and criminal law.

A number of people, said the mayor, have expressed concern over WUG and its users, saying the harassment



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has to stop.

Last September, the RM's economic development and tourism clerk Brittany Isfeld was the victim of a sustained WUG user attack over the course of a weekend (see Facebook Fury in the Oct. 5, 2017, edition of the *Express*).

Woroniuk said he was recently sent a letter from a military veteran concerned about racist comments on WUG that were directed against Aboriginal veterans. The vet said he had asked WUG administrators to bar those specific users from the site, but thus far they haven't. He also indicated that he had alerted Veterans Canada.

"And a woman came into the municipal office today [Monday] and told me, 'It's about time people stood up to that group,'" said Woroniuk."A Grade 10 student at Gimli High School went after Jay Filby about cyber bullying."

Filby had commented on WUG last Sunday that the mayor's photo was a concocted story.

"This picture of Randy being posted here is a total fabrication and is a Trump style deflection," wrote Filby in his post."I challenge anyone who can produce this picture to do so ... Fake news, and classic deflection of the real issues. Also, saying said picture actually exists, as a politician, if your skin is not thick enough to take some social media criticism, you are not suited for public office."

Filby's post came after a "Meet the Candidates" event Sunday afternoon that Zuke helped organize. The mayor said he had been invited to attend a few weeks ago, but expressed concern about being audio- and video-taped by WUG administrators. Joe Cefali, one of WUG's administrators – who goes by the name Miles Cefali on the site – contacted the mayor last Friday to discuss those concerns.

"Joe Cefali called me at 11:30 on Friday and said he heard I had some concerns," said Woroniuk. "I said, 'I don't trust you guys and I don't agree to be video- or audio-taped by you guys. Randy,' he said, 'we assure you we won't be [recording]. Only accredited media will be doing that.'"

Woroniuk said he also addressed with Cefali the issue of his doctored election sign on WUG, but Cefali denied knowing about it or having seen it.

When he arrived at the Sandy Hook Community Centre on Sunday for the candidates' event, Woroniuk said he was told by Zuke that by virtue of participating in the event, he would be consenting to be recorded. When Woroniuk made to leave, Zuke asked him to tell the attendees why he was declining to participate.

"So I did. Here it is," said the mayor. "Aug. 14 there was a post with a joint in my mouth and the words 'high mayor' on WUG."

Zuke, said the mayor, acknowledged finding the post and removed it. As far as he could tell, Woroniuk said there were no accredited media at the meeting, which attracted about 25 people. Some of the attendees posted on WUG later that day, expressing support for his decision to leave.

"Folks in the room talking during the break felt disappointed and agreed that it was in extreme bad taste of having the photograph up on here [WUG]," wrote Debra Vanderkerkhove Sept. 16.

Woroniuk said he prefers that the *Express* not publish the image of the tampered sign, but if any constituents wish to see it, they're welcome to contact him.

"We have to stand up to this behaviour," said the mayor. "When a Grade 10 student is telling the adults you're nothing but cyber bullies and they're sitting back and not doing anything, we have to do something. This has to stop."

Art Zuke responded by text to the *Express* after it asked for comment on the doctored campaign sign and his message to Elliott.

He wrote the "you win the internet" comment is a "common response to a funny internet meme (that I did not post), which is all this was. Summary: I laughed at someone else's meme."

Zuke wrote that if the mayor had an issue with the "meme," he should have spoken up a month ago and WUG administrators would have done something about it then.

"He waited until now for whatever reason, so we acted now, and removed it," wrote Zuke. "Internet memes about politicians is nothing new, and neither is laughing at them."

Eriksdale New Horizons Club to host jam sessions

By Jeff Ward

Jam Sessions are returning to the Eriksdale New Horizons Club this month and are open for all people to enjoy and participate in live music, singing and dancing.

Jam Sessions feature live musical entertainment at the New Horizons Club in Eriksdale once every two weeks on Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

Ann Larson, one of the organizers of Jam Sessions, said their group hasn't

yet gotten together to decide when the first night will be but it will begin this month. Larson, who sings and plays guitar, said the program started a few years ago and has been a big hit with seniors who frequent the club. Live music from groups that play at seniors' residences in both Eriksdale and Lundar, like Jerry Saunders, Ross Gumbrel, Mary Riddell and others, all join for two hours of music followed by coffee and a light snack.

"People come from different towns

to take part and anyone is welcome to join," said Larson.

"Some come to sing and some come to dance. It's a very nice evening. What we have to do right now is get our two groups together to find when the best night would be to start. We will be starting very soon, though."

People who wish to take part in the event do not have to members of the Eriksdale New Horizons Club to do so. Larson said that it's more like a social evening where people just come by and enjoy the music.

"It's just about socializing and getting out of the house and having fun." Larson wants people to know that the club is always open for seniors who want to come by and play a game of cards, shuffleboard or pool. She hopes that people come and see what else the club has to offer.

For those who want more information on Jam Sessions or any other program the club offers, you can call 204-739-5552.

Gimli was busy with membership drive, memorial walk and Terry Fox Run



Gimli New Horizons 55-plus Centre held a bar- Saturday drew walkers to participate in the largest seniors centres in Manitoba. New Ho-Larry Gel with a volunteer pin along with his and Riley, and Charlotte Gowie. membership.



becue to enroll members for the 2018-19 year. second annual charity walk to honour Bernice Rain marred Gimli's Terry Fox Run on Sunday, The centre had 600 members registered for 20 Greenberg. Money raised will be split between but co-chairs Kirsten Dann, left, and Carrie different programs last year and is one of the Evergreen Basic Needs and the Gimli Humane Gottfried said they received good support from Society. Leading the walk, left to right: Ainslee family and friends in spite of the elements. rizons staff Carol Simundson, left, presented Gowie, Jackie Bergman with children Zslamara "Terry Fox walked in the rain," said Dann.



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Winnipeg Beach offers non-competitive recreational kids hockey

By Patricia Barrett

The Winnipeg Beach recreational hockey program is gearing up for its fourth season, offering kids an opportunity to play non-competitive hockey, have fun and acquire the skills to improve their game.

Last year, the program attracted about 65 kids and the executive board is expecting that number to grow.

"We want to give hockey back to the kids," said the board's public relations spokesperson Kris Isfeld, who also helps coach the teams."There has always been rec hockey for adults. It simply doesn't make sense that there wouldn't be the option for kids to play hockey just for fun."

The board is composed of parents, who want to provide kids with an option to play hockey outside the traditional rural minor hockey leagues. There was no opportunity for kids to play recreational hockey in the Interlake.

"We're at a disadvantage when it comes to different opportunities for kids to play hockey out here in rural Manitoba," said Isfeld. "In Winnipeg, kids can play tier 1, 2, 3, triple, double, house league or community club hockey. They can go sign up for whatever team they want to play on."

In the Gimli region, the only option was to play for the Gimli Vikings or other teams that are part of the Interlake minor hockey leagues.

"That eliminates a lot of kids because many parents don't want that huge commitment and huge expense," said Isfeld.

The board heard from a lot of parents - and kids - about participating in minor hockey leagues, he said. They cited an excessive time commitment, high fees, a requirement to undertake fundraising activities, frequent long distance travel across the Interlake, from Peguis and Fisher River to Lundar and Stonewall, intense competitiveness and body contact.

"With traditional hockey once you reach the bantam age category, it becomes full contact hockey and a lot of kids drop out at that point," said Isfeld. "Up until we started kids' rec hockey, there was no other option if you wanted to play. That's what you had to do."

The Winnipeg Beach program is inclusive of all kids regardless of their skill level. It accepts kids from 4-5 years old up to 18 years of age.

"We want beginners, we want kids who can skate well, we want kids who have never skated in their life and we want them to experience the joy of playing the game," said Isfeld. "And kids just want to play at a level where they feel comfortable and in a supportive environment. We're not trying to develop NHL hockey players; we're just letting kids come out, play games and have fun."

The games and practices are organized, supervised and staffed by volunteers. There are six ice slots every week and the kids are allocated to teams based on age or skill level. They can move freely between the teams depending on where they feel they fit in best.

The fees cover ice rental from the Town. The cost per child for one night a week, between November and March, is \$160. For kids who want to play twice a week, the cost is \$280. The committee will be holding a registration night Sept. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Winnipeg Beach Recreation Centre.

For more information about the program, email: wpgbeachkidsrechockey@gmail.com



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Gimli Kiwanis co-sponsor back-to-school barbecue

By Roger Newman

Students, parents and grandparents of Gimli's Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School (SSES) gathered in the school gym and playground for the annual "Welcome Back to School" barbecue cosponsored by the Gimli Kiwanis Club on Sept. 11.

"We do this every year because we also sponsor a Terrific Kids club in the school," said Sam Sekhon, the Gimli Kiwanis international trustee, who was cooking hot dogs during the afternoon that also included fun and games.

"Our club motivates the kids to study, behave and have respect for other people. We also have clubs in Gimli's middle school and high school so students can be in the program right through to Grade 12."

Many people pitched in and made the afternoon a success. Gimli-Fraserwood school trustees Dianna Auer and Gladys Kohler were meal servers in the gym and principal Rosanna Cuthbert fraternized as she walked her dog in the playground. She encountered barbecue-goers such as Marion Joss playing with her grandchild Emmett Flasha on the playground equipment and Kyrie Mishtak entertaining her children Titin and Prea.



hon barbecued the hot dogs for the students and their families.



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Kiwanis representative Sam Sek- Kyrie Mishtak, a principal organizer of Fraserwood's popular summer parade and picnic, right, joined in the fun with her children Titin and Prea.



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Noventis's Lorraine Barteski, left, presented Lundar Community Pool president Tara Law, middle, and lifeguard Ashley Sigfusson with a cheque totalling \$2,193. The pool was in need of a chemical pump and robotic vacuum that is used to help keep the pool clean and to run more efficiently. Noventis covered 25 per cent of both expenses.





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Terry Fox ran in the rain and so did Arborg, raising over \$15,000

By Patricia Barrett

Arborg's annual Terry Fox Run last Sunday raised about \$15,500 for Terry Fox Foundation, which uses the money for cancer research and patient support.

And the steady downpour — the same conditions Terry Fox himself had to endure during his 1980 Marathon of Hope — didn't stop about 150 people from walking, running and cycling through the streets of Arborg or supporting the cause through other means.

Roland Sutyla, who works at Riverdale Place Workshop, started a personal "Terry Tin" fundraising initiative, putting aside \$2 he normally would have spent on coffee over the course of the year.

"Instead of going for coffee after work, I put a toonie in a tin. And then when it comes to Terry Fox time, whatever is in the tin is what I give. Cancer is all year round. It's not just one day a year," said Sutyla.

Sutyla donated the entire \$529 he collected in his Terry Tin, and bumped up the total to \$1,056 after receiving pledges from Riverdale staff and family members.

"Cancer hits every household," he said. "There's not been a person anywhere not hit by cancer, and doing this once a year is not enough."

Jamie Johnson raised funds for the event by agreeing to have her long blond hair cut.

"A year ago my Amma passed away from colon cancer. She had been battling it for about 15 years," said Johnson. "So I wanted to raise money in memory of her and to honour her."

Guest speaker Sharlene Fridfinnson, who battled breast cancer in 2015, said she at first despaired when she got her diagnosis."I cried myself dry. I just wanted to run away from cancer," she told a hushed fire hall.

After undergoing surgery, a pathology report indicated the margins around the surgical area were not cancer free, and Fridfinnson had to undergo 20 sessions of radiation.

"Cancer is a personal and sometimes lonely journey," she said. "It is very unique for the person fighting it and also for their loved ones."

Fridfinnson said the experience had her reflecting on the positive things in her life, such as her kids and grandkids.

"You must be vigilant in your own path of understanding and healing. Find ways to create the best life you can. I learned to be grateful for the smallest things. I never take life for granted. Although I hated to look into the ugly eye of cancer because it is raw and painful, it made me take a



Long-time Terry Fox Run committee chair Donna Gislason with Roland Sutyla, who created a personal Terry Tin and raised over \$500 for the event.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT Arborg-Bifrost firefighters provided the station and technical support to the Terry Fox Run.



Sharlene Fridfinnson spoke about her experience with cancer.



Jamie Johnson would have her ponytail cut off after the run to help raise funds for cancer research.

deeper look at myself."

On behalf of the Town of Arborg, Deputy Mayor Robbie Thorsteinson thanked the organizing committee and volunteers for their efforts.

The event included a silent auction with prizes donated by individuals and businesses, including Arborg Pharmacy, Norwex, Nic Nacs and Johnson Seeds. And the Interlake Coop store donated a percentage of its grocery sales sold on Friday.

"They've done that every year for the last couple of years and it was a very generous donation," said longtime committee chair Donna Gislason. Noventis Credit Union, as it does every year, donated free hot dogs and



Arborg Noventis Credit Union staff donated all the food for the Terry Fox Run.



Walkers set out from the fire hall.

hamburgers and staffed the barbecue. "We couldn't do it without Noventis Credit Union," said Gislason. "We're so happy with the support we get. It's such a community event. We're so fortunate that people from the community support this."

Gislason also praised Arborg-Bifrost firefighters for offering the fire hall for the event and leading participants safely along the route. Deputy Fire Chief Andy Barylski said the firefighters have a vested interest in supporting cancer research because of the carcinogenic materials they deal with whenever they battle a fire.

"I know firsthand about cancer," said Barylski. "And we want to help the community and everyone that's touched by cancer."



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Bloodvein First Nation wins Community Clean-up award

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Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) in partnership with the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) and its Recycle Everywhere program are pleased to announce Bloodvein First Nation as the winner of the 2018 Northern and First Nations Community Clean-up.

The Northern and First Nations Community Clean-up is now in its eighth year. The program was created as a way to increase recycling awareness and combat litter after Manitoba's cold winters.

Each participating community was given supplies including T-shirts, gloves, a recycling bin, bags and a scale for weighing the material. Volunteers from the community assisted by picking up recycling and waste off the streets in their neighbourhoods.



CBCRA presented members of the Bloodvein First Nation to recognize the community's recycling achievements. The presentation took place during a barbecue that was held to celebrate this achievement.

As the winner of this year's clean-up, MMSM and CBCRA worked handson with Bloodvein First Nation to provide recycling assets that will help



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Left to right: Bloodvein First Nation councillor Kelvin Raven, Street Team lead and CBCRA northern co-ordinator Georgia Exell, MMSM field services co-ordinator Kristin Houle and Bloodvein First National councillor Ellen Young.

them with their unique recycling environment. A celebratory barbecue was held last week with members of the community, the community council, clean-up volunteers and students in attendance.

Representatives from CBCRA and MMSM organized the event in celebration of the community's efforts and dedication to recycling.

"Recycle Everywhere is proud to be a part of recycling initiatives in northern and First Nations communities," said Christa Rust, program manager of CBCRA and its Recycle Everywhere program.

"We congratulate Bloodvein First Nation for being a positive example to others by taking important steps to reduce litter and give empty beverage containers a life beyond the landfill."

Bloodvein First Nation has made major improvements to their community since starting a recycling program in March. Their residents have shown initiative and taken it upon themselves to become better recyclers and be more environmentally conscious. A new recycling depot has been installed in the community where residents can take their recycling and waste.

With the addition of the commu-

nity's new recycling infrastructure, Bloodvein First Nation officials hope to educate residents about the benefits of recycling and its impact on the environment. Through conversations with community officials, it was decided that MMSM and CBCRA would install permanent signs catered to the recycling needs of the community that would inform residents what can and cannot go into their recycling streams. CBCRA and MMSM will also provide educational materials to community members.

"We would like to thank all the communities who took part in this year's clean-up," said Karen Melnychuk, executive director of MMSM."Community clean-up days are a great way for residents to work together and take care of their neighbourhood while learning about the benefits of recycling. Congratulations to all the participants."

MMSM is the not-for-profit, industry-funded organization that develops, implements and operates the province's residential recycling programs for packaging and printed paper. Its goal is to promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of the materials managed in its program while increasing recovery rates.

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Free recycling bin bags available for West Interlake

By Jeff Ward

New Recycle Everywhere Bin Bags are available for residents within the RM of West Interlake at both the Eriksdale and Ashern office in an attempt to broaden the municipality's recycling program.

The bags were ordered by Eriksdale and Ashern EDO's Diane Bottrell and Clayton Gibson who worked together to bring the bags to the RM. The bin bag is a collapsible bag that recyclable materials can be placed into and is designed to be taken on the road.

If someone goes camping for instance they have a dedicated place to store those recyclables until they're able to dispose of them at home. Bottrell said that she ordered 100 for the Eriksdale area and Gibson said he ordered 200 for Ashern. The bags are free for residents and are available now.

"All you have to do come into an office and request a bag," said Bottrell.

"We hope people will take them along when they travel to go camping or spend a few days away. They can put pop bottles, cans and paper inside and leave it there until they find a larger recycling area to bring it to."

Bottrell and Gibson signed up to have the bags earlier this year, but overwhelming demand meant that they only recently, as of the beginning of this month, got them in the office.

On the Recycle Everywhere website it states that the bags are out of stock for 2018 and that more than 25,000 of these canvas bags were delivered across the province. They said the program will be back next year and to keep an eye on their website www.recycleeverywhere.ca to find where out where they can be picked up.

Bottrell said that recycling is important and that the RM providing more ways for residents to recycle is a step in the right direction for a more environmentally conscious RM.

"I'm a big recycler in my life and if I can take the few minutes to rinse out a jar and throw it in the recycling it shouldn't be that much of an issue for others. It also keeps this stuff out of our landfills which is important," she



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EDO Diane Bottrell shows off the collapsible recycling bin bags that are available at RM offices in Eriksdale and Ashern for those who need to recycle while travelling.

said.

Ashern is slated to undergo an expansion to their landfill very soon. More recycling means less in that new cell, which translates into a longer lifespan for the landfill.

Gimli to lobby province for road and bridge funding

By Patricia Barrett

The RM of Gimli has joined forces with several other municipalities to protest the provincial government's termination of a cost-shared road and bridge funding program.

Council is supporting Association of Manitoba Municipalities' Emergency Resolution No. 18 04 04, which states that the Municipal Road and Bridge Program was developed in "partnership with the (AMM) and provides 50/50 cost-shared funding for [those] projects through a single-window application intake with no red tape."

Next year, funding will be provided through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, a federal-led program, but it's not known how much RMs will receive.

Manitoba Municipalities were allocated a pot of \$14 million in 2017 for road and bridge repairs.

The RM of Gimli used to receive \$225,000 every year, said Assistant CAO Kelly Cosgrove.

"We don't do bridges, just roads," she said. "And every year council determines what projects they want to do as far as the roads go."

Cosgrove said the loss of revenue will "very much" negatively impact the municipality.

Mayor Randy Woroniuk said there

were a large number of municipalities that got together to support the AMM's resolution to lobby the government"to give us the funding back."

"It will affect business. The municipal taxpayers will be taking the hit on this," said Woroniuk.

Municipalities regarded the costsharing program as "critical, predictable, and effective for budgeting and planning purposes in order to address their infrastructure deficit" and that the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program does not allow municipalities to tap their gas tax reserve funds for needed repairs. That will put an "even greater burden on property taxes," states the resolution.

The province announced Aug. 3 it will be investing \$2.25 million in municipal roads. There was no mention of funding for bridges.

"The \$2.25 million in municipal road improvement program funding was made available to ensure a smooth transition while government is restructuring program delivery models to reduce red tape, eliminate program duplication and ensure value for money," said Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton in a news release.

The funding will cover 30 projects in 30 communities, according to a backgrounder accompanying the release.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT Gimli council lobbying provincical government for cost sharing funding for cracked roads.

Gimli was not one of the communities awarded a grant.

CAO Joann Murphy said council was intending to use the money from the cost-sharing program to re-do the base of road in Pelican Beach so that it can withstand heavy traffic. An engineer had drilled test holes and determined that the road is not able to support a hard surface without first shoring up the base.

"We didn't get the grant so we are now in the position where we have to take that project and break it into smaller projects over time," said Murphy.

"We did very well with it [the 50/50 cost sharing]," she continued, "and it

allowed us to bring some of our roads back up to a proper standard. They did have [the program] this year, but they had smaller amounts. Because our projects are somewhat larger, we got nothing."

She said the province also pulled funding for highways.

The new program is expected to make up the shortfall.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's bilateral agreement will provide more than \$1.17 billion over the next decade for infrastructure projects throughout Manitoba, said Wharton in the news release.

Lundar Trap Shooting Club a labour of love

By Jeff Ward

For 35 years, the Lundar Trap Shooting Club has stood as one of Lundar's most unique activities.

The dedicated members who shoot from spring to fall each year have made it stand the test of time, and if things continue, it will for many more generations.

Don Law is one of the founding members of the club along with Allan Johnson, Kris Fjeldsted, Ernie Oliver and Murray Haldorson. In 1983, the five men set to work into bringing a trap shooting club to life in Lundar. Fred Thorkelson wanted to see a gun club in Lundar and offered his land to rent for the site, said Law.

It took time and effort to get the money together, but people were really happy to have a place to shoot in their own backyard. Previous to the Lundar club, shooters like Law would drive to Portage la Prairie each week to shoot. That was 35 years ago, and reflecting on it today, Law isn't sure where the time went.

"Allen and I were talking about it today and we were saying how the heck was it 35 years ago?" Said Law.

"And he said to me, 'Well, yeah, don't you remember 35 years ago when we were building it? Your son was just a little kid.' He's now almost 40 years old."

Law said the club has seen its ups and downs, and right now the place is very stable. When the club was first established, the mechanical throwers had to have clay pigeons placed into them manually, a rather laborious and boring process, but if you wanted to shoot, someone had to do it.

"Someone would have to sit in the house and set them up to fire each time. We would all say we wanted to shoot just so we didn't have to be the one to sit in the house," joked Law. The club would upgrade their throwers to ones that load the clay targets automatically and to a high-tech system that is voice activated. Microphones are placed at the foot of each shooter. When the shooter makes any noise, usually they say the word "pull," a clay target is launched from the house. This system made shooting much more fun as no one had to be inside the house manually loading targets.

Over 35 years, there have been easily over one million targets shot at the Lundar club and likely many more clay targets will bite the bullet in the future.

Law said there is a big push over the last few years to bring in more youth shooters and that's for a few reasons. First, it happens to be a very fun hobby and a great way to get outdoors and practise gun skills and hunting skills. But perhaps more importantly, Law and the other older members care deeply about keeping trap shooting alive in the community and want to see the next generation of shooters come up.

"We have to think about keeping the sport alive for years. We did this because we love shooting and we love hunting and I think many people in the community love those things too. We want to make sure the club sees another 35 years," said Law.

In bringing in younger shooters, the club also stresses gun safety. Make no mistake, trap shooting, although fun, is a dangerous activity because it's an active firearm with live ammunition. A big part in keeping it fun is keeping it safe. Youth are instructed by shooters with years of gun experience on how to hold, handle and fire their gun with safety in mind.

Law isn't entirely sure how the gun club has lasted this long but did have



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY JEFF WARD

Murray Haldorson, left, Don Law, middle, and Allan Johnson are three of the five founding members of the Lundar Trap Shooting Club that is now celebrating its 35th year.



Youth shooters from the Lundar Trap Shooting Club are seasoned competitors and have the accolades to show for it. From left: Mateus Law, Juerg Bieri, Zachary Haldorson, Jesse LeStrat and Andrew Mason.

one idea.

"I think it's just the community we've built out here of just having fun and helping each other out. We all love to compete, but if we see someone struggling, we'll go and help them and work through their problem. We're always trying to help each other get better," said Law.

really never ends. Once you shoot two targets in a row, you'll want to shoot three, and then five and then 25. It never ends. And if the activity at the club every Wednesday evening is any indication, the Lundar Trap Shooting Club has a bright and long future ahead of it.

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Trap shooting is a sport of perfection. Typically, in tournaments anything

Gimli council sets out Dog Park rules

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli's new dog park near the sports ground on PR 222 comes with a number of rules for dog owners.

Gimli council set out the rules for its Dog Park Policy No. CS6 at its regular meeting Sept. 12.

The purpose of the dog park is to provide dog owners with an area where they can let their pets "socialize and exercise offleash in a reasonably safe environment," states the policy.

Dog owners will not be permitted to bring human or dog food treats to the park, glass containers, dogs in heat, sick or injured dogs, aggressive dogs and puppies under six months of age.

"It will be a designated field," said CAO Joann Murphy."We're going to fence it in." Additional rules include dog owners being legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs, using the park at their own risk, being over the age of 16 and physically able to control their dog, supervising their dogs while in the park, repairing damage caused by their dogs, having their dogs licensed, removing dogs that show sign of aggressive behaviour and cleaning up dog waste.

Murphy said there will be doggie waste bags available in the park.



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Gimli's dog park is located off PR 222 near the ski hill area. The park will be fenced in.

Honouring tourism excellence at 20th annual Manitoba Tourism Awards

Submitted

The winners of Travel Manitoba's 20th annual Manitoba Tourism Awards were announced last night at a gala dinner at The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre by Canad Inns.

The Manitoba Tourism Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the provincial tourism industry, including promoting Manitoba as a destination, providing memorable service to visitors and developing the tourism industry.

Blaine Pedersen, Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade and Stuart Murray, chair of Travel Manitoba's board of directors, presented the awards to the winners of each category.

The winners are: Aspiring Youth Award - Shonah Rathwell: The Events Manager for Lakehouse Properties in Riding Mountain National Park has brought new ideas while overseeing the day-to-day operation for Lakehouse events, ensuring its year-round profitability.

Event of the Year Award, budget under \$5,000 - The Poutine Cup: This annual culinary event held at Fort Gibraltar consistently sells out, introducing many new people to the historical fort and its cultural significance to the Franco-Manitoban community.

Event of the Year Award, budget over \$5,000 - Winnipeg Folk Festival: Over four decades, this festival has expanded in size, scope and duration. 2017 was a record-breaking year, as one of the top three attended festivals in the organization's history.

Volunteer of the Year Award - Cris LaBossiere: This passionate volunteer



built one of the highest quality mountain biking experiences in Manitoba, the Five Diamonds route at Falcon Ridge Ski Slopes.

Indigenous Tourism Award - Manito Ahbee Festival: This festival, which draws visitors from across Canada, the U.S. and abroad, is transforming relationships in sharing Indigenous culture and heritage with the world.

Innovation Award - Third + Bird: Winnipeg's largest urban market is popping up at festivals and community events throughout the year, elevating the profile of local small businesses.

Marketing Excellence Award - Winter at Lakehouse in Clear Lake Country: A social media campaign positioned winter in Clear Lake Country as an unexplored and edgy tourism product. The campaign earned 80,000 impressions and increased winter occupancy at Lakehouse Hotel.

Partnership Award - Skate the Lake and Minnedosa Minor Hockey: This partnership supports a large volunteer base for this annual winter event, enabling it to grow in size and scope. Sustainable Tourism Award - Oak

Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre:



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Loaf and Honey, a catering company with local connections, won the judges' choice award at the 2018 Poutine Cup.

Over the last 25 years, Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre has connected over two million people with wetlands.

Award of Distinction – Individual - Mike Reimer: As the visionary and driving force behind Churchill Wild, Mike has brought luxury ecotourism to northern Manitoba. Winnipeg Airports Authority Award of Distinction – Business - Bill's Sticky Fingers: As a mainstay in Portage la Prairie's hospitality landscape for 24 years, this go-to restaurant is also a popular food vendor and caterer at many local events.

Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce networking/education events

By Patricia Barrett

The newly minted Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce is off to a flying start with a series of fall events that will help area businesses grow and will also be hosting a candidates' debate for those running for the RM of Bifrost-Riverton and Arborg town councils.

"The whole idea of the chamber is to bring education to our membership to help their businesses," said chamber vice-president Mark Myrowich, owner of ECBVerdyol near Riverton, which manufactures erosion and sediment control products.

The first event, which takes place Sept. 26, is a digital marketing bootcamp presented by Rachelle Taylor from Winnipeg. The workshop will cover branding a business, understanding an audience, social media platforms and social media strategy planning. The second event on Oct. 12 will feature an expert from Pitblado Law on marijuana in the workplace. It will consist of a lunch-hour session in the Kinsmen building in Arborg.

"We'll have a good question and answer period for people to learn about how the legalization of marijuana will affect their business," said Myrowich.

The chamber's gala event Nov. 17 will feature a dinner and dance for all area businesses, plus a keynote speaker. Doug Griffith is scheduled to speak about"13 ways to kill your community."

"I'm really excited about this guy coming to speak to our community because he speaks about this all over Canada. If you really want to kill your community, these are the things that you do," said Myrowich. "We want to bring this to our community so we can ask ourselves if we're doing these things." The gala is tentatively scheduled for the Riverton Hall. The chamber's website will have details closer to the event.

The chamber also recently hired Kim Masiak to act as executive assistant. She'll help run the day-to-day business of the chamber.

Myrowich said in the new year he would like to offer business webinars. The chamber will be hosting two candidates' forums for the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 24.

A forum for those running for the RM of Bifrost-Riverton council will take place Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Riverton Hall. A forum for those running for Town of Arborg council is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Arborg Hall.

For more information on the chamber and its events, visit its Facebook page or new website at www.centralinterlakechamber.com.



EXPRESS PHOTO SUBMITTED Central Interlake Chamber of Commerce vice-president Mark Myrowich.

Past the Perimeter nominated for 10 Manitoba Country Music Awards

By Jennifer McFee

Clearly, the talent pool runs deep in local circles.

All you have to do is take a look at the nominations for the 2018 Manitoba Country Music Awards to see just how well-represented the area is for its contributions to the province's music scene.

Topping the list, the members of Past the Perimeter are nominated for a whopping 10 awards. The band itself is vying for the awards in the Fans' Choice category, as well as for Group or Duo of the Year and Album of the Year for *Lost With You*. Their song "She's Gone" is up for Music Video of the Year, Single of the Year and Song of the Year.

Individually, Past the Perimeter members Derek Peters and Lachlan McLean are both nominated in the guitar category of All Star Band of the Year, while Evan Taplin is nominated in the bass category and Devin Biy is nominated in the drums category.

Band manager Bambi Rutherford is proud that Past the Perimeter was nominated in every single category that they qualified for.

"They have worked very hard. There are so many great artists out there. There's so much competition and so much great music in Manitoba," she said.

"There are only six nominees in each

category, so to be chosen as the Top 6 in all categories, we were all blown away. It was very overwhelming, to say the least. We are very grateful to the Manitoba Country Music Association for thinking that highly of us."

Rutherford is hoping to rally the support of the fans to attend the awards show, which will be held on Nov. 10 at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre in Winnipeg.

She also hopes that people will cast their vote for Past the Perimeter for the Fans' Choice award. Voting is available online at the Manitoba Country Music Association website (www.manitobacma.com) until Sept. 28, with only one vote per IP address.

"They know that their fans are a huge part of who they are and why they are where they are. And if they're going to go anywhere, it's because of the fans. It's the people that are listening," she said.

"So we're really hopeful that they'll have that continued support and maybe be able to pull a rabbit out of the hat with that one."

Rutherford realized that the group has more than 300,000 viewers and listeners across the country. As well, they just released their new single "Heart Against the Wall," which has been the top pick by Canada Country Radio for the past two weeks, as chosen by Canadian radio listeners. The excitement continues for the hometown boys, who travelled last weekend to Hamilton, where they were showcasing for the Canadian Country Music Awards.

They are also gearing up for a live performance at the Relay for Life in Stonewall on Sept. 21.

"The hometown has been amazing. It's really good that way," Rutherford said. "Sometimes the hardest place to make it is your own hometown, but not for these guys."

Two Crows for Comfort, made up of Erin Corbin of Stonewall and Cory Sulyma of Stony Mountain, is also in the running for two awards: Group or Duo of the Year and Roots Artist, Duo or Group of the Year.

"It's exciting. We had friends throw our name to the MCMAs and we did not think they would accept it," Sulyma said.

"We didn't know what to expect, so it's pretty cool."

The duo will be in Toronto playing Indie Week, which runs from Nov. 6 to 11, but they hope to make it back in time for the MCMA awards event.

"We are up against some serious competition so, to be honest, we don't have a chance of winning but it's just cool to have our names alongside them," Sulyma said.

"It would be nice to be there for the show just for the fun of it, and it's

good networking too."

Looking ahead, Two Crows for Comfort is getting ready for their CD release, which will likely take place in November although no date has been set yet.

"We're coming off a crazy summer. It's been non-stop for the last three months," Sulyma said.

"We were booked every weekend, so we're kind of trying to slow down and spend some time on writing new material as well."

Rhianna Rae Saj of Stonewall is also earning recognition through her nomination for the Emerging Artist award.

"As always, I'm humbled and honoured to be nominated for an award. There's a lot of talented and hardworking individuals, so I'm sitting with good company," Saj said. "I've spent the last year tucked away finishing up writing, recording and planning for my first release this fall, so while I'm excited about the nomination, my head and focus is in the EP."

Adding to the local representation, Ben Mak-Wiebe is nominated in for All Star Band of the Year in the bass category.

As well, Stonewall Quarry Days is nominated in the Festival or Event of the Year category.

Spontes are down

Lightning drop trio of games at preseason tournament

By Brian Bowman

Goal scoring was a problem for the Interlake Lightning last weekend at the annual Southwest Cougars' Midget"AAA" tournament.

Interlake scored just three goals in three games — all losses — to begin its preseason schedule.

The Lightning started play with a 3-1 loss to the Parkland Rangers. Interlake was then defeated by the Norman Northstars (8-2) and the Southwest Cougars (4-0) on Sunday.

Despite the three losses, new Lightning head coach Jamie Corbett saw plenty of positives from his players during the weekend.

"I was trying to explain this to the boys at the end of the weekend," he said. "To keep everything in perspective, at the end of the day, the first two games we played were against teams that had basically formed their team.

"We had a lot of guys playing this weekend who, at the end of the day, aren't going to be there."

Interlake released seven players after Sunday's games even though Corbett was pleased with everyone's effort on the ice.

"The energy was good, the effort was good," Corbett said, noting the Lightning's top two forwards didn't make the trip."We had a lot of 15-year-olds there and this really isn't a 15-yearold league, for the most part.

"That being said, a couple of the younger kids showed very well."

Corbett really liked the attitude of the Lightning players last weekend.

"We have a really strong room," he said. "The attitude of the boys in the room was exceptional, even when things started to get a little tough. The last game we went with a small roster and then had a couple of injuries early in the first, so our small roster got even smaller and the boys battled and they competed."

The Lightning had about 30 players — including eight goaltenders come out for training camp.

That's a small number of players to choose from to ice a competitive team in the Manitoba "AAA" Midget Hockey League.

Interlake will be looking to strengthen their club with some late cuts from the three Winnipeg teams.

"We had smaller numbers that I'm used to but it's all part of the process," Corbett said. "We have new bodies coming in and we're going to look at some different kids and different options to complement the kids we have in camp. The unfortunate reality is that we are going to have to lean on the city a little bit."

Interlake will continue preseason action Thursday (7 p.m.) when it plays the Eastman Selects in Gimli.

The Lightning won't begin their regular season until Oct. 3 (8 p.m.) when they play the Selects in Beausejour.

"That was by design," Corbett admitted." We had asked for that first weekend of the season off. We thought it would be a good idea to take that weekend off and we're going to go on a team-building excursion. We have a little camping trip planned for the boys and we're going to get to know each other."

North Winnipeg downs Interlake in MMSL play

Staff

The Interlake Impact suffered an important loss on Saturday.

Interlake was defeated 3-1 by the North Winnipeg United in Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 5 action in Winnipeg.

Dalen Penner scored the Impact's lone goal.

The loss dropped Interlake's league record to 10-6-1. The Impact is now tied for third place with North Winnipeg United (9-4-4), each with 31 points.

Both teams have one game remain-

ing on their schedule. Interlake will play Carmania SC on Sunday (3 p.m.) at the Buhler Recreation Park while North Winnipeg will battle Carmania SC this Wednesday.

Jedinstvo FC leads the 10-team division with a 14-1-2 record and 44 points, followed by Sporting Club Mosaic (13-3-1, 40 points).

The Portage Cobras are in fifth place with 23 points while Carmania SC is in sixth spot with 18 points.

The top six teams in the division make the playoffs.



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The Interlake Impact's Benny Wiens carries the ball upfield against North Winnipeg United during MMSL action last Saturday in Winnipeg.

Interlake Thunder outguns Park West Outlaws

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder may be new to the Rural Manitoba Football League, but they sure look like they have a good handle on the nine-man game.

For the second straight week, the Thunder cruised to a lopsided victory after Interlake trounced the Park West Outlaws 55-13 last Friday in Stonewall.

"It was a good way to start at home," said Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "We maybe had a little bit of a slow start as it was 28-13 at the half. We had a couple of little issues getting going but once we got rolling the boys played really well in the second half.

"They took it to another level that we were hoping they would find."

Good teams close out games with strong second halves - and the Thunder did exactly that against Park West.

"It was a good team win," Obach said."We used all of our guys and we

have a roster with a lot of talent on it, Joshua Charison also scored rushing so we were able to wear those guys down on Friday."

Interlake really wore down Park West with its strong running game. Colton Nedotiafko rushed for 185 yards on 29 carries and also caught two passes for 70 yards.

He finished the game with a rushing touchdown and a receiving major on an impressive 63-yard screen pass.

"We rushed the big back even though you know that they are cueing in on him," Obach said. "And there are going to be runs that don't go for much...but he's the type of guy that keeps working and working and eventually he gets some nice blocks and he breaks one. He had another strong game."

Interlake running back Graeme Perrie also had another strong game on the ground with six carries for 70 yards and two TDs.

Brady deLaroque and quarterback

touchdowns for the Thunder. Charison also connected with Karsen Karish for a four-yard score.

Interlake's passing game continues to improve, said Obach.

Defensively, once again, the Thunder had a huge game from Colton Meisner and Brandon Linklater. Meisner finished the game with 14 tackles and an interception for a touchdown while Linklater had 12 tackles and a pick.

"They both had monster games," Obach praised. "They are our two guys in the middle as linebackers and they were all over the field making plays.

"That means that the defence is doing its job when the guys in the middle are racking up the stats. Everyone is filling their gaps and plugging their holes and those guys clean it up.

"That's a positive sign, for sure."

Tanner McCallen and Jonathan Pchajek also had interceptions while

Aden McLean recovered a fumble. That type of defence make the Thunder offence's job a whole lot easier.

"They were turning the ball over in big situations," Obach said. "One was a blocked punt and we ended up scrimmaging right on their goal line and we had a pick six two weeks in a row. They're not just turning it over, but they're putting the offence in good position or scoring points themselves."

Interlake will hit the road this Sunday for a 2 p.m. game against the Clippers in Dauphin Dauphin easily won its game last week, defeating the Moosomin Generals 41-0.

"We're looking forward to it and we'll see how it shakes out," Obach said."They took it to (Moosomin) pretty good last week and they are, I think, the three-time defending champions so they will be as as tough as a team that you're going to get."

Arborg Rec Centre offers floor curling and shuffleboard

By Patricia Barrett

The Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission will be bringing back its ever-popular floor curling and floor shuffleboard for people of all ages and abilities.

"We have roughly 40 people taking part in floor curling and about 15-20 in shuffleboard," said recreation director Tom Chwaliboga. "We've done this since 2003. It's very popular. We're looking for more and more people to

join."

In addition to good exercise, the games also double as a social event where people can come early for coffee with their friends and watch the games.

Both games are played in warmth on the rec centre's lobby floor. Those with dicky knees or backs can use rec centre-supplied sticks to push their rocks down the floor.

"The nice thing about this is they

don't have to bring any equipment; we have everything they need," said Chwaliboga."They don't have to bend and there's no sweeping."

And if participants don't have a team, rec staff will find them one.

"People are welcome to come and try it a few times to see how the game is played," he said. "There are people who go south for the winter and don't want to commit to a team so we have a sub's list if one team is short."

With tongue in cheek, Chwaliboga said there's a "massive" fee of \$1 for each game played.

The season will get underway a week after Thanksgiving. Floor curling will be offered on Tuesdays from 10 to 12. Floor shuffleboard will be played Wednesdays from 10 to 12. Each game lasts about 40 minutes.

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